

Minutes of the Meeting of the Regional District of Kitimat-Stikine Heritage Advisory Commission held Friday May 9, 2014, 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)
Shirley Rosichuk, Stewart/Nass area member (in person)
Amanda Marshall, Terrace area member (in person)
Maggie Baxter, member at large (in person)
Walter Thorne, Kitimat area alternate (in person)

Members Absent

Web Bennett, Terrace area alternate
Shannon Hurst Hazelton area alternate
Amanda Jacobs, Dease Lake/Telegraph Creek area member

Regional District Representatives in Attendance

Ken Newman, Planner (in person)

Regional District Representatives Absent

Dave Brocklebank, Board Director, Area D

Introduction

Kelsey called the meeting to order at 3:05 PM

Adoption of the Agenda

Moved by Walter Thorne/Maggie Baxter to adopt the agenda as presented.

Carried

Adoption of Minutes from the March 5, 2014, Meeting

Moved by Shirley Rosichuk/Amanda Marshall to adopt the minutes of March 5, 2014 as presented.

Carried

Business Arising

Kelsey said she wasn't able to get the Lakelse Hotsprings information together in time for the meeting but would try and get the information to the group before the next meeting in order to consider it as a heritage site and for addition to the heritage registry.

Commission Member Term renewals

Ken confirmed that those in attendance were willing to continue to participate as Heritage Advisory Commission members for another term. He noted that he has someone interested for the Hazelton area member position which would fill all the voting member positions but

there haven't been any alternate members that have expressed any interest in continuing. The members recommended that ads be placed in the local newspapers seeking alternate member positions.

Action: Ken will place ads in the local newspapers to recruit members for the Heritage Advisory Commission.

Funding Request for Friends of the Smithers Library

In letter dated April 17, 2014 the Friends of the Smithers Library requested funding from the Regional District to help fund the digitizing of the historical issues of the Interior News newspaper. The Friends of Smithers Library has created a digitizing committee who has gained \$3,300 in a match fund grant from the Irving K. Barber Learning Foundation and is seeking to raise the necessary matching funds to be prepared for the call for grant applications by September 2014.

The members discussed the request for funding but had a number of questions. How much are they requesting? How the Regional District might be recognized? What other efforts for funding they have made? How much coverage of the Hazelton area is actually within the Interior News? Will this be a onetime request or will they be returning for more funding at additional stages of the project?

Moved by Walter Thorne/Maggie Baxter that the request for funding by the Friends of Smithers Library be table until more information is obtained.

Carried

Action: That Ken write a letter to the Friends of the Smithers Library seeking more information.

Heritage Registry Site Consideration

Ken informed the members he had contact Amanda Jacobs and had spoken to Darcy Frocklage, the Electoral Area Director for Dease Lake, about considering the Dease Landing (Lake House) for a Regional District heritage site. Darcy agreed it had significant heritage value but expressed some concern about how recognizing the site might draw attention to the site and cause the site to become busy and impacting on the communities use of the site. Ken has previously spoken to the owners of the neighbouring property and at the time they recognized the sites heritage value and that it was a public access to the lake.

The members discussed the Dease Landing site feeling it was too significant not to be added to the Regional District community heritage registry. They further thought that maybe the statement of significance might be written but the site not necessarily promoted until some public consultation could be done to gauge the communities feelings about recognizing and promotion of the site.

Kelsey said she would provide the members some information about the Lakelse Lake Hotsprings so the members could consider adding it to the Regional District community heritage registry. The members would have to know where the actual location of the site would be.

Regarding the Tramville site the members felt that more information about the site was necessary before any further consideration of the site could be discussed.

Action: Kelsey will provide the members information she has obtained about the Lakelse Lake Hotsprings site before the next meeting.

Moved by Walter Thorne/Maggie Baxter that Dease Landing be added to the Regional District community heritage registry and a statement of significance be prepared but prior to any promotion of the site that community consultation be conducted about what heritage site recognition means.

Carried

Staff Update

Ken updated the members on the events that celebrated the 100th anniversary of the first Grand Trunk Pacific Railway (GTPR) passenger train from the east through the Skeena Valley to the terminus at Prince Rupert. He presented the members with copies of the posters created for the event that promoted the GTPR in the Skeena Valley and the Regional District heritage sites, Pacific Roundhouse and the Dorreen Railway Station & Store.

The members discussed the creation of a brochure for the 100th Anniversary of the construction of the GTPR to be made available for distribution during the 2014 travel season. Kelsey suggested that the article written about the GTPR in the Skeena Valley and that appeared in the Terrace Standard should be sent to the VIA Rail Destinations magazine.

Action: Ken will contact VIA about contributing the GTP 100th Anniversary article to the VIA Rail Destinations magazine.

Moved by Amanda Marshall/Shirley Rosichuk that the funds be used from the heritage budget for the creation of a brochure celebrating the 100th anniversary of the Grand Trunk Pacific Railway in the Skeena Valley.

New Business

Shirley expressed an interest in doing some research on the historical marine transportation system on the north coast particularly the inside passage and the Portland Canal. Though it may not warrant selection as a single site for a heritage site on the heritage registry it was an important part of the history of the north coast.

Moved by Shirley Rosichuk/Walter Thorne that funds be used to hire a consultant to prepare a report for publication about the history of the marine transportation system on the north coast.

Action: Members consider, for the next meeting, a list of potential Regional District historical topics, that might not be considered for a heritage site but for which a research report could be prepared that would tell the heritage story of the Regional District.

Action: Shirley will look into what the Regional District might do for Canada's 150th Anniversary celebration in 2015 and research funding opportunities.

Action: Kelsey and Amanda will look into funding opportunities available through Spectra Energy (West Connector Pipeline) and TransCanada (Prince Rupert Gas Transmission Pipeline) for support conducting research on the locating of the Yukon Telegraph Trail.

Next Meeting

As required.

Adjournment

MOVED by Walter Thorne that the meeting be adjourned. Meeting adjourned at 4:45 pm.

Carried

Chairperson

Recording Secretary

Date