



CITY OF YELLOWKNIFE

**MINUTES**

**HERITAGE COMMITTEE**  
**Wednesday, March 15, 2017 at 12:00 p.m.**  
**City Hall, Lower Boardroom**

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Minutes of a meeting held on Wednesday, March 15, 2017 at 12:00 p.m. in the Lower Boardroom at City Hall.

The following Committee members were in attendance:

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

The following Committee members were absent:

F. Sangris.

The following members of Administration were in attendance:

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

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**Call to Order**

1. The Chair called the meeting to order at 12:07 p.m.

**Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest**

2. There were no disclosures of pecuniary interest.

**Approval of Agenda**

3. D. Kellett moved,  
S. Allerston seconded,

**That the Agenda be approved as presented.**



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**MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**Approval of the Minutes**

4. A. Cartwright moved,  
D. Kellett seconded,

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

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**Introduction of New Member to the Committee**

5. Ms. Leslie Gordon was introduced to the Committee.

**Resignation from the Committee**

6. Committee noted that Ms. Luce resigned from the Committee due to her busy schedule. Committee thanked her for her commitment, energy and 6 years of service on the Heritage Committee. Councillor Morse advised that there should be a more targeted campaign to get a new member on the board that has a strong knowledge of Yellowknife history.

***Action Item: Administration to advertise the vacancy on the Heritage Committee.***

**An Update Regarding the 2017 February Heritage Days**

7. Committee noted that the 2017 Heritage Days that took place from February 24 to 26, 2017 were a success. Committee further noted that the theme for 2017 is "YK: 50 Years as Territorial Capital" and to celebrate the establishment of the territorial government in Yellowknife in 1967, Canada's centennial year. Committee stated that this was celebrated with a Friday evening of music and storytelling at the Wildcat Café, followed on Saturday by a guided tour of the Legislative Assembly and welcome drum songs by the YK Dene Drummers. On Sunday, an interactive learning event focused on commercial fishing was given by Shawn Buckley, co-sponsored by the Prince of Wales Northern Heritage Centre "Hands On Heritage" series. Committee noted that all events were well attended.

**TIME Proposal Celebrating Canada's 150<sup>th</sup> by Daria Smeh**

8. Committee discussed a proposal received from Ms. Daria Smeh, a representative of Kwan Films, regarding a film concept for the City of Yellowknife for Canada's 150<sup>th</sup>. Committee noted that Administration had contacted Kwan Films to clarify the requested funding amount. Committee further noted that Kwan Films will look at a smaller scale project and will advise if that is possible.

***Action: Administration to provide an update whether Kwan Films would be able to provide a smaller scale project.***

**Strategic Planning Session**

9. Committee noted that the working group assembled to help develop a work/action plan wasn't able to meet yet.



***Action: Councillor Morse to follow up and set up a meeting of the working group.***

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

10. Committee noted that Mr. Jake Ootes, a retired territorial level politician and newspaper and magazine publisher is in the process of writing a book commemorating Yellowknife's 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary as the capital of the NWT. Committee further noted that the publication date is not set. Committee advised that May 1 will mark the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Yellowknife as a capital. Committee discussed various ideas for Heritage Events to commemorate the Capital:

- approaching the Legislative Assembly as they might have plans already or may provide them with ideas;
- approaching someone from YK Dene or elders to share stories;
- screening movies from 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.

Mayor Heyck stated that his office is getting requests for funding. Committee noted that Canada 150 is a federal government event and that heritage funds should be used on heritage projects. Committee further noted the groups that already receive funding from the City will not be eligible.

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

**Pilot's Monument Repair Update**

11. Administration noted that they initiated a discussion with Parks Canada regarding the repair of Pilot's Monument. Administration further noted that Parks Canada has agreed to assist with repairing the damaged Bush Pilots' Monument retaining wall. Administration stated that they are interested in maintaining their assets. Committee inquired whether they would provide funding for the entire site. Administration advised that the City is responsible for the staircase.

***Action: Administration to follow up with Parks Canada to inquire whether they would assist with repair of entire site.***

**Budget Update**

12. Administration provided an update on the budget.

**Heritage-themed Public Signage Initiative (Intercultural Heritage and Placemaking Plan) Update**

13. Administration provided an update on the Heritage-themed Public Signage Initiative. Administration noted that they are in the process of determining contractors and are sourcing images for the Heritage-themed Public Signage Initiative. Administration further noted that they are working with different providers for content. Administration stated that once the final content is decided they will bring it to the Committee and Council for approval. Administration further stated that they are working with Mr. John Sabourin who created the Raven Statue. Administration advised that Mr. Sabourin is moving to a new studio and will repair the statue this spring or summer.



**Learning Fair Judges**

14. Ms. Cartwright noted that she was recently approached about being a judge at the William McDonald School Learning Fair taking place next week. She further noted that she is not able to attend; however she passed along the info for anyone who may be interested. Ms. Cartwright advised that this is not the Yellowknife-wide Learning Fair which is happening in April. Ms. Cartwright further advised that Committee members will be invited to help judge the projects created by the students. Ms. Cartwright stated that the Yellowknife Heritage Committee gives an award for the best Yellowknife Heritage Project.

**Next Scheduled Meeting**

15. Committee noted that the next regular meeting is scheduled for April 19, 2017.

**Adjournment**

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

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

**MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

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