

**Heritage Steering Committee
Meeting Notes
March 31, 2016**

CRD Library Boardroom, Williams Lake

Present: Robin Sharpe, Betty Anderson, Brent Rutherford, Phyllis Webstad, Jim Gibson, William Adams, Cody Williams, Graham Leslie and Karen Moores

Regrets: Joan Sorley, Elizabeth Hunter and George Atamanenko,

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

1. Adoption of Agenda
Moved: Graham/Betty. Carried
2. Approval of Meeting Notes of January 14, 2016
Moved Betty/Graham. Carried

3. Webpage – Will be updated.

4. Heritage Business Plan

Our budget has been approved by the CRD Board.

5. Action Plan to Achieve 2016 Goals

(a) Heritage Registry

- (i) The matrix is up to date.
- (ii) The Committee has been invited to make a field trip to view the historic gaol at Soda Creek. Karen will confer with Robin, Joan and Betty in search of a date in late June and then submit a date or dates to the other members.
- (iii) It was agreed that we should pursue the objective of creating an inventory of pioneer cemeteries with a view to adding them to the registry. Jim will contact Barry Sale who is considered a repository of data about such sites.
- (iv) It has been reported that the barn at the 105 Mile Post is slated for removal or demolition as part of the MOTI plan for the 4-laning of Highway 97, and that the owner and lessee of the barn that is believed to date from the 1860s are amenable to having it moved to the 108 Heritage Site in due course if funds can be raised for its move. Graham will start the process of preparing an SoS and Brent will explore possible funding sources for the move.

(b) Heritage Awareness

Robin reported on several matters of interest as follows.

- (i) ArtsBC and Heritage BC will be holding their 2016 annual conference at Granville Island in Vancouver from May 5th to 7th.
- (ii) Heritage BC has a Stop of Interest website that can be entered at <http://www.heritagebcstops.com/trans-canada-tour-west>.
- (iii) The 2016 Federal budget contains relatively substantial new funding for museums, heritage sites and infrastructure projects.
- (iv) Elizabeth in her absence reported on several matters of interest, including the fact that she has succeeded in obtaining all the funding required for the rebuilding of the water wheel on Front Street in Quesnel. The City of Quesnel Council has decided to retain a heritage advisory committee, and work is proceeding on drafting new terms of reference for the committee. The Quesnel Cenotaph and the Pioneer Cemetery Soldiers' Cairn have been submitted to the Heritage BC War Memorial Project, and Elizabeth has been informed that 5 mountains in the Bowron Lake Park are named after various veterans. She will obtain and forward the details to the Committee in due course. A local group near Quesnel is in the process of negotiating a partnership agreement with the Province with the object of maintaining a portion of the Telegraph Trail in the Blackwater area. They hope to carry out some trail clearing work this Spring and to build a horse camp about 20 kilometers along the trail.
- (v) Joan has received a letter from the BC Heritage Branch informing her that the Chinese Cemetery at Quesnel Forks will be placed on the BC and Federal registries by initiative of the BC Government.
- (vi) Heritage Circles III will be held at the Williams Lake Museum on the afternoon of May 28, 2016. It was moved Brent/Jim that the Committee recommend to the CRD Board that up to \$400 be made available to the organizers of Heritage Circles III from within our 2016 budget. Carried
- (vii) Karen reported for our information that a building permit has been issued by the CRD for improvements to the previously registered Barn at Lac La Hache. They are designed to strengthen the structure and will not alter the heritage quality of the building.

(c) First Nations.

Robin has been in contact with Chief Roger William and is awaiting a response regarding the request for the nomination of a member to join our Committee.

(d) Heritage Driving Tour Brochure.

A substantial quantity of them is available for distribution and all members were invited to acquire and distribute them.

(e) Virtual Tour Information.

Robin expects to maintain a liaison with Shelly Burich in her new capacity as consultant to the CRD.

6. General Brainstorming Session

- (a) A First Nations Elders Gathering is scheduled to take place in Williams Lake on or around July 11, 2016 with 5,000 expected to attend. Any Committee suggestions for activities that might be of interest to the participants should be directed to Cody or Phyllis.
- (b) The Williams Lake Museum will be celebrating its 25th anniversary on August 7, 2016.

7. Next Meeting – Thursday, April 28, 2016 in the Williams Lake Library.

8. Adjournment – The meeting adjourned at 11.40 a.m.