

# Site C Culture and Heritage Resources Committee progress

The Culture and Heritage Resources Committee (CHRC) brings together members from B.C. and Alberta communities impacted by the Site C project to advise on the management of adverse effects on cultural resources. Members of the committee oversee and develop initiatives to commemorate key cultural sites in the Peace River Valley.

Here is a recap of what was discussed at the meeting on **January 19, 2021**.

Initiative	Why we're doing it	Discussion	Next steps and actions
 <p><b>Traveling exhibit</b></p>	To share our collective history and cultures with our communities through visuals and artifacts.	Groups such as schools and museums are interested in displaying the exhibit. CHRC members are supportive of the general public learning from the exhibit, however there were concerns expressed that the exhibit would require additional context in the absence of a Nation "host".	Considering all of the suggestions made on ways to provide additional context for visitors, BCH will circulate procedures that could be used in public spaces for endorsement by the CHRC. Note: 94 people viewed the exhibit at the FSJ Visitor's Centre since Dec.11/20.
 <p><b>Videos</b></p>	To share our own words with communities and the public on who we are, where we've been, where we are now and where we're going together.	Based on additional feedback received, the videographer is adding new footage to the videos.	FDMS will circulate the updated link for the CHRC to review.
 <p><b>Heritage resources update</b></p>	To advise the committee of the on-going work of the heritage program.	Update on a cluster of very small seeds, likely from strawberry blite, found at Rocky Mountain Portage House near historic artifacts from around the 1800's. The CHRC discussed possible uses of these seeds as a red dye for clothes, hides for moccasins or for the skin.	BCH sent the seeds out for dating and will report back with the results.
 <p><b>Permanent exhibit/Cultural Centre</b></p>	To honour and protect our past and celebrate our culture with our communities and the public.	Doig River First Nation presented on their proposed design concept for the cultural centre which includes sharing history and culture through a virtual reality experience and immersive exhibits such as a language pod, artifact house, drumming cave and theatre. DRFN proposed they have a lead role in the design, development and decision making on this project while working with the CHRC under a revised construct.	CHRC members commented positively about the design concepts but could not support DRFN taking the lead on the project without time to consider and discuss with Chief and Councils. DRFN committed to provide an information package to CHRC members in advance of their internal discussions.
 <p><b>Additional initiatives</b></p>		The discussion about the future strategy and structure of CHRC going forward was deferred due to time constraints.	FDMS will send out a Survey Monkey to receive comments from CHRC on the strategy which will be discussed at the March 10th meeting.

**Next meeting date:** March 10, 2021

## Questions?

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