

**Wilderness Common Advisory Committee
General Meeting 001
Minutes**

Date: May 10, 2007

Time: 7:00 PM

Location: Lakeside Recreation Centre, Lakeside

Present: Philip Cochrane, Alan Kitz, Lorne Logan, William Matheson, Susan Smith, Dusan Soudek, Conc. Reg Rankin, Peter Bigelow, Doug Branscombe, Jan Skora

Regrets: Darrell Cooling, Michael Lamplugh, Kelly Morrissey, Blake Maybank, Jane Sears

1.0 Introduction of the Wilderness Common Advisory Committee

Presentation of Wilderness Common Advisory Committee (WCAC) members and staff associated with this project. Brief outline of representation and association with the area community groups and communities. Recommendation proposed by Philip Cochrane that date and time of the next meeting will be discussed after presentation of WCAC members. Recommendation accepted. It was determined that the next meeting will be on June 18, 2007 in Otter Lake Recycle Facility at 7:00 PM. The date and time will be confirmed after confirmation of the available space in this location. It was also recommended by Committee members that future meeting will not be longer 1.5 hours. The request was also made that a list for all community members will be prepared and distributed by staff.

2.0 Background of the Project

The general background of the project was presented by Peter Bigelow. The presentation included review of the large regional planning initiative which will have an impact on Wilderness Common and boundary of the future Master Plan. The particular attention was made to regional traffic requirements in the area of the Western Common, needs and opportunities associated with Ragged Lake Business Park, integrated planning initiative for public land in area of Chebucto Peninsula, Otter Lake Recycling facility and land acquisition in area of Western Common.

Following this presentation Peter Bigelow initiated discussion about a potential boundary of the planning study. It was general agreed that the planning boundary will generally include the Wilderness Common designation of the Western Common. However, in case the primary objective of the Wilderness Common can be significantly impacted or compromise by the adjacent uses the analyses and recommendation of the planning process may extend into the abutting areas.

It was requested by committee that a hard copy of the "Conceptual Land Use Plan for Western Common" prepared by EDM in 1999 will be made available for each community member.

3.0 Determination of the main purpose and role of the Committee

General discussion between staff and Committee members about purpose and role of the Committee. Peter Bigelow summarized the general role of the Committee in the planning process for Wilderness Common. The main objectives of the committee will be to provide assistance on the following issues;

- vision for Wilderness Common area
- vision for Day Use Parks located in the Common area
- ATV issues
- larger scale planning initiatives
- land ownership
- future of the Drysdale Bog
- a landfill site
- Wind Study impact

The final description of WAAC role and function will be presented by staff before next Committee meeting.

4.0 Determination of structure and level of engagement of the Committee in the planning process for the area of Wilderness Common

It was proposed by Conc. Ranking and accepted by Committee that at the next meeting a chair and Vice-chair will be elected to coordinate work of this Committee. The recommendation was accepted.

5.0 Next meeting

As recommended and accepted in the first part of the meeting the next meeting is proposed for June 18, 2007 in Otter Lake Recycle Facility at 7:00 P.M.. Location and time will be confirmed by staff before the meeting.

6.0 Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 9:15 P.M..