

Minutes of the Meeting of the Regional District of Kitimat-Stikine Heritage Advisory Commission held Wednesday, November 24, 2010, in the Regional District of Kitimat-Stikine Board Room, 300 - 4545 Lazelle Avenue, Terrace, BC, commencing at 7:00 pm.

Members in Attendance

Laurel Smith-Wilson, Hazelton area rep, Chair (on teleconference)
Web Bennett, Terrace area rep (in person)
Amanda Marshall, Terrace area alternate (in person)
Steve Quigley, Telegraph Cr/Dease Lake area rep (on teleconference)
Margaret Ann Baxter, member at large (in person)
Rusty Ljungh, member at large (in person) arrived at 7:15 pm
Walter Thorne, Kitimat area alternate (on teleconference)

Members Absent

Louise Avery, Kitimat area rep
Joanne Monaghan, member at large

Regional District Representatives in Attendance

Ken Newman, Planner (in person)
Darcie Frocklage, Board Director (on teleconference) left meeting at 7:30 pm

Others in Attendance

Denise Cook, Heritage Consultant (on teleconference)

Laurel called the meeting to order at 7:07 p.m.

Acceptance of the Agenda

Laurel reviewed the agenda and asked for any additions.

Moved by Steve Quigley/Darcie Frocklage to accept agenda as presented.

Carried

Minutes of the April 27, 2010, Meeting

MOVED by Web Bennett/Darcie Frocklage that the Minutes of April 27, 2010, be adopted as presented.

Carried

Business Arising from the Minutes

The Yukon Telegraph Trail and heritage trail designation: Ken had attempted to contact Doug Glaum at Archaeology Branch about the process of having a trail designated as a heritage trail under Heritage Conservation Act. It was an attempt to find out how much would be involved in pursuing similar designation for the Yukon Telegraph Trail. Doug never responded and therefore Ken has sent him a second e-mail hoping for a response in the near future. **Ken will report back on any response he receives.**

Dease Landing: Dan Pakula was going to speak with the owners of the property where the historic buildings of Dease Landing are located and get their feelings about adding the

buildings and related lands to the Regional District's heritage registry. He had some brief discussions with them but Ken is not aware of the results of those discussions. **Follow up will be required.**

Hiring consultant to write SOS: Denise Cook was hired and has written draft SOS for the Meziadin and Gunanoot sites.

Review Heritage site statements of significance

Denise Cook summarized the research and work completed to date in writing the statements of significance (SOS) for the Meziadin Fish Ladders and the Simon Gunanoot Gravesite. She talked about the site visits completed in August expressed how she thought the HAC had selected very interesting sites, about some of the challenges and what was left to do in writing the SOS. She then asked for comments from the HAC regarding the draft SOS for each site.

Meziadin site:

Walter pointed out the site's association with tourism and sport fishing and that many people have/will pass through the site to access fishing opportunities at the confluence of the Meziadin and Nass Rivers.

Laurel asked if the Federal Department of Fisheries & Oceans (DFO) might be interested in having an interpretive sign on the site. Denise noted that there previously was a sign there showing the salmon life cycle but said she would check with DFO and she would also need to follow up with the Nisga'a and Gitanyow. **Denise or Ken will speak to DFO about future possibility of a sign.**

Amanda asked about the smokehouse and commented on the likelihood of archaeology sites in the area. Ken commented that he thought there was an archaeology site near by but didn't know the details and Denise stated that if there was an archaeology site within the heritage site it could be made mentioned in the SOS. **Ken will investigate further about the location of an archaeological site.**

Gunanoot site:

Walter commented that the SOS had no reference to the book "Run Indian Run", a story about Simon Gunanoot.

Laurel asked if Denise has had any luck contacting any one from the Gunanoot family. Denise stated that she has had trouble reaching anyone and therefore had not yet talked to the family, but she will keep trying.

Walter wondered if there should be some mention that Simon's home was in the Hazelton area.

Ken mentioned that he had spoken with Beth Weathers at Archaeology Branch about the amount of detail that should be in the SOS that the public will have access to. It was her opinion that because of the remoteness of the site, the fact that it was post 1846 and that we were not providing detailed access information, that the SOS and associated pictures were not likely to be reveal too much.

Denise thanked the HAC members for their comments and taking the time to review the SOS. Ken stated that once a final version was complete that he would forward a copy to the members by e-mail and have them provide a recommendation for the Regional District Board to formally add the site to the Regional District of Kitimat-Stikine Community Heritage Registry.

Staff update

- Ken mentioned that the terms of some members of the HAC would be expiring in 2011 and will need to decide if they want to be members for another 2 year term.
- He noted that he recently presented the Regional District of Kitimat-Stikine experience with heritage planning at the November, Building Sustainable Communities conference in Kelowna.
- There is now available on-line some good general information about the heritage planning process that Heritage Branch has recently made available in the form of "Fact Sheets". These might help members better understand some of the process we are going through with our heritage registry. These are available on the Ministry of Tourism, Culture and the Arts web site. **Ken will send a link to members so they can see the Fact Sheet for themselves.**
- He noted that he had recently received a call from a planner at the Cariboo Regional District as a result of a letter Ken sent to them about how we recently added the Telegraph Trail to our heritage registry and encouraged them to consider doing the same for the section of the trail that goes through their Regional District. The Cariboo planner will be taking that idea to his heritage commission's next meeting in December.
- Ken spoke of the unfortunate passing of HAC member Dan Pakula during the summer and expressed appreciation for the work he had done with the commission and highlighted a number of other initiatives Dan had been involved with over the years to promote the northern part of the Regional District of Kitimat-Stikine. Dan will be missed.

Next Meeting

As needed.

Adjournment

MOVED by Margaret Baxter that the meeting be adjourned. The meeting adjourned at 8:05 pm.

Carried

Chairperson

Recording Secretary

Date