



CITY OF YELLOWKNIFE

MINUTES

HERITAGE COMMITTEE

Thursday, December 14, 2017 at 12:00 p.m.

City Hall, Upper Boardroom

Minutes of a meeting held on Thursday, December 14, 2017 at 12:00 p.m. in the Upper Boardroom at City Hall.

The following Committee members were in attendance:

Chair: Councillor J. Morse,
A. Cartwright,
D. Finch,
L. Gordon,
C. Lafferty,
E. Purchase,
Y. Quick
A. Salomon, and
N. Santos.

The following Committee members were absent:

Mayor M. Heyck,
S. Allerston, and
F. Sangris.

The following members of Administration were in attendance:

N. Naidoo,
A. Watson,
J. Derksen, and
J. Boyd.

Call to Order

1. The Chair called the meeting to order at 12: 03 p.m.

Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest

2. There were no disclosures of pecuniary interest.



Approval of Agenda

3. N. Santos moved,
A. Salomon seconded,

That the Agenda be approved as presented.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Approval of the Minutes

4. L. Gordon moved,
D. Finch seconded,

That the Minutes of the meeting held on November 16, 2017 be approved.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Heritage Committee Funding Application – Yellowknife Artists Cooperative Ltd.

5. Committee heard a presentation from Mr. Matthew Grogono and Mr. Scott Lough, representatives of the Yellowknife Artists Cooperative (YAC), regarding a Feasibility Study to convert the historical Hudson Bay Warehouse, located at 3501 Wylie Road, into a Centre for the Arts. The feasibility study will determine the cost of restoring the building, identify methods to raise funds, and provide practical ways to make the building sustainable. The eventual goal would be to create a space for artists of all genres to come together to practice their craft and collaborate to enhance the art community in Yellowknife. The preservation of the building along with the nurturing and development of the arts community would contribute to the objectives of the Yellowknife Artists Cooperative.

The Yellowknife Artists Cooperative is requesting funding in the amount of \$3,000.00, which will be put toward their budget of \$16,000.00 to fund the costs of the Feasibility Study. This will include hiring a feasibility consultant that specializes in cooperative corporations. Asbestos and mildew have been discovered in the building, and a great deal of work would be required to restore the integrity of the space. The cost of alleviating these issues would be researched in the feasibility study.

As the Yellowknife Artists Cooperative is a for profit corporation, this may affect the City of Yellowknife's ability to provide funding for this project. Administration advised that they will provide policy clarification on whether the for-profit status affects funding eligibility. YAC advised that they felt it was appropriate to request Heritage Committee funding since the Hudson Bay Warehouse property is a designated heritage site.

Action: Heritage Committee will deliberate on the Yellowknife Artists Cooperative funding application for \$3,000.00 for a Feasibility Study to convert the Hudson Bay Warehouse property into a Centre for the Arts in Yellowknife. Any follow up questions from the Committee will be brought to the applicant by Administration.



Heritage Committee Funding Application – Videos of our Elders Project

6. Committee heard a presentation from Ms. Ann Lynagh, regarding a funding request to develop a pilot project to create videos to tell the stories of local elders and preserve the history of Yellowknife. This proposal involves videotaping elders in Yellowknife to capture their unique stories about Yellowknife's past for their family, friends and the community. The goal of this project is to create a video archive that can be accessed readily, which captures the personal history of local elders, thereby preserving their stories and creating an audio visual history of Yellowknife.

Funding is requested in the amount of \$2,000.00 for the Videos of our Elders Project which would go towards the cost of hiring a camera operator, equipment and for editing the final product. This funding request would go toward the initial videotaping of two or three people in the community as they tell their stories. If the project is successful, it could continue to grow and evolve to include a video archive of multiple elders, including pioneers of Yellowknife as well as Indigenous peoples who have lived in the area for many years. These videos would be made available to the City of Yellowknife as an archived history which would be publically available and could be used for promotions and festivals. Each video would be individually produced and could be available on YouTube.

Action: Heritage Committee will deliberate on the funding application from Ms. Ann Lynagh for \$2,000.00 for the Videos of our Elders Project to create a video archive of the stories of Elders in Yellowknife. Any follow up questions from the Committee will be brought to the applicant by Administration.

7. All proponents left the meeting at 12:53 p.m.
8. The Chair recommended that the Committee defer deliberations of the applications to the next meeting due to time restrictions. Administration noted that they could follow up with the Corporate Services Department to determine the criteria of whether the Heritage Committee is able to provide funding to an organization that is for profit.

Budget Update

9. This item was deferred to the next meeting.

Fox Moth Society Funding Application Follow up

10. This item was deferred to the next meeting.

Intercultural Heritage Placemaking Plan

11. This item was deferred to the next meeting.

Update on Designation of Bristol Freighter as a "Designated Heritage Site"

12. The working group will be meeting to start the application process for the Designation of the Bristol Freighter site, located at Lot 4, Block 314. The application would be presented at the Heritage Committee Meeting for review and evaluation. If approved, the application would then be sent to the Municipal Services Committee and go forward to Council to pass a by-law designating the Bristol Freighter as a heritage site.



Update on Use of Heritage Reserve for Repainting of Bristol Freighter

13. As part of the 2018 budget, Council has approved the spending of \$55,000.00 from the Heritage Reserve to fund the repainting of the Bristol Freighter.

The original purpose of the Heritage Reserve was for the restoration of the Hudson Bay Warehouse building. This should be taken into consideration when making recommendations on spending money that is in the reserve.

Update on Potential Meeting with Mining Heritage Society

14. The Mining Heritage Society has now officially changed its name to the Yellowknife Historical Society. There is still interest in reaching out to this group and meet with them.

Action Item: J. Morse to reach out to Yellowknife Historical Society regarding a potential meeting with the Heritage Committee.

Action Item: Chair and Administration to have a meeting to discuss operation of the Heritage Committee.

Next Scheduled Meeting

15. Committee noted that the next regular meeting is scheduled for January 18, 2017.

Adjournment

16. The meeting was adjourned at 1:00 p.m.

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