

WESTSYDE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT SOCIETY
MEETING MINUTES FROM
THURSDAY JANUARY 4TH 2018

PRESENT:

S. Delaney, President
K. Kelly, Treasurer
A. Grineau, Secretary
K. McMullen, Social Media Director
G. McConechy, Director
D. Kuchma, Director
R. Kuchma, Director
S. Wilcox, Director
R. Kelly, Past President

MEMBERS:

J. McConechy

REGRETS:

B. Kelly, Vice President
K. MacKay, Youth Engagement Director
L. Bourgeois, Director
S. Logan, Director

1. Call to order

- Meeting called to order at 7:00pm in the Westsyde Community Centre.

2. Approval / Changes to the Agenda

- Agenda was approved as amended:
 - 12. 2018/19 projects
 - 12.f.i. KOSA (Kamloops Outdoor Skating Association)
 - 13. Joint meeting with Batchelor Heights and WCDS (possibly as early as February)

3. Minutes

- K. Kelly noted that Gerri Denbigh is a member, not a guest; also that Dale Sturge who donated \$200 to the WCDS needs a receipt, and that we should be sending her a thank-you letter.

- R. Kelly moved that the minutes of December 7th be adopted as amended. Seconded by S. Wilcox. CARRIED.

4. Treasurer's Report (Karen Kelly)

- Current balance in the Chequing account is \$21,327.95 (with \$6,500.00 earmarked for the picnic shelter in Centennial Park).
- Fundraisers net profits to date:
 - Gary's Deli and Sausage: all purchased sausages have been sold, and monies accounted for, for a net profit of \$258.00.
 - Coupon booklets: to be reconciled.
- Executive Christmas party: net cost was \$260.00 for 20 people, including the gratuity; there is a balance of \$282.00 remaining for the end-of-year Executive BBQ.
- Bills submitted for payment:
 - WCDS domain name and keys (\$92.22, from Steve)
 - Salt for ice rink maintenance area (\$24.83, from Ron)

5. No Guests

6. 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 could be made at a general meeting if a quorum is present
- The possibility was raised of giving memberships away, rather than charging for them.
- The new BC Societies Act requires that notice of the annual general meeting be mailed out to all members unless the Society has 250 members, in which case newspaper notice is allowed.
- Corporate sponsors cannot be acknowledged by signage at Centennial Park because the Park belongs to the City, not to Westsyde, and the City will not allow 'advertising' on Park buildings.

7. WCDS Website (Steve Delaney)

- Steve has made the following changes to the WCDS website: it is now a static page; the domain name is 'westsyde.info', with the WCDS as a subdomain.
- The hosting cost of the WCDS website is \$4.95/month.

- The westsyde.info page has links to the City, and our social media accounts.

8. Social Media (Kassandra McMullen)

- Kassandra will post opening hours for the ice rink on our Facebook page, requesting that people text her with this information.
- Kassandra will post the picture of Diane receiving the donation cheque of \$200.00 from Dale Sturge.

9. Youth Engagement (Kim MacKay absent)

10. Bylaws and Constitution

- The new BC Societies Act is already in effect; any amendments to bylaws can be done at a general meeting.
- Steve has reviewed and is integrating our old, and these new, bylaws.
- The possibility of a 2-year term for executive positions was proposed.
- G. McConechy moved that the draft mission statement be ratified at the February regular meeting, to be amended / approved at that time. CARRIED.
- Kassandra will post the proposed mission statement on our Facebook page.
- 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”.

11. Fundraisers

a) Coffee mug sales

- Saturday, January 6th, from 11 – 1 at the Centennial Park ice rink for hot chocolate in a WCDS mug for \$5.00, or \$2.00 for Styrofoam cup. Donation jar and WCDS banner will be on display.
- Karen will print out membership forms to hand out.

b) Coupon Booklets

- It was suggested that this fundraiser be wrapped up, as there are many groups in the City using this item as a fundraiser as well.
- Steve noted that Westsyde Home Hardware is currently no longer a suitable venue for item sales; coupon booklets, tickets, etc..
- Karen requested all left-over coupon booklets be handed in to her.

c) May 5th Annual Westsyde Yard Sale

- The gym at the Westsyde Neighbourhood Centre has already been reserved for use by the WCDS.
- Steve noted that there has already been some interest in renting tables.
- Carnival games will be on again.
- A bouncy castle for the field has already been reserved.
- Outside plots will again be rented.

d) 2018 Fall Craft Fair

- Diane and Karen will clarify with Jacki Anderson about who will be organizing this event this year; the WCDS still has to cover the insurance costs for it.

12. Community

a) Westsyde Pool and Fitness Centre

- Robert suggested meeting with Jeff Putnam (before the City finalizes its 2018/19 budget) to discuss pool costs as presented in a recent article in Kamloops This Week, such as approximately \$125,000 for staffing costs.
- Spring 2018 is the expected date for installation of the climbing wall.
- R. Kelly moved that the WCDS meet with Jeff Putnam to discuss Westsyde Pool and Fitness Centre. Seconded by D. Kuchma. CARRIED.
- Robert and Steve will attend this meeting with Jeff, to be arranged by Ben Chobater (whom Robert will contact).

b) Westsyde Improvements

- On November 19, 2017, Robert emailed the Executive with the results of the subcommittee on the long- and short-term projects of the owners of the Centennial Park Petting Zoo.
- S. Delaney moved that the WCDS take on only one of these projects, depending on a cost estimate and feasibility of completion, based on some direction from the owners of the petting zoo. CARRIED.
- A letter outlining and confirming this request to be sent to the City as soon as possible – TABLED UNTIL FEBRUARY MEETING. A copy of this letter would be posted by Cassandra on social media to indicate to the community that the WCDS is actively engaged with the City about local concerns.

c) Centennial Park Petting Zoo

- A list of 13 requested improvements had been sent several months ago to Shawn Cook, and needs to be resubmitted as per the original to Byron McCorkell.
- This list included our requests for crushed gravel, tree pruning, and a covered picnic table (cedar roof) as per our original request for this picnic table.

d) Rivers Trail Paving Future Meeting

- The WCDS is still waiting to hear from Parks and Recreation regarding a date for the public information meeting on this issue.

e) Centennial Park

i. Ice Rink (Ralph Clearwaters Sports Complex)

- Music at the ice rink would involve a proper sound system; this idea was discussed and rejected. In place of a sound system, use of a boombox was suggested.
- An article about the KOSA (Kamloops Outdoor Skating Association) recently appeared in the North Shore Echo; this Association is promoting an outdoor skating rink in Riverside Park.
- Ron Kuchma has been in contact with Steve Gainey of KOSA, and will invite him to attend the February 1st meeting to discuss how the WCDS can support KOSA's efforts.

ii. New and Ongoing Improvements

(1) Picnic Shelter

- As noted above, a list of 13 requested improvements had been sent several months ago to Shawn Cook, and needs to be resubmitted as per the original to Byron McCorkell.
- G. McConechy moved that we pursue getting the original wooden / cedar structure in place at the park. Seconded by S. Delaney. CARRIED.

(2) Repairs to the Spray Park

- Repairs to the spray park also need to be discussed by Byron McCorkell.

13. Joint Meeting With the Batchelor Heights Community Association

- It was decided to ask the Batchelor Heights Community Association to the March meeting to discuss issues of mutual concern, such as the 8th Street interchange
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- Steve will liaise with Ben Chobater to set up this meeting.

Meeting Adjournment: 8:53pm

Next regular meeting February 1st, 2018 at 7:00 PM at Westsyde Neighbourhood Centre.