



Glenmore Valley Community Association

Minutes of the May 27th, 2009

General Meeting

Kelowna Bible Chapel

Directors in attendance: Kim Dodds, John Harling, Marlene Miller, Bruce Gillon, Portia Dove, Bonnie Hunter and Kim Ouellette.

26 member households and guests entered their name on the attendance sheet.

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1. President Kim Dodds called the meeting to order at 7:10 PM and welcomed the members and guests to the General Meeting.
2. Kim introduced the directors.
3. Kim Dodds gave a quick sketch of some of the Glenmore issues.
4. Announcements.
 - There will be a draw for some door prizes at the end of the meeting.
5. Guest Speaker. Kim introduced Sharon Shepherd, the mayor of Kelowna.

The Mayor had just attended the opening of the Carney Park in Quail Ridge. This project was supported by the Quail Ridge community Association.

Some of the increased enrolment at UBCO is due in part to out of work people wanting to increase their skills and knowledge. The changing economy has brought many different changes and challenges.

The City's 2030 plan is nearing completion. The City reviews the Official Community Plan (OCP) every five years, A number of recent exciting external changes are not addressed in the 2020 OCP. Some of the changes include the political decision to convert and expand the Okanagan Collage to a branch of the University of British Columbia and the announcement to build a new medical school at UBCO. As well as being exciting, these projects pose some challenges for the City.

The City is aware of the lack of a short and direct route from

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Kelowna to the UBCO campus. Many students can see the university from their home. However, commuting by bus, with their compulsory transit pass, takes at least one hour each way. Thus a number of students have purchased automobiles, which goes against liveability and green initiatives. The unnecessary increase of vehicles creates several problems.

Environmental issues, property ownership and other details will require extensive negotiations to resolve things in the Robert Lake area vicinity

The lengthened airport runway can now accommodate international aircraft and travellers from Europe. Unfortunately, the economic downturn means there will be a delay in the fruition of this plan.

Cement will be poured on the weekend, in one continuous operation of up to 24 hours, for the foundation of new hospital addition.

Earlier this year, staff and council prepared a list of six projects for consideration for infrastructure funding by the provincial and federal governments. It was expected that one of the projects might be approved. Four of them have been accepted. Again, it is good news with challenges.

Projects include; addition of third westbound lane along highway 97 from Banks to Gordon, a pedestrian overpass across highway 97 at Parkinson Recreation Centre, a four lane bridge on Gordon Drive with an underpass for the Mission Creek Walkway, and widening of highway 33 east of Rutland.

From the 20 year OCP the City develops a ten year Financial Plan to figure out how the various projects will be financed. The money comes from property taxes and funding received from the senior levels of government.

It is hoped that all of the new garbage containers will be delivered by mid June. About half of those present indicated that they had received the containers. Some wondered how the new containers will work out in the winter.

The Mayor encouraged citizens to make use of the City's Web site, www.kelowna.ca. Use the 'Eagle Eye', at www.kelowna.ca/CM/Page1557.aspx, to report pot holes in the road, burned out

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street lights, etc. 'Drive Kelowna' is the best source for up to date information on roadwork, closures, and potential traffic delays.

Glenmore Bypass road project. Tenders closed yesterday, May 26th. Evaluation of the tenders will take a while. Construction will probably start around mid June.

An open house for parks in the Wilden area is tentatively set for June 18th. [At Still Pond Park from 4:00 to 8:00 PM.]

Glenmore is definitely on the list for the building of the next Community facility in Kelowna.

Neighbourhood Associations should be thinking about what projects they would like City council and staff to be thinking about.

The 'mayorandcouncil' e-mail address receives up to 30 messages a day. The mayor reads all of them. Sometimes it can take a while to get the appropriate staff member to look into it and make a response. Thus, it can take time to respond to requests.

Conservatory Project. A study has been set up to look at whether it makes sense to complete the project or start over from scratch.

Tutt properties. Discussion and negotiations are ongoing. The roadway at the south end of the Landfill is in the Ten Year Plan.

A member asked about white weeds in the Sexsmith Road area. The Noxious Weed Program is managed by the Regional District.

Several members brought up traffic problems at Summit Drive and Valley Road and the Glenmore Road and Cross Road intersections. Another member asked if there will be an open house regarding traffic during construction of the Glenmore Bypass.

The Hardy Road transit Yard will need to be moved to allow for needed expansion.

The lack of commercial zoning in the Wilden area was raised. The experience in the Kettle Valley area has been that the commercial node will not be viable until there is a larger customer base. For Wilden, commercial space needs to be set aside for the future when there are enough customers. In the mean time, the increased Wilden population contributes to traffic congestion

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in Glenmore.

The Mayor mentioned that the 2009 Property Tax Notice has a change; the Library levy is a separate line item this year.

Kim Dodds and John Harling thanked Sharon for addressing the meeting.

6. Brainstorming groups. After a short break, John Harling introduced some of the issues that had been identified at the March 25th General Meeting. A list of the top ten items was put on the wall.

The list is:

1. Community Centre,
2. Large Park,
3. Skateboard facility,
4. Safer exercise routes,
5. Improve Valley and Sexsmith routes,
6. Use of existing rail line for commuter transit,
7. Traffic Calming,
8. A local Hazardous waste depot,
9. Restrict water use,
10. Library Branch.

After a short discussion, it was clear that the number one issue is Traffic Safety in Glenmore. The number two topic was identified Safer pedestrian and bicycle routes in Glenmore.

The Mayor suggested that GVCA generate list of priority items for the generalized issues. She also suggested that it may be possible to partner with service clubs for sponsorship of parks and other projects in Glenmore.

7. Announcements. None.

8. Door Prize Draw. Four winning tickets were drawn. The prizes for this evening were generously donated by Glenmore merchants. An Angel statue by Pharmasave, a cap and a travel document holder from Marlin travel. Both are in Glenmore Mall, 437 Glenmore Road. The last prize is flowers from the Okanagan Flower Shop at the Glenmore and Mountain mini mall.

9. The meeting was adjourned at 9:25 PM by general consent.

Minutes recorded by Bruce Gillon

After the meeting, the white flowered noxious weed was tentatively identified as Shepherd's Purse, so named because of the triangular pods that look like a shepherd's purse. Refer to: http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Shepherd's_purse for a picture and description.

It needs to be pulled out early to prevent flowering or if it is in a field, it can be mowed down.