

# VISION KEEPERS GROUP



## Meeting Notes

*Thursday, December 17<sup>th</sup>. 2009*

### **Attendees:**

Members of the Committee: Ron Deans, Joanna McCallum, Hans Holthuis, Corina Dootjes, Giger Gian Duri, Doran Hanert, Kim Csizmazia

Town Administration: Patrick Sorfleet, Gary Buxton

Regrets: Frank Kernick, Katarina Steele

Members of the Public: Bruce Gleig, Biosphere Institute

The meeting was called to order by the Chair, Ron Deans at 7:04 P.M.

Gary Buxton recorded the notes of the meeting.

### **1. Adoption of Agenda**

There were brief introductions for the new member, Giger Gian Duri.

Ron Deans presented an amended agenda, to include a new standing item "Update on what the Town is working on." The agenda was adopted as amended.

### **2. Adoption of Meeting Notes**

The meeting notes of November 19, 2009 were adopted as presented.

**Action Item: Ron reminded Councillor Dootjes to present the VKG's request to Council to review the LUB re-write in the context of Mining The Future.**

### **3. Update on What The Town is Working On**

Sustainable Economic Development & Tourism Strategy - Gary updated the group on this initiative, advising that there were four basic areas of interest: (a) tourism; (b) events and recreation; (c) small and knowledge based businesses; and (d) the second home / real estate sectors. The intent was to have a draft plan to Council in January and then would be released to the public for review.

Land Use Bylaw - first roll out undertaken in November. Responses and comments to date have not been plentiful, mostly from BOWDA and the hotel and lodging industry. The second roll out will be undertaken in January, and will include new sections on signage, land use districts, architectural controls, employee housing and density bonuses.

CSP - while the draft CSP has been rescinded, but Council has directed that the public feedback be consolidated and retained. While this will occur, it may not be possible to use this feedback to create new policy in new documents such as the Land Use Bylaw. Council could use it to provide some direction to Administration, but how this may occur is not clear at this time. Council's clear intent was to preserve the Mining the Future content, but the direct policy connections were unplugged.

2010 Municipal Business Plan - it was recommended that the group review this document as it demonstrates what Council and Administration would be doing in 2010.

**Action Item: Gary committed to get copies of the draft 2010 business plan to the group for them to review.**

Secondary Suites Bylaw - this was still being considered by Administration and would likely be back before Council early in the new year to address issues related to public consultation.

Multiplex - Administration and the architect were consulting with user groups to determine their needs and to create a conceptual design which would be reviewed by Council in the new year.

Spring Creek Mountain Village - there were some proposed changes that requested an increase in height in the centre of the project, and one to substitute the requirement to sell affordable housing to current Restwell residents to a requirement to provide affordable housing to anyone that met the criteria for affordable housing across the community.

#### **4. Trends from the 2008 Monitoring Report and moving toward MTF**

Bruce Gleig (Biosphere Institute) outlined the history of the Monitoring Report, back to the 1990's Growth Strategy, and its creation of growth management limits. The Thresholds and Monitoring Committee started the process of reviewing monitoring changes, before this was passed to the Biosphere Institute in 2003. The 2006 Community Monitoring Report tried to consider some aspects of the Mining the Future Vision, and this was enhanced in 2008, with the intent of more closely evaluating progress towards the Vision.

The Community Monitoring Report is intended to track a number of indicators in the community. Some of the Mining the Future issues have ready indicators, while others are much more vague and there are no clear indicators or trends, Indicators can be added and subtracted, but it is intended that these provide a trend over time. Data gaps exist, and there are many things that could be measured, and new indicators could be added, but we need to be cognizant of the cost of collecting the information in an ongoing manner. While it would be great to have more indicators, these have to be weighed against the cost.

Other studies also provide information that is useful, such as the Sense of Community Survey and the Second Home Owner Survey. These could also be used to establish information and trends for the community.

The Group felt that the identity was weakly represented as indicators in the report, and that the social component was relatively weakly represented in relation to the much larger number of environmental indicators. This is in large part due to the fact that many of the identity indicators were more abstract and therefore more difficult to enumerate. The Sense of Community Survey had indicated that there was a general level of satisfaction in the community, so there were some indicators in that document to complement the Community Monitoring Report.

The group asked if there was any tracking of the recommendations. Mr. Gleig noted that there was no direct tracking of the recommendations from report to report. New initiatives that address recommendations would be outlined in the new report, but there was no direct connection between recommendations and initiatives. The group felt that it might be possible to try and connect the recommendations to the Mining the Future goals and principles, and to try and structure them around the Vision. The group had some concerns that many of the recommendations were taken out of their context in the document, and so they were not that useful when read alone, and needed to be made more legible.

The group raised the issue possibly of the report identifying trends and then commenting on whether or not these trends were assisting us achieving the Vision or not. Mr. Gleig noted that this was not done, but could possibly be done, if this was the direction of Council. He noted that it had been very difficult to try and match the data and indicators to the Vision, and that time and budget restrictions had meant that there had had to be some compromise.

The group felt generally that the collected recommendations need to be more clear and readable and approved by the editors and writers.

#### **5. Next Meeting**

The next meeting was scheduled for Thursday January 21, 2010.

#### **6. Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 9:05 P.M.