



Board Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, March 3, 2014 at 6:00PM

Location: Muskoseepi Park Pavilion

WCPS Board Attendees	Absent	Support Staff Attendees
Daisy Harpe	Colin Hansen	Jim Hammond
Dan Wong	Bob Scott	Gwen Charlton
Christine Schlieff	Duane Stevenson	
Rory Tarant	Bernie Krahn	
Jerry Bauer	Brenda Finch	
Lauraine Howatt	John Simpson	
Lesley Vandemark	Tim Wilmot	
Glen Bielech	Leanne Beaupre	
Bill Smith	Tom Turner	
Neil Dobson	Ray Marcy	
	Wayne Roznowsky	
	Lou Maffret	

1. Soup and sandwiches were served from 6:00PM to 6:30PM.
2. The meeting was called to order at 6:35PM.
3. The meeting agenda was reviewed and the additional items of a brief discussion of the AGM, and also a discussion about Paul Pivert's death were added. It was moved by Lesley Vandemark and seconded by Neil Dobson to adopt the revised March 3, 2014 meeting agenda.

MOTION CARRIED

4. It was moved by Dan Wong and seconded by Neil Dobson to adopt the January 8th, 2014 meeting minutes.

MOTION CARRIED

5. Plan Items:

A) January 15 AGM Discussion :

The AGM meeting was discussed, and it was agreed that the meeting went well and the public was supportive of the plan, and pleased that it had been submitted to the Municipalities and the Provincial Government.



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B) February 12 meeting with ESRD Staff:

The meeting was reviewed, and it was highlighted that the Wapiti Corridor Planning Society told ESRD that where possible, they would like ESRD to implement the recommendations contained in the plan prior to the land use framework exercise being completed for this area. The next meeting with ESRD staff will be in April.

C) February 24 meeting with the MD of Greenview Council / Administration:

The meeting was reviewed, and it was noted that the MD Council was aligned with the intent of the plan, but some members of Council / administration were concerned that wording around the legal authority of the plan might be misinterpreted as taking some authority from the MD. Accordingly, in order to help make the intent of the plan clearer for the MD of Greenview, Lesley Vandemark made the motion to change section 3.1.d) – one of the General and Corridor –Wide Recommendations- to read:

“The Plan will be given legislative authority, meaning that all levels of Government and any other organizations wishing to conduct business within the WCMUP boundaries will be required to consult the Plan and notify the WCPS of proposed land use and development activities prior to decision making. The Plan will be adopted by the City of Grande Prairie, the County of Grande Prairie and M.D. of Greenview. Upon adoption, these municipalities will use the Plan as a guideline and tool for future planning and development within the Wapiti Corridor. The Plan will be formally adopted and endorsed by the Provincial Government. The Plan has been developed with the intent to augment the Land Use Framework process. It is recommended that when the Land Use Framework plan is developed for the Upper Peace Watershed, the WCMUP be used as the basis for recommendations concerning the Wapiti Corridor area.”

The motion was seconded by Neil Dobson and passed unanimously by all board members present.

In keeping with the above change, it was decided to alter the wording in the executive summary for the section “Authority of the Plan”. It was moved by Neil Dobson to alter the “Authority of the Plan” section of the executive summary to read:

“The Plan will be submitted to legislative authority.

The Plan will be adopted by the City of Grande Prairie, the County of Grande Prairie and the M.D. of Greenview. Upon adoption, these municipalities will use the Plan as a guideline and tool for future planning and development within the Wapiti Corridor.

The Plan will be formally adopted and endorsed by the Provincial Government.”

The motion was seconded by Dan Wong and passed unanimously.

As follow up to the above wording changes, Councillor Bill Smith was requested to review the changes with the MD of Greenview Council, and request the Council to endorse the plan. Councillor Bill Smith agreed to do this at the next available opportunity.

After the wording changes are reviewed with the MD of Greenview by Councillor Bill Smith, and he reports back to the Board, it was agreed that a letter of clarification should be sent to the Ministers, local MLAs, MP, and Councils. Specifically, Lauraine Howatt made a motion to:

“Send a letter to the local MLAs, the Ministers, the MP, and the Municipalities which documents the change in plan wording that has been made, and also the reason that the change was made.” The motion was seconded by Christine Schlieff and passed unanimously.

D) The future meeting with cabinet ministers:

The meeting was discussed, and it was agreed that Jerry Bauer would update MLA Everett McDonald on the plan’s status, and delay that meeting for now.



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6. Society Business:

A) Secretary for the WCPS:

Now that the plan is completed, and the WCPS is to become a stewardship group, Jerry reviewed the need for the Society to become independent of the municipalities, and start to perform the administrative functions of the Society that Jim Hammond, a County employee, is currently fulfilling. While the group was in agreement, due to the time required, no one wanted to take over these responsibilities. Where the topic was left, was that 2014 would be a transition year, with the intent of Board members starting to become more active in things like committee work, and as committees were developed, Jim's administrative duties would be transitioned to Board members. It was also recognized that as ESRD started to burrow into the background aspects of the plan, Jim's knowledge of the plan's background would likely be required to answer ESRD questions.

B) Paul Pivert:

Paul's contribution to the Wapiti Corridor Planning Society was discussed. Several members of the Society were at the funeral. A collection was taken and Lauraine and Jerry will coordinate having a card and flowers delivered to Paul's sister.

C) Updating of Society Bylaws:

Dan Wong reviewed a draft of new bylaws for the Society. The intent of the new by laws was to create by laws which better reflect the requirements of Board members, and general Society members, now that the Society is becoming a stewardship group. Dan received lots of input, and will redo the draft and have a new draft of the by laws available for the next board meeting.

D) Alternate Board Member for the MD of Greenview:

Councillor Bill Smith requested that Gwen Charlton be recognized as the alternate MD of Greenview representative. It was pointed out to Bill that the Society had received written communication from the MD advising that Reeve Dale Gervais was currently the alternate Board member, and if the MD wished to change their alternate, a letter requesting the change would be appropriate.



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7. Next meeting Date:

No date was set for the next Board meeting. Jerry will work timing of the next Board meeting as the need for a meeting materializes.

8. Adjournment:

It was moved by Neil Dobson, and seconded by Dan Wong to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 8:20.