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Outstanding Universal Values (OUV) Workshop #2

The Outstanding Universal Value (OUV) Workshop#2 was held in Dawson on November 9-10th, 2013. This second workshop was more in-depth, and the Project Management Committee members were very pleased with the level of enthusiasm, energy and insight of the participants. The OUV Working Group Chair, Doug Olynyk did an excellent job and implemented changes, which resulted in a lively and productive discussion.

The first day was a plenary session. The Community Resource working group consisted of returning members: Myrna Butterworth, Greg Hakonson, Helen Winton, Trina Buhler, with new members: Karen DuBois, Carrie Docken, Janice Cliff, Mike Perry, Paul Robitaille, and we were honoured to have the participation of Elder Peggy Kormendy. This group was combined with the Heritage Specialist working group consisting of returning members: Doug Olynyk, Sheila Greer, Barbara Hogan, Rebecca Jansen, Sally Robinson, Lee Whalen, Jody Beaumont, Sue Parsons and Allie Winton, Jen Laliberté, and new members: Debbie Nagano, Wayne Potoroka and Michael Gates.

On Monday morning the workshop began with a prayer by Debbie Nagano, an orientation/overview of the project by Paula Hassard and supportive comments from Wayne Potoroka (City of Dawson) and Paul Robitaille (KVA). The Chair Doug Olynyk then outlined the workshop objectives – to critique the draft OUV statement and suggest how to make it more concise and eloquent – and led a general group discussion.

On Monday afternoon Doug presented slides showing examples of other sites and their OUV syntheses for the sake of comparison, which sparked numerous suggestions for the Tr'ondëk-Klondike e.g., that the central story is accommodation, ingenuity, reconciliation and adaptation (summarized in the last sentence of the draft), and that the criteria should be developed first.

Participants were then divided into breakout groups to brainstorm about four different criteria. These were: Criteria 2 (important interchange of human values), Criteria 4 (outstanding example of architectural/technological/cultural landscape that illustrates a significant stage in human history), Criteria 5 (outstanding example of a traditional

land-use) and Criteria 6 ('spirit' associated with living traditions, and artistic/literary works of outstanding universal significance). The breakout discussions were particularly productive, and afterwards several people mentioned how excited they were to have taken part.

On Tuesday the heritage specialist members continued the OUV and criteria discussion in more detail and began to propose and define boundaries. Other sites were scrutinized for guidance and it was clear that existing criteria are inadequate in addressing aboriginal value systems, or cultural landscapes that are not 'designed'.

Doug will take away the values identified by the community and work them into the UNESCO framework, and provide at least one more draft of the value statement for vetting by the working group by the middle of January.

Historian Ken Coates was not available to participate by Skype as hoped, but David Neufeld was able to join the group by telephone from New Zealand and provided valuable input. Helpful follow up information has since been provided by several workshop participants, also.

Paula Hassard coordinated logistics and was very grateful to have the assistance of Amanda Taylor (written recording) and Jody Beaumont (audio recording), Dan Beaulieu, Sue Parsons, and Doug Olynyk (physical/technical set-up), the Heritage specialists (physical tear-down) and Nora Van Bibber (catering) within a tight schedule. Advisory Committee member Dan Davidson also attended a portion of the Monday session as an observer. A huge thanks to everyone for their help and involvement!

For a more detailed description of the workshop discussion, see the *OUV Working Group-Workshop #2 Report – Dec. 24, 2013* by Doug Olynyk.

Project Management Committee Meetings

Lee Whalen, Barbara Hogan and Paula Hassard met on Dec. 20th to debrief on the OUV Workshop, and discuss future work.

OUV work will continue starting Jan. 20th with the next draft ready for Ottawa at the end of the month. The Project Management (PM) Committee would like to ensure that the draft is cc'ed to the OUV Working Group and PM Committee at the same time as to Ottawa. They would also prefer that the PM Committee participate in a teleconference critique of the final draft with Ottawa.

Re: further involvement of the OUV working group, Paula worked with Doug to ensure he has everything he needs by way of bibliographies, overviews of research and management regimes. These need to show that the OUV statement is well documented and thoroughly understood, that we have management plans for most, and identify any gaps that need to be filled.

Barb indicated she still has to submit a brief overview of industrial history of area and information on the architecture and built heritage in Dawson. Lee's TH group still has to provide a summary of TH sites such as Black City and 12 Mile; he will check to see what has already been sent. Lee has just received a draft of Allie Winton's research report on heritage trails.

Re: boundaries, Lee has been working on maps with the TH Lands Department, and sent out draft versions to reflect the 3 suggested options. These include a one-kilometer buffer around the river, with boundaries following appropriate topography e.g., closest valley: 1) Big version – including all of Tombstone Park, Yukon River, all goldfields and land in between, but not including North Fork as historic resource 2) Similar to above but pared down to three arms – following Yukon Corridor, Yukon Ditch, Chandindu, and Bonanza; 3) Same as the second option with the exception of the land north of Moosehide.

We need to have written justification for why we chose certain boundaries – supported by values e.g., why did we use the buffer, why did we follow the east side of North Klondike coming down the Dempster Highway etc. It is the OUV Chair's job to write the rationale for the boundaries, but Paula suggested we hone down some of the places and ideas.

A variation on option 1) could exclude the land south of Park, options 2) and 3) could include the Hunker loop if it justified in terms of paleontological sites, and we may consider including Black City and places like Seela Pass and Chapman Lake. Inclusion of Forty Mile due to great movement in the valley between David's Camp and downriver is being considered.

The Committee discussed the issue that the inclusion of undeveloped land will speak to FN land use, but may scare people off. Similarly, including Tombstone Park in its totality may give a false impression that all its natural values are World Heritage, or be viewed as an intrusion on the current management. The Project Management Committee will seek further information and recommendations about this.

Re: the contractor's proposal for a socio-cultural impact study, Lee said he was surprised in a positive way. A socioeconomic impact assessment is usually done for development such as mining. There was discussion about whether there should be a separate document or incorporation in to the economic impact study. Barb expressed concern that if separated the social part will be lightweight – that we should fully address the social benefits and potential negative impacts, including the process of getting there e.g., community cohesion, growth. We will need examples of other places where this succeeded.

Re: the final report, The Committee agreed that if there is time, Paula would write the synthesis and assessment based on discussions with the PM team.

Can Nor Funding application

Paula Hassard met with TH Implementation Manager Monina Wittfoth and REDP Project Manager Mark Wickham before and after Christmas about future funding. Monina felt there was an urgent need for a 'placeholder' or notice of intent' to ensure that World Heritage is in the lineup for whenever CanNor is able to consider allocating funds again. By January 12th Mark had drafted an application and appendix for the preparation of nomination dossier for 2014-17. Paula has sent her changes and OUV documents as attachments and the package should be ready to send to CanNor by the end of this week.

Community Engagement

- **TH Communications:** Paula prepared a project update for the TH January newsletter. She and Lee also participated in setting up for the Elder's Christmas Party on Dec. 18th and the Community dinner that was held on Dec. 21st.
- **Ken Coates at 'Myth and Medium' (in progress):**
The Project Management Committee continued to work with Doug Olynyk and Jody Beaumont on coordinating a presentation by historian Ken Coates at 'Myth and Medium', a TH heritage conference held every two years. After many complications, flights have been arranged for Ken to speak in Dawson on February 25th.
- **City of Dawson Downtown Revitalization Plan**
On Dec. 12th, Paula participated in an open house community discussion about 'Changes to the Draft Plan' for the Downtown Revitalization project. Appropriate and consistent implementation of a heritage plan that will protect the integrity of the town is one of several factors that would influence the success of a UNESCO nomination bid. Of particular relevance is the strategy for enforcing the heritage bylaws e.g., selecting enforcement priorities, training for staff and heritage advisory committee, and new incentives.
- **'Tr'ondëk/Klondike Kucha Night' (in progress):** Paula Hassard is continuing to organize this slide/music event with Trina Buhler, to be held at Klondike Institute of Culture (KIAC). The date has been scheduled for February 6th. We will invite about 10 individuals to give quick, creative presentations on the meaning of 'Tr'ondëk/Klondike' and the event will be open to the public.