

READ

Rosemount Expansion and Development Group

Meeting #2

January 12, 2014

7 pm Fisher Park School Room 112

Notes Final

Present: Barb Clubb, Bonnie Campbell, Carol Paschal, Emily Addison, Jeanette Rule, Linda Hoad (Chair/Interim Leader), Paulette Dozois, Karen Wright, Andy Billingsley, Blaine Marchand, Jennifer Birta, Jennifer McKenzie, Megan Therrien

Regrets: Richard Van Loon, Vicky Smallman, Katie Alexander, Emilie Hayes

1. Follow-up/go-forward action from Meeting #1 December 16, 2014 and other small meetings held Nov 25th and Nov 6th.
 - a. Name: It was agreed that based on the group voting, the new name would be **READ:** Rosemount Expansion and Development. **Linda Hoad** will ask Councillor Leiper to advise Councillor Tierney of READ developments since Councillor Tierney will likely be the new chair of the library board. It was stressed that the READ group really needs a confirmation or re-confirmation by the new library board of its capital priorities for the next four year term of Council. It was also stressed that the READ group sees its role as helping the library/city make the Rosemount improvements happen and that finally the READ work is really important because of the significant amount of development going on in the area.
 - b. READ Leader: Interim leader Linda Hoad announced that **Richard Van Loon** has agreed to be the new READ Leader/Chair. Everyone agreed that this was excellent news and thanked Linda for her work with Richard. It was also announced that **Elizabeth Whyte**, PhD candidate and daughter of Paulette Dozois, had agreed to work with READ as our action coordinator. This was welcomed also as excellent news. It was also agreed that READ needed a roles/responsibilities/jobs list (who does what) for the next meeting. This to be referred to the new Leader/Chair **Van Loon**.
 - c. Presentations: Barb Clubb advised that her presentation on inspiring library buildings of the world had been posted to the READ Google drive; the second presentation on Ottawa Public Library Buildings is still being revised; a series of photos of Rosemount (interior and exterior) and a slide deck on Grass Roots Advocacy by Government Relations consultant Huw Williams of Impact Public Affairs have also been posted on the drive. **Barb** will ask HUUW if he would be interested in providing READ with assistance/advice.
 - d. Rosemount 95th Anniversary: the comments and ideas from the community on the occasion of the 95th anniversary November 29, 2013 composed by area branch manager Ann Archer have been posted on the READ Google drive in the research folder; Linda Hoad invites people to add to the list of good ideas in the document.

- e. Potential partners and contacts: **Carol Paschal** and **Paulette Dozois** have prepared a list. Linda will post to the READ Google Drive.
- f. Rosemount Statistics: **Bonnie Campbell** is working on securing statistics from OPL management
- g. Planning Funds: it is still unclear what the total funds were available to the OPL for Rosemount planning (e.g. \$150,000 or \$500,000); how much of it has been used; what is the result and was any sent back and to where. Agreed that (**Hoad/Van Loon**) this item be referred to Councillor Jeff Leiper and his staff to investigate and that communication with Councillor Leiper should be copied to Councillor Catherine McKenney as she has been appointed to the OPL Board for a four year term. Other councillor appointments include Tim Tierney (recommended for chair), Marianne Wilkinson and Scott Moffatt for a total of 5 Councillors.
- h. Planning Data: agreed that to do effective planning READ needs access to the Environics data (possibly difficult to get because of ownership issues); GBS (Gross Building Statistics in Kitchissippi Ward; Development Applications ward by ward and; CDPs (Community Design Plans). **Linda Hoad** will also secure a copy of the very useful St Matthias Parish (555 Parkdale) Demographic Study which used 2011 Census data as well as National Housing Survey Data. It was noted that we needed to keep monitoring development issues and opportunities related to the Bayview Yards and the City Centre site though members of the group are not supportive of branch library services being moved to those locations. Linda Hoad will continue to pursue these working with Ian Cross the City's demographer.
- i. Communications and Planning: It was agreed that we need communication tools such as an "mandate", "elevator pitch", "Presentations for library board, groups, council etc" as well as a detailed communications strategy.
Barb Clubb, Bonnie Campbell and **Linda Hoad** agreed to work on the presentations pieces with Chair **Van Loon** and **Elizabeth Whyte**;
Paulette Dozois, Carol Paschal and **Jeanette Rule** agreed to work on the Communications Strategy.
 It was noted that a Rosemount Library project could be positioned as a project for Ottawa's 100th anniversary in 2018 or Canada's sesquicentennial celebrations in 2017 for which there might be capital grants (as in Canada's centennial in 1967).
- j. Documents and File Management: currently READ is using Google Docs but some (but not all) group members are having trouble accessing.
 Agreed to leave to **Chair Van Loon** and **Elizabeth Whyte** to determine if there are better solutions (e.g. Dropbox?)
- k. Communications with Ottawa Public Library: The next meeting is Wednesday January 28 at 5 pm at City Hall. The agenda and related documentation has not yet been posted. Agreed that **READ would have a representative(s)** attend to introduce READ to the board but not to make a presentation yet.
 It is not certain that the new citizen board members will have been appointed by January 28 but the focus of the meeting will likely be the approval of the 2015 draft Ottawa Public Library operating and capital budgets. The capital budget may make reference to

Rosemount.

- i. Touring Libraries: following up on discussion from December regarding touring the new/renovated OPL branches, **Linda Hoad** said she would do an email solicitation to make up a group or groups to visit such branches as Beaverbrook, Greely (new), Hazeldean, Emerald Plaza (major renovations) as well as Nepean Centrepointe, Cumberland and Greenboro (District Libraries) to see what has been done recently and what is possible. **Barb Clubb** will assist Linda drawing up schedules and routes for both guided tours and self-guided tours. Barb also indicated that if anyone was travelling to other cities (e.g. Edmonton, Winnipeg, Toronto, Halifax) and wanted to see some great new libraries, she would be happy to assist with contacts.
 - m. Friends of the Ottawa Public Library: **Barb Clubb** agreed to contact the Friends (FOPLA) to see how READ could become a member. FOPLA raises about \$400k each year for library materials, programs and improvements. The current president is Colin Plows.
 - n. Privacy: Some concerns were expressed about the availability of the READ mailing list. Agreed that this would be a topic for the next meeting.
Jeanette Rule to lead discussion.
2. Next Meeting:
Monday, February 9, 2015 subject to availability of Chair Van Loon.
Location TBA; likely to be 7:00 pm

Reviewed by Linda Hoad, Interim Leader/Chair

Approved Feb 9, 2015

Linda Hoad
Interim Leader