

**Western Common Wilderness Advisory Committee
General Meeting 003
Minutes**

Date: July 30, 2007

Time: 7:15 PM

Location: Lakeside Community Recreation Centre

Present: Philip Cochrane, Alan Kitz, Michael Lamplugh, Lorne Logan, William Matheson, Kelly Morrissey, Jane Sears, Dusan Soudek, Concillor Reg Rankin, Jan Skora(HRM), Doug Branscombe(HRM), Shayne Vipond(HRM)

Regrets: Darrell Cooling, Blake Maybank, Susan Smith, Peter Bigelow(HRM)

1.0 Approval of agenda and minutes of last minutes

The Western Common Wilderness Advisory Committee Minutes from June 18, 2007, Meeting 002 has been approved as presented. The proposed agenda of the meeting was approved as presented. No changes or additions have been proposed.

2.0 Information Items

a) Cemeteries

At the May 24, 2007 meeting of the Solid Waste Advisory Committee, Councillor Meade requested that issues of the Otter Lake Cemeteries located within Wilderness Common portion of Western Common will be evaluated by Western Common Wilderness advisory Committee.

The Archeological Impact Assessment Report was presented to WCWAC for review and discussion. It was also indicated that Mr. Wayne Rogers, resident of the area would like to manage at his own cost existing cemetery sites identified in this report. The WCWAC supported this initiative and indicated that the work will be limited to grounds maintenance and trash removal and all work will be coordinated with HRM property maintenance staff. It was also supported that Mr. Peter Bigelow, Manager Real Property Planning and HRM Legal Department will prepare a Memorandum of Understanding which will be signed by Mr. Wayne Rogers. The Memorandum will outline conditions and requirements of a care program of the identified cemeteries.

b) Westgate Development

The development issues associated with Westgate Development have been discussed at the Meeting 002. No further action is required at this moment.

c) Planning activity for Business Campus located in Western Common

It was agreed that all issues associated with development of this Business Campus will be discussed at the next WCWAC meeting in September.

d) Opportunities associated with development of Prospect Road Recreation Centre

It was agreed that all issues associated with development of Prospect Road Recreation Centre will be discussed at the next WCWAC meeting in September.

3.0 Wind Energy Master Plan planning methodology and potential impact on area of Wilderness Common

Presentation of the planning methodology and current status of the implementation process of this project was made by Shayne Vipond (HRM Planner). After review and discussion of the main points of the presentation it was concluded that a letter will be sent to the Western Region Community Council requesting that the implementation process of the Wind Energy Master Plan will not apply to Wilderness Common area until the planning process for Wilderness Common area will be concluded. The proposed delay of the implementation process of this Plan will allow for review of the potential impact of this infrastructure on the existing cultural, environmental and recreation values of this area.

4.0 Terms of Reference review and discussion

The new draft of the document was presented by staff for review. The revised version was also presented by Bill Matheson, Chair of WCWAC. It was agreed that the final adjustments to this document will be coordinated and finalised prior to the next meeting.

5.0 Western Common Needs Assessment planning process

The Western Common Needs Assessment Report was distributed to all members of the WCWAC prior to the meeting. It is expected that all members of WCWAC will review the document before staff presentation of this document at the proposed second WCWAC meeting in September.

6.0 Exploration of waterways in area of Western Common by canoe

It was proposed by Dusan Soudek Vice Chair of WCWAC that a canoe trip will be organised to primary waterways located in area of Western Common. The primary objective of this trip will be to evaluate current recreation values of the major waterways located in area of Wilderness Common. The coordination of this trip with members of the WCWAC will be done by Dusan Soudek.

7.0 New Business and date for next meeting

It was proposed by WCWAC members that the next meeting will take place in Lakeside Community Recreation Centre. The proposed dates are September 10 and 26, 2007. The time and location will be confirmed by staff. No new business was identified.

10.0 Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 9:00 P.M..