

November 26th, 1992

Dear

Individuals interested in having an oral history collecting project take place in the district came together today to discuss the feasibility of this plan.

This project would draw upon the oral resources of our community. People who have come to Longlac, Nakina, Geraldton and Beardmore, Jellicoe, Caramat, Aroland including the local reserves have stories detailing their experiences. How and why people came to the north and why they stayed are the essence of efforts by individuals to create a home.

Oral history gives a community a sense of presence, that strengthens ties and relations with the districts as a whole. It is about this project that we write and invite you to participate in the developing process.

A meeting is being arranged for December. This meeting is to identify those individuals who wish to participate on the STEERING COMMITTEE. This committee would not meet again till January 1993. The holidays are near and we appreciate the effort made to acknowledge your interest.

Please find attached a copy of the INITIAL MEETING MINUTES and contact Lorraine Gagnon at (807)876-2273 or 1-800-465-0960 should you wish to attend. Thank you again for your consideration in this matter.

Sincerely,

PER: Lorraine Gagnon
Administrative Assistance
Researcher

Ivan Trottier discussed the need to create a component to the project that would develop the skills of students to oral history. This could include training on camera, video and audio cassette in the collecting process.

Colette, Jocelyn and Ivan identified the importance of the involvement of the Board of Education in order to encourage use and develop ties between the project and the resources in the district. An individual from the Board of Education would be invited to sit on the STEERING COMMITTEE.

Ivan introduced the many funding sources available to this project from Culture and Communication. These were distributed to the group and discussion followed as to feasibility of "the PLAN"

Julie reiterated the community development aspect of this project and the need for involving groups in the STEERING COMMITTEE. This above mentioned list will receive the minutes and an invitation to take part in this committee.

Jocelyn, Colette and Ivan and Lorraine discussed the issue of equipment needs for the project. How the collection would be housed and where was discussed as well. Ivan stated the use of current technology (i.e. CDs)

Record management and how the transcribing would be done led to the compatible REFLEX package. This software would make retrieving user friendly and functional for researchers. This package was used at York University for ease of transfer to Archives of Ontario during the "BEING HERE" project.

The group returned to the issue of funding sources and identified the Archives of Ontario, CEC training program, summer student program, Ontario Heritage Foundation.

In closing the group agreed to mail out the minutes and arrange for a preliminary meeting where the STEERING COMMITTEE would be established and the first meeting date arranged for January 1993.

MEETING DATE: December

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In regards to the date of our meeting scheduled for December, it was decided on the 14th of this month, at 3:00 p.m. in our office which is located at 112 Hamel Avenue.

Please confirm your attendance by contacting Lorraine Gagnon.