

an open dialogue about the **future** of our community





KAMPLAN ADVISORY COMMITTEE 2014-2016

PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT 101

May 15, 2014 3pm – 5:30pm DES Boardroom Development & Engineering Services 105 Seymour Street





OUTLINE

- Introductions (new member)
- Committee Purpose/Role Refresher
- Where we are now and next steps
- Introduction to Vince Verlaan
- Public Engagement 101 with Vince Verlaan
- Questions/Comments
- Next Meeting



COMMITTEE PURPOSE

An integral part of Official Community Plan (OCP) process, serving as a community sounding board throughout the process

Members will:

- Communicate as a team to maintain the integrity of the process and project timelines;
- Encourage a balanced forum for discussion on future growth;
- Objectively review planning considerations;
- Represent all individuals and families that the City serves;
- Listen to all viewpoints to ensure issues have been fully discussed;
- Provide updates to Council throughout the project;
- Comply with all City, provincial, and federal guidelines and regulatory and legislative requirements; and
- Apply a sustainability lens, considering economic, social, and community development and environmental stewardship.

In their work, Committee members may be informed by the public and benefit from the respectful and informed exchange of ideas with the community.



KAC ROLE: PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT

KAC Terms of Reference:

- Providing advice and support for an effective
 community engagement strategy and related activities,
 helping to ensure broad and diverse input from citizens
 during the review and update that aids policy development
 and decision making
- •**Reviewing** the Public Engagement (PE) Strategy and associated materials prepared and presented by project staff



SPEAKING WITH MEDIA

Comments in Public or to the Media

- Committee members should refer all questions/inquiries from media or other parties to the Chair or City Staff, and hold in confidence matters discussed at committee meetings.
- When speaking in public or to the media on an issue, the Chair must distinguish
 whether they are speaking as a member, a representative of another agency or
 community group, or as an individual. The Chair must convey the public interest and
 remember that he/she represents the Corporation of the City of Kamloops.
- Typically project progress and key milestones are shared with the media/public rather than discussions had, decisions made and feelings shared during Committee meetings.



Where we are/Next Steps

Purpose of Presentation:

- Lead in to development of PE Strategy
- Solidify objectives of PE and target audiences

Required PE Per Local Government Act

One or more opportunities the local government considers appropriate for consultation with persons/organizations /authorities it considers will be affected

Public Hearing (before adoption by Council)



Where we are Today:

- Spent some time getting to know each other
- Increased comfort level with the community planning process and Official Community Plans
- Discovered KAMPLAN through the years and have begun a discussion on where we are today as a community covering a variety of topics
- Lots of work ahead!



- KAC to help solidify objectives of the PE Strategy and target audiences (this will help steer the direction of the Public Engagement Strategy formulated by staff over the next month)
- PE Strategy includes <u>3 formal phases</u> of PE along with ongoing opportunities throughout the project...
 - 1. Setting the stage: educating, raising awareness, promotion and preliminary input on where we are today and issues/challenges
 - 2. Review of alternative land use scenarios and potential goals/policies for each KAMPLAN section based on input received from first PE phase and technical discussions
 - 3. Review of draft plan
- PE strategy will be sent to KAC in advance of subsequent meeting for review. The June meeting will be geared to discussing the strategy, making tweaks and ultimately getting KAC endorsement of it.
- Staff to begin prep. of materials/scheduling etc. for the upcoming public engagement phase (inclusive of remaining background reports)
- KAC meeting to review all materials, format etc. and ensure we are ready to begin first formal phase of PE
- When ready, staff will prepare a report to Council identifying our progress thus far and request their support for commencement of PE



- ✓ 20+ yrs of experience in PE
- ✓ Facilitator
- ✓ Educator
- ✓ Communications support
- ✓ Engagement policy development
- ✓ Staff training
- ✓ Public speaking
- ✓ Award Winner



- Agenda
- April Meeting Minutes
- Powerpoint Presentation
- Stakeholder List
- Draft PE Objectives

Website:

http://www.city.kamloops.bc.ca/kamplan



NEXT MEETING

MEETING 5 – June 26?

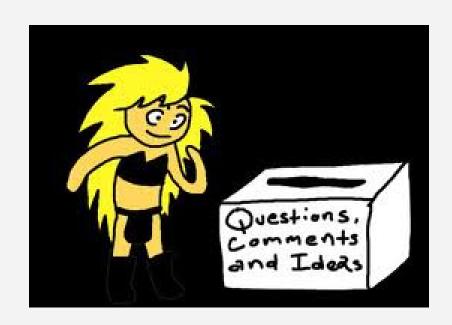
PE (Let's Ta!k) Strategy Review –
 potential workshop

MEETING 6 - Aug. 7?

 PE (Let's Ta!k) format and engagement material review – potential workshop



QUESTIONS/COMMENTS



"There are no foolish questions, and no man has become a fool until he has stopped asking questions" – Charles Proteus Steinmetz



Sustainable Kamloops Plan (SKP): Foundations for Sustainability (2010)

"Balancing the integrated goals of economic prosperity, social well-being, and environmental stewardship..."





PROCESS TIMELINE REVISITED...

