

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, February 11, 2010

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. Fonseca, alternate for K. Hayes (Central Okanagan East Electoral Area)
R. Hobson (City of Kelowna)
C. Hodge (City of Kelowna)
G. James (City of Kelowna)
D. Ophus (District of West Kelowna)
K. Craig, alternate for 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, Director of Parks Services
D. Plamondon, Director of Development Services
C. Radford, Director of Environmental Services
M. Rilkoﬀ, Director of Administration and Financial Services
M. Drouin, Corporate Services Coordinator (recording secretary)

Chair Hobson brought the meeting to order at 2:10 p.m. following a Governance and Services Committee meeting.

1. MINUTES

1.1 Minutes – January 14, 2010 and January 18, 2010

#29/10

CRAIG/FIELDING

THAT the Special Board meeting minutes of January 14, 2010 and the Regular Board meeting minutes of January 18, 2010 be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED

2. RISE & REPORT - Governance and Services Committee meeting of February 11, 2010

2.1 Proposed Spion Kop Regional Park – Crown Land Acquisition Plan

#30/10

FIELDING/HODGE

THAT the Regional Board receive and approve the use of the Crown Land Acquisition Plan for Spion Kop to support an application to the Integrated Land Management Bureau (ILMB) in securing the identified Crown lands for the proposed Spion Kop Regional Park;

AND FURTHER THAT the Regional Board authorize staff to prepare and submit an application to ILMB to acquire the identified crown lands;

AND FURTHER THAT an application to ILMB will be submitted subject to the completion of a coordinated agreement with the Okanagan Indian Band;

AND FURTHER THAT the acquisition of tenure of the identified crown lands will be subject to the Regional Board approval of the 2010 – 2014 Five Year Financial Plan and the final acquisition agreement.

CARRIED (opposed Findlater, Ophus)

2.2 Approve Delegation/Presentation Policy (*All Directors - Unweighted Vote*)

The Governance and Services Committee at its February 11th meeting reviewed the proposed Delegation/Presentation Policy and agreed to remove Section 7 of the draft which limited the amount of time to ten minutes to clarify questions to the respective presenters. The amended version was presented for approval.

#31/10

EDGSON/JAMES

THAT the Regional Board adopt the Delegation/Presentation Policy for delegations and/or presentations appearing before the Board and Board Committee meetings.

CARRIED

3. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

3.1 Regional District of Central Okanagan Starling Control Program - Central Okanagan East and Central Okanagan West Electoral Area Grant in Aid (*All Directors - Unweighted Vote*)

Staff report dated January 23rd outlined that as the annual contribution to the Starling Control program may change because it is based on the converted values in the annual revised assessment roll, it would be advisable to leave out the actual dollar amount in the resolution to approve electoral area funding for the program for the remaining three years. As well, as 2011 is the Civic Election, the elected Director of the day should be asked to approve the 2012 funding for the program.

#32/10

EDGSON/FONESCA

THAT resolution #06/10 be amended to read:

THAT an annual Central Okanagan East Electoral Area and Central Okanagan West Electoral Area grant in aid be allocated to the BC Grapegrowers Association for the Starling Control program for the years 2010 and 2011 based on the annual revised

assessment roll converted values and the percentage of contribution for the \$25,000 program;

AND FURTHER THAT staff budget in the 5-year financial plan for the electoral area's grant in aid in 2012 and seek director approval for that year's contribution.

CARRIED

- 3.2 Regional District of Central Okanagan Urban Transit Local Service Area Establishment Amendment Bylaw No. 1264, 2009, **3rd reading** (*All Directors - Unweighted Vote*)

#33/10

FINDLATER/FIELDING

THAT Regional District of Central Okanagan Urban Transit Local Service Area Establishment Amendment Bylaw No. 1264, 2009 be given third reading this 11th day of February 2010.

CARRIED

It was agreed to add the following items from the Governance and Services Committee meeting of February 11th to the agenda.

- 3.3 District of West Kelowna Parks Acquisition

In follow-up to budget discussion at the Governance and Services Committee meeting regarding the Parks Legacy Program acquisition plans and the request of the District of West Kelowna to withdraw from the regional parks acquisition strategy, the Board discussed the options for consideration including status quo where all partners contribute at the 2010 rate of \$0.07, status quo but reduce the 2010 contributions to \$0.035, allow the District of West Kelowna to withdraw from the acquisition strategy and either reduce the scope of the acquisition plan or maintain the acquisition plan and each partner contribute more funds.

It was noted that the Board unanimously agreed to the acquisition strategy when the program was instituted and that negotiations for properties are underway. Concern was expressed what the impact of reduced funding in 2010 would be to the program and to current negotiations.

#34/10

SHEPHERD/FINDLATER

THAT the Regional Board reduce the 2010 regional parks tax requisition for the Parks Legacy Program from \$0.07 to \$0.035.

#35/10

Amendment to the motion
BAKER/FIELDING

THAT the resolution be *TABLED* to an In Camera discussion to review the impact to current land negotiations.

The amendment was CARRIED

3.4 Community Recreation Initiatives Society

The Governance and Services Committee at its February 11th meeting recommended that the Society be contracted to provide recreation services to disabled residents at the EECO. This initiative would be provided under the regional parks program.

#36/10

BAKER/ SHEPHERD

THAT the Community Recreation Initiatives Society be contracted within the Regional Parks budget to provide recreation services to disabled residents.

CARRIED

3.5 Regional Parks Capital Facility Reserves

The Governance and Services Committee at its February 11th meeting recommended that the \$109,000 reduction in budget for the Pinch Point tunnel along Mission Creek Greenway be transferred to capital facility reserves for 2010.

#37/10

EDGSON/CRAIG

THAT the budget for Pinch Point regional park tunnel construction along Mission Creek Greenway be reduced by \$109,000 in 2010 and that the funds be transferred to regional parks capital facility reserves.

CARRIED (Ophus opposed)

The meeting was adjourned at 2:30 to a Regional Hospital District board meeting.

The meeting was reconvened 3:15 p.m.

4. ADJOURN IN CAMERA

#38/10

EDGSON/CRAIG

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

CARRIED

The meeting was adjourned at 3:15 p.m.

The Board rose from In Camera at 3:50 p.m. to discuss the tabled resolution #34/10.

#34/10 THAT the Regional Board reduce the 2010 regional parks tax requisition for the Parks Legacy Program from \$0.07 to \$0.035.

Discussion:

Staff presented options for funding the Parks Legacy Program considering the request by the District of West Kelowna to opt out of the parks acquisition strategy. The Board discussed the options:

- Option #1 - status quo, all areas contribute; and Option #2 – taxpayers other than the District of West Kelowna taxpayer pay more in order to maintain proposed funding levels.
- West Kelowna has stated they no longer want to participate in the acquisition strategy for regional parks. The question was raised whether their Council would reconsider if the 2010 budget was reduced from \$0.07 to \$0.035.
- Concern was expressed that capacity to purchase lands is being further reduced as funding was also reduced in 2009.
- Understand West Kelowna's desire to put other priorities first but do you risk destroying the region's long term regional parks plan.
- It is not fair for other residents to pay for West Kelowna's share.
- All partners originally committed to the program.
- Borrowing capacity would be reduced to approximately \$12mil as opposed to \$17mil.
- Will the proposal to reduce the 2010 budget keep West Kelowna in the program? This is not known.
- Concern was expressed that the Board may not have all the facts regarding what lands are currently being negotiated and what the full impact is to land purchases if funding is further reduced.
- Need to understand if the Plan is being compromised and if so to what extent.

TABLED resolution #34/10 was brought back to the floor (and renumbered)

#39/10

SHEPHERD/FINDLATER

THAT the Regional Board reduce the 2010 regional parks tax requisition for the Parks Legacy Program from \$0.07 to \$0.035.

#40/10

Amendment to the main resolution:

SHEPHERD/RULE

THAT the resolution to reduce the 2010 regional parks tax requisition for the Parks Legacy Program from \$0.07 to \$0.035 be *TABLED* to allow staff the opportunity to review the financial implications of a reduction to the *Regional Parks Legacy Program-Park Land Acquisition Strategy* and current property negotiations and report back to the Board at its February 22 regular meeting;

AND FURTHER THAT the West Kelowna directors review with their Council the tax reduction proposal to determine if they would reconsider their request to withdraw from the regional parks acquisition strategy.

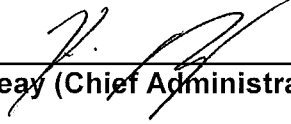
CARRIED

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 4:35 p.m.

CERTIFIED TO BE TRUE AND CORRECT



R. Hobson (Chair)



H. Reay (Chief Administrative Officer)