

Heritage Steering Committee

Meeting Notes May 25, 2017

CRD Offices, Williams Lake

Present: Betty Anderson, George Atamanenko, Brent Rutherford, Jim Gibson, Elizabeth Hunter, Graham Leslie, Emily Epp and Francesca Sanna

Regrets: Chair Robin Sharpe and Phyllis Webstad

The meeting was called to order at 10.30 a.m.

1. Adoption of Agenda
Moved: Jim/Elizabeth. Carried
2. Approval of Meeting Notes
March 16, 2017 – Moved Graham/Jim. Carried
April 20, 2017 – Moved Brent/Graham. Carried
May 8, 2017 – Moved Brent/Jim. Carried
3. Matters arising from the Meeting Notes. It was agreed that the annual field trip proposed for the Quesnel Forks area, should take place on Friday, June 16th. Those wishing to carpool from the Williams Lake CRD offices will depart from there at 8.45 a.m., and everyone will rendezvous at the Morehead Resort at 10.
4. Webpage – it is up-to-date at this time.
5. Action Plan 2013
 - (a) Heritage Registry
 - (i) The matrix requires updating. It was moved Graham/George that Emily be requested to circulate the current version along with the other materials in advance of each meeting so that all members can review that version and attend with proposed changes ready to be incorporated in an updated version which will be the responsibility of CRD staff to maintain. Carried
 - (ii) It was agreed that the Committee should widen its scope regarding the identification of potential candidates for inclusion on the registry, specifically giving consideration to buildings and artifacts that are not necessarily as old as most of those already included on the registry.

(b) Heritage Awareness

- (i) The Committee developed a list of community events at which members could attend and promote the heritage function. Suggestions that were made, included the following:

Indoor Rodeo in April
Various Canada Day celebrations
Reopening of the Williams Lake Museum
August Garlic Festival at Lac La Hache
Various Fall Fairs
November Cowboy Festival
Periodic Events throughout the year at the 108 Heritage Site
Various Christmas Festivals

It was agreed that each Committee member will indicate which of these events she or he can commit to attend. Attendance will involve setting up a booth or table and distributing our Driving Brochure and a one-page outline of the CRD's heritage designation approval process that will be drafted by Graham and circulated to all members for their consideration prior to being adopted.

It was also agreed that attendance at these events by Committee members would provide an opportunity to distribute other materials offered by the CRD, but in light of the fact that the Committee is unsure of its authority to handle materials outside of its mandate, it was moved Elizabeth/George that Acting Chair Betty Anderson be asked to approach the CRD Chair to seek clarification of our mandate in this connection. Carried

- (c) First Nations Tsilhqot'in Member. There was no progress to report.
- (d) Heritage Driving Tour Brochure. The Brochure is a living document that will be edited, modified and upgraded from time to time as necessary.
- (e) Virtual Driving Tour. Emily displayed a remarkable virtual driving tour site that was prepared by CRD staffer Nihal Wijesekera, and that following approval by the CRD Board, will be posted on the CRD Website. It was moved Elizabeth/George that the Committee give its enthusiastic endorsement of this work, recommend it to the Board and applaud Nihal Wijesekera for his outstanding work. Carried
- (f) Communications Plan. A review will be undertaken at the next meeting.

6. Gold Rush Challenge website. The Committee was advised that in connection with application to the CCCTA that has been approved by the Board earlier in May 2017, it is now necessary for the CRD to submit an additional 12 names of interesting stopping places along the Gold Rush Trail. Since the deadline is near, the Committee brainstormed a list of 15 possible candidates, three of which were subsequently deleted by Emily and Francesca as duplicating places already being referred to elsewhere. The remaining 12 candidates are

- Green Lake (First Nation gathering site) refer to Green Lake OCP
- Ice Caves (in Interlakes - site was used by F.N and Settlers)
- 99 Mile Hill (First Stage Coach Robbery recorded in the Province)
- Soda Creek (Sternwheeler Enterprise, Dunlevy Ranch, Old Jail)
- Alexandria Church
- Horsefly
- Keithley Creek
- Dog Creek
- Gang Ranch
- Alexis Creek
- Blessings Grave Hwy 26
- Cottonwood Historic Site

7. Next Meeting – To be established following the June 15, 2017 field trip.

8. Adjournment – The meeting adjourned at 12.30 p.m.