



REGIONAL DISTRICT OF NORTH OKANAGAN

REGIONAL GROWTH MANAGEMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING

Thursday, March 8, 2012

2:00 pm

REGULAR AGENDA

A. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

1. Regional Growth Management Advisory Committee Meeting – March 8, 2012

(Opportunity for Introduction of Late Items)

RECOMMENDATION 1

That the agenda of the March 8, 2012 regular meeting of the Regional Growth Management Advisory Committee be approved as presented.

B. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

1. Regional Growth Management Advisory Committee Meeting – February 2, 2012

RECOMMENDATION 2

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That the minutes of the February 2, 2012 regular meeting of the Regional Growth Management Advisory Committee be adopted as circulated.

C. PETITIONS AND DELEGATIONS

D. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

E. NEW BUSINESS

1. Letters of Support

Real Estate Foundation of British Columbia Grant Application: Regional Growth Strategy Monitoring and Evaluation

- Letter dated January 30, 2012 from Social Planning Council for the North Okanagan
- Letter dated January 31, 2012 from Seniors Action Network
- Letter dated February 1, 2012 from Community Futures – North Okanagan
- Letter dated February 1, 2012 from Department of Forest Resources Management, University of British Columbia
- Letter dated February 6, 2012 from the RDNO Electoral Area Directors
- Letter dated February 15, 2012 from the City of Vernon
- Letter dated February 16, 2012 from the District of Coldstream
- Letter dated February 20, 2012 from Food Action Society of the North Okanagan
- Letter dated February 21, 2012 from the City of Enderby
- Letter dated February 21, 2012 from the Village of Lumby
- Letter dated February 22, 2012 from the Township of Spallumcheen
- Letter dated February 23, 2012 from Okanagan Collaborative Conservation Program
- Letter dated February 23, 2012 from Okanagan College

- Letter dated February 23, 2012 from The Society for the Protection of Kalamalka Lake
- Letter dated February 24, 2012 from Ministry of Forests, Lands and Natural Resources Operations
- Letter dated February 24, 2012 from BC Transit
- Letter dated February 27, 2012 from Ministry of Community, Sport and Cultural Development
- Letter from Schubert Centre
- Letter from Greater Vernon Chamber of Commerce

RECOMMENDATION 3**Page 5**

That the nineteen letters of support attached to the March 8, 2012 Regional Growth Management Advisory Committee agenda be received for their information.

2. Strategic Prioritization Workshop**Page 25****F. BUSINESS ARISING FROM DELEGATIONS****G. REPORTS****H. ADJOURNMENT**



REGIONAL DISTRICT OF NORTH OKANAGAN

MINUTES of a **REGULAR** meeting of the **REGIONAL GROWTH MANAGEMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE** held in the Board Room at the Regional District Office on Thursday, February 2, 2012

Members:	Director M. Macnabb	Electoral Area "C"	Chair
	Director K. Acton	Village of Lumby	Vice Chair
	Director S. Fowler	City of Armstrong	
	Director D. Dirk	District of Coldstream	
	Director H. Cyr	City of Enderby	
	Director J. Brown	Township of Spallumcheen	
	Director R. Sawatzky	City of Vernon	
	Director B. Fleming	Electoral Area "B"	
	Director R. Fairbairn	Electoral Area "D"	
	Director E. Foisy	Electoral Area "E"	
	Director J. Pearase	Electoral Area "F"	
Staff:	R. Smailes	General Manager, Planning and Building	
	A. Kittel	Regional Growth Strategy Coordinator	
	A. Bevan	Executive Assistant (taking minutes)	
Other:	Director P. Nicol	City of Vernon	

CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Chair Macnabb called the meeting to order at 2:01 p.m.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Regional Growth Management Advisory Committee – February 2, 2012

Moved and seconded by Directors Fowler and Cyr
That the agenda of the February 2, 2012 regular meeting of the Regional Growth Management Advisory Committee be approved as presented.

CARRIED

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

Regional Growth Management Advisory Committee – January 6, 2012

Moved and seconded by Directors Fowler and Acton
That the minutes of the January 6, 2012 regular meeting of the Regional Growth Management Advisory Committee be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED

PETITIONS AND DELEGATIONS

The Regional Growth Strategy Coordinator advised that Kevin Poole, City of Vernon Manager of Economic Development & Tourism, will be presenting at a future meeting regarding support for an employment lands study on a regional scale

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

Regional Growth Strategy Update – January 16, 2012

Moved and seconded by Directors Dirk and Acton

That it be recommended to the Board of Directors that the Regional Growth Strategy Update dated January 16, 2012 be received for information and forwarded to member municipalities and First Nations for their information.

CARRIED

Regional Growth Strategy Budget Update – January 12, 2012

The Regional Growth Strategy Coordinator advised that the budget for the Regional Growth Strategy has been consistently under budget. There is \$60,000 remaining that has not be allocated to a specific project. The funds will expire on August 31, 2012.

It was suggested that the remaining \$60,000 be used towards developing a “template” for municipalities and electoral areas to use in creating their regional context statements.

Moved and seconded by Directors Cyr and Fowler

That the report dated January 12, 2012, from the Regional Growth Strategy Coordinator, regarding Regional Growth Strategy Budget Update be received for information.

CARRIED

Regional Context Statements

The Regional Growth Strategy Coordinator explained that the staff report dated January 12, 2012 provides an overview of the process and suggested content for developing regional context statements.

Moved and seconded by Directors Dirk and Acton

That it be recommended to the Board of Directors that the report dated January 12, 2012 from the Regional Growth Strategy Coordinator regarding an overview of Regional Context Statement requirements be received for information and forwarded to member municipal councils and the Electoral Area Advisory Committee for their consideration.

CARRIED

Regional Context Statement Development Budget Considerations

It was suggested that planning staff from all jurisdictions could work together as the Regional Growth Strategy Support Team, to create a “template” that each municipality and electoral area could use in developing their regional context statements, as they are the persons most familiar with the official community plans.

It was noted that the Province does not have involvement in the approval process of regional context statements.

Section 866(8) of the *Local Government Act*:

After a regional growth strategy is adopted, the requirement under subsection (1) must be fulfilled by the applicable council submitting a proposed regional context statement to the board within 2 years after the regional growth strategy is adopted.

It is hoped that under the regionally significant projects funding, money could be distributed to each municipality to offset costs of developing regional context statements.

Moved and seconded by Directors Acton and Foisy

That it be recommended to the Board of Directors that the report dated January 13, 2012 from the Regional Growth Strategy Coordinator regarding Regional Context Statement Development Budget Considerations be received for information and referred to member municipalities and the Electoral Area Advisory Committee for information.

CARRIED

Federation of Canadian Municipalities Green Municipal Fund Application – Regional Growth Strategy 5-Year Sustainability Action Plan

There is not a specific deadline for this application; funds are based on a first come, first served basis until all the funds are allocated.

It was noted the grant could be up to \$175,000.

Moved and seconded by Directors Dirk and Acton

That it be recommended to the Board of Directors that the 2012 Federation of Canadian Municipalities Green Municipal Fund Application for the development of a Regional Growth Strategy 5-Year Sustainability Action Plan be supported; and further,

That all member municipal councils are requested to provide a resolution of support for this application.

CARRIED

2012 Regional Growth Strategy Action Planning Prioritization Workshop

The Regional Growth Strategy Coordinator advised that all Board of Directors and their Alternates are invited to participate in the workshop.

Moved and seconded by Directors Dirk and Acton

That the report dated January 16, 2012 from the Regional Growth Strategy Coordinator regarding the next Regional Growth Strategy Action Planning Prioritization Workshop be received for information; and further,

That the workshop date be scheduled for March 8, 2012 at 2:00 pm (during the next regularly scheduled Regional Growth Management Advisory Committee meeting).

CARRIED

BUSINESS ARISING FROM DELEGATIONS

REPORTS

ADJOURNMENT

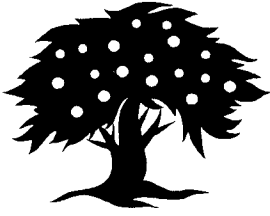
There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 2:47 p.m.

Certified Correct:

Chair

Corporate Officer

Unadopted



*"Let the grandchildren
gather the apples."*

SOCIAL PLANNING COUNCIL for the NORTH OKANAGAN

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January 30, 2012

The Real Estate Foundation
570-355 Burrard St
Vancouver, BC V6C 2G8

To Whom It May Concern;

With respect to the grant application submitted to the Real Estate Foundation of British Columbia, by the Regional District of North Okanagan, for funds to undertake a Regional Growth Strategy Participatory Monitoring and Evaluation Program, we offer a letter of strong support.

The Social Planning Council of North Okanagan has been involved throughout the Regional Growth Strategy process, including during the development of a housing policy and potential indicators for consideration. A comprehensive regional monitoring and evaluation program would be an invaluable tool for use by our communities when evaluating progress on the Regional Growth Strategy, local planning programs and community organization initiatives.

Thank you for your kind consideration.

Sincerely,

Annette Sharkey

Annette Sharkey
Executive Director



SAN *Seniors Action Network*

The People Place, Rm 005, 3402 - 27th Avenue, Vernon, BC V1T 1S1
ph: 250 545-8572 email: sirb@socialplanning.ca

January 31, 2012

To Whom It May Concern:

With respect to the grant application submitted to the Real Estate Foundation of British Columbia, by the Regional District of North Okanagan, for funds to undertake a Regional Growth Strategy Participatory Monitoring and Evaluation Program, we offer a letter of support.

The Seniors' Action Network has been involved throughout the Regional Growth Strategy process and has partnered on seniors' outreach initiatives that have provided valuable information on seniors' issues. A comprehensive regional monitoring and evaluation program would be an invaluable tool for use by our communities when evaluating progress on the Regional Growth Strategy, local planning programs and community organization initiatives.

Sincerely,

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Dayle Drury, Chairperson
Seniors Action Network



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February 1st 2012

Real Estate Foundation of British Columbia

To Whom It May Concern,

Community Futures – North Okanagan (CFNO) is a community-based not-for-profit society offering a comprehensive selection of business services, employment assistance, and economic development initiatives as determined by our local communities.

Please accept this letter as evidence of CFNO's enthusiastic support for Regional District of the North Okanagan in the establishment of a partnership with Eco Plan International, University of British Columbia (UBC) Vancouver and the Real Estate Foundation of British Columbia (REFBC)

Community Futures believes this partnership will create an innovative and effective Regional Growth Strategy monitoring and evaluation program that could respond to the needs of our communities and assist the Regional District and its partners in evaluating the effectiveness of Regional Growth Strategy implementation. The information that would result would ensure that regional projects, initiatives and programs were having the desired effect, and if there are identified issues, provide the opportunity for refining approaches and policies.

It is our opinion that the information that is intended to be gathered is valuable to the strategic planning for new and existing business development, preparation of our local workforce, and coordination of local economic development activities.

The partnership would support our communities' and region's broadly held values, and could be utilized in assessing economic development projects with other regional economic development players. Business attraction and expansion, job creation, and workforce preparation through skill enhancement could also be enhanced through this partnership.

Please do not hesitate to contact me should you have any questions or comments.

Sincerely,

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Norm Metcalf
General Manager, Community Futures – North Okanagan

Growing communities one idea at a time.

THE UNIVERSITY OF BRITISH COLUMBIA



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(604) 822-4935

To: The Real Estate Foundation of BC

From: Dr. Michael Meitner
University & Department: UBC, Forest Resources Management
Address: 2nd Floor, Forest Sciences Centre,
Faculty of Forestry
#2045 -2424 Main Mall

Date: February 1, 2012

**RE: Letter of Support for the Proposed North Okanagan Regional Growth Strategy -
Monitoring and Evaluation Project.**

I am writing to express strong support of, and confirm our involvement in, the proposed *North Okanagan Regional Growth Strategy - Monitoring and Evaluation Project*. I am co-supervising a federally funded research and development grant that is a partnership between the University of British Columbia and EcoPlan International. The first knowledge gap that the research partnership proposes to address involves better understanding engagement methods and value elicitation techniques with the purpose of decision making in multiple urban/rural planning contexts. This includes developing methods and tools for engaging a diverse larger audience in a decision context. In particular we are interested in the monitoring and evaluation aspect of the planning and implementation process. We believe that the proposed *North Okanagan Regional Growth Strategy - Monitoring and Evaluation Project* will provide a significant contribution to filling this knowledge gap.

I will be contributing some of my own time and I will be supervising two of my Ph.D. students who will be working directly on this project in partnership with EcoPlan and the Regional District.

In addition, it is our goal to take this knowledge and share it through the publication of academic papers and at conferences and events. This will help achieve our goal of expanding the reach of the research well beyond the North Okanagan.

Sincerely,

Dr. Michael Meitner



REGIONAL DISTRICT OF NORTH OKANAGAN

MEMBER MUNICIPALITIES:

CITY OF ARMSTRONG
DISTRICT OF COLDSTREAM
CITY OF ENDERBY

VILLAGE OF LUMBY
TOWNSHIP OF SPALLUMCHEEN
CITY OF VERNON

ELECTORAL AREAS:

"B" - SWAN LAKE
"C" - B.X. DISTRICT
"D" - LUMBY (RURAL)

"E" - CHERRYVILLE
"F" - ENDERBY (RURAL)

OFFICE OF: Electoral Area Directors

FILE No.: 0530

February 6, 2012

To Whom It May Concern:

With respect to the grant application submitted to the Real Estate Foundation of British Columbia by the Regional District of North Okanagan, in partnership with EcoPlan International, for funding support to undertake the Regional Growth Strategy Monitoring and Evaluation Program, we, as the elected representatives of our communities offer a letter of strong support.

The Electoral Area Directors have been involved throughout the Regional Growth Strategy process, including during the development, refinement and negotiated agreement of regional policy that was the foundation of the plan. A comprehensive regional monitoring and evaluation program would be an invaluable tool for use by my community when evaluating progress on the Regional Growth Strategy, local planning programs and community organization initiatives. The Monitoring and Evaluation Program will provide further partnership opportunities during the implementation of the Regional growth Strategy and will be an integral component of an integrated approach to regional planning into the future.

Yours truly,

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Bob Fleming, Director
Electoral Area "B"

Handwritten signature of Mike Macnabb in black ink.

Mike Macnabb, Director
Electoral Area "C"

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Rick Fairbairn, Director
Electoral Area "D"

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Eugene Foisy, Director
Electoral Area "E"

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Jackie Pearase, Director
Electoral Area "F"

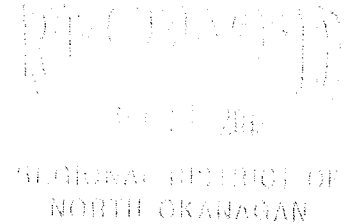


THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF VERNON

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February 15, 2012

Mr. Antony Kittel, RGS Coordinator
Regional District of North Okanagan
9848 Aberdeen Road
Coldstream, B.C. V1B 2K9



Dear Mr. Kittel;

RE: Real Estate Foundation of BC Grant Application – Regional Growth Strategy Monitoring And Evaluation

At its Regular Meeting of February 13, 2012, Council reviewed your letter dated February 1, 2012 regarding the captioned topic. The following resolution was adopted:

*"That Council **supports** the joint grant application from the Regional District of North Okanagan, EcoPlan International, and the University of British Columbia (UBC) Vancouver, to the Real Estate Foundation of BC, for a Real Estate Foundation Grant to assist with Regional Growth Strategy Monitoring and Evaluation.*

CARRIED."

We are enclosing a 'certified true copy' of the resolution for your grant application package.

Sincerely,

Patti Bridal, Corporate Officer, CMC
Manager, Corporate Services

Encl.

Cc: Kim Flick, Manager, Development Services
Cleo Corbett, Long Range Planner



THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF VERNON

RESOLUTION OF COUNCIL

Real Estate Foundation of BC Grant Application – Regional Growth Strategy Monitoring And Evaluation

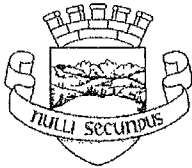
At the **February 13, 2012**, Regular meeting, Vernon City Council endorsed the following motion in respect to the Real Estate Foundation of BC Grant Application – Regional Growth Strategy Monitoring And Evaluation:

*“THAT Council **supports** the joint grant application from the Regional District of North Okanagan, EcoPlan International, and the University of British Columbia (UBC) Vancouver, to the Real Estate Foundation of BC, for a Real Estate Foundation Grant to assist with Regional Growth Strategy Monitoring and Evaluation.*

CARRIED.”

The undersigned hereby certifies the above resolution
to be a true copy of the resolution passed by
Council of the City of Vernon on February 13, 2012

Patti Bridal, Corporate Officer
The Corporation of the City of Vernon



DISTRICT OF COLDSTREAM

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File: 6420

February 16, 2012

Regional District of North Okanagan
Anthony Kittel, Regional Growth Strategy Coordinator
9848 Aberdeen Road
Coldstream BC V1B 2K9

Dear Mr. Kittel:

**Re: Request for Support: Real Estate Foundation of BC Grant
Application for Regional Growth Strategy Monitoring and Evaluation**

At their meeting held February 13, 2012, Council discussed the above and adopted the following resolution:

"THAT staff be directed to send a letter to the Regional District of North Okanagan supporting their application for a grant from the Real Estate Foundation of British Columbia to support Regional Growth Strategy Monitoring and Evaluation."

Council is pleased to endorse the Regional District of North Okanagan's grant application to the Real Estate Foundation of British Columbia.

If you have any questions please feel free to contact me at 545-5304 or by email at kaustin@district.coldstream.bc.ca.

Yours truly,

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Keri-Ann Austin
Corporate Officer

CC M. Stamhuis, CAO
T. Hall, CAO, RDNO



food action society
Cultivating Change in our Community

February 20, 2012

To Whom It May Concern;

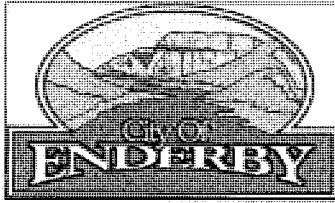
With respect to the grant application submitted to the Real Estate Foundation of British Columbia, by the Regional District of North Okanagan, for funds to undertake a Regional Growth Strategy Participatory Monitoring and Evaluation Program, we offer a letter of strong support.

The Food Action Society has been involved throughout the Regional Growth Strategy process, including during the development of regional policy and potential indicators for consideration. A comprehensive regional monitoring and evaluation program would be an invaluable tool for use by our communities when evaluating progress on the Regional Growth Strategy, local planning programs and community organization initiatives.

Thank you for your kind consideration,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Andrea Gunner".

Andrea Gunner
President
Food Action Society of the North Okanagan
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February 21, 2012

Regional District of North Okanagan
9848 Aberdeen Road
Coldstream, B. C V1B 2K9

Attn: Anthony Kittel, Regional Growth Strategy Coordinator

Dear Mr. Kittel:

Re: Letter of Support – Grant Application for RGS Monitoring and Evaluation

Your correspondence dated February 1, 2012 was considered by Council at the regular meeting of February 20, 2012. The following resolution of support was unanimously endorsed by Council:

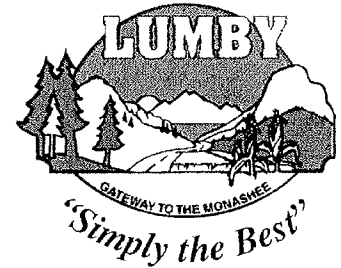
"THAT the City of Enderby supports the grant application by the Regional District of North Okanagan, EcoPlan International, and University of British Columbia to the Real Estate Foundation of British Columbia for a Regional Growth Strategy Monitoring and Evaluation Program."

We wish you success with your grant application.

Yours truly,

Tate Bengtson
Deputy Chief Administrative Officer

/bk



February 21, 2012

Mr. Anthony Kittel
Regional Growth Strategy Coordinator
Regional District of North Okanagan
9848 Aberdeen Road
Coldstream, BC V1B 2K9

Dear Mr. Kittel:

**Re: Council Support for the Real Estate Foundation of British Columbia
Grant Application: Regional Growth Strategy Monitoring and Evaluation**

The following Resolution was **adopted** at the February 20, 2012 regular meeting of Council:

12/026 Moved by Councillor Mindnich seconded by Councillor Ostafichuk that that Village of Lumby send a letter of support for the partnership with EcoPlan International, UBC Vancouver and the Real Estate Foundation of British Columbia (REFBC) to create an innovative and effective RGS Monitoring and Evaluation program.

CARRIED

I hereby certify the above to be a true and correct copy of a resolution of the Council of the Village of Lumby adopted the 20th day of February 2012.

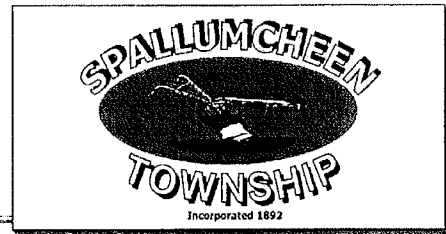
Tom Kadla
Corporate Officer

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February 22nd, 2012

Regional District of North Okanagan
9848 Aberdeen Road
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Dear Mr. Anthony Kittel:

**Re: Council Support for the Real Estate Foundation of British Columbia Grant
Application: Regional Growth Strategy Monitoring and Evaluation**

Thank you for your letter dated February 1st, 2012 in regards to Council Support for the Real Estate Foundation of British Columbia Grant Application: Regional Growth Strategy Monitoring and Evaluation.

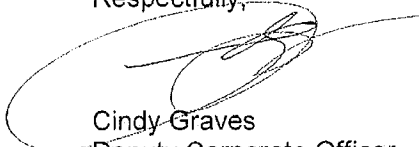
Please be advised that at the Monday, February 20th, 2012 Regular Council Meeting the following resolution was passed:

"..that the letter from Anthony Kittel, Regional Growth Strategy Coordinator of the Regional District of North Okanagan dated February 1st, 2012 – Re: Council Support for the Real Estate Foundation of British Columbia Grant Application: Regional Growth Strategy Monitoring and Evaluation be received by Spallumcheen Council;

AND That Spallumcheen Council direct staff to prepare a letter of support for Anthony Kittel, Regional Growth Strategy Coordinator, Regional District of North Okanagan, to make a grant application to the Real Estate Foundation of British Columbia to create an innovative and effective Regional Growth Strategy Monitoring and Evaluation program ensuring regional projects, initiatives and programs are having the desired effect for all the member municipalities within the Regional District of North Okanagan."

If you have any questions in this regard please contact the undersigned.

Respectfully,



Cindy Graves
Deputy Corporate Officer

CG/cs



Okanagan Collaborative Conservation Program

February 23, 2012

Real Estate Foundation of BC
c/o Anthony Kittel
Regional District of North Okanagan
9848 Aberdeen Road
Coldstream, BC V1B 2K9

Dear Board of Governors Review Committee:

Re: North Okanagan RGS Participatory Monitoring and Evaluation project

On behalf of the Okanagan Collaborative Conservation Program, I am pleased to offer our support for the Regional District of North Okanagan (RDNO) submission to the Real Estate Foundation of British Columbia Grant Program. The recently completed Regional Growth Strategy for the North Okanagan Region represents a tremendous addition to clarifying land use decision frameworks and planning priorities for the region.

A Regional Growth Strategy Participatory Monitoring and Evaluation Program in the North Okanagan will help facilitate successful implementation of on the ground strategies and ensure emerging issues and concerns are addressed in a timely manner. Additionally, a comprehensive regional monitoring and evaluation program would be an invaluable tool for use by our communities when evaluating progress on the Regional Growth Strategy, local planning programs and community organization initiatives.

Thank you for your consideration and best regards.

Aaron Deans, *RPBio, MScF*
OCCP Coordinator



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February 23, 2012

Real Estate Foundation of BC
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Re: Regional District of North Okanagan's Grant Application

Dear Sir/Madam:

Please accept this letter of support from Okanagan College – Vernon Campus with respect to the Regional District of North Okanagan's application for funds to undertake a Regional Growth Strategy Participatory Monitoring and Evaluation Program.

The Regional District of North Okanagan has been undergoing a Regional Growth Strategy process for the past three years and is now at the point where initiatives are being developed and implemented. In order to ensure accountability to the communities and the public, it is imperative that a comprehensive regional monitoring and evaluation program be in place. Such a program will greatly assist in evaluating progress on the Regional Growth Strategy, identifying local planning imperatives, and promoting new community organization initiatives.

Okanagan College - Vernon Campus has been part of the Regional Growth Strategy process and fully supports the continued efforts of the Regional District in its capacity and abilities to implement the strategies identified.

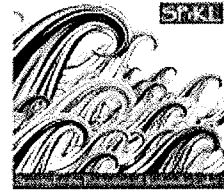
If you require any additional information or clarification, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

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Jane Lister
Regional Dean

RDNO REFBC Support Letter



Real Estate Foundation of British Columbia

February 23, 2012

To Whom It May Concern:

With respect to the grant application submitted to the Real Estate Foundation of British Columbia, by the Regional District of North Okanagan, for funds to undertake a Regional Growth Strategy Participatory Monitoring and Evaluation Program, we offer a letter of strong support.

The Society for the Protection of Kalamalka Lake has been involved throughout the Regional Growth Strategy process, including during the development of regional policy and potential indicators for consideration. A comprehensive regional monitoring and evaluation program would be an invaluable tool for use by our communities when evaluating progress on the Regional Growth Strategy, local planning programs and community organization initiatives.

Thank you for your kind consideration.

Sincerely,

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Trina Koch
SPrKL President



February, 24, 2012

File: 58000-02/94141

Real Estate Foundation of BC
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To Whom It May Concern;

With respect to the grant application submitted to the Real Estate Foundation of British Columbia, by the Regional District of North Okanagan, for funds to undertake a Regional Growth Strategy Participatory Monitoring and Evaluation Program, we offer a letter of strong support.

Ecosystems staff of the Ministry of FLNRO has been involved throughout the Regional Growth Strategy process, including during the development of regional policy and potential indicators for consideration. A comprehensive regional monitoring and evaluation program would be an invaluable tool for use by our communities when evaluating progress on the Regional Growth Strategy, local planning programs and community organization initiatives.

Thank you for your kind consideration.

Yours truly,



Brian Robertson
Ecosystem Biologist
Ministry of Forests, Lands & Natural Resource Operations
Thompson Okanagan Region

BR/cl



February 24, 2012

Regional District of North Okanagan
9848 Aberdeen Road
Coldstream, BC V1B 2K9

To Whom It May Concern;

BC Transit would like to offer a letter of support with respect to the grant application submitted to the Real Estate Foundation of British Columbia, by the Regional District of North Okanagan, for funds to undertake a Regional Growth Strategy Participatory Monitoring and Evaluation Program.

BC Transit has been involved throughout the Regional Growth Strategy process through the Intergovernmental Advisory Committee and the Transportation and Infrastructure Working Group. BC Transit would like to have a key role in the development of this comprehensive regional monitoring and evaluation program, as it would help improve transit service in the North Okanagan Regional District.

Please keep BC Transit updated on the program development.

Regards,

Roxanne Lypka, MCIP

Transportation Planner | BC Transit
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Roxanne_Lypka@bctransit.com



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Real Estate Foundation of BC
570 - 355 Burrard Street
Vancouver, BC V6C 2G8

February 27, 2012

To Whom it May Concern:

I am writing to express support for the North Okanagan Regional District's funding proposal for their Regional Growth Strategy (RGS) Participatory Monitoring and Evaluation Plan.

Developing a monitoring and evaluation program is key to ensuring implementation of growth strategy goals, and is part of the RGS requirements under the *Local Government Act*. The Ministry of Community, Sport and Cultural Development has an interest in work that furthers the application of such RGS implementation tools.

I am encouraged by the Regional District's intent to make sure its monitoring and evaluation program is collaborative and provides partners with information that is relevant, achievable and contributes to the implementation of the RGS and its 5-year action plan, as well as local plans and initiatives. Furthermore, I am pleased to hear that members of the Intergovernmental Advisory Committee (IAC) are keen to participate in development of the monitoring and evaluation plan. Such collaboration will enable the recognition of, and access to, relevant data as well as help to build upon partnerships and interests in the region.

Finally, I thank the Real Estate Foundation for its continued role in providing financial assistance to sustainable regional land use planning and implementation work such as this. I believe this project has the capacity to address all of REF's 'effectiveness' criteria: leadership/innovation, partnership/collaboration, sustainability/longevity, and scalability/replicability.

Sincerely,

Meggin Messenger
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To Whom It May Concern;

With respect to the grant application submitted to the Real Estate Foundation of British Columbia, by the Regional District of North Okanagan, for funds to undertake a Regional Growth Strategy Participatory Monitoring and Evaluation Program, we offer a letter of strong support.

The Schubert Centre has been involved throughout the Regional Growth Strategy process, including during the development of regional policy and supported Regional District seniors' outreach initiatives. A comprehensive regional monitoring and evaluation program would be an invaluable tool for use by our communities when evaluating progress on the Regional Growth Strategy, local planning programs and community organization initiatives.

Thank you for your kind consideration.

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Jack Gareb.



“...the influential voice of business”

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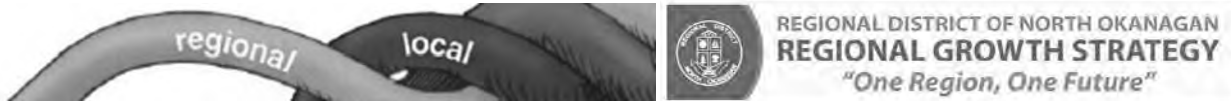
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Yours truly,

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George Duffy
General Manager
Greater Vernon Chamber of Commerce



RGMAC RGS Strategic Prioritization Workshop—March 8, 2012

	<p>2:30 pm Prioritization and RGS Action Planning</p> <p>2:45 pm Exercise #1 : “If I had \$100...”</p> <p>3:05 pm Let’s Talk – Small Group Discussion</p> <p>3:30 pm Exercise # 2: “If I had \$100... Redux”</p> <p>3:45 pm What are the Results</p> <p>3:55 pm Next Steps and Adjournment</p>	
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Purpose

The Workshop will provide strategic direction to the development of the Regional Growth Strategy 5-Year Action Plan and guide the identification of regional initiatives.

Workshop Instructions

EXERCISE #1 and 2: IF I HAD \$100...

The Hundred-Dollar (\$100) test is a simple, straightforward and intuitively appealing voting scheme where each participant is given a constant amount (\$100 each for Directors and Alternate Directors) that he or she can use for voting in favor of the most important issues. To be able to determine individual priorities by jurisdiction, each municipal and Electoral Area Director will receive their own customized money.

The following questions were asked for the participants to consider:

- 1. As a Director or Alternate Director, your community has been given \$100 for implementing RGS priorities. Think about immediate needs, critical issues and what is the biggest and best bang for your bucks!*
- 1. Each Director has been given \$10 RDNO Dollars for proceeding with one major strategic direction that needs to be addressed immediately. Alternate Directors are encouraged to discuss the placement of these funds with their Director - only one 'vote' per community.*

THE SMALL GROUP DISCUSSION

Members of the group take turns identifying priority community challenges. Looking at the list of community challenges identified, and listening to the responses of others, consider as a group which of these challenges are shared throughout the North Okanagan? Work together to identify the **top 3 priority regional challenges** for your group. A staff facilitator will take down notes and act as an advisory for your group. **Do these top 3 priority regional challenges correspond to the outcomes of the first round?**





Small Group Exercise

Identifying Priority Community Challenges

Individual Work: 5 minutes

Take a moment to mentally consider the top challenges that your community considers a priority. You can be as specific as possible – please list **no more than 5 challenges**. **When you are done, please place an asterisk (*) next to the 3 challenges that are a particular priority for you.**

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____

Identifying Priority Challenges on a Regional Scale

Group Discussion: 15-20 minutes Members of the group should take turns sharing the challenges they've identified for their community. Looking at the list you came up with, and listening to the responses of others, consider which of these challenges impact more than one community in the North Okanagan.

Work together to identify your group's **top 5 regional challenges**. It will be helpful if the group can note communities particularly impacted by this challenge, whether it impacts the North Okanagan as a whole, is an emerging issue or a long-standing one. **If the group can not agree through consensus, we can agree to disagree.** Note the objections and the communities that consider it a priority and those that do not. **Remember—the goal is consensus so use the facilitator to talk it through.**

When the group has come to broad agreement on the top 5 regional challenges, have the note-taker record them on the Group Summary Sheet. Identify **three (3) regional issues** which are particular priorities for your group? **Asterisk (*) these on the Group Summary Sheet.**

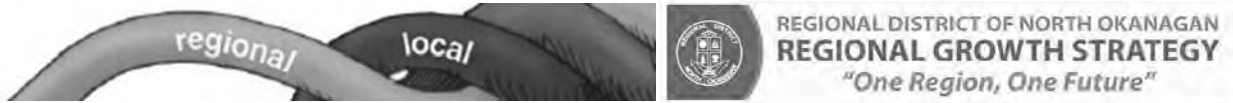
Identifying Regional Strengths and Opportunities

Group Discussion: 10-15 minutes **Members of the group take turns sharing community strengths or opportunities that address the top three regional challenges you identified.** Looking at the list of strengths and opportunities you identified, and listening to the responses of others, consider as a group which of these strengths are shared throughout the North Okanagan? Work together to identify the **top 3 regional strengths or opportunities that begin to address the priority challenges** for your group. **The note-taker should record these on the Group Summary Sheet.**

EXAMPLES OF STRENGTHS AND OPPORTUNITIES:

- Local farmers producing for sale in the region
- Many agriculture and food system community groups and professional associations
- Agri-tourism attractions throughout the region





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Small Group Summary Sheet

Participants: 1. _____ 2. _____
3. _____ 4. _____
5. _____ 6. _____
7. _____ 8. _____

Facilitator: _____

Instructions for the note-taker: After the group has moved through the individual exercise and the group discussion, **record their top 5 challenges and top 5 regional strengths or opportunities** in the spaces below.

You should make every effort to record these items accurately. If paraphrasing is necessary, make sure that the group agrees with any wording changes you propose.

Top 5 Regional Challenges: Asterisk (*) your group's top THREE.

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____

Top 5 Regional Strengths/Opportunities: Asterisk (*) your group's top THREE.

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____

Is there anything that your group feels strongly about - regional initiatives, opportunities for coordinated action, Implementation Agreements with senior levels of government?





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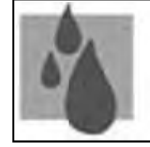
You have been given \$100 by your community to spend on RGS priorities. SPEND AS YOU PLEASE!



"Protect agriculture and encourage a sustainable food system"



"Encourage a range of housing opportunities for our residents"



"Promote sustainable water management"





IF I HAD \$100



You have been given \$100 by your community to spend on RGS priorities. SPEND AS YOU PLEASE!



"Support inclusive, accountable and effective governance"



"Encourage a strong regional economy"



"Reduce energy consumption and associated emissions"





IF I HAD \$100



You have been given \$100 by your community to spend on RGS priorities. SPEND AS YOU PLEASE!



"Champion infrastructure that is efficient, effective and sustainable"



"Pursue efficient, effective and fiscally responsible service delivery"



"Protect our natural systems and landscapes"





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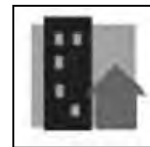
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"Support an accessible and efficient multi-modal regional transportation network"



"Reduce and prevent pollution"



"Maintain high quality rural and urban lifestyle choices"





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