

**Clayoquot Biosphere Trust
Culture Committee
June 11th 2007**

**6:00 – 9:00 pm
Raincoast Interpretive Center, Tofino
Meeting Minutes**

Participants: David Griffiths, Maré Dewar, Ann Morgan, Patty Frank, Gena Swan, Ursula Banke, Arlene Paul

Staff: Rebecca Vines, David Fraser, Sheila le

1) Review and approve agenda & past minutes

A few small changes were proposed and incorporated into the May 2, 2007 Cultural Committee meeting minutes.

2) CBT Update

Outgoing CBT Executive Director Stan has retired and has moved on to Victoria. David Fraser will act as the Executive Director until August 2008 and will be responsible for developing the process for hiring the next permanent ED. This will be Sheila's last week as the acting Administrative Assistant as Jean Wylie will be returning to her position. The 2007 "Celebration of the Biosphere" week in Ahousaht was a great success and a big appreciative thank you goes to the CBT staff, Committee members who participated, and of course the Ahousaht community itself. CBT will be hosting all Canadian Biospheres for the CBRA AGM during the first week of June 2008.

3) 2007 Funding Call Timelines

The 2007 Call for Projects will be streamlined relative to the 2006 Call. The Call will begin in early September with funding decisions announced in December 2007. A funding application template will be developed to assist project proponents and the Call will be advertised widely. Proponents will be asked to attend committee meetings to present their projects and staff will prepare a ranking tool to assist Committee members in their deliberations.

The Committee had an over-all comfort level with the language used in the 2006 funding call so this will be repeated in 2007.

4) Discretionary Funding requests

The Le La La Dancers project is currently on hold and the Nuu-Chah-nulth sculpture and ceremony project was been withdrawn by the proponent. A \$1,000.00 allocation for Ahousaht Aboriginal Days was approved by those Committee members in attendance pending confirmation that the event will take place. Arlene agreed to follow up and report back to CBT staff. This project was subsequently approved by the Committee via e-mail.

5) CBT Research Agenda – Measuring Community Health

Rebecca provided a summary of the status of the 'Measuring Community Health' Initiative and asked the Committee what indicators may be useful from a cultural perspective. A couple of the ideas that came up included the impact of events and the changes over the years (e.g. does the event grow, does it attract tourists during the shoulder season? How well are they attended?), and language (e.g. the number of

speakers; the number of Nuu-chah-nulth children learning their language?) Additional comments include; the sense of community is gone – why is this? Where are the young families? and, Why do we always have the same people attending meetings?

6) Open discussion/other business

Due to time restraints no additional business was discussed.

7) Next meeting

Committee meetings will not be scheduled for the summer. The group will reconvene in the fall to discuss the 2007 Call for Projects and the Measuring Community Health initiative.