

Meeting Notes
Bedford Waterfront
VIC Meeting

April 1st, 2009, Library, Bedford Junior High School

1. Meeting Notes from the Feb 25th meeting were accepted as written.
2. Tiffany Chase, HRM Communications, will be assisting Patricia Pegley for the Design Study project.

3. Ekistics was not represented at this meeting but Paul Morgan and Terry Drisdelle supplied the briefing. Ekistics wants to have their Bedford Waterfront Design Study initial public workshop on April 15th.

Pursuant to the briefing:

- a) Terry Drisdelle has supplied a copy of the Ekistics project timeline for distribution to the VIC. It has been forwarded separately.
- b) Paul Morgan has forwarded a copy of the weekly briefing notes provided by Ekistics to the project managers (Paul & Terry) to the VIC.

Paul and Terry will also bring our concerns with the questionnaire/survey to the consultants.

Paul will meet with Susan Corser, Tiffany Chase and the new web technician to Develop a communication strategy regarding the Design Study project

4. We asked that VIC members try and attend the 'Town Hall' meeting co hosted by Tim Outhit and Brian Lugar of the Bedford Community Council Association scheduled for April 2nd.

[Follow up: We were represented by at least six members and our (the VIC) overall efforts to date were recognized at the meeting]

5.a) John Merrick briefed the VIC on the Transit & Transportation Task Group meetings with Ekistics. His key points included: the need for motorized and non-motorized access to the waterfront venue; the preservation of the existing rail bed as a future transportation corridor; the fact that any railroad crossing overpasses for pedestrians would have to have a clearance of 7 meters above the rail surface in order to meet code/legal requirements; the HarbourLink terminus initially may be predominantly used by commuters going to and returning from work on the peninsula, however, we should not overlook the given potential for Haligonians and Dartmouthians coming by the HarbourLink to Bedford. The soon to be released Market study will inform this element of the overall business case for the HarbourLink.

5.b) The other two task groups will schedule meetings with Ekistics prior to the April 15th initial public workshop so as to be prepared for their roles at that event.

[Their meetings were held on April 8th, 2009 at the Tides social room]

6. As indicated in 3b above, we have some concerns regarding the survey/questionnaire proposed by the consultants as part of their project methodology.

7. Given Ekistics initial public workshop being scheduled for April 15th, we decided that we'd schedule our next VIC meeting then. We felt it would be better to see the outcome of that meeting before we schedule the next VIC. Darren Hirtle will make the arrangements following the meeting.