



TR'ONDËK HWËCH'IN REGIONAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PLAN (REDP)

COMMUNITY-BASED PROJECTS IMPLEMENTATION 2013-14

TR'ONDËK-KLONDIKE World Heritage Feasibility Project

Advisory Committee Meeting – Thursday, February 20, 2014

Tr'ondëk Hwëch'in Lands Board Room, 12 noon

Members in attendance: Debbie Nagano (TH, Heritage), Paul Robitaille (Klondike Visitors Association), Dan Davidson (Chamber of Commerce), Micah Olesh (City of Dawson), Greg Hakonson (Resident), Dick Van Nostrand (Resident), Lee Whalen (TH, Heritage), Rick Lemaire (YG, Tourism & Culture – by phone), Myrna Butterworth (Resident), Paula Hassard (TH, Heritage, WH Project Manager)

Regrets: Barb Hogan (YG, Historic Sites), Dan Beaulieu (Chamber of Commerce), David Rohatensky (Parks Canada), Elaine Rohatensky (Parks Canada), Laura Mann (Dawson City Museum), Allie Winton (Dawson City Museum), Jeff Renaud (City of Dawson) Frank Blanchard (TH Resident),

Chair: Debbie Nagano

Recorder: Paula Hassard

Business arising from Minutes of January 16, 2014

Re: CanNor funding and briefing with Yukon Government:

It has been recently announced that the CanNor program has been funded for two years at this point. (Our placeholder application to CanNor was for three years). The current plan is to meet with YG/CanNor programs representatives in mid-March and then politicians in May, however this is still under discussion. The purpose is to get assurance of financial support if the local councils approve. We may have to develop a more detailed budget.

Re: schedule:

As meetings with our Ottawa advisors were delayed by two weeks, the Chair's Feb 15th deadline for the completion of the OUV Report Chair has been changed to March 3rd.

Re: Tombstone:

Discussion of Tombstone area's geological importance & cultural significance for the Tr'ondëk Hwëch'in.

Business arising from Project Management Report of February 20, 2014

Presented (see attached).

Re: Outstanding Universal Values Study:

Project Management Committee described the feedback from our Ottawa advisors in their review of OUV Draft #2, and how the advisors think the World Heritage Committee would interpret it. Generally they believe our site remains a good candidate for World Heritage inscription and continues to belong on Canada's Tentative List. They offered practical advice that is being incorporated into Draft #3.

Committee members were heartened by these comments.

Project Manager summarized that we are looking at criteria iv), v) and vi) and researching viii) for future consideration. Decided to drop Criteria ii) (interchange of human values) and hold back on Criteria viii) (our paleontological story): these can be investigated down the road for their risks and benefits e.g., the paleontological story holds the possibility of resulting in a strong mixed site designation. The OUV Statement gives an overview of the arguments made in the criteria, and for now we are only preparing one version.

The OUV Working Group is in midst of making their comments, then the contractor will make final revisions before sending to the Advisory Committee for review.

Discussion of the key values:

Criteria iv) could be the gold rush story, v) the FN story and vi) ideas, literature and art. If we lead with ' a landscape that illustrates life before, during and after the gold rush' we can tell the paleontological story through a cultural lens e.g., the wealth of scientific information discovered through decades of mining.

Discussion occurred about the whether the 'phase in human history' is the gold rush as an example of the development of North America, or the gold rush itself. In literary terms the Gold Rush would be the 'inciting event'.

Discussion of the gold rush as having outstanding universal value, but that the FN should not be defined only by their reaction to the gold rush.

Discussion of how TH support for the WHS project might be affected if the gold rush is forefront. OUV needs to reflect the truism of what is here – and that isn't just one story. Local support is explicit in the economic planning that got this project going. We need to come up with a compromise that satisfies both Ottawa and the community.

Re: Economic Impact Study

The contractor from Lions Gate Consulting will update with current information as well as non-tourism impacts and opportunities, and the report will be completed by March 20th.

Re: Tr'ondëk Klondike Extraordinaire Night:
Committee discussed success of the event.

Re: Revised work plan:

Discussion of how to communicate work on the OUV to the community.

Re: Presentations to Yukon politicians:
Committee members suggested that Gold show weekend May 16-18th might be an opportunity for meetings with politicians while they are already in Dawson. It was also noted that the Association of Yukon Communities is meeting here May 8-10th.

Re: Community Engagement:
With so many important presentations coming up, Paula indicated there would be less time for WH community activities and media.

Date for Next meeting

Thursday, March 13th, 2013 at 12 noon.
(Note this was subsequently changed to April 3rd in the Tr'ondëk Hwëch'in Lands Board Room).

Note that a meeting date in May has yet to be determined.