

WEST QUESNEL LAND STABILITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE

MINUTES

Wednesday, June 25, 2008 @ 7:00 pm

Fraser Room, City Hall

Advisory Committee: Councillor Ron Craigmyle, Heinz Loelke, Marty Put, Mel Dunleavey, Archie Hlady
Staff: Public Works Director Jack Marsh, Communications Supervisor Matt Wood, Communications Clerk Carol Anderson
Special Guests: Nick Polysou - AMEC Earth & Environmental, Duane Sauve, Bernadette and Marvin Clifford

Councillor R. Craigmyle called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm and welcomed Duane Sauve to the meeting.

1 Adoption of Minutes

MOVED H. Loelke, Seconded M. Put and resolved: THAT the minutes from the meeting held on November 27, 2007 be adopted.

CARRIED

2 Business Arising from Previous Minutes

- (a) **Funding for Private Property Damage** – J. Marsh will continue to research other models such as Kamloops.
- (b) **New Members for Committee** – C. Anderson reported that there were no expressions of interest resulting from the Call for Members advertising.

Allan McDonald was contacted and confirmed that he had sold most of his properties in West Quesnel and although he was interested in the process, he was not interested in sitting on the Committee.

Duane Sauve was contacted and invited to attend tonight's meeting as a potential Committee member.

3 New Business

- (a) **Presentation of Trial Dewatering Study** – N. Polysou provided an in-depth power point presentation and update on the 2008 Geotechnical Work Plan including the 2008 Geotechnical Work Plan Summary, Trial Dewatering Program Results, Ongoing Monitoring, and Next Steps.

In short, N. Polysou called the Trial Dewatering Program successful. AMEC Earth and Environmental is in the process of completing the Water Balance Calculation and would then proceed with the Design and Estimate for a Full Scale Dewatering Program and the Installation of the Full Scale Dewatering Program as Phase I.

J. Marsh is hopeful that the government will provide some bridge funding to implement the Full Scale Dewatering Program once they have reviewed the results of the Trial documentation. He and members of City Council met with the Premier earlier in the week to informally confirm the results of the program. The Trial Dewatering Program Results have already been forwarded to the government and the Water Balance Calculation report will follow as soon as it is available.

Discussion regarding the long term. N. Polysou noted that there was a target water level they were trying to reach and indicated that the wells would have to remain in the ground after that target is reached.

Further discussion on the character of ponds in the area and the rules and regulations surrounding their existence. Further research will be required. Old wells in the area also need to be researched. It would be extremely helpful if residents came forward and revealed any information or history regarding these wells.

H. Loelke suggested that J. Marsh contact Mr. Steines (on Pierce Street) at 992-7827 regarding his sump pump.

- (b) **Public Information** – A one page Special Edition Q City News will be mailed out to all residents containing information on the results of the Trial Dewatering Program and next steps by the City.

An Open House will be scheduled after the final design of the Full Scale Dewatering Program is complete.

- (c) **Next Steps** – Funds provided by the City in this budget total \$265,000, enough to finish the Water Balance Calculation. Another \$100,000 has been requested from the government as bridge funding to complete the 2008 Geotechnical Work Plan which includes the Design and Estimate for a Full Scale Dewatering Program.

Additional funding will be required for the Installation of the Full Scale Dewatering Program - Phase I and Phase II.

4 Other Business

Several members expressed an interest in receiving a copy of the presentation and a map of the lidar photo on the second slide. C. Anderson will have hard copies available for pick up by members only.

M. Put asked that C. Anderson email slide two (the lidar photo) to him.

Mr. and Mrs. Clifford would like to be notified of any future meetings and provided C. Anderson with their email address and telephone number.

5 Correspondence

MOVED M. Put, Seconded H. Loelke and resolved: THAT the correspondence be received.

CARRIED

There was no further discussion on the correspondence.

6 Adjournment

MOVED M. Dunleavy, Seconded M. Put and resolved: THAT the meeting be adjourned at 8:30 pm.

CARRIED

cc: City Council