

**Heritage Steering Committee
Meeting Notes
January 27, 2015**

CRD Library, Williams Lake

Present: Joan Sorley, Robin Sharpe, Jim Gibson, Elizabeth Hunter, Phyllis Webstad, Brent Rutherford, George Atamanenko, Betty Anderson, Graham Leslie, Karen Moores, Mary Forbes

The meeting was called to order at 10.05 a.m.

1. Adoption of Agenda
Moved: Graham/Jim. Carried
2. Approval of Meeting Notes of November 25, 2014
Moved Joan/Phyllis. Carried

Graham invited Amy Thacker of the Cariboo Chilcotin Coast Tourism Association to this meeting, but she has been indisposed and was unable to attend. Graham will renew the invitation to Amy for our next meeting.

3. It was confirmed that Robin Sharpe has been designated as our new Chair and as such he welcomed Betty Anderson as a new member.

Phyllis Webstad was nominated as Vice Chair, and there being no further nominations, Phyllis was elected by acclamation.

4. Webpage – Is up to date.
- 5 Action Plan to Achieve 2014 Goals

(a) Heritage Registry

- (i) The matrix is unchanged from the previous meeting.
- (ii) It was decided that the joint CRD/City of Williams Lake SoS writing sessions will be held on Tuesday, February 10th and Tuesday, February 17th, both sessions starting at 1 p.m. in the Williams Lake Board Room.

There are numerous candidates for the sessions, but the most likely to be dealt with are the two properties from Alexis Creek – Anglican Church and Hospital –and the Quesnel Forks subjects, most particularly those involving the history of the Chinese people.

At the February 10th session, priority will be given to nominating the Chinese involvement in Quesnel Forks pursuant to the B.C. Government's Chinese Historic Places Recognition Project.

It was noted that the four weeks elapsing between the announcement of this process and the February 20th deadline for submitting nominations, does not do justice to the tourist-related importance of developing a comprehensive catalogue of such places, and it was moved Brent/Joan

That the CRD Board be requested to write to the appropriate agencies of the B.C. Government to congratulate the Government on its initiative and to encourage the Government to maintain the project beyond its announced deadline with a view to developing a comprehensive listing of Chinese historic places that could form the basis of a tourism strategy for the Province. Carried

(b) Heritage Awareness

We were reminded of the fact that the CRD initiative to request a change in the date for the provincially designated Heritage Week from February to a month later in the year – subsequently endorsed by the UBCM – has not been rejected by the B.C. Government, but has not been acted upon. It was decided to propose renewing the request at some future date, but in the meantime the 2015 annual meeting of the B.C. Historical Federation is to be held in Quesnel in May, and Elizabeth will poll the attendees at that meeting with respect to their views about the appropriateness or otherwise of designating February as the month to celebrate Heritage Week.

(c) First Nations Sites. There was nothing new to report at this time.

(d) Telegraph Trail – The process is almost complete, and requires no further action from the Committee or from the CRD Board.

(e) The reprint of last year's edition will proceed in the near future.

(f) It was noted that Committee member appointments were renewed at the January 2015 Board meeting.

7. Next Meeting – Tuesday, March 24, 2015 in the CRD Boardroom.

8. Adjournment – The meeting adjourned at 11.35 a.m.