

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, March 12, 2015

Directors:

J. Baker (District of Lake Country)
C. Basran (City of Kelowna)
W. Carson (Central Okanagan West Electoral Area)
R. Donn, alternate for M. DeHart (City of Kelowna)
D. Findlater (District of West Kelowna)
C. Fortin (District of Peachland)
G. Given (City of Kelowna)
T. Gray (City of Kelowna)
P. Hanson (Central Okanagan East Electoral Area)
D. Ophus (District of West Kelowna)
B. Sieben (City of Kelowna)
L. Stack (City of Kelowna)
C. Derickson (Westbank First Nation)

Staff:

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

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Given brought the meeting to order at 10:55 a.m.

2. ADDITION OF LATE ITEMS

There were no additions to the agenda.

3. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

#48/15

BAKER/OPHUS

THAT the agenda be adopted.

CARRIED

4. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

4.1 Regular Board Minutes – February 23, 2015

#49/15

BAKER/SIEBEN

THAT the Regular Board meeting minutes of February 23, 2015 be adopted as corrected: a typo in resolution #46/15, the word 'of' was in the incorrect location, to read:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure be requested to formalize a process to allow for the lowering of the speed limit on certain

highways that pass through rural communities and neighbourhoods upon receipt of a Regional Board resolution to that effect.

CARRIED Unanimously

5. COMMUNITY SERVICES

Planning

- 5.1 District of West Kelowna Regional Context Statement – DWK Official Community Plan Amendment Bylaw No. 0100.29, 2015 (*All Directors – Unweighted Vote*)

Staff report dated March 4, 2015 outlined the requirement for all municipalities to adopt a Regional Context Statement (RCS) in their Official Community Plans within two years of the adoption of the RDCO's Regional Growth Strategy Bylaw. Prior to a municipal Council adopting the RCS, the Regional Board must pass a resolution accepting the RCS.

#50/15

FINDLATER/BAKER

THAT the Regional Board accepts the District of West Kelowna's proposed Regional Context Statement for DWK Official Community Plan Amendment Bylaw No. 0100.29, 2015.

CARRIED Unanimously

6. NEW BUSINESS

- 6.1 Rise and Report from the March 12, 2015 Governance & Services Committee Meeting

The following issues were raised and discussed at today's Governance & Services Committee meeting and brought forward for Board approval.

- a) Regional Rescue – Technical Rescue Services within District of West Kelowna Boundaries

#51/15

FINDLATER/FORTIN

THAT the Regional Board approve funding a second regional rescue team on the west side of Okanagan Lake starting in 2015;

AND FURTHER THAT the Regional Board authorize its signing officers to enter into a five (5) year agreement with the District of West Kelowna for the provision of regional rescue services at a 2015 cost of \$46,854.32 with annual increases of 2.5% up to and including 2019.

CARRIED (Baker opposed)

b) 2015-2019 Financial Plan

#52/15

FORTIN/STACK

THAT staff be directed to bring forward any recommended amendments to the 2015-2019 Financial Plan that were agreed to at the Governance & Services Committee meeting of February 25, 2015 and March 12, 2015, to the March 27, 2015 Regional Board final budget meeting.

CARRIED Unanimously

c) Air Quality – Burning Issue

The question was raised regarding the Air Quality budget and the chipping program. Concern was raised regarding the wait-list for the agricultural chipping program. The Administrator confirmed that the air quality program service review remains underway and is to be completed in 2016. With regards to the chipping program, he confirmed it has always been over-subscribed. There was support for a 4% increase to the air quality program, but not to the \$80,000 annual chipping program. Staff is looking at options to determine if there is an ability to have some cost-sharing of this program. This is an item on the workplan for this year. It was further noted that the eleven properties that are on a wait-list for chipping would not improve the smoke in the valley. In addition, there is restriction on the program who qualifies for the program – it is limited to orchardists taking out old trees and replanting. The program is not available to the average hobby farmer/small acreages. Further review of who qualifies will be reviewed as well. Farmers have the right to burn under 'Right to Farm' legislation. The Province and the farming community stakeholders need to be involved in discussions going forward.

Other best practices will be reviewed. RDOS is funded to the same level, but has a cost sharing agreement. NORD rescinded the service a few years ago. There is a small window of opportunity for burning in the valley as the proper venting index (above 65) in the Central Okanagan and the number of good venting days (as determined by Environment Canada) are limited throughout the burning period.

7. DIRECTOR ITEMS

a) Intent to Withdraw from a Service

Director Hanson provided verbal notice that it is the intention of the electoral area directors of Central Okanagan East and Central Okanagan West to present a request to the Board to withdraw from the Electoral Area Fire Prevention Program.

8. ADJOURN IN CAMERA

#53/15

FORTIN/GRAY

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

- Negotiations and related discussions respecting the proposed provision of a service that is at the preliminary stage.
- Litigation or potential litigation

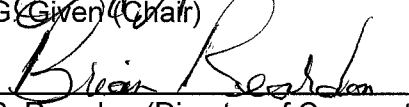
CARRIED Unanimously

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 11:20 a.m.

CERTIFIED TO BE TRUE AND CORRECT



G. Given (Chair)



B. Reardon (Director of Corporate Services)