



REGIONAL DISTRICT OF NORTH OKANAGAN

NOTES of a meeting of the Shuswap River Watershed Sustainability Plan LAND USE AND NATURAL ENVIRONMENT WORKING GROUP held in the Board Room at the Regional District Office on June 5, 2012, 4:00 pm – 7:00 pm.

Members: Aline Piche
 Bob Whitley
 Dale Kerr
 Doug Clark
 Erika Davidson
~~Jim Davidson~~
 Giles Shearing
 Herman Gerrits
~~Neil Brooks~~
 Ralph van Daltsen
 Susan Everatt
~~Tom Miner~~

Staff: Anna Page Sustainability Coordinator
 Laura Frank Sustainability Coordinator and Planning

PART 1 – CALL MEETING TO ORDER

1.1 Welcome by RDNO staff, Anna Page and Laura Frank

PART 2 – APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The agenda was approved as presented.

PART 3 – INTRODUCTIONS

3.1 Brief introduction by all participants.

PART 4 – ADOPTION OF MINUTES

No concerns were raised with the May 1, 2012 meeting minutes. The minutes were adopted as presented and will be posted on the RDNO SRWSP website.

PART 5 – BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES

PART 6 – NEW & UNFINISHED BUSINESS

6.1 Review Photos of the River and Watershed

Giles brought in some historical photographs of Wilsey Dam and current shots. There were a number of images of the dredging that occurred at the head pond.

6.2 Development of Land Use and Natural Environment Goals, Objectives and Strategies

- Review goals created by working group members
 - Proceed to discussion on objectives and strategies / actions
 - Focus on Water Quality and objectives & actions for:
 - Agriculture & Range Lands
 - Forestry
 - Residential Development
 - Industrial Activities
 - Ecosystems & Biodiversity and objectives & actions for:
 - Terrestrial Species
 - Wildlife Management

At this point the working group members split into two smaller focus groups and worksheets were handed out outlining the existing goals and objectives that have been developed. Groups began to draft additional objectives which have been up-dated in the revised “LUNE Work Sheet” which is attached to these notes. The group agreed the worksheet was a good tool to guide group discussions and to spend the July meeting continuing through the worksheet.

Discussion during the worksheet exercise included the proposed spraying of *Bacillus thuringiensis* var. kurstaki (Btk) to control the western hemlock looper. The discussions lead to the question of how the community can be involved in such decisions. This question is to be referred to the Interagency Relations, Roles and Responsibilities Working Group to tackle.

It was raised that a flow diagram which shows where we are in the planning process and where the content of the worksheets fit into the Goal – Objective – Strategy hierarchy would be useful.

6.3 Discussion and review “Education and Awareness” Goal and possible wording for the “Quality of Life” & “Climate Change” Goals

The groups did not have time to address these topic areas; they will be discussed at the July 10th meeting.

PART 7 – WORKING GROUP MATTERS

7.1 Membership/Appointments

7.2 Mileage Reimbursement

Working group members will be reimbursed for mileage to meetings at \$0.52 per km. A mileage record sheet will be circulated at each meeting and members will be paid at the end of the meeting period.

7.3 Future Meeting Dates and Locations

Next meeting will be July 10th, 2012, 4:00 – 7:00 pm at the RDNO offices.

7.4 Community Events

No Wake Flotilla (Lower Shuswap)– July 29th, 2012

Heritage Tea & Duck Race (Mara) 12:00 – 4:00 pm July 22nd, 2012

PART 8 - ADJOURNMENT