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MEMBERSHIP

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Minutes of Concerned Walkerton Citizen's (CWC) Meeting 1 - June 7, 2000

1. Bruce Davidson summarized the background of group formation. The reason for the group's formation stems from the idea that the citizens of Walkerton would like to determine the factors which lead up to the E. coli tragedy in Walkerton. The group would like intervener status at the proposed public inquiry and to fully have the inquiry examine all contributing factors which lead up to the tragedy explored and specific recommendations made to prevent such a problem from ever occurring anywhere else again.
2. Chris Peabody summarized the immediate need for legal consultation due to the haste at which the terms of reference are being determined by the Conservative government.
3. Other concerns dealing with the E. coli outbreak were discussed. Questions asked included: Why the 6 - 8 week wait before the boil water order can lifted. Are their ways to expedite the cleaning? A question was asked about the number of teams that are assisting in the clean up and whether a more open line of communication could be opened up about issues. Dave Mullen volunteered to inquire about these issues and find more specific answers.
4. A specific concern was raised about a notice that was sent to Walkerton businesses regarding those which have hooked up alternative water sources. The notice indicated that anyone who has obtained an alternative water source will then be unable to hook back up into the public system when it is decontaminated. Ron Leavoy indicated he will bring this concern to the Chamber of Commerce and the Town Council.
5. There was a desire to lobby local officials about the above concerns. Specifically Walkerton representatives including Mayor Thomson, Wilf Lane and Dave Jacobi will be approached with these concerns by the following individuals: Dave Slosser, Todd Huntley, Stephanie Smith, Joan Weiler, Len Kraemer, John Weiler and Mac Campbell.
6. Bernie Range will approach the town about trying to dispel fears that affect the town. ie. Does the pool have to postpone opening until August? Can information be posted as it becomes known on the town website?
7. Richard Court indicated that he would look into the following: setting up a website for the group and designing the CWC logo.
8. The group expressed the need to be placed on the agenda for the Town Council Meeting on Monday, June 12 at 7:30 p.m.. The group will make a determination about this issue tomorrow.

9. The group then proceeded to brainstorm both the mission statement for the Public Inquiry and objectives for the inquiry. A list was made and a final statement was accepted by the group. The group also brain stormed and accepted the name of the group as being the Concerned Walkerton Citizens (CWC).
10. Len Kraemer indicated that a clergy member in Kincardine would like people to address the congregation to indicate how the E. coli outbreak has directly affected them. Some suggestions for people to address were made.
11. The question of media contacts was brought up and it was decided by the group that Bruce Davidson and Chris Peabody would continue to represent the group. In addition, Dave Mullen, Bernie Range and Todd Huntley also indicated that when needed they would serve as media contacts. With this in mind, Dave suggested asking Ted Greutzner to come and give media training to the group. This was readily accepted.
12. It was decided that a public meeting explaining the mandate and objectives will be held tentatively on Thursday, June 15 at 8:00 p.m.. The following individuals will be responsible for contacting the following media sources to notify of the meeting.
Walkerton Herald Times - Bruce Davidson
Radio, both Wingham and Owen Sound AM and FM radio - Joan Weiler
Flyers, Mike Murphy
Newspapers: Saugeen City News, Hanover Post, Sun Times and Grey Bruce Flyer - Todd Huntley
Press release - Chris Peabody
NOTE: numbers for information: phone Bruce Davidson 881-0884. Todd Huntley - 881-0456 and fax Ron Leavoy - 881-2643
Ron will also invite any local politician to the meeting.
13. Next meeting: Sunday, June 11, 2000 at 7:30 p.m..