



TRADITIONAL TERRITORY OF THE 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, January 16, 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), Rick Lemaire (YG, Tourism & Culture – by phone), Myrna Butterworth (Resident), Frank Blanchard (TH Resident), Paula Hassard (TH, Heritage, WH Project Manager)

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

Chair: Debbie Nagano

Recorder: Paula Hassard

Business arising from Minutes

None.

Business arising from Project Management Report of December 11, 2013

Re: Can Nor funding and briefing Yukon Government (YG). If a similar 'placeholder' application is going to be done for YG, Rick Lemaire agreed that it was a good idea to send material to the Minister to keep the initiative in front of mind. e.g., a cover letter outlining the breadth of the deliberations along with the Chair's Report on Outstanding Universal Values. Paul Robitaille felt it best to start with a face-to-face meeting but only if it is convenient. Rick suggested that the funding application could be delivered by the Chairs.

Decision: Paula and Rick Lemaire will discuss schedules for opportunities to brief Minister.

Rick also inquired about access to paleontological expertise. Paula clarified that the YG paleontologist participated in the first workshop but was not available for the second, and will contribute with the OUV Chair via email regarding Criteria 8.

Project Management Report

Presented (see attached).

Re: OUV Workshop #2 - Paula highlighted the summary of Workshop #2 which was based on recordings and Doug Olynyk's OUV report. The Project Management Committee was pleased that the Chair's report provided more content of the discussions, that the workshop was more in-depth and the plenary session and breakout groups were excellent. Paula described the four criteria considered and how (on Day 2) the professional group was able to learn from comparison to the wording used at other sites. e.g., that the criteria are not that suited to land-based sites and aboriginal value systems. She expressed thanks to the Advisory Committee members who participated and helped, as well as Adam Thom the TH Geospatial Technologist for making maps and display materials, and Clare Devenish in TH Communications for doing the layout.

Re: Schedule - Questions were raised about the project schedule. Paula explained that the dates for writing and vetting the OUV were changed because Workshop #2 had been postponed two weeks to ensure certain participants were available. While this put Doug under a compressed timeline he felt he could still deliver the draft for vetting by the OUV Working Group by the original Feb. 15th deadline, and after various screenings the 'final' version will be completed by the end of March.

Re: Boundaries - Paula presented for discussion three variations of mapped areas that could be suggested for designation. She explained that these are only notional to reflect the OUV cultural values identified so far, and there will be much back and forth as the OUV evolves. For example it will be affected by whether or not we decide to include Criteria 8 – the paleontological story...

Re: Economic/Final Reports – Paula summarized the thinking around updates to the Economic Impact study which will be done by a third party (previous contractor), and offered to send it to those interested. The plan is to have the Project Manager (with assistance from Project Management Committee complete the final synthesis and assessment.

Re: Myth and Medium –Ken Coates will speak on a World Heritage topic, 'Precious Lands: Territory, Resources and Values in the Klondike River Valley' on Feb. 25th. Paula asked whether the Advisory Committee wished to be on the mailing list for the conference, and everyone agreed.

Re: Revitalization project – Discussion occurred about whether this would have any impact on World Heritage integrity, authenticity, and community perception. Micah responded that it would not change the system of how the Heritage Management plan worked, except for the implementation of incentives and other small initiatives, and provides continuing evidence of

people's interest in the heritage of Dawson City. Dan indicated it might be the end of February before it was adopted.

Re: 'Klondike Kucha' night – This event was postponed to Feb. 6th and Paula asked if members were interested in presenting, helping or attending.

Decision: Paul Robitaille and Debbie Nagano volunteered to be presenters.

Review of OUV Report

Paul expressed his opinion that there was still too much in the OUV and that it was getting watered down, and by trying to please everyone it will not be very unique. He felt we needed to focus on finding a common thread behind what makes something a national historic site. Dick reminded everyone that we are still in early stages, that Doug is responsible for narrowing down the ideas and that many of them can be included as background material. Dan recalled the Grand Pré WHS process and how the OUV went through many iterations over five years; eventually ours will conflate down to something. Rick said that the advice from International Programs people is critical in this process, as they have an appreciation for the subtleties of OUV statements that should keep us on track.

Decision: Paula will send out the Chair's report to the OUV Community Resource Group, and will send the final draft of the OUV Statement to the Advisory Committee when it is available.

Klondike miniseries – Paul gave an update on the Discovery Channel launch planned by KVA.

Date for Next meeting

Thursday, February 13th, 2013 at 12 noon – location TBD.
(Note this was subsequently changed to Feb. 20th in the Tr'ondëk Hwëch'in Lands Board Room).

Note that the next meeting dates are:

March 13, 2014

April 10, 2014