

**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 Saturday, July 25, 2009**

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Directors: R. Hobson (City of Kelowna)  
D. Findlater (District of West Kelowna)  
J. Edgson (Central Okanagan West Electoral Area)  
G. James (City of Kelowna)  
D. Ophus (District of West Kelowna)  
C. Hodge (Alternate Director for B. Given City of Kelowna)  
A. Reid (City of Kelowna)  
K. Fielding (District of Peachland)

Regrets: S. Shepherd (City of Kelowna)  
K. Hayes (Central Okanagan East Electoral Area)  
J. Baker (District of Lake Country)  
M. Rule (City of Kelowna)

Delegation: Chief R. Blanleil, City of Kelowna  
Assistant Chief J. Bolund, City of Kelowna

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

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

Chair Hobson brought the special meeting to order at 1:00 p.m.

The Administrator informed the Board that the Local State of Emergency can be extended on the signatures of the Chair and the Solicitor General for the Province of B.C., therefore a resolution to extend the Local State of Emergency is not required.

Assistant Chief J. Brolund outlined to the Board the conditions of the local State of Emergency and the powers contained within. Assistant Chief J. Bolund then outlined some activities of the fire fighting personnel. The Incident Commanders review the fire progress constantly and prepare daily operational plans based upon the fire activity.

He noted the Emergency Social Service (ESS) response and informed the Board that there are two ESS centres operating, one in the District of West Kelowna and one in Vernon. Mr. Brolund informed the Board of the transition of personnel in the Emergency Operation Center (EOC) from the District of West Kelowna to the Regional District.

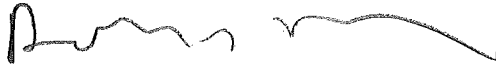
Chief R. Blanleil informed the Board that valuable lessons were learned from the fires in 2003 and 2005 and applied to the fires of this year. He noted the Province stated that the Regional District of Central Okanagan's Emergency Plan could be used as a template for interface forest fire fighting. Chief Blanleil also noted that response to the three fires reinforced the fact that a regional approach is the best way to deal with emergencies within the Central Okanagan, as Peachland, West Kelowna, and Electoral Area West were all affected.

The board then had a general discussion noting the responses in the District of West Kelowna and the Regional District. It was noted by the Directors that all the volunteers that have responded need to be especially recognized once the fires have been fully controlled and contained.

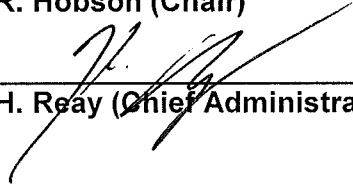
**ADJOURN**

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 1:40 p.m.

**CERTIFIED TO BE TRUE AND CORRECT**



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R. Hobson (Chair)



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H. Reay (Chief Administrative Officer)