

**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 Wednesday, September 7, 2011**

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- Directors:
- J. Baker (District of Lake Country)
  - J. Edgson (Central Okanagan West Electoral Area)
  - K. Fielding (District of Peachland) *via conference phone*
  - D. Findlater (District of West Kelowna) *via conference phone*
  - R. Hobson (City of Kelowna) *via conference phone*
  - C. Hodge (City of Kelowna) *via conference phone*
  - G. James (City of Kelowna)
  - D. Ophus (District of West Kelowna)
  - M. Rule (City of Kelowna) *via conference phone*
  - S. Shepherd (City of Kelowna)
  - A. Reid-Nagy (City of Kelowna) *via conference phone*
- Regrets:
- K. Hayes (Central Okanagan East Electoral Area)
- Staff:
- H. Reay, Chief Administrative Officer
  - M. Drouin, Corporate Services Coordinator

A special emergency meeting was called to approve a state of emergency within the Regional District.

The meeting was called to order at 8:30 a.m. and a Chair was appointed.

HOBSON/HODGE

THAT Director James be appointed to Chair the meeting.

CARRIED

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

Staff updated the Board on the wildfire situation within the Bear Creek area. The fire began at approximately 10:07 p.m. September 4<sup>th</sup>. West Kelowna and Wilsons Landing Fire responded to the fire. As the fire was in Crown lands, forestry responded as well. Currently the fire is contained and the EOC is standing down.

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. H. Reay read the declaration to the Board.

*Director Baker arrived at 8:35 a.m.*

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EDGSON/SHEPHERD

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

*Director Reid-Nagy arrived at 8:40 p.m. via conference phone*

The declaration will remain in force for seven days until September 11, 2011 unless cancelled by order of the Regional District of Central Okanagan.

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SHEPHERD/HODGE

THAT thank you letters be forwarded to Home Depot, District of West Kelowna, and the Salvation Army for their assistance during the emergency.

CARRIED

**2. ADJOURN**

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 8:43 a.m.

CERTIFIED TO BE TRUE AND CORRECT

  
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G. James (Chair)

  
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H. Reay (Chief Administrative Officer)