

**Rideau Corridor Landscape Strategy**  
**Steering Committee Meeting #2**  
**April 9, 2010**  
**Drummond North Elmsley Municipal Office**

**Attendance:** Randy Malcolm, Mayor Bill Thake, Pam Buell, Mayor Doug Struthers, Aubrey Churchill, Mayor Dennis Staples, Judy Brown, Sandra Candow, Ed Hand, Bill Dobson, Terry Butler, Mayor Ron Holman, Jane Topping, Steve Knechtel, Karen Currie, Lynn Clouthier, Brenda Hurrell, Liz Savill, Mayor Harvey Rosen, Dave Mowat, Sheldon Laidman, Mayor Frank Kinsella, Mary Kirkham, Don Marrin, Heather Thomson

**Regrets:** Cliff Meness, Susan Freeman, Doug Thompson, Mike Elms, Gary Davison

**Minutes:** Melissa Francis

1. Welcome, Introductions
2. Approval of January 11, 2010 minutes: motioned by Mayor Bill Thake, seconded by Aubrey Churchill Carried
3. Presentation (Pam Buell): what points/attractions earned the Rideau Canal its designation, review of Operational Guidelines for World Heritage, overview of Parks Canada's requirements for 2012.
4. Discussion (Heather Thomson): Handout- 'Excerpts from the Operational Guidelines for the Implementation of the *World Heritage Convention*' and 'Annual Reports to the World Heritage Centre/Reactive Monitoring Key Issues 2007-2009'
5. How can the Strategy assist your municipality/organization? What are your municipalities/organization's goals for the Strategy?
  - a. Comments are included in the Steering Committee Terms of Reference, Appendix A
6. Terms of Reference Discussion: New comments were integrated into the document which were approved by the Steering Committee.
7. Advisory Groups Discussion
  - a. There is a need for a baseline study to determine what is specifically required to maintain the status of the World Heritage Site. What is currently being done to protect and promote the unique character of the

Rideau Corridor? Where are the gaps and what else needs to be done to protect the visual setting, according to the World Heritage recommendation?

- b. Sheldon Laidman, Planner from Rideau Lakes Township has offered to lead this effort. Before the next Steering Committee meeting on June 4, he will arrange a meeting between interested municipal/Conservation Authority/Parks Canada/First Nations/National Capital Commission planners along the Corridor. The purpose of the meeting will be to determine how they will move forward in completing a baseline study. The Lanark County planners already meet quarterly and Mary Kirkham has offered to expand this existing group if required. Sheldon will report back to the Steering Committee on June 4.

8. Next meeting

- a. Friday, June 4 2010 @ 9:30am (tentative location: Lombardy)
- b. Top priorities for the agenda: Advisory Groups and Communications Approach
- c. For the June 4 meeting, the Secretariat will develop a flow chart indicating the links between primary Rideau Corridor stakeholders

## **APPENDIX A**

### **Goals of Steering Committee Municipalities/Organizations for the Strategy “As Said” report from April 9, 2010 Meeting**

- To become more aware of the Corridor resources and how to promote and protect them.
- To ensure a coordinating mechanism is in place for collective work and better decisions.
- To support initiatives that could influence federal level policies.
- To maintain heritage; there is the desire to ensure development around canal to more consistent.
- To preserve what we have. There is a strong recognition that the work of all groups is consistent; attention should be paid to inconsistencies between municipalities.
- To protect the Canal and consistent policies across municipalities.
- To determine how to move forward with stakeholders.
- To protect natural resources, healthy watersheds and sustainable communities.
- To ensure the visual setting strategy emphasizes the connections between the Canal /Fortifications and Kingston.
- To unify the entire World Heritage Site.
- To ensure and maintain that the RCLS becomes another layer in policy considerations.
- To work with partners to support The Strategy.
- To maintain that all principles being discussed fit into the Provincial Policy Statement.
- To break through the traditional policy of non-recognition with regards to the Alderville First Nation. Natural heritage, wetlands and historical recognition

are important to the Alderville First Nation. Being involved in The Strategy will provide an opportunity to work on equal footing with all partners.

- To ensure good planning along the Rideau Corridor and to build a new, wonderful Eastern Ontario.
- To encourage an awareness and recognition of Algonquin presence and stories. To protect water and plant life. To gain access to the waterway.
- To ensure the protection of the waterway's cultural significance and protection of its' visual setting.
- To do what is reasonable to ensure development isn't frozen while ensuring the protection of the World Heritage Site.
- To recognize all other reasons for The Strategy other than development pressures. The Strategy should not be purely reactive to a particular issue.
- To ensure the sustainability of the 4 pillars.
- To understand the buffer zone of the Canal and to protect it. To be part of the solution and not part of the problem.
- To motivate a public that is keen to support the initiatives involved with The Strategy.
- To plan for how the Canal will evolve over time.
- To enhance and maintain connections with the Rideau Heritage Route Tourism Association.
- To ensure that rights will not be eroded by Parks Canada.