



**SUSTAINABILITY STEERING COMMITTEE
MINUTES – MAY 4, 2009
TOWN OF CARSTAIRS – 6:00 pm**

ATTENDEES:

Ray Cairns, Bryan Derkson, Anne Strilchuk, Nellie Trottier, Natasha Fisher, Amelia Naismith, AECOM Planners Sue Sanderson, Lorene Archdekin
Sustainability Coordinator Jan Thompson.

ABSENT: L. Lefsrud, M. Pound, B. Clark, D. Herman, M. Ratz, S. Stiles, Al Molnar

OVERVIEW OF PUBLIC WORKSHOP APRIL 22, 2009:

- We had snowy weather and an NHL play off game to contend with but we had 18 residents come out for the workshop.
- AECOM Senior Planner Lorene Archdekin gave an overall explanation as to why the town of Carstairs was formulating a Municipal Sustainability Plan and the grants associated with Sustainability.
- J. Thompson reviewed action items that Sustainability Committee had brought forward and where we were to date as far as the Municipal Plan.
- AECOM Engineer Mina did a presentation to the public educating them on the necessity to practice sustainability in our community.
- We had one complete family come to the workshop to participate
- There were two babysitters in place for any children that may come with parents and we had two under 5 that were in attendance.
- There were centres set up for the first three pillars of Sustainability and people had to choose to participate in Cultural, Social or Natural Environment. After a short break, they rotated through the remaining pillars; Economic, Governance or Built Environment, giving their ideas and action items for the "Descriptions of Success" in terms of achieving a Sustainable Community in 20 years.
- Mark Laycock from the Courier was present to interview participants and take pictures of the process that night.
- There were some positive comments and emails after the workshop. One comment was that they did not know that they had so much to contribute and appreciated the opportunity to do so at the workshop.



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REVIEW AND CONFIRM VISION STATEMENT:

-There were no changes to made to the vision statement

"Keeping our eyes on the horizon, while co-operatively building a sustainable diverse and vibrant community whose roots are grounded in our founders' successes"

APPLY A TIME FRAME TO ACTION ITEMS:

-The committee was able to prioritize action items for Social, Culture and Natural Built Environment but recessed the meeting and set an additional date for Thursday May 7, 2009 at 3:30 pm where the committee will complete the prioritizing the action items for Governance, Economics and the Built Environment.

NEXT STEPS/TECHNICAL REVIEW

- After May 7, 2009 the technical review will be completed where by all the action items will be given magnitude of costs and a suitable time of completion.
- This will then be taken back to the Sustainability Committee for review on May 19.
- A presentation to Council of the draft Sustainability Plan will be June 8, 2009
- A Public Open House is scheduled for Thursday June 11, and will be advertised for more comments or additions to Municipal Sustainability Plan.
- Final presentation to Council will be June 22, 2009.

OTESHA PROJECT – Coming to Carstairs!

-Otesha Project contacted J. Thompson from the sustainability website this past week. The organization is Canadian and they are a Youth Group who travel by bikes across Canada covering 3,000 km to do a dramatization of sustainability and how to preserve our resources. They will be cycling into Carstairs on Tuesday May 12th and will perform for Carstairs Youth and Residents in Memorial Park at the Gazebo from 5:00 pm – 6:00 pm. The town is giving them the campground to stay over night.



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A service group in town has been approached to see if they would be able to organize a BBQ over at the campground for their supper and the Carstairs Golf Course has graciously offered to have them come for breakfast on Wednesday May 13th. They will leave and head on to Edmonton stopping at varied locations promoting sustainability in the communities.

NEXT MEETING DATE: May 7, 2009 at 3:30 at the town office Board Room.

ADJOURNMENT: Meeting of May 4, 2009 was adjourned at 8:13 pm

J. Thompson, Sustainability
Coordinator