

SVW Road Committee Meeting Minutes

Call to order

The fourth meeting of the Road Committee was held at the Community Services Building on 7/11/17 at 7:00 pm.

Attendees

Committee Members: Matthew Sundal, Shirley Begg, Brian Fleming, Susan Cooper Parker and Jodie Grisdale.

Members not in attendance

None.

Approval of Minutes

Shirley Begg moved for adoption of the previous meeting minutes and it was unanimously approved.

Old Business

Shirley informed the committee that the Alberta Transportation meeting will take place on July 24th at a location and time to be determined.

New business

The current evening's agenda was focused on the Village Presentation for the AGM. Shirley stressed that the presentation needs to be aimed at telling residents; where we have been, where we are at and where we are going. The rest of the committee felt that the agenda that Brian Fleming emailed for the AGM was on track with that mandate. It also was succinct.

One change from the original agenda was adding more speakers instead of two. Matt Sundal and Brian would also have parts. This would dispel any perceived committee member prejudices for residents. Another was adding the items that we are going to stress during our government meeting. Jodie Grisdale reminded all that she will not be there for both the 22nd and 24th.

It was briefly discussed whether we needed to inform those with no prior exposure, of a possible 20-25 metre right of way or the height of a proposed new bridge. Shirley raised a concern that in the Terms of Reference it says during construction the crews will be working 12 hour days for six days a week. Brian and Matt did not have an issue with this work schedule as it seemed pretty typical. However, all these facts were deemed to be premature to present to the Village as they could change depending on what government tells us in our meeting on the 24th.

Next came a discussion of whether any visuals were needed. It was decided that the HWY 40 Mosaic not be shown in the presentation. The HWY 40 Detail plan schematic that shows the current proposed location of the new bridge was deemed important. We would not pass it around but have it to show those who are interested. This should be on the website and it was decided that the Executive Summary of the HWY 40 Functional Planning Study should also be on the website for residents. This way we can direct individuals there for more information.

Susan Cooper Parker wondered if we would have a presentation run through at the next committee meeting. The answer was no. Brian emphasized that no one will interrupt each other during the presentation. Matt agreed unless something was flagrantly incorrect and Susan stressed that we need to keep to our time allotments. Brian also volunteered to bring paper and pencils so that residents could write down their questions or comments, as we will not be taking them during the presentation but afterwards. Everyone considered this to be in everyone's benefit as if we ran over time we could assure residents that ALL their concerns were still being considered.

Jodie asked whether we needed to collect emails at the AGM in order to communicate with the residents. Matt said the email addresses must go through Sharon Plett and that if a resident hasn't given her their address then we would hope others in the community would share information with them.

With regards to our future Cochrane government meeting, Shirley repeated the need to get a firm commitment for future meetings from the government attendees and establish a working relationship with them. Then she wanted clarification on the council's position towards sidewalks. Matt assured her that Council wants trails made of grey shale, not concrete or asphalt.

This conversation resulted in a tangent about curbs, safety and traffic calming. Brian brought up NOVO cams and Matt thought there might be a population limit of needing at least 10,000 people to have one. Then Susan said when we got to that point we would just start going down a list of traffic calming devices that we could get approved by Alberta, because we cannot count on the Sherriff or the RCMP to keep our residents safe. She believed that once we got assurances from Transportation that Social Impacts will in fact be reviewed, we could get all of our concerns considered for a new study.

Next steps were reiterated. Shirley, Brian, Susan and Matt would work on their respective presentations at the AGM. Jodie would contact Sharon for website posting of Executive Summary and the HWY 40 Detail schematic of the bridge location.

It was decided that our next meeting would be on July 20th at 7:00 pm at the Community Services Building and would focus primarily on the Government Meeting and the concerns of the Village. The following meeting would be on August 2nd as we would need to meet quickly after our government meeting to discuss the findings and actions to be taken. The meeting was adjourned at 8:10 pm.

Susan Cooper Parker

7/20/17

Secretary

Date of approval