



**MINUTES OF THE SUSTAINABILITY COMMITTEE MEETING  
APRIL 9, 2009; 3:00 PM – 4:00 PM  
MUNICIPAL BOARD ROOM**

Present:        ***Councillor Donnie MacDonald, Chairperson***  
                  Councillor Angus Bowie  
                  Kuli Malhotra, Project Manager, ICSP  
                  Alan Bond, Municipal Clerk/Treasurer  
                  Allison Duggan, Director of Finance  
                  Debbie Cormier, Deputy Clerk

Regrets:        Councillor Mary MacLellan, Councillor Bill MacFarlane

The Meeting was called to order by the Chairperson, *Councillor Donnie MacDonald* at 3:00 pm.

1. Approval of Minutes:
  - The Meeting Minutes of the March 12<sup>th</sup>, 2009 meeting were approved as circulated. There was no business arising from the Minutes.
  
2. Public Consultation:
  - Kuli distributed, for review, a summary of the three Community Consultation Sessions out of the total of five hosted to-date.
  - In District #1, there were 16 key topics identified.
  - In District #3, there were 25 key topics identified.
  - In District #5, there were 19 topics.
  - In District #6, 37 topics anticipated.
  - There are four sessions left with the overall feedback from the first sessions being quite good.
  - Additional advertising has been carried out.
  - There is a lot of similarity in the topics between the Districts.
  - Kuli will contact Rose Julian to discuss consultations with the First Nations and also a person for the Acadian community.
  - Vision for the County - it appears the throughout the session, there is a consensus that the vision developed for the Town can be adopted, with some minor changes in language for the County rather than having two separate visions.

### 3. Next Steps:

- Kuli explained that we are one month ahead of the original plan that was set out. March 1<sup>st</sup> - May 31<sup>st</sup> was the original period set aside for community consultation:
  - i. Kuli asked if we want to hold additional sessions in the case where there was zero attendance. It was suggested that Councillors Chisholm and MacFarlane be asked whether another session should be held for the Fringe Area.
  - ii. Efforts will be made to engage the youth by the end of May through schools – grade seven and younger to help with a vision and grades eight and above to help with key priorities for next 25 years.
  - iii. The Paq'tnkek First Nations will also be part of this project with at least one session, possibly two sessions.
- Kuli expects that data would be compiled by mid-June and a draft prepared from the information gathered through the consultation series. A meeting with Council in June has been suggested to draw on Council's perspectives. The data would be then be compiled and into a first draft.
- The next step after compilation of first draft will be to prioritize and identify time frames. A list of criteria will be developed for the purpose of identifying priorities.
- A decision will have to be made as to whether or not this prioritization process goes back to the community. Discussion followed. The bottom line is that council will make the final decision when it comes to setting priorities.
- A final meeting in September presenting all the outcomes to residents is important.

The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, May 14<sup>th</sup> at 3:00 pm.

Meeting adjourned at 3:40 pm.