

WESTSYDE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT SOCIETY
MEETING MINUTES FROM
THURSDAY NOVEMBER 2ND 2017

PRESENT:

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

MEMBERS:

J. McConechy
J. Rollier
G. Koivula
S. Kelly

REGRETS:

K. MacKay, Youth Engagement Director
L. Bourgeois, Director
D. Kuchma, Director
R. Kuchma, Director
S. Wilcox, Director
S. Logan, Director
J. McMullen

GUESTS:

TRU Student Council Representatives (Cole Hickson, Leif Douglass, Brandon Hayashi)
Al Threatful
Cyndie Somogyi
Hillary Rockvam

1. Call to order

- Meeting called to order at 6:59pm in the Westsyde Community Centre.

2. Approval / Changes to the Agenda

- S. Delaney moved to add to the agenda, and seconded by A. Grineau (CARRIED):
 - 4. TRU Student Council presentation.
 - 15. WCDS Executive Christmas party.

3. Minutes

- K. McMullen moved that the minutes of October 5th be adopted as circulated. Seconded by G. McConechy. CARRIED.

4. TRU Student Council Presentation (Cole Hickson, Leif Douglass, Brandon Hayashi)

- The gist of their 15-minute PowerPoint presentation was that for the last 10 years, TRU has been seriously underfunded by the provincial government, given the steadily increasing enrolment at our local university.
- The Students Union is trying to educate the public and generate community support, and the political will, to encourage the government to increase funding to TRU.
- Conversations have already begun with the government via various standing committees and faculty associations.
- The Students Council committee has template letters of support that they are willing to provide to community groups such as the WCDS.

5. Memberships (Karen Kelly)

- Karen has 9 new memberships, bringing the total to 17 new members so far this year (2017/18).
- There is one new corporate sponsor (Brad LaBrecque).

6. Treasurer's Report (Karen Kelly)

- New balance in Chequing account is \$18,209.29, of which \$6,500.00 is earmarked for the covered picnic shelter in Centennial Park.
- No bills were submitted for payment.
- Karen received \$5.00 for a membership.
- Our target (3) for corporate memberships has been reached.
- Deposits from ongoing fundraisers have been made.
- We need 33 more regular members to reach the target.

7. Budget (2017/2018)

- There was a query about the amount budgeted for donations.
- R. Kelly moved that the budget be adopted as circulated and amended. Seconded by K. McMullen. CARRIED.

8. Rivers Trail

- Karen mentioned there is currently a poll about paving the dike around Oak Hills in the Kamloops This Week. Our participation in this poll was encouraged.
- Multiple letters to the editor concerning this issue have been published in the online version of Kamloops This Week.
- Ben Chobater is our contact with the City for the upcoming information forum (to be presented by Mike Doll).
- It was confirmed that the WCDS has insurance coverage for this forum.
- R. Kelly moved that we ask Diane is to contact Sharon Lockwood to establish a date in January 2018 for this public forum on paving the dike. Seconded by S. Delaney. CARRIED.

9. Bylaws and Constitution - Aim of the Society

- November 2018 is the actual deadline (rather than November 2017) for any submission of changes to the “Aim of the Society”.
- Steve suggested a subcommittee be formed to review the Mission Statement of the WCDS; Robert suggested that a draft of the Mission Statement be presented at the January 2018 meeting.
- Steve, Arlene, Grant and Janna McConechy volunteered for the subcommittee, with a request to other members to email their ideas to the subcommittee.

10. Social Media (Kassandra McMullen)

- The Westsyde is Our Community Facebook (F/B) is partially successful in generating contact with the community of Westsyde.
- The Westsyde Connection magazine is costly to contribute to for any article about the WCDS activities.
- Robert gave Kassandra a couple of articles to post on our F/B page; Kassandra encouraged all members to post something on the WCDS Facebook page.
- Robert suggested another poll on the F/B page, with 5 very specifically-worded project ideas for the community to vote on.

11. Youth Engagement

- Good feedback has been received about the Halloween Costume Swap (revenue of \$26.00); people have expressed a lot of interest in having another one next Fall.
- Steve has fairly regular contact with the skateboarders at Westsyde Shopping Centre; they are very keen to participate in developing a local skateboard park along the lines of the one in Rayleigh.

- Robert suggested the projects list (including a possible bike park) for 2018 be finalized soon, to take advantage of the City Council's meetings to determine their upcoming 2018 budget.

12. Fundraisers (Karen Kelly)

a) Gary's Deli

- Orders have now been placed, including one for 25 Ukrainian sausages to be sold at the upcoming Craft Fair.

b) Coupon Booklets

- These will also be sold at the November 18th Craft Fair.

c) Fall Craft Fair

- This event has been posted on Facebook.
- A crew is also required on Friday night to help set up the vendor tables, and as well as parking lot attendants for Saturday.
- There will 2 tables which also requiring staffing: one by the front door, with the WCDS donation jar (needs 2 people), and the membership table. Our banner will also be on display.
- For the first time, insurance has been required by the Westsyde Baptist Church to cover WCDS participation in this event, which has successfully obtained as a special extended rider add-on.
- Desserts are needed.
- Diane has informed Karen that everything is organized for the concession.

d) Coffee Mug Sales

- Promotional mugs and pens can be sold at both front door and membership tables.

13. WCDS Website (Steve Delaney)

- Kassandra will post our coupon booklet fundraiser on Facebook.

14. Community

a) Community Association Forum

- This is the annual community group appreciation dinner hosted by the City of Kamloops, to be held at the Sandman Centre on November 8th, starting at 5:30pm.
- 8 WCDS members will be attending.

b) Westsyde Pool and Fitness Centre

- The City has yet to contact the WCDS regarding participation in the official Grand Opening event.
- Joan Rollier mentioned that a lot of people are using the pool, and she herself is there several times each week. Apparently, there is still some difficulty with the regularly scheduled evening public swim, not the most popular time for most people to go swimming.

b) Centennial Park

- Al Threatful and Cyndie Somogyi who own and operate the petting zoo were in attendance; Al noted the improvements along the petting zoo perimeter (gravel and benches).
- 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 has a list of projects, and is willing to meet with a subcommittee to develop documentation to present to the City Council Budget meeting. Robert, Grant Koivula, and Steve will meet with Al on November 10th (Friday) at 7:00pm at the petting zoo.
- The documentation the subcommittee creates will be presented at the December monthly meeting.

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.

15. Executive and Guests Christmas Party

- Karen will contact Nishino Sushi to book the annual Executive Christmas party, date of Saturday, December 9th, at 6:00pm. Event is only for Executives and guests.
- It was decided to go ahead with the Yankee Swap again; instruction sheet was distributed.
- \$10.00 fee for the Bento box meal was requested.
- A list of guests was suggested, including Jacki and Grant Andersen, Everett Bostock, and Shane Kuchma.

Meeting Adjournment: 8:35pm

Next regular meeting December 7th, 2017 at 7:00 PM at Westsyde Neighbourhood Centre.