

EEC Committee Report - Sept./Oct. '07

Sept. 20, 2007

A response was received from Barry Milner regarding ground source heat recovery in the north. The message was forwarded to the directors and Sally. Sally agreed to forward the attached document to the Enerplex Committee liaison.

Sept. 21, 2007

Andy met with Jim Eglinski at City Hall to present the response letter from Geotility Corp.'s senior engineer regarding ground source heat recovery in the north. Jim stated that he and council understood that Roger Field's stance on ground source was only an opinion and that heating/cooling for the Enerplex was still under review. Andy also asked Jim about council's reaction to the partnership proposal and land transfer issue. Jim responded council seemed receptive to a formalized partnership but did not indicate what progress had been made on the issue. He also stated that some councilors were concerned that they had not been kept up to date on the status of the land transfer but claimed that if they had read their material they would have been apprised on what had transpired this summer. He then stated that Jim Rogers had been instructed to prepare a report on the proposed donation of the Visitor Info. Property.

Sept. 24, 2007

Andy contacted Jim Rogers to set up a meeting to discuss elements of the report. Jim was not in but a message was left.

Oct. 04, 2007

Andy called Jim Rogers again about a meeting as there had been no response to the initial message. Andy then met with Jim Rogers to discuss the report. It quickly became apparent that Jim had been attempting to determine whether the VIC would be relocated *at all* and if so, whether provincial grants would be available to assist with associated costs. Although Jim indicated that it appeared likely that the VIC would be moved he also expressed serious reservations about how suitable that property was for NEAT and how challenging the perceived obstacles would be to surmount. He encouraged NEAT to pursue identifying other possible locations with the City Engineering Department and approach council with a new proposal. He suggested a location bordering the south-west corner of Kamarlo Park which is currently being mapped out for a daycare centre. A location just to the south of that daycare would place NEAT on the north-west border of the park. Jim & Andy then convened to the Engineering Department where a discussion with Robert McGuire took place regarding available City owned property. Several potential sites were identified but the Kamarlo location appeared to be the most promising. It was agreed that Andy would work with Robert to identify NEAT's site requirements and map out potential locations for the EEC. Jim said that he would create a report of our meeting to present to the mayor & council indicating obstacles associated with the VIC location and recommending that other alternatives be examined. Later in the day Andy dropped off an "EEC property criteria" letter and some EEC PDF files to Robert. Robert will be examining the feasibility of placing the EEC on the aforementioned lot.

Oct. 10, 2007

Andy picked up an aerial map from Robert McGuire and briefly discussed progress on the land issue. Robert agreed to email Andy with a cost for the map. Jim Rogers was then contacted to arrange a meeting in order to mark potential sites on the map for presentation to the NEAT board.

Oct. 11, 2007

Robert McGuire sent an email to Andy that indicated the map was a donation from the City of FSJ. A thank-you email was sent to Robert and Jim Rogers was also thanked face to face. Sally & Andy met with Jim Rogers to discuss land options and mark them on the map. Three potential city-owned sites were identified as well as one school district possibility. Jim also discussed a "sustainable community" project that the city is involved in.

Oct. 15, 2007

Jim Rogers called Andy to drop by and pick up a short explanation of the "sustainable community" concept from his office.

Oct. 16, 2007

Sally, Sue and Andy attended Suncor's 50th Anniversary event at their office in Fort St. John. A one hour meeting with Tracey Wolsey (of Suncor Energy) and Lori Gammell (of the Suncor Energy Foundation) preceded the celebration during which time the EEC project was discussed. Suncor seemed to respond positively. Hopefully they will become a lead sponsor of the project.

