



CITY OF YELLOWKNIFE

MINUTES

HERITAGE COMMITTEE

Wednesday, July 19, 2017 at 12:00 p.m.

City Hall, Main Boardroom

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

The following Committee members were in attendance:

Chair: Councillor J. Morse,
Mayor M. Heyck,
S. Allerston,
A. Cartwright,
D. Finch,
E. Purchase, and
F. Sangris.

The following Committee members were absent:

L. Gordon,
D. Kellett,
A. Salomon, and
N. Santos.

The following members of Administration were in attendance:

J. Larsen,
D. Cepoi, and
S. Jovic.

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. E. Purchase moved,
S. Allerston seconded,

That the Agenda be approved as presented.

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Approval of the Minutes

4. Administration noted that previous minutes regarding the Woodyard have been amended to reflect the nature of the City's Greater Land Application to the GNWT.
5. E. Purchase moved,
D. Finch seconded,

That the Minutes of the meeting held on June 14, 2017 be approved as amended.

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The Intercultural Heritage and Placemaking Plan ("Plan")

6. Committee 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. Committee further noted that Council requested that a more complete plan for a Heritage-themed Public Signage Initiative, highlighting significant heritage locations in Yellowknife, together with cost estimates be provided before committing additional funding. Committee suggested that the Plan be amended to indicate the significance of the location of the Raven Sculpture in Raccine Park. Committee further suggested minor amendments and left it with Administration to finalize.
7. A. Cartwright moved,
M. Heyck seconded,

That Committee recommends:

1. **the approval of the Intercultural Heritage and Placemaking Plan, as amended; and**
2. **the expenditure of \$45,000 for the commemoration of historic sites which have significance to both the Yellowknives Dene history and that of the non-indigenous settlement of Yellowknife (or a Heritage-themed Public Signage Initiative).**

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Action Item: Administration to bring forward a memorandum to Committee to approve the Intercultural Heritage and Placemaking Plan and approve the expenditure for the commemoration of historic sites which have significance to both the Yellowknives Dene history and that of the non-indigenous settlement of Yellowknife.



Heritage Committee Funding Program Applications

8. Committee noted that they received three (3) applications for Heritage Committee Project Funding as follows:
1. Fox Moth Society;
 2. Cross Country NWT; and
 3. Dene Nahjo Urban Tanning Program.

Heritage Committee Funding Program Application Form – Fox Moth Society

9. Committee heard a presentation from Mr. Mike Byrne, Mr. Mike Vaydik, Mr. Chuck Tolley and Mr. Ray Webber, representatives of the Fox Moth Society, Yellowknife's Aviation Historical Association, regarding Bush Pilots Monument Wind Vane Project. They noted that the Fox Moth Society intends to erect a ½ scale stainless steel sculpture of a historic Fokker Super Universal aircraft on the Bush Pilots Monument in Yellowknife's old town. The Super Universal is significant in Yellowknife's history as it was the first aircraft to land in the Yellowknife area. It was piloted by Punch Dickins and landed on Walsh Lake on April 12, 1929. The sculpture will be designed to act as a wind vane to guide pilots using the surrounding aerodromes during takeoff and landing. The Society has obtained a quote to fabricate the sculpture from a firm in Winnipeg that has experience in designing and building 3D sculptures and the Society has pledged some of its funds towards the project. They will also be soliciting donations from the Yellowknife Community Foundation, the Midnight Sun Fly-In Association and others who utilize aviation in their work, recreation or for other purposes. The Society is also planning specific fundraising activities at the Midnight Sun Fly-In this summer. The Society is requesting \$10,000 for their project.

Heritage Committee Funding Program Application Form – Cross Country NWT

10. Committee heard a presentation from Mr. Ollie Williams and Ms. Heather Scott, representatives of Cross Country NWT (CCNWT). They noted that CCNWT is endeavouring to collect historical photographs, race paraphernalia, ski gear, trail maps, trophies, and other related items to create a heritage display of cross country skiing "through the years" in the NWT. They noted that NWT has a rich skiing history and the territory's success is an important story to tell. Yellowknife has an interesting history in cross country skiing. Concurrently with this heritage project, the Yellowknife Ski Club is undergoing a renovation project that will beautify the Ski Club building interior, and also make it more functional and amenable for skiers who reside in, or are visiting, Yellowknife. As such, the Yellowknife Ski Club is the logical location to house this new heritage display. The specific goals of the project are to:
1. Create a historical point of interest at the Yellowknife Ski Club provided by a heritage display of photographs, ski gear and trophies representing cross country skiing in the NWT.
 2. Include aspects of both the competitive and recreational cross country skiing communities in the heritage display.
 3. Create the display such that it will: beautify the space at the Yellowknife Ski Club; provide a historical perspective of skiing in the NWT and Yellowknife; and promote and inspire recreational, competitive and tourism skiing in Yellowknife.



Heritage Committee Funding Program Application Form – Dene Nahjo Urban Tanning Program

11. Committee heard a presentation from Ms. Tania Larsson, a representative of Dene Nahjo Tides Canada Initiatives regarding Hide Tanning Project. Ms. Larsson noted that Dene Nahjo's mission is to advance social and environmental justice for northern peoples while promoting Indigenous leadership by fostering emerging leaders. Ms. Larsson further noted that they strive to live, learn and celebrate their cultures, languages and Indigenous values on the land, guided by their elders, to strengthen relationships in the North. Ms. Larsson stated that Dene Nahjo is a project on Tides Canada's shared platform, which supports on-the-ground efforts to create uncommon solutions for the common good. Ms. Larsson further stated that Tides Canada is a national Canadian charity dedicated to a healthy environment, social equity, and economic prosperity. Ms. Larsson advised that Dene Nahjo strives to implement outreach efforts to Indigenous communities focused on cultural preservation, revitalization and connection to the land as a basis for long-term and substantive change in Denendeh. Ms. Larsson further advised that Dene Nahjo will host their third hide tanning camp in Yellowknife (Civic Plaza) for two weeks from September 4 – 15, 2017. The camp will include these components:
 1. Hide tanning Demonstrations;
 2. Education;
 3. Artist market – Showcase; and
 3. Public outreach: Monday to Friday, 10:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.Ms. Larsson noted that program participants will tan hides in the traditional Indigenous methods, under the guidance of local elders for two weeks at a camp in Yellowknife. Ms. Larsson further noted that the general public will be welcomed to come and watch the hide tanning process and get a better understanding of why hide tanning is important in the north to many different Indigenous groups. Ms. Larsson stated that the public will be able to see firsthand the methods and the processes of hide tanning.
12. All proponents left the meeting at 12:40 p.m.
13. Committee discussed the applications received. Committee noted that they review applications twice per year in May and November. Committee further noted that in October 2015 Council passed Motion #0328-15 to:
 1. Approve the proposed Heritage Committee Budget for 2015 with a \$3,000 spending limit per project/initiative as follows:



HC Projects	Heritage Days; Heritage awards; improvements to designated heritage sites;	\$20,000
HC Art Program	Acquisition of art	\$3,500
HC Meeting Expenses & Administration	Heritage Committee meetings	\$2,500
HC Advertising & Plaquing	New plaques and repairs to existing; banners; newspaper/radio advertising	\$5,000
HC Contracted Costs	Historical research; specialist services	\$4,000
TOTAL		\$35,000

- 2 That projects or initiatives which (a) fall outside of the approved budget, (b) are above \$3,000, or (c) may conflict with City By-laws or procedures or Council Goals and Objectives, require approval by Council based on a memorandum and recommendation from Administration.

Heritage Committee Funding Program Application – Fox Moth Society

14. Committee discussed the Fox Moth Project. Committee noted that there is lack of information in their application and that the noise issue, site lines, limited city land that is not contained in Akaitcho Withdrawal and alternate locations need to be considered. Committee further noted that Fox Moth Society should consult with NAV Canada, Transport Canada and Parks Canada. Committee felt as there is lack of information Fox Moth Society should resubmit their proposal in November. Committee requested that Administration work with the proponent to finalize this resubmission.

Heritage Committee Funding Program Application - Cross Country NWT

15. Committee deferred a discussion regarding the Cross Country NWT Funding Application to the next meeting.

Heritage Committee Funding Program Application - Dene Nahjo Urban Tanning Camp

16. Committee discussed Dene Nahjo Urban Tanning Camp. Committee noted that this project follows and builds upon the success and overwhelming interest in the hide tanning camp they ran at 8 mile camp in Fort McPherson in 2015, and the Urban Hide Tanning camp they ran in Somba K'e in 2016.
17. A. Cartwright moved,
E. Purchase seconded,

That Committee approve the expenditure of \$5,000 from the Heritage Committee Project Funding budget for the Dene Nahjo Urban Hide Tanning Camp.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY



Action Item: Administration to bring forward a memorandum to Committee regarding whether to approve the expenditure of \$5,000 from the Heritage Committee Project Funding budget for the Dene Nahjo Urban Hide Tanning Camp.

Her Majesty's Canadian Ship (HMCS) Yellowknife

18. 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 and that the Department of National Defence has some artifacts in front of their building; however they are not able to accommodate the 40mm gun.

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

19. Canada 150 Heritage Event Planning/Yellowknife's 50th year as Capital of the NWT update was deferred until the following Heritage Meeting.

Budget Update

20. Committee was provided with an update on the budget.

Next Scheduled Meeting

21. Committee noted that the next regular meeting is scheduled for August 16, 2017.

Adjournment

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

That the meeting be adjourned at 1:05 p.m.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

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