

## CRD HERITAGE STEERING COMMITTEE

February 23, 2026

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

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

Regrets: Rocky Nenka,

1. Meeting called to order: 10:02 am by J. Massier, Chair
2. Adoption of agenda. Moved: G. Atamanenko; Seconded: E. Hunter; Carried
3. Approval of meeting minutes from January 13, 2026. Moved: B. Rutherford; Seconded: G. Atherton; Carried
4. Regional Heritage Network Planning
  - a. E. Hunter advised meeting date is April 16, 2026;
  - b. E. Hunter advised she is looking into Emergency Planning for Heritage sites, possibility that training will take place in Prince George. She will send info on the training workshop for anyone who is interested;
  - c. E. Hunter advised a reminder of the CCHN meeting, an email was sent out in December, she will send a reminder email closer to the meeting date;
  - d. Committee had a general discussion on emergency planning for heritage sites;
5. Heritage Tour Driving Guide Events Insert
  - a. K. Vilkas discussed the draft additional events insert; the Committee provided input on design aspects, including icons and colour scheme. J. Massier advised to check with Lore Schick for an updated list of Remembrance Day ceremonies. K. Vilkas advised content edits required over the next couple of weeks; J. Massier wanted to know if the insert will be on the CRD website, N. Whitehead will follow up with the Communications department see if it can be included.
6. Action Tracking Update
  - a. Committee reviewed and updated the action tracking table.
7. Roundtable
  - a. E. Hunter discussed a few of the upcoming events she would be attending; she is also setting up interview for an Archival Internship
  - b. G. Atherton talked about the Industrial heritage of the Cariboo and will follow through when the snow is gone to enable him to go Beehive burner.
  - c. B. Rutherford thanked J. Massier for the committee reinstatement letter; go to Heritage BC's website and vote for Robin Sharpe's nomination; feels the driving map has been well received.
  - d. B. Anderson discussed attending the Feasting on Stories event
  - e. J. Massier suggested lunch at the Cedar Point Park museum for the spring tour; shared the passing of Hodd Smith.
  - f. N. Whitehead talked about Quesnel Forks for the spring tour.
  - g. S. Masun discussed online indigenous training, she will bring forward but believes face to face is the better option for the committee.

- h. K. Vilkas - please send her emails for any edits, comments, ideas for the driving brochure; she will start working on the 2027 edition this Spring; J. Massier would like to see the Red Roof project on Hwy 26 added to Driving Brochure.

8. Next Meeting — March 24, 2026 10:00 AM

9. Adjournment: 11:32 AM

Action Tracking		
Member	Meeting	Action
J. Massier	Ongoing	Engage with local Indigenous leaders regarding heritage committee as opportunities arise.
N. Whitehead	Jun 20/23	Contact Xat'sull First Nation and Sugarcane Archeology re: Committee presentation
N. Whitehead	April 8/25	Operating Surplus Workshop TBC
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 Singleton House SoS research and drafting
N. Whitehead w/ S. Masun	Nov 18/25	Research Indigenous/cultural training opportunities for committee
N. Whitehead	Feb 23/26	Spring Tour