



Glenmore Valley Community Association

Minutes of the September 24th, 2008

General Meeting

Kelowna Bible Chapel

Item

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Directors in attendance: Kim Dodds, John Harling, Marlene Miller, John Suttie, Dan Midtdal, Alex Midtdal, Bruce Gillon.

24 member households entered their name on the attendance sheet.

1. President Kim Dodds called the General Meeting to order at 7:10 PM.
2. Kim welcomed the members and guests to the General Meeting. Each of the directors introduced themselves.
3. Membership fees and donations.
4. Kim introduced Mark Watt, Manager of Kelowna's Environment and solid Waste department. Mark gave a brief history of and annual details of the Glenmore Landfill.

The landfill site was opened in 1966. Currently the landfill receives 350 to 400 tons of solid waste per year.

A new composting area for leaves and garden waste has been set up at the south end of the site. A windrow turning process takes about one year to produce composted soil. The old system took two years. Currently 40 tons of yard waste is brought to the composting area.

The site should last for about another 70 years. A system to actively collect methane gas is used to produce electricity. The excess electricity is sold to the electrical supplier.

Glenmore clay is an excellent bottom to keep the leachate from escaping.

Currently conducting an experiment to use the leachate to moisten the garbage to increase the rate of decomposition of the garbage. This reduces the amount of leachate going into the sanitary sewer system.

A dam is being constructed to collect surface water and prevent it from getting into the garbage. The collected water is used for irrigation of the grass areas. An attempt is being made to relocate some of the Avocet habitat to the new runoff pond area.

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A new temporary northbound turning lane into the land fill has been installed on Glenmore Road. A new entrance is planned for a new road to be constructed to the south of the landfill site. Curbside pickup using the new containers will start next April and May.

Construction of the 'Glenmore Bypass' should start in 2009. There will be no differential charge in tipping fees for Westside solid waste. Some money is to be put aside to compensate the Glenmore area for the extra activity in the Landfill area.

5. The meeting recessed for a short break.

6. Mark answered some questions. Kim thanked Mark Watt for his interesting presentation on the Landfill Operation.

7. A member indicated that he would like to be involved with Transportation and the executive. Kim indicated that Dan would get his phone number and e-mail. Kim also noted that the GVCA Annual General Meeting will be December 3rd and anyone can volunteer for election as a director.

A member mentioned that some drug users have moved from the downtown area to the Bankhead area. What can be done to keep this element away from Glenmore?

Mary-Ann Graham, Shelly Nicholl and Graeme James each gave a short presentation on their campaign for city councillor.

Members noted several neighbourhood concerns and/or issues that the successful candidates should keep in mind.

A lack of services for the Wilden area. Wilden residents have to travel through Glenmore to access the majority of services. ie. shopping, medical, etc.

It appears that there is not a lot of weed maintenance along linear parks, roads, sidewalks and vacant lots.

Fast traffic on Sexsmith Road between Curtis and Valley Roads. Signage is required to alert drivers that this is a residential area.

Kim alerted members to the "Eagle Eye" icon on the City of Kelowna home web page. This is a place to let the city know of

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problems. It was also mentioned that residents can write a letter to the Mayor and Council about specific problems. That way you will receive a written answer.

Dan indicated that the excessive speed situation on Valley and Sexsmith Roads has been brought to the city's attention several times. More reports from a variety of people could show that it is not just one or two people who are concerned with the condition. Another option is to report safety problems such as the excessive speed to the Community Policing Office in the Mini mall at Glenmore and Mountain Avenue.

Bruce gave a very brief outline of the two maps of the Kelowna Linear Parks. The Parks department has prepared these maps and descriptions of the six classes of trails as part of the Linear Parks Master Plan. The master plan will become a part of the new Official Community Plan next year(after part one). Part one of the OCP will be completed in the next six months. If anyone has any comments on the master plan, they should contact Parks before October 10th.

Dan mentioned a possible problem along the east branch of Brandt's Creek (along Valley Road). This is a septic tank area. Some of the septic tank systems are failing due to age and lack of proper pumping. There is some evidence of leakage into Brandt's Creek in the vicinity of the new Dr. Knox Middle School. Brandt's Creek has been tested in the years of 1992 to 2004. The tests were reported in *State of the Environment, Surface H₂O*, February, 2005 on the City's web site. The test reported that the creek water was unusually poor and sometimes that it should not be used for irrigation. It is not known if there were any further tests. Sanitary sewers in the area need to be a priority in the updated OCP.

8. The meeting was adjourned at 9:00.

The Annual General Meeting is scheduled for December 3rd.

Minutes recorded by Bruce Gillon