

WESTSYDE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT SOCIETY
MEETING MINUTES FROM
THURSDAY APRIL 7TH, 2016

PRESENT:

S. Delaney, President
A. Grineau, Secretary
R. Kelly, Past President
D. Kuchma, Director
S. Wilcox, Director
G. Denbigh, Director
M. Youds, Director
C. Douglas

REGRETS:

K. MacKay, Vice President
K. Kelly, Treasurer
M. Chan, Membership Coordinator
T. Erickson, Director

GUESTS:

Dan Sutherland, Assistant Chief Support Services Kamloops Fire and Rescue
Nicholas Adams
Evelyn Spicer

HIGHLIGHTS

- Dan Sutherland, Assistant Chief Support Services Kamloops Fire and Rescue, addressed WCDS concerns about full-lane closure during June 30, 2016, flash flood across Westsyde Road into Oak Dale Trailer Court.

1) Call to order

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

2) Approval / Changes to the Agenda

The agenda was approved with the following additions:

13. a) Succession planning

- b) Flowers to Kimberly MacKay celebrating the birth of her daughter
- c) Thank you letter to Mayor and City Council for approval of funding for roof for Westsyde Pool, and decision to re-open the pool
- d) Paving of dike around Oak Hills

3) Minutes

- R. Kelly moved that the March 4th minutes be adopted as circulated. Seconded by C. Douglas. CARRIED.

4) Emergency Response During June 2016 Flash Flood (Dan Sutherland)

- Emergency management in the City of Kamloops is carried out under provincial legislation; Dan Sutherland is the Emergency Program Coordinator for the City.
- RE: Westsyde event of June 3091, 2016: an Emergency Operations Centre was activated as per Standard Operating Procedures as laid out under provincial legislation. The first main focus was to remove people from their flooded and/or endangered homes.
- The route north along Westsyde Road to Barriere is considered to be the official escape route for the Westsyde community. However, it was pointed out to Mr. Sutherland by several Executive that this road is difficult for even experienced drivers, never mind elderly or less experienced motorists.
- Mr. Sutherland informed us that creating alternate escape routes both within and egress from Westsyde is not, in fact, the purview of Emergency Operations. The appropriate authority is the Ministry of Transportation, particularly the traffic engineers attached to the Development of Engineering Services.
- Paving the dike around Oak Hills was suggested by the WCDS as a possible means of re-routing traffic and emergency vehicles, providing an alternate route during full-lane closures on Westsyde Road in that area. Mr. Sutherland suggested this suggestion was definitely worth exploring with Kamloops Traffic Control.

5) Treasurer's Report (Robert Kelly per Karen Kelly)

- Chequing account balance is \$10,144.90.
- No new bills to be paid.
- \$50.00 cheque for Samantha Donovan has been cancelled.

6) Membership Coordinator (Monica Chan not present)

- There is one new membership.
- Monica has informed Steve that she will be retiring at the end of June 2016 as WCDS Membership Coordinator.
- Sigrid and Diane will be meeting to coordinate the purchase of promotional material / swag and report back to the WCDS Executive at the May meeting.

7) Westsyde Swimming Pool

- City of Kamloops has officially stated that the Westsyde pool roof will be repaired, with a tentative re-opening date set for January, 2017.

- R. Kelly moved that the President, on behalf of the WCDS Directors, send a letter to the Mayor and City Councillors thanking them for making the decision that Westsyde residents favoured, i.e., fixing the pool's roof. Seconded by S. Wilcox. CARRIED.
- Evelyn Spicer of the Aquafit group using Westsyde Pool on a regular basis presented some ideas for generating attendance at the pool once it re-opens.
- Consensus is the Westsyde community needs to increase its use of the pool facility in order to keep the pool and convince the City that the pool is in fact worth keeping open.
- Robert suggested the WCDS invite the Aquatics Planning Coordinator and Heidi Ogilvie to meet with the WCDS at our June meeting, with the idea of forming a joint committee to develop aquatic programs for the Westsyde Pool. Corrinna said she will send this invitation.

8) Projects – Ending

a) Speed Date Night (at Frick 'n' Frack) (Corrinna):

- The event would be cancelled due to lack of registrations.

b) Steak Dinner at the Dunes tickets (Steve):

- Steve has pulled all the remaining tickets, as the fundraiser ends April 30th.
- An accounting tally of the profit will be provided for the May meeting; WCDS profit so far is \$295.00, and \$500.00 has already been paid to The Dunes.

9. Projects – Current and Upcoming

• Westsyde Annual Yard Sale / Mother's Day Market:

- This event will take place Saturday, May 7th, from 8am to 2pm, with Friday night dedicated to setting things up.
- BBQ will be set up near the gate; Bouncy Castle in a near-by corner.
- We will plan for the event to be held outside, using our 2 10' square tents, and rent out our tables. The Westsyde Neighbourhood Centre gym will also be available. Sales of hot dogs, coffee, juice.
- Arlene and Karen will be in charge of the food for the BBQ.

• Rotary Club booklets:

- Fundraiser booklets sales are very slow.
- Suggestion was made that these could be sold at the membership table at the May 7 Yard Sale.

• Gordon Gore's WSS picture books:

- These are still on sale at the Westsyde Home Hardware.

10. Centennial Park Grand Opening of the Spray Park:

- This event is scheduled for Saturday, May 28th, 2016.
- Ben Chobater has received our application for the 2016 Neighbourhood Matching Fund Grant, and the required letter of support from a community member.
- We may have access to a very large BBQ through a contact of Corrinna's.
- Official invitations to this event have been mailed.
- Chris the Clown has agreed to give us a discounted rate of \$200.00 for one hour. S. Delaney moved the WCDS spend \$200.00 for this entertainment. Seconded by S. Wilcox. CARRIED.
- Lucie, Ron, Karen, and Arlene will help cook.
- Steve will do up a promotional poster to be sent out with PAC newsletters for David Thompson and Arthur Stevenson Elementaries, North Shore Echo, and Kamloops This Week.

11. Westsyde Newsletter

- Steve will be publishing the next newsletter to advertise the May 7th Yard Sale event, as well as the official opening of the Spray Park on May 28th.

12. RCMP Community Forums

- These forums are taking place on April 19th at McArthur Island Lounge from 7pm to 8:30pm, as the RCMP are seeking public feedback in establishing strategic priorities for policing services.
- Steve will be attending.
- Robert suggested that issues with alternate access to Westsyde Road be brought to the attention of the RCMP.
- Steve also noted there has been a recent crime spree in Westsyde, and that a local police office in Westsyde was needed.

13. Additional Items for Discussion

a) Succession Planning

- It was noted that the WCDS Executive is losing its Membership Coordinator and Vice President at the end of June, 2016.
- The next newsletter could mention the need for community members to fill these positions.

b) Flowers to Kimberly MacKay

- R. Kelly moved that the WCDS purchase flowers and card to send to Kim MacKay. Seconded by S. Wilcox. CARRIED.

c) Video security system for Spray Park

- Ryan Moffat of Kamloops Alarms is still looking for equipment.
- Nicholas Adams will assist in the search for the surveillance equipment.

d) Paving of Oak Hills dike and emergency access

- Marvin Kwiatkowski (Director, Development and Engineering Services, City of Kamloops) needs to be invited to meet with the WCDS again; Robert will contact him to meet with us in the Fall.

Meeting Adjournment: 8:40pm

**Next regular meeting May 5th, 2016 at 7:00 PM at Westsyde
Neighbourhood Centre.**