

**Minutes of the *REGULAR MEETING* of the Regional District of Central Okanagan held in the Woodhaven Board Room, Regional District Offices on Monday, September 8, 2003**

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Directors  
R. Cannan (City of Kelowna)  
C. Day (City of Kelowna)  
A. Dinwoodie (Westside Elect. Area)  
W. Gray (City of Kelowna)  
P. Hanson (Ellison/Joe Rich Elect. Area)  
B. Harriman (District of Peachland)  
R. Hobson (City of Kelowna)  
R. Hein (District of Lake Country)  
D. Knowles (Westside Elect. Area)  
L. Novakowski (Westside Elect. Area)  
S. Shepherd (City of Kelowna)

Staff  
W. d'Easum, Chief Administrative Officer  
K. Arcuri, Director of Planning Services  
H. Hettinga, Director of Engineering Services  
K. Roth, Director of Inspection Services  
B. Vos, Director of Parks and Recreation Services  
M. Drouin, Administrative Assistant (recording secretary)

Robert Hobson, Chair brought the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

**1. MINUTES**

1.1 Regular Board Meeting – August 18, 2003

**#364/03**      DINWOODIE/HANSON

THAT the Regular Board Meeting minutes of August 18, 2003 be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED

**2. DELEGATION**

2.1 Sandra Kochan & Robert Hobson – Okanagan Cultural Corridor Project Update

Sandra Kochan gave an update on the 3year old Cultural Corridor project supported by initial funding from the provincial Ministry of Community Development, Cooperatives and Volunteers (2000-2001) and Tourism BC (2001-2002) and currently funded through Western Economic Diversification Canada and investment from individual cultural attractions (2002-2003). Additional contributions have been provided by Community Futures-Central Okanagan and the Regional District of Okanagan Similkameen. Financial administration is provided as an in-kind contribution by the Regional District of Central Okanagan.

The geographic area encompassed by the project is within the boundaries of the three regional districts of Okanagan-Similkameen, Central Okanagan and North Okanagan.

The project markets the region as a cultural destination, has compiled a catalogue of more than 200 cultural attractions, printed and distributed a full color guide for over 120 attractions, a 3-year research program partnered with Tourism BC and Community Futures is underway, and has developed a website. The project is managed by a steering committee and is currently working on funding proposals to assist with implementation of marketing plan.

Sandra Kochan requested a letter of support from the Regional Board for a grant application to Softwoods Industry Community Economic Adjustment Initiative (SICEA). The project budget of \$200,000 is for product development and marketing budget

Discussion:

The Board congratulated the steering committee on the project and questioned who has been involved in the project, the criteria used to advertise, the cost of advertising and the publication schedule of the print guide. Directors were requested to put in writing any suggestions for additions to the next guide that is scheduled to be published in 2005.

**#365/03**

HEIN/DINWOODIE

THAT a letter of support be provided for the Okanagan Cultural Corridor's grant application to the Softwoods Industry Community Economic Adjustment Initiative (SICEA).

CARRIED

**3. CORRESPONDENCE**

3.1 Letter: J.A. Martin re: concerns regarding fire hazards in public reserve areas

The Board discussed the concerns noted in J.A. Martin's letter. Staff confirmed that numerous calls and letters have been received regarding fire hazards since the Okanagan Park Fire began. The Parks Department is working on developing a new program that will involve the public in cleaning up the public interface. This approach will greatly reduce fuel load in regional parks. Staff will continue to work with Forestry with urban interface issues.

Discussion:

- Thompson Okanagan Interface Committee will be hosting a symposium in March 2004 for municipal politicians and staff to discuss rural/urban interface initiatives.

- Parks does not have the financial or staff resources to handle a cleanup the magnitude of all the regional parks. Parks is developing a program response and not just responding to individual concerns on specific sites.
- Concern was expressed regarding the liability of the public going into parks to do fire hazard cleanup.
- Need to develop a regional interface strategy that must involve various departments and agencies. There is a need to balance the issues involved. The Regional District to take lead in this strategy--not just a cleanup of public and private lands.
- Need to do a post-mortem when the fire is out.
- Communicate through the press to make the public aware of urban interface issues. The Ministry of Forests publishes a handbook which is available on their website.

**#366/03**      NOVAKOWSKI/CANNAN

THAT the August 26, 2003 letter from J. A. Martin regarding fire hazards in public reserve areas be received;

AND FURTHER THAT a letter of thanks be forwarded to the writer for bringing the issue forward to the attention of the Regional Board.

CARRIED

ACTION: The Chair and Administrator to bring recommendations back to the Board on a process to develop a regional interface strategy that will include other agencies and become part of the Regional District's work plan next year.

3.2      Letter: Glen Lucas, General Manager, B.C. Fruit Growers Association re: Rural-Urban Forum

**#367/03**      HEIN/KNOWLES

THAT the August 22, 2003 letter from Glen Lucas, General Manager, BC Fruit Growers' Association regarding the follow-up to the Rural-Urban Forum be received;

AND THAT the Regional Board supports a valley-wide Agricultural Advisory Committee (ACC);

AND FURTHER THAT Director Shepherd and Director Hanson be appointed (Director Dinwoodie as alternate) to attend an initial meeting of the Valley-wide AAC.

CARRIED

**4. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

4.1 Okanagan Mountain Fire

A status report dated August 29, 2003 on the Okanagan Mountain Fire was circulated to the Board. Recognition was given to the Regional District, District of Lake Country, District of Peachland and City of Kelowna staff members and the many volunteers who worked tirelessly on support services for the emergency. 43 Regional District staff members were involved in the Emergency Response operation...from answering phones, to helping RCMP with the various evacuations and dealing with the evacuees, to working in the Emergency Operation Centre and keeping the various fire department vehicles operating.

It's been a mammoth effort and the Board thanks you and your family for your time and effort during what has been a trying time for many in our region

*Discussion:*

- Need to be clear on the role of the Regional Board during an emergency – protocol to be reviewed.
- If this had been a local state of emergency the Board would have been much more involved. When a provincial state of emergency occurs, such as the Okanagan Park Fire, the Province is in charge.
- Need to recognize that there is a need to keep the Board informed – the emergency plan will be changed to make a good plan a better plan – post mortem will be done.
- Regional District supported Idabel Lake evacuation although this area is in the boundary of the Kootenay Boundary Regional District.
- The City of Kelowna is in charge of managing the fire recovery efforts

**#368/03**

**DINWOODIE/CANNAN**

THAT the August 29, 2003 Okanagan Mountain Fire status report and the September 3, 2003 memo from W. B. d'Easum, Chief Administrative Officer be received;

AND FURTHER THAT a letter of condolence be forward from the Regional Board to Regional District staff member, Nancy Labach on the loss of her home.

CARRIED

**5. FINANCE DEPARTMENT**

No Board action required/requested

**6. PLANNING DEPARTMENT**

**6.1 Correspondence (Unweighted Vote)**

- a) Report regarding Land and Water B.C. Inc. referral for a license of occupation to permit an overhead electrical transmission line located adjacent to June Springs Road. (CL-03-05) Ellison / Joe Rich Electoral Area (Electoral Areas and Kelowna Fringe Area)

**#369/03 HANSON/KNOWLES**

THAT the Land and Water B.C. Inc. referral application for Aquila Networks Canada Ltd. to permit an overhead electrical transmission line be supported subject to the power line being located within the same right-of-way as the existing access road;

AND FURTHER THAT the Planning Services Department Report dated August 28<sup>th</sup>, 2003 be forwarded to Land and Water B.C. Inc. for their information.

CARRIED

**6.2 Development Permits (Unweighted Vote)**

- a) Application for a Development Permit for Rose Valley Ventures Ltd. (owner) and Meiklejohn Architects (agent) located adjacent to McDougall Road and Rosewood Drive. (DP-03-04) Westside Electoral Area (Electoral Areas and Kelowna Fringe Area)

**#370/03 DINWOODIE/KNOWLES**

THAT Development Permit application DP-03-04 for Rose Valley Ventures Ltd. (owners) located adjacent to McDougall Road and Rosewood Drive be approved subject to the following condition:

- The Regional District receives a letter of credit or bank draft in the amount of \$43,750.00 in order to ensure completion of the landscaping, mulching and installation of an automatic irrigation system within 1 year of the issuance of the Development Permit. This amount is refundable upon completion of the landscaping to the satisfaction of Regional District staff.

CARRIED

- b) Application for a Development Permit for Shannon Highlands Properties Ltd. (owner) and D.E. Pilling & Associates Ltd. (agent) located adjacent to Shannon Lake Road. (DP-03-06) Westside Electoral Area (Electoral Areas Only)

**#371/03**      NOVAKOWSKI/DINWOODIE

THAT the Regional Board approves an Environmentally Sensitive Area Development Permit application DP-03-06 for Shannon Highlands Properties Ltd. (owner) located adjacent to Shannon Lake Road subject to the following:

- All works must be undertaken as per the recommendations contained in the *Shannon Highlands Environmental Impact Assessment and Remediation Report* received August 20<sup>th</sup>, 2003 and prepared by I. C. Ramsay & Associates;
- Approvals are based on the *Phasing and Bonding Proposal* prepared by Shannon Highlands Properties Ltd., dated and received August 27, 2003 and submitted in conjunction with this application;
- All remediation works scheduled in Phase 1 will be completed and approved to the satisfaction of the Director of Planning Services by June 30, 2004;
- All remediation works scheduled in Phase 2 and 3 will be completed and approved to the satisfaction of the Director of Planning Services Department by December 31, 2005;
- That a bond be provided in accordance with section 6.6 of Regional District Application Procedure Bylaw No. 944 to secure all remediation works outlined in Phases 1 through 3 of the development.

AND FURTHER THAT the Regional Board approval of the Environmentally Sensitive Area Development Permit is subject to creation of a 300m<sup>2</sup> storm water retention pond in location of the historical seasonal pond at the south-eastern portion of the site to the satisfaction of the Ministry of Water, Land and Air Protection by June 30, 2004.

Amendment: THAT the date for the creation of the storm water retention pond be changed to December 31, 2005 as the retention pond is associated with the development of Phase 2.

CARRIED

**6.3 Development Variance Permits (Unweighted Vote)**

- a) Application for a Development Variance Permit for Shannon Highlands Properties Ltd. (owner) and D.E. Pilling & Associates Ltd. (agent) located adjacent to Shannon Lake Road. (VP-03-11) Westside Electoral Area (Electoral Areas Only)

Chair Hobson asked if there was anyone in the gallery who deemed their property to be affected by the variance. There was no-one.

**#372/03**      NOVAKOWSKI/KNOWLES

THAT the Regional Board approve Development Variance Permit application VP-03-11 for Shannon Highlands Properties Ltd. (owner) located adjacent to Shannon Lake Road to reduce the minimum public road frontage requirement in the RC1 zone from 12.0 metres to 0.0 metres, as shown on the attached drawing No. 1230-P2, Rev. 6, prepared by D.E. Pilling & Associates, January 2003, in order to allow for access to proposed "Lots 2 & 3" via an easement road.

CARRIED

- b) Application for a Development Variance Permit for Phillip and Maureen Mendez (owners) located adjacent to Timothy Place. (VP-03-12) Westside Electoral Area (Electoral Areas and Kelowna Fringe Area)

Chair Hobson asked if there was anyone in the gallery who deemed their property to be affected by the variance. There was no-one.

**#373/03**      DINWOODIE/KNOWLES

THAT the Regional Board approve Development Variance Permit application VP-03-12 for Phillip and Maureen Mendez located adjacent to Timothy Place to vary Section 3.10.5 of Zoning Bylaw #871 by increasing the maximum height requirement for two stepped Allan Block retaining walls located further than 1.0 metre from a property line, from 2.5 metres (8.2 ft) to 3.5 metres (11.5 ft) for the lower wall (#1a); and from 2.5 metres to 3.3 metres (10.8 ft) for the upper wall (#1b), as shown on the attached plans.

CARRIED

- c) Application for a Development Variance Permit for Dr. P. Schroecksnadel (owner) and J. Spencer (agent) located adjacent to Lakeshore Road. (VP-03-13) Ellison / Joe Rich Electoral Area (Electoral Areas and Kelowna Fringe Area)

Chair Hobson asked if there was anyone in the gallery who deemed their property to be affected by the variance. There was no-one.

**#374/03**      HANSON/CANNAN

THAT the Regional Board approve Development Variance Permit application VP-03-13 for Dr. P. Schroecksnadel (owner) located adjacent to Lakeshore Road to vary Section 3.28, Subsection 3 a) of Zoning Bylaw #871 by reducing the minimum setback requirement from the natural boundary of Okanagan Lake from 7.5 metres to 0 metres to permit an existing sundeck, as shown on the attached plans;

AND FURTHER THAT the Board's approval of the variance is deemed a site-specific approval that is not applicable to other situations.

AND FURTHER THAT this is a site specific recommendation and not a precedence for building within the setback of the foreshore.

CARRIED

**6.4 Bylaws: (First Reading) (Unweighted Vote)**

- a) Zoning Amendment Bylaw No. 871-56 for Rose Valley Ventures Ltd. (owner) and Fred Parent (agent) to amend the zoning from RU2 Rural 2 to CD2 (C) Compact Single Family Housing, CD2 (E) Hillside Housing Single Family, and CD2 (G) Open Space located adjacent to Rosewood Drive and Rosemeadow Drive. (Z03/04) Westside Electoral Area (Electoral Areas and Kelowna Fringe Area)

**#375/03**      DINWOODIE/NOVAKOWSKI

THAT Zoning Amendment Bylaw No. 871-56 for Rose Valley Ventures Ltd. (owner) located adjacent to Rosewood Drive and Rosemeadow Drive be given first reading, as amended;

THAT the scheduling of the Public Hearing be withheld pending confirmation from the Parks Department that the Westside Parks and Recreation Commission has accepted the proposed park dedication and is satisfied with the other park related issues;

AND FURTHER THAT consideration of fourth and final readings be withheld pending receipt of Preliminary Layout Approval for subdivision from the Ministry of Transportation.

CARRIED

ACTION: Staff to provide information on the size of the new park dedication at the Public Hearing.

Note: On the agenda b)ii) actually is a point under b)i) and that b)iii) be renumbered to b)ii)

b) i) Official Community Plan Amendment Bylaw No. 785-7 for Waldesruh Country Manor Ltd. (owner) and New Town Planning Services Inc. (agent) to amend the Westside Official Community Plan Bylaw No. 785, Chapter 8, Section 8.1, by ADDING the following policy:

- Consider applications for rezoning to allow small scale institutional uses such as religious facilities and denominational camps, clubs and lodges, and other institutional uses be permitted in the appropriate P zones of Zoning Bylaw No. 871.

- To amend the Westside Official Community Plan Bylaw No. 785 designation for the above from Large Holding to Institutional and Utility Services located adjacent to Bear Creek Road. Westside Electoral Area (All Directors)

**#376/03**      NOVAKOWSKI/KNOWLES

THAT Official Community Plan Amendment Bylaw No. 785-7 for Waldesruh Country Manor Ltd. (owner) be given first reading this 8<sup>th</sup> day of September 2003;

AND THAT the scheduling of a Public Hearing be withheld pending receipt of the following;

- Completion of a Wildfire Hazard Assessment;
- Information assessing the impact of the proposal on the road system;
- Confirmation that the water supply system meets the requirements of the new legislated “Drinking Water Protection Act” and the “Drinking Water Protection Regulation”;
- Confirmation that the on-site sewage disposal system meets and/or exceeds the requirements of the Interior Health Authority.



AND FURTHER THAT consideration of fourth and final readings be withheld pending the following:

- Receipt of Official Community Plan Amendment Bylaw No. 785-7 approval from the Ministry of Community, Aboriginal, and Women's Services;
- Registration of a Section 219 covenant restricting the development to a maximum of 75 clients with 18.75 lodging rooms;
- Registration of a Section 219 Covenant to incorporate the Wildfire Hazard report's findings;
- Receipt of an access permit from the Ministry of Transportation;
- The owners make application with the Inspection Services Department for a Business License.

CARRIED

- ii) Zoning Amendment Bylaw No.871-62 for the above to amend the zoning from RU2 Rural 2 to P1 Park and Open Space (Z03/10) (Electoral Areas and Kelowna Fringe Area)

**#377/03**      DINWOODIE/KNOWLES

THAT Zoning Amendment Bylaw No. 871–62 (application Z03/10) be given first reading this 8<sup>th</sup> day of September 2003.

CARRIED

- c) Zoning Amendment Bylaw No. 871-63 for Hihannah Land & Cattle Co. Ltd. (owner) and RDCO (agent) to amend the zoning from P1 Park and Open Space to R1 Single Detached Housing located adjacent to Ensign Way. (Z03/11) Westside Electoral Area (Electoral Areas and Kelowna Fringe Area)

**#378/03**      KNOWLES/SHEPHERD

THAT Zoning Amendment Bylaw No. 871-63 (application Z03/11) for Hihannah Land & Cattle Co. Ltd. (owner) be given first reading this 8<sup>th</sup> day of September 2003;

AND FURTHER THAT the application be scheduled for a Public Hearing.

CARRIED

ACTION: Staff to confirm at the Public Hearing where the access point will be to the remaining P1 area.

- d) Zoning Amendment Bylaw No. 871-66 for Ronald & Anita Cherney (owners) and D.E. Pilling & Associates (agent) to amend the zoning from RU5 Small Lot Country Residential to R1 Single Detached Housing located adjacent to Thacker Drive and Montigny Road. (Z03/14) Westside Electoral Area (Electoral Areas and Kelowna Fringe Area)

**#379/03**      DINWOODIE/KNOWLES

THAT Zoning Amendment Bylaw No. 871-66 application (Z03/14) for Ronald & Anita Cherney (owners) be given first reading this 8<sup>th</sup> day of September 2003;

AND THAT the application be scheduled for a Public Hearing;

AND FURTHER THAT consideration of fourth and final readings be withheld pending receipt of Preliminary Layout Approval for subdivision from the Ministry of Transportation, and registration of a Section 219 covenant advising that the property is in close proximity to the ALR and could be subject to nuisances from normal farm practices.

CARRIED

- e) i) Official Community Plan Amendment Bylaw No.'s. 672-16 and 686-27 for Victor Projects Ltd. (owner) and Protech Consultants Ltd. (agent) to amend the Lakeview Official Community Plan and the Westbank Official Community Plan to include the development parameters determined in the South Mount Boucherie Concept Development Plan located in the vicinity of East Boundary Road, Gregory Road and Menu Road. Westside Electoral Area (All Directors)

**#380/03**      NOVAKOWSKI/DAY

THAT Official Community Plan Amendment Bylaw No.'s 672-16 and 686-27 for Victor Projects Ltd. (owner) located in the vicinity of East Boundary Road, Gregory Road and Menu Road be given first reading this 8<sup>th</sup> day of September 2003;

AND THAT the scheduling of a Public Hearing be withheld pending receipt of all key referral agency comments;

AND FURTHER THAT consideration of fourth and final readings be withheld pending receipt of the following:

- Ministry of Community, Aboriginal and Women's Services approval of OCP Amendment Bylaw No.'s 672-16 and 686-27;
- Preliminary Layout Approval for subdivision from the Ministry of Transportation.

CARRIED

- ii) Zoning Amendment Bylaw No. 871-67 for the above to amend the zoning on part of the property from RU2 Rural 2 to R1 Single Detached Housing, RC1 Compact Housing and P1 Park and Open Space located adjacent to Gregory Road and Menu Road. (Z03/15) (Electoral Areas and Kelowna Fringe Area)

**#381/03**      DINWOODIE/KNOWLES

THAT Zoning Amendment Bylaw No. 871-66 application (Z03/15) be given first reading this 8<sup>th</sup> day of September 2003.

CARRIED

**7.      INSPECTION SERVICES DEPARTMENT**

- 7.1      Region Wide Building Statistics for July 2003 (*All Directors - Unweighted Vote*)

**#382/03**      HEIN/HARRIMAN

THAT the Region Wide Building Statistics for July 2003 be received.

CARRIED

- 7.2      Building Violation – Lot 135, Plan 16594, District Lot 2920, 700 Fairbridge Road (Westside Electoral Area) Notice to be placed on Title – Owner: Marzec (*All Directors - Unweighted Vote*)

**#383/03**      NOVAKOWSKI/KNOWLES

THAT the Regional District Board direct that a notice be filed on the title of Lot 135, Plan 16594, O.D.Y.D., pursuant to Section 700(3) of the Local Government Act, and pursuant to that section of the Local Government Act, further information regarding the notice be limited to the fact that:

1. The construction of a structure has not been issued a building permit, which is a violation of Regional District of Central Okanagan Building Bylaw No. 835.

CARRIED

**8.      PARKS AND FACILITIES DEPARTMENT**

- 8.1      Mount Boucherie Community Centre Master Plan Phase II – Multiplex, Revised Business Plan (*All Directors - Unweighted Vote*)

At the July 21, 2003 Regional Board meeting, the Board requested that the economic impact of the Multiplex be added to the Business Plan. The revised business plan includes that information.

**#384/03**      KNOWLES/DINWOODIE

THAT the Regional Board approve the revised business plan for the Mount Boucherie Community Centre Mater Plan Phase II – Multiplex;

AND FURTHER THAT copies of the endorsed business plan and a complete package of the Mount Boucherie Multiplex infrastructure grant be sent to MP Mr. Werner Schmidt and MLAs the Hon. Sindi Hawkins, Hon. Rick Thorpe and Mr. John Weisbeck for their support.

CARRIED

8.2      Resignation of the Chairman of the Westside Parks and Recreation Commission (*All Directors - Unweighted Vote*)

**#385/03**      NOVAKOWSKI/SHEPHERD

THAT the Regional Board accepts the resignation of Mark Coleman as Chairman, and that Vice Chair, Alice Hargraves temporarily act as Chairperson until the position is filled;

AND THAT Westside Parks and Recreation staff are instructed to find a replacement for the position;

AND FURTHER THAT an official thank you letter is sent to Mark Coleman on behalf of the Regional Board for his years of service and contribution to the Westside Community.

CARRIED

*Discussion:* It was once again suggested there is a need for a young person to fill the vacancy on the Westside Parks and Recreation Commission.

**9.      NEW BUSINESS**

9.1      Regional District of Central Okanagan Mount Boucherie Complex and Westside Senior Citizens' Activity Centre Loan Authorization Bylaw No. 1029, 2003, **1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>d</sup> readings** (*All Directors - Weighted Vote*)

**#386/03**      NOVAKOWSKI/DINWOODIE

THAT Regional District of Central Okanagan Mount Boucherie Complex and Westside Senior Citizens' Activity Centre Loan Authorization Bylaw No. 1029, 2003 be given first, second and third readings this 8<sup>th</sup> day of September 2003.

CARRIED

- 9.2 Regional District of Central Okanagan Sewer System Area 202 - Westbank Sanitary Sewer Service Area Establishment Bylaw No. 1030, 2003, **1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> readings** (*All Directors - Unweighted Vote*)

**#387/03** DINWOODIE/KNOWLES

THAT Regional District of Central Okanagan Sewer System Area 202 – Westbank Sanitary Sewer Service Area Establishment Bylaw No. 1030, 2003 be given first, second and third readings this 8<sup>th</sup> day of September 2003.

CARRIED

- 9.3 Provision of Water to Yates Property (*All Directors - Unweighted Vote*)

**#388/03** CANNAN/KNOWLES

THAT the Board of the Regional District of Central Okanagan consents to the Corporation of the District of Peachland providing water service to two residences only located outside of the District of Peachland boundaries, and located within the Regional District boundaries, at 4713 MacKinnon Road, Peachland, District Lot 4713, except Plan EXC Hwy Drawing R2-160-04 & 05; 40364”.

CARRIED

- 9.4 Regional District of Central Okanagan Sewer System Area 202 – Westbank Loan Authorization Bylaw No.1031, 2003, **1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> readings** (*All Directors - Weighted Vote*)

**#389/03** DINWOODIE/KNOWLES

THAT Regional District of Central Okanagan Sewer System Area 202 – Westbank Loan Authorization Bylaw No. 1031, 2003 be given first, second and third readings this 8<sup>th</sup> day of September 2003.

CARRIED

- 9.5 Ramp from the Coquihalla Connector

Directors Harriman and Dinwoodie brought forward a proposal for the building of an exit ramp from the Coquihalla Connector into Peachland. As Hwy.97 is the only exit out of Peachland, it is felt that an exit is a priority as there would be no access out of or into Peachland in the case of an emergency. The District of Peachland has been able to secure a commitment for funding from the Province for the ramp.

The Board discussed the proposal and expressed concern regarding the process followed, the fact that staff had not had an opportunity to review and report on the proposal and that there is a policy on late items to the Board. It was noted that confirmation of the Westside Electoral Area's funding contribution will need to be finalized and that this will be brought back to the Board with a final report. As the Province and the District of Peachland has committed the funds and as the window for construction to complete the project by year-end is short, it was felt that the issue requires immediate attention.

**#390/03**      DINWOODIE/HARRIMAN

THAT in principal a sum up to a maximum of \$100,000, subject to confirmation of source, be allocated toward an on/off ramp from the Coquihalla Connector to Peachland, by Westside Electoral Area, provided:

- a) the Province of B.C. contributes a minimum of \$525,000.00;
- b) a minimum of \$135,000.00 be contributed by the District of Peachland;
- c) And there be \$50,000.00 in gravel and in-kind be provided by an arrangement made by the District of Peachland.

CARRIED

ACTION: Staff to confirm what revenue sources are available for Electoral Area Westside's portion to be allocated to the on/off ramp from the Coquihalla Connector to Peachland and will report back to the Board.

9.6      Municipal Finance Authority

Chair Hobson confirmed that the Municipal Finance Authority has given the Regional District \$5000., as they have to the Thompson Nicola Regional District, to assist the Regional District in developing a strategy for economic recovery for the region based on the results of the fire.

**#391/03**      SHEPHERD/DINWOODIE

THAT the \$5,000 grant from the Municipal Finance Authority to be expended on economic recovery strategies and discussion be received.

CARRIED

9.7      Kettle Valley Railway Trestles

Chair Hobson reported that a conference call was held early today with Federal, Provincial and local officials to discuss what can be done with the Kettle Valley trestles. They agreed that a technical committee will be formed to look at three phases to restore the trestles: assessment of damage, planning for reconstruction and rehabilitation and fundraising. There was not commitment for funding other than the Federal government is prepared to pay for the assessment.

**#392/03**      DINWOODIE/HANSON

THAT the Regional Board supports the Regional District's participation in the planning process for the restoration of the Kettle Valley Railway trestles;

AND FURTHER THAT the Regional District investigate what potential local government funding options are available.

CARRIED

ACTION: It was agreed that the Director of Parks & Recreation, Bill Vos, will be the staff person appointed to the Kettle Valley Railway restoration committee.

**10.    OTHER BUSINESS**

10.1    Regional District Art Wall for August/September – Artist, Kenny Heid (*for information only*)

Local native artist, Kenny Heid's artwork will be on display on the Regional District's artwall for the months of August and September.

10.2    Verbal Reports Committee Chairs

a)    Parks and Recreation

The next Parks and Recreation Committee meeting is scheduled for Sept. 11<sup>th</sup>.

b)    Transportation

The next meeting of the Regional Transportation Committee is re-scheduled for Sept. 18<sup>th</sup>.

c)    Planning and Environment

It was agreed to start the Planning and Environment meeting at 9:00 a.m. on Sept. 10<sup>th</sup>.

d)    Engineering

The next meeting of the Engineering Committee is scheduled for October 9<sup>th</sup>.

e)    Air Quality

Director Shepherd noted that an air quality protocol developed with Interior Health and the Ministry of Environment fell by the wayside during the fire crisis. A follow up with the Ministry will be done.

Issues the Air Quality Committee are presently involved in are: applying for funds for the Agricultural Wood Chipping pilot program and the Scrap It Program and discussion on an indoor wood burning bylaw.

- f) Governance and Services  
The next meeting of the Governance and Services Committee is scheduled for Sept. 12<sup>th</sup>.
- g) Westside Issues  
No report

10.3 Request for additional Board meeting – October 6, 2003

Due to the high number of applications, the Planning Department requested the addition of Board meeting on Monday, October 6, 2003

**#393/03**     DINWOODIE/NOVAKOWSKI

THAT a Regional Board meeting be held October 6, 2003 at 7:00 p.m. in the Woodhaven Board Room.

CARRIED

10.4 Director Items

- a) Regional Fire Departments

In follow up to the Okanagan Mountain Park wild fire, it was agreed that it is time to review regional fire service with the City of Kelowna and Regional Fire Departments.

**#394/03**     HANSON/SHEPHERD

THAT the Regional District investigate regional fire service with the City of Kelowna and the Regional Fire Departments.

CARRIED

ACTION: The Engineering Committee to vet regional fire service and report back to the Regional Board.

- b) Okanagan Lake Bridge

In discussion regarding the evacuation of 30,000 people from Kelowna during the Okanagan Park fire, concern was expressed regarding what could happen if the Okanagan Lake Bridge lift span had been raised and then broke, which it has done in the past. Ideas such as charging a fee to raise the bridge or limiting hours during an emergency were discussed.

Concern was expressed that the bridge is the only access out of Kelowna to the West and is in need of replacement and may not be able to handle an evacuation should it be required. It was agreed that pressure needs to be put on the Province to move forward with replacement of the bridge.



**#395/03**      CANNAN/DINWOODIE

THAT the Chair write a letter to the Ministry of Forest thanking their staff for the emergency response during the Okanagan Mountain Forest Fire;

AND FURTHER THAT the Chair write a letter to the Minister of Transportation regarding the need to move forward with the building of a new Lake Okanagan Bridge noting the emergency situation in evacuating a community

CARRIED

**11.      ADJOURN**

The meeting was adjourned at 10:40 p.m.

**CERTIFIED TO BE TRUE AND CORRECT**

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Robert Hobson (Chair)**

\_\_\_\_\_  
**W.B. d'Easum (Chief Administrative Officer)**