

WEST QUESNEL LAND STABILITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE

MINUTES

Tuesday, November 27, 2007 @ 7 pm
Fraser Room, City Hall

Advisory Committee: Heinz Loelke, Marty Put, Councillor Ron Craigmyle, Cynthia Bernier
Staff: Public Works Director Jack Marsh, Communications Supervisor Matt Wood, Communications Clerk Carol Anderson
Special Guest: Nick Polysou, AMEC Earth & Environmental

Councillor R. Craigmyle called the meeting to order at 7:05 pm.

1 Adoption of Minutes

MOVED C. Bernier, Seconded H. Loelke and resolved: THAT the minutes from the meeting held on February 15, 2007 be adopted.

CARRIED

2 Business Arising from Previous Minutes

- (a) **Funding for private property damage** – There was nothing new to report at this time. J. Marsh will continue to research. He is still looking at damaged homes in the area.
- (b) **New members for committee** – C. Anderson reported that there were 2 vacancies on the committee according to the Terms of Reference. A list was circulated showing previously interested parties with the addition of Allan McDonald (he has attended several of the Advisory meetings).

A decision was made to advertise a Call for Members for the Committee. C. Anderson will contact Mr. McDonald and confirm whether he is still interested.

- (c) **May 29, 2007 Open House** – J. Marsh asked for any comments regarding the open house. Most felt that the meeting was encouraging even though technical progress is slow. Staff indicated there have been a lot of public enquiries in the past six months regarding properties in the area.

3 New Business

(a) Work Plan update –

- (i) Geotechnical Work - N. Polysou (AMEC) provided a powerpoint presentation on the information collected to date. He offered some analysis of the information and indicated that the collection of data will continue as planned. The dewatering program looks promising. Anticipates a presentation to government officials as soon as all data has been collected and analyzed.
- (ii) Water Balance Model – Data from water monitoring, pond pumping and leak detection continues to be collected and will, along with geotechnical data, be used in the water balance model.
- (iii) Communications – M. Wood to prepare a News Release regarding the trial dewatering program to gain some media coverage. A mailout will be prepared in spring after all of the data has been collected and analyzed. An Open House will be planned at that time as well. There will continue to be updates in the Q City News – next edition scheduled for the end of December/early January.
- (iv) City Work – J. Marsh reported on the City’s work in this project including pond pumping, leak detection and trial dewatering. All data collected is being sent directly to Nick Polysou at AMEC. He noted that approximately 190 man hours have been spent on leak detection in the area, with no leaks found this year.

4 Budget 2007

J. Marsh distributed and reviewed the 2007 Budget which includes the geotechnical work from AMEC, engineering from Urban Systems and other work performed by the City. The total budget was \$682,466 of which \$666,575 has been spent to date. When all of the work has been completed, the budget is anticipated to have an overrun of just under \$20,000. The City’s work associated with the Trial Dewatering Program and the Sub Contracts for electrical and hydro costs attribute to the overrun.

5 Letter to Dale Wall

M. Wood spoke to the letter, which was a result of Council’s meeting with the Minister and staff from the Ministry of Community Services at UBCM 2007. City staff has concerns over a vague implication that remediation funding may need to be sourced from existing grant programs, such as the Municipal Rural Infrastructure Fund. Discussion. It was noted that a reply has not yet been received.

6 Other Business

Discussion on AMEC's draft report on the trial dewatering program, sent to Glen Brown for comment. J. Marsh will follow up.

R. Craigmyle will report to Council from these minutes. N. Polysou to make presentation to Council in spring.

7 Correspondence

- (a) **July 6, 2007 – letter to Ministry of Community Services** – enclosing the draft report from AMEC.
- (b) **February 28, 2007 – letter to Ministry of Community Services** – enclosing year end report and budget update.
- (c) **Displays** – landslide building damage, photo of water break on Perry Street and map of leak detection area.

8 Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 8:15 pm.

cc: Mayor and Council