

MINUTES

RICHMOND VILLAGE PLAN STEERING COMMITTEE #8

Ottawa Public Library, Richmond Branch
Downstairs Meeting Room
Wednesday, October 8, 2008, 7 p.m. start

STEERING COMMITTEE

David George, Chair
Jennifer Cook, Vice-Chair
Elaine Morgan, Vice-Chair
Gisele Moore, Minutes
Brian Arbuckle
Bill Cook
Doug Featherstone
Graham Green
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Sue Murphy
Ben Piercey
Bruce Webster
Bill Walters
Allyson White
Allyson Wright

STAFF/CONSULTANTS

Michel Kearney
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Don Morse
Charles Rousseau

OTHERS

Doug Arnold
Margaret DeFazio
Drew Deyell
Stephanie Deyell
David Gall
Justyna Lawrence
Brian Maahs
Tamara Maahs
Rosemary MacArthur
Lynda Makinson
Bryan McCooeye
Dereck Moodie
Josephine Norton
Pete Sawers
Nick Sawyer
Dave Stevenson

7:00 p.m..

REGULAR AGENDA

STATUS REPORTS

1. Call to Order – *David George called the meeting to order, welcomed all attendees, gave a brief synopsis of the process thus far.*
2. Agenda Review and Additions – *Addition of voting on youth members*
3. Review of Minutes (August 27, 2008): *Elaine M. noted 1 correction. Page 4 should read “300 members” not “300 comments”. MOTION: Moved by Bill C. and 2nd by Brian A. to accept minutes and agenda. Vote, no objections. CARRIED.*
4. City of Ottawa Updates – *Don M. reported that city staff have been working on the de-briefing of the workshop and will present more info under “new business” portion of meeting.*

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Q: That was an excellent workshop but what now?. That part was not adequately addressed at the workshop. Also, this all costs money. Where is that coming from? A: David G. commented that on behalf of the group, we also were pleased with the workshop/visions. LRK made a good effort in grasping the comments and ideas presented by the villagers and this was one interpretation. I once read “A vision without funds is a hallucination” and we now have to look at the next steps. Don M. commented that next time we could talk about draft plans and ideas. Rose K. said that now we can start looking at parks and open spaces as site checks need to be done and now is a better time to do that than in the winter.

It was discussed that perhaps we should continue with the questions/comments after the de-briefing information is presented.

NEW BUSINESS

5. Groundwater Characterization Study – Michel Kearney, Infrastructure Planning Unit, City of Ottawa, (Rural Servicing, Ground Water). *Michel reported that the city is studying the quality of ground water of all villages in Ottawa and Richmond is on that list. 10-20% of houses get tested; the results are given to the homeowner, collated and reflect the general quality of the water. This is repeated after several years and produces a snapshot of water quality now and over time. A 5-year interval is desired but is subject to funding. Q. Justyna L.-Do you distinguish between 40', 100' etc. wells? A. Michel—Yes, we also look for hotspots eg. gas stations, agricultural or pesticide areas. Q. What happens if a well fails? A. Michel --If it is health related, the medical office is told immediately and the homeowner informed immediately. If it is esthetic only, homeowner is informed. Q. Any concerns with regards to lagoons? A. Michel-- Don't know at this time, will see after testing is done. Q. Elaine M—My water was just tested, is this part of it? A. Michel-- No, that is for mainly e-coli bacteria. This testing is much more extensive eg. nitrates, chlorides, sodium, several bacteria types etc. The municipal water in the Glen has been tested but that is much deeper than the usual wells in Richmond. Q. Barry L.—When will this take place? A. Michel—Not scheduled yet. Q. Barry L. suggested that it be done in the spring when flood water level is higher there is more potential for problems thus more scenarios are covered.*
6. Debriefing of Community Design Workshop – David G and Don M *Don M reported that city staff held a de-briefing of the Sept. 22-25 workshop reviewing “what was good/not so good” as well as follow-up. These results were presented to the group. A summary of where we are regarding the future development lands in Richmond was reviewed and Steering Committee members and those in attendance provided comments. Daytime on weekdays may have given skewed results as there wasn't as much evening time; Name tags would have been helpful to identify representatives; Marg D. from hydro—good process, appreciated being invited as feedback could be given immediately in cases of obstacles/better solution eg. tree placement/type, underground vs. overhead wires; good to get seniors involved and bar-b-que was good way to get people out; Q. Justyna L. to Margaret D.—could you give info to village as expansion is happening as to what alternatives are out there for electrical power, buy backs etc.? A. Margaret D--I will make info available and can come out to meetings to discuss. Good to see evolution of process. Lots of work, eye opener to see and think of possibilities. Q. How are you going to keep momentum going? That was hanging at end of presentation. Who pushes it forward? A. Don M—City is looking at all information. City and Steering Committee will be making Secondary Plan and from that implementations will be made. Q. Where does the money come from? A. Don M—Grant programs, incentives to businesses, initiatives from community groups. Gisele M. suggested that other cities have been successful with setting aside a certain percentage of the development fees for these types of projects. Rose K—Community design plans are broader in scope than secondary plans (include facades to buildings, beauty improvements, etc.) and Rose is working on that. The ideas won't get lost. Don M—It's best to go through projects systematically so things don't get lost, make sure ideas get to right persons. David G—We can start things on our own eg. picnic tables, not always handouts. Justyna L—On bus tour we saw Carleton Place did a lot on their own and if we have a vision we can be ready for opportunities that come along. Eg. glass in Perth we bought for \$1.00 from old bus shelters on Rideau St. Dereck M—At workshop they said bridge is on list for next 2 years to be done, what's happening? A. Rose K—I've already made contact and am looking into that project. Q. Lundys Lane/Perth St. has 6 row houses, R2 zoning. Does this not go against the plan? A. Don M—If passed before this process is completed, that is okay as life goes on when this planning is happening, but if amendment is asked, he will look into it.*
7. Mattamy Lands – OPA Process – Sue M reviewed the LRK presentation in short version, as a number of people hadn't seen it. Q. Ben P—LRK said we could preserve greenbelt around village due to agriculture lands, is this possible? A. Don M—That can be done 2 ways, either the City buys the land (which is not very likely) or you keep agricultural land zoned as agriculture. Rose K—The Official Plan identifies land all around Richmond as Agricultural and Province has mandated that Ag. land stay Ag. land. David G—Don't need designated Greenbelt per say if Ag surrounds us that is zoned as such. Charles R—Councillor Glenn Brooks wanted \$800K-1 million to do studies but

council said no. Glenn is trying again for 2009 budget but it doesn't look good. Mattamy, as any other developer, can go ahead with OPA (Official Plan Amendment). City has advised Mattamy they will have to cover cost of studies and that information will go through public process to make sure all is okay. Sue M. distributed a copy of the planned studies and who the consultants are. Q. Ben P—How far along are the consultants? A. Sue M—They have collected all the existing information and done studies on that (done May 2008). Q. Bill C—How through are some of these studies going to be in light of other projects in Ottawa (eg. 416, Woodroffe) that required more building later? We need to look at all traffic flows beforehand so this same thing doesn't happen. Q. Increase pumping station is mandatory before Mattamy builds as put in secondary plan that when population reaches a certain point (45,000 and sewage max. 18,000 homes which is expected to be reached this year) which is going to be that which allows Mattamy to grow, the increase pumping station has to be done. Q. How is water delivery going to be solved? At some point we will not have enough water. A. Doug F-- If we bring in water for new development that will help old Richmond. Charles R—No one is being forced to go to pipe water. If people in an area want to connect to city water, those people need to do a petition and go through a process, vote on it, and those people in that area will pay for it. But it is too early to know anything as studies are just starting and not enough information is known yet. Q. Bill W—What is the timeframe for the studies? A. Sue M—Most of the draft reports will be expected February 09 but fall 09 for the water studies. Don M—All the information will come to the community first before pen is put to paper and we plan to have LRK back to do more planning.

8. Voting on youth members - Allyson White, Allyson Wright. David G. introduced the two youth members. We have had a member leave the group and 2 youth have come forward (as a package) to replace her. Allyson White commented that she liked Richmond as is and wanted to know if others felt the same way so she started a Facebook group. 600 people have joined and she would like that voice heard. Allyson Wright has lived here her entire life and agreed with Allyson. David G. informed the group that Allyson White is Elaine M's daughter. Discussion followed with the following points being raised: --Each member should have a vote; --There are several members who don't have a vote, so if they want to join as a package deal with a shared vote that should be accepted; --Both were informed that if they wanted to join, they would have to make sure that what they reported on their site was fact and clarify misinformation. As they would then be representing a public body, they have the responsibility to make sure the website information and what they report is accurate; --Would people that were turned away earlier be offended that new people were brought in and they were not asked; --David G. asked if anyone in attendance was in that position of attempting to join earlier but turned away because we were full; --Justyna Lawrence raised her hand. She said she was interested but as the group has been together since April, didn't want to cause "back tracking" and as there is open mic she has an opportunity to voice her concerns; --David G. also informed everyone that committees will be formed and people can join their areas of interest. He will also take it up with Councillor Brooks and see what he wants. Motion: Motioned by Elaine M. that both Allyson White and Allyson Wright become Members of the Steering Committee and share one vote between them. 2nd David G. Vote: 7 in favour, 3 against. Carried.

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No comments

NEXT MEETING

7:00 p.m., Wednesday, November 26, 2008

9:00 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT