

Minutes of the **GOVERNANCE & SERVICES COMMITTEE** meeting of the Regional District of Central Okanagan held at Regional District Offices, 1450 KLO Road, Kelowna, B.C. on Thursday, September 11, 2014

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)
P. Hanson (Central Okanagan East Electoral Area)
R. Hobson (City of Kelowna)
D. Ophus (District of West Kelowna)
G. Zimmermann (City of Kelowna)

Regrets:

L. Stack (City of Kelowna)
C. Derickson (Westbank First Nation)

Staff:

B. Reardon, Chief Administrative Officer
R. Fralick, Manager - Planning
C. Radford, Director of Community Services
M. Rilkoﬀ, Director 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 8:30 a.m.

2. Addition of Late Items to the Agenda

There were no late items for the agenda

3. Adoption of the Agenda

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THAT the agenda be adopted.

CARRIED Unanimously

4. Adoption of the Minutes of July 17, 2014

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BAKER/OPHUS

THAT the Governance & Services Committee meeting minutes of July 17, 2014 be adopted.

CARRIED Unanimously

Director Gray arrived 8:33 a.m.

5. Delegations:

5.1 Okanagan Basin Water Board - Anna Warwick-Sears, Executive Director re: Water Management Program Review

Anna Warwick-Sears addressed the Committee providing a review of the OBWB's mandate which includes the water management program. The three Okanagan regional districts first approved the program in 2006 and subsequently have supported the continuation of the program. The program is unique in BC allowing the OBWB to undertake initiatives and secure external funding that has not been possible in other areas. The program provides a regional approach to water planning that bridges the interests of Okanagan communities. By working with many partners, the program's impacts have been greater than would be possible by any one organization, with significant economies of scale. By focusing on valley-wide issues and opportunities the program complements rather than duplicates work in individual jurisdictions.

Director Given arrived at 8:37 a.m.

Director Basran arrived at 8:39 p.m.

A. Warwick-Sears reviewed the success of the grants received and their continuing work to look for new additional grants for a variety of programs ie: RDOS/Royal Bank grant. Looking forward the priorities over the next four years include: Water Sustainability Act (not sure how the Province will role the new Act out); Groundwater Regulations out by spring 2015; need for reconciliation of water licenses in the Central Okanagan (Province over-issuing of licenses in the valley); flood plain mapping; continuing to work on wetlands, and ways the OBWB can help water purveyors; challenges – lack of resources at the provincial level, junior staff filling in senior positions; system changes in the valley infrastructure renewal; not being a subject of downloading from the Province and, doing more with less, regardless. Strength of OBWB is it is designed for collaboration—the only one in the province, and building partnerships with private, public corporations, foundations, universities.

Chair Hobson congratulated OBWB staff, and particular Ms. Warwick-Sears on the leadership she has provided to OBWB over the years.

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THAT the Okanagan Basin Water Board presentation on the Water Management Program Review be received for information;

AND FURTHER THAT the Governance & Services Committee recommends:
THAT the Regional Board reaffirms support of the OBWB Water Management Program under the Terms of Reference given in the OBWB Governance Manual of 2010, within the limits of legislation and subject to the following:

- The OBWB's Water Management Program renewal period will be extended to four years, remaining linked to the timing of the civic election cycle;

- The OBWB may requisition up to two-cents (\$0.02 per \$1,000 assessment to support the activities of the Water Management Program;
- The OBWB will hold an Annual Meeting and issue an Annual Report each September that details program activities including audited financial statements;
- The OBWB's Water Management Program will conduct a comprehensive review prior to the end of the renewal period. The next review will be in 2018;
- Water conservation and quality improvement grants program will be maintained at its existing level of \$300,000/year;
- Outreach to local governments and the public will remain a core priority, with communication tools and strategies such as a valley-wide advertising campaign and materials to engage youth.

CARRIED Unanimously

6. Quarterly Program Measures Report, Year-To-Date June 30, 2014

Staff report dated September 4, 2014 outlined the program measures to June 30, 2014. A summary of the highlights was presented. It was noted that staff continue to review the quarterly information presented to ensure the Committee is well informed on the regional services and issues arising.

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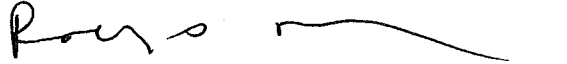
THAT the Quarterly Program Measures Report, year-to-date June 30, 2014 be received for information.

CARRIED Unanimously

7. Adjourn to a Regional Board meeting

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 9:10 a.m.

CERTIFIED TO BE TRUE AND CORRECT



R. Hobson (Chair)



B. Reardon (Director of Corporate Services)