

**Minutes of the Meeting of the Regional District of Kitimat-Stikine Heritage Advisory Commission held Tuesday, March 20, 2012, 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**

Margaret Ann Baxter, member at large (in person) Acting Chair  
Joanne Monaghan, member at large (on teleconference)  
Louise Avery, Kitimat area rep (on teleconference)  
Steve Quigley, Telegraph Cr/Dease Lake area rep (on teleconference)  
Amanda Marshall, Terrace area alternate (on teleconference)  
Rusty Ljungh, member at large (in person) arrived at 7:45 p.m.  
Web Bennett, Terrace area rep (on teleconference)

**Members Absent**

Laurel Smith-Wilson, Hazelton area rep

**Regional District Representatives in Attendance**

Ken Newman, Planner (in person)  
Linda Pierre, Board Director (on teleconference) arrived at 7:30 p.m.

**Others**

Denise Cook, Heritage Consultant (on teleconference) arrived at 7:40 p.m.

In the absence of Laurel the Commission Chair, Margaret was appointed as Acting Chair.

Meeting called to order at 7:08 p.m.

**Introduction**

Margaret thanked everyone for attending and asked for any additions to the agenda.

**Acceptance of the Agenda**

*Moved by Joanne Monaghan/Louise Avery to accept agenda as presented.*

Carried

**Minutes of the July 5, 2011, Meeting**

**Errors or Omissions**

Ken noted a few minor typing errors in the minutes

**Adoption**

*MOVED by Louise Avery/Steve Quigley that the Minutes of July 5, 2011, be adopted as amended.*

Carried

**Business Arising**

Louise asked if any Crown land Notations of Interest (NOI) have been created for the Heritage sites. Ken stated that he has researched it and now knows what is required but has not yet applied to Crown lands for a NOI. He noted that at this point only the Yukon

Telegraph Trail, the Gunanoot site and maybe the Meziadin Fish Ladders site would qualify for a NOI. He has been working with a local mapping consultant to better locate the Yukon Telegraph.

### **Heritage Advisory Commission member terms and recruitment**

Ken listed those members whose terms were about to expire in the Spring of 2012 and asked which members would like to return for another term and which members would not like to continue. Steve Quigley, said he would not be returning and Ken noted that he had previously heard from Rusty Ljungh and Laurel Smith-Wilson and they too would not be returning. Ken informed the group that he would be putting ads in local newspapers seeking new members and asked that existing members promote membership to those they think would make good members. New Board appointments to the commission would not likely be completed until at least the May Board meeting.

### **Update on the Registration of Heritage sites**

Ken informed the members that the information for the Gunanoot Gravesite and the Meziadin Fish Ladder sites was sent down to the BC Registry of Historic Places and they will forward the information on to the Canadian Registry of Historic Places

### **Heritage Site Awareness**

Ken reported that as a result of the interest expressed at the last meeting by the members about creating more awareness for Regional District heritage sites, he will submit an application to Heritage Legacy Fund for 50% funding (\$3600) to create 3 heritage site interpretive signs. He also noted that BC Hydro because the construction of the NW Transmission line will cross the Yukon Telegraph Trail in a few places near Bell II and Bob Quinn they have committed to funding an interpretive sign for the Yukon Telegraph Trail. He suggested that the 3 other interpretive signs should other be in the north along Hwy 37 and they should be for the Meziadin Fish Ladders, the Gunanoot Gravesite and the Telegraph Creek town site.

Louise asked where the Gunanoot sign would be located recognizing that the Gunanoot site is very isolated and not accessible by road. Ken stated that he proposes the sign be placed at the Bell 1 highway rest stop which is closest to Bowser Lake and within Simon Gunanoot's traditional trapping and hunting grounds.

*MOVED by Joanne Monaghan/Louise Avery* that the Regional District pursue funding for interpretive heritage signs for the Meziadin Fish Ladders, Gunanoot Gravesite, Telegraph Creek town site and the Yukon Telegraph Trail heritage sites.

Carried

### **Nomination received for additions to the Heritage Registry**

Ken informed the members that he received an application last summer from the Terrace Rod and Gun Club to add the WW II firing range bunkers to the Regional District's Community Heritage Registry. An information report with photos was provided to the members as part of the agenda. Ken wanted to make the members aware of the application and they would likely have to decide at the next meeting whether they would want to add this site to the registry.

Margaret spoke to the possibility of adding to the registry the former fish hatchery site at Hatchery Creek near Lakelse Lake and suggested that other members consider if there are any historical places in their region that might be worthy of adding on the registry.

### **Review of Statements of Significance**

Ken introduced Denise Cook to the members and asked Denise to provide some information about the process of writing a statement of significance (SOS), the research she has been doing and what kind of information she has found about the Dorreen, Pacific and Meanskinisht sites. Denise described her visits to the sites last September and talked about the local people she spoke with and the results of the public meeting held in Terrace. She mentioned some the information she has received and where it was found.

The members had been provided a first draft copy of each SOS as part of the agenda. Ken asked the members if they had any comments about the SOS or if they wanted to provide any personal comments about the heritage sites values. Members provided some personal comments and made some suggestions about additional information that could be included in the SOSs.

Amanda agreed to help Denise find some more information about Gitxsan burial traditions for the Meanskinisht SOS.

Louise asked if information about the maximum number of residents that lived in Dorreen could be added to the SOS. Margaret suggested she might be able to help find that information.

Ken informed the members that he would continue to work with Denise toward a final version of the SOSs and will let the members review the documents at that time.

### **New Business**

Linda asked if the church at Kitwanga could be added to the heritage registry. Ken replied that the Regional District is limited to only adding sites that are within its jurisdiction and the Kitwanga church is on Federal Reserve land. He noted that there are a number of historical churches on First Nation reserves and would ask if there has been an occasion in other Regional Districts where they have somehow been able to allow sites on reserves to be added to Regional District's heritage registry.

### **Next Meeting**

As needed.

### **Adjournment**

*MOVED by Joanne Monaghan* that the meeting be adjourned. Meeting adjourned at 8:17 pm.

Carried

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Chairperson

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Recording Secretary

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Date