

WESTSYDE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT SOCIETY
MEETING MINUTES FROM
THURSDAY MARCH 4TH, 2016

PRESENT:

S. Delaney, President
K. MacKay, Vice President
A. Grineau, Secretary
K. Kelly, Treasurer
M. Chan, Membership Coordinator
R. Kelly, Past President
D. Kuchma, Director
S. Wilcox, Director

REGRETS:

T. Erickson, Director
G. Denbigh, Director
M. Youds, Director
C. Douglas

GUESTS:

Brian Tomlinson
Brent Kelly
Samantha Borowsky

HIGHLIGHTS

- Guest Brian Tomlinson addressed issues with walkway between Puhallo Drive and Bebek Road.

1) Call to order

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

2) Approval / Changes to the Agenda

- The agenda was approved with the following additions:
 - Westsyde annual yard sale
 - Invitation to be extended to Dan Sutherland (Emergency Operations Centre) to attend next monthly meeting
 - Lions Club boat raffle fundraiser

3) Minutes

- R. Kelly moved that the February 4th minutes be adopted as circulated. Seconded by K. MacKay. CARRIED.

4) Bebek Road to Puhallo Drive Walkway (Brian Tomlinson)

- Brian addressed issues residents whose properties directly border this walkway have been experiencing for several years now, including burning of trees, sheds, and shrubbery, physical damage to fences, including tagging, and damage to in-ground pools.
- The frequency of this vandalism has been increasing.
- There are already 9 open files with the RCMP about this vandalism, and drug and alcohol problems in the walkway.
- Shawn Cook, City of Kamloops Parks Supervisor, is aware of these issues as well.
- Robert explained to Brian the process that Brian and the neighbours would have to go through with the City to get these issues addressed (e.g., getting letters of support from Westsyde Secondary and David Thompson Elementary, as well as both their PACs).
- Brian said that he has petitioned residents of both Puhallo Drive and Bebek Road, and the vast majority of them are in favour of the walkway being closed.
- R. Kelly moved that the WCDS Directors support the area residents in their efforts to close the public walkway between Bebek Road and Puhallo Drive, and that the residents seek support from the adjacent schools before approaching City Council, and that the residents negotiate sale of the surplus property to the associated residents, and that such letter on behalf of the Directors be forwarded by the President. Seconded by K. MacKay. CARRIED.

5) Treasurer's Report (Karen Kelly)

- Chequing account balance is \$9,569.90.
- Withdrawal: 2 monthly banking fees of \$3.75 each.
- Steve and Karen still need to meet to set up PayPal for the Speed Dating fundraiser in March.
- Deposit of \$5.00 (1 new membership).
- No new bills to be paid.
- Commercial General Liability Insurance has been paid.
- The annual Directors Errors and Omissions Insurance had been paid as of March 4th; a copy of the policy has been forwarded to Sharon Lockwood of the City.
- \$50.00 cheque for Samantha Donovan will be cancelled.

6) Membership Coordinator (Monica Chan)

- There are 54 new memberships so far this year
- Discussion of possible door prizes and swag with WCDS logo.
- R. Kelly moved that Monica and Diane coordinate the purchase of promotional material / swag and report back to the WCDS Executive at the April meeting. Seconded by S. Delaney. CARRIED.

7) Westsyde Swimming Pool

- Mention was made of the NewsKamloops article and CFJC radio quotes from Kim MacKay and Robert Kelly.
- R. Kelly moved that the President, on behalf of the WCDS Directors, draft a letter to the Mayor and Council, with a copy to the Director of Recreation and Cultural Services, Mr. Brian McCorkell, confirming the long association and partnership between the WCDS and the City over the years to improve and update the facilities at the Westsyde Community Centre, its pool, and exercise facilities, which have included: updating equipment with the WCDS providing a \$22,000.00 contribution for one piece of exercise equipment, and a new heating boiler, improvements to the HVAC system, the addition of a family / handicapped change room, new tile flooring, and the recent additions of the hot tub, steam room, and sauna; all of which augment the existing pool facilities. The combined expenditures cost several hundreds of thousands of dollars. The WCDS feel this community investment should be recognized and supported with the repair of the pool roof system to maintain the options and operation at the Westsyde Pool. We urge Council to recognize and support the Westsyde Community with this investment, and to recognize the interest and wishes of the residents, both young and old, who live in this growing residential area of Kamloops. The President is requested to forward a copy of this open letter to news outlets in Kamloops. Seconded by S. Wilcox.
- Discussion. CARRIED.
- It was noted that the WCDS has historically supported the pool and its ongoing renovations.

8) Projects – Current and Upcoming

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

- One registration has been received so far.
- More posters will be put up around town, and social media will be used to promote this event ('public' Facebook page).
- Date has been set for this event: Sunday, March 20th, 2016, 5 – 7 p.m. Door prizes, and appies will be provided.
- It was decided that if fewer than 10 people of each sex had registered, the event would be cancelled.
- Kim's cell number will be added to the website for this event.

b) Steak Dinner at the Dunes tickets:

- 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.

c) Rotary Club booklets:

- Fundraiser booklets are still for sale.

d) Gordon Gore's WSS picture books:

- Another 10 of the books have been sold last week at the Westsyde Home Hardware.

e) Westsyde Annual Yard Sale:

- Diane has received a letter from Jacki, who will be unable to organize the rummage sale this year, but she has already created a Facebook page advertising the annual yard sale.
- This event will take place Saturday, May 7th, from 8am to 2pm.
- S. Delaney moved that WCDS go ahead with the Yard Sale on May 7th, and form a committee to report to the April meeting. Seconded by K. Kelly. CARRIED.
- Karen, Steve, Arlene and Diane will form the Yard Sale committee.
- 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.

9) Centennial Park

a) Grand Opening:

- This event is scheduled for Saturday, May 28th, 2016.
- The ceremonies committee has met, and needs to meet again to finalize the plans; they will report back at the April meeting.
- Mayor Peter Milobar, Byron McCorkell, and Sean Cook have all been informed.
- A formal letter of invitation needs to be sent out.
- We also want to invite Bill Campbell from Westsyde Save-On Foods, as well as a representative from the Jim Pattison Group. Shawn will assist the WCDS in getting bleachers to the park.
- Next step is to organize entertainment (e.g., bouncy castle, Uncle Chris the Clown, food, cake, etc.).
- Event to start at 11am.
- The pedestal with the plaque is to be mounted in concrete, and will stand beside the logo. The City will be paying for the concrete.

- Kim will be applying for a matching grant of \$500.00 from the City's Neighbourhood Matching Fund to offset the proposed food and entertainment expenses.
- Corrinna is to draft the news release and letter of invitation to the Mayor and City Councillors, as well as the other invitees listed above.
- NOTE: Monica, Diane, and Kim will all be absent from the event.

b) Snowblower:

- This equipment has already been moved to the other shed for security purposes.
- Steve and Robert have been in contact with Ryan Moffat of Kamloops Alarms regarding a security camera. This infrared video recording camera will be mounted in the snowblower storage area.

c) Picnic Shelter:

- Lions Club donation of \$500.00 is still available.
- Shawn Cook is our contact at the City for this project. Robert will contact him about the installation of the plaque for the May 28th opening ceremonies.

10) Westsyde Newsletter

- Next newsletter to be published as soon as the date for the opening of the Spray Park has been confirmed.

11) Brainstorming

- Articles for the May or June first issue of the Westsyde magazine can be submitted to Steve, who will then forward them to the publisher, Yvonne Dmyterko.
- Steve will be inviting Dan Sutherland of the EOC to attend the April meeting.

Meeting Adjournment: 8:40pm

Next regular meeting April 7th, 2016 at 7:00 PM at Westsyde Neighbourhood Centre.