

Minutes of the Meeting of the Regional District of Kitimat-Stikine Heritage Advisory Commission held Wednesday, April 27, 2010, in the Regional District of Kitimat-Stikine Board Room, 300 - 4545 Lazelle Avenue, Terrace, BC, commencing at 5:00 pm.

Members in Attendance

Louise Avery, Kitimat area rep and Chair (in person)
Web Bennett, Terrace area rep (in person)
Amanda Marshall, Terrace area alternate (in person)
Dan Pakula, Telegraph Cr/Dease Lake area rep (in person)
Joanne Monaghan, member at large (on teleconference)
Laurel Smith-Wilson, Hazelton area rep (in person)

Members Absent

Margaret Ann Baxter, member at large
Rusty Ljungh, member at large

Regional District Representatives in Attendance

Ken Newman, Planner (in person)

Regional District Representatives Absent

Darcie Frocklage, Regional District Board Director

Ken called the meeting to order at 5:10 p.m.

Ken introduced the new members in attendance.

Acceptance of the Agenda

Ken reviewed the agenda and asked for any additions.

Moved by Louise Avery/Laurel Smith Wilson to accept agenda as presented.

Carried

Election of Chair

Ken asked for nominations for Heritage Advisory Commission Chair for 2010.

Louise nominated Laurel. Laurel accepted the nomination. There were no further nominations.

Moved by Louise Avery/Dan Pakula that Laurel Smith-Wilson be appointed Chair of the Regional District of Kitimat-Stikine Heritage Advisory Commission for 2010.

Carried

Joanne Monaghan joined the meeting by teleconference at 5:25 pm.

Minutes of the January 20, 2010, Meeting

MOVED by Dan Pakula/Joanne Monaghan that the Minutes of January 20, 2010 be adopted as presented.

Carried

New HAC Board Appointments and Vacancies

Ken updated the group on the new members of the commission and the remaining vacancies. No applications were received from any one in the Stewart/Nass area. Ken contacted the Mayor of Stewart and some others that had been recommended. There was one person who was involved in the Stewart museum who expressed some interest but they were concerned about how much time it might involve.

Heritage Advisory Commission summary for new members

For the benefit of the new members Ken provided some background and history of the heritage program at the Regional District of Kitimat-Stikine and the role and mandate of the Heritage Advisory Commission.

The Yukon Telegraph Trail and Cassiar Forest Corp.

Ken provided some background on Cassiar Forest Corp. and the Bob Quinn area that is proposed for logging. The Yukon Telegraph Trail heritage site established by the Regional District Board in February of 2010, runs through the eastern portion of the area. Cassiar Forest Corp. through its consultant, Brinkman Forest Ltd., has prepared a Forest Stewardship Plan (FSP) and has asked the Regional District to comment. Ken summarized what a FSP is and how it doesn't show where they will be logging but only where the values (wildlife, fish, heritage etc...) are and what will be the mitigation measures that they will undertake if they encounter the recognized values. Cassiar Forest Corp. has outlined a strategy if they encounter the Yukon Telegraph Trail. Including leaving a buffer of 50 meters on each side of the trail and if they need to cross it they will conduct an Archaeological Impact Assessment (AIA) or a Preliminary Field Reconnaissance (PFR). Amanda clarified that both an AIA and a PFR are conducted by a qualified Archaeologist but a PFR is just not as thorough.

Ken had contacted BC Heritage Branch to discuss what recourse we have or how best to comment back to Cassiar Forest Corp. now that the Regional District Board has added the Yukon Telegraph Trail to the heritage registry. Ken forwarded an e-mail from Susan Green at Heritage Branch to the group (HAC) outlining options including working toward designating the trail as a Provincial Heritage Trail, through the Heritage Conservation Act and working with the local Recreation Officer, Carl Johansen, with the Ministry of Tourism, Culture and the Arts, to formally establishing the trail as a recreation trail. Ken spoke with Carl and he is interested in pursuing some form of designation. Carl is also going to make comment back to Cassiar Forest Corp. and Ken and Carl will coordinate their responses. As part of the response Ken will ask for a 100 meter buffer on each side which is standard for Provincially designated Heritage Trails and will ask for best practices consistent with those previously established best practices done by the Kispiox Forest District for the Telegraph Trail in that District. **Ken will also talk to Archaeology Branch about the Heritage Trail designation process and will report back to the members of the Heritage Advisory Commission.**

Ken also provided copies of the Environmental Effects Assessment (EEA) to the group regarding the proposed Northwest Transmission Line (NTL) that will be located near part of the Yukon Telegraph Trail in the Bell II, Bob Quinn areas. The EEA was prepared as part of the environmental review process and the archaeology and heritage section has recognized the Yukon Telegraph Trail and the fact that the Regional District of Kitimat-Stikine has added it to the Heritage Registry. They have commented that they will work with the Regional

District of Kitimat-Stikine to determine avoidance and mitigation measures that result in negligible effects to the trail.

Review and selection of sites for the Heritage Registry

Ken let the group know that there won't be any money available from Heritage Branch in 2010 for doing statements of significance and adding heritage sites to the registry, but that there is some money in the Regional District heritage budget to do one and possibly two statements of significance. Ken reviewed the short list of potential heritage sites from the April 2009 meeting. Ken then lead a discussion regarding what sites the group might want to consider for addition in 2010. The members expressed interest in continuing to add the Meziadin Fish Ladder as a heritage site in part because it adds a site from the Stewart/Nass area, it highlights the historical importance of salmon and can be part become part of the indentified tourism resources of Hwy 37. The members also felt that the Simon Gunanoot gravesite at Bowser Lake should be added to the heritage registry as part of the First Nations theme. The group went on to add Dease Landing and the Usk Ferry crossing to the heritage resource list. **Dan will be talking to the Dease Landing property owners about their willingness and interest in having it added to the Regional District heritage registry.**

Moved by Louise Avery/Dan Pakula, that Heritage Advisory Commission recommend that the Regional District of Kitimat-Stikine add the Meziadin Fish Ladder and the Simon Gunanoot gravesite to the Regional District of Kitimat-Stikine Community Heritage Registry and pursue the completion of a statement of significance for each site. If funds are not available to do both sites that the Meziadin Fish Ladder site should take priority.

Carried

Staff update of 2010

As a result of the motion to add the Meziadin Fish Ladders and the Simon Gunanoot gravesite **Ken will begin to seek interest from heritage consultants and cost to complete statement of significance.**

Ken showed the members of the commission the new Regional District web site and the Heritage Planning and Heritage Registry section and how to navigate the site. In addition he showed them the BC Archives web site and how to search for archival documents and photos.

Joanne Monaghan left the meeting by teleconference at 6:55 pm

New Business

Ken promoted the up coming Heritage BC 2010 Annual Conference, June 3-5 in Victoria. He also let the group know that he had been invited to the November 2010, Building Sustainable Communities conference in Kelowna as presenter to speak about the experience of heritage planning in a Regional District.

Next Meeting

As needed.

Adjournment

MOVED by Louise Avery that the meeting be adjourned. The meeting adjourned at 7:15 pm.

Carried

Chairperson

Recording Secretary

Date