**BEECHVILLE COMMUNITY MEETING**

**BLACK REFUGEE SETTLEMENT UPDATE**

**November 13, 2018**

**Attendees:**

Marjorie Wright Jenee Jarvis Iona Duncan-States

Doris Shephard Deacon Patsy Crawford Janelle Sampson

Josh Crawford Bev Alferink Carolann Wright

Deacon Patsy Crawford opened in prayer.

**Update**

Ms. Josephine wanted to reach out to the Community to give an update

* Wayn is at another meeting tonight
* Only one step has been achieved (Beechville Heritage Dedication) since the last meeting
* This is a lengthy process and work needs to continue to progress
* Community should start mapping out plans for heritage site
* Conference on Northeast Archaeology in October
* Very good presentation
* Presenters from Ontario and Europe
* Reach out to Katie (Archaeologist) to continue conversation with Community
* Possibly organizing a symposium with the Community and invite the large community
* Provide a better understanding of history / heritage
* Send an application for funding to bring presenters (application has to come from organization)
* *Would the organization be paying for the speakers to come here?*
* Yes, that is why we need to apply for the funding application
* Community should look back at action plans to see what is still viable and what we can work on moving forward with
* What possibilities are available for the Community (mentorship)
* How the Community can benefit from the connections being made
* What are the next steps the Community is thinking about with the heritage site
* An archaeology dig would need to be a conversation held with the Community
* *The Community is still interested in visiting the heritage site – still waiting on tour*
* *They (archaeologist) found the foundation but the Community still has no idea where the site is or how to get there*
* The items found and brought in to show the Community were from the development site not the heritage site on the other side
* Reach out to Robert Shears to arrange a Community tour of the heritage site and an exact location of the site
* Community needs to decide how to label / acknowledge the site (i.e. a plaque)
* The land that belonged to Heritage Property was designated to the Community of Beechville as Heritage Land
* *Does the plaque need to be at the actual site?*
* That is what the Community has to decide. The plaque can go where ever whether it be on the site itself or in another location
* *Right now the site is out of sight out of mind which is not really acknowledging it’s importance*
* An example for the plaque would be at the head of the walking trail to the site but that is the Community’s decision
* *The first step needs to be the Community visiting the site so that we can see the location, size, etc. of the land we’re talking about*
* *It is critical for the Community to know where the site is and how to get there especially for planning purposes*

**Request for Ms. Josephine**

* Send application for funding to Community to complete
* Message Katie and Martin for estimate on cost to bring speakers here
* Contact Robert Shears to arrange a tour of heritage site for Community

**Community Actions**

* Look back at action plans to see what is still viable and what we can work on moving forward with
* Start mapping plans for heritage site – plans, labeling (plaque)
* Looking at planning to see if a symposium in February 2019 fits; might be congested
* Get message out early for next meeting

**Community Decisions**

* Narrowing Community meetings to specific dates
* Last Tuesday of every month
* **Community Strategic Planning Meeting Saturday, December 1, 2018**
* Review map, action plans, etc.
* Full day – 9:30am – 4:00pm
* Agenda will be sent ahead so people can come prepared

**Next meeting Saturday, December 1, 2018 @ 9:30am - 4:00pm - Beechville Baptist Church**

Iona Duncan-States closed in prayer.