

## HERITAGE STEERING COMMITTEE

May 31, 2022

Cariboo Regional District Committee Room and via Teleconference

1. Meeting called to order: 10:38 AM by Committee Chair Gerald Kirby.

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

Regrets: John Massier (CRD Director Area C), Heloise Dixon-Warren, Phyllis Webstad

2. Agenda adopted as presented. Moved: G. Atamanenko; Second: J. Gibson; Carried.
3. Approval of meeting minutes from April 26, 2022. Moved: G. Atamanenko; Second: J. Gibson; Carried.
4. Operating Surplus Discussion.
  - a. Group continued to discuss opportunities and ideas to utilize the operating surplus.
  - b. 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. Could provide 50% of cost.
    - i. N. Whitehead explained that a process would need to be developed for a Heritage Revitalization Grant.
    - ii. B. Rutherford discussed concern of providing grant to individuals rather than an organization or society. How to hold individuals to account?
    - iii. J. Gibson discussed the ongoing maintenance costs of heritage structures.
    - iv. E. Hunter agrees in principle to the concept. Would have to cap the grant amount. Need committee to focus on SoS's. If SoS a prerequisite for grant funding, then it would put pressure on the committee to create more.
  - c. N. Whitehead forwarded J. Massier's suggestion of making a contribution to the T̓šilhqot'in Chiefs monument and/or Lhtako Dené park projects in Quesnel.
  - d. N. Whitehead summarized the priority options as discussed by the committee for allocating the operating surplus:
    - i. Heritage Revitalization Grant Program
    - ii. SoS grant writer position
    - iii. Heritage BC Workshop costs
    - iv. Developing a Signage program
    - v. Ad-hoc grant authorizations for individual projects, events, etc.
5. Heritage Matrix and Site Tour Planning
  - a. N. Whitehead provided an update on the Heritage Matrix document. Will continue to update and complete as time permits.
  - b. N. Whitehead will find the original list of sites from the first Heritage Committee gathering and bring to the group for discussion on prioritizing next registry candidate sites.
  - c. Tour site to be chosen at next meeting with the old potential sites listing in hand.
6. Regional Heritage Network Planning
  - a. E. Hunter reports no new information. Still planning on fall event.
7. Heritage BC Training Session

- a. N. Whitehead in discussions with Heritage BC contact. Committee would pay expenses for in person workshop. Estimate costs \$1,000 to \$1,500 per facilitator. One to two facilitators depending on format and topic.
  - b. Workshop topic would be SoS writing and Operating Surplus project planning.
8. Roundtable:
- a. N. Whitehead: Still working with TNG staff to arrange attendance and presentation on the TNG Heritage Strategy.
  - b. M. Buyar: Distributed last of her driving brochures. Will pick up and distribute more.
    - a. Suggest future consideration of looking at heritage through a literary lens.
  - c. G. Atamanenko: Discussed need to keep momentum going with all groups related to heritage. Wonders what heritage groups are currently operating in the Cariboo. Small groups seem to come and go, dependent on volunteers.
  - d. Group recognized and thanked N. Whitehead for his commitment to the Committee.
9. Next Meeting.
- a. Next Meeting: July 26, 2022; 10:00 AM: CRD Boardroom and via teleconference.
10. Adjournment: Moved: B. Rutherford; Seconded: J. Gibson; Carried
- a. Adjourned 12:00 PM