

WEST QUESNEL LAND STABILITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE

MINUTES

Wednesday, December 15, 2004
7:00 pm

Advisory Committee: Marty Put, Mel Dunleavey, Heinz Loelke, Cynthia Bernier, Archie Hlady
Facilitator: Dave Read
Staff: Jack Marsh, Carol Anderson

Acting Chair D. Hooker was unable to attend the meeting so D. Read offered to Chair. Meeting opened at 7:00 pm. There were two additional Agenda items as requested and noted under Other Business:

- (1) Replacement of committee member; and
- (2) Outline for communications strategy.

1 Adoption of Minutes

Moved H. Loelke, Seconded M. Put and resolved: THAT the minutes from the meeting on November 16, 2004 be adopted.

CARRIED

2 Business Arising from Minutes of November 16, 2004

- **December 8 open house and public meeting** - Roundtable discussion. Comments included: format of the meeting was good, more detail requested in the presentation, question and answer period requested for next meeting, need for more residents (Quesnel) to get involved/interested, more research required on what damage is attributable to the land slippage.

Feedback Summary was not available for this meeting and the members wanted to discuss this matter further at the next meeting. M. Put received numerous questions from residents at the public meeting and made a note of them. We will incorporate those questions/concerns into the Feedback Summary.
- **Correspondence regarding Dialite Industries Ltd.** - J. Marsh reviewed the correspondence. It was noted that the Cariboo Regional District was not provided with copies of the correspondence and agreed that we would forward copies to them.

3 Public Writing Campaign

M. Dunleavey gave an overview of his thoughts on a public writing campaign for provincial and federal support. Suggested that we provide residents with the information to send to the noted governments i.e. prepare the body of the letter and residents can add to it, identify email addresses and postal addresses and put all of this information on the City's website.

D. Read will orchestrate the timing of this request – although individual effort is extremely important, the call to action is not yet here – currently looking at March. D. Read needs to research some numbers.

Suggested that J. Marsh contact Jim Savage at the EDC (Economic Development Corporation) and Steve Wallace (FCM - Federation of Canadian Municipalities) for contacts and Urban Systems and the City of Kamloops with respect to the similar situation in Kamloops. Requested that J. Marsh forward a copy of Urban's precedent letter to the members.

Members also requested that a rough outline of the letter or plan be available for the next meeting and a list identifying applicable ministers and their addresses.

4 Neighbourhood Association involvement

M. Put asked the committee for their support in the questionnaire that the Uplands Neighbourhood Association will distribute early next year. The questionnaire will include several questions with respect to the land stability i.e. location of old wells, etc. J. Marsh suggested that both Urban and AMEC may wish to ask the residents some particular questions. M. Put will provide a draft to J. Marsh for his review. Again noted that the City needs to find out who is having problems in their home with respect to stability issues.

5 Reply from Ministry of Forests

Discussion and review of the map indicating crown and privately owned land in the area.

6 2005 Work Plan and Associated Costs

J. Marsh reviewed and noted that a copy had been forwarded to C. Hamilton, City Manager, as well. These are the dollar figures that are concrete now and more figures will be added as they become available. The work plan must be complete before approaching the governments for funding assistance.

J. Marsh noted that he will be seeking pre-budget approval at Council on Monday (December 20) and will ensure that both the City Manager and Council are aware that these are not the final dollar figures.

7 Correspondence

- Drought Planning Assistance Grant – J. Marsh reviewed (noted that scan was not clear).
- List of Stakeholders – D. Read reviewed.
- Action Plan – an updated copy was attached to the Agenda.

8 Other Business

Committee asked that W. Semenoff update and revise his assessment report (provided at the public meeting) to incorporate all data.

The next public meeting was discussed and targeted for March 9, 2005 (before spring break). Things to note for next public meeting:

- have more budget figures available
- review plan to seek funding – letter writing campaign
- have data on when wells are to be drilled
- advise Diatomite Industries as to the next public meeting date
- **Replacement of committee member** - Discussion. J. Marsh to add Tim Richards to the original list and review. Make recommendation to Council.
- **Outline for communications strategy** – D. Read will have available in January.

Next meeting scheduled for:

Wednesday, January 19, 2005 @ 7:00 pm
Fraser Room, City Hall

Meeting adjourned at 9:00 pm.