

North Shuswap Incorporation Feasibility Study Group

Meeting: June 27, 2016: 1pm - Chamber of Commerce Office

Attendance: Jeff Tarry, Scotch Creek - Chair
Dean Acton, Scotch Creek
Jane Mastin - TRUE
Terry Underwood - TRUE
Dave Cunliffe, Celista
Jay Simpson, Lee Creek
Regrets: Craig Spooner, Lee Creek
Sherry Taylor, Celista
Don Tansem, Scotch Creek??
Bill Long, Scotch Creek

1. Introductions - Introductions to all at this first formal meeting of the NorShuIFS group.
2. Adopt Agenda - Agenda prepared by Jane Mastin, approved by all
3. Review Draft Operational Guidelines as distributed by TRUE.
 - The draft was read over and discussion took place on all matters. Relevant decisions are included here for the minutes. Please see the attached Operational Guidelines for topics of discussion.
 - **Purpose and Scope** - Discussion centered here regarding the understanding that this is a fact finding mission. The goal of this group and this process is to determine whether there is a viable opportunity for the North Shuswap as a whole, or portions of the North Shuswap to become incorporated.
It should also be noted that at this time, the CSRD or MCSCD has not provided any funding to this study, although the CSRD has agreed to dedicate some staff time to provide information and data to the consultants. In other words, this is a private study, initiated by the people of the North Shuswap, to answer the question: Is there any viable opportunity for all or some of the North Shuswap to incorporate?
Concerns expressed are that some members of the public will think this is just about developers wanting to get developments going. Other concerns are whether the taxes will rise. The reality is that we just don't know. This study is going to create a research document addressing servicing, population and economic characteristics of the Scotch Creek area. It's important to note that no decisions to incorporate will be made on the basis of this study.
Once this information is available, then there are still a number of steps required beyond this, including CSRD buy-in, Ministry of Community, Sport, and Cultural Development buy-in, more studies, and ultimately a referendum of the people.
 - OG point 4.1 - **Chair** - Motion to appoint Jeff Tarry as chair by Dave Cunliffe/Dean Acton. Approved.
 - OG point 4.2 - **Secretary** - Motion to appoint Jay Simpson as Secretary by Dave Cunliffe/Jeff Tarry - approved
 - OG point 4.3 - **Treasurer** - Motion to appoint the Chair as Treasurer by Jay Simpson/Dave Cunliffe - approved

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- OG point 4.4 - **Spokesperson** - Motion to appoint Dave Cunliffe as spokesperson by Dean Acton/Jeff Tarry - approved
 - OG point 4.5 - **Subcommittees** - none at this time
 - OG point 4.6 - **Decision Making** - Decisions will be made by consensus and if no consensus is reached a decision is approved with a vote of 50%+1. A quorum for this group is set at 4 board members.
 - OG point 4.7 - **Ex-Officio members** - Jane will email the CSRD to invite them to include CSRD Area F director Larry Morgan and also provide/appoint a CSRD staff to join us as ex-officio members. These members will provide us with important links and communication with the CSRD but will not have voting rights.
 - OG point 5.1 - **All meetings open to the public** is agreed. There will be time at meetings end to have questions and discussions from the public.
 - OG point 5.2 - **Public Involvement** - The meeting minutes will be available to the public by request by emailing the Chair (sold@JeffTarry.com). At this time a website has been discussed but not required.
 - OG point 5.3 - **Meeting Agendas** - will be provided to all board members prior to each meeting along with financials and relevant documents.
 - OG point 6 - **Open and Inclusive Communications** - Keeping the public informed about the process and results is important. This is a community initiative, broadly supported by residents throughout the North Shuswap. A website or Facebook page may be developed to provide community communications and feedback.
4. TRUE to provide update on research findings. Discussion and Recommendations
 - Jane Mastin and Terry Underwood discussed their work to date. Some preliminary research on the communities of the North Shuswap and was guardedly optimistic about the amount of research/information that is available. Now that this meeting is in place they will begin to work with the CSRD to define and access the needed data. Preliminary results may be available at the next meeting.
 5. TRUE conducted a visioning exercise with the meeting participants. The visioning question was: “Over the next 10 years, what are the top four changes/accomplishments that you would like to see happen in Scotch Creek”.
 - More local control and decision making
 - A strong local economy
 - Land use planning, adding more village developments, design control, growth and amenities
 - Tourism planning
 - Better servicing
 6. Other - no other discussions
 7. Next Meeting - August 8th - 1pm - Celist Hall Boardroom.
 8. Meeting adjourned: 2:38pm