

**Minutes of the Meeting of the Regional District of Kitimat-Stikine Heritage Advisory Commission held Wednesday, May 10, 2011, in the Regional District of Kitimat-Stikine Board Room, 300 - 4545 Lazelle Avenue, Terrace, BC, commencing at 7:00 pm.**

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**Members in Attendance**

Laurel Smith-Wilson, Hazelton area rep, Chair (on teleconference)  
Louise Avery, Kitimat area rep (on teleconference)  
Margaret Ann Baxter, member at large (in person)  
Rusty Ljungh, member at large (in person) arrived at 7:15 pm

**Members Absent**

Joanne Monaghan, member at large  
Web Bennett, Terrace area rep  
Steve Quigley, Telegraph Cr/Dease Lake area rep  
Walter Thorne, Kitimat area alternate  
Amanda Marshall, Terrace area alternate

**Regional District Representatives in Attendance**

Ken Newman, Planner (in person)

**Regional District Representatives Absent**

Darcie Frocklage, Board Director

**Others in Attendance**

Denise Cook, Heritage Consultant (on teleconference) called in at 7:30 p.m.  
Mr. Denis Horwill (in person)

Laurel called the meeting to order at 7:19 p.m.

**Acceptance of the Agenda**

Laurel reviewed the agenda and asked for any additions.

*Moved by Louise Avery/Margaret Baxter to accept agenda as presented.*

Carried

**Election of Chair**

Laurel asked Ken to act as Chair during the Election of a new Commission 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/Margaret Baxter that Laurel Smith-Wilson be appointed Chair of the Regional District of Kitimat-Stikine Heritage Advisory Commission for 2011.*

Carried

Laurel took over as Chair of the meeting and asked Ken to introduce Mr. Horwill.

## **Dorreen Presentation – Denis Horwill**

The community of Dorreen was nominated as a Regional District Heritage site by Jane Stevenson on May 2, 2011. Jane and her family are property owners at Dorreen and suggested that Mr. Horwill speak to the Heritage Advisory Commission about the history of Dorreen. Mr. Horwill grew up in Dorreen and his parents ran the Dorreen General Store. He spoke of the connection Dorreen had to the early mining, agriculture and the construction of the Grand Trunk Pacific Railway. A Mr. Carpenter preempted District Lot 2500 in 1909 which was the start of Dorreen. The General Store was built in 1920 by Mr. McCubbin who also owned the store in the community of Pacific a few miles south of Dorreen along the railway. Mr. Horwill's parents bought and operated the Dorreen store starting in 1936 until its close in the 1950s. The store still exists on a parcel of land in the northwest corner of Lot 2. The original school house also still exists on a one acre parcel of land donated by Mr. Carpenter on the northwest corner of Lot 4. Among the mines playing a role in Dorreen's history was the Knuass mine and the Lorne Creek placer mine. Mr. Horwill provided the Commission with three binder copies of information about Dorreen including a number of historic photos.

Mr. Horwill left the meeting at 7:58 p.m.

## **Minutes of the November 24, 2010, Meeting**

*MOVED by Rusty Ljungh/Margaret Baxter* that the Minutes of November 24, 2010, be adopted as presented.

Carried

## **Review Heritage site statements of significance**

Denise Cook summarized some of the final editing she completed for the Meziadin Fish Ladders and the Simon Gunanoot Gravesite statements of significance since the November 24, 2010, meeting. This included doing interviews with the George and Darlene Simpson and Harvey Gunanoot about the Simon Gunanoot site. Ken stated the statements of significance are essentially done but there were some minor final edits to do and that he would work with Denise to complete the edits. Final version copies will be made available to the members once they are complete.

*MOVED by Laurel Smith-Wilson/Louise Avery* that the Heritage Commission recommend to the Regional District of Kitimat-Stikine Board that the Meziadin Fish Ladders and the Simon Gunanoot Gravesite be added pending final edits by Ken and Denise.

Carried

## **Heritage Advisory Commission membership**

Louise and Joanne have their memberships run out in 2011. Ken asked Louise if she would like to continue as the Kitimat area representative.

Louise stated she would continue as the Kitimat area representative but wanted to ask if anyone else from the Kitimat heritage Group would be interested. They are holding a meeting on May 18<sup>th</sup> and she would ask then. Ken stated he would follow up with Joanne about her interest in staying on as a member at large.

## Selection of Heritage sites for 2011

Ken told the members that there was some money in the Regional District heritage budget but still no grant money available from the province. The members were asked if they would like to add one or two more sites to the heritage registry. If the members didn't want to add more sites the money could be used to place information signs or plaques for existing heritage sites.

The members took some time to review the list of Regional District heritage resources. Louise commented that Dorreen might be a good choice because it represents a some of the local history of mining and the railway. Ken commented that it might not be feasible to make all of Dorreen a heritage site but maybe a particular lot or building as a representative of Dorreen. This may take some research and some thought from the members.

Rusty asked if the Copper City Ferry Landing site could be added to the heritage resource list and suggested that some kind of site representing the history of the Lakelse Hot Springs should be considered.

Laurel suggested the Senden Farm in Two Mile also be added to the heritage resource list.

Laurel suggested the members be given a couples weeks to review the heritage resource list and provide two site nominations for the heritage registry. **Ken will update the heritage resource list and send it out along with the heritage site decision making check list to the members and prompt the members for their two nominations on May 24<sup>th</sup>.**

## Staff update

- Ken received an e-mail from a planner at the Cariboo Regional District noting that they have recognized the Telegraph Trail in their Regional District and have added it to their heritage registry.
- Ken highlighted a book recently published by Margaret Vanderberg, a Terrace resident, entitled "Through This Maze" which discusses the history of the Ningunsaw Pass between Bell II and Bob Quinn Lake and includes many stories about the Yukon Telegraph and characters who were associated with its construction and operation.

## Next Meeting

As needed.

## Adjournment

*MOVED by Louise Avery* that the meeting be adjourned. The meeting adjourned at 8:55 pm.

Carried

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Chairperson

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Recording Secretary

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Date