

City Council Meeting
Public in Attendance - Representing the “Rutland Task Force”
Monday, October 30, 2006 at 1:30 pm

Your worship, members of Council.

I would like to start out by saying it has been a great honor to serve as a member of the Rutland Task Force. I personally live in Rutland and have my business in Rutland and along with the rest of the Task Force believe Rutland is going to become an extremely prime area to work and live as the city expands over the coming years.

Our purpose since our first meeting in May of this year has been to help Rutland grow and clearly define a strategy to be a desirable place to live, work and play. To achieve this objective, our task force has been meeting regularly to compile a list of recommendations and actions to increase safety, accessibility and pedestrian-friendliness and to enhance the urban environment in the core of Rutland through re-development and urban design.

Through our meetings we have short-listed what we believe to be key strategies that will be instrumental in assisting the Rutland area fulfill the potential that we believe it has. However, as we are a very small representation of the community, it is at this time that we are seeking input and feedback from the rest of Kelowna to assist in refining our thoughts before formally presenting our recommendations to City Council.

We have compiled a survey which we are hoping will become a key tool for us to use and present to City Council to help guide future decisions concerning the Rutland area. We have launched this survey on a website at www.redeveloprutland.com. This survey will be available on the internet until November 30, 2006 and for those without internet access, paper copies are also available at my office at the Dreamscape Business Centre at #200 – 160 Dougall Road South in Rutland and from Gary Stephen in the Planning Department at City Hall. Completed surveys can be dropped off at the same locations. Accessing the survey online is definitely preferred because it will allow for immediate tabulation of feedback and statistics.

Our goal is to get people from all areas of Kelowna to participate. The more people that provide their feedback on the Rutland area through our survey, the better we will be able to define our objectives and recommendations to City Council. Ideally, we will hear from residents, business owners, developers, homebuilders and employers from throughout the City.

We are extremely excited about the guidance this survey will provide and we hope that people understand the importance of getting involved in this initiative.

Further questions regarding this survey or the Rutland Task Force can be directed to Jennifer Warawa at (250) 491-9667 or emailed to jennifer@dreamscapeservices.com.

NOTE:

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