

# WEST QUESNEL LAND STABILITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE

## MINUTES

Thursday, February 15, 2007 @ 7 pm  
Fraser Room, City Hall

**Advisory Committee:** Heinz Loelke, Marty Put, Councillor Ron Craigmyle, Mel Dunleavy, Archie Hlady, Cynthia Bernier  
**Guests:** Jo-Anna Johnston (MLA's office)  
**Staff:** Public Works Director Jack Marsh, Communications Supervisor Matt Wood, Communications Clerk Carol Anderson

Councillor R. Craigmyle called the meeting to order at 7:02 pm.

A letter from the Assistant Deputy Minister Dale Wall, received at City Hall yesterday, was distributed to the Committee and discussed under Item No. 6 of the Agenda.

### 1 Adoption of Minutes

**MOVED H. Loelke, Seconded M. Put and resolved: THAT the minutes from the meeting held on January 17, 2007 be adopted.**

**CARRIED**

### 2 Business Arising from Previous Minutes

- (a) **funding for private property damage** – J. Marsh had collected a summary of similar land stability situations - "...occurrences of ground movement and similar problems that have required extraordinary measures to address and/or where senior governments assisted with funding the solutions." Examples were from Kamloops, North Vancouver and the Kettle Valley Bicycle Trail.

J. Marsh will continue to research the results from the stability issue in Chilliwack. M. Put will forward information on the land stability issue in Kelowna.

### 3 Review Draft copy of City Wide Mail Out

M. Wood reviewed the Special Edition Q City News with the Advisory Committee. The following changes were requested:

- (a) the affect on the project timeline - more detail as to why the equipment for drilling was not available (p1 and p3)  
(b) some of the wording from the Assistant Deputy Minister's letter should be included in one or more of the articles (p2)

- (c) change reference to “diatomite mine site” to “the top of Abbott Drive” on (p2)
- (d) the 2005 program was not completed – tell residents why – due to lack of funding and when the funding was actually received (p3)
- (e) add (from the Minister’s letter) the reference to “address additional funding opportunities” (p3 Finalizing the analysis)
- (f) clarify the “movement of the hubs” (p3 GPS plays role...)
- (g) acknowledge that the trial dewatering program is covered under the \$1.2m
- (h) include the names of the Advisory Committee members in the newsletter (residents may feel more comfortable talking to one of the Committee members than with city staff)

Newsletter to go to printer by February 19 then to post office by February 23 for delivery on or about February 26.

M. Wood noted that the next Special Edition Q City News will provide a chart of sorts to show the “process”, not the timelines. Discussion on putting out timelines to the public.

Also noted was the intent of the Communications Department to keep residents informed in a timely matter, whether by newsletter or letter, of news as it happens.

#### **4 Urban Systems Ltd.** – update on monitoring sites data collection

Reviewed Urban’s report. J. Marsh noted that these are the kinds of charts we will be getting from the monitoring data.

The target date for the final report is sometime in April, 2007. Once the report has been received and reviewed, the dewatering program will commence.

#### **5 Discussion on Cariboo Observer Article**

M. Wood prefaced the discussion by outlining the reporting practices of the Observer and that they are experiencing a flux in personnel at the moment. Open discussion on M. Put’s comments in the paper.

Chair Craigmyle urged the Committee to discuss any issues at these meetings, prior to speaking to the press and reminded everyone of their rights to free speech. We need to keep the doors open to both Committee members and the public.

#### **6 Correspondence**

- (a) **Present Land Use Restrictions – Building Permits** - J. Marsh confirmed that any misconceptions by city staff have been rectified and attached the current land use restrictions on building permits.
- (b) **January 24, 2007 – letter to AMEC re Work Program** – reviewed.

**ADDITION:**

- (c) **letter dated January 25, 2007 from Dale Wall**, Assistant Deputy Minister of the Ministry of Community Services.

**7 Other Business**

**Public Meeting** - The Committee felt that a public meeting, after the final report has been received, would be conducive to communication and the project in general. Tentative arrangements can begin – notify consultants, etc.

**MOVED M. Dunleavy, Seconded H. Loelke and resolved: THAT the West Quesnel Land Stability Advisory Committee target May 15, 2007 for the next public meeting.**

**CARRIED**

**Advisory Committee Members** – J. Marsh advised the members that Andrianna Wilson-Busby has officially resigned by way of telephone call this afternoon. She is moving to Vancouver Island. She wished the Committee the best of luck and encouraged them to continue with the project.

It was also noted that Sonya Hunt has not attended the past few meetings, nor has anyone heard from her. A follow up call should be made to confirm whether or not she is still interested in being a member of this Committee.

Several names were put forward for inclusion in the list to bring before Council: Dwain Sauve and Allan McDonald. C. Anderson to find the master list of potential members for review.

**Assessments** – J. Johnston noted that Mark Wooldridge of BC Assessment Authority gives a positive outlook on assessments in the study area once the program to resolve the issue is in place.

**8 Adjournment**

A meeting date will be set when the final report has been received and reviewed.

The meeting adjourned at 8:10 pm.

*cc: Maureen Murray, Deputy Clerk*