



CITY OF YELLOWKNIFE

MINUTES

HERITAGE COMMITTEE
Wednesday, April 19, 2017 at 12:00 p.m.
City Hall, Lower Boardroom

Minutes of a meeting held on Wednesday, April 19, 2017 at 12:00 p.m. in the Lower Boardroom at City Hall.

The following Committee members were in attendance:

Chair: Councillor J. Morse,
Mayor M. Heyck,
S. Allerston,
A. Cartwright,
L. Gordon,
D. Finch,
D. Kellett,
E. Purchase,
A. Salomon.

The following Committee members were absent:

F. Sangris.

The following members of Administration were in attendance:

J. Larsen, and
S. Jovic.

Call to Order

1. The Chair called the meeting to order at 12:05 p.m.

Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest

2. There were no disclosures of pecuniary interest.

Approval of Agenda

3. L. Gordon moved,
A. Cartwright seconded,

That the Agenda be approved as presented.

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Approval of the Minutes

4. D. Finch moved,
M. Heyck seconded,

That the Minutes of the meeting held on March 15, 2017 be approved.

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Her Majesty's Canadian Ship (HMCS) Yellowknife

5. Committee noted that Lieutenant Commander Thompson-Greiff, Commanding Officer of Her Majesty's Canadian Ship (HMCS) Yellowknife, contacted the Mayor regarding a 40mm Gun artifact. Committee further noted that the 40mm Bofors were used for naval gunnery off the Kingston Class ships for about 15 years. Committee stated that the Royal Canadian Navy is divesting these weapons in favour of a more modern system. Committee further stated that their goal is to determine if the City would like to keep the artifact. Committee noted that a concrete pad able to handle 5000 lbs of mass would be required for the artifact. Committee further noted that the artifact doesn't belong under the Heritage Committee's mandate. Committee stated that the Department of National Defence has some artifacts in front of their building and that the 40mm gun may be more appropriately installed there.

Action Item: Administration to contact the Department of National Defence (DND) to inquire if they would like the artifact from Her Majesty's Canadian Ship (HMCS) Yellowknife.

Heritage Committee Judging at the Yellowknife Regional Learning Fair (April 28)

6. Committee noted the Yellowknife Regional Learning Fair is a chance for students to showcase what they have learned through their Science or Heritage project. Committee further noted that the projects at the regional fair were chosen from their in-school presentations and that winners from the regional fair are chosen to represent Yellowknife at the Territorial and National level. Committee stated that the 2017 Regional Learning Fair will be held at N.J. Macpherson School on Friday, April 28, 2017. Committee further noted that the fair is open to the public on Saturday, April 29 from 10:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. with the awards ceremony scheduled to begin at 11:00 a.m. Committee members are invited to help judge the projects created by the students.

Action Item: Mayor Heyck to send email to Committee members to inquire if they are able to participate as a judge at the Yellowknife Regional Learning Fair.

An update regarding Strategic Planning Session

7. Committee noted that the Working Group had two meetings on March 23, 2017 and March 30, 2017. Committee further noted that the Working Group reviewed examples of a couple other strategic heritage plans from Ladysmith, BC and the Township of Scugog, ON and tried to fit them within the mandate of the Yellowknife Heritage Committee. Committee stated that the Working Group considered the following factors: Intercultural/inclusivity of indigenous partners, history, and culture; Priorities that Council understands and supports; 5 year timeframe; Logical connection to Intercultural Heritage & Placemaking Plan; Statements that



are meaningful to the public; Limited staff time; and Limited time commitment from Heritage Committee Members. Committee further stated that the Working Group identified key strategic themes as follows: Celebrate, Inform, Broaden (pamphlets and information), Recognize, Support, Tourism, Signage/Plaque, Modernization (digital inventories, augmentation etc.), Preservation, and Multiculturalism. Committee suggested minor edits and noted that this Strategic Plan will be reviewed annually. Committee noted that the Terms of Reference for the Heritage Committee state that the Chair's responsibility is to present a written and verbal annual report to the appropriate Standing Committee of Council within the second quarter. Committee further noted that would be an opportunity to present the Strategic Plan to Council.

8. E. Purchase moved,
A. Cartwright seconded,

That subject to editorial changes as discussed during the meeting the Strategic Plan be adopted.

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Action Item: Councillor Morse to present the Strategic Plan along with the annual report to the Municipal Services Committee meeting within the second quarter.

Canada 150 Heritage Event Planning/Yellowknife's 50th year as Capital of the NWT

9. Committee noted that May 1, 2017 will mark the 50th anniversary of Yellowknife as a capital. Committee further noted that a number of events will be hosted by the City of Yellowknife. Committee advised that the City is looking for partners who can contribute to the success of this event. Committee further advised that the City invited the Heritage Committee to provide events for the anniversary activities. Committee noted that they will follow up with Mr. Jake Ootes, who is writing a book commemorating Yellowknife's 50th anniversary as the capital of the NWT to inquire about the publication date.

At the previous meeting on March 15, 2017 the Committee discussed various ideas for the Heritage Events to commemorate the capital:

- approaching the Legislative Assembly as they might have plans already or may provide them with ideas;
- approaching the Yellowknives Dene or elders to share stories;
- screening movies from a relevant period (check film in the Archives);
- hiring a radio producer or film maker to create something for this event; and
- checking with CBC whether they've done something similar for a previous anniversary.

Action Item: Administration to follow up on ideas presented for Canada 150 Heritage Event Planning/ Yellowknife's 50th year as Capital of the NWT.



Pilot's Monument Repair Update

10. This item was deferred to the next meeting.

Budget Update

11. This item was deferred to the next meeting.

Next Scheduled Meeting

12. Committee noted that the next regular meeting is scheduled for May 17, 2017.

Adjournment

13. E. Purchase moved,
D. Finch seconded,

That the meeting be adjourned at 12:55 p.m.

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