

**WESTSYDE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT SOCIETY**  
**MEETING MINUTES FROM**  
**THURSDAY SEPTEMBER 8<sup>TH</sup> 2016**

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**PRESENT:**

S. Delaney, President  
M. Youds, Vice President  
K. Kelly, Treasurer  
A. Grineau, Secretary  
G. Denbigh, Membership Coordinator  
R. Kelly, Past President  
L. Bourgeois, Director  
K. MacKay  
M. Chan, Director  
B. Kelly, Director

**REGRETS:**

S. Wilcox, Director  
D. Kuchma, Director  
C. Douglas, Director  
S. Logan, Director

1. Call to order

- Meeting called to order at 7:03pm in the Westsyde Community Centre.

2. Approval / Changes to the Agenda

- Additions to the agenda:
  - 10. b) Winter festival.
  - 8. e) Boat launch.
    - f) Cleaning storage shed.
  - 11. Appointment of Monica Chan as a Director at Large
  - 7. c) Spring Craft Fair
  - B. Kelly moved that the revised agenda be accepted. Seconded by L. Bourgeois. CARRIED.

3. Minutes

- R. Kelly moved that the June 2<sup>nd</sup> 2016 minutes be adopted as circulated. Seconded by G. Denbigh. CARRIED.

#### 4. Treasurer's Report (Karen Kelly and Steve Delaney)

- New bank balance is \$4,768.83.
- WCDS also has a GIC in the amount of \$5,000.00.
- Steve has done a Budget for 2016/17, Income Statement, Balance Sheet, and a Cash-flow Analysis; Karen has the paperwork which is available for anyone to examine.
- The point was made that the WCDS needs to apply for as many grants as possible this coming year, and not just the ones available from the City.
- Robert has again emailed Ben Chobater concerning the previous grant application for the opening ceremonies at the Spray Park.
- Suggested donors included Kamloops Community Futures (for information about possible donors); the Blazers; Kamloops Foundation (for the specific project of the picnic shelter); Kamloops Rotary Club.
- It was noted that our budget and other financial statements would have to be submitted with any grant application.
- 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.
- Robert suggested we therefore shift our focus from the Fall Craft Fair to the Spring Fair as the major annual fundraiser.
- Steve would like to purchase an overhead projector for meetings, and for public presentations.
- Bills to be paid:
  - \$66.57 for the WCDS Domain Name.
  - \$169.44 for replacement cartridge for the printer
- Reminder to the Executive to pay their membership dues.

#### 5. Membership Coordinator (Gerri Denbigh)

- Gerri is going to get a private email address for confidential WCDS correspondence.
- New coupon booklet is in development; Monica is waiting for replies from possible sponsors.
- Steve has designed a smaller version of the current one-page membership application form, with 4 applications per page.
- Discussion of promotional plans to attract new members:
  - Getting a list from the local schools of their upcoming events, so that the WCDS can have a table and materials at these.

- Setting up a promo table at Westsyde Save-On Foods.
  - Delivering a 'Welcome Wagon'-style package for new homes, with the Newsletter, coupons, membership form, perhaps based on a list of the new real estate listings in Westsyde.
6. WCDS Website and Newsletter (Steve Delaney)
- Nothing to report.
7. Projects for 2016-2017
- a) Fall Craft Fair:
- Scheduled for Saturday, November 12, 2016 (which is a long weekend).
  - WCDS will have a raffle, run the concession, and membership table.
  - WCDS provides tables for the Craft Fair.
  - Karen, Lucie, and Diane will organize the concession.
- b) Dinner / Fall Dance / Winter Event:
- It is too late this year to book an entertainer for this fall's event.
  - Steve, Mike and Gerri will form a committee to decide on our Fall fundraiser.
  - Apparently, there is a booking agent living in Westsyde who could be approached about an entertainer for a Spring event; Kim is willing to join the Spring event committee.
  - Possible Spring event is a Ladies Night, to be held in late January or early February in the Neighbourhood Centre Gymnasium. Committee of Monica, Kim, and Corrinna. Stephanie of Bumble and Bean would again be willing to provide child care for this event.
- c) Spring Craft Fair:
- Diane will report at the October meeting; menu ideas, raffling something like a TV, major door prize, table rentals.
  - Possible fundraiser of a sports card swap.
8. Centennial Park Update (Robert Kelly)
- a) Spray Park:
- The Spray Park was well used over the summer.
  - There are several deficiencies that still need to be addressed: wheelchair access to the Spray Park, shortage of benches and picnic tables, signage for wheelchair access and no parking in the drop-zone area of the turn-around.

- Steve is to write a letter to Shawn Cook regarding the above issues, and will then post this letter on the WCDS website.
  - Andrew of Hermes Pizza is paying for a bench in memory of his father.
  - Security cameras are now in place in the storage shed.
- b) Picnic Shelter:
- WCDS still needs a quote for the picnic shelter. Shawn Cook is supposed to be advising Steve as to money available in the 2017 City Budget for this item.
- c) Bike Park / Skateboard Park:
- Shawn also mentioned to Steve the possibility of a bike park at Centennial Park, to be paid for by the City.
  - The need for a skateboard park also will be mentioned in this letter to Shawn.
- d) Dike:
- The dike, which was supposed to be paved in 2016, is now to be paved in 2017.
  - Steve is to send a second letter to Shawn (also to be published on the website) reiterating WCDS support of paving the dike. Paving the dike:
    - Opens up more recreational opportunities, as the dike is an extension of the paved portion of the Rivers Trail.
    - Dog walkers, originally opposed to paving the dike, now have a dedicated dog park, funded by the WCDS.
    - Access for emergency vehicles to get around blockages of Westsyde Road.
- e) Boat launch:
- The City of Kamloops, as part of the original agreement when Westsyde was incorporated into the City, agreed to build a boat launch in Centennial Park.
  - Steve will add this request into his letter to Shawn Cook.
- f) Cleaning the Storage Shed:
- A one-day work bee is needed to clean out the storage sheds (e.g., old wood), particularly the one located by the yellow gate into Centennial Park.
  - Date set for this event is Saturday, September 24<sup>th</sup>, at 10:00a.m. Steve, Robert, Gerri to attend.

## 9. Signage for Westsyde

- Westsyde, according to the official map of Kamloops' districts, begins at Rue Chez Nous.

- Along the road into Westsyde, there is space on the right-hand side to erect a “Welcome to Westsyde” sign (as other districts in the City already have). The City would have to provide this signage.
- Monica will provide Steve with the contact information for Carmen of the City Planning Department to pursue this matter.

#### 10. Swimming Pool Repairs

- The whole of the swimming pool roof is going to be removed, with the beams to be recycled.
- The completion date for these repairs is tentatively the end of January, 2017.
- The suggestion was made to hold a winter carnival at the pool, to coincide with the grand re-opening, with food in the foyer, and games on the pool deck.
- WCDS could possibly just provide cake, juice, coffee, hot chocolate, and have our membership table and forms – Parks and Recreation need to be contacted to confirm our level of partnership with them for this event.

#### 11. KamPlan

- Residents of Kamloops (specifically, Westsyde) have the opportunity to give feedback to the City about aspects of the KamPlan, one of which is the possibility of another bridge over the North Thompson River.

#### 12. Appointment of Director

- R. Kelly moved that Monica Chan be appointed as a director of the WCDS.  
Seconded by L. Bourgeois. CARRIED

#### 13. Meeting Adjournment: 8:50pm

**Next regular meeting October 6<sup>th</sup>, 2016 at 7:00 PM at Westsyde  
Neighbourhood Centre.**