

VISION KEEPERS GROUP



Tuesday 13th. March 2007 – 7:00 P.M.
Meeting Room – Classroom – Civic Centre

Meeting Minutes

1. **Introductions**

Completed.

2. **Meeting Scheduling**

Thursdays, 7:00 P.M. is the preferred time.

3. **Rules / Norms / Etiquette**

How do we work with the press / public to communicate what the VK's are doing?

Pro-active communication strategy needed to communicate to the public.

How does the work of the VK's get communicated?

Uncomfortable with public / press while the group is forming

4. **Why are we here?**

2 principal purposes?

Sustain the Vision - ensure that it endures

Advise Council - using the MTF Vision as a framework to evaluate potential decisions

Advice strategically to Council - report directly to Council through the Chair and the Council representative

Guidance on proposed policies

But also on policy and strategic issues that are not addressed by the organization

VKG will be reliant somewhat on issues being fed from Administration initially

But need to figure out how to insert the VK's group into the community strategic planning process so that the group can consider items of concern

Also there may be a role for direct public input to the VK's group.

Need to decide where the VKG fits in the municipal organization. How to negotiate its role?

This may be continuously evolving. A relationship. May need a meeting with Council for this relationship to be defined. May need to "test drive" this relationship for it to develop.

May need to move beyond VKG being a resource to being an advocate. Not reactive but proactive, and bringing issues to Council and the community.

5. **Group Operation**

Will seek to achieve consensus through discussions. Dissenting opinions can be presented to Council

Chair's role is to run the meeting. Chair will be communicated to Council

Amy Krause was selected as Chair for 2 months

Gary Buxton to circulate notes to determine if they are appropriate

Jim Ridley will report to Council what was discussed and what decisions are made

Keep a register of "to do" items and decisions in the minutes / notes

What was discussed and what was decided, so that it is useful to the public

Decisions should have a rationale behind them

Need to consider the following guidelines:

How to communicate with the public & media?

How to engage the public? How do we hear back from the community?

How to integrate with the larger municipal organization? Governance model

What are our principles and values?

A few ideas to Gary Buxton who will craft the document with assistance by the end of this week (March 16)

ACTION ITEM FOR GROUP MEMBERS

Will be works in progress

How to engage the public will be on the agenda on the 22nd

Need to define where the VKG will go and need some discreet discussions before the meetings are open to the public. Not ready for public discussions yet.

Principles and values discussion on the agenda for the 29th

6. **Confidentiality & External Communications**

Peter Oprsal to be responsible for external communications for 2 months

Apology to Tanya Foubert for a premature invitation

7. **Process Review**

Discussed

8. **Municipal Development Plan (MDP) Review Terms of Reference**

Discussed

9. **Draft Public Input Policy**

Discussed

10. **Open Discussion**

None

11. **Next Meeting(s)**

Thursday March 22, 7:00 P.M.

Thursday March 29, 7:00 P.M.

Thursday April 12, 7:00 P.M.

Thursday April 26, 7:00 P.M.

12. **Adjournment**
9:40 P.M.