

Kingsclear Local Service District

Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes



June 24, 2014 – 7:30pm
Upper Kingsclear Community Centre

Present: Patsy Kitchen, Wayne Lenehan, Debby Peck, Diane Reid. **Regrets:** Lee Crouse

1. Call to order by Debby Peck at 7:32 pm
2. Approval of Agenda (Patsy, Wayne).
3. Approval of the Minutes of May 27, 2014 as corrected (Consensus)
4. Old Business
 - a. Review of Swearing-in Ceremony Hanwell Rural Community (attended by Debby, Wayne & Diane on May 27, 2014): A packed house. Mayor Susan Cassidy and Councillors officially took office; histories of the Hanwell district were provided; MLA Carl Urquhart was among the guest speakers as was Danny Soucy, the Minister of Environment and Local Government.
 - b. Establishing Goals and Priorities of Current AC – Developing a Short Term Action Plan and Associated Timetable: The following items were identified by the group -
 - i. the importance of getting our talented residents involved with infrastructure upgrades; asset (e.g. community park) safety, maintenance, and security; inventory reporting and control) insurance coverage; day-to-day monitoring.
 - ii. the need for clear assessment of community needs and priorities (services, the level of interest in pursuing Rural Community status once more).
 - iii. concern about inclusive, comprehensive, and regular communication concerning district services and events; AC member education about the budget; assurance of accountability
 - iv. maintenance of a meeting schedule on the last Tuesday of each month and meeting elsewhere in the LSD at least twice annually.
 - c. Implementing a Comprehensive Process to Communicate With LSD Residents (Listserv, Telephone Tree, Facebook, KLSD Mailing Address, Designated Telephone Number; Public Meeting): The following items were identified by the group -

- i. addressing communication shortcomings - Kathy Clark's listserv (nbnet) and Carl Duivenvoorden's voicemail tree, while helpful community services, are insufficient. Rogers vs. Bell Aliant options, Facebook's appeal to a limited demographic, no regular mailing address, no designated phone number, and lack of resources for *The Kingsclear Clarion*, public meetings are logistically difficult: KLSD has 12 distinct communities within its boundaries. Island View, which contributes the bulk the tax dollars, has had little representation on the Advisory Council.
 - d. Status of Webpage Revision (Diane & Debby):

Diane and Debby reported on their review of the site as a whole—visual appeal; ease of navigation; organization; definitions; statistics; submission guidelines; what should be kept, added, discarded. Diane shared Wikipedia's current entry—disconcerting in the extreme. Diane will contact former AC member Sue Knight to invite here to be the LSD Archivist. Work will continue to identify the process for contracting out the design of the revised website.
5. New Business
 - a. Recreation in the KLSD – Regional sport, recreational, and cultural infrastructure planning and cost-sharing is part of the Region 11 Service Commission's (RSC) mandate. The AC has no role to play here other than to help the RSC inventory existing recreational facilities in the LSD. Agreements can be developed with the RSC on a fully regional or on a sub-regional basis, and can cover both initial capital and ongoing operational costs. An AC can recommend support of any group seeking funding from the RSC
 - b. At present, the KLSD's only facilities are the Community Park in Upper Kingsclear and trail systems at Woolastook Park but that facility is privately leased at this time so use of the trails are at the grace of the operator.
 - c. A community group needs to come forward to restore and reactivate the Nature Park. The UK Community Park is at risk: The ball program at the Community Park has been cancelled because of few volunteers and soft demand. Vandalism (reported more than once to the RCMP) is of great concern. Security equipment and vigilance are sorely needed. \$20,000 has been set aside for the completion of a skating rink, but there has been no associated plan or progress report.
6. Next Meeting – July 29, 2014 (7:30pm) - Kingsclear Forest Nursery Board Room
7. Adjournment 8:45 pm.

Action Items:

Diane and Debby – continue work required to initiate website revision
Diane – invite Sue Knight to be KLSD Archivist