

**Heritage Steering Committee
Meeting Notes
January 14, 2016**

CRD Library, Williams Lake

Present: Robin Sharpe, Joan Sorley, Elizabeth Hunter, Brent Rutherford, George Atamanenko, Betty Anderson, Graham Leslie, Mary Forbes, Francesca Sanna, William Adams

Regrets: Jim Gibson and Phyllis Webstad

The meeting was called to order at 10.10 a.m.

1. Adoption of Agenda
Moved: Graham/Brent. Carried
2. Approval of Meeting Notes of November 26, 2015
Moved: Graham/Brent. Carried
3. Webpage – Is up to date.
4. Heritage Business Plan

Our budget proposal has been adopted in the Board's provisional budget, and is now subject to final Board approval.

5 Action Plan to Achieve 2016 Goals

(a) Heritage Registry

- (i) The matrix is unchanged from the previous meeting.
- (ii) General interest was expressed in the jail and other buildings in the Soda Creek area, and it was decided that when the weather is more suitable later this year, the Committee should conduct a field trip to the area. A proposal to produce an inventory of heritage cemeteries in the Cariboo was strongly supported. It would be greatly assisted by a B.C. provincial list, and could lead to the addition of some of them to the CRD heritage registry. Further work could be carried out in researching the names on the headstones with a view to identifying those of historical significance. That work could be enhanced by an appeal to the public to assist in the identification process.
- (iii) Suggestions for possible inclusion on the CRD registry included the remaining telephone booths and the fast disappearing examples of the car

culture of the 1930s to 1970s. These will be explored further at subsequent meetings.

(b) Heritage Awareness

The following excerpt from the Committee's January 27, 2015 meeting led to the conclusion that in the absence of Government action on the CRD/UBCM proposal, neither the CRD nor the City of Williams Lake will sponsor any activities for February 2016, but will consider doing so at some time in the Fall.

We were reminded of the fact that the CRD initiative to request a change in the date for the provincially designated Heritage Week from February to a month later in the year – subsequently endorsed by the UBCM – has not been rejected by the B.C. Government, but has not been acted upon. It was decided to propose renewing the request at some future date.

(c) First Nations

Our Chair met with Chief Roger William earlier this week and discussed our hope to acquire a First Nations representative from the Chilcotin. Chief William has agreed to solicit candidates for the position.

(d) Communications

Shelly Burich provided some ideas concerning ways and means of enhancing our messages to the general public, following which it was moved by George/Joan that the Board be requested to authorize use of the resources of Shelly Burich's department so as to help the Committee prepare a communications plan. Carried

If the Board approves the request, Shelly will develop an outline of a plan, taking into consideration the various points made in today's discussion, and present it for further discussion at a subsequent Committee meeting.

6. Next Meeting – Thursday, March 31, 2016 in the CRD Library.

7. Adjournment – The meeting adjourned at 12.00 p.m.