

**DISTRICT OF HIGHLANDS
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING**

Minutes of the Committee of the Whole Meeting held January 23, 2006 at Caleb Pike House, 1589 Millstream Road at 7:00 p.m.

PRESENT: Mayor Cardinal, Chair
Councillor K. Brotherston
Councillor Kadar
Councillor Mahovlich
Councillor Mendum
Councillor Williams

ABSENT: Councillor Fall

IN ATTENDANCE: Laura Beckett, Planner
Sandi Chesley, Administrative Assistant

1. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

MOTION NO. 32/06

MOVED BY: COUNCILLOR KADAR

SECONDED: COUNCILLOR MAHOVLICH

THAT Council approves the agenda as circulated.

CARRIED.

2. PETITIONS AND DELEGATIONS

- a) Presentation from Mark McLaughlin, President
Crystal Meth Victoria Society

Mark McLaughlin, President of the Crystal Meth Victoria Society made a presentation to Council touching on why he started the society, the problems surrounding Crystal Meth, how it affects youth today and what Council and members of the community can do to help.

Mr. McLaughlin started the Society approximately 12 months ago. Today they have a website and have a task force of 100 volunteers. Crystal Meth is a white crystal like powder which is a highly addictive, toxic drug, inexpensively made from household products. The drug is targeted to kids, youths and young adults but can affect any age group. The Society made a presentation at Spencer School with great feedback from the students. Mr. McLaughlin stated that there are only five beds in Victoria to treat this addiction and there is a desperate need for more.

Mr. McLaughlin is requesting from Council that a letter of support be sent to the three School Board offices requesting that his society deliver presentations about Crystal Meth to all schools in the district.

UBCM has announced that there is a \$10,000 grant available for each municipality to apply for to help fight crystal meth in their area. Mr. McLaughlin is inviting Council to apply for this grant and to forward the proceeds to the Society's task force. Mayor Cardinal suggested to Mr. McLaughlin that he write a letter to Mayor and Council requesting a grant in aid which will be considered at budget time.

Mr. McLaughlin answered questions from Council and the audience. Council will send letters of support to the School Districts as well as apply for the UBCM \$10,000 grant to be given to the Crystal Meth Victoria Society Task Force.

3. OTHER BUSINESS

- a) Report from Municipal Planner, dated December 8, 2005
Re: Rezoning/OCP Amendment Application – RZ-01-05
Lot C, VIP76070, Sections 30 and 74, Highland District

The proponents, Keyvan and Mitra Shojania along with their representative Kerry Sutton were present. Mr. Sutton made a presentation to Council and was seeking direction on which way to proceed with the application. The proponents and Mr. Sutton answered questions from Council.

There was a round table discussion with various views and opinions noted.

Al Fokkema, 643 Southwood Drive spoke in favour of the development.

MOTION NO. 33/06

MOVED BY: COUNCILLOR MAHOVLICH

SECONDED: COUNCILLOR WILLIAMS

THAT Council defer consideration of the Rezoning/OCP Amendment Application, RZ-01-05 pending receipt of proformas for 13, 11 and 7 lot scenarios.

CARRIED.
(Councillor Kadar opposed)

- b) Report from Municipal Planner, dated January 12, 2005
Re: Letter from Dean Ford, dated November 28, 2005
- Family subdivision of 3290 Munn Road

The Planner provided Council with some policy background information. The applicant is requesting a 2 lot subdivision on an 8 acre parcel with the new lot being approximately 2 to 3 acres in size. 3290 Munn Road is zoned Rural 4 and is 8 acres in size. Minimum lot size in this zone is 30 acres.

There was discussion around rezoning the property with various views and opinions noted. It was the consensus of Council that staff draft a letter to Dean Ford explaining his options and inviting him to have an initial review with staff.

- c) Report from Municipal Planner, dated December 21, 2005
Re: Regional Growth Strategy "Interim Update Draft Project Charter"

MOTION NO. 34/06

MOVED BY: COUNCILLOR BROTHERSTON

SECONDED: COUNCILLOR KADAR

THAT the report and the Regional Growth Strategy "Interim Update Draft Project Charter" BE RECEIVED for information.

CARRIED.

4. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION NO. 35/06

MOVED BY: COUNCILLOR BROTHERSTON

SECONDED: COUNCILLOR KADAR

THAT the meeting adjourn at 9:30 p.m.

CARRIED.

MAYOR

ADMINISTRATOR