

Minutes of the *SPECIAL BOARD MEETING* of the Regional District of Central Okanagan held at Regional District Offices, 1450 KLO Road, Kelowna, B.C. on Thursday, November 19, 2015

Directors:

J. Baker (District of Lake Country)
C. Basran (City of Kelowna)
W. Carson (Central Okanagan West Electoral Area)
M. DeHart (City of Kelowna)
D. Findlater (City 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 (City of West Kelowna)
B. Sieben (City of Kelowna)
L. Stack (City of Kelowna)

Staff:

B. Reardon, Chief Administrative Officer
B. Smith, Communications
M. Drouin, Manager - Corporate Services (recording secretary)

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Given brought the meeting to order at 10:05 a.m.

2. NEW BUSINESS

2.1 Consideration of Censure & Sanctions – Director Hanson

The purpose of the Special Board meeting is to consider potential censure and sanctions against Director Hanson. At issue is the question whether the Director acted without Board authorization or regard of the confidential nature of discussions at the Board's strategic planning session held in May 2015.

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BAKER/BASRAN

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

- The receipt of advice that is subject to solicitor-client privilege, including communications necessary for that purpose.

CARRIED Unanimously

The meeting was reconvened at 11:25 a.m.

Director Stack was not in attendance when the meeting reconvened.

Chair Given reported that the Regional Board approved at its closed meeting to move forward with today's Special Board meeting.

The Chair outlined the process for today's meeting:

- Witnesses will present information,
- Directors may ask questions of the information presented,
- Director Hanson may ask questions,
- Will hear from Director Hanson or her representative,
- Directors may ask Director Hanson questions,
- Once all presentations/witnesses are heard the Board will deliberate and may make a decision on possible censure/sanctions,
- Directors were reminded to keep an open mind through deliberations.

Director Hanson was asked if she has representation present. She indicated she did not. She was asked if she would like to have representation present. She stated she did not make arrangements to do so. When asked, she stated she would be more comfortable to have legal representation present. The question was asked why the Director did not make arrangements for legal representation to be present? The Director stated 'no comment'.

The Board discussed whether the meeting should continue as Director Hanson stated she wished to have legal representation present. It was noted that the Director knew she had an option to have representation at today's meeting and chose not to.

It was stated that the Regional District's counsel is at the meeting only to ensure procedural fairness not to provide legal advice in a public meeting.

Frustration was expressed that the Board is here to discuss whether confidential information was shared inappropriately and now this issue is becoming a legal issue and deliberation on the issue is being delayed.

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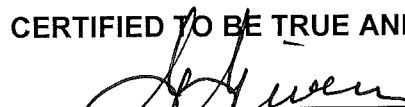
THAT the meeting be adjourned to another time to provide Director Hanson the opportunity to have legal counsel in attendance at a Special Board meeting to discuss consideration of censure and sanctions against Director Hanson.

CARRIED (Opposed Gray, Sieben, Dehart, Basran)


3. ADJOURN

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 11:45 a.m.

CERTIFIED TO BE TRUE AND CORRECT



G. Given (Chair)



B. Reardon (Director of Corporate Services)