

**Minutes of the *SPECIAL EMERGENCY BOARD MEETING* of the Regional District of Central Okanagan held at Regional District Offices, 1450 KLO Road, Kelowna, B.C. on Sunday, July 19, 2009**

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Directors: J. Baker (District of Lake Country)  
J. Edgson (Central Okanagan West Electoral Area)  
K. Hayes (Central Okanagan East Electoral Area)  
R. Hobson (City of Kelowna)  
G. James (City of Kelowna)  
M. Rule (City of Kelowna)  
S. Shepherd (City of Kelowna)

Regrets: K. Fielding (District of Peachland)  
D. Findlater (District of West Kelowna)  
B. Given (City of Kelowna)  
D. Ophus (District of West Kelowna)  
A. Reid (City of Kelowna)

Staff: H. Reay, Chief Administrative Officer (recorder)

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

A special emergency meeting was called to approve a state of emergency within the Regional District. Consent was received from all board members for the Emergency Board meeting.

**1. Declaration of a state of emergency**

Staff updated the Board on the wildfire situation within the District of West Kelowna. Currently there are three fires burning: the Glenrosa, Rose Valley and the Terrace Mountain Fire which is located within the boundaries of the regional district.

As a precautionary measure a declaration would give the Regional District special powers to deal with such an emergency in order to ensure public safety.

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**SHEPHERD/RULE**

WHEREAS an Interface Forest Fire exists in the Regional District of Central Okanagan;

AND WHEREAS ongoing and imminent threat to life or property;

AND WHEREAS this emergency requires prompt coordination of action or special regulation of persons or property to protect the health, safety and welfare of people or to limit damage to property;

NOW THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED pursuant to Section 12 (1) of the *Emergency Program Act* (RS, 1996, Chap 11) and Section 16 of the Local Authority Emergency Program Bylaw No. 635-1995 that a state of local emergency exists due to an interface fire and associated threats in the Regional District.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED the Regional District of Central Okanagan, its employees, servants and agents are empowered pursuant to Section 13 (1) of the *Emergency Program Act* to do all acts and implement all procedures that are considered necessary to prevent or to alleviate the effects of the emergency, including:

- Acquire or use any land or personal property considered necessary to prevent, respond to or alleviate the effects of an emergency or disaster.
- Authorize or require any person to render assistance of a type that the person is qualified to provide or that otherwise is or may be required to prevent, respond to or alleviate the effects of an emergency or disaster.
- Control or prohibit travel to or from any area of the Regional District of Central Okanagan's jurisdiction.
- Provide for the restoration of essential facilities and the distribution of essential supplies and provide, maintain and coordinate emergency medical, welfare and other essential services in any part of the Regional District of Central Okanagan's jurisdiction.
- Cause the evacuation of persons and the removal of livestock, animals and personal property from any area of the Regional District of Central Okanagan's jurisdiction that is or may be affected by an emergency or a disaster and make arrangements for the adequate care and protection of those persons, livestock, animals and personal property.
- Authorize the entry into any building or on any land, without warrant, by any person in the course of implementing an emergency plan or program or if otherwise considered by the Regional District of Central Okanagan to be necessary to prevent, respond to or alleviate the effects of an emergency or disaster.
- Cause the demolition or removal of any trees, structures or crops if the demolition or removal is considered by the Regional District of Central Okanagan to be necessary or appropriate in order to prevent, respond to or alleviate the effects of an emergency or disaster.
- Construct works considered by the Regional District of Central Okanagan to be necessary or appropriate to prevent, respond to or alleviate the effects of an emergency or disaster.

AND BE IT ALSO KNOWN THAT the Regional District of Central Okanagan delegates these powers to the Director, or his delegate, of the Central Okanagan Emergency Operations Centre.

CARRIED

The declaration will remain in force for seven days until July 26, 2009 unless cancelled by order of the Regional District of Central Okanagan.

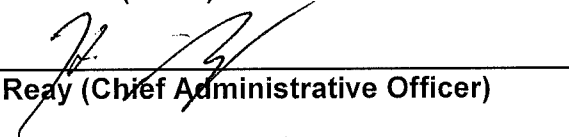
**2. ADJOURN**

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 7:15 p.m.

**CERTIFIED TO BE TRUE AND CORRECT**



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R. Hobson (Chair)



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H. Reay (Chief Administrative Officer)