

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 Friday, March 23, 2007

Directors: B. Clark (City of Kelowna)
C. Day (City of Kelowna)
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)
T. Condon (Alternate, District of Peachland)
S. Shepherd (City of Kelowna)

Regrets: J. Baker (District of Lake Country)
A. Dinwoodie (Westside Electoral Area)

Staff: W. d'Easum, Chief Administrative Officer
K. Arcuri, Director of Planning Services
R. Bruneau, Information Services
D. Darling, Engineering Services
R. Fine, Director of Economic Development
M. Kopp, Parks and Recreation Services
G. Leier, Director of Human Resources
H. Reay, Director of Finance
M. Rilkoff, Deputy Treasurer
B. Smith, Communications
C. Suhan, Waste Reduction
L. Lindsay, Recording Secretary

Chair Hobson brought the meeting to order at 9:25 a.m. He noted that Director Dinwoodie is currently away on FCM business.

1. MINUTES

1.1 Special Board Meeting – March 9, 2007

#109/07 DAY/KNOWLES

THAT the Regional Board special meeting minutes of March 9, 2007 be adopted.

CARRIED

2. DELEGATION

2.1 Bernice Demchuck, Manager – SPCA

The Society is at the end of its first year of a three-year financial contract with the Regional District. Ms. Demchuck reported to the Board that she took over as manager

of the Kelowna Branch in October 2006. She was previously employed at the Kelowna shelter from 1999 to 2003 and had volunteered prior to that.

The Society's program is broken down into three parts, i.e. humane education, cruelty investigation and the spay and neuter program. Ms. Demchuck elaborated on each of the three components. Plans for 2007 were reviewed. They include continuing with their education program and expanding it to include summer camps of one week duration as well as day camps.

Discussion:

How many cats come into the shelter in a week? On average, 15 – 20 cats come into the shelter per week. They only euthanize cats if they are very sick or very aggressive.

All dogs and most cats in the shelter are spayed or neutered. The SPCA transfer program allows them to bring pets in from another area. If the pets are in the local shelter for too long, then they can be transferred down to the Lower Mainland. This program is partly supported by Petcetera.

It was noted that the centre for large seizures of animals will not be shut down and is located in Vernon. This was a source of concern for many groups. Ms. Demchuck explained that the cruelty centre will now operate out of Vernon and is funded by the provincial SPCA office's program for cruelty. The Vernon and Kelowna shelters do not pay for this program.

How often are animals seized from outside the Kelowna area? Seizures are ongoing. Ms. Demchuk reviewed the protocol for seizures and Foster Program. The local shelter may send assistance for a seizure within our area. The Senior Protection Officer's area extends from Vernon to Osoyoos.

The question was raised whether screening against noise from the shelter has worked. Ms. Demchuck reviewed the system they use.

3. FINANCE DEPARTMENT

3.1 Public Comment on 2007 – 2011 Financial Plan

Chair Hobson asked for comments from interested parties. No comments were received.

3.2 Review of 2007-2011 Financial Plan

The Director of Finance responded to questions that were raised at the special meeting held on March 9, 2007.

Revisions were made as follows:

- Line of Vision is being taken over by City of Kelowna in 2007. Finance Department is requesting a reduction in the budget from \$21,000 to \$5,000 to cover the cost of training and changeover. This amount will be recoverable from the City of Kelowna.

- Unsightly and Untidy Premises will be taken over by the City of Kelowna in 2008 and the budget remains unchanged for 2007.
- As requested a written report was included in the Board's material regarding the Parks and Recreation Full Time Equivalent (FTE) increase from 2002 to 2007 plus the administration overhead allocation.
- Westside Transit expenditures were circulated to the Westside Directors as requested.
- Westside Grants in Aid have been adjusted with an increase in the final amount from \$80,000 to \$95,000 which includes \$40,000 for the Westbank Food Bank.

#110/07 CONDON/SHEPHERD:

THAT the report from the Director of Parks and Recreation dated March 23, 2007, regarding 2002 - 2007 FTE Comparison, be received.

CARRIED

Board Directors asked questions regarding:

- Where the significant increases in the budget have occurred;
- Causes of the increase in cost estimate for the proposed new Westside fire hall;
- Whether the proposed new Westside fire hall is part of Westside Governance figures;
- The increase in Okanagan Regional Library budget, based on their 5-year financial plan previously approved by the Regional Board;
- Confirmation of provincial contribution to Westside Transit increases;
- The reasons for increases in the Waste Reduction Services budget.

Chair Hobson thanked staff for their work in preparing the extensive budget. He noted that the 5-year plan makes it easier for the Board to understand the long-term implications of decisions, resulting in fewer surprises.

Regional Board members were also thanked in particular for their support of the Legacy Program.

b) Approval of 2007 Budget (*All Directors - Weighted Vote*)

#111/07 DAY/NOVAKOWSKI:

THAT the Regional Board approves the 2007 – 2011 Financial Plan with changes as stated in the report of the Deputy Treasurer dated March 16, 2007;

AND FURTHER THAT a reduction in the Line of Vision budget to \$5,000 and an increase to Westside Grants in Aid to \$95,000 be approved.

CARRIED

- 3.3 Regional District of Central Okanagan 2007 - 2011 Financial Plan Bylaw No. 1204, 2007 **1st, 2nd and 3rd readings and Adoption** (All Directors - Unweighted Vote)

#112/07

KNOWLES/GIVEN

THAT Regional District of Central Okanagan 2007-2011 Financial Plan Bylaw No. 1204, 2007 be given first, second and third readings, reconsidered and adopted this 23rd day of March 2007.

CARRIED

4. ADJOURN

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 10:15 a.m.

CERTIFIED TO BE TRUE AND CORRECT

R. Hobson (Chair)

W. B. d'Easum (Chief Administrative Officer)