

WESTSYDE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT SOCIETY
MEETING MINUTES FROM
THURSDAY APRIL 6TH 2017

PRESENT:

S. Delaney, President
M. Youds, Vice President
A. Grineau, Secretary
D. Kuchma, Director
B. Kelly, Director
S. Wilcox, Director

REGRETS:

K. MacKay
K. Kelly, Treasurer
R. Kelly, Past President
M. Chan, Director
S. Logan, Director
L. Bourgeois, Director

GUESTS:

Mike Doll (in place of Shawn Cook), City of Kamloops
Ron Kuchma
P.J. Reimer
Grant McConechy
Janna McConechy

1. Call to order

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

2. Approval / Changes to the Agenda

- Change in order from position 7) d) Shawn Cook, City of Kamloops to position 5).
- B. Kelly moved that the agenda approved as circulated. Seconded by S. Wilcox. CARRIED.

3. Minutes

- S. Delaney moved that the March 2nd 2017 minutes be adopted as circulated. Seconded by D. Kuchma. CARRIED.

4. Treasurer's Report (Karen Kelly absent)

- Chequing account balance as of March 2, 2017 is \$16,136.51
- Bills paid: \$336.00 (Promo mugs)
 \$25.21 (Printing cost of April newsletter)
- Steve has received a payment of \$25.00 for the first table to be rented for the Collectibles Market in the gym.

5. Community

a) Westsyde Pool and Fitness Centre:

- Mike Doll confirmed that the Pool will be re-opening Fall of 2017. The roof panels are primed and painted and ready to be installed.

b) Centennial Park:

- Contents of email to Shawn Cook dated February 14, 2017, extending him an invitation to attend the April 6th meeting to discuss various future wishes and things about Centennial Park. The email included the following list of topics that the WCDS planned to bring up, as well as the ones we've talked about and are ongoing; comments related to each item appear in italics below the item:

1. Covered Picnic Table Shelter – confirm 2017
 - *This item would be in place before July, 2017 (installation by City).*
2. Installation of Bike Park – (piles of dirt w/track) – location
 - *Discussed possible locations 1) beside the dog park 2) near equestrian area.*
3. Skateboard Park (concrete portion of bike park)
 - *Mike reviewed the successful application process for the skateboard park in Raleigh; this process was driven by the significant involvement the youth of Raleigh, including 2,000 names on a petition, and attendance at City of Kamloops Council Budget meeting(s). WCDS acknowledged that the youth of Westsyde would definitely need to be involved in applying for a skateboard park in Westsyde.*
4. Water Park -- furniture (tables & benches)
 - *The City will install more benches and picnic tables in this area.*
5. Water Park – Rubberized surface
 - *The cost of rubberizing the surface of the water park is in the neighbourhood of \$50,000.00, and was not included in the original plan for the water park. There are no plans to install the rubberized surface.*
6. Park Walk - 3' paved path around Park perimeter (independent mobility park access)

- *The cost of pave a 3' perimeter path would be prohibitive; available monies are going towards the paving of the dike portion of the Rivers Trail.*
7. Boat Launch – process – review – location – access
 - *The City is conducting an assessment (currently only internal) of the boat launches currently available on the North and South Thompson Rivers. The public will be consulted at some point in the future.*
 - *Both the Federal Department of Fisheries and the one which oversees dikes would be involved in the assessment process of a boat launch site near the dike.*
 - *It was brought to Mike's attention that the yellow gate at the bottom of Harrington Drive has now been locked for several years, prohibiting access to an unpaved boat launch. Mike will check into why this gate has been locked.*
 8. Repair new maintenance / washroom building (lights repair/replace under eaves, fascia boards same, roof snow dam between building and ice rink (safety issue)
 - *Snow cleats definitely need to be installed on the metal roof of this building.*
 9. Music outside sound system at ice rink (timer, times)
 - *The City is leaving this decision up to the WCDS.*
 10. Paving of dike – confirm 2017
 - *Paving of the Rivers Trail, including the dike around Oak Hills, is part of the City's Rivers Trail Plan. Mike confirmed that paving would involve only a 3' wide section, and that the remaining width of the dike would be gravel. He mentioned the dirt path below the dike, along the riverbed, would remain. The City has been given the go-ahead to pave part of the dike surface by the Federal government department which oversees dikes; paving is scheduled to commence in 2018.*
 - *A request was made for markings and icons to highlight the share the path policies between biking and pedestrian traffic.*
 - *The paved portion could be plowed in winter.*
 - *Mike requested, on behalf of the City of Kamloops, that the WCDS put their support for the paving of the dike in writing.*
 11. Painting of the ice rink concrete surface to help facilitate winter ice retention
 - *Mike will check into getting this done.*
 12. Installation of industrial/commercial hot water tank in the building located between the washrooms to facilitate future ice-making/Zamboni use
 - *Mike requested on behalf of the City that the WCDS price out the purchase and installation costs of a larger hot water tank; the City has no objection to this upgrade.*
 - *It was mentioned that the emergency turn-around access road near the washroom building needs curb repairs as well as 'No Parking' signage.*

13. Tree pruning around petting farm with installation of pea gravel walkway around outside perimeter fencing and install sitting benches on three sides of petting farm
 - *The City will take care of these improvements to the area around petting zoo.*
 14. Re-mark tennis court for Pickleball use and resurface tennis court surface as at the Riverside Park with blue surface.
 - *Mike confirmed that either the multi-use court, or the tennis court, could be re-marked for pickleball, and that the City would be leaving the choice up to the WCDS.*
- c) 150 Year Project:
- Tabled until May 4th meeting.

6. Memberships (Monica Chan absent)

7. Fundraisers

- Tabled until May 4th meeting.
- Possibility of biweekly or monthly flea market in the field (WCDS rents plots for \$10.00 each and could run a concession during).

8. Yard Sale

a) Vendor Stalls:

- Vendor space in the field is being rented for \$10.00.
- Table rental fees for use of tables in the gym for vendors of collectibles (\$25.00/table).

b) Committees and Tasks:

- No donkeys, no bouncy castle, but Steve suggested instead that volunteers could staff several carnival games that were used in the Winter Carnival.
- The issue of prizes for these games was raised.
- There needs to be some parking attendants.
- People have already been approaching Steve at the hardware store with their yard sale information to be posted on the website.

c) Advertising:

- Signage has been put up in both directions on Westsyde Road—thank you, Diane.
- The Yard Sale was mentioned in the current April newsletter, and Steve has placed an ad in the Community Events section of Kamloops This Week.
- An ad is also going to run for a 2-week period in Events and the inKamloops website and TV channel which displays in offices.

9. WCDS Website and Newsletter (Steve Delaney)

- April newsletter published and distributed on Thursday, April 6th.
- Steve has requested the WCDS purchase the largest possible ink cartridge for the printer, to be put in place September, 2017 to the upcoming year. Tabled until the May or June meetings.
- Suggestion had previously been made that WSS students could earn extra credits for website assistance. P.J. Reimer contacted the WSS principal regarding this suggestion, but so far, has received no further information from the High School.

10. Nominations Committee for AGM

- S. Delaney moved that the 2017 Nominations Committee consist of Steve Delaney and Arlene Grineau, to contact all current members of the Executive. Seconded by B. Kelly. CARRIED.

Meeting Adjournment: 8:12 pm

**Next regular meeting May 4th 2017 at 7:00 PM at Westsyde
Neighbourhood Centre.**