

**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, August 13, 2009**

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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)  
C. Hodge, alternate for B. Given (City of Kelowna)  
K. Hayes (Central Okanagan East Electoral Area)  
R. Hobson (City of Kelowna)  
G. James (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)

Staff:

H. Reay, Chief Administrative Officer  
M. Kopp, Manager of Parks Services  
D. Plamondon, Manager of Development & Environmental Services  
M. Rilkoﬀ, Treasurer-Manager of Administration and Financial Services  
P. Rotheisler, Coordinator Waste Reduction  
M. Drouin (recording secretary)

Chair Hobson brought the meeting to order at 11:25 a.m. following a Governance and Services Committee meeting

**1. MINUTES**

1.1 Regular Board Meeting – June 22, 2009

1.2 Special Board Meeting – July 9, 2009, July 19, 2009 and July 25, 2009

**#169/09**

**EDGSON/RULE**

THAT the Regular Board meeting minutes of June 22, 2009, the Special Board meeting minutes of July 9, 2009 and the Special Emergency Board meeting minutes of July 19, 2009 and July 25, 2009 be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED

**2. RISE & REPORT - Governance and Services Committee meeting August 13, 2009**

2.1 Items needing Board approval

a) Public Transit Capital Application

R. Westlake, City of Kelowna Regional Services report dated July 23, 2009 provided background on funding available through the Union of BC Municipalities for public transit projects. The funding is both Federal and Provincial. Approximately \$2.3 million is available subject to approval of the partners, BC Transit and the UBCM.

**#170/09**

SHEPHERD/EDGSON

The Regional Board receive the report of the Director, Regional Services of the City of Kelowna dated July 23, 2009;

AND THAT the Regional Board support an application to the Union of BC Municipalities for funding under the Public Transit Agreement and the Public Transit Infrastructure Program for \$2.234 million for infrastructure related to transit priority and transit communications systems through central Kelowna;

AND THAT the Regional Board support an application on behalf of all local partners in Kelowna Regional Transit for general bus stop improvements;

AND THAT the Regional Board support an application on behalf of all local partners in Kelowna Regional Transit for transit station shelter on the UBC-Okanagan campus;

AND FURTHER THAT the Regional Board direct staff to assist in the implementation of the bus stop improvements in partnership with other local governments.

CARRIED

**3. CORRESPONDENCE**

- 3.1 Union of BC Municipalities re: Community Wildfire Protection Planning Grant Application

**#171/09**

EDGSON/RULE

THAT the July 3, 2009 letter from the Union of BC Municipalities approving the application for a Community Wildfire Protection Planning Grant for RDCO Parks in the amount of \$15,000 be received.

CARRIED

- 3.2 City of Burnaby re: Liabilities resulting from building construction regulation (joint and several liability of municipalities under the Local Government Act)

The City of Burnaby is requesting support for the position recommendations arising from the Barrett Commission which included specific recommendations to address

the inequity of the application of joint and several liability to municipalities. The Commission found the discrepancy in treatment of municipal liability between the Local Government Act and the Vancouver Charter to be unacceptable. The Commission's recommendations specifically support the position by both the UBCM and member municipalities in requesting the Provincial Government remove the joint and several liability of municipalities under the Local Government Act and provide the same protection to all municipalities that is afforded to the City of Vancouver under the Vancouver Charter.

**#172/09**

**SHEPHERD/OPHUS**

THAT the June 4, 2009 letter from the City of Burnaby regarding liabilities resulting from building construction regulation (joint and several liability of municipalities under the Local Government Act) be received;

AND FURTHER THAT staff request that the report being drafted from City of Kelowna be shared with the region and member municipalities for their information.

CARRIED

**4. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

No Board action required/requested.

**5. FINANCE**

No Board action required/requested.

**6. DEVELOPMENT AND ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES**

**Inspection:**

6.1 Building Statistics – June and July 2009 *(All Directors - Unweighted Vote)*

**#173/09**

**BAKER/FIELDING**

THAT the building statistics for the month of June and July 2009 be received.

CARRIED

**Planning:**

Development Variance Permits (Unweighted Vote)

6.2 Development Variance Permit Application for G. & L. McKillop (owners) and Protech Consultants Ltd. (agent) located adjacent to Anderson Road. (VP-09-05) Central Okanagan East Electoral Area *(Electoral Areas and Kelowna Fringe Area)*

Staff report dated July 20, 2009 outlined the DVP application to reduce the minimum public road frontage requirements in order to facilitate a proposed 2-lot subdivision. Staff reviewed the application noting there were no objections received from any of the affected agencies or neighboring property owners.

Chair Hobson asked if there was anyone in the gallery who deemed their property affected by the variance. There was no-one.

**#174/09**

HODGE/SHEPHERD

THAT the Regional Board approve Development Variance Permit (application VP-09-05) for Glen & Laura McKillop (owners) located at 5675 Anderson Road to vary the minimum public road frontage of *Subdivision and Development Servicing Bylaw No. 704* in the A1 zone for proposed Lot 2 from 104.91 metres (344.19 ft) to 9.1 metres (29.85 ft).

CARRIED

**Engineering / Waste Reduction**

No Board action required/requested.

**7. PARKS SERVICES**

- 7.1 Mission Creek Greenway Rock Competency and Tunnel Design Contract for the Pinch Point (*All Directors - Weighted Vote*)

Staff report dated July 27, 2009 outlined the background for completion of rock competency and the design of the Mission Creek Greenway tunnel at Pinch Point. The RFP closed June 29<sup>th</sup> with only one proponent meeting the technical and contract threshold.

**#175/09**

SHEPHERD/JAMES

THAT the Regional Board approve a consulting services agreement with Golder Associates for the sum of \$99,590 (inclusive of GST) for the completion of a rock competency assessment and, if feasible, detailed tunnel design as per the Request for Proposal issued June 12, 2009 and the consultant's proposal.

CARRIED (opposed Findlater, Ophus)

- 7.2 Regional District Community Wildfire Protection Plan – Awarding of Consulting Services Contract (*All Directors - Weighted Vote*)

Staff report dated August 5, 2009 outlined the background for the Regional District's Community Wildfire Protection Plan. UBCM has approved grant funding of \$50,000 for a region-wide a Community Wildfire Protection Plan.

This plan will not replace any existing municipal plans but will tie all plans together providing input on all the interface areas.

#176/09

FINDLATER/EDGSON

THAT the Regional Board approve a consulting services agreement with B. A. Blackwell and Associates Ltd. For the sum of \$49,996.75 (inclusive of GST) for the completion of the region-wide Community Wildfire Protection Plan for the Regional District of Central Okanagan as per the Request for Proposal issued July 7, 2009 and the consultant's proposal.

CARRIED

**8. NEW BUSINESS**

- 8.1 Okanagan Similkameen Airshed Coalition – Request for support of BC Solid Fuel Burning Domestic Appliance Regulation and the BC Building Code (*All Directors - Unweighted Vote*)

In its minutes of June 24, 2009 the Okanagan Similkameen Airshed Coalition requested the support of the three Okanagan regional districts to send a letter to the Ministries of Healthy Living & Sport, Housing & Social Development and the Environment stating the following:

- That the Emission Standards of BC be referenced in the BC Building Code;
- That the BC Building Code specify that solid fuel burning appliances that are installed, must be appliances that can be legally sold in BC as referenced in the BC Solid Fuel Burning Domestic Appliance Regulation.

#177/09

SHEPHERD/RULE

THAT the Okanagan Similkameen Airshed Coalition minutes of June 24, 2009 be received

CARRIED

#178/09

SHEPHERD/BAKER

THAT the Regional Board of the Regional District of Central Okanagan supports the Okanagan Similkameen Airshed Coalition's recommendation in its minutes of June 24, 2009 to send a letter to the Province (Ministries of Healthy Living & Sport, Housing & Social Development and the Environment) stating the following:

- That the Emission Standards of BC be referenced in the BC Building Code;
- That the BC Building Code specify that solid fuel burning appliances that are installed must be appliances that can be legally sold in BC as referenced in the BC Solid Fuel Burning Domestic Appliance Regulation.

CARRIED

**9. OTHER BUSINESS**

9.1 Director Items

a) Fire Season

The question was raised what lessons have been learned from the 2003 fire season as well as this year. An example is do local governments enforce cedar shakes not being used? Staff noted that a recommendation to not use cedar shake for roofs came out in the Fire Smart recommendations in 2003 but it is not part of the BC Building Code.

H. Reay noted that after this year's fire season staff from the EOC will be reviewing what further lessons have been learned and may be recommending further changes for the Regional District/municipalities to consider including rapid response capability, fuel management discussion, building standards in the interface area, etc.

#179/09

HODGE/SHEPHERD

THAT the Emergency Operations Centre be requested to provide a report following the 2009 fire season on lessons learned and possible recommendations for the Regional Board's consideration.

CARRIED

b) Okanagan Regional Library Funding

Concern was raised that there have been strong indications that the Provincial government has decided not to continue funding public libraries. If the Provincial grant is not forthcoming, public libraries will be in a deficit position and face significant hardship in meeting their obligations as well as continuing important public services.

It is understood that the current economic climate has affected Provincial revenues and that tough decisions will have to be made in the upcoming budget but it will be difficult for communities across BC to face the loss of library services as well as face the possibility that services may need to be funded elsewhere.

#180/09

RULE/SHEPHERD

THAT a letter be sent to the Province supporting the continuation of grants for the library system in British Columbia.

CARRIED

c) Drought management

Concern was expressed on the low water table in creeks within the Central Okanagan East Electoral Area this year and whether there is anything that can be done long term. Residents have expressed concern that wells are running dry and creeks in the area are very low.

It was noted that the Okanagan Basin Water Board (OBWB) is currently working on a water management report. As well, OBWB recently held a Drought Management Workshop. Outcomes from that workshop will be available shortly. Staff will request the information be distributed to the Board when it becomes available.

**10. ADJOURN IN CAMERA**

#181/09

EDGSON/OPHUS


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

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 11:55 p.m.

**CERTIFIED TO BE TRUE AND CORRECT**



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R. Hobson (Chair)

  
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H. Reay (Chief Administrative Officer)