

# VISION KEEPERS GROUP



## Meeting Notes *Thursday 17<sup>th</sup>. April 2008*

### **Attendees**

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

By conference call: Peter Schied

Town Administration: Gary Buxton, Patrick Sorfleet

Regrets: Hans Holthuis, Don Sears

Members of the Public: None

The meeting was called to order by the Chair, Ron Deans at 7:06 P.M.  
Gary Buxton recorded the minutes of the meeting.

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

Ron Deans asked to add items on Amenity Lead Migration and the CSP Work Party on April 26. The group were in agreement. The agenda was adopted as amended.

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

The meeting notes of March 6, 2008 were approved with a minor amendment to Section 4.

### **3. Public Response to MTF 2**

Gary Buxton outlined that the CSE Group would be undertaking more advertising in the upcoming weeks. There appeared to be few other options, TV and radio would not likely get further coverage. The Group asked if some issues from the Phase 3 summary could be used to create a newspaper story line to get them to run a story. The Group asked that someone contact the Outlook and Leader to promote the upcoming community cafes on May 8 & 10.

The group asked if the CSE Group would extend the engagement process. Gary Buxton noted that this was unlikely, due to budget issues. Any additional public consultation would likely be undertaken as part of the formal public hearing process once the draft plan was ready.

The group asked for someone to contact Sally Caudill to ask about getting a higher profile in the papers via a news article. Come out and photo the work party. Get people to the community cafes.

**ACTION ITEM:** Gary Buxton was to contact Sally Caudill with the intent of increasing newspaper coverage of the upcoming events.

### **4. The Natural Step**

The group had been asked to complete the online education. There was some discussion about recent development announcements, and whether or not these approvals would comply with the principles of the Natural Step. The Group expressed some frustration that some large development projects seemingly did not comply with Mining the Future and The Natural Step, and that the Group

really needed to review these projects if it was to be effective. To ignore these substantial items rendered the group somewhat ineffectual. Gary Buxton reminded the group that its intent was to review issues for consistency with Mining the Future and not necessarily with The Natural Step. The Group discussed the possibility of meeting with the developer and to possibly educate them on the Mining the Future principles. There was some concern expressed that there might not be enough resources for the Group to undertake an educational role. There was agreement that the Group wished to contact Council with a position paper on this matter to review it further.

**ACTION ITEM:** The Group was to send a position paper to Council to consider reviewing the Silvertip development proposal for consistency with the Mining the Future values and principles.

**ACTION ITEM:** Gary Buxton to make a presentation at the next meeting giving a background on the Silvertip ASP. This will be placed as an item on the next agenda.

**ACTION ITEM:** Ron Deans will provide some background into the Sustainability Screening Report process. This will be placed as an item on the next agenda.

The intent was to give feedback on the development proposal in a collaborative manner and not simply to be critical of the development proposal.

## **5. Growth Study Software Review**

Gary Buxton gave a brief overview of the InfraCycle fiscal impact evaluation software package. Gary Buxton noted that it was not a particularly good tool for public engagement meetings as it was not graphically interesting. Gary Buxton also went through a

## **6. Review of VKG Website**

This item was pushed to the next agenda.

## **7. “Nobody’s Home” DVD**

The Group noted that there were a lot of innovative ideas contained in the movie. The Group noted that it would be interesting to see what, if any, of these solutions, would be applicable to Canmore and could possibly be included in the upcoming review of the Community Sustainability Plan. The Group wanted to ensure that a copy was made available to the public library.

## **8. Recruitment Handbook**

Ron Deans offered to work on this item with others from the Group. It was felt that recruitment would be assisted if there was some simple documentation that could be provided to potential members. Amy

## **9. Other Items**

Amy Krause gave a brief update on the upcoming amenity migrant conference in May in Banff. There was some discussion about Group members attending, but this was left to individuals to decide.

It was asked who would be attending the work party on April 26, with a concern that the meeting would be largely from the *Group*. It did not appear that too many from the *Group* would be attending.

#### **10. Next Meeting**

The next meeting date was set for Monday May 12, 2008 in the *Georgetown* Boardroom.

#### **11. Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 9:20 P.M.