

HERITAGE STEERING COMMITTEE

May 17, 2023

Cariboo Regional District Committee Room & Teleconference

Present: Committee Chair John Massier (CRD Director Area C), Greg Atherton, Brent Rutherford, George Atamanenko, Kathie Vilkas (CRD Regional Economic Development Officer), Nigel Whitehead (CRD Staff Liaison)

VIA Teleconference: Committee Vice-Chair Betty Anderson (CRD Director Area K), Marilyn Buyar

Regrets: Mayor Paull, Jim Gibson, Elizabeth Hunter

1. Meeting called to order: 10:08 AM by Committee Chair John Massier
2. Agenda adopted as presented. Moved: B. Rutherford; Second: G. Atherton; Carried.
3. Approval of meeting minutes from March 21, 2023. Moved: B. Rutherford; Second: G. Atamanenko; Carried.
4. Driving Tour Brochure Update
 - a. N. Whitehead - due to short staffing, brochure will be ready by end of May then off to the printers.
 - b. Discussion regarding distribution and tracking:
 - i. Key drop off locations
 - ii. N. Whitehead has concerns with the committee taking on too much with distribution logistics.
 - iii. Suggestion to deliver beyond CRD – such as Cache Creek, Lillooet – “Gateway locations”
 - iv. N. Whitehead to email group when the brochures are ready.
5. Regional Heritage Network Meeting Planning
 - a. Committee agreed that the initial meeting was very successful.
 - b. E. Hunter committed to host another meeting in Fall 2023
 - c. B. Rutherford suggested a grant writing workshop as part of the next meeting.
 - d. N. Whitehead suggested possible other locations for future meetings.
 - e. The committee discussed the importance of grant applications and the grant writing assistance provided by the CRD Economic Development Department.
6. Statement of Significance (SOS) discussion.
 - a. Beaver Pass House: J. Massier was out to the site. Flooding is currently occurring on the site. MoTI working on keeping highway safe and open.
 - b. Interior Health Nursing Station - Alexis Creek Update: B. Rutherford got the contact for IHA Land Manager but no response. B. Rutherford found a previous draft of the SoS and provided to N. Whitehead.
 - c. Lone Butte – B. Rutherford received email from local MP that CN would not be supportive of designation. Committee agreed to continue lobbying effort over the long-term, but remove site from short-list for SoS workshop.
 - d. Big Lake – NW enquired with CRD library staff as to whether historical materials are at library, either Big Lake or CRD Williams Lake archives. Staff are looking into it.

7. Action Tracking Updates

- a. Committee reviewed and updated the tracking table.
- b. J. Massier – Suggested a tour of Lone Butte Water Tower for the committee's annual tour. Ask CN to attend our tour.
- c. B. Rutherford – Had a discussion with Amy Thacker at CCTA to consider the purpose and location of signage. There are generally four types of highway signage: RSTBC, BC Parks, MOTI and City Local Signs. MOTI will ask for volume of traffic as part of their approval process. Destination BC signs for tourism must align with their standards. Summary of discussion was to focus on site interpretive signs before highway signs.
- d. B. Rutherford – Outdoor Rec Council has \$10 million for signage and trail maintenance.

8. Roundtable:

- a. G. Atherton – What constitutes a Heritage Site? Committee discussed the varied nature of heritage recognition and designation.
- b. B. Anderson – Discussed First Nations heritage values. Committee will continue to encourage direct discussions with members and indigenous community members to help broaden scope and representation on the committee.
- c. M. Buyar – Lone Butte Historical Society – Article currently in 100 Mile Free Press.
- d. N. Whitehead – Northern Secwepmc Cultural Centre had a groundbreaking ceremony last week.
- e. B. Rutherford – Asked N. Whitehead to look into City of Williams Lake Heritage Committee.

9. Next Meeting.

- a. Next Meeting: Tuesday, June 20, 2023; 10:00 AM: CRD Boardroom and via teleconference.

10. Adjournment: Moved: G. Atamanenko; Seconded: G. Atherton; Carried

- a. Adjourned 11:28 AM

Action Tracking		
Member	Meeting	Action
J. Massier	Jan 17/23	Photos of Beaver Pass House to committee after snowmelt/flooding
N. Whitehead	Jan 17/23	Discuss SOS workshop dates with Heritage BC once committee makes progress on site research.
B. Rutherford	Jan 17/23	Contact R. Ignace re Committee presentation
N. Whitehead	Jan 17/23	Contact TNG re: presentation
N. Whitehead	Feb 14/23	Contact Barkerville Society re: Cottonwood cabins
N. Whitehead	May 17/23	Email committee when driving brochures are ready
N. Whitehead	May 17/23	Inquire in to City of Williams Lake's Heritage Committee