

# VISION KEEPERS GROUP



## Meeting Notes

*Thursday 25<sup>th</sup>. October 2007 – 7:00 P.M.*

### **Attendees**

Members of the Committee:

Amy Krause, Hugh Simson, Don Sears, Doran Hanert, Peter Schied (by phone)

Town Administration: Patrick Sorfleet

Consultants: Carol Stark, Jen Statham

Members of the Public: Susan & Don Barry, Ron Deans

Regrets: Jim Ridley, Ron Sadesky

The meeting was called to order by the Chair, Amy Krause at 7:06pm

Patrick Sorfleet recorded the minutes of the meeting

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

The Agenda was adopted as presented

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

The minutes for October 11, 2007 were adopted with amendments

### **3. Questions from the Public**

Member of the community, Don Barry, presented several questions to the group including:

- Who are the Vision Keepers?
- Who is Don Sears and who does he work for?
- Is he a permanent resident/part-timer?
- What experience does he bring to the group?

Don Sears provided additional information to Don Barry but declined to discuss his status as a permanent or non-permanent resident. Amy Krause explained that the group does not make policy and that the only prerequisite for participation is that members are residents of the Town of Canmore, regardless of their full or part-time status. Peter Schied suggested that Mr. Barry's question may better be addressed by Council, who set the Terms of Reference for the group.

Public questions Closed 7:18 PM

#### 4. Community Sustainability Plan (CSP) (MDP Review)

- a) Communication / reporting of content between group, consultant and the public.
  - The group agreed that the CSE/UMA consortium report to Town Administration and that the reporting relationship between the Consultant and the VKG will be through Gary Buxton. Should the VKG wish to communicate with the consultants they must do so through Town Administration.
  - The CSE group confirmed that meetings will continue as per the schedule for the CSP development.
  - The VKG agreed to adopt the document "MINING THE FUTURE TWO: CANMORE'S COMMUNITY SUSTAINABILITY PLAN (CCSP): Roles and Responsibilities" as an addendum to the October 11 minutes. The VKG and CSE/UMA group agreed that this document provides additional clarity of the relationship between VKG and the consultants. (See below)
  
- b) The CSE Group confirmed that the proposed schedule is still accurate.
  - Carole Starke reviewed the proposed process for the CSP consultation. Doran Hanert requested that the goals, inputs and outputs for each phase be noted on the schematic. Carole agreed to add those.
  - Phase 1: Issue identification
    - This phase is about asking anyone who wants to be involved: What do you think the issues are?
  - Phase 2: Criteria Development
    - This phase will generate a checklist of criteria that will need to be met by the solutions we create as a community. Examples of criteria include, agreeing with The Natural Step, agreeing with Mining the Future, meeting statutory requirements
      - All of the filters carry over across each phase as they are introduced.
      - The public will be less involved in criteria development phase because this is a "boring" stage. They will be much more involved in Issue Identification and Solution Generation
  - Phase 3: Solution Generation
    - The public will be strongly involved in conflict resolution and clarifying the plan
  - Phase 4: Development of the CSP Policies (UMA)
    - People will be involved but not in wordsmithing
    - The final product of this stage will be an unambiguous document.

#### **ACTION ITEM: PATRICK TO SEND NOTES ON CURRENT MDP TO VKG**

- Statutory Approval Process
  - Phase 1 starts Nov. 7. The schedule is on target though some dates are flexible.
  - On Jan 31<sup>st</sup>, the VKG will review the report from phase 1 and go through to the beginning of the second phase.

#### **ACTION ITEM: GROUP TO SCHEDULE THE WORK PARTIES AND MEETINGS**

- c) Planning and expectations for the launch event.
  - o Launch Date November 7<sup>th</sup> → Build the BUZZ!
  - o Question from Ron Deans: Will everyone know what we mean by sustainability?
    - Answer from Carol: Yes, the definition that we are running with is the one developed by the town through MTF.
  - o Carole explained that Mayor Casey will talk about the requirement to move forward from Mining the Future to the Municipal Development Plan. MDP cannot have contradictions where the Mining the Future could.
    - Messages will include:
      - “We want you to get involved”
      - “There are lots of ways to get involved”
  - o The group asked if it would be possible to have the papers do an editorial. Carole will contact Sally Caudill to consult with her about this.

**ACTION ITEM: CAROL TO FOLLOW UP WITH SALLY CAUDILL**

- o Question from Ron Deans: How do you gauge what is a good level of participation?
  - Answer from Carol: We are hoping for is similar engagement to MTF but it is the quality of information and participation that matters most. Are people discussing the issues with one another? Are they gathering new information from these discussions, reviewing old information, etc.?

Ideas for the Launch

- o LISTSERVE for updates... “If you want to get involved <click here>”
- o Posters and “ways to get involved” flyers at the launch
- o Recognition of participants → newspaper profiles; website recognition; “I have the right to complain” bracelets or buttons

- d) Discuss the idea from Jim Ridley about starting an educational speaker series of events.
  - o Postponed until Jim is back

**5. Web Site**

Amy will circulate the proposed changes to the website to everyone tomorrow. Please look at the changes proposed and provide feedback by next Wednesday (Oct 31st). This provides time to circulate a second draft if necessary.

**ACTION ITEM: AMY TO CIRCULATE PROPOSED CHANGES TO THE WEBSITE**

**ACTION ITEM: EVERYONE TO COMMENT ON THE PROPOSED CHANGES BY WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 31<sup>ST</sup>.**

**6. Next Meeting**

November the 7<sup>th</sup>, a social meeting.

**7. Adjournment**

Meeting adjourned 8:21 PM.