

Minutes of the *REGULAR BOARD MEETING* of the Regional District of Central Okanagan held at Regional District Offices, 1450 KLO Road, Kelowna, B.C. on Monday, September 17, 2012

Directors:

J. Baker (District of Lake Country)
C. Basran (City of Kelowna)
A. Blanleil (City of Kelowna)
J. Edgson (Central Okanagan West Electoral Area)
K. Fielding (District of Peachland)
D. Findlater (District of West Kelowna)
G. Given (City of Kelowna)
W. Gray (City of Kelowna)
P. Hanson (Central Okanagan East Electoral Area)
R. Hobson (City of Kelowna)
D. Ophus (District of West Kelowna)
G. Zimmermann (City of Kelowna)

Staff:

P. Macklem, Chief Administrative Officer
R. Fralick, Manager of Current Planning
C. Radford, Director of Environmental Services
R. Paterson, Chief Building Inspector
D. Plamondon, Director of Development Services
M. Rilkoff, Director of Administration and Financial Services
B. Smith, Communications
M. Drouin, Corporate Services Coordinator (recording secretary)

Chair Hobson addressed protesters which were earlier protesting outside the Regional District offices in regard to the region's dog control function and a court order ruling for the destruction of Mr. Smith's dog 'Diesel'. It was noted that at this time, a judgment has been rendered by the courts and the dog's owner is appealing the court ruling. As the matter continues to be before the courts, the Board will not comment at this time. It was noted that an external service review of the dog control function is underway with a preliminary report due October 22. The Board will not acknowledge the protesters in a formal way as the agenda guides the meeting.

1. CALL TO ORDER

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

2. ADDITION OF LATE ITEMS

There were no late items to the agenda.

3. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

#206/12

OPHUS/GIVEN

THAT the agenda be adopted.

CARRIED

4. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

4.1 Regular Board meeting – September 6, 2012

#207/12

BASRAN/GRAY

THAT the regular Board meeting minutes of September 6, 2012 be adopted.

CARRIED

5. DELEGATION

No delegations

6. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

No Board action required/requested.

7. FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES

7.1 Quarterly Program Measures Information Report – Year-To-Date June 30, 2012 (*All Directors – Unweighted Vote*)

An Executive Summary dated August 27, 2012 outlined quarterly program measure highlights for year-to-date, June 30th for various services of the Regional District. Staff provided service highlights including:

- CAO retired in April, an interim CAO appointed for one year;
- CUPE contract negotiated and settled;
- Service reviews underway: regional rescue, dog control, 911, City of Kelowna boundary expansion, building inspection;
- Transit – WFN and Peachland will assume their own transit contracts;
- Regionally Significant Gas Tax Project funding allocated;

Director Baker arrived at 7:04 p.m.

- Parks – Crayke property purchased, fuel modification underway, flooding response;
- Crime Stoppers - \$9mil drugs seized, tips lead to arrest of two violent offenders;
- Public works – water systems metered, capital projects completed;
- Waste Reduction – radio frequency identification system identified 571 non-compliant customers, identified and contacted, only 13 reoffenders;
- Development Services – OCP bylaws adopted; building inspection services reduced;
- Dog Control – service review underway, three dangerous dog trials;
- Regional Rescue – three flooding evacuation alerts, EOC activated three times, ESS activated 18 times; new emergency website;
- Fire – fireboat delivered to North Westside Fire Department;
- TDM – Regional Active Transportation Master Plan supported;
- Hospital District – progress financing continues for the Interior Heart & Surgical Centre and Ambulatory Care Centre;

- Grants Approved \$450,000 & Grants Received \$1,349,618;
- Planning is underway for 2013-2017 budget.

The question was raised regarding the bylaw adjudication process and whether the Regional District will participate in it going forward. Staff has previously been directed to bring an update forward as part of the dog control service review and will ensure the update includes all ticketing offenses.

#208/12

FINDLATER/FIELDING

THAT staff be directed to report to the Board on the bylaw adjudication process including options for all ticketing offenses.

CARRIED

#209/12

FIELDING/BAKER

THAT the Quarterly Program Measures Report, year-to-date June 30, 2012 be received for information.

CARRIED

8. DEVELOPMENT SERVICES

Inspection:

- 8.1 Building Statistics – August 2012 (*for information*) (*All Directors - Unweighted Vote*)

#210/12

EDGSON/BAKER

THAT the August 2012 building statistics be received for information.

CARRIED

Planning

- 8.2 FrontCounter BC Referral Application for Licenses of Occupation to permit a communication site, power line and roadway (CL-12-04) Central Okanagan East Electoral Area (*All Directors – Unweighted Vote*)

Staff report dated September 11, 2012 outlined a referral for licenses of occupation requesting approval of Licenses of Occupation (10 year terms) for the following;

- o A communication site to include a cellular telecommunications system tower, antennas, equipment shelter and related equipment.
- o A right-of-way for an overhead power-line.
- o A road right of way to accommodate access to the communication site.

The total amount of Crown land associated with this proposal is approximately 7.78 ha (19.22 acres).

In addition to providing expanded cellular coverage to residents and the general public in the Joe Rich area along Highway 33 between Black Knight and Big White Mountains, the communication site may offer opportunity for shared use of the facility to allow a repeater for the Regional Fire Services radio system.

Staff reviewed the site map, details of the site and technical comments.

Subsequent to staff's report, it was noted that should the application be approved the next phase will include a public consultation process by Industry Canada. The proposal is a partnership between the Province and Telus as part of extending cell service along highways in BC and improving public safety for travel along provincial highways.

#211/12

HANSON/BLANLEIL

THAT FrontCounter BC referral application (Reference files: 3412528 & 3412529) for Licenses of Occupation in the vicinity of Greystokes Road and Highway 33 for TM Mobile Inc. to permit a communication site, power-line and roadway be conditionally supported subject to the following:

- Installation of the telecommunications tower to be under the supervision of the appropriate structural and geotechnical engineers;
- A building permit from the Regional District is required for the telecommunications building if the structure exceeds 10m² in area;
- Approval must be obtained from the landowner of DL3459 for portion of the overhead power-line crossing over the private parcel (ie: to secure the appropriate Statutory right-of-way), and confirmation to be obtained from RDCO staff as to whether a Development Permit is required in accord with the Joe Rich Rural Land Use Bylaw;
- Compliance with conditions noted by the RDCO Environmental/Land Use Planner in the attached "Summary of Proposed Conditions" dated September 6, 2012;
- Compliance with all conditions and recommendations of applicable Provincial agencies, First Nations, and other stakeholders;

AND FURTHER THAT the Development Services Department report dated September 11, 2012, be forwarded to FrontCounter BC Planning Office for their information and consideration.

CARRIED

9. ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES

- 9.1 Feasibility Study for the Proposed Paradise Valley Water System (Central Okanagan West Electoral Area) (*All Directors – Unweighted Vote*)

Staff report dated September 7th outlined that a request from property owners in the Trepanier area has been received in support of the RDCO considering the feasibility to construct, operate and maintain a community water system. Feasibility funds would be required to explore the practicality of a water system project in this area.

In discussion, the following was raised:

- In review of the Regional Growth Strategy (this is not a planned development area), is it expected that further subdivision will be an expectation if a water system is developed? There are no guarantees--it would be up to the Board of the day.
- Have preliminary studies been done to determine if there is a source of water? Current water license capacity may be impacted with the introduction of a new water system. Staff noted there are high volume production wells in the area as well there may be an aquifer which may supply the system.
- Before spending \$20,000 on a study, should residents be asked if there is interest in a water system? Even if grants were available, the project would likely cost in the range of \$20,000-\$40,000 without fire protection. Getting water is only one step--fire protection would also be a significant cost to residents.
- The only way to provide the actual cost impact is to do a feasibility study.
- Previous discussion has occurred with the area director and the District of Peachland regarding possible water and fire protection. Peachland's policy is that if an area wants service from the municipality, it must join the municipality. Boundary expansion has been discussed and Peachland said they would be prepared to enter into a study on boundary expansion should the Province fund it.
- Fire protection cannot be reviewed until it is known if a water system can be put in place.
- Staff reviewed how the feasibility fund works: the Board approves a study, when the service area is developed the service area repays the feasibility fund for the cost of the study. If the service does not proceed, there is no repayment of funds. In 2012, an electoral area feasibility fund was started.
 - \$62,900 is currently in the feasibility study fund.
 - \$10,000 is currently in the electoral area feasibility fund (both electoral areas).
- Maybe a survey needs to be done first to see what the threshold/tolerance is for the costs. What is the 'real' appetite of area residents?
- Providing fire protection to the area would be of benefit to the surrounding municipalities.

Councillor Werstuik left the meeting at 8:30 p.m.

- As part of a water system, there may be the ability for reservoir systems to be put in place to assist with fire protection.
- Due to recent fires, area residents may believe what they need is fire protection as some residents have indicated there is water. One has to be careful not to let people think if they get a water system that fire protection would be part of that service when it's not.
- The question was raised how long it would take to complete a feasibility study. Staff indicated that it could likely be completed by the fall if approval was given to proceed now.

- Concern was expressed that no grants can be accessed to help defray costs unless a service is established.
- Need to engage residents at the earliest opportunity. Need to be clear what it would mean to get a water system.

#212/12

BAKER/EDGSON

THAT the Regional Board approve the use of feasibility funds in the amount of \$20,000 for the Paradise Valley Water System Feasibility Study.

Amendment to main motion

OPHUS/BLANLEIL

THAT \$10,000 for the proposed Paradise Valley Water System study be funded through the Electoral Area feasibility fund.

DEFEATED (Zimmerman, Blanleil, Findlater in favour)

The main motion was called and was DEFEATED by a tie vote

In further discussion, more information needs to be provided in advance of doing a feasibility study. Property owners cannot be misled or expectations created what service might be available to them and what the potential cost would be for a water system and fire protection either through the Regional District or through a boundary expansion with the District of Peachland. They need to be consulted in advance to understand what the interest and threshold is for either system.

#213/12

BLANLEIL/GRAY

THAT staff be directed to bring forward a communication strategy to seek public input of Paradise Valley residents for what their threshold is for a water system and fire protection including possible options for boundary adjustments.

CARRIED

10. PARKS SERVICES

No Board action required/requested.

11. NEW BUSINESS

No Board action required/requested.

12. DIRECTOR ITEMS

a) Southern Interior Beetle Action Coalition (SIBAC)

As the RDCO rep to SIBAC, Director Edgson noted that SIBAC was approached by David Dubois to come and speak to any of its partners regarding the use of biomass heating options.

#214/12

EDGSON/BLANLEIL

THAT David Dubois be invited to attend a future Governance & Services Committee meeting to provide a presentation on biomass heating options.

CARRIED

b) Trepanier Fire Response

The Emergency Operation Centre (EOC) staff & Emergency Support Services (ESS) volunteers were thanked for their response during the recent Trepanier fire. EOC & ESS, as well as Forestry, reacted very quickly and efficiently when called upon. It is time to celebrate the achievement of all emergency services.

RDCO communication coordinator, Bruce Smith, was congratulated on a job well done. Smith noted that the new emergency website received over 80,000 visits during the first three days of the emergency.

c) City of Kelowna Bid for Ironman

Director Gray noted that City of Kelowna Council has agreed to provide a bid to host Ironman Canada in 2013 and beyond. Letters of support are being asked of all member municipalities and the Regional Board.

#215/12

GRAY/FINDLATER

THAT a letter of support be provided to the City of Kelowna for their bid for Ironman Canada.

CARRIED

13. ADJOURN IN CAMERA

#216/12

BLANLEIL/EDGSON

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


CARRIED

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 9:30 p.m.

CERTIFIED TO BE TRUE AND CORRECT



R. Hobson (Chair)



P. Macklem (Chief Administrative Officer)