

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

PRESENT:

S. Delaney, President
B. Kelly, Vice President
K. Kelly, Treasurer
A. Grineau, Secretary
K. MacKay, Youth Engagement Director
Kassandra McMullen, Social Media Director
S. Wilcox, Director
D. Kuchma, Director
Grant McConechy, Director
Janna McConechy
Jeremy McMullen

REGRETS:

R. Kelly, Past President
L. Bourgeois, Director
S. Logan, Director

GUESTS:

Marvin Kwiatkowski (P. Eng.), Director, Development and Engineering Services, City of Kamloops
Deven Matkowski, City of Kamloops
Melissa Gilchrist

1. Call to order

- Meeting called to order at 7:01pm in the Westsyde Community Centre.

2. Approval / Changes to the Agenda

- Additions to the agenda:
 - 4. Report from Youth Engagement Director.

3. Minutes

- B. Kelly moved that the June 1st 2017 minutes be adopted as circulated. Seconded by G. McConechy. CARRIED.

4. Youth Engagement Subcommittee (Kim MacKay)

- Kim is meeting with the teachers at Westsyde Senior Secondary (WSS) on September 18th to discuss setting up a pilot program for youth engagement with the WCDS.
- Possible student attendance at the occasional WCDS meeting was suggested.
- Potential WSS contact teachers (Jeremy Reid, drama teacher) were mentioned.
- Kim reported she is fielding questions about the Westsyde Pool, such as class scheduling and pool open hours, and wondered how to best answer questions from the public, or where to best direct the public to get their questions answered.

5. Treasurer's Report (Karen Kelly)

- Steve has done new Cashflow Analysis, Income Statement, and Balance Sheets for the WCDS for the upcoming year; copies provided for everyone.
- He has also updated the inventory.
- New balance in Chequing account is \$17,389.11, reflecting the monthly banking fee of \$3.75 for June, July, August and September; and deposits of City of Kamloops Neighbourhood Matching Grant of \$1,000.00, and membership fees totalling \$10.00.
- Cheques which cleared the account after June 1st meeting:
 - \$110.32 ad for the AGM
 - \$83.42 for steaks for the annual BBQ
 - \$403.20 for 2016/17 coupon booklets
 - \$43.32 for fabric for the WCDS small 10'X10' tent
- \$6,500.00 in the Chequing account is earmarked for the covered picnic shelter in Centennial Park.
- The Fall Craft Fair has traditionally been a major source of income for the WCDS, with the additional funds earned from the concession, donations, and raffle. However, this year, Jacki Anderson may not have the WCDS on her donations list.
- Bills to be paid:
 - \$21.53 for end-of-the-year BBQ expenses.
- Outstanding cheques:
 - \$40.00 fee for Society Registration

6. Community – Westsyde Road (Marvin Kwiatkowski, Deven Matkowski, City of Kamloops)

- The City has put up signs on Westsyde Road, on both sides, a couple of blocks prior to the Bebek Rd intersection, indicating "Westsyde Pool".

- Regarding emergency access to the Oak Hills dike:
 - Access to the dike around Oak Hills (at both ends of the dike) would only be for emergency vehicles.
 - Mr. Kwiatkowski agreed that the dike would be the only alternative route for emergency vehicles for this section of Westsyde Road.
 - The City currently has no contingency plan in place which includes access to the dike.
- Regarding the new Grasslands Blvd intersection:
 - Concerns were expressed about traffic heading into Westsyde turning left from Westsyde Road onto Grasslands Blvd; possibility of a dedicated left-hand turn lane was raised.
 - Mr. Kwiatkowski said that the City has not yet determined traffic flow on Grasslands Blvd, but thought that for about 90% of the day, wait times would be minimal at this intersection.
 - Wait times will be monitored.
 - The extra light that this intersection provides on Westsyde Road should help address speeding issues.
- Questions were raised about the life expectancy of the lights along Westsyde Road; Mr. Kwiatkowski informed us that these dim lights are leased by the City from BC Hydro.

7. Memberships

- Reminder to the Executive to pay their annual membership dues.
- Steve has the procedures manual for this position that Monica Chan created.
- There is no WCDS coupon booklet yet for this year, but one could be created later in the Fall; tabled for October meeting.
- Steve will approach Home Hardware to inquire if they would be willing to be corporate sponsors again this year.
- For October's meeting, Karen will have membership forms printed to distribute to members.
- Steve suggested setting up the WCDS Membership Table at Home Hardware, and selling the promo mugs / pens as well.

8. Fundraisers (Karen Kelly)

- Karen has 100 new coupon booklets, to be distributed in packs of 10. More booklets are available as needed.
- Gary's Deli was agreed upon as a Fall fundraiser, with Murphy's Meats as the Spring fundraiser.

- Steve will contact Bill Bilton of The Dunes regarding the upcoming Oktoberfest event on the weekend of October 22 and 23, to see if the WCDS can again staff a pumpkin sales booth as a fundraiser.
- Diane will contact Jacki Anderson regarding WCDS participation in the Annual Fall Craft Fair, in particular, running the concession as we did last year.

9. Community

b) Westsyde Pool and Fitness Centre

- The Westsyde Pool and Fitness Centre held a 'soft opening' on September 7, which was attended by Brent and Karen Kelly. The new roof, now painted white, and extensive windows make the pool look much larger, and update the facility dramatically.
- The Fitness Room contains new and improved equipment, with more to be installed soon.
- A zip-swing over the pool and a climbing wall are yet to be installed.
- Landscaping in front of the building looks very good, including a new bike rack.
- The City will be contacting the WCDS regarding participation in the official Grand Opening event.
- The City has updated their Facebook page with information about the pool's class schedule.

c) Centennial Park

- As yet, the picnic shelter has no roof, and the 2 tables have not been placed end-to-end as promised.
- Brent has spoken with Ben Chobater about the Park, and Robert will also be meeting with Ben as well.
- The Neighbourhood Matching Grant of \$1,000.00 has been received.
- The proposed \$3,000.00 bench with a WCDS plaque attached to it was discussed, and rejected. The City will have to put a bench in themselves if another one is needed.

d) Boat Launch Study

- The City and the Parks Department are now in closed door meetings about this study.

e) Bike Park

- Apparently, residents in the new Beachmount development next to Centennial Park have already complained about the dog park, and the City has said that locating a bike park next to the dog park would interfere with underground water pipes, and also cause further disharmony with Beachmount area residents.

10. Social Media (Kassandra McMullen)

- The WCDS now has pages on Instagram and Twitter where members can view, 'like', and post comments.
- Kassandra clarified the 2 WCDS Facebook pages: one is our page, the other has our name and a ' -- Kamloops BC' in the name, and is a group page. It is not run by us, and anyone can and unfortunately does post anything to the page.
- On our WCDS page, is for WCDS **members only** can post pictures, make comments, and 'like' posts. The public can view this page, and comment on posts, articles, and pictures.

There is also a group F/B page. Unfortunately, administrative control of this particular page has been unavailable to the WCDS for some time now; neither Monica Chan nor Kassandra McMullen have been granted administrative access. This current group F/B page actually duplicates the 'Westsyde It's Our Community' on Facebook.

- It was suggested that the current administrator of this group page should be approached to change the name of this F/B page (currently 'Westsyde Community Development Society ~ Kamloops, BC'), and then carry on using it as they see fit. This name change would effectively release the original page back to the WCDS as a Westsyde residents and members-only discussion page concerning Society topics.
- Anyone can send pictures to Kassandra to be posted on the social media sites; she can be contacted at WCDS.socialmedia@gmail.com
- She suggested everyone check out and 'like' all the social media sites, and that we should all be following each other.
- Suggested hash tag for our group is #Westsydeismyside

11. WCDS Website and Newsletter (Steve Delaney)

- Printing costs last year for the newsletters were lower than in previous years because we are now printing these ourselves.
- Anything to be printed in the Westsyde Connection magazine must be submitted 2 months in advance to allow for printing deadlines.
- Steve will talk to the Petting Farm owner when she's next in Home Hardware, about attending an upcoming WCDS meeting.

12. Miscellaneous Business

- Diane has received the renewed permit for the WCDS to use the Neighbourhood Centre boardroom; contact person at the City remains Sharon Lockwood.
- Robert has the relevant information in the Societies Act which must be posted online by November; it was suggested and agreed upon that our bylaws need to

be adjusted to reflect the new activities and focus of the WCDS. Karen and Steve will see to emailing the bylaws to everyone prior to the October meeting for review for possible changes.

Meeting Adjournment: 8:56pm

Next regular meeting October 5th, 2017 at 7:00 PM at Westsyde Neighbourhood Centre.