

WEST QUESNEL LAND STABILITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE

MINUTES

Wednesday, January 26, 2005
7:00 pm

Advisory Committee: Marty Put, Heinz Loelke, Cynthia Bernier, Archie Hlady, Dalton Hooker

Guests: Joyanne Pursaga (Cariboo Observer) and RJ Proulx

Facilitator: Dave Read

Staff: Jack Marsh, Carol Anderson

Mel Dunleavey and Andrianna Joyal sent their regrets.

Acting Chair D. Hooker called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm and briefly reviewed the Agenda. Committee agreed that RJ Proulx could speak under Other Business.

1 Adoption of Minutes

Moved H. Loelke, Seconded M. Put and resolved: THAT the minutes from the meeting held on December 15, 2004 be adopted.

CARRIED

2 Business Arising from Minutes of December 15, 2004

(a) Feedback summary – There were no comments or questions on the survey. D. Read noted that the satisfaction in communication levels were above those from the previous public meeting (June, 2004). J. Marsh reported that he has contacted most everyone requesting a callback.

Moved C. Bernier, Seconded H. Loelke and resolved: THAT the report be received.

CARRIED

(b) Dialite Industries correspondence – D. Hooker and J. Marsh reviewed the correspondence. J. Marsh distributed a copy of the original email to replace the one in the Agenda package. Question on the City's involvement with Dialite Industries and what authority does the City have to put pressure on them. Explained that although the plant is actually located outside of City limits in the Cariboo Regional District, Dialite is seeking both the City's and the residents' support. Dialite representatives have indicated that they will seek further public consultation.

Discussion on the drainage plan review. City would like them to incorporate into the City's drainage plan to remove water from the site. The drainage plan submitted appeared to be incomplete and the City is waiting for more information.

(c) New Committee member – J. Marsh is following up and hopes to have a new committee member for the next meeting.

(d) Uplands Neighbourhood Association questionnaire – M. Put is in the process of finalizing the survey. Discussion on wording in the questionnaire and Nick Polysou's comments.

3 Draft Form Letter for Elected Officials

Discussion and some questions on the letter.

- "...manageable levels" in paragraph 5 would mean to where the building restrictions are lifted;
- "...indicates a total of \$70 million of assessed property..." in paragraph 3 should reference date of last available data or applicable year;
- letter should include the fact that Uplands houses an elementary school and approximately 320 students;
- letter should include the City's substantial commitments to date and that a further \$400,000 has been approved by Council.

D. Read noted that government does not give much weight to form letters – they need to hear people's individual comments, stories.

The last sentence "please reply with an indication of your commitment to assist..." is an extremely important statement and should be included. Suggestion of providing people with a "kit" to assist them in preparing their letter.

Discussion on the need for support from surrounding neighbourhoods, etc. They need to realize that the Uplands situation impacts everyone! The dollars being spent on the land stability issue takes away from City wide infrastructure works, etc.

The address list attached to the letter should include the Minister of Education.

4 2005 Work Plan / Schedule

(a) Aspen Communications – General discussion and review. Replaced pages 12, 13 and 14 with updated versions. Addition to *8.3 Media Relations Activities* to include "Involve Provincial Media (BCTV or GLOBAL)". *8.4 Public Information Program – Action Kit* was discussed and it was felt that a kit would be more effective. *8.5 Community Involvement – Activities* could also include a "petition". The Committee was asked to take the package home and thoroughly review all of the pages.

(b) AMEC Earth & Environmental – Reviewed the work plan schedule and cost estimate. Hopes to have the wells drilled by the end of April, 2005.

(c) Urban Systems – Reviewed the work plan schedule and cost estimate.

5 Correspondence

(a) Kamloops / PEP land slippage background – Reviewed. General discussion on slides in Kelowna and Prince George.

6 Other Business

RJ Proulx shared his personal experiences and the impacts the land stability matter has had on him. We encouraged him to write a letter to the media.

Next meeting scheduled for:

Wednesday, February 23, 2005 @ 7:00 pm
Fraser Room, City Hall

Meeting adjourned at 8:30 pm.