

Kingsclear Local Service District (KLSD)

Advisory Committee (AC) Meeting Minutes



September 27, 7:00 pm

Upper Kingsclear Community Centre

Present:

Debby Peck, Chairperson
Roger Cyr, Secretary
Geoffrey Alder
Andrew Chamberlain
Murray Crouse, Jr. (for agenda items 4i, ii, iii, and v)

Invited guest:

Ivan Corbett, RSM (for agenda items 4i, ii, iii, v, vii, and 5i)

- 1) Meeting was called to order by the Chairperson at 7:00 pm.
Chairperson welcomed Ivan Corbett, RSM, to meeting.
- 2) Agenda was approved. Moved by Geoff Alders, seconded by Murray Crouse Jr.
- 3) Minutes of Meeting of May 31, 2016 were approved earlier by email, moved and seconded by Andrew Chamberlain and Geoff Alders.
- 4) Matters arising from the last meeting: (sequence of agenda items 4i, ii, iii, vi, vii and 5i were grouped together in order to accommodate Messrs. Corbett's and Crouse's availability).
 - i) Dissolution of Upper Kingsclear Recreation Association (UKRA) — Ivan Corbett advised that the status of the UKRA will run out automatically in due course unless a return is filed. There being no current activity in the UKRA, it will lapse and should there be a need due to new initiative, a new association will need to be registered.

ii) Keypad for the small meeting room at Upper Kingsclear Community Centre (UKCC) — Our LSD committee has been, for some time, trying to be able to have easy access to the UKCC for meetings. Due to restricted key access, it was determined and agreed between the Chief and LSD committee Chairperson that the Chairperson would be provided with the key pad code to the meeting room at the rear of the Firehall. Chief Crouse was to get Capital Safe and Lock to repair the keypad and provide the code to Chairperson.

During discussions on this topic with the Firehall representative on the LSD committee, Murray Crouse Jr., it became apparent that there was much resistance from the Firehall to allowing use of the small meeting room at the rear of the Firehall by the LSD committee. The position of the Firehall was that the LSD Committee could only have access to the larger Community Centre Hall and the UKCC was to be the primary meeting room accessible for the LSD Committee. In addition, only in extreme situations could Firehall meeting room be used and only on approval by the Chief. It was unclear to the LSD Committee why this limited access was necessary as the building was a community asset and the LSD Committee was a representative of the community.

iii) Update on storage room construction at UKCC — Murray Crouse Jr. explained that, due to training space needs of Firehall staff, it was determined that a storage area for the UKCC centre furniture was needed. An addition to the UKCC has been approved by the RSM and was to have been started in 2016 but due to other priorities, the construction was not commenced and will be delayed for sometime in 2017. The LSD committee approved the delay.

iv) Georgetown, PEI conference — Geoff Alders, having attended the conference, provided a written report (attached) which shows that most communities in the Atlantic Provinces are struggling with amalgamations, financial resources, environment, the need for development and resistance to change and the recruitment of people to get involved.

v) UKCC hall bookings (third party insurance liability) — There have been in recent months liability issues arising when private individuals or groups want to rent or use the UKCC hall. Mr Corbett advised that the current policy by the Department on the use of Community Hall facilities in the Province was that only LSD committee activities or Firehall activities were insured and that any others using the hall are required to provide proof of adequate liability insurance. As these insurance policies are generally costly, much discussion ensued in view that tax payers paid for the facilities but could not use the facilities without incurring a large insurance cost. As well, the LSD committee was advised that users of the UKCC hall were encouraged to make a “donation” to the Firehall. The LSD committee

determined that this issue needed to be clarified to insure proper administration of this policy and to ensure that it is according to Provincial policy.

vi) Recognition awards for KLSD residents — Input was provided from the committee members on the proposal by Cyr. A revision will be made and provided at a future meeting.

vii) KLSD signs — Currently three locations (at Ludford subdivision, at the old Route 102 Highway Scales and at the city limits on Route 102) have been determined to be most visual and have landowners who are considering our request for their installation. The objective in having these message boards is to be able to provide the LSD and residents the ability to communicate such as emergencies and activities in the community.

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i) RSC 11 Budget, Playhouse Project — Mr. Corbett advised that while the decision to provide funding from the surrounding LSD communities budgets rests with the Minister, the Minister will be looking for input from the residents. The KLSD has decided to await direction from the Minister on this file.

ii) York Rural Community Project update — The project lead by the Douglas, Bright, Mactaquac, Keswick Ridge and Kingsclear Local Service Districts had several information sessions in these communities outlining the proposed rural restructuring. Citizens were supportive of continuing to look at the proposal and a petition with over 400 signatures encouraged the YRC project to request the Minister to conduct a feasibility study. The study, if approved by the minister, would likely start in early 2017 with public meetings scheduled shortly thereafter and a potential plebiscite likely in late 2017.

6. Other — Prior to the adjournment of the meeting, the remaining committee members discussed the issues surrounding the ownership and control UKCC assets, use of these assets, fees being charged and proposed renovations. Members expressed concern that there did not appear to be a clear policy or determination on who controls or sets the use guidelines of these facilities. It was decided that no further renovations should be done to the buildings until these issues were clarified with the Minister as to who owns the assets and who exercises control on use and access of these assets.

7) There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:45 pm.

The next Meeting will be on November 29, 2016, at the Kingsclear Forest Nursery Board Room, Island View, 7:00 pm.