



BRITISH COLUMBIA'S GOLD RUSH TOWN

**BARKERVILLE**  
HERITAGE TRUST

**MINUTES**  
**DIRECTORS' MEETING**  
**January 17, 2009**

**Attending:** Neil Vant, Sue Morhun, Lily Chow, Betsy Ives, April Moi, Gord Rattray, Rob Rummel, Tom Turner, Steve Harkies (for Scott Kovatch)

**Regrets:** Pat Pickering, Roy Spooner, Rhonda Hunter, Blanca Schorcht

Call to Order: 9:45 am

**MINUTES:**

*Moved Tom Turner/Sue Morhun to receive the Directors' Notes from October 4/5, 2008 Meeting. Carried*

*Moved Rob Rummel/Lily Chow to approve the Minutes from the October 4/5, 2008 Meeting. Carried.*

*Moved Sue Morhun/Tom Turner to receive the Directors' Notes from December 6/7, 2008 Meeting and to approve the Minutes from the December 6/7, 2008 Meeting. Carried*

**CORRESPONDENCE:** none

**REPORTS**

**Financial**

Hilma Sinkinson of Essential Business Services has been hired to assist us with our accounting/bookkeeping issues. The RFP was sent to the two names collected, but only one response was received.

**5 year Financial Plan and 2009/2010 Budget**

CEO gave PowerPoint on the preliminary work to date to develop a 5 year Financial Plan

- Need to meet with Dick Harris re potential federal infrastructure money
- What will fundraising revenues be in 2010?
- Need to get away from classical 'recessional' thinking; need to spend money to ensure success, especially marketing
- Need to capitalize on people 'travelling in their own backyard'

## Operating Budget

*Moved Rob Rummel/Sue Morhun that we accept the operating budget as amended. Carried.*

## Capital Budget

*Moved Sue Morhun/Lily Chow that we accept the capital budget as presented. Carried.*

- Staff to look for outside funding for selected projects where possible

*Action: Letter to be written to Dick Harris/Jay Hill re federal infrastructure monies with cc to Min. Bennett, Bob Simpson (MLA) and Blair Lekstrom and other federal and provincial ministers*

- Betsy can probably get a meeting with Dick Harris
- We have 'shovel ready' projects
- Some projects may fall to 'fund raising'

## **CEO Report**

**Internet** – We have no high speed Internet at the moment. ABC has presented a proposal for another 3 year contract.

We need to be proactive for the longer term. We need to let MLA and CRD know about issues faced by rural communities in terms of high speed connectivity.

FN Consultation is going well. The Connector is not 'shovel ready' and therefore will not qualify for any upcoming infrastructure monies. There is still too much work to be done on this –There are a number of other 'connector' roads also on the table with government.

## **Revenue Development Committee**

CEO handed out material from Roy Spooner and gave update on the work of the Committee.

- Potential for a fundraising 'think tank' in the next two months

**Tourism Management and Marketing Committee** – will examine the marketing program and bring back recommendations by mid-February.

## **Government Relations**

There is a meeting with the Minister Bennett on January 27 in Vancouver. Attending will be Neil Vant, Gord Rattray, Roy Spooner and Judy Campbell. We wish to discuss the following:

1. Our annual lift of \$550,000
2. Successful resolution of the secondment issue
3. Long term resolution to sustainable funding in which government is a key player; what is the status of the Sustainability Study?
4. We want the Minister to be a champion for Heritage in BC

Meeting recessed at 4:30 pm

## **SUNDAY January 18, 2009**

**Attending:** Neil Vant, Sue Morhun, Lily Chow, Betsy Ives, April Moi, Gord Rattray, Rob Rummel, Steve Harkies (for Scott Kovatch)

**Regrets:** Pat Pickering, Roy Spooner, Rhonda Hunter, Blanca Schorcht, Tom Turner.

Call to Order: 9:00 am

### **Items from Directors**

Lily Chow

1. Plaque for Chee Kung Tong – has been vetted by Barkerville staff and Lily. We hope the ceremony will take place on Autumn Moon Festival (August 22, 2009). The plaque will be in 3 languages (English, French, and Chinese). There is great interest in China to send officials to the ceremony. They need to have invitations early in order to get their visas.
2. Selia Tan (researcher from China) She was to come in February, but does not actually have her visa. She is with a University in China and is collecting letters from immigrants. If she can't come in February, hope she can come for the CKT ceremony.
3. Shirley Bond Meeting: Lily met with her aide, Matt Holmes. He was not familiar with Barkerville. Lily discussed the Sustainability Study and work on the Connector. Generally a positive meeting.
4. York University has created a virtual museum. Contacted Lily re important events in northern BC that could be on that site. Lily sent information on erection of Chinese monument in Prince George in 2002. Lily will send the contact.
5. Bill Chu from Chinese Christian Institute is working on Chinese reconciliation. There will be a parade in Chinatown on February 1<sup>st</sup>. Has taken groups of students to visit Chinese heritage sites in southern BC. Lily has told him about Quesnel Forks and Stanley. Has requested recognition of all Chinese and Asian Heritage Sites in BC. Also involved in First Nations reconciliation as well.
6. Dr. Wong from Seattle University is trying to arrange a study tour to Barkerville. Has already been in contact with Bill.
7. Asian Research Committee in Seattle – Chumia Ho. They had a Call for Papers. However want speakers to find their own sponsors.

### **Friends of Barkerville MOU**

***Moved Rob/Sue to rescind the previous motion made at the December 6/7, 2008 meeting. Carried.***

***Moved Sue/Rob that Betsy meet with the president of the FoB to continue the dialogue with the long-term intent of reaching a mutually agreeable process to arrive a formal relationship that define roles and responsibilities. Carried.***

***Action: Judy to recirculate the minutes from our last meeting with them, along with Sue's notes on Cooperating Associations relationships***

### **The Secondment**

*Moved Sue/Gord that the Chair contact Rhonda Hunter forthwith to determine her willingness to be contracted to conduct a SWOT analysis of the entire Secondment matter and in the event that she is willing to undertake the task that the Executive be empower to develop 'firewall guidelines' to avoid conflict of interest to be completed by February 28, 2009. Carried.*

Once we have the technical information in hand, we will strike the task force, hopefully with Government representation.

**April Meeting** – Gord Rattray to make these arrangements

### **Directors Items**

*Moved Rob Rummel/April Moi that staff send out to all CA's and above between 100 Mile House in Prince George, an Expression of Interest for being BHT's auditor for the 2009/2010 Fiscal Year. Carried.*

*Moved Sue Morhun/April Moi for adjournment. Carried.*