

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE
KAMPLAN: OFFICIAL COMMUNITY PLAN ADVISORY COMMITTEE
HELD ON THURSDAY, APRIL 14, 2016, AT 3:00 PM
IN THE DEVELOPMENT AND ENGINEERING BOARDROOM,
DEVELOPMENT AND ENGINEERING SERVICES, 105 SEYMOUR STREET

RECOMMENDATION:

For Council information only.

HIGHLIGHTS:

- **Members reviewed the draft Community Vision and Values based on public input from Let's Talk Phase 1 and the draft land use scenarios and policy directions in advance of Let's Talk Phase 2 of the KAMPLAN Review and Update.**

PRESENT: T. Dolman, Public Member, Chair
D. Dudy, Councillor
A. Aldrich, Youth Member
T. Bennett, Kamloops Natural Areas Advisory Committee
B. Dieno, Kamloops and District Chamber of Commerce
N. Gales, Public Member
B. Gatien, Canadian Home Builders' Association Central Interior
J. Green, Social Planning Council
J. Locke, Community Planning Supervisor, City of Kamloops
C. Mazzotta, Community Planner, City of Kamloops, Recording Secretary
C. Carrelli, Planning Analyst, City of Kamloops, Recording Secretary

REGRETS: A. Singh, Councillor
D. Friesen, Public Member

GUESTS: C. Kabloona, Resident of Kamloops
A. MacLaren, Resident of Kamloops

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 3:05 pm.

2. Introductions

C. Mazzotta, a new City staff member was introduced. Members offered a round of introductions.

3. Agenda

Moved by B. Dieno, seconded by J. Green, that the agenda be approved as presented.

CARRIED.

4. Minutes

The minutes of the February 25, 2016, KAMPLAN Advisory Committee meeting were received for information.

5. Nomination and Election of KAMPLAN Advisory Committee Vice-Chair

In advance of the meeting, members were advised that a Vice-Chair should be elected from the membership to satisfy a legislative requirement for Council committees.

Members were invited to volunteer for the position. B. Dieno was the sole committee member to express an interest in serving as Vice-Chair.

Moved by B. Gatien, seconded by N. Gales, that B. Dieno be appointed the Vice-Chair for the KAMPLAN: Official Community Plan Advisory Committee for the duration of the Committee's existence.

CARRIED.

6. KAMPLAN Status Update and Overview of Upcoming Activities

The committee was given an update on the status of the Official Community Plan (OCP) (KAMPLAN) review and update project. In March and April 2016, Planning staff held group meetings with an internal Staff Working Group and a Technical Working Group, which consists of senior City staff and key external stakeholders. These meetings were to review and discuss the initial draft policy directions and two land-use scenarios for managing future growth that were being considered for the OCP.

Following these meetings, Planning staff held several one-on-one discussions with working group members to clarify issues raised during the previous meetings. The draft land-use scenarios and policy directions will be presented to stakeholders and the public during Let's Talk Phase 2 in the Spring/Summer of 2016.

The committee discussed the public engagement events being held during Phase 2, including self-facilitated OCPizza Nights, public roadshow events, stakeholder meetings, and a youth engagement activity with art students at South Kamloops Secondary School (SKSS).

The OCPizza Nights are self-facilitated "deep-dive" workshops where participants review, discuss, and provide feedback on two land-use scenarios and policy directions as a group. These sessions are open to neighbourhood associations, service clubs, youth groups, and any other interested community groups. Groups self-select a member to attend a training session with Planning staff on how to facilitate the OCPizza Night. Groups are provided with pizza vouchers for participating. Details about the OCPizza Night and how to get involved will be available on the City's website in late May 2016.

Public roadshow events will be held in June 2016 at three locations: Aberdeen Mall (June 4), Northhills Mall (June 18), and the Farmers' Market (June 11). The roadshow events during Phase 1 were well received by the public, and the goal is to build on this success. Committee members noted that these roadshow events will provide a good opportunity to capture feedback from a high number of residents and to promote the City to tourists.

A youth engagement event is planned on April 20, 2016, at South Kamloops Secondary School for a class of 25 art students. Planning staff will give a short presentation about community planning and why it is important and will facilitate a visioning exercise on what the students aspire for the future of Kamloops. In addition, Planning staff will introduce ten OCP topic areas that address key issues related to land use, transportation, environment, community health, and economic development. The purpose is to inspire the students to create art based on their ideas as well as the key themes raised during the event.

Some of this art will be displayed at the public roadshow events in June, and images may also be used in the updated version of KAMPLAN. Committee members suggested that in addition to the youth engagement event, the Community Planning team might consider presenting to TRU students and senior citizens.

7. OCP and Secondary Plans Refresher

The relationship of the Sustainable Kamloops Plan (SKP) and KAMPLAN was discussed. Members inquired as to Council's intent on the value of the SKP in relation to KAMPLAN. Planning staff noted that the SKP is a foundational, visioning document with specific objectives and measures under 16 different component areas. The greenhouse gas (GHG) targets within the SKP will be used within the updated KAMPLAN in order to address the legislative requirement within the *Local Government Act* to include GHG targets and actions in the OCP. The SKP will be thoroughly reviewed as part of the policy review and development process.

8. KAMPLAN Let's Talk Phase 2 Key Items

The committee reviewed the draft Vision and Values, discussed how the OCP and secondary plans work together, and reviewed the two proposed land-use scenarios. The two proposed land-use scenarios are Status Quo and Balanced Infill/Greenfield. The Status Quo scenario involves managing land use and growth as currently outlined in KAMPLAN. The Balanced Infill/Greenfield scenario proposes higher density growth in the City Centre, North Shore Town Centre, Tranquille Market Corridor, and other neighbourhood centres in the City. Both scenarios consider residential, commercial, and industrial growth and will be used to provide direction on new policies and infrastructure that may be required to accommodate each pattern of growth.

9. Recess

The meeting recessed at 5:00 pm.

(C. Carrelli left the Development and Engineering Services Boardroom at 5:00 pm.)

10. Reconvene

The meeting reconvened at 5:20 pm.

11. Group Activity to Review Land-use Scenarios and Draft Policy Directions

Land-use Scenarios

Members preferred the Balanced Infill/Greenfield Scenario over the Status Quo. Key comments included:

- Efforts and policy need to support a wide range of citizens;
- To achieve the Community Vision and Values developed based on public feedback in Phase 1, we have to make some tough choices in the short term that will give us a higher quality of life in the long run;
- Health and sustainability principles support the Balanced Infill/Greenfield model of increased walkability and connectivity;
- Do not underestimate the potential for redevelopment in the northwest sector of the City;
- Provide incentives to developers to promote density and infill;
- Be mindful of the many reasons why people choose different neighbourhoods (location, climate, affordability, etc.); and
- To meet GHG targets, there needs to be higher density in the City's core but also complete neighbourhoods to reduce time spent commuting.

Members requested that available statistics and data from Sun Rivers be separated out for review.

Topic Areas and Draft Policy Directions

Some key comments under the respective topic areas included:

- Land Use and Development:
 - landscaping should suit the natural landscape (e.g., xeriscaping);
 - City should ensure existing homes are not adversely affected when new parcels are developed;
 - Garden and carriage suites should be permitted in all zones;
 - Ensure suites are legal and have access to transportation;
 - Ensure mixed-use development comes with pedestrian-friendly infrastructure (e.g., sidewalks)
- Infrastructure - charge development cost charges (DCCs) in new growth areas only;
- Transportation - strong desire from committee members to develop more bike lanes and improve connectivity;
- Housing - tax exemptions for affordable housing shift cost to the taxpayer;
- Community Well-being - neighbourhood associations are a vital resource that can be utilized more frequently; and
- Health and Safety - City needs to work with the province to mitigate fire risk by removing beetle kill and clearing excess brush behind homes on periphery.

12. Round Table

No round table items were discussed.

13. Next Meeting

The next KAMPLAN Advisory Committee meeting will take place after Let's Talk Phase 2 has concluded and a summary public input report has been completed. A date will be determined in May.

14. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 7:05 pm.



C. Carrelli, Recording Secretary
Planning Analyst



T. Dolman, Chair

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