

# VISION KEEPERS GROUP



## Meeting Notes

*Thursday 23rd. October 2008*

### **Attendees**

Members of the Committee: Ron Deans, Hans Holthuis, Hugh Simson, Amy Krause, Simon Hudson, Doran Hanert

By conference call: Peter Scheid

Town Administration: Steve de Keijzer, Gary Buxton

Regrets: Don Sears, Jim Ridley

Members of the Public: None

The meeting was called to order by the Chair, Ron Deans at 7:09 P.M.  
Gary Buxton recorded the minutes of the meeting.

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

The agenda was adopted as presented.

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

The meeting notes for Thursday, September 25 were accepted as presented.

### **3. The CSP**

Gary Buxton gave the group a brief update on the process and Council's comments to date. Council had reviewed only half of the plan. Council had expressed some concern about some of the green initiatives being community based and whether or not they would be legislated. Gary Buxton indicated that a revised plan would be prepared on all the feedback provided to date, from the development industry, Council and the Phase 4 panoramic feedback, following the upcoming work party on October 25. The plan was still to have a first draft for formal Council consideration on November 18.

### **4. The CSP and the Sustainable Economic Development Plan**

The group discussed the strategic direction contained in section 5.0 of the draft CSP. The group felt that the direction contained in the CSP needed to provide more parameters and goals for the economic development strategy. The strategy could also target specific types of economic enterprises and brand the community to attract those businesses. Providing the hard and electronic infrastructure to support these appropriate businesses would likely also be necessary.

### **5. The CSP Implementation Action Plan**

The group discussed the implementation section of the CSP. Gary Buxton noted that this was likely the weakest section in the document. Gary noted that an action / implementation plan would be needed to guide actions, to define for each policy what it entails, who would be responsible for it, and where the resources would come from. These items would then need to be prioritized. This could be done likely "in house" by Administration. There would also be a need to develop targets/ metrics / measures for each of the policies. This likely would be a community driven process. There had also been a discussion with Council about the possibility of including community responsibilities in the plan to identify expectations of community members if the plan is to be successful. This

again would be a public process. The group felt that community engagement and governance would be essential to address adequately in the community responsibility discussions.

## **6. Trends from the Canmore Monitoring Reports and Vision**

Hans Holthuis confirmed that many of the trends seen in the report are evident in the school system. Many of these troubling trends tended to result in very high demands on social and policing services.

## **7. Annual Report to Town Council**

The annual report would not only outline the VKG activities but also to outline progress toward achieving the Mining the Future Vision. It was agreed that the Community Monitoring Report would be a useful set of measures to evaluate whether or not we were moving towards or away from the goals and objectives contained in the Mining the Future Vision.

**ACTION ITEM:** It was agreed that the group would divide up the Community Monitoring Reports (2004, 2006 & 2008) into sections to divide the work so that each section could be evaluated as to whether or not the trends were positive or negative with respect to the Vision. The sections were divided as follows:

Social - Hans Holthuis

Economic - Peter Schied, Simon Hudson, Ron Deans

Environmental - Doran Hanert

Civic Engagement & Identity - Amy Krause

It was also agreed that comment on trends and the Vision would be deferred until the 2008 Community Monitoring Report is made available. Ron Deans would communicate to the Mayor that the annual report would likely wait until the new year when the 2008 Community Monitoring Report was completed.

## **8. Next Meeting**

The next meeting date was selected as Thursday, November 27, 2008, in the Executive Boardroom.

## **9. Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:55 P.M.