

# VISION KEEPERS GROUP



## Meeting Notes

*Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup>. August 2007 – 7:00 P.M.*

### **Attendees:**

Members of the Committee: Doran Hanert, Peter Schied – via conference call, Ron Sadesky, Amy Krause, Hugh Simson.

Town Administration: Gary Buxton, Patrick Sorfleet

Regrets: Jim Ridley – Representative of Council, Don Sears.

The meeting was called to order by the Chair, Amy Krause at 7:10 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 August 7, 2007 were approved as presented. The meeting notes for August 9 were approved with minor amendments to the end of section 2 and section 3.

### **3. MDP RFP Update**

Gary updated the group on the process of selection that had occurred and the process that would happen with Council's decision.

### **4. Communication Plan**

The Communication Plan did not seem to create any issues. Gary raised the issue of public presence at meetings when draft MDP policy is being developed, and this might be tricky and create disputes about issues that were not significant.

The Group should give some thought to the web site content, and perhaps be a little more comprehensive. Biographies, more documents such as the communication plan and the governance plan, and more detail on the Vision. Also more detail on implementing the Vision and participation in the MDP review process and in the group itself. Also some more detail on what the Vision Keepers actually does, and what it does not do.

**ACTION ITEM: Amy to send Gary a brief list of ideas for the web site, and then he and Sally Caudill will try to then flesh out the ideas.**

Amendments were made to the combined Code of Conduct and Communications Plan.

**ACTION ITEM: Gary to circulate the revised document for group review at the next meeting.**

Amy volunteered to meet with the individual who had asked questions about the group and the member's backgrounds. There were some concerns that this represented selective disclosure and this individual. Overall the group was OK with sending an e-mail to the individual answering some of the questions, or with contacting the individual directly. These situations would be handled on a case by case basis in the future.

The group reviewed the short biographies provided by group members.

**ACTION ITEM: Gary to circulate the list to all members to see if they wish to make any final amendments.**

## **5. Municipal Development Plan Amendment**

The group reviewed the recent proposal to amend the current MDP to address the issue of large format retail outlets. The group felt that the process proposed to address the issue was appropriate and consistent with the Mining The Future governance principles.

Articles 4 and 5 in the public meeting process proposed could be reversed in order to allow position papers to be presented prior to those speaking.

The group felt that a proposal to restrict large format retail is consistent with the Mining The Future vision, particularly with respect to support of local businesses.

It would also be wise to contact to the MDP consultant and advise them that this process is taking place so that this is not confused with the overall re-write that is being conducted.

Further comment from the group should be postponed until there has been some form of community comment on the matter.

## **6. Next Meeting**

The next meeting will be on Thursday September 13<sup>th</sup>, 7:00 P.M. in the Anthracite Boardroom.

## **7. Adjournment**

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