

Minutes of the Meeting of the Regional District of Kitimat-Stikine Heritage Advisory Commission held Wednesday June 14, 2013, in the Regional District of Kitimat-Stikine Board Room, 300 - 4545 Lazelle Avenue, Terrace, BC, commencing at 3:00 pm.

Members in Attendance

Kelsey Wiebe, member at large (in person)
Maggie Carew, Hazelton area member (in person)
Shirley Rosichuk, Stewart/Nass area member (in person)
Shannon Hurst Hazelton area alternate (in person)
Walter Thorne, Kitimat area alternate (in person)

Members Absent

Web Bennett, Terrace area alternate
Amanda Marshall, Terrace area member
Amanda Jacobs, Dease Lake/Telegraph Creek area member
Leslie Prpich, member at large
Maggie Baxter, member at large
Dave Brocklebank, Board Director

Regional District Representatives in Attendance

Ken Newman, Planner (in person)

Regional District Representatives Absent

Dave Brocklebank, Board Director, Area D

Meeting called to order at 3:12 p.m.

Election of Chair

Shannon Hurst was elected as Chair for 2013.

Introduction

Shannon welcomed the members to the meeting and each introduced themselves and what area they represented.

Adoption of the Agenda

Moved by Shirley Rosichuk/Maggie Carew to adoption agenda as presented.

Carried

Adoption of Minutes from the February 6, 2013, Meeting

Moved by KelseyWiebe/Shirley Rosichuk to adopt the minutes of February 6, 2013 as presented.

Carried

Business Arising

Ken provided answers to a number of questions that were raised at the February 6th meeting. He had provided answers to the members referring to an e-mail on February 18th earlier in the year. He had not yet heard from the Terrace Rod and Gun Club about whether they still wanted to have the WW II range bunkers to be a heritage site. The RDKS has supported an application by the Tahltan Band to Northern Development Initiative (NDI) for funding to do a tourism economic feasibility study. Two letters had been sent to CN Rail about painting the bridge. They acknowledged the letters but provided no specifics about painting it. Cemeteries on Crown land can be managed by a local government or society. They may also have to get some kind of Crown land tenure to operate the cemetery. Cemeteries have to be designated as such under the Act otherwise it is just a burial ground and it is illegal to bury a body. The naming Mehan Lake was named after a WW II veteran; there is already a Hodder Lake in the Kispiox Valley named after Jim Hodder the telegraph operator.

Northwest Transmission Line extension and Yukon Telegraph Trail heritage site

Ken had earlier sent the members information about proposed extension of the Northwest Transmission Line to Tatogga Lake and the application for land tenures for the line and the construction camp. As proposed the line would cross the Yukon Telegraph Line in one location and 2 of the 4 proposed camp locations would be built on top of the telegraph line. The members discussed the issue and asked about the Crown land referral process.

Moved by Walter Thorne/Kelsey Wiebe recommending that the Regional District not support a License of Occupation for a construction camp at Refuge Lake or Eastman Creek and that other alternate sites be considered. If a preferred site is the only option that good rationale be provided along with information on how impacts might be mitigated through best practices.

Carried

Heritage Registry Site consideration 2013

The group reviewed the 2011 heritage resource list removing from and adding sites to the list. They also made a sites priority list.

Action: Ken will type a updated list and a priority list and circulate it to the members.

Kelsey left the meeting at 4:50 pm.

Heritage Site Notations of Interest

Ken updated the members about the attempts to get a notation of interest (NOI) Crown land tenures for the Meziadin Fish Ladder site, the Gunanoot Graveyard Point site and for Yukon Telegraph Cabin No. 1 site.

Other Heritage Site Projects

Ken noted that there may be other projects the members might like to do other than just recognizing heritage sites and placing them on the community heritage registry. The other options can continuation of the interpretive signs, gathering and preparing additional information supporting or related to an already recognized site. Some how acknowledging other sites that may not be worthy of addition to the community heritage registry.

Heritage Interpretive sign update

Ken let the group know that the 4 heritage signs to be placed along Highway 37 will be going up in the first week of July. Ken suggested that Shirley might want to come up for a formal acknowledgement and photo op of the installation of the signs which is part of the obligation of the funding from the Heritage Legacy Fund. Shirley agreed and Shannon volunteered to go as well if it fit her schedule. Ken will confirm a date after he speaks with the contractor.

BC Museum Association AGM June 14-16

Ken noted that Kelsey was one of the organizers of the event and encouraged members to attend events on the weekend.

New Business

Ken let the members know that Leslie Prpich has had to resign from the commission for personal reasons.

Moved by Maggie Carew/Shirley Rosichuk that a letter be written to Leslie thanking her for her service on the Heritage Advisory Commission.

Carried

Shannon asked what the 2013 budget was for the heritage program. She thought that they might be able to have a better idea of what might be possible if they knew what the budget was.

Action: Ken will ask for heritage program budget information and report back to the members.

Next Meeting

As required

Adjournment

MOVED by Maggie Carew that the meeting be adjourned. Meeting adjourned at 5:07 pm.

Carried

Chairperson

Recording Secretary

Date