Minutes: Communicating with Future Generations Working Group

Monday, December 14

2pm—2:40pm

Location: ENR 3rd Floor Boardroom, 3rd floor of the Scotia Building

Shin Shiga, NSMA	John Sandlos, Memorial	Erika Nyssonen, GNWT –
	University – on phone	regrets received
France Benoit, Filmmaker	Sharon Low, AANDC -	William Lines, YKDFN – not
	regrets received	present
Letitia Pokiak, GNWT	Erica Janes, Alternatives	Arn Keeling, Memorial
	North – regrets received	University – not present
Rosanna Nicol, Yellowknife	Natalie Plato, AANDC –	Mary Rose Sundberg,
Coordinator – on phone	regrets received	YKDFN – not present
Caitlyn Beckett, Memorial	Kevin O'Reilly, Alternatives	
University – on phone	North – regrets received	

1. Check-in/ Updates/ Approval of agenda.

France: There have been screenings in Yellowknife, Ottawa, Thunder Bay, St. John's with good reception and discussion. The artwork for the DVD is just being completed and copies are being made. The French version is also finished and will be included on the DVDs.

Letitia: Update from Erika with a reminder about her emailed questions about creating legends and that she is waiting on further info from AANDC before giving a signage update Rosanna: Had a great meeting with William regarding the highway signage. They are hoping for a meeting with Stephanie Yuill in January to review a draft. They also had some discussion about Erika's questions on legends – likely a topic for the New Year.

Note from France that creating a legend is only one of the options laid out in the film, and perhaps it will not be a direction the YKDFN want to go. Also noted that right after the screening, people were often quite reflective and quiet.

John: The screening in St John's went really well and there was wonderful, lengthy discussion. Arn and John will be doing the model-making workshop in January as part of the History Department. The film will be screened in Germany as part of the Green Visions Film Series at the Rachel Carson Centre for Environment and Society, which gets a lot of attendance. Caitlyn: A new grad student in History at Memorial, previously from the University of Saskatchewan. She is looking at remediation and the role of community involvement in remediation (Welcome!). She will likely be in Yellowknife in February.

Shin: Has been working with the surface design engagement, which has its final meeting in February.

We had some discussion around booking NAC as a venue for a future film screening and the role of the film in future engagement. John gave an update on the funding and timeline of the project, and we discussed the idea that has been on the table for some time of a community engagement/workshop on this topic, perhaps in June. If John's sabbatical plans unfold, then September or October could also be viable options. We reflected on the pilot version of this from last June where it was hard to get out the numbers given competing events about fracking and

possible over-engagement on the topic of Giant at that time. One suggestion from John is the hope that this community engagement, following Alternatives North Perpetual Care workshop, could generate a report, a sequel to the Communicating Danger report from October 2014, that is a massive community brainstorm on this topic. It would not be a strategic plan that could be implemented per se, but rather a report capturing our CFG discussions and broader community outreach. Rosanna, John and Arn will prepare an analysis and summary of the CFG minutes thus far to inform our planning.

We had discussion about the timeline for this. It would be ideal if the CFG working group informed the visioning and direction of the workshop (Toxic Legacies can spearhead the logistics). It was suggested that our next CFG meeting be in February, after the surface design workshop, at which point there could be quite a bit to talk about, including broader visioning for the workshop or series of workshops.

ACTION ITEMS:

Rosanna, John, Arn to complete summary report on CFG meetings prior to the final surface design workshop.

Letitia and Rosanna to follow-up about the Project Team's engagement plans from now until November.

France to follow-up with Maro on her thoughts for the next steps.