

WESTSYDE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT SOCIETY
MEETING MINUTES FROM
THURSDAY DECEMBER 7TH 2017

PRESENT:

S. Delaney, President
K. MacKay, Youth Engagement Director
K. McMullen, Social Media Director
G. McConechy, Director
D. Kuchma, Director
S. Wilcox, Director

MEMBERS:

J. McConechy
J. Rollier

REGRETS:

R. Kelly, Past President
B. Kelly, Vice President
K. Kelly, Treasurer
A. Grineau, Secretary
L. Bourgeois, Director
R. Kuchma, Director
S. Logan, Director
J. McMullen

GUESTS:

Alice Shannon
Gerri Denbigh

1. Call to order

- Meeting called to order at 7:02pm in the Westsyde Community Centre.

2. Approval / Changes to the Agenda

- Agenda was approved as circulated.

3. Minutes

- G. McConechy moved that the minutes of November 2nd be adopted as circulated. Seconded by K. McMullen. CARRIED.

4. Treasurer's Report (Steve Delaney for Karen Kelly)

- No bills were submitted for payment.

- WCDS's new projector cost totaled \$596.40 after tax and shipping.
- Bill Bilton of The Dunes presented Steve Delaney with a donation cheque for \$325.00 from the Oktoberfest event at The Dunes.
- Net amount from the Fall Craft Fair fundraiser was \$3,261.00; including donations, the total raised was \$3,783.24.

5. Cheque Presentation

- Dale Sterge of the Kamloops Flu Clinic presented the WCDS with a donation cheque for \$200.00. WCDS will send her a letter of recognition and thanks. (Her address is 890 Bebek Road, Kamloops).

6. Bylaws and Constitution

- The subcommittee of Steve, Arlene, Grant and Janna McConechy met to review the Mission Statement (i.e., the summary of our purpose) of the WCDS.
- The Mission Statement needs to be completed by November, 2018.
- The WCDS needs to redo the Bylaws at some future date.
- The proposed Mission Statement from the subcommittee was discussed, and proposed as follows: "To advance the positive development of the Westsyde community through initiatives, engagement and cooperative teamwork".
- This proposed Mission Statement needs to be presented to the AGM in June, 2018.
- Kim MacKay suggested that "shared experiences" be added to the 'cooperative teamwork' of the Mission Statement.

7. Memberships

- We have 22 new memberships to date this year (2017/18).
- There are now 3 corporate sponsors, and 71 members are grandfathered in.
- It was noted that any change to membership fees needs to be made at an AGM.

8. WCDS Website (Steve Delaney)

- Steve has made the following changes to the WCDS website: it is now static; the domain name is 'westsyde.info', with the WCDS as a subdomain.
- He still needs to submit a bill for the domain name registration for the year and for the hosting of the site.
- He is looking for suggestions for the website.

9. Social Media (Kassandra McMullen)

- Kassandra is looking for posts for the WCDS Facebook page.

- The rink will be an upcoming post when temperatures are appropriate.
- The paving of the dike will be addressed at a public information forum, hopefully in January, 2018.

10. Youth Engagement (Kim MacKay)

- The focus of youth engagement is with the local high school.
- Kim will be using social media for feedback.
- There was discussion of possible engagement via a clothing swap, and/or a ski swap.
- With the focus on the school, having students attend WCDS meetings as a way of engaging local youth.
- Steve and Grant offered to make a presentation in the leadership class.
- Kim had a fundraiser idea: sometime in January or February, have a stress release / relaxation 'event'.

11. Fundraisers

a) Gary's Deli

- All items have been sold.

b) Coupon Booklets

- Tabled until the January meeting.

c) Fall Craft Fair

- As noted in the Treasurer's Report, the net amount from the Fall Craft Fair fundraiser was \$3,261.00; including donations, the total raised was \$3,783.24.

12. Coffee Mug Sales

- Tabled until the January meeting.

13. Community

a) Rivers Trail Paving Future Meeting

- Joan Rollier said that several people have met with Dieter Duty, City Councillor, who informed them that paving the Rivers Trail was not in the budget for 2018.
- Mike Doll of Parks and Recreation is to set the date for the public information meeting in January.

b) Report on Bank Road Project for 2018/19 (Curb, Gutter and Sidewalk)

- Improved lighting and sidewalk(s) would be part of this proposed project.
- Robert has taken pictures of various streets on the North Shore which have recently been furnished with sidewalks, and noted that there is generally a required 60% approval rating from the residents on that street.

- Leverage for this proposed project would focus on that fact that Bank Road is part of the Rivers Trail. This portion of the River Trail, Bank Road, is used extensively by residents of the community to walk and that there is a public safety issue regarding vehicle traffic and lighting along it.

c) Report from the Community Association Forum of November 8th

- This forum was attended by eight (8) WCDS members, and fifteen (15) other Kamloops community associations.
- The forum was structured differently this year, with several City departments represented; spokespersons from each department gave a brief presentation as to what their particular department focussed on, and how they could assist community groups.
- Every community group was then allowed to meet for a few minutes with each City department representative.
- Connections were made between the Batchelor Heights community group and the WCDS concerning mutual interests, especially traffic on Westsyde Road, Grasslands Drive, and the 8th Street interchange complex.

d) Westsyde Pool and Fitness Centre

- The City has yet to contact the WCDS regarding participation in the official Grand Opening event.
- Apparently, the City is still waiting for equipment, such as the climbing wall, to be installed.

b) Centennial Park

i. Improvements

- The City still has not completed the picnic shelter.
- The bronze plaque is finished, and a dedication ceremony will be scheduled when the shelter is finished.

ii. Ice Rink (Ralph Clearwaters Sports Complex)

- As soon as the weather is cold enough, the rink crew will start developing the ice surface.

iii. Report on the Petting Zoo

- Al Threatful and Cyndie Somogyi who own and operate the petting zoo were in attendance; Al Threatful has a list of both long-term and short-term projects for the petting zoo; he and Cyndie met with the subcommittee of Steve and Robert, as a preliminary to develop documentation to present to the City Council Budget meeting.
- Al noted the improvements along the petting zoo perimeter (gravel and benches).

- The laying down of crushed gravel along the front fence and the installation of some benches on that side are completed projects. It was noted this was done voluntarily by Joe Vetere with unused materials he had on hand.
 - He also mentioned that no trees had been pruned by the City, nor had the other 2 sides of the perimeter fencing been gravelled, nor had benches been put in place there.
 - Al currently has 4 large projects on the go.
 - The petting zoo portion of Centennial Park is officially designated as Park Land, and cannot be developed for residential use.
 - A list of 2018/2019 fundraisers for the petting zoo is in development.
- iv. Report on Security Cameras
- The security camera located in the maintenance shed by the ice rink is now back in operation.
 - Instructions on operation, access and viewing of video were discussed.
- c) Ice Rink
- Tabled until December meeting.
 - The City has installed the requested snow baffles on the roof of the washroom / change room building, and No Parking signs have been put in place in the roundabout.

14. Timing for the Next Meeting

- It was decided that the date for the next meeting will be the first Thursday of the month, as per usual, January 4th.

Meeting Adjournment: 8:15pm

Next regular meeting January 4th, 2018 at 7:00 PM at Westsyde Neighbourhood Centre.