

**ICH Committee Meeting  
30 November 2015, 1 pm  
Newman Building, 1 Springdale Street, St. John's**

In attendance:

Jerry Dick, Frank Crews, Joan Cranston, Dale Jarvis

Regrets:

George Chalker

## **1. Membership and makeup of the ICH Committee**

Dale Jarvis gave an overview of how previous committees been structured, and directed questions on how the new ICH committee should be structured.

Frank Crews - stated that the ICH committee should be responsible to board. There should be a HFNL board member who should be chair, who then reports back to the HFNL board, similar to the finance committee. Non-board member experts in the field could be asked to sit on the ICH committee, as happens with the preservation committee.

Jerry Dick - the work of the ICH committee should be more integrated into HFNL activities, with the board having more input on planning priorities. It should be a small group, with board members, and 2-3 outside people. It should meet every two months - with at least one meeting around the board meeting time.

Joan Cranston - Someone with ICH knowledge would be important to have on the committee. The ICH work of HFNL is important, because it tells the story behind the structure, the content of registered heritage structures. ICH has the potential to revitalize the image of heritage; it draws people in. There should be one "intern" position on the committee, to have at least one young person give their input on heritage issues. The chair should report to board, summarizing what has been done and future work, and ask for board input.

**Action # 1:** *Dale Jarvis will draft a proposal to board about ICH Committee structure and mandate, for their comments.*

**Action #2:** *Dale Jarvis will draft a call for interested ICH committee members, and circulate widely. Applicants will be asked to give a letter stating why they want to be on the committee, with a copy of their CV. Deadline mid-december.*

**Action #3:** *Joan Cranston will act as committee chair at meetings.*

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## **2. Workplan for the remainder of the 2015-2016 fiscal year**

Dale Jarvis - Priority is to identify categories or themes of ICH at threat. Noted that HFNL's 3 year work plan includes: "Objective 3: By March 31, 2016 the HFNL will have documented key traditions at risk. Measure: Key traditions at risk are documented." Suggested a possible 1 day symposium/forum.

Jerry Dick - Come up with an online survey first, and then some kind of half day forum, to present and discuss results of the survey, possibly using the services of the office of public engagement. Things to consider: what does success look like? In future, some kind of program review - what has worked? This helps HFNL show which investments are good, that in turn helps with looking for resources in the future. Government is increasingly looking for results

Frank Crews - HFNL needs to look at broad goals, and then all project goals need to feed into HFNL's broader goals. Some reflection would be good, ie "how do you know what you are doing is OK?" and "what do we need to look at?"

Joan Cranston - gave the example of the community oral history booklets as tangible results

Dale Jarvis - we need to identify issues in advance, but maintain enough flexibility to respond to emerging issues, ie closure of the Victorian Order of Nurses.

Dale Jarvis gave an overview of other ongoing projects to be completed/started by March 31st:

- Grey Sock Project (\$5000 funding from City of St. John's - currently hiring intern)
- Step dance project (in partnership with MMAP)
- Youth Heritage Forum #2 in March 2016 (possibly in cooperation with MUN Folklore)

There was a discussion about the Youth Heritage NL (YHNL), and general consensus was that this is a positive initiative to support - good for youth engagement, good for HFNL.

Joan Cranston- we can assist YHNL, but they are the drivers. HFNL can serve as an incubator. If YHNL wants to have a group, HFNL wants to support them.

Joan Cranston gave an overview of the Bonne Bay oral history project (in partnership with BBCHHC and Grenfell, plus possible intern). This is the next phase of Bonne Bay project. They are hiring two heritage development assistants, plus a possible heritage intern from Feb-March.

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Dale Jarvis - other ongoing projects include Digitization of Hiram Silk material (in cooperation with GF-W, waiting on \$10K grant), the continuation of the Living Heritage Podcast, and an application for legacy project on children's games (possible partnership with Parks Canada, \$2000 from Province).

Jerry Dick - Are there possible curriculum links for the kids games project? Show the link between kids and activity, try to get some into gym classes, social studies, etc. If there is to be a guide for teachers, could it specifically tied to curriculum? Suggested that Dale Jarvis talk to the Cultural Connections programme, specifically Mary Dinn

Dale Jarvis gave overview of longer-term projects for consideration:

- 2016 Cupids Folklore Field School
- Philippines event at The Rooms (possibly make a funding application to Citizenship and Immigration)
- School outreach/workshops as part of the Heritage Fairs programme
- 2016 - "folklorist in residence" as part of an oral history project with the Stephenville 50th anniversary of the base closure
- Some kind of event for the Arnold's Cove resettlement project
- Town of Bonavista has 300 oral histories they need some assistance with in some way.

There was a discussion about a possible National Conference on ICH in 2017.

Jerry Dick - this needs to be highlighted and added quickly to next board meeting.

Joan Cranston - talked about the recent west coast fibre conference and possibility of doing a conference outside of st john's, off season.

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**Action #7:** *George Chalker will be asked to include the 2017 Conference on the agenda of the next board meeting.*

### **3. Brainstorming session on how to integrate the ICH Program into the daily workings of the Foundation**

Jerry Dick - HFNL must more intentionally include ICH values in our documentation forms. It should be almost automatic that we do an oral history, or that they provide one. HFNL needs to enhance the intangible significance as part of the designation process.

Joan Cranston reiterated that the committee needs to be part of the board, not two separate entities.

Frank Crews gave the example of the George C. Harris House in Grand Bank, and noted that there were missed opportunities to document stories associated with the house.

Jerry Dick - for some people, intangibles are more relevant than architectural history.

Dale Jarvis - Oral histories, like the one done for Jenkins House in Twillingate, are possible, and if the board wants more of them done, they just need to direct staff to do so.

### **4. Set date for next meeting, before end of fiscal year**

General consensus is that the meeting should be held on one of the following dates: Jan 15 or 18th, or Feb 5 or 8th.

**Action #8:** *George Chalker and Madonna Sullivan be consulted, and the date of the next board meeting set to coincide with the next ICH Committee meeting.*

Meeting adjourned at 3pm.

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