

**Heritage Steering Committee
Meeting Notes
September 9, 2014**

CRD Offices, Williams Lake

Present: Joan Sorley, Phyllis Webstad, Jim Gibson, Elizabeth Hunter, Graham Leslie, Brent Rutherford, George Atamanenko and Karen Moores

Regrets: Robin Sharpe, Barry Sale,

The meeting was called to order at 10.05 a.m.

1. Adoption of Agenda
Moved: Brent/Jim. Carried
2. Approval of Meeting Notes of May 27, 2014
Moved Brent/Graham. Carried
3. Webpage – Has been refined.
- 4 Action Plan to Achieve 2014 Goals
 - (a) Heritage Registry
 - (i) The matrix is unchanged from the previous meeting
The relevant data has been accumulated for the Alexis Creek Church and for the Alexis Creek Red Cross Station, and SoSs will be drafted in the near future for both structures.
 - (ii) Development of an SoS for Big Lake is in progress.
 - (b_ Heritage Awareness
 - (i) The joint project with the City of Williams Lake Heritage Committee which produced a heritage speaking circle on June 29th, was a great success. Phyllis has several ideas for making changes on the next occasion. Chris Hutton is producing a DVD of the occasion.
 - (ii) Elizabeth has compiled a series of photos taken in Williams Lake during the 1960s, and presented them at a recent street party in Quesnel where they attracted favourable attention.
 - (iii) School District 28's contract to operate Cottonwood House expires at the end of the current school year, and it is understood that the School District doesn't intend to renew its contract. A request for expressions of interest has been issued, and because the Province appears unwilling to subsidize the operation, there is widespread concern that there is a

potential for the loss of heritage value in an effort to operate on a break-even basis.

Brent/Jim that this Committee draw its concern over the potential loss of Cottonwood House's heritage value to the attention of the Board. Carried

(c) First Nations Sites

- (i) The Petroglyph. An accessible trail has been built and an information sign posted, but further action is planned at this time. This item will be removed from our subsequent agendas.
- (ii) An oral report was received regarding the Northern Secwepemc Cultural Society's plan to construct a cultural centre/museum at the 108 Mile Lake.

(d) Telegraph Trail – The SoS will be submitted to the Board in October or November. Karen will submit an estimate of the cost of advertising which is may be quite large in the circumstances, and since the Committee will be covering that cost from its current budget, this matter will be reviewed at an upcoming meeting.

(e) Heritage Driving Tour Brochure – The brochure was widely distributed during the spring and summer and universally praised. It was decided that only minor changes would be considered for the next printing. Members are to advise Karen of any such changes as soon as possible. A further opportunity will be given in due course to suggest more significant changes for future editions.

(f) North Cariboo and Carrier Committee Representatives – Considerable efforts have been made over the past year to identify a willing representative. One person wishes to attend a Committee meeting before agreeing to act.

5. 2015 Business Plan – The 2014 Business Plan was used as a basis for several suggested changes. Karen will draft a 2015 Plan and circulate it to all members for their comments and further suggestions.

6. General Brainstorming

(a) Orange Shirt Day will be celebrated on Tuesday, September 30th in Williams Lake and 100 Mile House. An itinerary will be published in the near future,

(b) It was suggested that Amy Thacker of the Cariboo Chilcotin Coast Tourism Association be invited to a future meeting of the Committee

7. Next Meetings – Tuesday, October 14, 2014 and Tuesday, November 25, 2014.

8. Adjournment – The meeting adjourned at 12.35 p.m.