



CITY OF YELLOWKNIFE

MINUTES

HERITAGE COMMITTEE

Wednesday, January 25, 2017 at 12:00 p.m.

City Hall, Lower Boardroom

Minutes of a meeting held on Wednesday, January 25, 2017 at 12:00 p.m. in the Lower Boardroom at City Hall.

The following Committee members were in attendance:

Chair: J. Morse,
S. Allerston,
A. Cartwright,
D. Finch, and
A. Salomon.

The following Committee members were absent:

Mayor Heyck,
D. Kellet,
K. Luce,
E. Purchase, and
F. Sangris.

The following members of Administration were in attendance:

J. Larsen,
W. Yu, and
S. Jovic.

There was no quorum. Notes for Information Only.

Presentation from Mr. Batiste Foisy, AFCY

1. Committee heard a presentation from Mr. Batiste Foisy, Association Franco-culturelle de Yellowknife (AFCY), regarding Northern and Francophone History. Mr. Foisy stated that at the end of March they will bring Mr. Serge Bouchard to Yellowknife. Mr. Foisy further stated that Mr. Bouchard is a well-known anthropologist, popular historian and French CBC personality. Mr. Foisy noted that AFCY has asked the committee to suggest any topics Mr. Bouchard could potentially cover in one of his lectures. Mr. Foisy further noted that they are not looking for endorsement not financial support.



Action Item: Committee members to provide ideas via email for topics that reflect the goals of the Heritage Committee to the Chair, so he can forward to Mr. Foisy, Association Franco-culturelle de Yellowknife.

2. Mr. Foisy left the meeting at 12:25 p.m.

Vacancy

3. Councilor Morse advised that Ms. Stephanie Irlbacher-Fox has resigned from the Heritage Committee.

Action Item: Administration to advertise a vacancy on Heritage Committee.

Quorum

4. Councilor Morse emphasized that it is important that members respond to calls for quorum as promptly as possible, to assist city staff in organizing the meetings. Councilor Morse further noted that it is also important that members attend meetings regularly, as the Committee cannot function if quorum is not achieved.

Heritage-themed Public Signage Initiative

5. Councilor Morse noted that Council authorized the expenditure of \$5,000 toward Historical Research Consulting and Graphic Design Work for a heritage themed Public Signage Initiative with funds from the Heritage Committee Reserve Fund. Councilor Morse further noted that Council would like to see a more complete plan for this project, together with cost estimates before committing additional funding.

John Sabourin Raven Statue

6. Administration provided an update regarding the Raven Statue Project. Administration noted that the 5 foot by 5 foot statue was created by John Sabourin in 2006. Administration further noted that the statue has been stored in various locations over the years. Administration stated that it is now stored in Mr. Sabourin's backyard. Administration further stated that Mr. Sabourin will repair it in the spring. Administration further noted that the City paid for the statue but there will be cost for repair and mounting. Administration advised that this project can be included in the Heritage-themed Public Signage Initiative (Intercultural Heritage and Placemaking Plan).

Committee noted that it was raised by Council that the Heritage Committee doesn't have a Strategic Plan. Committee further noted that the Strategic Plan was created following visioning workshops facilitated by Tait Communications in November 2013 and January 2014. Committee advised it wasn't cohesive and needs to be updated.

Action Item: Administration to include on the next Heritage Committee agenda a discussion regarding a strategic planning session. Administration to circulate a copy of the Strategic Plan to Committee.



February Heritage Days Volunteers

7. Committee discussed the schedule for the 2017 Heritage Days event. Committee noted that this annual event celebrates Yellowknife's unique heritage and will take place February 24-26, 2017. Committee further noted that 2017 marks Yellowknife's 50th anniversary as the territorial capital and events this year will reflect this theme. Committee advised that the event will kick off Friday, February 24 with an open mic event and evening of stories at the Wildcat Café. Committee advised that guided tours of the Legislative Assembly are usually provided on Saturdays and can showcase the art and heritage contained within the historic Territorial Legislature. Committee further advised that on Sunday, February 26, the City of Yellowknife Heritage Committee can co-host the "Hands on Heritage" event with the Prince of Wales Northern Heritage Centre.

Action Item: Administration to contact the Legislative Assembly regarding guided tours.

Canada 150 Heritage Event Planning

8. Committee noted that Heritage Week is intended to promote heritage in Yellowknife and is usually held in February. Committee further noted that the standard events "Wildcat Jam" and "Amazing Family Sundays" at the Prince of Wales Northern Heritage Centre will happen in February. Committee stated noted that this year marks Canada's 150 anniversary and the 50th anniversary of Yellowknife as the capital of Northwest Territories. Committee advised that Yellowknife was named the capital city in 1967 and they would like to have some aspect of heritage included into summer/fall events to celebrate the 50th anniversary.

Pilot's Monument Repair Update

9. Administration advised that Pilot's Monument is located on territorial land. Administration further advised that Pilot's Monument commemorates events not the place and it is designated by Federal Government. Administration stated that it is historical site and monument of Parks Canada. Committee noted that the City of Yellowknife Department of Planning and Development will initiate discussions with Parks Canada regarding the repair of Pilot's Monument.

Budget Update

10. Administration provided an update on the budget. Committee noted that the budget for 2016 was exceeded and that the difference will come out of the Heritage Committee Reserve Fund.

Next Scheduled Meeting

11. Committee noted that the next regular meeting is scheduled for February 15, 2017.

Adjournment

12. The meeting was adjourned at 1:03 p.m.

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