

Minutes of the Meeting of the Regional District of Kitimat-Stikine Heritage Advisory Commission held Tuesday, July 5, 2011, 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)
Louise Avery, Kitimat area rep (on teleconference)
Margaret Ann Baxter, member at large (in person)
Rusty Ljungh, member at large (in person)
Steve Quigley, Telegraph Cr/Dease Lake area rep (on teleconference)
Amanda Marshall, Terrace area alternate (on teleconference)

Members Absent

Joanne Monaghan, member at large
Web Bennett, Terrace area rep

Regional District Representatives in Attendance

Ken Newman, Planner (in person)

Regional District Representatives Absent

Darcie Frocklage, Board Director

Laurel called the meeting to order at 7:10 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

Minutes of the May 10, 2011, Meeting

MOVED by Louise Avery/Steve Quigley that the Minutes of May 10, 2011, be adopted as presented.

Carried

Heritage Advisory Commission membership

Ken noted that the Regional District Board at its June 24, 2011, meeting, reappointed Joanne Monaghan and Louise Avery to the Heritage Advisory Commission for another 2 year term until 2013.

Steve Quigley stated that he would not likely return as the member from the Dease Lake / Telegraph Creek area after his term expired in the Spring of 2012.

Ken also noted that the Board passed a resolution to add the Gunanoot Gravesite and the Meziadin Fish Ladders to the Regional District's Community Heritage Registry.

Federal Heritage Lighthouse Protection Act

Ken brought to the attention of the member's a new Federal (Parks Canada) Act for the protection of heritage lighthouses. Apparently the only lighthouse in our Regional District for potential consideration is Boat Bluff Lighthouse on Sarah Island just north of Klemtu.

The letter from Parks Canada was received for information.

Crown Land tenure for Heritage sites on Crown Land

Ken summarized a staff report dated July 4, 2011, about how heritage sites can obtain a provincial Crown land tenure known as a Notation of Interest (NoI) that will notify the province, when it is reviewing other Crown land tenures applications by industry or individuals, that the Regional District of Kitimat-Stikine has an interest in that particular location.

Louise asked which of the Regional District heritage site are located on Crown Land. Ken listed the Gunanoot site, the Meziadin Fish Ladders and most of the Yukon Telegraph Trail. Mapping these can be a challenge and particular trails like the Telegraph Trail.

Amanda volunteered to work with Ken in sorting out the type of mapping necessary for obtaining a Notation of Interest tenure.

MOVED by Louise Avery/Amanda Marshall that Ken work toward obtaining a Notation of Interest for heritage sites located on Crown Land.

Carried

Heritage Designation Bylaw – LGA Section 967

Ken summarized the staff report to the commission dated July 4, 2011, regarding Heritage Designation Bylaws and its use as an instrument for the protection of heritage sites, how they are implemented and the pro and cons of using this section of the Local Government Act. Without building inspection services in the Regional District this is the only option for protection. The discussion of Heritage Designation Bylaws was precipitated by the anticipated sale of the old Hudson Bay store building (Stikine River Song Café) in Telegraph Creek with the passing of owner Dan Pakula last year. Since adding a site to the heritage registry is only a form of recognition and has no ability to protect a heritage site how can the Local Government protect the historical integrity of a building such as the old Hudson Bay building if some one buys it and is determined to significantly alter the heritage character of the building.

Discussion points included questions about the Regional District Board's willingness to go beyond just recognition considering this form of protection could potentially mean market value compensation to the property owner as a result of heritage designations and that heritage designations can be a deterrent to some prospective buyers.

Louise noted that the District of Kitimat has a Heritage Designation Bylaw.

Ken will do more research to see what other Regional Districts have created Heritage Designation Bylaws and ask the Regional District Board how they feel about the heritage designation.

Signs for Heritage sites

Ken reported that there is a program through the Heritage Legacy fund that has matching grants for up to \$10,000 for heritage signage but it is fully allocated for 2011. **Ken will follow up on what is required for receiving a grant for 2012.**

Heritage site selections for 2011

Ken reviewed how at the May 10, 2011, Heritage Commission meeting no decision was made regarding the addition of heritage sites to the heritage registry for 2011. Since that meeting Ken sent Commission members information on three possible sites for consideration, Dorreen, Pacific and Meanskinisht.

There was group discussion about the details of the three sites, the heritage significance and whether the sites qualified as heritage sites and if they fit in with Regional District heritage themes. The group discussed whether the Dorreen site should be the whole community or one specific property. In the end the group decided to recommend adding the Pacific GTP roundhouse, Meanskinisht (cemetery at Lot 1, Cedarvale Ferry Road) and a yet to be determined site at Dorreen.

MOVED by Margaret Baxter/Steve Quigley that the Heritage Advisory Commission recommends that the Regional District add the Pacific GTP roundhouse, Meanskinisht (cemetery at Lot 1, Cedarvale Ferry Road) to the Regional District of Kitimat-Stikine Community Heritage Registry. That a site at Dorreen also be added to the registry but that Regional District staff conduct a site visit and report back as to the findings and provide a recommendation to the Commission. And that the Regional District should also complete a statement of significance for each site.

Carried

Next Meeting

As needed.

Adjournment

MOVED by Steve Quigley that the meeting be adjourned. The meeting adjourned at 8:19 pm.

Carried

Chairperson

Recording Secretary

Date