

**LAND USE PLANNING
COMMITTEE MEETING
MARCH 13, 2006
1:00 P.M.**

Present:

Water Wolf: Russ McPherson, Denise Stroeder

Mid Sask CFDC/REDA: Bill Matlock, Fred Baran, Jim Tucker, Michelle Hooley

Sask Ag & Food - Irrigation: John Linsley, Garth Weiterman

Sask Ag & Food - Agri-Business Development: Bill Kowalenko, John Ippolito

Sask Watershed Authority: Collin McGuire, Jeff Olson

City of Saskatoon - Rob Court, Planning Consultant - Doug Daniels, Prairie West Regional College - Elaine Ebenal, Sask Tourism - Ian McGilp, South Sask River Irrigation District - Greg Stranden

Meeting called to order by Russ McPherson at 1:10 p.m.

After introductions, Russ showed a Water Wolf presentation to inform everyone as to what Water Wolf is about.

Fred Baran:

- Worked for Department of Natural Resources - Planning Branch/Park Super/Conservation Officer
- Integrated land use planning
- Gov't criticism - didn't follow through on land use plans
- Without sound planning - problems begin to arise and then gov't gets involved
- Planning was typically done on Crown lands
- Door is open for communities/partners to take a lead hand in planning
- Easier to go to gov't to get them to listen
- Better chance for core group to convince local landowners to buy in
- Look at area considered for planning district
- Goals, opportunities, problems
- Mission statement
- Map these areas, develop guidelines
- Environmental standards, neighbours
- Investors know parameters and are not coming into area blind
- Areas, rules, people to contact

Jeff Olson:

- Follow through is critical
- This plan has to be the 'local peoples' plan
- Hope that gov't comes through with support
- SWA is looking forward to working with Water Wolf on this project

Ian McGilp:

- Manitou Plan - 3 RMs were asked to adopt guidelines for development outside of planning area

Fred Baran:

- Public was always key in planning process
- People are receptive to planning because Ag community is hurting
- Timing is right, long overdue
- One of best attributes is it brings all gov't agencies together
- Each gov't dept had to say what their mandate was

Jeff Olson:

- Lower Souris Plan
- Timeline for Water Wolf

Fred Baran:

- Timeline for Water Wolf for whole region - 4-5 years
- Pared down 2 years - detail/volume of info
- Amount of time you give the public for digesting information
- Develop issues → public add to it
- Refine, resolutions → public (mail-outs, radio, public meetings)
- Public could attend but couldn't speak at meetings
- Make it understood to local people that it will not infringe on their lifestyle

Ian McGilp:

- Manitou completed in 1996 - 10 year term before being renewed
- Annual meetings - first 4 years - no necessary changes
- 2000-2001 - things have come up that weren't provided for in the plan
- 20 items have come up - now that plan is being renewed - the relevant items are becoming an addendum to the plan

Russ McPherson:

- Fred, how do you define an area?

Fred Baran:

- Municipal boundaries - start with an area that's small enough that's a pilot for rest of Mid Sask region
- Make policies apply to rest of planning area
- You can always expand a plan but you can't shrink it without losing public support (bit off more than you could chew)
- Don't change overall plan - local input - add changes to it later - changing initial plan could create loopholes
- Plans - policy within gov't - policy that municipalities have to follow
- Zoned - total restriction - multiple use areas - less restrictive areas
- Not the same as Manitou
- Develop land use plan for specific area (using models that are already in place)
- Developed models cannot be used to cover another region (parts can be used)
- Beaver Creek to Danielson - irrigation - residential development on lower end

Ian McGilp:

- Likes Water Wolf plan because it's coming from people who live here
- Prior plans from gov't have been devised to legitimize gov't goals (resource extraction/timber harvesting)
- Gov't is restricted by mandates before they even get started

John Linsley:

- What area would we be looking at?
- Buy in from political level/regional assets/balance

Fred Baran:

- Political dept's have GIS info
- We need advisory people and GIS info
- Once we have the plan, we submit it to gov't so it can become policy

Jim Tucker:

- At our Strategic Planning session 2 years ago, we asked member to go back to their councils regarding regional planning
- High % came back with resolutions to go ahead with regional plan
- Federal funding acceptance - municipal acceptance, but not funding - no buy in from provincial gov't
- Provincial gov't - supply funding for community planner

- SWA - terms of reference for valley authority
- Have prov dept's sit around table

Jeff Olson:

- Is appetite there on RM basis to get people to behave a certain way on their own land?

Jim Tucker:

- 1st priority - proactive development
- Recreational development
- Tourism
- Lake Diefenbaker
- Whitecap

Russ McPherson:

- Appetite to pre-select areas for ILOs

Bill Matlock:

- Over-lay ILOs/tourism/development along river
- Proactive - guidelines

John Linsley:

- Area - Saskatoon South to Lake and both sides of river (8-10 RMs/1 RM wide)

Russ McPherson:

- Infrastructure

Fred Baran:

- ILOs/subdivision/irrigation
- Once the issues are raised - throw out all pros/cons regarding that issue

John Linsley:

- Get regional thinking out into public's minds to start getting buy in

Fred Baran:

- Get local people to explain to others as to why tourism corridor vs. heavy haul
- Public starts to see larger issue

Bill Matlock:

- Develop model within this area and it could fit elsewhere in the region
- Start with manageable area

Fred Baran:

- Opportunities that you haven't even thought of will pop up

Russ McPherson:

- If Denise has access to data sets, doing whole lake area would be doable

Jim Tucker:

- Sask Tourism and Resource Dept - possible shifting of funding resources from other projects to this project
- Beaver Creek to Danielson main focus

Fred Baran:

- Core planning team
- Set priorities
- Agendas

- Public issues
- Take list to the group
- Highways/network
- Tourism
- ILOs
- Residential development
- Send email out to group re: boundaries

Rob Court:

- City of Saskatoon - Main concern is water quality

Fred Baran:

- Start with 'white paper' - no agenda

Committee Members:

- Ian McGilp
- Collin McGuire
- Garth Weiterman
- Fred Baran
- Doug Daniels
- Greg Stranden
- John Ippolito

Meeting adjourned by Russ McPherson at 3:30 p.m.