



VISION KEEPERS GROUP

Meeting Notes

Thursday, September 17th. 2009

Attendees:

Members of the Committee: Doran Hanert, Ron Deans, Joanna McCallum, Hugh Simson, Hans Holthuis

Town Administration: Gary Buxton, Patrick Sorfleet

Regrets: Amy Krause; Corina Dootjes; Simon Hudson

Members of the Public: None

The meeting was called to order by the Chair, Ron Deans at 7:06 P.M.
Patrick Sorfleet recorded the notes of the meeting.

1. Adoption of Agenda

The agenda was adopted as presented

2. Adoption of Meeting Notes

The meeting notes of August 13, 2009 were approved as presented

3. Trends from the 2008 Monitoring Report and moving toward MTF

The group reviewed the recommendations in the Monitoring Report and how they relate to the five Guiding Principles from Mining the Future.

Hugh and Doran noted that there did not appear to be any gaps between the information collected in the monitoring report and the environmental stewardship goals of the vision.

Gary observed that it is beneficial to see the clustering of recommendations from the monitoring report as this may help to prioritize future efforts.

The group noted that the monitoring report focused more upon the social services than on other aspects of the social fabric (e.g.: sense of community survey, arts and culture). This represents a gap in the information and indicators collected to monitor social fabric. It further appears as though there are solutions being generated for problems which are not yet understood (e.g.: social marketing for domestic abuse). The magnitude and history of these problems should be understood prior to recommending a solution for them.

The group noted a gap in the monitoring of goal number 2 of the civic engagement and leadership goals. Gary remarked that there may be a better way to more fully inventory engagement activities and opportunities. A yearly comparison of these opportunities may be helpful in examining changes participation, quality and effectiveness of civic engagement as well as acting as an indicator for civic engagement.

ACTION ITEM: The group members of further refining their respective sections and bringing forward ideas for what to include in the presentation.

4. Next Meeting

The next meeting was scheduled for October 15th, 2009.

5. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 8:58pm.