

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, February 11, 2016

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)
T. Condon, alternate for 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)

Absent:

C. Derickson (Westbank First Nation)

Staff:

B. Reardon, Chief Administrative Officer
R. Fralick, Manager - Planning
M. Kopp, Director of Parks Services
M. Rilkoﬀ, Director of Financial Services
B. Smith, Communications
M. Drouin, Manager Corporate Services (recording secretary)

1. **CALL TO ORDER**

Chair Given called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m.

2. **ADDITION OF LATE ITEMS**

No additional items for the agenda

3. **ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA**

OPHUS/STACK

THAT the agenda be adopted.

CARRIED Unanimously

4. **Adoption of the Minutes of January 14, 2016**

BASRAN/STACK

THAT the Governance & Services Committee meeting minutes of January 14, 2016 be adopted.

CARRIED Unanimously

#GS04/16

#GS05/16

5. Delegation

- 5.1 Okanagan Film Commission – Paul LaGrange, OFC Board member; Jon Summerland, Commissioner; and Anne Denman, Managing Director (Kelowna) Bardel Entertainment Inc.

Jon Summerland introduced Paul LaGrange and Anne Denman to the Committee. An overview of the Commission's funding and activities was presented.

- Regional government funding is \$199,000 (RDCO provides \$120,000 annually plus \$10,000 in-kind for office space)
- Return on investment = \$15,582,000
- 2015 wasn't as busy (no big stars) as 2014 but there are many scripts to be reviewed
- Okanagan Film Fundamentals weekend being introduced this spring (discover your role in film). Intimate symposium

Director Baker arrived at 8:37 a.m.

- Anne Denman addressed the role of animation in the Okanagan. There is a labour shortage in the Okanagan for film and animation. Training occurs in the studio setting just to fill 'seats'. Need crew that has the film fundamentals in order to be hired for work. Mid to low level crew is where shortages occur.
- Paul LaGrange addressed the funding. OFC operates on a \$200,000 budget. The Board has focused on eliminating previous deficits. OFC is now in the black, and plan to run small surpluses. Working on additional sources of revenue in order to take on new endeavors.

Director Sieben arrived at 8:42 a.m.

- Working to bring in more education elements with the College and University for animation and technology. The valley is on the cusp of new technology and is very tech savvy place.
- Level of funding request for 2016 to RDCO remains the same. The Regional District of North Okanagan has increased their funding slightly.
- Has the Board considered a higher level of financial reporting other than 'Notice to Reader' notes? The accountants have quoted on the costs of reporting at a higher level.
- Does the low American dollar impact filming? It depends, film is a fickle business, it's difficult to look beyond three months in this industry. The industry is growing because of the popularity of the region. Animation continues to grow. The Okanagan is a solid place to do business.
- Set etiquette course, with a film fundamental portion, is being held in West Kelowna this spring. 'Act Safe' certifies the course. Individuals need this course to work in the industry. It is outstanding that we are able to offer this course here.

#GS06/16

GRAY/CONDON

THAT the Governance and Services Committee receive for information the update on the Okanagan Film Commission.

CARRIED Unanimously

5.2 Central Okanagan Land Trust (COLT) – Wayne Wilson, Executive Director – Update on activities and accomplishments

Wayne Wilson was introduced to the committee and provided an update on the Central Okanagan Land Trust accomplishments in 2015.

- COLT's Mission Statement – To protect land for wildlife and parks so biodiversity and natural features are preserved for future generations.
- Funding included \$350,000 in grants leveraged to roughly \$700,000 project funding. Many funding opportunities received are available only to COLT as the funds cannot be applied for by local governments.
- Community profile and communication (social media, website) and 2015 programs (RDCO Parks 40th anniversary, Kokanee Festival) were highlighted
- Goals for 2016 include: Johns Family Management Plan – roll out of capital projects; continued work on the Mission Creek Restoration Initiative; RDCO parks liaison; capacity building (strategic plan approval, update communication plan, stakeholder liaison, succession planning, records management review and fundraising plan).

#GS07/16

OPHUS/CONDON

THAT the Governance and Services Committee receive for information the update on the Central Okanagan Land Trust.

CARRIED Unanimously

6. Community Services

6.1 Hydrometric flow data: Supporting Adaptive Management of Shared Okanagan Waters – Nelson Jatel, Okanagan Basin Water Board

Nelson Jatel provided an update on the collaborative works being undertaken by the Okanagan Basin Water Board, Okanagan Nation Alliance and the RDCO on hydrometric flow data.

Hydrometric flow stations are used to collect water flow and volume data on streams and reservoirs. There are many stations throughout the Okanagan. Data is intended to address matters such as water supply, climate change, flood hazard management, future infrastructure planning and fisheries management. A station was re-established on Shorts Creek in 2014.

Environmental flow needs and the impact to fisheries and habitat, landscape, viewsapes was outlined. Environmental flow need is critical particularly in times of drought and that is why it is imperative to manage water requirements during these times. There are three phases to the study. Phase 1 – the science in the Okanagan has been completed. Phase 2 will address how much water is needed to maintain our environment and Phase 3 will address social questions and trade-offs.

Discussion ensued:

- How will storage of water be handled in the region? Many communities are already undertaking this challenge including dam capacity, developing more expensive upper reservoir capacity.
- Highlighted the relationship with Okanagan Nation Alliance, fisheries in particular – this is a great opportunity for co-management. Protocol agreement with the ONA for this project is in place.
- There is a high snow pack this year—currently at 165% Okanagan-wide, 125% in Mission Creek. Snow pack data is delivered through the Province and fluctuates every year.
- Is there a risk to additional storage in terms of water flow into the United States? 90% of the water flow comes from the Similkameen. There is no commitment from the Okanagan to provide water to the States. There is a 'gentleman's handshake' that we will ensure minimum fish flows. It is an international watershed and therefore important to be at the table. All water supply is linked.

#GS08/16

BAKER/FINDLATER

THAT the Governance and Services Committee receive for information the update on the hydrometric flow data—supporting adaptive management of shared Okanagan Waters presented by Nelson Jatel, Okanagan Basin Water Board.

CARRIED Unanimously


6. ADJOURN TO A REGIONAL BOARD MEETING

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 9:45 a.m.

CERTIFIED TO BE TRUE AND CORRECT



G. Given (Chair)



B. Reardon (Director of Corporate Services)