Divisional Futures & Community Relations Committee Minutes

Tuesday, April 24, 2012 – 11:30 a.m.
Conference Room, Admin Office

Present: P. Bowslaugh, Chairperson, J. Murray, K. Sumner Dr. D. Michaels

Guest: Ms. Sandra Couling, R.M. of Whitehead and
Mr. Reg Atkinson, R.M. of Cornwallis

1. CALL TO ORDER:

The meeting was called to order at 11:40 a.m. by Chairperson, Trustee Bowslaugh.

2. COMMITTEE GOVERNANCE GOAL ITEMS

A) **Meeting with Representative of City of Brandon Police Department.**

The Chairperson welcomed the representatives from the Rural Municipalities of Whitehead and Cornwallis.

Discussions were held regarding a number of topics of mutual interest to all concerned, including:

- The impact of possible military base closures across Canada on the Shilo Community;
- The receipt of a portable classroom for Alexander School to address increases in the school's population;
- The impact of water and wastewater services on the growth of rural communities;
- Various development pressures placed on growing communities;
- The PSFB process for building new schools;
- The financial benefits as well as drawbacks to growth in a small community;
- The flow of communications between rural municipalities and the Brandon School Division.

The Rural Municipality specifically inquired about the use of the Alexander School gym for municipal recreation programming. It was noted Alexander did not have a recreation department. Inquiries were raised about the use of the school facilities and the insurance coverage which would be required. It was confirmed gymnastics were prohibited in school gyms due to liability; however, most other community activities could be accommodated. The Committee agreed the matter would be recommended to the Facilities and Transportation Committee to review further.

Trustee Bowslaugh commented on several areas the school division was currently addressing with respect to increased classroom growth.

The Chairperson thanked Ms. Couling and Mr. Atkinson for their attendance at the meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 12:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

P. Bowslaugh, Chair	J. Murray
K. Sumner	M. Snelling (Alternate)