



REGIONAL DISTRICT OF NORTH OKANAGAN

NOTES of a meeting of the Shuswap River Watershed Sustainability Plan INTERAGENCY RELATIONS, ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES WORKING GROUP held in the Board Room at the Regional District Office on October 10th, 2012, 6:30 pm – 9:30 pm.

Members: Henry Bremer
Herman Halvorson
~~Kelly Wozniak~~
~~Laura Jameson~~
~~Pricilla Judd~~
Ray Nadaeu
~~Sandy Thon~~
~~Shirley Fowler~~
Melanie Staker
Rick Fairbairn

Staff: Anna Page Sustainability Coordinator

PART 1 – CALL MEETING TO ORDER

1.1 Welcome by RDNO staff, Anna Page

PART 2 – APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The agenda was approved as presented.

PART 3 – INTRODUCTIONS

3.1 Brief introduction by all participants.

Anna Page welcomed all attendees.

PART 4 – ADOPTION OF MINUTES

The minutes of the July 11th, 2012 meeting 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 of SRWSP documents that were sent out

Plan outline document comments received;

- Need to mention the Technical Advisory Committee and its role

- Document generally has a positive tone.

IRRR document

- Specific changes have been made to the document. Please note objectives, strategies and actions referred to below use the numbering system in the updated IRRR document.
- Objective 16 – the comment was made in feedback sent in before the meeting that Objective 16 should focus on increasing awareness of recurrent infractions/contentious activities, and less on regulations to prevent the key information from being lost.
- Action 16.2 Information Brochures – need to emphasize that the system is report based – there needs to be a report of a problem to activate a response.
- Objective 17 – add an action to create a Watershed Watch program modeled on block watch focusing on being “watch-dogs” of the watershed, reporting infractions and problems. Members could also be a resource for community members to go to with concerns and help with directing reports to correct locations. RCMP safe communities could assist in design and training of “leaders”. Could be called “River-Rats”.
- Strategy 17.2 The point was made that in the Shuswap Lake area they were trying to get people to use the RAPP call in line to report any violations and or concerns – should be consistency. Maybe this a better option than Inquiry BC?? Need to see if we can get reports on calls and responses.
- Explore if the Community Mapping Network could be used to map infractions/complaints. Was concern that they would need to be verified as real first to prevent wrongful use.
- Objective 18 Composition of group – limited discussion occurred around this action but in terms of group composition the following was mentioned;
 - Industry
 - Recreationists
 - Locals
 - Agencies
 - Politicians??

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 was circulated; members will be paid at the end of 2012.

7.3 Future Meeting Dates and Locations

Those attending the meeting felt that there was not a need to meet in person again as a singular working group but to provide input on future versions of the documents via email.

Joint Working Group Meeting

Anna discussed the idea of having a joint working group meeting where all working group members come together to discuss their recommendation and to potentially have presentation(s) regarding common issues – such as compliance and enforcement.

Those present felt that this meeting should happen sooner rather than later but agreed that a meeting in December would be problematic. We will look to schedule such a meeting for late November 2012.

It was discussed that there would be a lot of material to get through in such a meeting and therefore it would need to be designed in a manner to do this efficiently.

PART 8 - ADJOURN