

BEECHVILLE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATION
Community Meeting
March 24, 2018

Attendance:

Pasty Crawford	Jenee Jarvis	Alicia Shephard-David
Yvette Jarvis	Carolann Wright	Iona Duncan-States
Kathleen Dunn	Janelle Sampson	Robert Hill
Ada Thompson	Danielle Jackson	Thelma Hill
Wayne Drummond	Bev Alferink	Gary States
Wanda Colley	Marjorie Wright	Janiessa Jarvis
Doris Shephard	Nychelle Shephard	Janet Drummond
Marsha Peterson	Alfred Jarvis	Josh Crawford
Marlene Crawford	Troy Crawford	Quinn Berbick-Wright

Update – Carolann Wright-Parks

Council passed a motion (November 28th, 2017) in respect to ARMCO’s development

- No development on the table – ARMCO owns the land but must work with the Community around development
- Community involved on every aspect of development
- There is a Community development agreement with the developer
- The Community is trying to save what’s left of Beechville
- The Community has the chance to voice the wants / needs / concerns in regards to the development
- Planners are engaged with this process and working with the Community and developer
- Baptismal path and cemetery are being given back to the church after ARMCO bought the land from HRM
- There have been talks between the church and ARMCO about the lands as a whole
- All community members are welcome at all meetings – inclusive process

ANSA Update – Wayn Hamilton

- 2 pieces of historical importance
- Artifacts found on the site of ARMCO dig; development was halted because artifacts look like historical findings
- A 9 month dig was done on “The Burnt” to date a button found on the dig site
- The button was traced to North Carolina and England possibly dating back to the 1800’s
- The Community should invite archaeologist (Katie Robinson) back for an update on the findings

- “Black Refugee Settlement” in Canada – Robert Shears
- Province of Nova Scotia owns property, Nova Scotian’s own property and the Crown owns property that is designated to government entities
- Department of Community Services – Housing (DCS–H) has some of the land registered to it
- The dig site land is held by the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) – ARMCO made an application for a land swap but the notes on file state developers must meet with Community and have their approval for land swap. DNR flagged the land so no exchange of land could happen without an investigation from higher authorities.
- The Community requested to have the land designation moved from DNR to Communities, Culture and Heritage (CCH)
- The land in question is possibly the only land in Canada with proof of a “Black Refugee Settlement”
- Waiting for land ownership process to finish hopefully with an end result of Crown land
- Cultural Action Plan – Community development work (possibility)
- The Community should bring Minister Rankin into the conversations being had to have him as an ally

** If government individuals are not being helpful with community members contact Wayne Hamilton **

Resource Centre

- Write a concept paper on what community wants the Resource Centre to service
- Feasibility study (funding will be needed but the Community can apply for help / grant)
- The Community should contact Minister Rankin and MLA for an open conversation (May 2018)
- The Community should lean on MLA to open up other doors in government to align allies
- How is the Community going to tell this story / journey in an 8 – 10 slide PowerPoint presentation for talking to government
- Narrative for PowerPoint – Politicians – List outcomes and expectations

Agreements

What are the agreements we would like to have as a Community?

- Ensure we have good communication
- Agree to disagree
- Organized
- Process in place
- Clear expectations
- Commitment – everyone does their part
- Set goals – objectives – SMART

- Operating as a team
- Cohesiveness
- Don't take things personal
- Respect
- Lively
- Transparency – no surprises in / during process
- Positive attitudes
- Find out background info ... know our stuff
- No hidden agendas
- Refer people to appropriate committee / persons
- Keep an open mind
- YOUTH!! – Comfort level

Prohibitions

What would keep you away from meetings?

- Bickering
- Lack of respect
- Lack of progress
- Negative people – people who sabotage ideas
- Do not respond to rumours ... find out information before responding
- Staying on topic
- Time management
- Organization
- Priorities
- Having tough conversations in a caring way
- Side bar conversations

Questions

- Is the land for the dig site plotted off?
 - Yes, DNR has the land plotted off and secured and will try to do a walk through with the Community when weather improves
 - There used to be foundations (5 or 6) back in “The Burnt”
- Did the Community get a notice from ARMCO (the developer) about development proposal public meeting?
 - The developer is required to notify the broader community about the proposed development
 - Not everyone got a copy of the notice but (Pasty Crawford) will give the notice to the Communication Lead (Bev Alferink) to get out to the community

- Why is the land called “The Burnt”?
 - There have been two stories told on how “The Burnt” got the name – there was a fire in the community and barren lands were always called “The Burnt”

Actions

- Contact Minister Rankin and MLA for an open conversation (May 2018)
- Community members should reply to Bev Alferink only and not reply all
- Community members should reply to meeting invites so we have numbers for meeting preparation
- The Planners will give maps to the Community but the Community needs to be specific on the maps they need and why
- We as the BCDA need to start working on the overall PowerPoint for future presentations
- Invite Kate Robinson, Archaeologist, back to update Community and schedule a walkthrough of the dig site
- All information obtained will come back to the larger table for final approval by the Community
- The Planners would like another meeting with the Community
- The Developer would like a meeting with the Community
 - The Community needs a process on how the land is presented back
- The Communication committee and Carolann will go through the information packages from Wayn Hamilton and get the information out to the committees

CENTRALPLANNING - Carolann, Yvette, Danielle, Jenee, Jacob

COMMUNICATION - Bev, Elsie, Venessa, Jacob, Janelle

HERITAGE - Iona & Patsy, Doris, Quinn, Robert, Thelma, Majorie

HOUSING - Cass & Terry, Alfred, Wanda, Ada, Tippy

RECREATION - Shawna, Gary, Wayne, Josh, Marlene, Troy, Janet

FINANCE - Danielle, Nychelle, Alicia, Venessa, Marsha