

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, October 8, 2009

Directors: J. Baker (District of Lake Country)
J. Edgson (Central Okanagan West Electoral Area)
K. Fielding (District of Peachland)
D. Findlater (District of West Kelowna)
K. Hayes (Central Okanagan East Electoral Area) *arrived at 12:57 p.m.*
C. Hodge (City of Kelowna)
R. Hobson (City of Kelowna)
D. Ophus (District of West Kelowna)
A. Reid (City of Kelowna)
M. Rule (City of Kelowna)
S. Shepherd (City of Kelowna)

Regrets: L. Derrickson (Westbank First Nation)
G. James (City of Kelowna)

Staff: H. Reay, Chief Administrative Officer
D. Plamondon, Manager of Development & Environmental Services
R. Fralick, Planner - Development & Environmental Services
M. Kopp, Manager of Parks Services
R. Paterson, Chief Building Inspector
M. Drouin (recording secretary)

Chair Hobson brought the meeting to order at 12:55 p.m. following a Governance and Services Committee meeting.

1. RISE & REPORT - Governance and Services Committee meeting of October 8, 2009 (Board approval required)

1.1 Regional Air Quality Service

- a) Okanagan Similkameen Airshed Coalition - Recommendation to sign the Memorandum of Understanding for a 3-year period

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EDGSON/SHEPHERD

THAT the Regional Board support renewal of the Okanagan Similkameen Airshed Coalition (OSAC) Memorandum of Understanding for a period of up to three years;

AND FURTHER THAT the Regional District send a letter to the Board of the Regional District of North Okanagan and Regional District of Okanagan Similkameen encouraging their regional district's to sign on for a three year term.

CARRIED

1.2 Engineering

- a) Liquid Waste Management Plan (LWMP) for the Central Okanagan East Electoral Area

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FIELDING/EDGSON

THAT the Regional Board endorse the preferred solutions identified in the executive summary of the Stage 3 report of the Liquid Waste Management Plan (LWMP) for Central Okanagan East Electoral Area;

AND FURTHER THAT two copies of all the LWMP documents (Stage 1, Stage 2 and Stage 3 documents) be forwarded to the Ministry for approval.

CARRIED

Director Hayes arrived at the meeting at 12:57 p.m.

- b) Westside Regional Wastewater Treatment Plant Biosolids – Approval of funds to engage a consultant

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OPHUS/BAKER

THAT the Regional Board approve that funds up to \$50,000 be allocated from the approved Ogotrow Partnership budget of \$500,000 to engage a consultant to research and report on options for biosolids produced at the WRWWTP including :

- Transferring biosolids to the Ogotrow facility if acceptable to facility partnership
- Investigating construction of an RDCO biosolids handling and processing facility
- Partnering with private sector on construction of a facility capable of treating biosolids
- Acceptance of transfer of biosolids to other existing facilities

AND THAT there be ongoing engagement of service partners throughout the process;

AND THAT the Development and Environmental Services Department engage a consultant to draft a Biosolids Management Plan to be approved by the Ministry of Environment within the same project;

AND FURTHER THAT staff forward an application to the Ministry of Community and Rural Development, Infrastructure Planning Grant Program to be considered in the next round of applications.

CARRIED

2. REGIONAL PARKS SERVICES

- 2.1 Western Economic Diversification Community Adjustment Fund Grant
- Central Okanagan Crown Forest Interface Fuel Modification Project
(All Directors - Unweighted Vote)

Following the Regional Board meetings of September 15, 2008 and October 27th, 2008 staff was directed to “review and pursue applying for UBCM funding for fuel management in the Electoral Areas” and the Board supported “efforts that secure funding for the coordination of operational treatments in high priority areas described in the RDCO Community Wildfire Protection Plan” (#265/08).

As per these directives staff has been actively pursuing available funds to enable fuel management treatments on Crown lands within the electoral areas.

The Community Adjustment Fund (CAF) is a funding program put in place by the Government of Canada to mitigate the impacts of the economic downturn by encouraging job creation in affected communities. Western Economic Diversification Canada (WD) is the Federal Ministry in charge of implementing the program.

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SHEPHERD/BAKER

THAT the Regional Board approves the funding agreement with Western Economic Diversification Canada and accepts the Community Adjustment Funds in the amount of \$235,000.00 for fuel management treatments for specific projects on Crown lands;

AND FURTHER THAT the Regional Board approve accepting the terms and conditions of the Community Adjustment Fund Agreement;

AND FURTHER THAT the Regional Board approve that these funds will be spent on Crown Land projects within the electoral areas or on Crown land Regional Park properties as dictated by the conditions of the agreement;

AND FURTHER THAT the Regional Board approve the use of these funds to leverage additional funding from the UBCM “Strategic Wildfire Protection Program”, for fuel treatment projects in the Central Okanagan Electoral Areas East and West as determined by the RDCO Community Wildfire Protection Plan.

CARRIED

- 2.2 Tourism Grant Project – Highway 33 ‘Welcome to Joe Rich’ sign
(Central Okanagan East Electoral Area) (All Directors - Unweighted
Vote)

During the summer of 2009, it was requested by the Director for the Central Okanagan East Electoral Area to investigate possibilities of constructing a “Welcome to Joe Rich” community entrance sign along Highway 33. The source for the funding of the project would be the UBCM Community Tourism Program if funds were available. Upon the completion of the project (directional road signage to the Kettle Valley Railway) \$14,664.25 was identified as being

funds which could be put towards the sign project. Discussions with the UBCM Community Tourism Program staff revealed that the best route to reallocate the funds towards the project would be to close and report the existing Phase 1 Tourism Grant project to UBCM, bring the new project forward to the Regional Board for approval, and re-apply for the funds through the Tourism Program.

In preliminary efforts to prepare for an application to the Tourism Program it was determined there would be a requirement for a Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure permit to install the sign. The sign would have to be placed further up Highway 33 because of the planned widening/passing lane of Highway 33 up Walker's hill. It is estimated that the sign would cost approximately \$12,000 to plan and construct. Any remaining funds would be reallocated to the Nordic Ski Club for use in purchasing additional Okanagan High Rim Trail brochures.

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HAYES/OPHUS

THAT the Regional Board approve the submission of an application to the UBCM Community Tourism Program for a grant in the amount of \$14,664.25;

AND FURTHER THAT the Regional Board approve that these funds be used within the Central Okanagan East Electoral Area for the design and installation of a "Welcome to Joe Rich" sign along Highway 33;

AND FURTHER THAT the Regional Board approve that any residual funds upon completion of the sign project be reallocated to assist with production of additional brochures for the Okanagan High Rim Regional Trail;

AND FURTHER THAT the Regional Board approve accepting the terms and conditions for the Community Tourism Program.

CARRIED

3. Director Items

- a) Okanagan Similkameen Airshed Coalition Conference

Directors were reminded of the Okanagan Airshed Coalition conference scheduled for October 29, 2009 at the Capri Hotel.

- b) Fall Yard Waste Pickup

Director Shepherd expressed concern regarding the fall yard waste program and that the option to upgrade to a 360 liter container be provided at no cost. Staff noted that as the municipalities determine their own program and costs to their residents and that this discussion would need to be handled by the municipal Councils.

Staff noted that the option to upgrade to the 360 liter bin is not currently available in all areas as there are currently not enough inventory carts available to do this across the region. Staff reviewed the options for pickup: self-hauling, private contractor, purchase bags for pickup through the contractor, increase number of yard waste carts at a cost to the resident. It

was noted that should municipalities wish to consider a one-time bag pickup where all residents pay (cost per household) prices have increased since the spring. The technical committee, which comprises of staff from each municipality, have addressed all these issues in detail and have all the information, costs and options including the pros and cons for each municipality. The technical committee does not recommend a one-time fall yard waste pickup service.

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SHEPHERD/RULE

THAT staff be directed to forward a letter to municipal councils providing the background information on yard waste options should municipalities wish to reconsider a fall yard waste pickup.

CARRIED (Ophus opposed)

c) Audio System for Woodhaven Boardroom

The question was raised whether the Regional District has considered an audio system for the Boardroom. It was noted the Board directed staff to research the cost of a system and report back. A staff report is coming forward at the October Board meeting.

d) Southern Interior Local Government Association (SILGA)

It was noted that Director Rule has been appointed to the SILGA Board for 2010.

e) Gravel Pit

Director Hayes noted that hauling of gravel has resumed at a gravel pit located in Joe Rich (Three Forks Road). It was also noted that an application for a gravel pit in Peachland has been approved.

Chair Hobson noted that the Province has committed to an aggregate study in the Okanagan and that Chair Hobson and MLA Norm Letnick will chair the study committee. The membership of the Committee is currently being reviewed.

3. ADJOURN TO AN IN CAMERA MEETING

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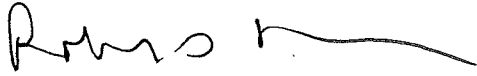
HODGE/RULE

THAT pursuant to Section 90 of the *Community Charter* the Regional Board adjourn and convene to an 'In-Camera' session to discuss a legal and a contractual issue.

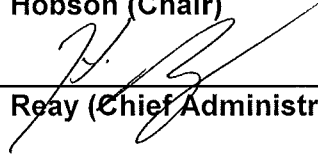
CARRIED

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 1:55 p.m.

CERTIFIED TO BE TRUE AND CORRECT



R. Hobson (Chair)



H. Reay (Chief Administrative Officer)