

Minutes of the *REGULAR BOARD MEETING* of the Regional District of Central Okanagan held at Regional District Offices, 1450 KLO Road, Kelowna, B.C. on Thursday, October 10, 2013

Directors

J. Baker (District of Lake Country)
C. Basran (City of Kelowna)
J. Edgson (Central Okanagan West Electoral Area)
K. Fielding (District of Peachland)
D. Findlater (District of West Kelowna)
G. Given (City of Kelowna)
W. Gray (City of Kelowna)
R. Hobson (City of Kelowna)
P. Hanson (Central Okanagan East Electoral Area)
D. Ophus (District of West Kelowna)
L. Stack (City of Kelowna)
G. Zimmermann (City of Kelowna)

Regrets:

C. Derickson, (Westbank First Nation)

Staff:

B. Reardon, Chief Administrative Officer
R. Fralick, Manager of Planning
C. Radford, Director of Community Services
M. Rilkoﬀ, Manager of Finance & Administrative Services
B. Smith, Communications
M. Drouin, Manager - Corporate Services (recording secretary)

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Hobson called the meeting to order at 10:55 a.m.

2. ADDITION OF LATE ITEMS

An addendum to the agenda was circulated adding 6.2 and 6.3

3. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

#190/13

STACK/BAKER

THAT the agenda be adopted as amended.

CARRIED

4. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

4.1 Minutes – September 23, 2013

#191/13

EDGSON/GRAY

THAT the Regional Board meeting minutes of September 23, 2013 be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED

5. CORRESPONDENCE

- 5.1 Okanagan Basin Water Board Report – October 2, 2013 (*for information only*)

#192/13

ZIMMERMANN/BAKER

THAT the Okanagan Basin Water Board report dated October 2, 2013 be received for information.

CARRIED

6. CORPORATE SERVICES

- 6.1 RDCO Transportation Demand Management Service Establishment Amendment Bylaw No. 1335, 2013, *1st, 2nd and 3rd readings (All Directors - Unweighted Vote)*

Staff report dated October 1, 2013 outlined the service review process by the Regional Board for the regional service of Transportation Demand Management. District of West Kelowna and the City of Kelowna have requested to be removed from the establishment bylaw in light of the development with all Central Okanagan local governments agreeing to participate in the Sustainable Transportation Partnership in the Central Okanagan.

#193/13

FINDLATER/EDGSON

THAT Regional District of Central Okanagan Transportation Demand Management Service Establishment Amendment Bylaw No. 1335, 2013 be given first, second and third readings and forwarded to the Inspector of Municipalities for approval.

CARRIED

- 6.2 RDCO Weed Control Service Establishment Amendment Bylaw No. 1333, *1st, 2nd and 3rd readings (All Directors - Unweighted Vote)*

Staff report dated October 7, 2013 outlined the requirement to amend the service establishment bylaw for the withdrawal of the District of West Kelowna from the regional services of Weed control effective December 31, 2013. The Board at its May 9, 2013 endorsed the withdrawal of West Kelowna from the service and identified the share in the reserve balance at the end of 2013.

It was noted that the District of Lake Country's raised the issue regarding if other partners wish to leave the service how would that occur. It was noted that this bylaw amendment is regarding the District of West Kelowna's request and that if other partners wish to consider leaving a service they would need to provide official notification to the RDCO and the Board would consider the request at that time.

The amendment bylaw reflects direction given to staff from the Board. Brian Reardon will address issues raised by Lake Country directly with Lake Country. The service remains the same for the other partners--the financial impact is negligible.

#194/13

FINDLATER/EDGSON

THAT Regional District of Central Okanagan Weed Control Service Establishment Amendment Bylaw No. No. 1333 be given first, second and third readings and forwarded to the Inspector of Municipalities for approval.

CARRIED

6.3 RDCO Noxious Insect and Pest Control Service Establishment Amendment Bylaw No. 1334, **1st, 2nd and 3rd readings** (All Directors - Unweighted Vote)

Staff report dated October 7, 2013 outlined the requirement to amend the service establishment bylaw for the withdrawal of the District of West Kelowna from the regional services of Insect Control effective December 31, 2013. The Board at its May 9, 2013 approved the withdrawal of West Kelowna from the service and identified the share in the reserve balance at the end of 2013.

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ZIMMERMANN/FINDLATER

THAT Regional District of Central Okanagan Noxious Insect and Pest Control Service Establishment Amendment Bylaw No. No. 1334 be given first, second and third readings and forwarded to the Inspector of Municipalities for approval.

CARRIED

7. COMMUNITY SERVICES

Environmental:

7.1 Regional District Water Systems and Fire Services – Community Works Funding (All Directors - Unweighted Vote)

Staff report dated October 1, 2013 provided an outline of projects identified for community works funding in the electoral areas including upgrades to the: Trepanier water system; Wilson's Landing Fire Hall; Joe Rich Fire Hall; Ellison Fire Hall; Falcon Ridge water system; and Sunset Ranch water system. It was noted that these funds are specific to electoral areas only.

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HANSON/EDGSON

THAT the Regional Board authorizes staff to proceed with the required proposal requests for water system and fire service projects as identified in the September 27, 2013 Proposal for Water System Improvements and Energy Efficiencies Utilizing Community Works Fund – Gas Tax Funding for 2013 and 2014.

CARRIED

8. PARKS SERVICES

- 8.1 UBC/RDCO Memorandum of Understanding and Lease Agreement - Woodhaven Nature Conservancy Regional Park (*All Directors - Unweighted Vote*)

Staff report dated September 26, 2013 outlined the Memorandum of Understanding between the RDCO and the University of British Columbia Faculty of Critical and Creative Studies regarding a partnership for an Artist-in-Residence program.

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BAKER/GIVEN

THAT the Regional Board approve a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the Regional District and the University of British Columbia (UBC) Faculty of Critical and Creative Studies forming a partnership in developing an Artist-in-Residence Program, and authorize the Board Chair and Corporate Officer to execute the MOU on its behalf;

AND FURTHER THAT the Regional Board approve the Lease Agreement with UBC over a specific portion of land and buildings located in Woodhaven Nature Conservancy Regional Park as shown on Schedule A of the Lease and authorize the Board Chair and Corporate Officer to execute the Lease agreement on its behalf.

CARRIED

9. COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS

- 9.1 Rise & Report – Grant In Aid Review Committee Recommendations

Staff report dated October 1, 2013 provided an outline of the review by the Board's Regional Grant In Aid Review Committee for the regional in aid program. A draft policy and application for were provided for Board consideration.

Committee Chair, Director Basran, addressed the Board noting:

- The Committee believed a major overall was not required, just minor changes;

- Last years' review of the application process went well, and the process is recommended to continue;
- Although the Committee discussed limiting a grant of no more than 20% of an organization's budget or whether there should be a cap on the amount of the ask, it was noted that this would cause difficulty for some organizations, particularly when the ask is for their one staff member to run the program.

Discussion:

- Should core funding be looked at for an organization that may fall under a current RDCO service? SPCA receives funding through dog control, Community Recreation Initiative receives funding through parks? It was noted that a new service would have to be created requiring an establishment bylaw or added to a current service if funding is to be provided outside the grant process.
- Should there be a longer term vision for organizations to fund themselves— that requests don't go on for ever and ever. Funding should not create dependency. If it's an on-going ask, is it really a grant in aid?
- Concern was raised regarding the increase in requests particularly social service agencies and questioned whether this is a download from provincial/federal governments. Should a question be added to the application, is this a service that should be funded by the Province/Feds? It was noted that it would not be fair to ask the applicant this question.
- Discourage a cap to the request--let the directors make their own decisions.
- Directors like the system where directors consider whether to opt in or opt out.
- The Board in the past has in advance of considering requests what the maximum amount of grant funds will be allocated in that budget year.
- Remove the question in the draft policy – “the amount of the grant cannot be more than 20% of the organization's annual budget” and add a question in the application. Is the amount of the grant request more than 20% of the organization's annual budget?
- In the application, remove the word “faith based” and change the question to, is your organization and its services open to all citizens?
- If full financial statements are not provided, the application should be rejected. State in the application a full financial statement is required to be submitted.
- It was agreed there is no further requirement for the Review Committee to meet.

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BASRAN/EDGSON

THAT the Regional Board approve the continuation of the regional grant in aid program;

AND FURTHER THAT the draft policy and application be referred back to staff to amend taking into consideration the discussion points raised today.

CARRIED

9.2 Rise & Report - Governance & Services Committee meeting of October 10, 2013

There were no recommendations for Board consideration.

10. DIRECTOR ITEMS

- a) Director Zimmermann noted that the tour of SIR facility in Osoyoos was a great experience—a world class facility. Thank you to SIR staff for a very impressive presentation.

It was noted that the Starling Control program bylaw will be coming forward shortly and that the BC Grapegrowers Association provide updates to the Board. Staff will confirm when the next update will be provided.

- b) CN Rail

It was noted that CN Rail has provided a Notice of Discontinuance of a Railway Line in the Central Okanagan. The rail will continue in the North Okanagan from Campbell Creek to Lumby. The remainder of the rail track may be abandoned. Directors Gray and Baker noted they are well aware of the issue in the City of Kelowna and Lake Country. Lake Country has it in their OCP as a transportation corridor but does not have it currently zoned. Kelowna assures they have the sole authority for zoning. Rails for trails discussion has occurred over the years. NORD is also well aware of the issues and are keen to keep it as a recreation network and transportation corridor.

#198/13

EDGSON/STACK

THAT the Regional Board direct staff to register the District's wish to preserve the corridor and in due course enter into discussion with other parties around this being of an inter-regional interest for a potential recreation/transportation corridor.

CARRIED

- c) Chair Hobson noted that correspondence has been received regarding a meeting to support the recruitment of family physicians. A copy will be forwarded to the Directors if they wish to attend.

11. ADJOURN IN CAMERA

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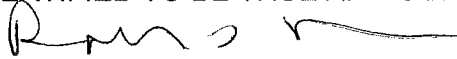
FINDLATER/OPHUS

THAT pursuant to Section 90 of the *Community Charter* the Regional Board adjourn and convene to an 'In-Camera' session to discuss an intergovernmental issue.

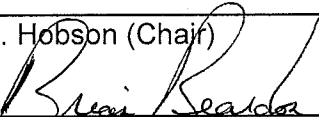
CARRIED

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 11:58 a.m.

CERTIFIED TO BE TRUE AND CORRECT



R. Hobson (Chair)



B. Reardon (Chief Administrative Officer)