

# WEST QUESNEL LAND STABILITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE

## MINUTES

Wednesday, March 22, 2006

7:00 pm

**Advisory Committee:** Heinz Loelke, Andriana Wilson-Busby, Marty Put, Archie Hlady, Councillor Ron Craigmyle, Mayor Nate Bello *ex officio*  
**Staff:** Jack Marsh, Matt Wood, Carol Anderson  
**Guests:** Jo-Anna Johnston (MLA's office)

Councillor R. Craigmyle called the meeting to order at 7:05 pm. He stated that there was no formal Agenda for the meeting and that the purpose was to review the 2006 Work Plan submitted to the Ministry of Community Services on March 6, 2006. Councillor Craigmyle confirmed that the Plan had been submitted however, if the Committee had any additional comments or amendments to the Plan, they would be sent to the Ministry under separate cover.

J. Marsh noted that the Plan reflected what the government was asking for, what they wanted to see done. Basically, it was that the City fill in and/or complete any geotechnical testing and surveying. J. Marsh reviewed the Work Plan which totaled \$1,190,600. He proceeded through the submissions – City of Quesnel, AMEC Earth & Environmental, Urban Systems, and Aspen Communications, highlighting several items.

The Committee presented no additions or changes to the Work Plan.

### **At approximately 7:45 pm – Mayor N. Bello joined the meeting.**

J. Marsh confirmed that the Ministry's response, at this point, gave an indication that they were willing to fund two-thirds of the \$1.2 million required to complete the studies and surveys. However, this was not an official response and the City is waiting for a letter from the Ministry confirming their amount of funding. There was discussion regarding the funding ratio:

- The \$1.1 million the City has already spent on the project;
- The fact that the tax base in the area has significantly decreased;
- Councillor Craigmyle noted that MLA Bob Simpson awaiting an OK from the City to proceed with further lobbying from his end;
- M. Wood confirmed that he is scheduled to meet with MP Dick Harris and discuss additional funding through Hazard Mitigation Funding.

### **Next Steps**

- **Special Edition Q City News** – Councillor Craigmyle suggested including a questionnaire on the back page (discussion on costs of printing 6,000 = \$1,800 and mailing 5,621 = \$475 (approximate))
- **FAQ and Background**er updates
- **Public Meeting** – ad for the public meeting should be on the front page of the newspaper, radio
- **map** of homes in the area and the level of damage (if any) – will divide homes reported by residents and those actually visited by geotech – will also include location of water/sewer breaks
- **Official response** from the Ministry is expected by the end of this week – plan to meet a week after the cheque arrives – next meeting will be to plan the public meeting and further public communications

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:10 pm.