



REGIONAL DISTRICT OF NORTH OKANAGAN

MINUTES of a **PUBLIC HEARING (Bylaw 2500)** of the **BOARD of DIRECTORS** of the **REGIONAL DISTRICT OF NORTH OKANAGAN** held in the Boardroom at the Regional District Office on Wednesday, July 6, 2011

Members:	Director H. Halvorson	Electoral Area "F"	Chair
	Director R. Fairbairn	Electoral Area "D"	Vice Chair
	Director S. Fowler	City of Armstrong	
	Director D. Dirk	District of Coldstream	
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	Alt. Director S. Price	Electoral Area "B"	
	Director M. Macnabb	Electoral Area "C"	
	Director E. Foisy	Electoral Area "E"	

Staff:	T. Hall	Administrator
	L. Mellott	General Manager, Electoral Area Administration
	R. Smailes	General Manager, Planning and Building
	C. Malden	Interim Deputy Corporate Officer
	A. Kittel	Regional Growth Strategy Coordinator
	C. Howkins	Senior Clerk (taking minutes)

Also

Present:	Councillor G. Kiss	District of Coldstream
	Councillor M. Besso	District of Coldstream
	Media and Public	

CALL PUBLIC HEARING TO ORDER

Chair Halvorson called the Public Hearing to order at 3:00 p.m.

INTRODUCTION OF BYLAWS

Bylaw 2500, 2011 – Regional Growth Strategy

Purpose: A Regional Growth Strategy for the North Okanagan that contains goals, objectives and strategies that: promote sustainable, compact, complete communities; enhance the quality of life; and represent a collective, sustainable vision for managing and benefiting from growth in the North Okanagan.

The Regional Growth Strategy Coordinator provided an overview of the Regional Growth Strategy.

The General Manager, Planning and Building introduced the bylaw and advised that five written submissions had been received:

- City of Vernon
 - Expressed concerns regarding additional phrasing added to Section UC – 1.9 in the document.
- Deb Leroux, President, Greater Vernon Chamber of Commerce
 - Noted concerns regarding some of the language used in the Economic Development portion of the document.
- Hew and Cindy Kidston
 - Believes the realities of the Regional Growth Strategy process has resulted in a general watering down of any specific recommendations that were developed during the sessions.
- Bob Galloway
 - Expressed concerns regarding section UC 2.4 in that it does not create a moratorium for development and servicing of lots 1 hectare or greater and that community water and or sewer to these larger parcels (>1 ha.) will not be discouraged in the future.
- Harold Sellers, Director, North Okanagan Naturalists Club (as noted below)
 - Noted concerns regarding the following:
 - How will we know if this strategy has been a success (or a failure)?
 - How will we know if goals have been achieved?
 - Will we have measurable targets to guide us in our actions and subsequent reviews?
 - If we have a goal, do we know where we were before we started?
 - Are there timelines for the goals?
 - What monitoring and reporting mechanisms will be in place?
 - Who will be reported to?
 - What is the ongoing role of and opportunity for the public?
 - Wants everyone to be well informed of the facts, know where we were when the process began and where we want to be in the future.
 - Present quantities and future targets need to be identified
 - Strategy needs words that indicate a commitment to action effort and results.

PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS

The Chair asked if there were persons present who wished to speak to the bylaws.

Harold Sellers – #23, 3211 Centennial Drive

- Spoke to his written submission.

Guyla Kiss – 12601 Kidston Road

- Expressed concerns regarding ground water.

Peter Vander Sar – 254 Rosemond Lake Road

- Expressed concerns regarding the protection of surface water resources.

CLOSE PUBLIC HEARING

There being no one to further speak to Bylaw 2500, the Public Hearing was closed at 3:23 p.m.

Certified Correct:

Chair

Corporate Officer