

**Rideau Corridor Landscape Strategy
Steering Committee Meeting #9
May 13, 2011
Ottawa City Hall**

Steering Committee Members in Attendance: Doug Struthers, Pam Buell, Phil Gerrard, Sheldon Laidman, Randy Malcolm, Lynn Clouthier, Doug Thompson, Dennis Staples, Don Marrin, Karen Currie, Steve Knechtel, Susan Freeman, David Jones, Cliff Meness, Bill Dobson, Karl Grenke, Sandra Candow, Catherine Henry

Secretariat: Pam Buell, Melissa Francis

Observers: Maureen Williams

Regrets: Bill Thake, Jim Graft, Susan Millar, Judy Brown

1. **Welcome from Doug Thompson**
2. **Approval of April 1, 2011 meeting minutes**
 - a. **MOVED** by Doug Thompson b. **SECONDED** by Susan Freeman **CARRIED.**
3. **Business Arising from April 1, 2011 meeting minutes.**
 - a. None.
4. **Rideau Canal –Grand Canal Friendship Agreement (Doug Struthers), draft resolution**
 - a. The reason for the Grand Canal's designation isn't clear at this point; they have until 2014 to submit their nomination documents to the World Heritage Committee. Once further clarification is obtained, this item will be brought back to the Steering Committee.
5. **Updates:**
 - a. **Ottawa Convention Centre digital screen**

Note: Prior to this dialogue, the Province of Ontario representative declared a conflict of interest with regards to the digital screen and will therefore not be involved in discussions.

 - i. Revisions to the minutes (Item #5, January 28, 2011): Meeting minutes are accessed by the media and the public via the Parks Canada website. It is important that they accurately reflect meeting discussions as this will result in more precise media reports. Clarification was required for the January 28, 2011 discussions regarding the proposed digital screen. Changes are as follows:
 1. '...proposal by the Ottawa Convention Centre (OCC) to install a digital screen of **approximately 13.5m x 24.5m...**'
 2. 'Furthermore, ICOMOS has reviewed this type of proposal in the past and has expressed its concerns about the **potential** negative impacts on the values of World Heritage Sites and the importance of protecting their settings.'

Revised meeting minutes were approved.

MOVED Susan Freeman. **SECONDED** Bill Dobson. **CARRIED.**

b. RCLS Video hits:

The video was posted online on March 14, 2011 and since then has had 232 views. The script has been sent for translation and will be subtitled in the near future.

6. City of Ottawa Mapping Project: Don Morse, Randy Rodger, Robin Harrington

The City of Ottawa, which is leading the RCLS Geo-Data Project offered to present their work to date to the Steering Committee.

Deliverables to Date include:

- A large scale, wall sized aerial photo and cultural base for the corridor
- A large scale, wall sized topographic base for the corridor
- A series of 11 x 17 working sheets at a larger scale for the field work and more-detailed analysis (in progress)
- Other thematic maps would wait until the consultant was selected for the Landscape Strategy
- the digital mapping information would be made available to the consultant for their work.

Access to an 'ftp' site will soon be available for Steering Committee members.

7. RCLS Statement of Work

The document was approved as presented (with minor changes as indicated below).

MOVED Bill Dobson. **CARRIED** Dennis Staples. **CARRIED**.

Section 4.3.3 Public Engagement

'Involvement of local communities, **including the Algonquins and other First Nations...**'

Section 4.3.3 Scope of Work

h. Add to end of paragraph: 'A presentation of the report will be made to the Steering Committee.'

Section 10. Project Timelines

The consultant should meet with the Project Manager before presenting the report to the Steering Committee (Q3) and before beginning the Planning and Management Recommendations (between Q3 and Q4).

8. Correspondence

- a. Doug Struthers gave an RCLS presentation at an environmental NGO meeting on April 5. He briefed them on the RFP/Statement of Work approach and they are supportive and appreciative. He also presented to a Rockport breakfast club and members were very supportive of the RCLS.
- b. Two articles regarding the RCLS have recently appeared in the Ottawa Citizen and the Kemptville Advance. An acknowledgement letter from the NCC regarding the digital screen letter sent from the Steering Committee has been received.

9. **Next meeting:** On water sessions will be held sometime in July for interested members. Details will follow. Next formal meeting will likely be held on Friday, August 26. Please hold the date.