

MULTI-CENTRE TASK FORCE

MINUTES

Tuesday, February 20, 2007 @ 2:00 pm
Fraser Room, City Hall

MEMBERS: CRD Northern Director Mary Glassford (Chair), Quesnel Councillor Ron Craigmyle, Robin Hay

CITY STAFF: Director of Community Services Eric Kesteloot, Manager of Community Services Darron Campbell, Communications Supervisor Matt Wood, Communications Clerk Carol Anderson

There were five visitors present in the public gallery.

1. Call to Order

Chair Glassford called the meeting to order at 2:10 pm.

2. Minutes of Multi-Centre Task Force Meeting held February 13, 2007

MOVED by R. Hay, Seconded by Councillor Craigmyle and resolved: THAT the Motion made under Item No. 6. Project Funding on page 2 of the Minutes of the Multi-Centre Task Force Meeting held February 13, 2007 be rescinded.

CARRIED

3. Quesnel and District Multi-Centre Business Plan Development - Final

Discussion on Item No. 10. Proposed Timeline – May require pre-approval from the CRD in order to complete timeline. D. Campbell will talk to Janis Bell in this regard.

MOVED by R. Hay, Seconded by Councillor Craigmyle and resolved: THAT the Multi-Centre Task Force approve the Request For Proposals as presented.

CARRIED

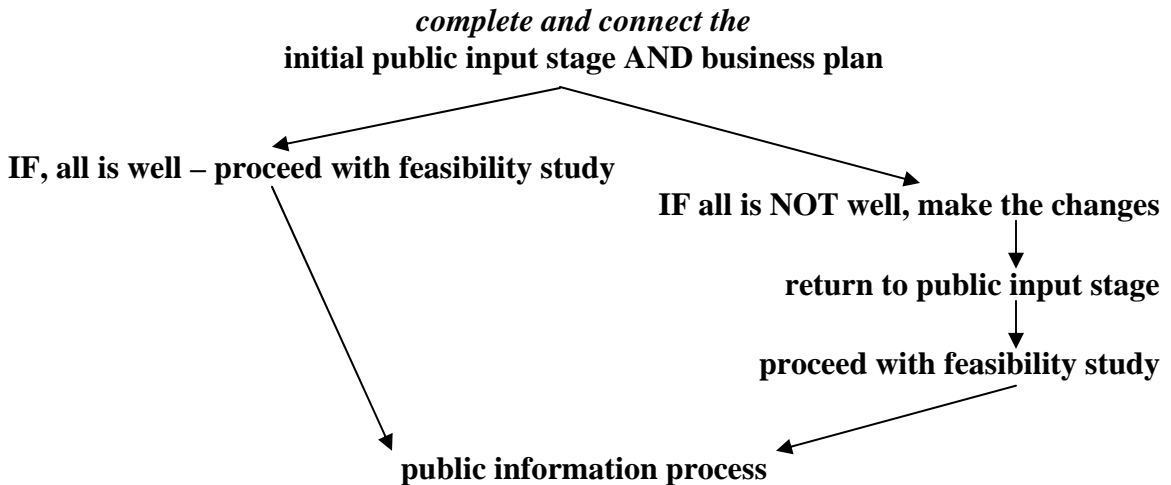
4. Discussion on Timeline for Public Input Process

Brief review of discussions at the last meeting regarding the timing of the public input process and could it be done in sync with the RFP.

Although Task Force will not be able to provide all of the answers to the public, they will have more information than at the stakeholder meetings. Communication and momentum are imperative. The public wants the opportunity to view the vision and provide input. It was agreed that the public meetings will happen at the same time as the RFP.

Decision to continue gathering information from the public.

The process is set out as follows:



**MOVED by R. Hay, Seconded by Councillor Craigmyle and resolved:
THAT the Multi-Centre Task Force proceed to the public input process.**

CARRIED

5. North Cariboo Joint Planning Committee – PowerPoint Presentation

R. Hay volunteered to give the presentation to NCJPC. Review of E. Kesteloot's draft. The only change will be to the title of slide No. 7. M. Wood will find a replacement for "Issues".

6. Memorandum to NCJPC – Revised February 20, 2007

The memo was reviewed and approved.

7. Letter for NDI Funding Request

**MOVED by R. Hay, Seconded by Councillor Craigmyle and resolved:
THAT the Multi-Centre Task Force make a written request to the North Cariboo Joint Planning Committee to write each of the following four bodies involved in approving Northern Trust grant or loan funding: the North Cariboo NDI Subcommittee, the Cariboo Chilcotin Lillooet Regional**

Advisory Committee, the Northern Trust Pine Beetle Account Advisory Committee and the Northern Trust Board, indicating in general, the scope and sequence of the Multi-Centre Task Force and our intent to make application when appropriate.

CARRIED

There was some discussion as to whether or not a dollar amount should be addressed in the letter. Not at this time.

MOVED by R. Hay, Seconded by Councillor Craigmyle and resolved: THAT the Multi-Centre Task Force make a written request to the North Cariboo Joint Planning Committee to write a letter of intent to Rich Coleman - Ministry of Forests and our local Member of Parliament, outlining the work and vision of the Task Force. Copies of these letters should be sent to all other appropriate ministries and the MLA in Prince George. Statements of public support and a copy of the Backgrounder should accompany the letters.

CARRIED

MOVED by Councillor Craigmyle, Seconded by R. Hay and resolved: THAT the Multi-Centre Task Force approach the North Cariboo Joint Planning Committee and ask for approval in principal for at least one-half of the \$4 million.

CARRIED

8. Downtown Parking

E. Kesteloot provided a map of available/existing spaces within a 2-3 block radius of the proposed multi-centre. There are 1,107 spaces available/existing.

The count:

- includes all public parking stalls, not residential
- includes the two new lots purchased by the City of Quesnel
- DOES NOT include the library and old City Hall parking

Agreed that this map should be available at public meetings.

9. Forthcoming Special Meetings

(a) Funding - Intent of the Task Force is to start on funding applications in July.

R. Hay had a prior engagement and excused himself from the meeting.

(b) Public Input Process – Task Force decided to have a brainstorming session on the public meetings.

- **advertising** – CRD Up Front, Q City News, newspaper (possible partnership with Observer), mail outs
- **meeting venues** – reserve them
- **number of area meetings** - 3 – 4 meetings within City boundaries and 1 each in area A, B, C and I
- **other meetings** – offer to do meetings for Rotary, Neighbourhood Associations, recreation commissions, etc.
- **surveys/questionnaires** – need to prepare a new one (purpose is to get information/used as an indicator only) - distribute at public meetings – *more thought required on where and how to distribute the surveys/questionnaires publicly*
- **timeline (thoughts)** – start March 26 (after Easter break) – hold minimum of 1 meeting per week for 6 weeks
- **surveys** – think about doing a telephone survey the last week or two of the public meetings – should do a statistically valid survey before the feasibility study

Public Input Process will be further developed at a future Task Force meeting.

10. Other

There was no other business.

11. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 3:20 pm. The next meeting of the Task Force will be held:

Tuesday, March 6, 2007 @ 4 pm.

CD Hoy Room, City Hall

The main purpose of this meeting is to discuss the public input process.