



National Association of Japanese Canadians Heritage Committee meeting minutes

Meeting date: 17 January 2016

Meeting time:	1:36pm EST – 2:30/3:00pm EST
Meeting location:	Japanese Canadian Cultural Centre, Masami Group Office (second floor)
Meeting called by:	Lisa Uyeda, Chair
Type of meeting:	Committee meeting
Facilitator:	Lisa Uyeda, Chair
Note taker:	Lisa Uyeda, Chair
Attendees:	Noreen Kuroyama, Lillian Maguire, Kevin Okabe, Lisa Uyeda, and Bryon Wilfert.
Regrets:	None.

Adopt 17 January 2016 meeting agenda

Motion moved:	Lillian Maguire
Motion second:	Bryon Wilfert
Result:	Carried

Adopt 28 November 2015 meeting minutes

Correct spacing on page 5 and 6.	
Motion moved:	Noreen Kuroyama
Motion second:	Lillian Maguire
Result:	Carried

Business arising from Minutes (none)

Old business

1. Road Camp Signage Project (research)

- Bryon will touch base with Michael Chan to discuss the Schreiber road camp signage project. Will also touch base with a few Ministers (e.g. Melanie Joly – Canadian Heritage, Bardish Chagger – Small Business and Tourism, Jean-Yves Duclos – Families, Children and Social



Development, Kirsty Duncan – Science) to inquire about possible support. A proposal would be required to secure funding.

- Other research:
 - Approx. 50-75 photographs identified so far to look at (Lisa to compile, everyone to look at them).
 - Detailed account of The Exiles, look for copies to borrow for the project (ask Jim, check NNM, check Nikkei Books) but also look at other books for additional information.
 - Ask Nikkei Voice for Frank Moritsugu's articles that were published in 2010 or later.
 - Oral histories from NNM and JCCC (Lisa to compile them in one location, Lillian can help listen) but no transcripts are available.
 - Lisa to connect with Leanne Riding again.
 - Ask Frank Moritsugu if he would be available to help edit when drafts are completed.
 - Future idea: writing a children's book and matching it to a curriculum.
 - Touch base with Scott Back to inquire about the possible size of the signage.
 - Review University of British Columbia's Rare Books and Special Collections records.

[Reminder from last meeting minutes]

- Research tasks: committee members to compile a list of what resources are available and what might be a priority for the committee to review and incorporate into the panels.
 - Nikkei National Museum resources: Lisa Uyeda
 - Japanese Canadian Cultural Centre resources: Noreen Kuroyama
 - Community news (Nikkei Voice, local newsletters): TBD
 - New Canadian online newspaper: Lillian Maguire
 - <http://multiculturalcanada.ca/tnc>
 - Publications: The Exiles by Yon Shimizu: TBD
 - Other archives: Lisa Uyeda to search other archives (e.g. Library and Archives Canada)
 - Community records (family photographs, memoirs, etc.): TBD
 - Ontario Heritage Foundation created signage for Ontario camps sometime in the late 1990s, through the Department of Agriculture.
- Lisa to contact graphic designers and ask for example works or websites to review and see if they're interested in working on this project.

2. National heritage survey (summary)

- Completed surveys to-date:
 - Japanese Cultural Association of Manitoba Inc. (JCAM)
 - Edmonton Japanese Community Association (EJCA)
 - Nikkei Cultural Society of Lethbridge and Area
 - Greater Toronto Chapter of the NAJC.
 - Central Vancouver Island Japanese Canadian Cultural Society
 - Japanese Canadian Association of Yukon (JCAY)
 - Nikkei National Museum & Cultural Centre



- Regina Japanese Canadian Club
- Ottawa Japanese Community Association
- Victoria Nikkei Cultural Society
- Organizations yet to respond:
 - Greater Vancouver Japanese Canadian Citizens' Association
 - Calgary Japanese Community Association
 - Kamloops Japanese Canadian Association
 - Vernon Japanese Cultural Society
 - Lakehead Japanese Cultural Association
 - Hamilton Chapter of the NAJC
- Highlights:
 - Most are interested in creating educational displays or resources.
 - Some will complete an oral history component or a local publication with stories.
 - Some are interested in celebrating commemorative events.
- The survey can be accessed at: <https://najc.ca/najc-heritage-committee-survey-2015/>

3. New members

- An announcement was made in the Bulletin-Geppo. Sachiko Okuda from Ottawa has expressed interest in joining the Heritage Committee. The Committee will review her CV and supporting documents (shared by Lisa via email). Would like to invite Sachiko to the next Heritage Committee meeting to observe and learn more about what the Committee is working on.

4. Fundraising ideas

- Lisa Uyeda has set up a shareable Google Drive document to collaborate on fundraising ideas and committee members can view/edit the file at: <https://docs.google.com/document/d/1IFfPapXNQCDkjoBn-8nGZambhuGrF2B7zcm1CRMW1GM/edit?usp=sharing>
- All committee members to compile fundraising ideas and opportunities by April 30, 2016 so Lisa can present them at the May NEB meeting.
- Think of other funding revenues, grants available, organizations to partner with or reach out to, MPs who will support, etc.

5. Apology Legacy Project (ALP) (no update)

- No update. Lisa to touch base with the Greater Vancouver Japanese Canadian Citizens' Association and Tosh Suzuki.

6. Digital storytelling – projects to meet our strategic plan

- The committee would like to partner with the Nikkei National Museum to host a webinar. Lisa to ask Sherri Kajiwara, Director|Curator, if this is feasible. Topic to be discussed but would like to consider a webinar on conducting research at the museum and oral histories.



7. [First World War commemorative events 2016-2017](#)

- Ken Noma and the Calgary folks (Kevin) will keep us updated on commemorative events and additional projects.

8. [Internment panels – files received from Ken Noma](#)

- No original design files available.

New Business (none)

Meeting adjourned

Motion moved:	Kevin Okabe
Time adjourned:	3:05pm EST
Next meeting date & time:	Saturday, 27 February 2016 at 8:00am PST / 11:00am EST
Next meeting location:	WebEx online