

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, January 16, 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)
R. Hobson (City of Kelowna)
P. Hanson (Central Okanagan East Electoral Area)
D. Ophus (District of West Kelowna)
L. Stack (City of Kelowna)

Regrets:

W. Gray (City of Kelowna)
G. Zimmermann (City of Kelowna)
C. Derickson, (Westbank First Nation)

Staff:

B. Reardon, Chief Administrative Officer
R. Fralick, Manager of Planning
M. Kopp, Director of Parks & Police Services
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 brought the meeting to order at 9:07 a.m.

2. **ADDITION OF LATE ITEMS**

There were no late items for the agenda.

3. **ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA**

#01/14

BAKER/EDGSON

THAT the agenda be adopted.

CARRIED Unanimously

4. **ADOPTION OF MINUTES**

4.1 Statutory Minutes – December 9, 2013 and Regular Board Minutes –
December 9, 2013

#02/14

BAKER/GIVEN

THAT the Board Statutory meeting minutes of December 9, 2013 and the Regular Board meeting minutes of December 9, 2013 be adopted.

CARRIED Unanimously

5. CORPORATE SERVICES

5.1 Approval of 2014 Committee Appointments (*All Directors - Unweighted Vote*)

Chair Hobson presented the list of committee appointments for 2014.

#03/14

EDGSON/FIELDING

THAT the Regional Board approve the 2014 Committee Appointments.

CARRIED Unanimously

Director Stack left the meeting at 9:08 a.m.

5.2 Regional District of Central Okanagan Responsible Dog Ownership Bylaw No. 1343, **1st and 2nd reading** (*All Directors - Unweighted Vote*)

Staff report dated January 7, 2014 outlined the new regional dog control bylaw based on responsible dog ownership. Staff and legal counsel have over the past year drafted a new bylaw to encourage, support and reward responsible dog owners. Staff outlined some of the major changes to the bylaw. An online survey and open house will be held to seek feedback from the public before the bylaw comes back to the Board for adoption.

Discussion:

- Dogs owned increase from 2 to 3
- Format and layout easier to reference
- Leash length shortened to 2 meters
- Nuisance dog redefined. Going forward will look at whether license fees should be increased for nuisance dogs.
- Licensed at-large dogs – one-time no impoundment fine.
- New regulation for dogs confined in hot vehicles and dog suffering contagious disease. Staff will work with the SPCA when these issues arise.
- New regulation for tethering dogs – no more than 4 hours.
- Increase in fines, most notably: unlicensed dogs, dogs off-leash, failing to control aggressive and dangerous dogs.
- Owners of dangerous dogs will be required to post signs and microchip their dogs. Consent orders will continue to be used where appropriate.
- The bylaw is a living document.

Discussion:

- How will the 2 meter lease be enforced and how can this be communicated to dog owners. It is about education and control of the dog—a shorter leash provides for that. There is no fine, education will be important for owners and businesses who sell the retractable leashes. This type of leash can be used but the owner will be required to keep it at the 2 meter length.
- Why increase number of dogs? The public has requested it, staff know there are owners who have three dogs (example: an older dog may be at its end of life and the owner wants to bring in a new dog). If owners are responsible

there should be no issues--if not responsible the bylaw will deal with those issues.

- Feces on a dog owner's property, is this regulation required? It can be a serious neighbourhood issue and is difficult to deal with under the unsightly premise bylaw.
- Licensing of dogs – move sections 12, 13, 14, 15 before sections 10 and 11.

Director Stack returned at 9:25 a.m.

- Section 66 – illegal release of dog from the pound--remove the word rescue.
- 3 dogs per property – will it be an issue for properties with more than one house? Discussion on this issue has occurred with the resource committee and legal counsel and it is believed to be manageable.
- Will staff be able to meet public expectations regarding barking dog? Staff now looking for additional support in barking dog complaints. A recent case to adjudication has ruled one complaint from one person may not be enough. Every case is individual and requires investigation and education.
- Personal assistance dogs – not defined, is a definition needed? Will follow the provincial Guide Dog Act for definitions. Current wording restrictive to sight and hearing impaired and should be reviewed.

#04/14

STACK/BAKER

THAT Regional District of Central Okanagan Responsible Dog Ownership Bylaw No. 1343 be given 1st and 2nd reading, and advertised for public review.

- Section 66: , remove the word rescue, no person shall release or attempt to release
- Revise licensing section – move sections 12, 13, 14, 15 before sections 10 and 11.

CARRIED Unanimously

5.3 Service Establishment Bylaw Review Schedule (*All Directors - Unweighted Vote*)

Staff report dated January 9, 2014 provided a schedule for formal review of all regional service establishment bylaws on a five year cycle. An outline of the services and review targets was presented for consideration.

Of note:

- Why is the STPCO (Sustainable Transportation Partnership in Central Okanagan) not in the schedule? This service is provided by the City of Kelowna it is not an RDCO service (Transportation Demand Management is for the electoral areas only). Air Quality review has been included in 2016 as that is when the STPCO agreement expires.
- Okanagan Library is not a regional service, it has its own Board and issues should be raised at their Board.

#05/14

BAKER/FIELDING

THAT the Regional Board approve the recommended schedule of service reviews outlined in the January 9, 2014 Service Establishment Bylaw Review Schedule report.

CARRIED Unanimously

6. NEW BUSINESS

- 6.1 Approval to Attend UBCM Electoral Area Directors Meeting & Local Government Leadership Academy Forum (*All Directors - Unweighted Vote*)

#06/14

FIELDING/OPHUS

THAT the Regional Board approve Director Edgson and Director Hanson's attendance at the UBCM Electoral Area Directors Meeting – Feb. 5 and the Local Government Leadership Academy Forum – Feb 5-7, 2014, in Richmond, BC, including registration and travel expenses as per Board policy.

CARRIED Unanimously

- 6.2 Approval to attend 2014 Conventions – SILGA, FCM and UBCM (*All Directors - Unweighted Vote*)

#07/14

GIVEN/OPHUS

THAT the Regional Board approve Director Hanson and Director Edgson's attendance at the 2014 SILGA, FCM and UBCM Conventions, including registration and travel expenses as per Board policy.

CARRIED Unanimously

7. COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS

- 7.1 Rise & Report - Governance & Services Committee meeting of January 16, 2014
- a) Regional Growth Strategy Bylaw No. 1336, **Rescind 2nd** reading (*All Directors - Unweighted Vote*)

#08/14

FINDLATER/FIELDING

THAT second reading of Regional District of Central Okanagan Regional Growth Strategy Bylaw No. 1336 be **RESCINDED**;

AND FURTHER THAT the Regional Board direct staff to engage in discussions with the affected local governments to resolve the items brought forward as noted in the January 16, 2014, Appendix 'A' report.

CARRIED Unanimously

8. DIRECTOR ITEMS

- 8.1 Director Edgson noted that the MOTI has given permission for signage along Westside Road.

- 8.3 Director Baker noted that Minister Oakes attended a SILGA meeting yesterday on election reform. UBCM has issued a paper requesting feedback as well.

9. ADJOURN IN CAMERA

#09/14

OPHUS/EDGSON

THAT pursuant to Section 90 (a)(k) of the *Community Charter* the Regional Board adjourn and convene to an 'In-Camera' session to discuss:

- o Information about an individual who is being considered for a position as an officer of the local government
- o related discussions respecting the proposed provision of a service that are at their preliminary stages.

CARRIED Unanimously

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned to In Camera at 9:55 a.m.

The Board rose from In Camera at 11:13 a.m.

10. RISE & REPORT FROM IN CAMERA

10.1 Appointment of Deputy Corporate Officer


Mary Jane Drouin has been appointed as Deputy Corporate Officer for the Regional District of Central Okanagan.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 11:14 a.m.

CERTIFIED TO BE TRUE AND CORRECT



R. Hobson (Chair)



B. Reardon (Director of Corporate Services)