

## HERITAGE STEERING COMMITTEE

March 26, 2024

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

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

Regrets: Jim Gibson, Ron Paull

1. Meeting called to order: 10:05 AM by Committee Chair John Massier
2. Agenda adopted as presented. Moved B. Rutherford; Seconded G. Atamanenko; Carried
3. Approval of meeting minutes from February 27, 2024. Moved G. Atherton; Seconded E. Hunter. **amended 5.a of minutes reference of tentative Heritage Tourism Network meeting date from April 18 or 24 to April 25<sup>th</sup>.** Carried, as amended.
4. Big Lake SoS Update
  - a. N. Whitehead provided an update. Will be working with Heritage Branch to complete final edits of SoS to meet their requirements.
5. Regional Heritage Network Planning
  - a. E. Hunter provided an update
    - i. Sent email to group – most available on 25<sup>th</sup>
    - ii. More interest in grant writing workshop than social media training
    - iii. Working with P. Gerhardi at Cariboo Chilcotin Coast Tourism Association (CCCTA) to facilitate a grant writing workshop in afternoon
    - iv. J.Evans will be prepared to provide an update, particularly regarding clean energy developments
    - v. Meeting confirmed for April 25<sup>th</sup>, 10:00 AM – 3:30 PM
    - vi. Working on logistics, invites and agenda details.
6. Heritage Committee Tour – June 10, 2024
  - i. Will meet at Quesnel Museum on morning of June 10. Committee will bring a brown bag lunch. Specific carpooling details will be arranged at the May committee meeting.
  - ii. B. Rutherford contacted Rocky Nenka at Barkerville. Arranged to meet at approximately noon, and will provide a tour, including archives and an archaeology discussion.
  - iii. Committee discussed stopping points between Quesnel and Barkerville, including Blessing's Grave, Stanley and Chinese Grave sites, and Beaver Pass House.
  - iv. J. Evans and committee discussed a potential Fall Indigenous tour.
7. Action Tracking Update.

Committee reviewed and updated Action Tracking Table.
8. Roundtable
  - a. G. Atherton – discussed Cariboo Road restoration and preservation project
  - b. B. Rutherford – New Pathways to Gold is currently working on the Cariboo Road restoration, working on Lillooet – Lac La Hache section.

- c. J. Evans – suggested Indigenous participation in funding applications along Hwy 97 corridor
- d. N. Whitehead – provided an update on the Lone Butte school house relocation project. Lone Butte Historical Society is presently working with staff on a Development Permit to locate the school building on their property in Lone Butte.
- e. K. Vilkas – 5,000 Heritage Driving brochures will be printed and she will arrange for distribution same as last year.
- f. J. Evans – provided update on economic development projects for Yunesit'in Nation

9. Next Meeting

- a. Next Meeting: May 21; 10:00 AM: CRD Boardroom and via teleconference.

10. Adjournment: Moved: B. Rutherford; Seconded: J. Evans

- a. Adjourned 11:26 AM

Action Tracking		
Member	Meeting	Action
J. Massier	Jan 17/23	Photos of Beaver Pass House to committee after snowmelt/flooding – plan to do photos on heritage trip
J. Massier	Jun 20/23	Contact Chief Sellars re: Committee representation
N. Whitehead	Jun 20/23	Contact Xatśūll First Nation and Sugarcane Archeology re: Committee presentation
<del>G. Atamanenko</del>	<del>June 20/23</del>	<del>Call WL Mayor Rathor, discuss bringing back city's Heritage Committee</del>
N. Whitehead	Jan 9/24	Final edit on Big Lake SoS and <del>prepare for March 22<sup>nd</sup> Board Meeting</del> <b>send to Heritage Branch for comment.</b>
N. Whitehead	Jan 9/24	UpFront article asking for SoS site nominations.
N. Whitehead	Jan 9/24	Connect with S. Doddridge and invite to committee TNG
N. Whitehead	Feb 27/24	Operating Surplus Workshop
Committee w/ J. Evans	Mar 26/24	Discuss Indigenous heritage tour for Fall 2024