

MULTI-CENTRE TASK FORCE

MINUTES

Monday, October 1, 2007 @ 3:00 pm
Fraser Room, City Hall

MEMBERS: CRD Northern Director Mary Glassford (Chair), Robin Hay, Jim Savage

STAFF: General Manager of Community Services Jeff Norburn, Manager of Community Services Darron Campbell, Communications Supervisor Matt Wood

There were two visitors present in the public gallery.

1. Call to Order

Chair M. Glassford called the meeting to order at 3:15 pm.

2. Minutes

(a) Regular meeting of the Multi-Centre Task Force held October 1, 2007

MOVED by R. Hay, Seconded by J. Savage and resolved: THAT the Minutes of the Multi-Centre Task Force Meeting held September 18, 2007 be accepted.

CARRIED

3. Review of material for the NCJPC meeting

Committee was happy with the memo presented by Director Glassford and Coun. Craigmyle. A few changes were made to the resolution to be presented by M. Glassford, especially changing instances of the term “construction” to “referendum.”

MOVED by J. Savage, Seconded by R. Hay and resolved: THAT the memo be forwarded to the NCJPC for consideration at its Oct. 2 meeting.

CARRIED

Regarding fundraising, the committee spoke generally about current and potential future opportunities. It was noted the local societies and organizations will need to spearhead the grass roots fundraising initiatives. D. Campbell raised the possibility of finding paid staff to assist those organizations through various grant programs. General discussion ensued about taxation thresholds.

4. Parking and Traffic study progress

J. Norburn presented a draft version of Urban System's traffic study. All concurred there is a need to schedule a special meeting of the NCJPC in mid-October to present it in the interest of timeliness.

The draft report indicates downtown is a good location regarding urban planning, revitalization and other planning considerations.

The study looks at three levels of need: a "perfect storm"; a very busy night; and a "busy night". More information to come once the study is complete.

There are certainly cost savings to be achieved through utilizing on-street parking versus construction and maintenance of a 1,000 spot parking lot in an alternate location.

The study also looked at the Alex Fraser Park site. Need to provide "on-site" parking, as on-street is not valid. It is a massive footprint that takes a large piece of the park.

5. Other business – J.R. Huggett

J. Savage indicated it would be very useful to have the company on board in some capacity.

MOVED by J. Savage, Seconded by R. Hay and resolved: THAT the North Cariboo Joint Planning Committee authorize the Multi-Centre Task Force to retain the services of J. R. Huggett and Co. immediately, to a maximum of \$10,000, to provide strategic advice, a work plan, budget, procedural considerations and suggested next steps, to be returned to the NCJPC for further consideration."

CARRIED

6. Next Meeting

The next meeting date was provisionally set for Oct. 10 at 3:30 p.m.

The meeting adjourned at 4:40 pm.

cc: North Cariboo Joint Planning Committee