

GENERAL MEETING, DEC. 12, 2007  
Victoria Dojang

Attendance: Patricia Potter, Dave Wilkins, Zeke Petkovic, Tom Gougoulas, Pat Valente, Barry Benstead, Doug Gagel, Srdjana Ratkovic, James....., Mike....., Alison Williams

Josie Josten, representing the City of London, came to the club to discuss Forest City Tae Kwon Do Club's current and future status with the city. This specifically pertains to the "Purchase of Service" agreement through the Department of Recreation's *Spectrum* courses.

J. Josten explained that changes in policy for the *Spectrum* courses would come into effect for the Fall 2008; until that time FCTKD's present agreement would continue. FCTKD would have until the end of May 2008 to negotiate a new arrangement for the Fall programs.

Options for the club were discussed. J. Josten pointed out that in cases where the City provided the venue, the City may release the space and there would be no guarantee the club could rent the space before it was given to another group. If FCTKD or individual instructors booked the space and then approached the City, the club/instructor would then control the space. Also, it would not be permitted that students from the different branches could practice at all the different schools; they would have to stay at the school at which they are registered with the City. Also, through *Spectrum*, the City was looking to offer only Introductory programs. Any students wishing to continue their learning experience could sign-up for the same Introductory course again.

J. Josten stated that the City's position is that FCTKD has two options for the Fall of 2008.

Option #1: instructors go on the City Payroll.

Option #2: FCTKD must operate as a "Club" and book their own space.

D. Wilkins observed that FCTKD's club structure needs to be defined for effective communication with the City. Many of the various sports/clubs are operating differently and in their own way. There appeared to be a systemic misunderstanding of FCTKD as a registered, non-profit corporation.

After J. Josten left a discussion continued among club members. P. Potter noted that FCTKD should decide what it needed to do to move forward with negotiations with the City. B. Benstead stated he was unwilling to go on the City's payroll and was supported by Master D. Gagel. D. Wilkins stated that the City's current position seems dedicated to eliminating Martial Arts from the *Spectrum* courses entirely and that the Dept. of Recreation is following a profit-making approach to the courses that would remain. As understood by Club members this would be in conflict with the City's stated mission to provide opportunities for activities for those citizens who could otherwise never afford such activities through the available commercial clubs/services. P. Potter put forward,

supported by Master Z. Petkovic, that the minutes of our meeting be collated and that a letter be sent to the City's Head of the Dept. of Recreation. A meeting with Directors and Club Executives would be arranged with the Department Head in order to further negotiations. The letter was to be sent out within the next couple of weeks.

Meeting adjourned.