



CITY OF YELLOWKNIFE

MINUTES

HERITAGE COMMITTEE
Wednesday, May 20, 2015 at 12:00 noon
Lower Boardroom, City Hall

Minutes of a meeting held on Wednesday, May 20, 2015 at noon in the Lower Boardroom at City Hall. The following Committee members were in attendance:

Chair: M. Vaydik,
D. Finch,
R. Heming,
D. Kellett,
R. McKeown,
D. Ritchie, and
Mayor Heyck, ex officio

Absent: S. Irlbacher-Fox,
Councillor Son,
A. Cartwright, and
K. Luce-Vivian

The following members of Administration were in attendance:

D. Cepoi,
J. Humble,
J. Larsen,
W. Yu,
J. Brennan, Recording Secretary.

Call to Order

1. The meeting was called to order at 12:08 p.m.

Approval of Agenda

2. M. Vaydik added to the agenda the following items under Heritage Share:
 - a) Letter from Fox Moth Society
 - b) Bristol Monument – clearing bush
 - c) Plaque for Totem Pole
 - d) Tourist Season – Port-a-potties in Old Town
 - e) Decorby shed - update



3. R. McKeown moved,
R. Hemming seconded,

That the agenda be approved as amended.

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Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest

4. There were no disclosures of pecuniary interest.

Approval of Minutes of Previous Meeting

5. D. Finch moved,
D. Kellett seconded,

That the minutes of the April 15, 2015 meeting be approved.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Administrative Items

6. a) Budget Update

J. Larsen advised Committee that there were no expenditures other than meeting expenses since the last meeting.

J. Humble was in attendance to put forward suggestions on the Committee's budget discretionary spending. This is based upon the new protocols for all Municipal Committee operations as recently adopted by Council. Future budgeting would ideally entail identification of projects at the beginning of the year with associated budgets that would get approved by budget (Council).

Mr. Humble also suggested that based upon the Heritage Committee reserve there is sufficient budget to complete a Heritage and Culture Plan. This would take 12-18 months to complete, involving significant public engagement, and would serve to align the Committee's initiatives with the City's Goals and Objectives and other plans. It would also streamline the budgeting process for the Committee as the Plan would provide a list of priority projects and initiatives. M. Vaydik suggested that it be discussed at the next meeting when the Committee will be hearing a presentation by Administration staff on Committee restructuring.

Action: J. Humble agreed to provide the committee with a summary of how Administration can provide assistance in future.

b) Heritage Action List

Committee reviewed its Action List and updated it as necessary. J. Larson noted that A. Cartwright was still working on the wording for the proposal to commission a Heritage Display Board.

Standing Agenda Items

7. a) **Back Bay Cemetery** – D. Finch noted that the ground is still very wet and a site visit will be scheduled when the ground dries up so that they may gauge what remedial work needs to be carried out.

- b) **Outreach to First Nations** – This item was deferred as S. Irlbacher-Fox was not in attendance.



Other Business

8. a) Future Plaque Location List

M. Vaydik advised committee members that five locations had been selected for the Heritage Plaques. As he did not have the list with him, he committed to circulating it via email.

b) Recognition / Designation Awareness Program

R. Hemming distributed to committee members a summary of her research on Heritage Awards Programs in several other communities. Committee briefly discussed and agreed to assemble a working group to fine-tune the process for implementation prior to Heritage Week.

R. McKeown moved,
D. Finch seconded,

That the Heritage Committee accept R. Hemming's report on Heritage Awards Recognition

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

c) Discussion of R. Silke Proposal for Plaques/Signage

M. Vaydik advised committee that Ryan Silke is currently engaged in putting up several kiosks around town that will depict Yellowknife's Heritage (people, buildings, etc.) on behalf of the City. Mr. Silke has also submitted a proposal to draft the text for the plaques and obtain permission to use images. R. McKeown, D. Finch and R. Hemming volunteered to review the text once it has been drafted.

Action: J. Larsen to contact the plaque manufacturer to get a timeline of when they are in production.

R. McKeon moved,
D. Finch seconded,

That Committee accept R. Silke's proposal to draft text and obtain permission to use photos for five heritage plaques.

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Heritage Share

9. a) R. McKeown requested that a banner depicting the City of Yellowknife Heritage Committee be made in order that the Heritage Committee is recognized for its work to promote the city's heritage at various events such as the Long John Jamboree and Folk on the Rocks.

R. Hemming moved,
R. McKeon seconded,

That Administration obtain a quote on designing and manufacturing a Heritage Committee banner.

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b) M. Vaydik advised committee members that the Mayor and Council received a letter from the Fox Moth Society regarding two aviation plaques which are currently in Administrations care. One is the remembrance plaque of three aviation pioneers, pilot Andy Cruickshank and air engineers Horace Torrie and Harry King. The Fox Moth Society would like to have the remembrance plaque relocated to Pilots Monument site and to bring the Cruickshank family to Yellowknife for its unveiling. The second plaque



commemorates the early years of aviation on Back Bay, and was presented to Mayor Heyck at the 2013 Float Plane Fly-In. The Society would like to see this plaque in the park planned for Wiley Road. Committee also discussed the possibility of naming the park after aircraft operator and World War II veteran pilot Hank Konan. Administration informed committee members that the City Clerk's Office has a civic address naming committee for new roads, parks, trails etc. It was suggested that the Heritage Committee put forward their request in writing to have the park named once it has been completed.

- c) M. Vaydik noted that the brush around the Bristol Monument needs to be cleared.
- d) M. Vaydik noted that the totem pole situated in the front of City Hall is in need of interpretation as the plaque is missing.

Action: D. Finch to research the significance of the totem pole and bring forward to the next meeting.

- e) Committee briefly discussed the feasibility and liability of placing port-a-potties in the Old Town area during the summer tourist season.
- f) In response to a request from M. Vaydik, Administration advised the City has issued an Order for Removal of the shed S. Decorby relocated onto City land behind his property on Lessard Drive. Mr. Decorby has appealed the order and will be heard at a Development Appeal Board Hearing on June 11, 2015. Administration also advised that building had been inspected and it was found to be of no heritage value. S. Decorby advised Administration that he will be submitting an application to the Heritage Committee to have the shed designated a heritage site.

Next Scheduled Meeting

- 10. The next regularly scheduled meeting will take place at noon on Wednesday, June 17, 2015.

Adjournment

- 11. D. Finch moved,
R. McKeon seconded,

That the meeting be adjourned at 1:30 p.m.

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