



Natural Resource Sector

## Heritage Site Management Agreement Modification Agreement No. 6

MINISTRY CONTRACT/FILE NO.: HSMA 04-02

PROJECT NAME: Managing and Operating

THIS MODIFICATION AGREEMENT dated for reference February 17, 2017.

BETWEEN

AND

HER MAJESTY THE QUEEN IN RIGHT OF THE PROVINCE OF  
BRITISH COLUMBIA, represented by the MINISTER OF FORESTS,  
LANDS AND NATURAL RESOURCE OPERATIONS

**Barkerville Heritage Trust**

(the "Contractor", "you", or "your" as applicable) at the following address:

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Corporate Business Number:

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Alternate (if applicable): Richard Linzey

A. The Parties entered into an Agreement dated for reference March 21, 2005 (hereinafter called the "Agreement"),

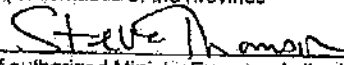
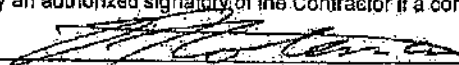
B. The Parties agree to amend the Agreement as follows:

1. Pursuant to paragraph 15.01 of the Agreement the Province has elected to renew the Agreement for an additional 5 year period, on the previously agreed terms and conditions, commencing April 1, 2020 until March 31, 2025.

C. In all other respects, the Agreement is confirmed.

D. Time is of the essence in this Modification Agreement.

The Parties duly execute this Modification Agreement as follows:

SIGNED AND DELIVERED on behalf of the Province by an authorized representative of the Province	SIGNED AND DELIVERED by or on behalf of the Contractor (or by an authorized signatory of the Contractor if a corporation)
	
(Signature of authorized Ministry Expense Authority)	(Signature of Contractor or Authorized Signatory)
Minister Steve Thomson	Ed Coleman, CEO
(PRINTED NAME of authorized representative)	(PRINTED NAME of Contractor or authorized signatory)
Dated this <u>8</u> day of <u>March</u> 20 <u>17</u>	Dated this <u>17</u> day of <u>Feb</u> 20 <u>17</u>

**MINISTRY OF FORESTS, LANDS AND NATURAL RESOURCE OPERATIONS  
DECISION NOTE**

Date: February 21, 2017

File: 233

CLIFF: 227299

**PREPARED FOR: Honourable Steve Thomson, Minister of Forests, Lands and Natural Resource Operations**

**ISSUE: BARKERVILLE HERITAGE SITE MANAGEMENT AGREEMENT – REQUEST TO EXTEND TO 2025**

**BACKGROUND:**

A request (Appendix A) has been received from the CEO of Barkerville Heritage Trust to extend their current Heritage Site Management Agreement (HSMA) to the year 2025. Currently, it is scheduled to end on March 31, 2020. It contains a clause allowing an additional term of up to five years if both parties agree.

Since signature of the current agreement, no other parties have expressed an interest in site management of Barkerville and given the scale and complexity, few if any would be equipped for the task. The core group of full time employees working under the CEO are heavily invested in the site. Heritage Branch is supportive of the Trust's request.

Over the last eighteen months, Barkerville Heritage Trust has been moving away from the curatorial approach that has characterised the last fifteen years toward a more entrepreneurial approach whereby the historic site is developed as an appealing venue for broader back-country and full year-round recreation activities. This operational change aligns well with government's direction for large historic parks (Barkerville and Fort Steele) to implement creative ideas which will enable the properties to become more financially sustainable (see Appendix B).

Related to this consideration is the request from the Barkerville Heritage Trust that has recently been received to amalgamate Cottonwood House Historic Site, located approximately 48 km east of Barkerville, into the Barkerville HSMA. The Barkerville Heritage Trust currently operates Cottonwood on a short-term contract. This request is the subject of briefing note # 227145.

The *Heritage Conservation Act* provides that the Minister may enter into agreements with an organization to effect a disposition of property. This authority is not delegated.

**DISCUSSION:**

Extension of the agreement will provide the surety of tenure that the Trust needs to engage in long-range planning and to take full advantage of the collaborative relationship that has been established with Heritage Branch staff.

The longer tenure will enable the Trust to realise the economic impact of the tourism opportunities it has begun to develop in 2016 and will help to diversify the rural economy of the region.

Extension *per se* does not commit government to providing any funding for the site management agency. An extension would, however, be perceived by the Trust and the region as a government commitment to continue operating assistance at the current level of \$2.4M per annum until 2025.

In addition to the new direction noted above, the Trust is also exploring the possibility of creating a "resort municipality" potentially including all of the lands encompassing Barkerville Historic Town and Park, the Town of Wells, Cottonwood House Historic Site, and the Bowron Lakes area. Surety of tenure would be one less variable for this affiliation to consider if they are to pursue resort status that is seen as a positive goal for the regional economy by Heritage Branch.

Extension may be seen by other site management agencies as government willingness to extend their HSMA's. However, government continues to seek highest and best use for these properties to address cabinet direction to increase their financial self-sufficiency.

The CEO of Barkerville has advised that he has been in regular communication with the three local MLAs and he has their support.

#### **OPTIONS:**

##### **Option 1: Extend the HSMA to March 31, 2025 by Minister's signature of Modification Agreement No. 6 (Appendix B).**

###### **Pros:**

- Will be greeted positively in the region and by the Trust;
- Provides the site management agency time to realise the sustainability objectives it has introduced and that are sought by government;
- Meets government's direction to increase the self-sufficiency of provincial heritage properties.

###### **Cons:**

- May be seen by other site management agencies as government willingness to extend their HSMA's, similarly.

##### **Option 2: Do not extend the HSMA and publicly seek proposals for tenure in 2019.**

###### **Pros:**

- Potentially opens the door to new thinking about the use of the Barkerville lands;
- Extending the HSMA has the support of local MLAs.

###### **Cons:**

- Removes surety of tenure and potentially weakens the resolve of the Trust to realise long-term sustainability goals.

#### **RECOMMENDATION:**

##### **Option 1: Extend the HSMA to March 31, 2025 by Minister's signature of Modification Agreement No. 6 (Appendix B).**

Approved / Not Approved



Signature

Steve Thomson, Minister of Forests, Lands  
and Natural Resource Operations

March 8, 2017

Date

**Attachments:** Appendix A – incoming letter from Barkerville Heritage Trust  
Appendix B – HSMA Modification Agreement No. 6

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Ex Director	NL	21 Feb 2017
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# Barkerville

A NATIONAL HISTORIC SITE OF CANADA AND A PROVINCE OF BC HERITAGE PROPERTY & PARK

2017 February 01

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Regarding: Barkerville Historic Town & Park HSMA Extension Request

Dear Richard,

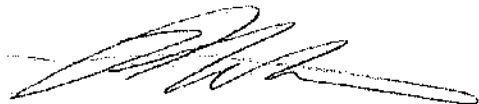
On 2017 January 29<sup>th</sup>, The Barkerville Heritage Trust Board provided the approval for me to negotiate and request that the extension option to 2025 outlined in the HSMA between The Barkerville Heritage Trust and Province of BC be exercised.

The Trust feels that we have a good relationship with the Province of BC and Heritage Branch and a solid start to a 2015 to 2025 Concise Business Plan. Actions under the four pillars of Protection, Preservation, Presentation and Commerce, Partnerships & Giving are driving ongoing improvement.

We would also like to work closely with the region and the Branch in moving forward on the Back Country Historic Resort Area Designation for this area of the North Cariboo. This initiative will inform what a plan can look like beyond 2025.

I would appreciate your consideration of this request.

Yours sincerely,



Ed Coleman, CEO



**Barkerville Historic Town & Park**

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