

SUPPORTING SOCIAL PLANNING and ACTION in REVELSTOKE

Social Development Committee Meeting Minutes 8:30 a.m. Wednesday June 23, 2010

Present: Nelli Richardson, Jane McNab, Antoinette Halberstadt, Anne Cooper, Tony Scarcella, Mary Kline, Susan Knight, Shirley Berg, Melody Kindret & Cathie Thacker
Staff: Jill Zacharias, Debra Wozniak
Regrets: Alan Mason, Melissa Klages, Linda Chell, Steve Bailey, Cathy Girling and John Yakielashek

1. **Call to order** – Chair Nelli Richardson called the meeting to order at 8:35 am. Shirley Berg was welcomed as a new committee member.

2. **Approval of Agenda**

Additions: Reduced Pool Hours under 6. New Business

Motion:

Moved by Cathie Thacker and seconded by Mary Kline to adopt the amended agenda.

Carried

3. **Approval of May 26, 2010 Meeting Minutes**

Motion

Moved by Anne Cooper and seconded by Melody Kindret that the amended Minutes of April 28, 2010 be approved.

Carried

Business Arising from the April 28, 2010 Minutes:

- Alcohol Reform – Letter to the City of Revelstoke from the BC Coalition for Action on Alcohol Reform was circulated for committee review. Antoinette Halberstadt reported that City Council declined to reply with a letter of support for their proposed initiative.

Motion:

Moved by Anne Cooper and seconded by Tony Scarcella

THE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS that in anticipation of City Council reviewing the community's Substance Use Strategy, City Council approve in principle the recommended actions in the Substance Use Strategy where the City of Revelstoke has been identified as a lead agency for implementation and with particular reference to the recommended action in Goal G: to reduce alcohol-related harms in the community; that City Council now give its support to the recommended action that the City of Revelstoke support regional or provincial initiatives by legitimate organizations like the BC Coalition of Action on Alcohol Reform, and the Centre of Addictions Research BC.

Carried

- Committee Membership – Jill Zacharias advised that Anne Marie Gill indicated her willingness to replace Lory Borges as a representative from Interior Health and has submitted an application to the City to be a committee member.

Motion:

Moved by Jane McNab and seconded by Cathie Thacker

THE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS that Ann-Marie Gill be appointed to the Social Development Committee. Carried

- Courthouse Accessibility – Jill reviewed the draft summary of accessibility issues at the Court House building. Discussion following on clarifying the accessibility issues. Jill will amend and circulate a recommendation via email for approval.
- 2010/2011 Workplan – Jill reviewed her 2009/2010 workplan year end report, which will serve as a template for discussion on the 2010/2011 workplan with the following new activities:
 - Support the Health Care Advisory Committee actions
 - Support the Transit Committee actions (Shirley Berg willing to assist with implementation of actions)
 - Implement and facilitate coordination of the Substance Use Strategy actions
 - Support planning for and development of youth services in the community.Mary Kline advised that Columbia Basin Alliance for Literacy in collaboration with Okanagan College, Revelstoke Employment Services Centre and the School District will be submitting an application to Service Canada for a grant to conduct a needs assessment and community planning for improving employability of youth aged 15 – 29. Jill will re-draft the 2010/2011 workplan and circulate via email for committee feedback.
- Second Stage Housing – Nelli reported that she attended a Revelstoke Community Housing Society meeting to present what second stage housing is. Jane McNab reported that CBT has an assistant available to help community's with affordable housing planning.

4. Coordinator's Report – Jill Zacharias reviewed the Coordinator's report for June 2010 and noted the following additional information:

- Jean Pedersen has been hired as the Senior's Volunteer Coordinator. The first priority is to develop specific criteria and forms for all programs to be delivered.
- Will be meeting with Interior Health representatives in July to discuss implementation of the Substance Use Strategy. (Jill to investigate where Lory Borges' resource material is being stored and take steps to ensure that it remain available to the community.)
- Will forward Health Care Advisory Committee minutes via email when they are available.

5. New Business:

- Report from Council – Antoinette advised that the City of Revelstoke Annual Report is now available on their website and noted that very little was included about Social Development activities.
- Next Meeting Date: Wednesday, September 29, 2010 at 8:30 am. Bi-monthly dates will be November 24, January 26, March 23, May 25 and a June 22 wrap up.
- Reduced Pool Hours – Jill reported that she has received concerns about the Pool now closing earlier (6:00 pm) on Friday and Saturday evenings. The implications to the community include:
 - Youth having reduced options for safe, healthy activities
 - Weekend tourists not having evening access to the pool
 - Local accommodation properties that have purchased pool passes for their guests - now have reduced redemption options.

Motion:

Moved by Jane McNab and seconded by Melody Kindret

THE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS that City Council re-consider the decision to close the pool on Friday and Saturday evenings at 6:00 pm.

Carried

7. Round table

Anne Cooper – Eight school district personnel retiring (6 teachers) projecting to hire 3 FTE replacements.

- Will be performing the 50% design review of new schools.
- Holding a design meeting tomorrow with Forest Worker Group to discuss options for showcasing local wood in the new schools
- New schools contractor is utilizing local sub trades as much as possible
- Fall enrolment projected to decline to less than 1,000 students.

Cathie Thacker – RESC website now includes a Youth tab

- Busier with job postings (primarily hospitality and construction trades)
- Reviewing the Request for Proposals for future operation of the RESC.
- New – drop in hours for youth at the centre

Shirley Berg – very interested in the neighbourhoods of learning initiative

Melody Kindret – all the families that were receiving assistance with financial management during the economic slowdown are now back on track.

Mary Kline – A Youth project for ages 15 – 29 will be starting in July

- Okanagan College doing a lot of work in the Welcoming & Inclusive Communities and Workplaces Program

Jane McNab – the CBT Symposium being held in Revelstoke Oct 22 – 24 is free and will have social development content.

- Columbia Basin Alliance for Literacy is working with the schools to recycle school supplies to be shipped to under developed countries.

- This Sunday is Farwell's 125th anniversary celebration picnic at Farwell Park.

Nelli Richardson – A joint meeting was held with Okanagan College Advisory committee and Salmon Arm with good representation from Revelstoke and they were very impressed with Revelstoke's operations.

8. Adjournment - The meeting was adjourned at 10:20 am.



Nelli Richardson, Chair