

WEST QUESNEL LAND STABILITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE

MINUTES

Tuesday, November 16, 2004
7:00 pm

Advisory Committee: Dalton Hooker, Marty Put, Mel Dunleavey, Heinz Loelke, Cynthia Bernier, Andrianna Joyal
Facilitator: Dave Read
Staff: Jack Marsh, Eric Kesteloot, Wally Semenov, Carol Anderson
Engineers: Nick Polysou, Rick Collins

D. Read opened the meeting at 7:00 pm and asked if there were any additional Agenda items. There were no additional items noted. He distributed a copy of the Ground Rules (as discussed at the last meeting).

1 Adoption of Minutes

Moved H. Loelke, Seconded M. Put and resolved: THAT the minutes from the meeting on October 26, 2004 be adopted.

CARRIED

2 Business Arising from Minutes of October 26, 2004

- Appointment of Chair – discussion.

Moved A. Joyal, Seconded C. Bernier and resolved: THAT Dalton Hooker be appointed Acting Chair for the next couple of meetings.

CARRIED

- Approval of Terms of Reference

Moved M. Put, Seconded A. Joyal and resolved: THAT the Term of Reference be approved with the following replacement under “External Communications” on page four of the Terms of Reference as follows:

“Committee members will provide a key role in two-way communication between the City and residents of West Quesnel and the broader community by:

- advising the City on the information needs of residents
- suggesting means of providing the information residents need
- providing summary information to their normal contacts in the community
- assisting residents by directing them to sources for detailed information

Media communications will be the responsibility of the Council representative on WQLSAC and the City Manager or his designate.”

CARRIED

- Public Meeting – to be held at Voyageur Elementary School on Wednesday, December 8, 2004 – agenda as follows:

Open House/Panels from 5:00 – 7:00 pm

Public Meeting begins at 7:00 pm
(with presentations from engineers) (no open mic)

Open House/Panels continues after Public Meeting until 9:00 pm

Agenda for Public Meeting should be posted on a schedule and verbally noted at the beginning of the meeting. Advertise on the website and in the newspaper.

Discussion on the Committee's role at the Public Meeting. At the end of R. Collins' presentation D. Read will introduce C. Bernier who will give a brief overview of the Committee's role within the Terms of Reference. She will then introduce the individual Committee members to the meeting.

- Correspondence
 - Ministry of Forests – approved.
 - DRAFT letter to Neighbourhood Associations – amend the last sentence in paragraph four to read "We would be pleased to send a representative to one of your neighbourhood meetings and give you an update on what is happening in the neighbourhood in West Quesnel."

Moved H. Loelke, Seconded M. Put and resolved: THAT the letter to the Neighbourhood Associations be approved with the amended wording as noted above and forwarded to Associations.

CARRIED

3 Review of Geotechnical Work to Date by AMEC Earth & Environmental's Engineer, Nick Polysou

N. Polysou gave a detailed history of the work regarding the land stability in West Quesnel. AMEC has been researching the area since 2000 when the ancient landslides were discovered and land movement was confirmed. He reviewed both the technical findings and the works performed to date.

Included in his review was an INSAR report (taken from satellite photos), which showed the specific areas of movement and their levels of movement. He also prepared several tomography charts from electrical resistivity readings. This information will be used in AMEC's recommendation on the location of drilling new wells for inclinometer readings.

4 Review of Drainage Plan by Urban Systems' Engineer, Rick Collins

R. Collins shared Urban's research to date on the Drainage Plan. Discussed the ultimate need to provide an appropriate outlet for the water in the area brought by precipitation, the migration of ground water and the importation of water on to a site. Discussed several of the options for drainage outlet.

Distributed and reviewed the power point presentation anticipated for the public meeting. Several small amendments were made.

On Panel 11, N. Polysou suggested that the City begin to survey all of the ponds in the area and measure them on a monthly basis. On Panel 16, it was confirmed that rainfall does have an effect on ground movement. W. Semenoff suggested that residents could also add rain barrels for runoff.

5 Discussion on Dialite Industries Geotechnical Assessment and Executive Summary Handout

General discussion on the perceived discrepancies in language or interpretation between AMEC Earth & Environmental and Golder Associates. N. Polysou provided a copy of an email outlining his discussions with respect to the report with Bruce Bosdet of Golder Associates and Ed Beswick from the Ministry of Mines.

N. Polysou commented that whatever happens on the mine site should be neutral or should have no effect on the surrounding environment. Golder's recommendation to the plant is that they provide a plan for dirt removal and proper drainage, drainage being the main concern.

6 Review Action Plan

J. Marsh reviewed the Action Plan as attached. Noted that the document will be updated as required and **attached to each Agenda.**

7 Other Business

Communications – D. Read asked the Committee members to think about what they would want the residents of Quesnel to hear, either technical information or other, and write it down on one page or less. He will contact each of the members after tonight's meeting.

Next meeting scheduled for:

**Wednesday, December 15, 2004 @ 7:00 pm
Fraser Room, City Hall**

Meeting adjourned at 9:40 pm.