



CITY OF YELLOWKNIFE

MINUTES

HERITAGE COMMITTEE
Wednesday, February 11, 2015 at 12:00 noon
Yellowknife Public Library Meeting Room

Minutes of a meeting held on Wednesday, February 11, 2015 at 12:05 p.m. in the Yellowknife Public Library Meeting Room. The following Committee members were in attendance:

Chair: M. Vaydik
D. Finch
R. Heming
S. Irlbacher-Fox
D. Kellett
K. Luce-Vivian
R. McKeown

The following members of Administration were also in attendance:

L. Dunsmore, Recording Secretary
D. Lake

The following Committee members were absent:

Councillor Bell
Councillor Son
A. Cartwright and
Mayor Heyck

Call to Order

1. The meeting was called to order at 12:05 p.m.

Approval of Agenda

2. Committee asked to hear the presentation by Ms. Lisa Yilmaz regarding a Youth Community Heritage Mural, immediately after the Call to Order.

R. McKeown moved,
K. Luce-Vivian seconded,

That the agenda be approved as amended.

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Presentation regarding a Youth Heritage Mural (Lisa Yilmaz, teacher and art educator)

3. The proposed project is a ceramic mural consisting of 30 panels showcasing Yellowknife's history and heritage. Under the direction of artist Lynda Faulks, students at William McDonald School would go through an idea-generating, design and creation process resulting in a professional mural that would be permanently installed in a public venue. The estimated cost of the project would be \$12,000, and the proponent has contacted several organizations to request funding in any amount. Ms. Yilmaz also requested a letter of support from the Heritage Committee. While the Chair agreed to draft the letter of support, Committee expressed concern that the project could not proceed without full funding, and that the ultimate location of the mural was unknown. Despite these misgivings, Committee passed the following motion:

S. Irlbacher-Fox moved,
D. Finch seconded,

That the Heritage Committee contribute up to \$6,000 toward the creation of a Youth Heritage Mural for the community of Yellowknife.

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Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest

4. There were no disclosures of pecuniary interest.

Approval of Minutes of Previous Meeting

5. Committee asked that item #7 of the November 19, 2014 Minutes be amended as follows:

“That City Council direct Administration to undertake consultation with family members to determine whether the family members want the graves in Back Bay Cemetery preserved in their current location or moved to Lakeview Cemetery.”

R. Heming moved,
K. Kristen-Luce seconded,

That the Minutes of the November 19, 2014 meeting of the Heritage Committee be approved as amended.

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Administrative Updates

6. a) **Budget Update**

GL CODE	2015 Spending	Budget	Variance
6150-1-6000 Heritage Committee Heritage Committee Projects	0.00	20,000.00	20,000.00
6150-1-6001 Heritage Committee Art Collection	0.00	3,000.00	3,000.00
6150-1-6210 Heritage Committee Meeting Expenses	164.45	2,000.00	1,835.55
6150-1-6220 Heritage Committee Advertising & Plaquing	0.00	5,000.00	5,000.00
6150-1-6570 Heritage Committee Contracted Costs	0.00	5,000.00	5,000.00

As 2014 year-end was not complete at the time of this meeting, D. Lake estimated the balance in the Heritage Committee Reserve was \$114,000 as of December 31, 2014. There was no further discussion.



b) **2015 Heritage Action List**

Committee reviewed its Action List and updated it where necessary. See highlights, below:

- Develop a one-page Communications Plan – this item is complete; the document requires formatting by the City’s Department of Communications and Economic Development and can then be put on the webpage
- Update Heritage Committee website content – City staff have completed large-scale changes to the City’s website, and the Committee can now begin to add items to its own page on the City website
- Recognition and Designation awareness program – D. Lake suggested this initiative could begin with creation and distribution of brochures
- Lancaster project – Committee will send a letter to the Canadian Warplane Heritage Museum expressing interest in the project and offering support to bring the Lancaster to Yellowknife
- Plaques for Yellowknife – the Chair and D. Finch will meet to discuss
- Projects in progress: kiosk at Government Dock (with Ryan Silke); trail from Pilot’s Monument to the Wildcat Café

c) **Funding Documents**

R. McKeown moved,
R. Heming seconded,

That Committee approve the documents titled “Criteria for Project Funding” and “Application for Heritage Project Funding” and make them available on the City’s website.

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d) **Communication Plan**

Committee agreed that the plan was complete and could be released to the public.

Action: Administration will ask Communications and Economic Development to format the document to conform with the City’s standards and guidelines, then post it on the website.

Heritage Week Update

7. Committee reviewed the preparations made for Heritage Days and passed the following motion:

R. McKeown moved,
D. Finch seconded,

That Committee cover the costs incurred to produce 2015 Heritage Days (February 20, 21, and 22, 2015) to a total of \$2,500.

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Hockey History Proposal

8. Committee reviewed a proposal by Ryan Silke for a Yellowknife Hockey Legacy project. The project consists of photos that document the achievements of teams that competed in the Yellowknife senior hockey league from 1938 to 1975. It would be permanently installed on the walls of the gallery above the Ed Jeske rink in the Multiplex. Total cost of the project is estimated at \$1,124.00

R. McKeown moved,
S. Irlbacher-Fox seconded,

That Committee pay the entire estimated cost of the project (\$1,124.00).

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Standing Agenda Items

9. a) **Robertson Headframe** – There has been no fundraising done to date for the preservation of the Robertson Headframe, however several members of the Heritage Committee have volunteered to serve on a sub-committee drawn from interested residents of Yellowknife.
- b) **Heritage Walking Tour App** – D. Lake will invite CDÉTNO to present the completed project at the Heritage Committee meeting in March.
- c) **Back Bay Cemetery** – Committee discussed the need for fencing and signage to avoid any further damage to the graves and markers. Members also discussed putting an ad in Capital Update and on the City’s website, urging family members of those buried in Back Bay Cemetery to contact Committee regarding preservation or relocation of the gravesites.
- d) **Reconciliation with First Nations** – Work is underway to draft Terms of Reference for the broadly-based group that will address this issue. As a member of the both Heritage Committee and the working group, Ms. Irlbacher-Fox requested that Committee cover any costs she may incur in the course of attending meetings to represent the Heritage Committee’s interests.

R. McKeown moved,
R. Heming seconded,

That the Heritage Committee cover the costs, not to exceed \$300, incurred by Ms. Irlbacher-Fox to attend meetings during which she will represent the Heritage Committee’s interests in Reconciliation with First Nations.

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Heritage Share

10. R. McKeown advised Committee that she would spend some time the following week in the NWT Archives, researching documents and photos relating to the use of the Lancaster aircraft in the North and, particularly, in Yellowknife.

Committee discussed creating a portable display board with paintings of a group of people wearing old-fashioned clothing, but with the faces cut out for the public to look through and have their pictures taken. (This would be similar to the board outside Just Furs in Old Town.) Members discussed the need to put out a tender to commission the background artwork and for artists to put forward their ideas.

**Action: R. McKeown offered to send out emails to individuals in her own network who might be interested.
D. Lake offered to draft a Request for Proposals.**

Next Scheduled Meeting

11. The next regularly scheduled meeting will take place on Wednesday, March 18, 2015, location TBD.

Adjournment

12. R. McKeown moved,
D. Finch seconded,

That the meeting be adjourned at 1:25 p.m.

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