

HERITAGE STEERING COMMITTEE

April 26, 2022

Cariboo Regional District Boardroom and via Teleconference

1. Meeting called to order: 10:04 AM by Committee Chair Gerald Kirby.

Present: Committee Chair Gerald Kirby (CRD Director Area J) (via telephone), John Massier (CRD Director Area C), Elizabeth Hunter (via telephone), George Atamanenko, Brent Rutherford, Jim Gibson, Phyllis Webstad, Marilyn Buyar, Greg Atherton, Nigel Whitehead (CRD Staff Liaison).

Regrets: Robin Sharpe (resigned), Heloise Dixon-Warren

Chair Kirby handed Chair to Director Massier.

2. Agenda adopted as presented. Moved: B. Rutherford; Second: J. Gibson; Carried.
3. Approval of meeting minutes from March 23, 2022. Moved: J. Gibson; Second: G. Atamanenko; Carried.
4. Operating Surplus Discussion.
 - a. N. Whitehead provided overview of the Heritage Service operating surplus. As of January 2022, operating surplus was \$40,738. Outlined that committee should turn their mind to utilizing the surplus. Heritage Service requisition was increased a few years ago from \$5,000 per year to \$10,000 per year. CRD functions should be self-sustaining and not building a large surplus.
 - b. J. Gibson discussed the difficulties in writing a Statement of Significance (SOS) that is acceptable to Heritage BC. Recognize the many sites on the Heritage Matrix, and in the Likely area. Suggests looking to fund position to focus on writing SOS's.
 - c. G. Atamanenko suggested consideration of a Heritage Fund to assist landowners in redeveloping/renovating heritage structures. Spoke to example in Saanich. Need to encourage heritage preservation.
 - d. B. Rutherford discussed the CRD Grant Writer position. Could they do something similar? Echoes the challenge of drafting acceptable SOS's.
 - e. E. Hunter suggested if using funding for SOS writer to set a goal of so many SOS's to be completed within a particular time frame. Need to identify priority sites.
 - f. N. Whitehead explained that SOS writing is a difficult task. One of Committee's primary responsibilities is registering heritage sites, which requires an SOS. Suggest a training session from Heritage BC.

Acting Chair Massier stepped out of meeting. Handed Chair duties to Director Kirby.

- a. E. Hunter suggests training won't get SOS's done by Committee members who remain challenged by the task. Could collaborate with university or other students to complete and make most of available funding.
- b. Committee further discussed Northern Secwepemc Cultural Centre support, further supporting City of Quesnel/E. Hunter in the Regional Heritage Network work, signage development.
- c. Committee agreed to further consider and bring back the discussion at the next meeting.

Director Massier returned to meeting. Chair Kirby hands Chair duties to Director Massier.

5. Heritage Matrix and Site Tour Planning
 - a. N. Whitehead provided two versions of Heritage Matrix for review.

- b. B. Rutherford discussed difficulties and complexity of previous SOS workshop. Committee has a mandate to get sites registered. Need to have a workshop, but it needs to be simple.
 - c. E. Hunter notes that priority sites could be requested at proposed fall Regional Heritage Network Gathering. SOS workshop could be an option at the event.
 - d. Committee agreed to develop priority list of sites to view and to focus on for near future.
 - e. Committee will decide on field trip at next meeting and determine the logistics. Looking towards early fall tour.
6. Regional Heritage Network Planning
- a. E. Hunter provided update on Heritage Network Planning project. Have still not heard back about whether grant is still valid. Work is ongoing on Tourism BC Discover Cariboo landing page. A couple more sites to add to the Heritage page. Not going to notify people yet for Fall gathering. Still planning for an in-person fall gathering.
7. Heritage BC Training Session
- a. N. Whitehead will find out what training opportunities are available. If there is cost, who could participate from other local groups, etc.
8. Roundtable:
- a. N. Whitehead: Discussed recent launch of TNG Heritage Strategy. Have had preliminary discussions with TNG Heritage Coordinator Shane Doddridge. He is interested in learning more about the CRD Heritage Steering Committee and would be happy to present and discuss further the TNG Heritage Strategy. N. Whitehead will continue to work to arrange a delegation.
 - b. M. Buyar: Delivered driving brochure to Little Fort and Interlakes. Will drop off at major resorts on Hwy 24.
 - c. B. Rutherford: Provided New Pathways to Gold update. Thanks to CRD Directors for providing letter of support for funding. Alexandria Bridge project ongoing.
 - d. G. Atherton: Dropped driving brochures at Lac De Roches resorts.
 - e. G. Atamanenko: Discussed need to keep momentum going with all groups related to heritage.
 - f. P. Webstad: Happy to be back to committee and be able to participate. Will review Terms of Reference and Business Plan. Started on committee when she was doing Economic Development work with Xatsull FN. Aware of a Secwepemc site which may require an SOS for a funding application; may be looking to committee for support. She will check in with NStQ and will ask if petroglyph site is still wanted on the CRD registry.
 - a. P. Webstad took time to reflect on the coming first year anniversary of the discovery of Tk'emlups unmarked burial sites. Preparatory work ongoing for an event on May 23.
 - b. Also provided update on preparations for 2023 Orange Shirt Day 10th Anniversary in Williams Lake.
 - g. G. Kirby: Distributed driving brochures at Tatla Lake info booth.
 - h. E. Hunter: Dropped box of brochures at Quesnel. Busy with museum/info centre reopening.
 - i. J. Massier: Have brochures for Wells. Have not made it out there yet.
9. Next Meeting.
- a. Committee discussed H. Dixon-Warren's request to hold meetings outside of business hours. Committee recognized that daytime meetings work best for all other members and staff. Committee prefers 10 am – 12 pm. Committee agreed to continue the teleconference option as well.
 - b. Next Meeting: May 31, 2022; 10:00 AM: CRD Boardroom and via teleconference.
10. Adjournment: Moved: B. Rutherford; Seconded: John Massier; Carried
- a. Adjourned 11:50 AM