

**Heritage Steering Committee  
Meeting Notes  
December 7, 2016**

Williams Lake Library Meeting Room

**Present:** Robin Sharpe, Betty Anderson, Brent Rutherford, Elizabeth Hunter, George Atamanenko, Jim Gibson, William Adams, Graham Leslie and Karen Moores

**Regrets:** Phyllis Webstad and Cody Williams

The meeting was called to order at 10.10 a.m.

1. Adoption of Agenda Moved: Graham/George. Carried
2. Approval of Meeting Notes of October 26, 2016 Moved Graham/Brent. Carried
3. Webpage – Is up to date.
4. Heritage Business Plan 2017

The Board at its most recent meeting approved the proposed Plan.

5. Action Plan to Achieve 2016 Goals

(a) Heritage Registry

- (1) The matrix is up to date.
- (2) Additions
  - (a) The work to pursue the creation of an inventory of pioneer cemeteries with a view to adding them to the CRD registry will be carried forward into the new year, and prior to the next meeting Graham will provide Robin with a written report on his findings regarding the various classes of cemetery.
  - (b) Robin has drafted a statement of significance for the Stanley Hotel with the help of owner Karen Olsen. It will now be submitted to Victoria for review.
  - (c) Robin has initiated contact with two persons familiar with the history of the Our Lady of Perpetual Help chapel at Alexandria, and has taken several photos that would accompany an eventual SoS.
  - (d) Robin has been in contact with representatives of the Canim Lake Band regarding the acceptability of registering a burial site within the Band's traditional territory at Green Lake, and will report further in due course.
  - (e) Betty and Joan Sorley have drafted an SoS for St. Luke's Anglican Church at Alexis Creek. It will now be submitted to Victoria for review.
  - (f) Betty and Joan Sorley have drafted an SoS for the Alexis Creek Health Centre. It will now be submitted to Victoria for review.

(a) Heritage Registry (continued)

It was suggested that the limitations imposed by Victoria on the content of an SoS result in the omission of much information that would be of interest to its readers and that is in the Committee's possession. It was agreed that in 2017 the Committee will seek the Board's approval to supplement the CRD Registry with links to some of the pertinent background information that would fill these gaps. It was also moved George/Brent that the Heritage Branch in Victoria be requested to consider taking steps to support this effort. Carried

(b) Heritage Awareness

(i) In connection with the Heritage BC program to revitalize and add stops of interest throughout the province, CRD staff submitted a list of suggestions to the Board at its last meeting, and the Board has referred that list to the Committee. The complete list that is now being recommended to the Board, includes the staff list with one amendment and several proposed additions.

- St. Joseph's Mission Residential School
- Stswecem'c Xgat'tm Petroglyph Rock at Churn Creek
- Joe Komori Internment Camp at Taylor Lake
- Xat'sull Heritage Village
- 108 Heritage Site (including Game Warden Cabin)
  
- Alkali Lake Ranch (first homestead in BC with pre-emption)
- Sonia Cornwall (local artist who lived at the Onward Ranch)
- Bouillon Pit (connection with the Gold Rush)
- 150 Mile House (related to Chinese Barkerville workers wintering)
- Bob Graham (connected to the Graham Inn at Tatla Lake)
- Church at Sugar Cane
- Williams Lake (connection with original First Nations settlement and Kasuki family that moved there from the Lower Mainland to avoid internment)

(ii) Robin will review the status of our previous request that the CRD Chair write a letter to the appropriate provincial ministry asking for an explanation. As to why the Chinese Cemetery at Quesnel Forks has not been placed on the B.C. and Federal Registries.

(iii) Robin reported that Lily Chow is continuing with her search for provincial records of the deaths of Chinese people.

(iv) Regarding the effort to lay the basis for highway signage to the Soda Creek Heritage Cemetery, CRD Director Steve Forseth is working to constitute a local working group to address the need for an information kiosk.

(c) First Nations.

Robin continues to await a response from Chief Roger William regarding the request for the nomination of a member to join our Committee.

(d) Heritage Driving Tour Brochure.

A handful of minor modifications have been proposed, and after Karen has added the GPS coordinates, the updated brochure will be sent out to the printer.

(e) Virtual Tour Information.

This topic will be carried forward into 2017 for further consideration.

(f) Committee Member Appointments for 2017.

The Board at its most recent meeting reappointed all current members for a two-year term.

#### 6. General Brainstorming Session

- (a) Jim reported that the BC Ministry of Forests program to demolish various defunct mine sites is already being implemented in other regions of the Province, including some sites that have significant heritage value. The Committee understands that the issue for the Government revolves around liability, but continues to be concerned and will keep an eye on this matter.
- (b) William reported that there is no further news on the possible relocation of the Williams Lake Museum.
- (c) The nomination of our Chair Robin Sharpe under Heritage BC's Annual Awards Program, recognizing his outstanding and significant achievements in heritage has been submitted.
- (d) Elizabeth reported that all the materials accumulated by the late Branwen Patenaude have been bequeathed to the Quesnel & District Museum.

7. Next Meeting – To be in late January on a date to be selected in due course by the Chair.

8. Adjournment. Moved George/Brent to adjourn the meeting at 12.00 p.m.