



CITY OF YELLOWKNIFE

MINUTES

HERITAGE COMMITTEE
Wednesday, August 16, 2017 at 12:00 p.m.
City Hall, Lower Boardroom

Minutes of a meeting held on Wednesday, August 16, 2017 at 12:00 p.m. in the Lower Boardroom at City Hall.

The following Committee members were in attendance:

Chair: Councillor J. Morse,
D. Kellett,
L. Gordon,
A. Salomon,
D. Finch, and
E. Purchase.

The following Committee members were absent:

Mayor M. Heyck,
S. Allerston,
A. Cartwright,
F. Sangris, and
N. Santos.

The following members of Administration were in attendance:

N. Naidoo,
V. Fontanilla, and
J. Boyd.

Call to Order

1. The Chair called the meeting to order at 12:15 p.m.

Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest

2. There were no disclosures of pecuniary interest.



Approval of Agenda

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

That the Agenda be approved as presented.

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Approval of the Minutes

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

That the Minutes of the meeting held on July 19, 2017 be approved.

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Heritage Committee Funding Program Application – Cross Country NWT

5. Committee heard a presentation from Cross Country NWT at the previous meeting and briefly discussed the minor issue of the location of the proposed display. Committee noted that whereas the display will be housed in a location that is not a publically accessible venue, there was concern over the value to the community. Committee raised some further questions and concerns around the presentation which included the following:
 - The location of the display and whether there is a way to make the display more publically accessible. It was noted that the Ski Club is accessible to members and the building is open to the public during events.
 - If this funding is not received, will it be possible for the group to move forward with the project?
 - If the committee provided a smaller amount of funding, would this be sufficient to enable the project to move forward to completion?

Committee provided background to Administration regarding the discussion from the previous meeting. It was noted that the project would consist of more than a single display case. A designer has been commissioned to work with the group on the creation of the display, which is still in the early stages. \$2,000.00 of the funding requested would be put toward the cost of the services of the designer.

Action Item: Further discussion on this project will be deferred to the next meeting.

Action Item: Administration will contact Cross Country NWT regarding committee questions and will invite the group to attend the next Heritage Committee Meeting for further discussion.

Dene Nahjo Urban Tanning Program



6. Committee was provided with an update that the approval of funding for the Dene Nahjo Urban Tanning Program will be brought forward at a special Council meeting today.

Canada 150 Heritage Event Planning/Yellowknife's 50 Year as Capital

7. Committee discussed options for possible events to celebrate Canada 150 Heritage/Yellowknife's 50 years as Capital. A proposal was made to provide support for *Together – an exhibition on global development*. This travelling exhibition explores how Canadians are working together to alleviate global poverty. The exhibit is scheduled to be on display at the Prince of Wales Northern Heritage Centre and there was discussion on the possibility of partnering with the museum to promote this exhibit. There was concern that the display is focused on global rather than local content and is not specific to heritage. It was noted that the Heritage Committee would mainly provide promotion of the exhibit, but no monetary provisions.

Action Item: D. Finch will follow up with Prince of Wales Northern Heritage Centre to obtain more information regarding the promotion of this exhibit, and will communicate this information to the committee via email.

8. Committee discussed holding a storytelling event at the Wildcat Café rather than the traditional jam session during the month of February, 2018. This could be classified as a YK 50 signature event, including an invitation to the public to attend and relay stories relating to Yellowknife's Heritage. This signature event could also provide an opportunity to highlight a book written by Mr. Jake Ootes, which will commemorate Yellowknife's 50th anniversary as the capital of the NWT. It is expected that this book will be completed by February 2018. This event has been successful in the past and the added feature of storytelling could add a more curated component to the experience.
9. Committee noted that Dene Nahjo is currently in discussion with the City to make the Urban Tanning Program a YK 50 signature event. This exemplifies efforts being made by the City toward reconciliation with Dene Nahjo. It was noted that although this is an important step, it does not specifically follow the immediate mandate of the committee.

Budget Update

10. Committee was provided with an update on the budget. Any changes to the budget update will be provided after the special council meeting today.

Preservation of Heritage Resources

11. Committee recently approved the *Intercultural Heritage and Placemaking Plan*. It was noted that there is a need to enter discussions with Yellowknives Dene First Nation (YKDFN) regarding this approval and to ensure that information is communicated to this group.

Action Item: Administration will schedule a meeting with YKDFN to discuss this plan and will bring this forward to Council.



12. Committee noted that recent work has been focused on heritage days, art shows, and various smaller events. There is now a need to be diligent in the review of development applications and determining whether these applications pose a risk to heritage. There is a need to preserve and recognize heritage buildings which may be threatened by development applications. There was discussion around the procedures in place to designate and recognize heritage buildings and properties.

Heritage resources have an intrinsic value from both a heritage and tourism perspective. The most recent assessment of heritage resources was in 2015. There was discussion regarding the mandate of the committee and the need to clearly identify the criteria required to designate and recognize heritage properties. It is through this designation that heritage buildings and properties can be provided with protection when threatened by future development. Discussions regarding the preservation of these buildings should occur within this committee. If the decision is made to save a building, further discussion would need to ensue to determine whether to abandon or restore and preserve the identified building.

Action Item: Further discussion on this item will be deferred to the next meeting.

Next Scheduled Meeting

13. Committee noted that the next regular meeting is scheduled for September 20, 2017.

Adjournment

14. E. Purchase moved,
D. Kellett seconded,

That the meeting be adjourned at 1:01 p.m.

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