

CRD HERITAGE STEERING COMMITTEE

May 8, 2025

Members Present: Committee Chair John Massier (CRD Director Area C), Committee Vice-Chair Betty Anderson (CRD Director Area K) Via Teams, George Atamanenko, Greg Atherton, Marilyn Buyar, Brent Rutherford

CRD Staff: Nigel Whitehead (Manager of Planning Services; Committee Staff Liaison), Kathie Vilkas (Regional Economic Development Officer); Stephanie Masun (Manager of Intergovernmental Relations)

Guests: Shane Doddridge (TNG Heritage Coordinator)

Regrets: Elizabeth Hunter

1. Meeting called to order: 10:05 AM
2. Adoption of agenda: Moved: M. Buyar; Seconded: G. Atherton; Carried
3. Approval of meeting minutes from April 8, 2025. Moved: B. Rutherford; Seconded: M. Buyar; Carried.
4. Delegation: Shane Doddridge, TNG Heritage Coordinator
 - a. Video: Qat's'ay: Bringing our spirits back home
S. Doddridge provided an overview of the video
 - b. General discussion on heritage interest in T'silhqot'in Territory
S. Doddridge advised this just the beginning of the process and that policy development is an ongoing process.
S. Doddridge advised that it is a long process to build a museum and some work has begun, looking at a 10-year process.
G. Atamanenko asked about working with the Cariboo Museum; Shane advised that Cariboo Museum is not ready with funding or experience and would need more of both before they could consider working with them.
M. Buyar asked about relearning the basket techniques; Shane advised they are not necessarily worried about the technique but the authenticity of the design, the design is what makes them special; some elders still have the skills and are trying to get them together to combine their skills.
S. Doddridge advised that visitors are welcome to the area but not the sacred areas as some artifacts have been taken over the years. How they will do tourism in the future is something they are still working through.
J. Massier talked about the movie, collecting the artifacts advised 60 artifacts were returned to the band.
S. Doddridge advised that human hair is woven into some of the items.
S. Doddridge is interested in collaboration with the committee.
J. Massier offer to lend a hand with projects and would like to see some sites added to the heritage registry, this would give heritage a much broader definition.
B. Rutherford would like to see First Nations integrated into our committee.
G. Atherton asked about "camps" being included as heritage site; S. Doddridge advised they already know where most of the camp site are but don't believe they are interested in included those in this committee and there are some on private land. They are working with some landowners for access to these sites and don't feel that this information should be shared as some of these sites have been exploited in the past.
J. Massier spirit is there to help, and we are here to help.

5. Big Lake SoS

- a. N. Whitehead provided an update; Statement of Significant is going to the May 23, 2025 Board meeting; J. Massier asked if there were any future consideration, N. Whitehead advised 6 Mile Road House and Lone Butte are some future projects

6. Regional Heritage Network Planning

- a. E. Hunter was not in attendance to provide an update; M. Buyar provided a brief summary on the meeting; G. Atamanenko advised we need to continue with network; J Massier advised E. Hunter pulled this together with a grant – Heritage BC grant; B. Rutherford wants to get some future grants and mentioned the difficulty on getting grants;

G. Atherton left the meeting at 11:00 am

K. Vilkas provided some information on grants; N. Whitehead is excited, keep supporting the network; J. Massier is also excited and also would like to keep supporting the network

B. Anderson left the meeting at 11:13 am

7. Action Tracking Update

- a. Committee reviewed and updated the table.
- b. B. Rutherford - Needs a letter of support; J. Massier proposed a motion for a letter of support.

Motion: Board to provide a Letter of Support for Robin Sharp; Moved: B. Rutherford; Seconded: M. Buyer; Carried

8. Accumulated Operating Surplus Workshop, continued

- a. N. Whitehead provided a spreadsheet; discussion ensued and the spreadsheet was updated; K. Vikas to scan and digitalize documents – add to action plan; J. Massier suggested to rank priorities; S. Doddridge asked what the surplus was sitting at; N. Whitehead advised \$80,000 to \$90,000.; G. Atamanenko subjected to direct some of the surplus to helping heritage site with maintenance and upgrades; J. Massier advised was not interested in this avenue as one project could eat up the surplus.; N. Whitehead to send copies of the spreadsheet

9. Roundtable

K. Vilkas asked if anyone has distributed the Cariboo Driving brochures, S. Doddridge and B. Rutherford advised they have taken some and J. Massier will take some more, will take to the conference and suggested they be distributed to the First Nation communities.

G. Atamanenko advised plans to salvage the 150 mile courthouse are underway.

M. Buyar will present at the next meeting and asked N. Whitehead to add to the agenda

S. Masun will be attending future meetings.

10. Next Meeting: 10:00 AM June 17, 2025

11. Adjournment: 12:07 PM

Action Tracking		
Member	Meeting	Action
J. Massier	Jun 20/23	Contact Chief Sellars re: Committee representation
N. Whitehead	Jun 20/23	Contact Xat'sull First Nation and Sugarcane Archeology re: Committee presentation

N. Whitehead	Jan 9/24	Connect with S. Doddridge and invite to committee
N. Whitehead	April 8/25	Operating Surplus Workshop TBC
B. Rutherford	Feb 25/25	Research posthumous nomination for Robin Sharpe
E. Hunter & M. Buyar	Feb 25/25	Six Mile Corner Roadhouse SoS drafting and photos of character defining elements.
M. Buyar & B. Rutherford	April 8/25	Alice Stapleton House SoS research and drafting
N. Whitehead	April 8/25	Final pictures for Big Lake SoS and send to CRD Board for approval to submit.