

School District 5/City of Cranbrook/Key City Theatre Society Meeting  
September 26, 2013  
2:00 p.m.  
Cranbrook School District Board Office

In Attendance:

Rob Norum – Secretary-Treasurer, SD5  
Lynn Hauptman – Superintendent, SD5  
Chris Johns – Trustee, SD5  
Trina Ayling – Trustee, SD5  
Jason Tichauer – Principal, Mt. Baker Secondary  
Frank Lento – Board Chair, SD5  
Wayne Stetski – Mayor, City of Cranbrook  
Sandra Cave – Key City Theatre Society  
Gerard Gibbs – Key City Theatre Society  
Wayne Staudt – Chief Administrative Officer, City of Cranbrook

The Key City Theatre Programming Study Report by KMBR Architects Planners Inc., was released in June, 2013. The Report contains a budgetary estimate of building construction costs for various community theatre sizes assuming that the Key City Theatre (KCT) would be attached to the new Mt. Baker Secondary School (MBSS). The purpose of this meeting is to discuss next steps, fundraising challenges and where do we go from here. Preliminary discussions have been held with various government levels on the challenges going forward with different partnerships and the development of Key City Theatre as part of the new Mt. Baker Secondary School. Rob Norum, Secretary-Treasurer of SD5 gave a brief background on our efforts to date including:

- the process involved with the PIR (Project Identification Report)
- the capital project ranking process done by the Ministry of Education (MOE) and the factors that affect approval
- may be eligible for an additional 15% footprint if district had agreement with some local entity that would want to partner with school to benefit whole community i.e., NLC
- the need for further analysis of the Study Report due to estimated high building costs
- the need for further discussions with KCT Society to see where they are at with regards to funding
- the need for additional community partners
- fluctuating Cranbrook population projections between District and MOE
- MBSS's audit score of 52/100 for replacement; lots of factors affecting decisions i.e., seismic upgrades, NLC concepts; improvements to existing facilities

Where to from here Discussion:

- Focus on establishing partnerships between SD5, City of Cranbrook, and the RDEK as key players with commitments for a new Key City Theatre as part of the new Mt. Baker Secondary School and NLC concept
- pursue the NLC concept with the City of Cranbrook as key player

- KCT being a function of RDEK with a commitment from local partners
- Approach province after obtaining support from both local and federal governments
- Any money the City invests in the KCT will have to be borrowed; need buy-in from taxpayers through community consultation process; hard sell to public to borrow all 18m
- New Community Initiatives Grant Program (3-15m) for new capital projects; municipalities can come forward with their top 3 capital project priorities
- municipalities have to find first 1/3 of grant; project requests should be at table within the next 6 months; need to prove project is moving forward in order to apply
- if awarded 15m the City would still have to borrow 3m for total cost of KCT
- Combined cost of new KCT and school – \$55-60m (\$40-50 for school alone)
- Minister Fassbender visiting SD5 next month; partnership commitments may leverage our position in the ranking
- the need to have a conversation with RDEK soon
- the need to get preliminary numbers from RDEK to show how much for all municipalities; need KCT usage stats for the last 5 years
- the need to meet with and involve the MLA for his ideas on moving this forward; if he sees the strategy and commitment of local and federal governments and the RDEK that would be positive
- cabinet ministers have 20m each to spend on capital projects; not sure status of this in our region
- two week window before Minister gets here; need to act fast

#### Next Steps:

- Superintendent to schedule meeting with MLA, SD5 and City of Cranbrook before Minister Fassbender arrives (Oct. 15&16)
- Mayor Stetski will talk to Cranbrook City Council on Oct. 7 get support from council that this is one of their top 3 priorities
- there is no capital money for 2014; there will be money in 2015 due to LNG revenues (this could be an advantage) won't need money in 2014; even if we got approval today would not break ground for 6-9 months
- if the City was successful in obtaining the grant they still need to come up with initial 1/3 and that requires a lengthy community consultation process; 6-9 months to get through process
- need to work together to produce a successful grant application; this could be a regional priority if other municipalities also apply for same grant; political pressure; whole region would see the KCT and MBSS replacement as a top priority for this region; good idea to get RDEK involved; the more partners saying it is their priority the more political clout it has
- we need to consult with Mt. Baker Advisory Committee as they have different interests; need to advise them of direction we would like to take; community consultation important piece
- KCT using up NLC portion of this project- does this percentage disappear if we build KCT? need to find out if the cost is in the 15%; NLC contribution vs. actual footprint; if 18m is price of theater without NLC concept then it wouldn't impact - how much of the NLC center concept would be used up by KCT?

- MBSS Advisory Committee meeting – Wednesday, October 9 at 12:00 p.m. in Room 202 (staff room) – bring your own lunch – Gail to organize email to send out
- Mayor Stetski will call RDEK and David Wilks for an initial discussions
- Gerard Gibbs from the KCT Society to send KCT usage numbers to Gail

Meeting adjourned at 3:17 p.m.