

## CRD HERITAGE STEERING COMMITTEE

April 8, 2025

Members Present: Committee Chair John Massier (CRD Director Area C), Committee Vice-Chair Betty Anderson (CRD Director Area K), George Atamanenko, Greg Atherton, Marilyn Buyar, Elizabeth Hunter, Brent Rutherford

CRD Staff: Nigel Whitehead (Manager of Planning Services; Committee Staff Liaison), Kathie Vilkas (Regional Economic Development Officer)

1. Meeting called to order: 10:00 AM
2. Adoption of agenda: Moved: G. Atherton; Seconded: J. Massier; Carried
3. Approval of meeting minutes from February 25, 2025. Moved: B. Anderson; Seconded: E. Hunter; Carried.
4. Big Lake SOS
  - a. N. Whitehead advised this is our last change; exterior photos will be added.
  - b. E. Hunter would prefer interior photos to show the characteristics.
  - c. M. Buyar suggested to add exterior photos of the Saddle Shop, N. Whitehead will add these photos.
  - d. E. Hunter commended the team on the work done.
  - e. E. Hunter would like location of original research added to the library or archive collection.
  - f. J. Massier thanked everyone for their work.
5. Regional Heritage Network Planning
  - a. E. Hunter provided an update, date will be April 17, 2025 10:00 AM to 3:00 PM and is hopeful for a good response.
  - b. E. Hunter will be doing a presentation.
  - c. E. Hunter will submit final receipts after the meeting.
  - d. E. Hunter asked for catering suggestions; N. Whitehead suggested the CRD caterer and will provide coffee and tea.
  - e. J. Massier is hopeful will see some of the Heritage committee.
  - f. E. Hunter advised there have been 12 to 15 organizations in the past but have lost Barkerville.
  - g. G. Atamenko suggested we need to keep communications open with Barkerville; suggested a joint marketing someone needs to reach out; J. Massier will reach out, has some contacts.
6. Action Tracking Update
  - a. N. Whithead no updates.
  - b. E. Hunter Six Mile Corner Roadhouse trying to schedule, feels we have a responsibility to help small museums;
  - c. J. Massier no update; had been invited to the Chilcotin/TNG Basket repatriation community celebration; B. Rutherford viewed the movie on the Baskets; E Hunter had provided a letter of support; J. Massier would like to set up a meeting and have our group to view the video.
  - d. M. Buyar – Action – Alice Stapleton House, don't want to forget about.
7. Accumulated Operating Surplus Workshop
  - a. N. Whitehead led the committee in discussing how to best utilize the Heritage Service accumulated operating surplus. Discussion will continue at the next meeting.
8. Roundtable

- a. J. Massier enjoyed the Chilcotin/TNG presentation on the basket repatriation. Provided good information on the culture and heritage; Friends of Barkerville received a grant to revamp the Red Roof signs, paint & update signage, the project is well underway but, in the future, suggested that we incorporate Red Roof signs a/o Friends of Barkerville to the Cariboo Driving brochure.
  - b. K. Vilkas provided an update on the Cariboo Driving brochures; 350 of 5,000 brochures are left; tracking is really helping; feed back from Williams Lake Visitors Centre and other locations are that people are picking them up; N. Whitehead asked if there was a way that tourists vs. locals could be tracked; K. Vilkas advised there is no way of tracking; M. Buyar suggested that we ask people to register and then send photos of themselves a/o include info on locations they have visited; G. Atamenko asked if we are missing some markets; K Vilkas advised Bella Coola; E. Hunter suggested send to organizations in Kamloops and other gateway communities, have staff take to events they are attending; B. Rutherford suggested we contact CCCTA to distribute to resorts; B. Anderson advised she keeps Alexis Creek stored stock with the brochures; suggested for next edition to add paved or not paved roads on the map; will be volunteering at the tourism centre and will take some brochures; G. Atamenko advised we are all ambassadors, keep encouraging and distribution of these brochures keeps the conversation going.
  - c. B. Rutherford asked if we belong to Heritage BC; yes; Robin Sharpe a letter of support needs to be included with the nomination; FYI Willowford school still has not been moved; 100 Mile Tourist centre has enough brochures.
  - d. E. Hunter reminder BC Historical Federation conference in Williams Lake May 1-4; Provided a list of events; M. Buyar will be attending and encouraged other members to attend;
  - e. Committee discussed attendance at the Heritage BC Conference in Kamloops, May 22-23. Committee resolved to cover expenses for up to two members to attend this year. Moved: J. Massier; Seconded: B. Anderson; Carried
  - f. E. Hunter: May 2<sup>nd</sup> there is a used book sale at the museum; photo murals are done in downtown Quesnel, there will be a tour on the 26<sup>th</sup> at 1:00; last year with UBC intern, interviews have taken place and have hired
9. Next Meeting: 10:00 AM May 8, 2025
10. Adjournment: 12:01 PM

| Action Tracking      |            |   |
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| Member               | Meeting    | Action  |
| J. Massier           | Jun 20/23  | Contact Chief Sellars re: Committee representation                                |
| N. Whitehead         | Jun 20/23  | Contact Xat'sull First Nation and Sugarcane Archeology re: Committee presentation |
| N. Whitehead         | Jan 9/24   | Connect with S. Doddridge and invite to committee                                 |
| N. Whitehead         | April 8/25 | Operating Surplus Workshop TBC  |
| B. Rutherford        | Feb 25/25  | Research posthumous nomination for Robin Sharpe                                   |
| E. Hunter & M. Buyar | Feb 25/25  | Six Mile Corner Roadhouse SoS drafting and photos of character defining elements. |
| M. Buyar             | April 8/25 | Alice Stapleton House SoS research and drafting                                   |
| N. Whitehead         | April 8/25 | Final pictures for Big Lake SoS and send to CRD Board for approval to submit.     |