

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 Friday, March 24, 2006

- Directors:
- J. Baker, (District of Lake Country)
 - B. Clark (City of Kelowna)
 - C. Day (City of Kelowna)
 - A. Dinwoodie (Westside Electoral Area)
 - B. Given (City of Kelowna)
 - P. Hanson (Central Okanagan East Electoral Area)
 - R. Hobson (City of Kelowna)
 - D. Knowles (Westside Electoral Area)
 - L. Novakowski (Westside Electoral Area)
 - G. Reid (District of Peachland)
 - S. Shepherd (City of Kelowna)
- Staff:
- H. Hettinga, Acting CAO
 - K. Arcuri, Director of Planning Services
 - R. Fine, Economic Development Commission
 - G. Leier, Director of Human Resources
 - H. Reay, Director of Financial Services
 - M. Rilkoff, Treasurer
 - K. Roth, Director of Inspection Services
 - B. Vos, Director of Parks and Recreation
 - M. Drouin, Administrative Assistant (recording secretary)

Chair Hobson brought the meeting to order at 9:13 a.m.

1. CORRESPONDENCE

1.1 Kelowna Community Resources re: Application for Regional Grant in Aid

Kelowna Community Resources (KCR) sent a letter March 10th expressing their disappointment with the decision of the Board not to approve their regional grant in aid application for 2006. The Board reviewed the letter and agreed there would be no change in their previous decision.

#140/06 REID/GIVEN

THAT the March 10, 2006 letter from Lance Talbot, Executive Director, Kelowna Community Resources regarding their regional grant in aid application be received.

CARRIED

It was noted that G. Leier will stay in touch with the BC211 contact to keep informed on the service. It is expected there will be a presentation on BC211 service at this year's OMMA convention, as well that the Province will come forward with a model to fund the service. There may be community contribution required but not necessarily local government funding.

- 1.2 Nelson Jatel, Executive Director – Okanagan Partnership Society re: Okanagan Regional Planning Framework – Okanaganquest Decision Modelling

Nelson Jatel, Okanagan Partnership, confirmed the Society received approval from the Federation of Canadian Municipalities for full support of \$200,000 towards the Okanagan Regional Planning Framework – Okanaganquest Decision modelling. With confirmation of the funding the Society is in a position to move forward with the Okanagan Regional Planning Framework project.

#141/06 KNOWLES/BAKER

THAT the March 13, 2006 letter from Nelson Jatel, Executive Director, Okanagan Partnership Society re: Okanagan Regional Planning Framework – Okanaganquest Decision Modelling be received.

CARRIED

ACTION: Staff to invite the Okanagan Partnership to a meeting to update the Board on the Framework.

2. NEW BUSINESS

- 2.1 UBCM Funding Request – Emergency Planning (*All Directors - Unweighted Vote*)

Staff noted the Emergency Planning grant application has two purposes: To conduct a hazard risk and vulnerability analysis and, to exercise the existing Emergency Plan.

#142/06 REID/BAKER

THAT the Regional Board authorize staff to make application for \$5,000 funding from the Emergency Planning Program through the UBCM for improvements to the Regional District of Central Okanagan Emergency Plan.

CARRIED

- 2.2 UBCM Special Leadership Forum (*All Directors - Unweighted Vote*)

UBCM is organizing a special leadership forum for Mayors and Board Chairs. The Forum is scheduled for May 17-18, 2006.

#143/06 DINWOODIE/NOVAKOWSKI

THAT Chair Hobson be authorized to attend the UBCM Leadership Forum scheduled for May 17-18 in Vancouver, BC.

CARRIED

- 2.3 Westside Electoral Area Grant in Aid (\$2,500) – Westbank & District Chamber of Commerce *(All Directors - Unweighted Vote)*

#144/06 DINWOODIE/KNOWLES

THAT a Westside Electoral Area grant in aid in the amount of \$2,500 be allocated to the Westbank & District Chamber of Commerce for the purpose of purchasing community Christmas decorations for the business area.

CARRIED

- 2.4 Regional District of Central Okanagan Sterile Insect Release Parcel Tax Bylaw No. 1159, 2006 *(All Directors - Unweighted Vote)*

#145/06 BAKER/KNOWLES

THAT Regional District of Central Okanagan Sterile Insect Release Parcel Tax Bylaw No. 1159, 2006 be given first, second and third readings, reconsidered and adopted this 24th day of March 2006.

CARRIED

Item added to the agenda:

- 2.5 Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) Board

Director Dinwoodie expressed interest in seeking re-election to the FCM Board and as required, requested the support of the Regional Board. It was noted that the Union of BC Municipalities contributes one-half of the travel costs for a BC Board member. It is estimated the annual costs to attend FCM meetings is approximately \$6,000.

#146/06 NOVAKOWSKI/HANSON

THAT Director Dinwoodie be supported by the Regional Board of the Regional District of Central Okanagan to seek election to the Federation of Canadian Municipality Board for 2006/07;

AND THAT financial support be authorized to a maximum of \$3,500;

AND FURTHER THAT should expenses exceed \$3,500 that a request to the Regional Board is to be made in advance.

CARRIED

3. FINANCE DEPARTMENT

- 3.1 Public Comment on 2006 – 2010 Financial Plan

There was no public comment on the financial plan.

3.2 Review of 2006-2010 Financial Plan & Quarterly Program Measures Report (year ended December 31, 2005)

Staff reviewed the changes to the 2006 budget since the March 8th Governance & Services Committee meeting:

- Regional Planning reduced from \$261,325 to \$121,325 re: removal of contract costs for various projects
- Electoral Area Planning increased from \$1,209,648 to \$1,239,648 for affordable housing paper and transportation model support
- Sterile Insect Release transfer to SIR reduced from \$1,559,540 to \$1,539,833
- Regional Grants in Aid reduced from \$231,939 to \$183,960 (no funding for Kelowna Community Resources)
- Westside Parks \$12,000 added for Killiney Beach
- Westside Electoral Area grants in aid increased from \$40,000 to \$60,000

Staff again reviewed the new services for 2006 and reviewed the major increases over 2005:

- Upper Ellison Fire Protection Boundary Extension
- Westside Fire Protection (new service)
- Joe Rich Community Hall (separated out from the Fire Department)
- Westside Treatment Plant Expansion. It was noted that flows are over capacity but not at a crisis level.
- Glenrosa, Casa Loma/Lakeview Sewer
- Mount Boucherie Arena – increased operational costs due to new area, \$200,000 upgrade for Hewl Road
- Westside Parks purchase
- Sunnyside Water upgrades

Joe Rich Fire Department

Director Hanson requested a reduction in the reserve transfer from \$60,000 to \$30,000 which would reduce taxes on an average home by approximately \$67.90. The reserves were originally being built to pay out the leases on the two trucks by 2009, and then build reserves to replace three trucks in the future. A reduction would result in the trucks being financed until 2014. Leaving the reserve transfer at \$60,000 would have meant having the cash in place to replace the three vehicles by 2020. The reserves were originally built to payout the leases on the two trucks by 2009 and then build reserves to replace three trucks around 2020 with cash. With the reduction the trucks will now be financed until 2014, and in 2020 \$180,000 will be in reserves. The replacement costs would be estimated to be \$600,000.

#147/06 HANSON/DINWOODIE

THAT the reserve transfer allocation for the Joe Rich Fire Department be adjusted to \$30,000 from \$60,000 for the 2006 budget year.

CARRIED

North Westside Road Fire Department

Staff are recommending to reduce the tax rate to \$1.08 from \$1.34. This reduction combined with the \$50 parcel tax allows funding of all operational costs (including a full time fire chief) and build reserves to fund all future capital expenditures. The Community Association is concerned the decrease is too great and has requested a reduction to \$1.19.

#148/06 DINWOODIE/KNOWLES

THAT the North Westside Road Fire Department tax rate be reduced to \$1.19 for 2006 and transferred into reserves.

CARRIED

Regional Parks

- Concern was expressed that the year end expenditure was \$208,000 more than budgeted, that 28 projects were deferred from 2005 to 2006 and whether staff are budgeting for more than what can reasonably be handled. Staff noted an increase in staff was required due to increase in fire hazard protection, increase in the usage of facilities ie: ECCO handles twice as many visits as the Kelowna Museum, and staff are trying to meet the demand of the community. An additional 2.5 staff are being added in the 2006 parks budget.

- Layer Cake Mountain Purchase – The question was raised whether the Layer Cake Mountain purchase can be extended for a longer time. The tax rate is too high for the two year period. By changing the pay out to three years the tax rate would decrease to 19% instead of a 27% increase.

#149/06 REID/BAKER

THAT the debt repayment for the purchase of Layer Cake Mountain be changed to 3 years from 2 years.

CARRIED

- It was agreed to deal with the parks legacy fund at a later time. Staff are planning two workshops in the near future to discuss the fund and at that time the Board will need to identify the policy before funds are put into the fund.

Westside Parks

#150/06 NOVAKOWSK/DINWODDIE

THAT \$12,000 be added to Westside Community Parks for a children's playground in Killiney Beach

CARRIED

Okanagan Basin Water Board

ACTION: Invite OBWB to update the Board on the new water policies.

Air Quality

- It was noted that the District of Lake Country has agreed to participate in the air quality function. Mayor Baker to discuss with the Administrator the terms—service contract or bylaw amendment.

Westside Electoral Area Grants in Aid

#151/06 DINWOODIE/NOVAKOWSKI

THAT the Westside Electoral Area grants in aid for 2006 be increased from \$40,000 to \$60,000.

CARRIED

Due to amendments made to the 2006 budget at this meeting final residential tax rates were not available. The tax rates (on a \$316,000 home which was assessed at \$275,000 in 2005) before the above amendments were:

- City of Kelowna - \$17.02
- District of Peachland - \$14.26
- District of Lake Country \$17.40
- Westside Electoral Area (North) - \$33.14
- Westside Electoral Area (South) - \$121.27
- Central Okanagan East - \$29.69

3.3 Regional District of Central Okanagan 2006-2010 Financial Plan Bylaw No. 1160, 2006, **1st, 2nd and 3rd readings and Adoption** (All Directors - Weighted Vote)

#152/06 REID/BAKER

THAT Regional District of Central Okanagan 2006-2010 Financial Plan Bylaw No. 1160, 2006 be given first, second and third readings as amended, reconsidered and adopted this 24th day of March 2006.

CARRIED

The Board requested that in the future as part of any major land purchase decision, the operating costs and tax impact be provided as part of the discussions to purchase.

As part of the Quarterly reports information on any budget concerns and workplan changes are highlighted for the Board's review.

4. ADJOURN

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 11:05 a.m.

CERTIFIED TO BE TRUE AND CORRECT

R. Hobson (Chair)

H. Hettinga (Acting Chief Administrative Officer)