

WEST QUESNEL LAND STABILITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE

MINUTES

Wednesday, February 23, 2005
7:00 pm

Advisory Committee: Marty Put, Mel Dunleavey, Andrianna Joyal, Heinz Loelke, Archie Hlady, Cynthia Bernier, Dalton Hooker
Guests: Heather Gagnon, Lawrence Yofonoff, Rick Collins, Sushil Thapar
Staff: Jack Marsh, Carol Anderson

Acting Chair D. Hooker called the meeting to order at 7:05 pm and briefly reviewed the Agenda.

1 Adoption of Minutes

C. Anderson noted a change to item No. 4 (b). Should read "Hopes to have the boreholes drilled by the end of April, 2005."

MOVED A. Hlady, Seconded M. Put and resolved: THAT the minutes from the meeting held on January 26, 2005 be amended as noted and adopted.

CARRIED

2 Business Arising from Minutes of January 26, 2005

(a) **New Committee Member** – S. Hunt has been appointed to the Committee. Unfortunately, she was unable to attend tonight's meeting. She has received copies of previous minutes etc. and a copy of this Agenda.

(b) **Work Plan** – J. Marsh gave a verbal update on the Work Plan.

AMEC Earth & Environmental has been given the order to start drilling the boreholes. There was some discussion about getting local contractors to do the drilling and J. Marsh confirmed that this type of drilling is specialized.

Urban Systems is going ahead with the drainage design plans between Baker Creek up Anderson Drive to Abbott Drive to Bouchie Street.

Draft communication documents are attached to this Agenda for review and comment.

(c) **Schedule** – J. Marsh will revise the Schedule for the next meeting.

3 New Business

(a) **Public Meeting**
• Location

MOVED A. Hlady, Seconded H. Loelke and resolved: THAT the Legion be secured for the Public Meeting on March 9.

CARRIED

- Review Agenda – Providing an overview and background of the project to new attendees is important.

Advertising for meeting: One page notice to ALL residents – Canada Post mail out – make notice catchy. Advertise meeting on radio, by newspaper and on Shaw. Prepare a News Release with quotes from the Mayor and D. Hooker.

Briefings: All Committee members were invited to attend both the Media Briefing and Briefing for Cariboo MLA Candidates on March 9. A. Joyal committed to attending the media briefing.

All Committee members should wear nametags at the meeting. C. Anderson to ensure tags are available.

Presentations: M. Dunleavy volunteered to be the Advisory Group representative and to provide an update on the role and work of the Committee to date. J. Marsh and N. Polysou will provide some background/history on the project and point out that the problem is manageable.

Possible questions or issues that may need to be addressed at the public meeting:

- Why is the cost of the wells \$60,000?
- What would the impact or consequence be if this matter is not resolved?
- Information on the situation in Prince George.
- Is the City planning on draining the swamps in the area?

(b) **Involvement of Advisory Group Members** – no discussion.

(c) **West Quesnel Communications Material** – documents are currently in draft form.

General comments:

- We need to get across that we need the community to be united in order to get funding through a grant application.
- This is an emergency situation.
- Mayor's message needs to be that this is the Number One priority for the City.
- Use the "\$11 million" for advertising.

- I. West Quesnel Action Kit – J. Marsh says the plan is to do direct lobbying. Discussion on federal funding.
- II. Project Summary Report – not for public distribution.
- III. Briefing Note – for distribution to government officials.
- IV. Backgrounder – for distribution to all residents.
- V. Fact Sheet – for distribution to all residents.
- VI. Outline for Power Point Presentation
- VII. Frequently Asked Questions – for distribution to all residents.

General comments on communications: M. Dunleavy suggested that a News Release be prepared and sent out to let people know what is happening. The cost of \$11 million could be used in advertising to get people's attention.

4 Other Business

J. Marsh advised that the South Quesnel Neighbourhood Association has requested a presentation for their regular meeting on March 2. C. Bernier will attend the meeting with J. Marsh.

Suggestions on post public meeting and getting the message out:

- (1) Include Voyageur School students in the letter writing campaign. D. Hooker will speak to the principal to make arrangements.
- (2) Individual letters to the editor – the WQ issue effects all residents – C. Bernier and M. Dunleavy to prepare.
- (3) Door to door delivery of information material – possibly coordinated by the Uplands Neighbourhood Association.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:20 pm.