

AREA 'H' VILLAGE PLANNING PROJECT ADVISORY GROUP MEETING #7
March 25th, 2009 6:30-9:30 pm, Lighthouse Community Centre

FINAL SUMMARY OF THE MEETING

In attendance:

Sally Barton	Patty Biro	Jim Crawford
Theresa Crawford	Dianne Eddy	George Dussault
Marilyn Dussault	Margaret Healey	David Heenan
Christo Kuun	Bill King	Els King
John Lyotier	Wayne Osborne	Gerry Quinn
Angelika Quint	Michael Recalma	Josianne Sequin
Mac Snobelen	John Stathers	Dick Stubbs
Lynette Twigge	Sharon Waugh	Catherine Watson
Wayne Morrison		

Lisa Bhopalsingh (RDN Senior Planner), and Elaine Leung (RDN Planner)
Dave Bartram, Area 'H' Director

1. Review of Agenda
Dave Bartram reviewed the agenda.
2. Parking Lot
Lisa introduced the use of a Parking Lot for any important issues ideas not on the agenda to enable meetings to proceed more smoothly while still acknowledging items that need to be addressed.
3. Summary Notes from March 4th
In a conversation outside of the plenary, Diane Eddy requested clarification regarding a statement from Jim Crawford saying that the 'Provincial Report' said that the current water supply can accommodate growth to 2030. Jim clarified that this information came from the Deep Bay Water Improvement District's report says that the current water supply can accommodate growth to 2030. Lisa noted that the error may have been in her records/note taking. *Note Minutes Amended as requested and circulated via e-mail Thursday March 26th 2009.*
4. Review of Draft Goals
The Group participated in an exercise to review revision #3 of the Draft Goals and to prioritise their top ten goals. It was noted that Goals would still be refined and revised as the process moved along.
5. Presentation – Ideas and Inspiration for Sustainable Rural Villages
Lisa gave a presentation covering a variety of ideas that could be considered when looking at Sustainability in a Rural Village Concept. She touched upon a range of topics including: alternatives for sewer treatment, water management, conservation design, creating communal spaces, ideas for improving safety through design, housing affordability, pedestrian mobility and compact communities, building disaster resilient communities, rural character and creating a special sense of space through design.

6. Developing scenarios for Bowser Village Node - Break into groups

Lisa introduced a mapping exercise to explore a variety of options for the boundaries of the Bowser Village Node. She explained the purpose of an Urban Containment Boundary (UCB) and noted that:

- The UCB is a line on the map that distinguishes urban from rural land. Growth Inside & Protect Rural/Environmental Outside.
- Lisa acknowledged that there is some confusion in the terminology used interchangeably by the RDN between a "Village Node" and "Village Centre". For the purposes of this project we can define the "Village Node" as the UCB line around the entire Village and the "Village Centre" as the commercial 'Centre' of the Village within the Node or UCB.
- George Dussault asked "if Bowser becomes a municipality, doesn't this project go out the window"
- Margie Healey noted that there was a previous proposal (which was turned down by the community) to designate Deep Bay as a municipality.
- Diane Eddy stated that Light industry must be contained within UBC. She also asked are we looking (planning) at 50 years from now?
- Sally Barton asked if the Village Node could go from Bowser to Deep Bay.
- Lisa responded that could be proposed however it would have to be approved by the Board.
- Dave Bartram noted that his job is to propose and present the ideas of the Advisory Group to the Board.
- Lisa noted that every scenario would be evaluated against the goals developed by the Group.

Members of the Advisory Group then broke into groups to discuss and explore different options for changing the Bowser Village Node Boundary. A variety of maps with different information about aquifers, environmentally sensitive areas, population, water service etc were provided to support this exercise and allow individuals and groups to draw different scenarios. There was debate and questions regarding how large a Village Node in Bowser needed to be to support the needs of the community.

7. Crown Lands

Lisa gave a brief update on her meeting with Crown Lands and noted that any application for Crown lands would first have to go through full consultation with First Nations prior to being reviewed by the Province. She noted that land over \$100,000 in value would require a Provincial Government sponsor.

8. Announcements

- Lisa reminded people about Jim Crawfords' Deep Bay Tour starting at noon instead of 1 pm on March 28th.
- Lisa asked the Advisory Group if they would like to have an information table on the project at the Deep Bay Harbour Festival on April 25th. The Group agreed and several members indicated they would be interested in staffing the booth. Lisa asked the Group to let her know of other community events which might provide an opportunity to get information out or gather feedback from the wider community.

9. Next meeting

Wednesday April 15th, 6:30-9:30 p.m. at the Lighthouse Community Centre.

The meeting ended shortly after at 9:45 p.m.