

# WEST QUESNEL LAND STABILITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE

## MINUTES

Tuesday, August 23, 2005

7:00 pm

**Advisory Committee:** Marty Put, Heinz Loelke, Cynthia Bernier, Dalton Hooker, Sonya Hunt  
**Engineers:** Rick Collins – Urban Systems Ltd.  
**Consultants:** Dave Read – Aspen Communications Ltd.  
**Staff:** Jack Marsh, Matt Wood, Carol Anderson

Acting Chair D. Hooker called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm. - D. Hooker introduced Matt Wood to the Committee - there were two additional correspondence items to No. 4 on the Agenda.

### 1 Adoption of Minutes

**MOVED H. Loelke, Seconded M. Put and resolved: THAT the minutes from the meeting held on April 20, 2005 be adopted.**

**CARRIED**

### 2 Business Arising from previous Minutes

- (a) **Dwain Sauve correspondence** – reviewed and discussed - important that we keep up with the correspondence.

### 3 New Business

- (a) **WQLS Program update**
- (i) May 11 visit to Victoria - J. Marsh reported that he felt the meeting went well – there were 8 government officials and all seemed interested – PEP asked a lot of questions and it was obvious that they had read the material sent to them.
  - (ii) June 13 presentation to Council – copy of the presentation was handed out to Committee members – J. Marsh advised that this presentation has been updated and Council should be kept informed of the program’s progress.
  - (iii) June “bulletin” – reviewed.
  - (iv) Water Conservation Guide – D. Hooker explained the purpose of the guide and confirmed that it was sent to all City residents - M. Put reiterated his concerns as were set out in the editorial to the newspaper – general discussion – more bylaw is needed in the area.
  - (v) August 4 correspondence re funding application – J. Marsh reported that he does not have a lot of information at this time with respect to the grant availability and terms – discussion on funding from the federal government – R. Collins recommended that we keep the thrust on the provincial government.
- (b) **Dialite Mine update** – J. Marsh says the company met all of the City’s requirements/requests i.e. implement a water management plan to address direction and treatment of water – Council gave Dialite a “letter of no objection”.
- (c) **M. Put correspondence** – discussed in 3(a)(iv) above.

- (d) **Communications update for fall, 2005** – D. Read reviewed – proposed update has been submitted to the City for their consideration – MLA Bob Simpson has indicated his desire to be kept up to date with respect to the funding application – J. Marsh to follow up – discussion on all aspects...public information, government communication, media, and contingency measures – ideas and brainstorming.

- Public information
- update letter writing campaign to reflect new contacts in government and brief reminder in the fall Q City News
  - suggestion that we create a postcard for distribution (with a brief message on the back) to residents in lieu of a letter, that can be handed out at the Farmer's Market and other community events – photo options for postcard included school children, group of residents, neighbourhood and people photos
  - get media to take a photo of Committee members dropping a postcard in the mail – M. Wood and D. Read to initiate
  - discussion about getting a corporate sponsor
- Government comm.
- J. Marsh advised that he has been trying to schedule a meeting with government officials (Ida Chong) to follow up on the grant application submitted. He has suggested several meeting dates at the end of October and so far, no meeting has been set.
- Media
- update media on the City's attempts to get a meeting with government officials (Ida Chong) to follow up on the grant application. J. Marsh and M. Wood to discuss.

- (e) **Drainage update** – R. Collins reviewed attached outline – reported that most everything on their end is in place and is on hold pending approval from DFO re Baker Creek and funding.

- (f) **Geotechnical update** – J. Marsh reviewed a letter from Nick Polysou, P.Eng. with AMEC Earth & Environmental – reported that 6 inclinometers have been installed and are being monitored, 4 of the 6 piezometer boreholes have been drilled (there were some problems with one of the piezometer boreholes in Patchett St park).

- (g) **Financial status** – J. Marsh reported that the \$410,000 budgeted has been spent (or accounted for to date) and the program has run a bit over budget – \$410,000 includes GST - he is preparing his report to Council and will provide a copy to Committee members after Council's review.

#### **4 Other (correspondence)**

- (a) June 1 letter to Layton and Harper – D. Hooker reviewed.  
(b) June 24 letter to Chong – D. Hooker reviewed.

##### **ADDITIONAL ITEMS**

Correspondence – letters from D. Hooker to Premier Gordon Campbell and Honourable Ida Chong and reply.

Newspaper article - from the Vancouver Sun regarding the governments buyout of the North Van properties.

#### **5 Adjournment**

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:30 pm.

**THE NEXT MEETING HAS BEEN SCHEDULED FOR  
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 20, 2005 @ 7 pm**

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cc: Maureen Murray, Deputy Clerk