

WEST QUESNEL LAND STABILITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE

MINUTES

Wednesday, January 17, 2007

7:00 pm

Advisory Committee: Heinz Loelke, Marty Put, Councillor Ron Craigmyle, Mel Dunleavey, Archie Hlady, Andrianna Wilson-Busby
Geotechnical Engineer: Nick Polysou, AMEC Earth & Environmental
Guests: Mayor Nate Bello
Staff: Jack Marsh, Carol Anderson

Councillor R. Craigmyle apologized for his delay and called the meeting to order at 7:10 pm.

1 Adoption of Minutes

MOVED M. Dunleavey, Seconded A. Wilson-Busby and resolved: THAT the minutes from the meeting held on September 27, 2006 be adopted.

CARRIED

2 Business Arising from previous Minutes

Brief discussion on funding.

3 New Business

3.1 2006 Work Plan – Year End Reports

- (a) City of Quesnel – J. Marsh reviewed his report which is *attached to these Minutes*. There are two projects to complete – the remaining test wells will be put in place late this spring and the draw down testing on ponds (upper and lower Abbott ponds and Flamingo pond). The leak detection program will be done by City crews this spring.
- (b) Urban Systems – Report *attached to these Minutes*.
- (c) AMEC Earth & Environmental – N. Polysou gave a powerpoint presentation to the group. Some of the points addressed were as follows:
 - a. 06-07 geotechnical work plan represents completion of the program originally proposed for 05-06 (work was put on hold pending funding approvals);
 - b. there were some re-start delays in getting the needed drill equipment and staff;
 - c. discussed completion of the 2005 Field Investigation Program and the enhanced geotechnical and Hydrogeological Investigation;

- d. reviewed the slope inclinometer readings and the enhanced kinematic monitoring; and
- e. analysis and reporting which will include feasibility, targets and layout for the trial dewatering program.

(d) Communications – Mayor Bello is concerned with communications. There is a delay in the original program plan now and he asked if we have informed the public. He would like to know what the message is going to be now? Council has promised that a delegation would be visiting Victoria this year to “shake things up”. Mayor Bello noted that we need to do something positive, something we can report on. R. Craigmyle says the City needs faith in the process. We need to complete the program and then begin the trial testing.

On positive notes to the public – discussion on whether to identify the “safer” areas through kinematics.

See timeline in AMEC report for Council to proceed with their request for funding (lobbying).

3.2 Mail Out WQLS Update to Residents

- (a) Specified area or city wide mailout - ALL City residents.
- (b) Date - Early February – as soon as possible.
- (c) Content – make a list of the reasons the project/program has been delayed; outline the status of the program to date; include a schedule of work to do; timeline for lobbying efforts; financial update; reiterate current building restrictions – J. Marsh to discuss the restrictions with Ray Seiders, Building Inspector – it is the City’s hope and desire to relieve the building restrictions; make a note of the equipment already in place.

3.3 Property Assessments (M. Put) – A note that the property assessments in the area have gone up.

3.4 Geotechnical Assessments of Slope Stability / 2006 BC Building Code – N. Polysou explained.

3.5 Real Estate Statistics (A. Hlady) – Reviewed the printouts. He noted that the area “outside of the landslide” was for West Quesnel only.

4 Other Business

Property Compensation – Assistance from the Government – J. Marsh will research precedent programs i.e. Kamloops and report at next meeting.

5 Correspondence

Correspondence reviewed. It was noted that the next meeting should be on a Thursday so that C. Bernier would be able to attend.

6 Adjournment

A date has been set for the next meeting:

Thursday, February 15, 2007 @ 7:00 pm in City Hall

The meeting adjourned at 9:35 pm.

cc: Maureen Murray, Deputy Clerk