

## Hidden Histories Board and Executive Meeting

February 9, 2021.

12:00-1:00, by Skype

Present: Charlotte Hrenchuk, Paul Gowdie, Peggy D'Orsay, Karen Routledge.

1. Charlotte recorded an interview with CBC about Lucile Hunter. It will be aired tomorrow (Wednesday) at 7:15 or 8:15 a.m.
2. Website: No update today, Paul will check in with Jen and will provide update at February 23 meeting.
3. Social media: Karen has been posting on the HHSY Facebook page. **Action item: Karen will also create a linked Instagram account** (you can post to both platforms simultaneously). She welcomes any suggestions or feedback for social media. We also discussed the following:
  - a. Contact Yukon Archives front desk or Lesley Buchan if posting any Yukon Archives photos (other than ones that I am just linking to on the Yukon Archives Hidden Histories site).
  - b. Peggy contacted *Whitehorse Star* yesterday to ask permission to post historic articles from them. We can go ahead and post articles from the *Dawson News* as no one owns that paper anymore.
  - c. Linda Johnson likely has the permission/release forms for the community profiles if we want to check into what we can post from them.
  - d. Some other suggestions for posts:
    - i. Mabel Taylor diary (would need to contact Yukon Archives for permission, Peggy may have copies).
    - ii. Picture of a tall Black woman in a fancy silk dress – in the bibliography. Post and ask for information about her.
    - iii. Article about Lucile Hunter in the bibliography from 1919.
    - iv. Three Black men who were here before the gold rush:
      1. One was working with HBC at Fort Yukon from 1847-1848, his name was Pena La Noir. He worked as a hunter/guide and casual labourer. Peggy sent Karen some scanned HBC records.
      2. Henry McDame at Telegraph Creek
      3. Black Tom, Peggy has only found one thing about him. There is a written article on him in the *Northern Review*.
    - v. Steve Smiley, one of the older miners in the Klondike.
4. Current CDF grant: **Action item: Karen to contact Cheryl Goudet and ask her for an extension on paperwork to March 31.**
5. Next CDF grant: We want to apply for Peggy for do more research on some individuals, possibly including those she sent via email: Massa Sakata, Carl Williams, Laila Ignatia, Shie Santos (born on Herschel Island), Bruce Sung & Tourist Services, the Naganos, Po family in Mayo, Black Prince, possibly South Asian individuals/families (we see people who appear to be South Asian in photos but don't know a lot about them). TBD if this will be Tier 1 (deadline May 15) or Tier 2 (deadline April 15) application.

- a. Action item: Peggy to narrow it down to where we have gaps and what we want to focus on.
- b. We will return to this grant application in early March. Charlotte and Karen volunteer to work on the application.
6. Digital Museums grant: possibly look at applying for this next year after we have more research done. We could turn the research into an online narrative.
7. We will not apply for the Historic Resources grant this year as we do not have matching funding.
8. Tourism: Yukon is looking at diversifying its marketing plan. Paul may get more info on this and will forward if so.
9. Newspapers.com: Karen just signed us up for an account for the next six months at the cost of \$98.02. She will send login info in a separate email and will seek reimbursement from Midori.

Next board meeting: February 23, 12-1.