

CRD HERITAGE STEERING COMMITTEE

February 25, 2025

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

via MS Teams: Greg Atherton

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

Guests: John Hoyrup (150 Mile Heritage and Greenbelt Society), Maureen LeBourdais (CRD Director Area F)

Regrets: Marilyn Buyar

1. Meeting called to order: 10:01 AM

Committee Chair Massier announced the recent passing of Robin Sharpe, who was recognized both as a long-time committee member as well as for his passion for heritage recognition in Wells and Barkerville.

2. Addition to agenda – Item 7 b. Discussion on Robin Sharpe recognition. Moved: B. Rutherford; Seconded: E. Hunter; Agenda adopted as amended.

3. Approval of meeting minutes from November 19, 2024 – Amend by removing E.Hunter's line under item 5 regarding Quesnel Chamber of Commerce. Moved: B. Anderson; Seconded: B. Rutherford; Carried with amendment.

4. 150 Mile Courthouse Discussion

- a. J. Hoyrup in attendance to participate in the discussion as representative of the 150 Mile Heritage and Greenbelt Society.
- b. D. Campbell provided an overview of the history of the property and its original intent as a heritage site. The vision and opportunity no longer seems achievable and the existing remains of the 150 Mile Courthouse are in a very poor state. Requesting a resolution to remove the property from the heritage registry so that it may be utilized for other purposes in the future.
- c. G. Atamanenko agreed, and was concerned that the neighbouring property owner did not live up to some promises regarding the future use of the area. He is interested in preserving the rock wall or the potential movement of a portion to the schoolhouse location.
- d. J. Hoyrup provided further history on the property and its intent as a small heritage site.
- e. Committee further discussed options and methods to demolish the structure.
- f. E. Hunter reiterated the committee's previous agreement that the structure is beyond salvage. Committee needs to focus on saving and recognizing properties with remaining value.
- g. J. Massier expressed support for preserving the stone wall and installation of plaque or signage at the nearby schoolhouse site.
- h. Committee resolved: That it be recommended to the CRD Board of Directors that the 150 Mile Courthouse be removed from the CRD Heritage Registry and the BC Register of Historic Places.
Moved: E. Hunter; Seconded: B. Rutherford; Carried.
- i. Committee and staff discussed timing and next steps for removal of the site from the CRD and Provincial registers and further plans for demolition. D. Campbell suggested that the Greenbelt Committee be invited to salvage any desired elements this year.

5. Heritage Registry 2025 Priority Setting.

N. Whitehead provided an overview and status of Statements of Significance (SoS) and potential future heritage sites.

- a. Big Lake SoS. Draft is complete. Suggested edits and markup provided by Heritage Branch staff. Committee will wait for M. Buyer to return and review.
- b. Six Mile Corner Roadhouse. Heritage Nomination package received in August 2024. Committee made resolution to proceed with SoS in October 2024. E. Hunter will get photos of character defining elements; will work with M. Buyer on the SoS.
- c. Big Creek Community Hall. Inquired about heritage designation in October 2024.
- d. Baker Creek School. Inquiry received in December 2024.
- e. 153 Mile Store. May still be interest, however complexity on designating property just to move the building. Letter of support may be more appropriate.
- f. Willowford School & Alice Singleton House – Lone Butte.
- g. Committee agreed to focus on Six Mile Corner Roadhouse as “front burner” SoS and Lone Butte site as “back burner”. N. Whitehead will reach out to Big Creek and Baker Creek reps to invite to a future meeting.

6. Regional Heritage Network Planning

- a. E. Hunter provided an update. Will send email regarding upcoming meeting.
- B. Rutherford commended E. Hunter for supporting this program

7. Action Tracking Update

- a. The committee updated the Action Tracking Table.

7.b. With the recent passing of Robin Sharpe, B. Rutherford suggested a posthumous nomination for a heritage award or recognition. He will investigate further.

8. Roundtable

- a. N. Whitehead intends to hold the next committee meeting as a workshop to determine how best to utilize the accumulated operating surplus. Currently estimated to be between \$59K - \$67K by end of 2025.
- b. N. Whitehead also brought the Heritage BC 2025 conference to the committee’s attention and suggested possibly sending a member or two to participate.

9. Next Meeting:

- a. 10:00 AM April 8, 2025

10. Adjournment:

- a. Moved: B. Rutherford; Carried. Meeting Adjourned 11:42 AM

Action Tracking		
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	Final edit on Big Lake SoS and send to Heritage Branch for comments

N. Whitehead	Jan 9/24	Connect with S. Doddridge and invite to committee
N. Whitehead	Feb 27/24	Operating Surplus Workshop
N. Whitehead	Oct 8/24	Follow up with J. Evans re: continued committee membership
N. Whitehead	Oct 8/24	Invite 150 Mile Greenbelt & Heritage Society to future meeting
N. Whitehead	Oct 8/24	Forward Six Mile Corner Roadhouse nomination to Electoral Area B Director B. Bachmeier for information.
G. Atamanenko	Nov 19/24	Reach out to John Hoyrup 150 Mile Green Belt & Heritage Society to set up a meeting to discuss the 150 Mile Courthouse
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.