

**Heritage Steering Committee
Meeting Notes
October 26, 2016**

CRD Boardroom, Williams Lake

Present: Robin Sharpe, Betty Anderson, Brent Rutherford, Phyllis Webstad, Jim Gibson, William Adams, Cody Williams, Graham Leslie Karen Moores and Emily Epp

Regrets: Elizabeth Hunter and George Atamanenko,

The meeting was called to order at 10.05 a.m.

1. Adoption of Agenda
Moved: Betty/Phyllis. Carried
2. Approval of Meeting Notes of July 7, 2016
Moved Graham/Betty. Carried
3. Webpage – Is up to date.
4. Heritage Business Plan 2017

The draft paper that had been distributed previously, was reviewed and with a few minor changes it was moved Brent/Jim to approve the draft as our 201 Business Plan. Carried

5. Action Plan to Achieve 2016 Goals

(a) Heritage Registry

- (i) The matrix is up to date.
- (ii) The previous decision to pursue the creation of an inventory of pioneer cemeteries with a view to adding them to the CRD registry was revisited. A lengthy list of known cemeteries within the regional district was tabled, and it was agreed that individual members will suggest any additions to the list that come to their attention. Prior to the next meeting Graham will seek information on the various classes of cemetery that are recognized and regulated within the province, and will provide Robin with a written report on his findings in time to be circulated prior to the meeting.

Robin reported that a draft statement of significance has been prepared for the Stanley Hotel and awaits the signature of the current owner before being submitted to Victoria for review.

(b) Heritage Awareness

Robin raised several matters of interest as follows.

- (i) Heritage BC has announced a program to revitalize and add stops of interest throughout the province and is inviting submissions by January 31, 2017. CRD staff is already planning to submit a list of suggestions to the Board, and the Committee would like to see the Soda Creek Heritage Cemetery included, but not until arrangements have been made for a kiosk or other means of disseminating information about the cemetery have been put in place. It was moved Betty/Phyllis defer proposing the addition of the Soda Creek Heritage Cemetery until a kiosk has been put in place. Carried..
- (ii) Joan Sorley had reported earlier that she had received a letter from the BC Heritage Branch informing her that the Chinese Cemetery at Quesnel Forks will be placed on the BC and Federal registries, but it has since come to our attention that it is not included on the list of those sites commemorated by a plaque. It was moved Brent/Graham that we ask the CRD Chair to write a letter to the appropriate provincial ministry asking for an explanation. Carried.

(c) First Nations.

Robin has been in contact with Chief Roger William and is still awaiting a response regarding the request for the nomination of a member to join our Committee.

(d) Heritage Driving Tour Brochure.

There are very few left and the time has come for a reprinting. It was suggested that a very useful addition to the new edition would be the GPS coordinates for as many locations as possible. Karen will attend to this suggestion prior to the reprinting.

(e) Virtual Tour Information.

Emily reviewed various options for dealing with our earlier interest in creating a virtual tour of the heritage locations within the region. The only one that appears to be feasible and affordable involves a website titled Story Maps that Emily explained and which met with unanimous approval. The Committee will continue to explore this option at future meetings.

(f) Committee Member Appointments for 2017

All members in attendance indicated their willingness to be reappointed in 2017, and Robin will sound out those unable to attend in order to determine their responses prior to reporting to the Board.

6. General Brainstorming Session

- (a) Jim reported that the BC Ministry of Forests is undertaking a program to demolish various defunct mine sites, some of which have significant heritage value. The Committee expressed the need for more information about the rationale, etc. and Jim will follow up and report back to our next meeting.
- (b) William reported that there are plans afoot to relocate the Williams Lake Museum. He will keep us updated on progress at future meetings.
- (c) Nominations are now open for Heritage BC's Annual Awards Program, recognizing outstanding and significant achievements in heritage conservation by individuals, organizations, groups, businesses and government in communities across B.C. It was moved Brent/Jim to nominate our Chair Robin Sharpe. Carried. Brent will attend to preparation of the nominating forms.

7. Next Meeting – To be in late November on a date to be selected in due course by the Chair.

8. Adjournment. Moved Brent/Graham to adjourn the meeting at 12.10 p.m.