



## 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 October 2, 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

**Observer:** Rick Fairbairn

**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**

### **PART 5 – BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES**

### **PART 6 – NEW & UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

The group went through the Plan Outline and Land Use and Natural Environment documents.

**Plan Outline Document:**

Comments regarding the Plan outline document were as follows. Specific content changes have been made to the document.

- Needed to provide clarity on the process and how this plan was initiated.
- Emphasize that the plan represents a collective vision.
- There were comments that parts of the document were too technical.
- Ensure that clarity is provided around the fact that this is a community driven process facilitated by RDNO.
  - Provide more of an explanation as to why this plan has come about.

**LUNE Document:**

Comments regarding the Land Use and Natural Environment document were as follows. Specific content changes have been made to the document and are not all listed here.

- Need to add a strategy to discuss GMO's and their potential impact on Biodiversity. It was noted that this issue could also be forwarded to the newly created Agricultural Advisory Committee.
- Context section of Agricultural Management Practices needs to reflect the difference between scale of agricultural activities / operations (intensive vs. non intensive or hobby farm vs. commercial farm).
- It was noted that a section should be added on the significance of the Watershed containing a section of the BC Interior Rainforest, the only global temperate, inland rainforest.
- Look into the potential for notifying property owners of Streamside Protection and Enhancement Areas on property titles.
- Noted that water quality testing within the watershed does not currently account of sampling of "events", both natural and human caused (eg. land slides, spills).
- Need to add in a discussion around Climate Change
  - Potential risks
  - Trends
  - Gather data that's available now so that we are better prepared to assess how the watershed is changing over time.
- Include precautionary principles measure to address impacts of Climate Change.
  - Columbia Basin Trust good source for adapting to climate change information.

**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**

The group discussed the format for a joint working group forum. It was felt that by gathering everyone together questions could be asked of other groups and each group could provide a brief presentation on the outcomes of their work.

**PART 8 - ADJOURNMENT**