

**TOWN OF SYLVAN LAKE
COUNCIL COMMITTEE MEETING NOTES
May 25, 2009 5:30 pm**

PRESENT:

Mayor S. Samson; Clr. R. Backs; Clr. J. Barnes, Clr. L. Fiedler; Clr. K. MacVicar; Clr. J. Payne

ALSO PRESENT:

Chief Administrative Officer H. Dietz; Assistant Chief Administrative Office M. Thompson; Director of Community Services M. Curtis; Director of Recreation & Parks R. Lebsack; Director of Protective Services D. Krill; Director of Finance D. Moore; Municipal Intern Michelle Neilson; Communications Officer E. Peden; Director of Planning & Development T. Schmidt; Planner K. Starzyk; Financial Services Manager H. Whymark; Marilee Littmann (Recording Secretary)

1. ADDITIONAL AGENDA ITEM

Added to the agenda were a presentation on Neighbourhood Watch and a statement regarding the Kindercare Achievement Centre and lease negotiations.

2. DELEGATION: NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

Terri Lee Ropchan, President of Neighbourhood Watch in Red Deer was in attendance to give a presentation on the Neighbourhood Watch program. The program works on the principal of neighbours looking out for each other and knowing what is happening on their block. It acts as a catalyst to get people talking and encourages them to get involved with their neighbours.

3. DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT

Director of Planning & Development, Tim Schmidt gave an overview of changes & revisions made to the development permit application form.

4. 50th STREET AREA REDEVELOPMENT PLAN

Planner Kim Starzyk gave an update of the progression of the proposed 50th Street Area Redevelopment Plan (ARP). Phase one of the plan, including inventory and analysis, general parameters outlined for ARP; boundary, transportation, servicing information, key stakeholders, and public consultation has been completed. Phase 2 – community consultation has also been completed with a good turnout of residents and ideas received. The final draft of the plan is expected in June, 2009 with another open house planned prior to the plan coming to Council for ratification.

5. DRAFT SIGN BYLAW

Planner Kim Starzyk presented the draft sign bylaw. An open house was held on May 6, 2009 with comments from the open house taken into consideration and changes to the bylaw made. It is anticipated that the bylaw will come to Council for first reading in June, followed by a public hearing.

ACTION:

- **Portable signs – revisit time limits proposed under bylaw for portable signs. Provide report back to Council on strategies in place for enforcement of the bylaw.**

6. SECONDARY SUITES

Tim Schmidt gave an overview of regulations for secondary & garage suites as well as applications received to date. The Land Use Bylaw was updated 6 months ago to allow these suites within the municipality. Currently, the suites are a permitted use in an R2 district and a discretionary use in all R1 and R5 districts. To date 3 applications have been received with an approved garage suite in an R1 district, a basement suite in an R5 district and an application pending for a basement suite in an R1 district.

7. RCMP INITIATIVES

Staff Sergeant Tim Gilbert was in attendance to report on initiatives being undertaken in 2009, being “Report a Drug House” and “Cyber bullying” and the success of these initiatives in 2008. Staff Sergeant Gilbert also reviewed the following:

- **Quads within Town limits: the RCMP does not feel that there is a problem with the use of quads and a small percentage of users are causing the noise and riding complaints. Feels education of the public to the rules is necessary**
- **Fireworks on July 1: The RCMP members believe that 1913 Days is a better venue for the summer fireworks display. Additional enforcement (outside of the normal for summer) is not required on this date.**
- **Vandalism: Officers believe that the passing of the new Community Standards bylaw will be helpful in assisting them to curb vandalism and other problems.**
- **Boating Enforcement 10 in 100: Would require cooperation from federal bodies to enforce. Suggests a no wake rule may be beneficial.**
- **Smoking in front of bars: Have not had complaints on this issue. Suggest revisit the idea of building smoking areas outside the back of the establishments.**

8. 1913 DAYS

Council received information on the activities planned for 1913 Days, June 12 – 14, 2009.

9. RECREATION INFRASTRUCTURE CANADA PROGRAM FUNDING

Council received information on the newly announced Recreational Infrastructure Canada Program. A review of the three proposed initiatives qualifying for funding under this program was discussed.

ACTION:

- **Send letter of intent indicating interest in applying for program. Revisit and recommend project for program prior to application deadline of June 19, 2009.**

10. KINDERCARE ACHIEVEMENT CENTRE

CAO Helen Dietz read into the record a factual statement regarding the Town’s relationship with the Kindercare Achievement Centre since 2001.

Clr. Ken MacVicar made a statement regarding comments he made further to the lease agreement negotiations. Clr. MacVicar apologized for the negative overtone of some of the comments and further said that his statement was a personal opinion, made out of frustration with the process, and did not reflect Council’s opinion on the whole.

Clr. R. Backs made a statement regarding his involvement with the lease negotiations to date and reflected his frustration with the process and the tactics taken in this matter.

11. COUNCIL REPORTS

Clr. J. Barnes: Reported that she attended the following:

- Chinook's Edge Brainstorming Meeting
- FCSS Board Meeting: May 21, 2009
- Mayor's Prayer Breakfast

Clr. R. Backs: Reported that he attended the following:

- Regional Wastewater Committee Meeting

Clr. L. Fiedler: Reported that she attended the following:

- Municipal Planning Commission: Regular meeting of May 19, 2009
- Heart of Town: May 12, 2009
- Sylvan Lake Lodge Foundation Meeting
- RCMP Building Sod Turning: May 25, 2009

Clr. K. MacVicar: Reported the following:

- Discussed Regional Governance around the Lake and advised of potential meetings he is scheduling with other municipalities

Clr. J. Payne: Reported that she attended the following:

- Municipal Planning Commission: Regular meeting of May 19, 2009

Clr. F. Peck: Reported that he attended the following

- Municipal Planning Commission: Regular meeting of May 19, 2009
- Plasco Initiative

Mayor S. Samson: Reported on the following:

- Building Canada Fund: 2 projects totaling \$5.8 million dollars were approved for Sylvan Lake
- Has made further calls to Minister Ady to see what the status is of funding for Centennial Park
- 50th Anniversary of the UFC in Sylvan Lake.

Meeting Adjourned: Time 8:25 p.m.