

**BANFF HERITAGE CORPORATION
MEETING MINUTES
Beaver Lodge
212 Beaver Street
Thursday, May 16th 2019**

CORPORATION MEMBERS PRESENT

Peter Poole	Council Representative
Susan Kennard	Parks Canada Representative* (Chair)
Ericka Chemko	Public Member* (Vice Chair)
Roland Charpentier	Alberta Association of Architects
Lynne Huras	Eleanor Luxton Historical Foundation*
Joe Owchar	Public Member*
Rose Maunder	Public Member*
Andrew Hempstead	Public Member*

CORPORATION MEMBERS ABSENT

Sandy Aumonier	Alberta Culture Representative
Anita Battrum	Honorary Public Representative
Anne Ewen	Whyte Museum of the Canadian Rockies*

ADMINISTRATION PRESENT

Jennifer Laforest	Development Planner
Kat Graves	Planning and Development Intern

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC PRESENT

Louis Thomas	Councillor, Neskonlith Indian Band (Salmon Arm)
Mark Erikson	Studio North
Alexandra Montgomery	Bowstrings Foundation

1.0 CALL TO ORDER

Kennard called the May 16th 2019 Heritage Corporation Meeting to order at 1:30pm.

2.0 APPROVAL OF AGENDA

HER19-24 Moved by Chemko to approve the heritage agenda with the following amendments:

- add item 3.2 ‘roundtable introductions’
- add item 5.1, ‘declaration of conflicts’
- add item 5.2 ‘declaration of conflicts’
- add item 6.1 ‘new correspondence from Louis Thomas’

CARRIED

3.0 ADOPTION OF MEETING MINUTES

3.1 Previous Meeting Minutes

HER19-25 Moved by Chemko to approve the meeting minutes from the March 21 2019 regular Heritage Corporation meeting as presented.

CARRIED

Minutes approved by: _____

3.2 Roundtable Introductions

HER19-26 Moved by Kennard that Heritage Corporation consider item 6.1 'New Correspondence' prior to proceeding with the remainder of the agenda items.

CARRIED

Kennard thanked Mr. Thomas for his presentation and sharing traditional knowledge with the Heritage Corporation.

HER19-27 Moved by Kennard that Heritage Corporation acknowledge the significance of indigenous histories to the development of Banff and that the committee continue to pursue the strategic goal of recognizing indigenous history in Banff through cultural landscape surveys.

CARRIED

4.0 UNFINISHED BUSINESS

4.1 Rooftop Antenna Development Permit Application - 223 Beaver Street

Update Received as Information

4.2 Bed and Breakfast Home Application - 418 Muskrat Street

Update Received as Information

4.3 Municipal Columbarium – 606 Buffalo Street

Update Received as Information

5.0 PRESENTATIONS AND REPORTS

5.1 Beaver Lodge

Huras left the meeting at 2:15 p.m.

Councillor Poole indicated that he no longer has an affiliation with the Eleanor Luxton Historical Foundation and as a result will participate discussions and deliberations regarding the Eleanor Luxton Historical Foundation projects on Beaver Street.

HER19-28 Moved by Owchar that Heritage Corporation support the construction of a new addition and accessory dwellings at 208,210,212 Beaver Street provided the application adheres to the Standards and Guidelines for the Conservation of Historic Places in Canada.

CARRIED

HER19-29 Moved by Maunder that Heritage Corporation recommend the Eleanor Luxton Historical Foundation give particular consideration for the roofline of the building addition to Beaver Lodge and the exterior materials so as to ensure that the addition is both complementary and secondary to the historic cabin.

CARRIED

5.2 Mackenzie Residence

HER19-30 Moved by Maunder that Heritage Corporation recommend council proceed with the notice of intention to designate as the MacKenzie Residence as the historic home demonstrates both architectural and historical value to the community.

CARRIED

Huras returned to the meeting at 3:45 p.m.

5.3 Picturesque Cottage Developments in Banff

Item deferred to the next regular meeting of the Banff Heritage Corporation.

3.0 CORRESPONDENCE / INQUIRIES

4.0 REFERENCE MATERIAL

5.0 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

10.1 The next regular meeting of the Banff Heritage Corporation is scheduled for June 20th at 1:30pm (Town Hall).

6.0 ADJOURNMENT

HER19-31 Moved by Kennard to close the meeting at 4:05pm.

CARRIED

Susan Kennard
Chair

Jennifer Laforest
Planning and Development

Mr. Louis Thomas
Councillor
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May 16, 2019.

Banff Heritage Corporation
Banff

Hello:

I am a Councillor from Neskonlith. I live in Salmon Arm and am active in cross-cultural work there. I also build our traditional winter homes (kekuli), the old dwelling houses. My grandmother lived in one of these.

I write you today because I understand you are the group of people who are especially interested in heritage buildings. These kekuli may be the oldest heritage buildings for your consideration.

Here in Banff I have come to meet with Elders from both sides of the mountains.

Yesterday and today I visited the sites where these winter homes were built. We saw remains of two of them. I enclose a couple of pages of background about these Banff, including a page from a 1914 book by the government.

I would like to come back sometime and discuss how we might cooperate. I will send you another report based on my site visit today and tomorrow.

Thank you,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read 'Louis Thomas', written in black ink.

Louis Thomas

BNP Management Plan:

- **4.4 Management Priorities:**

Building more meaningful engagement with Aboriginal people;

- **Key Strategy 5.2.1:**

“Make Banff National Park a place of connecting – and reconnecting – people, landscapes, wildlife populations and waterways by: Recognizing and working to correct the past disconnections in the natural environment and in human relationships to the landscape.” p.26

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DOMINION PARKS BRANCH

HANDBOOK
OF THE
ROCKY MOUNTAINS PARK
MUSEUM

ADMISSION FREE
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GOVERNMENT PRINTING BUREAU
1914

14. Antiquities of the Rocky Mountains Park

THE antiquities of the Rocky Mountains Park proper have not been sufficiently studied to give a general idea of the material, culture or handiwork of the area, but the antiquities of the Thompson River region inhabited by Shuswap Indians, whose country extends to the region bounding the Park on the west, are perhaps as well understood as those of any part of Canada.

Points chipped from stone for arrows are found that are like those of many other parts of North America. Pebbles battered on the ends from use as hammers, some with a groove pecked around them to hold a handle in place are also found. Such hammers are characteristic of the Great Plains and have been seen in use by modern Indians in that area.

Sites of villages of semi-subterranean houses are found in two places within two miles of Banff, and a site where stone was broken up with pebbles used as hammers and chipped into points for arrows and scrapers has been found on the lower right end of Lake Minnewanka.

SEMI-SUBTERRANEAN HOUSE SITES

HERE are some fourteen semi-subterranean house ruins scattered on the river flat from the foot of Mount Rundle towards Bow River to the edge of the Golf Grounds in the Rocky Mountains Park. These are about one mile from Banff, and nine are in an irregular line. Four and a doubtful ruin are on one side of this line. The remaining ruin, also a doubtful one, is on the other side. These are nearly circular holes from about one to four feet in depth, and from about ten to nearly fifteen feet in diameter, with the excavated earth thrown out in a low ridge all around each hole. The limit of this ridge of earth in no one is over thirty feet from that of another, while the widest space between any two in the line is about twelve feet, and others lap upon each other.

A few smaller ruins are scattered in the woods on the slope between the base of Tunnel Mountain and the flat where the animal paddock is located. These ruins near Banff mark the present known general eastern limit of this type of house.

These holes may be understood from the following facts: The Shuswap Indians living just west of here formerly built their winter houses partly underground. They dug a hole from ten to thirty feet in diameter upon the edge of which they rested a roof that covered the entire excavation. An opening was left in the top which served as doorway, window and chimney. The Indians entered and left the house by means of a ladder made of a notched log. On all the old Shuswap village sites near Kamloops are found numbers of circular depressions, ten to thirty feet in diameter, and two to five feet deep. Each is surrounded by a ridge of earth. It would seem that these depressions are the remains of winter houses similar to those of the modern Indians.