



**Advisory Committee Meeting
Minutes
Thursday, September 3, 2015**

Location: Tr'ondëk Hwëch'in – Natural Resources Conference Room

In Attendance: Lee Whalen, Paul Robitaille, Dick Van Nostrand, David Rohatensky, Alex Somerville, Debbie Nagano, Micah Olesh, Paula Hassard, Barb Hogan (phone), Rick Lemaire (phone)

Regrets: Samson Hartland, Tara Christie, Dan Davidson

Recorder: Molly Shore

The meeting began at 12:15 pm. Debbie Nagano chaired the meeting. There were no comments on the Advisory Committee Meeting minutes of July 23, 2015.

Welcome

Alex Somerville, A/Director of the Dawson City Museum, was welcomed as the museum's new representative.

Any local TH citizens interested in filling the vacancy on the Advisory Committee have been invited to get in touch by September 10.

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Paula reviewed the report.

The group discussed the role of World Heritage (WH) in the development assessment/regulatory process. The Committee agreed that Tr'ondëk-Klondike neither endorses nor prohibits development across-the-board, but does allow for it. It is anticipated that most of the time, there will be no need for WH to comment on local developments. The Project Management Committee will come up with scenarios or case studies wherein a project *would* potentially impact Tr'ondëk-Klondike's values. It's important to refine our communications to make our values clear to everyone, including YESAB assessors, miners (or other developers), and residents.

Management planning recommendations

Paula reviewed and asked for feedback on the "management planning" section of the Project Management Committee Report:

- Management structure and membership
- Drafting a Memorandum of Understanding for a Stewardship Board, both pre- and post-designation
- Formation of a working group

For the time being, the management plan will be drafted internally, with Paula and Molly researching and writing in consultation with David, Micah, and the Project Management Committee. Documents will be based on models from Red Bay and Grand Pré.

Paul asked if the nomination was generally on track, in terms of proposed timelines. The project is behind schedule, but on track.

Rick asked if other Canadian sites have management structures similar to Tr'ondëk-Klondike – essentially, frameworks that link existing plans and management bodies.

- The Pimachiowin Aki nomination is not an easy comparison. The First Nations and provincial governments created a corporation to manage the project and its funding.
- Kluane / Wrangell-St. Elias / Glacier Bay / Tatshenshini-Alsek World Heritage Site, a collection of natural parks and protected areas, also doesn't compare well to Tr'ondëk-Klondike in management planning.
- The Landscape of Grand Pré has some similarities. It's a living cultural site with management interests coming from various groups. They formed a stewardship board which soon evolved into a non-profit society after designation. Tr'ondëk-Klondike may need to consider incorporation as a society, if it's necessary for managing operations and funds.

Date for next meeting

Thursday, October 1, 2015.

The meeting adjourned at 1:00 pm.