



Hidden Histories Society Yukon, Board and Executive Meeting Minutes

Call to order

A meeting of Hidden Histories Society Yukon was held at the Canada Games Centre on 27 April 2021. Meeting was called to order at 12:07 p.m.

Attendees

Present: Charlotte Hrenchuk, Peggy D'Orsay, Linda Johnson, Paul Gowdie, Karen Routledge.
By phone: Lillian Nakamura Maguire

New business:

1. **Reading list for website:** How can we narrow it down?
 - a. Limit to BC, Alberta, the North?
 - b. Shortlist of anti-racism resources?
 - c. Limited kids' books?
 - d. Links to other places with more in-depth reading lists. **Action item: Charlotte to look for these types of links.**
2. **Media requests:**
 - a. **Comedy show:** Paul and Charlotte spoke with Mairi. HHSY could play a supporting role, volunteering if needed, letter of support. We will not be taking the lead. The plan is to have a virtual show. Nothing is finalized yet.
 - b. **Historic Sites Unit:** They are looking to do an article in *What's Up Yukon* with Leighann Chalykoff as contractor. **Action item: Charlotte to follow up with Historic Sites. Potential for Paul, Lillian and Charlotte (or just two of them) to speak with Leighann.**
 - c. **Gold Rush TV show:** They want to feature a story of Lucile Hunter. We need to explore what their expectations are of us and get more information. **Action items: Charlotte to write back** and say we are potentially interested, how long will clip be, what kinds of information will they be showing? Could do a Zoom call with them. **Karen can try to meet with Yasmin** next week for coffee if she goes to Dawson; Charlotte will cc: Karen on email.
 - d. **Lunch & learn:** On May 12 at noon, Paul will give a presentation about HHSY at Northern Lights Innovation Hub: who we are, what we do, why we matter, impacts and what we would like to achieve (curriculum enhancement, building community). They have the capacity to record and publish. We can get the footage and put it on our website. Presentation about 30 minutes. Paul will bring display panels for

backdrop. **Action item: Linda to book displays. Paul will present and maybe Charlotte will too.**

3. Future goals:

a. Curriculum reform:

- i. Could try to meet with new education minister.

b. Labour reform:

- i. YG doesn't have a diversity and inclusion hiring/retention policy to our knowledge.
- ii. CDF report asked only if we hired First Nations people, women, or disabled people.
- iii. Could try to meet with other politicians. Would need to collect data.

4. CDF Grant:

a. Due May 15

b. Peggy and Linda offer to write a proposal for at least 3 new displays and profiles online.

- i. **Sung family** (grocery store, mess halls in Elsa/Mayo/Keno, have an existing interview, have photos, major employers who gave Jim Smith his start)
- ii. **Massa Sakata** (lived in Dawson/Mayo/Whitehorse, had small businesses, here from age 7 to late 80s, died in 1972/73, buried in Whitehorse)
- iii. **Agee family** (Alonzo came to Klondike c.1898, came with two teenage sons, his wife and other children soon followed, had a barbershop and mining claims)
- iv. **Black Prince?** To consider if there is enough information, possibly could make a panel about sports if not. Also unsure if we have enough funding for a fourth panel.
- v. **Potentially start research on the Randawha family:** interview and sharing family photos in preparation for future display. Jasmine is still here. Her father won a human rights case against YG. Mother was with childcare society of Yukon and Linda may have interviewed her. We have not profiled a South Asian family yet.

c. The proposal will be for Peggy to do the research, Linda to do the writing, Paul to forecast money for design of panels (and probably contract it out). **Action item: Paul to get quote for Inkspirations hardware for panels. Linda and Peggy to write proposal and circulate for feedback. Charlotte to meet with Cheryl Goudet.**

d. Possibly ask for small financial contribution from Chinese society here and they can get their logo on the panel.

e. Any HHSY board members who are paid for this project will need to take a leave of absence from the Board.

f. Have done interview with Narash Prashad.

5. Website:

a. Linda found the list of interviews, but if we are going to post online we should talk to individuals and their families. **Action item: Linda to consult permission forms and enter them into inventory sheet. Paul to send link to inventory.**

- b. Eventually we would like to apply for money to hire someone to edit the interviews into short stories, and seek permission from families to put up the short clips on the website.

Meeting adjourned at 1:27 p.m.
Next meeting: Thursday May 13 at 12:00.



Karen Routledge, Secretary

April 27, 2021.

Date of approval