

WESTSYDE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT SOCIETY
MEETING MINUTES FROM
THURSDAY MARCH 8TH, 2018

PRESENT:

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

REGRETS:

D. Kuchma, Director
R. Kuchma, Director
S. Logan, Director
L. Bourgeois, Director

1. Call to order

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

2. Approval / Changes to the Agenda

- 11. Hub Insurance renewal papers.
- Agenda was approved as amended.

3. Minutes

- Changes to minutes from February 1st, 2018 as follows:
 - Treasurer's Report:
 - Shear pins for the snowblower \$9.77 (invoice from Ron Kuchma)
 - Re: the motion to pay Hub Insurance, cost of Directors Errors and Omissions Insurance was \$550.00 (not \$500.00 as in the minutes), and cost of Commercial General Liability Insurance was \$1,250.00 (not \$1,750.00 as noted in the minutes).
 - Re: \$24.00 from promotional mug and cocoa sales on Saturday, January 6th at Centennial Park Ice Rink was split between \$14.00 in donations, and \$10.00 from promo mug sales.
 - R. Kelly moved that the minutes of February 1st be adopted as amended. Seconded by B. Kelly. CARRIED.

4. Treasurer's Report (Karen Kelly)

- March 1st balance in the Chequing account was \$19,741.16 (with \$6,500.00 earmarked for the picnic shelter in Centennial Park).
- No bills were submitted for payment.
- Outstanding cheques: one, for \$309.86 (to have logo printed on new vests).
- Current balance in Chequing account is now \$19,431.30.
- Picnic shelter reserve fund: \$6,500.00; leaving approximately \$12,931 for operating costs.

5. Memberships

- No new memberships.
- Tabled until the April 5th meeting: nominating committee to be formed for upcoming Executive positions for 2018/19.

6. Social Media (Kassandra McMullen)

- Kassandra will post on social media sites: Robert's presentation on Tuesday March 13th to the women's group of the St. John Vianney Catholic Church.

7. Youth Engagement

- Regarding the recent Kamloops This Week article on a middle school student from Arthur Stevenson Elementary (Rebecca Wharton): Robert suggested the WCDS (Steve) write to her and her parents describing our need for a youth engagement coordinator and invite her and her parents to a meeting.
- As a side-note, Steve has been consistently engaging with the skateboarders and BMX riders at the mall, and they are apparently very willing to meet with the City to discuss services / activities for youth in Westsyde.

8. Mission Statement: Bylaws and Constitution

- The proposed Mission Statement was again reviewed and proposed as follows: "To enhance the positive development of the Westsyde community through initiatives, engagement and collaboration".
- B. Kelly moved that the WCDS accept the new mission statement. Seconded by S. Wilcox. CARRIED.
- Side-note: Steve announced he is shutting down his server, which means that the WCDS website will have to be hosted by another server. Steve will check into the best alternative, sooner rather than later.

9. Fundraisers

a) Annual Westsyde Yard Sale (May 5th)

- Steve will soon be publishing the newsletter, which will be distributed as usual in businesses around the community (and not as an insert into the local newspaper) and posted as well on our social media sites.
- An article was proposed naming those 3 City Councillors who voted against funding operational costs for Westsyde Pool (Tina Lange, Ray Dhaliwal, and Donovan Cavers).
- A suggestion was made to provide City Hall with a copy of the newsletter, and forward copies to the 5 City Parks staff that Robert, Steve and Arlene met with last week.
- Diane has made posters; Steve will take them to distribute at Westsyde shopping centre.
- Grant suggested that Robert and Steve contact Shelly Joyce of our local CBC radio station, who is dedicated to advertising community events and issues – possible topics could include the new mission statement, appreciation expressed towards those Councillors who did vote in favour of funding Westsyde Pool's operating costs, and the upcoming Yard Sale, and Annual General Meeting.
- So far, Diane has booked 11 tables for the gym, at \$25.00 each.
- Karen will organize and run the concession.
- The membership table also needs to be staffed.

10. Community

- From the recent meeting with City Parks staff (attended by Steve, Robert, and Arlene), the City clearly indicated that the Westsyde Neighbourhood Centre will likely revert to the School District fairly soon, in which case, the WCDS loses our meeting space.
 - Robert suggested that the old Park Warden's residence at Centennial Park, which is connected to the WCDS storage shed, might be a possible alternative. Steve, Grant and Robert will do a site assessment on Saturday, March 10th at 2pm.
 - R. Kelly moved that the WCDS approach the City (via Ben Chobater) to ask the City to give the WCDS the old caretaker's building at Centennial Park as a permanent long-term solution for the WCDS meeting room. CARRIED.
 - Further advantage of the caretaker's residence includes operating costs such as power, heat, light, water, would be covered by the City.
- ### a) Westsyde Public Forum
- The City informed WCDS representatives at the meeting last week that this public forum will now take place later in April, or early May. If their date coincides with the date for the WCDS monthly meeting, the WCDS will not be attending the community forum.

b) Westsyde Pool and Fitness Centre

- The City still has not contacted the WCDS about plans for the Grand Opening of the Pool and Fitness Centre.
- The climbing wall has been received and is in place, but unable to be used yet, as the Interior Health Inspector (the one for the entire province) has to give his stamp of approval.

c) Westsyde Improvements

- First Addendum to the minutes: Refer to City Parks Department reply to the email they received from Robert, in which he had summarized all the topics covered in our meeting with them last week.

d) Centennial Park

i. Ice Rink (Ralph Clearwaters Sports Complex)

- Refer to City Parks Department reply to Robert's email (First Addendum).
- R. Kelly moved that Steve Delaney email Ben Chobater to arrange a meeting with whoever oversees the City Parks Department, to discuss projects for Centennial Park. Seconded by G. McConechy. CARRIED.

ii. New and Ongoing Improvements (Petting Zoo)

- Robert presented his report on the list of 4 major projects (provided by Al Threatful) for the petting zoo. Second Addendum to the minutes: Westsyde Petting Zoo
- The motion attached to the end of this report was moved by R. Kelly, seconded by S. Wilcox, and CARRIED.

11. Insurance

- Robert confirmed that we have received the renewed insurance coverage paperwork.

Meeting Adjournment: 8:45pm

**Next regular meeting April 5th, 2018 at 7:00 PM at Westsyde
Neighbourhood Centre.**