



REGIONAL DISTRICT OF NORTH OKANAGAN

MINUTES of a **REGULAR** meeting of the **COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE** of the **REGIONAL DISTRICT OF NORTH OKANAGAN** held in the Board Room at the Regional District Office on Wednesday, August 3, 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	
	Director D. Wejr	City of Enderby	
	Director K. Acton	Village of Lumby	
	Director W. Lippert	City of Vernon	
	Director B. Baumbrough	City of Vernon	
	Director P. Nicol	City of Vernon	
	Director D. Brew	Township of Spallumcheen	
	Director M. Gavinchuk	Electoral Area "B"	
	Director M. Macnabb	Electoral Area "C"	
	Director E. Foisy	Electoral Area "E"	

Staff:	A. McNiven	General Manager, Parks, Recreation and Culture
	A. Badke	General Manager, Engineering
	D. Danallanko	RDF Operations Manager
	N. Kohnert	Regional Engineering Services Manager
	C. Malden	Interim Deputy Corporate Officer
	R. Cooper	Waste Reduction Coordinator (Temporary)
	L. Schrauwen	Clerk (taking Minutes)

Also

Present:	Alt. Director S. Price	Electoral Area "B"
	Councillor G. Kiss	District of Coldstream
	Councillor M. Besso	District of Coldstream
	Media	

CALL MEETING TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 2:31 p.m.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Committee of the Whole – August 3, 2011

Moved and seconded by Directors Lippert and Acton

That the Agenda of the August 3, 2011 regular meeting of the Committee of the Whole be approved as presented.

CARRIED

NEW BUSINESS

Solid Waste – Extended Producer Responsibilities (EPR)

The Recycling and Disposal Facility (RDF) Operations Manager presented a PowerPoint Presentation entitled Extended Producer Responsibilities to the Committee. The presentation provided details on EPR and how they affect RDNO programs, especially the Blue Bag Program.

The presentation addressed the following:

- EPR refresher
 - Product End of life
 - Sustainable packaging
- Current regulation
- Ministry of Environment activities
- Stewardship agencies (video was shown that gave examples of various stewardship agencies and the programs that they provide)
- Local Government role
 - To provide or not provide facilities
- Packaging and Printed Paper
 - Letters written by Engineering regarding impact to our recycling programs
- Impact of EPR on RDNO programs
 - All costs for residential collection and processing will be the responsibility of the Steward in 3 years. (\$600,000+ per year avoided program costs)
 - Issue Blue Bag collection tender for 3 year term only
 - Steward may contract local government to manage programs
 - Steward may transfer all material to central processing facilities.
- MRF Request for Proposals
 - 2 year process to date (3 proposals submitted)
 - Options are to ask proposers to resubmit under different terms (5 years instead of 10+) or cancel process and re-issue RFP.
- Impact on Solid Waste Management Plan 2011 Update (adjustments may have to be made to the strategies currently outlined in the draft 2011 Plan Update to account for management of material by stewards in the near future)

Discussion ensued concerning the following issues:

- Eco fees and taxation.
- Industrial and commercial requirements / regulations for recycling programs. There are still some recyclable products that are not accepted from industrial and commercial facilities. It was noted that the RDNO Recycling Guide is on the RDNO website. There was a discussion about the website and the need to change it to be more user friendly.
- Regulated products added to the Recycling Regulation every two years will impact the Solid Waste Management Plan. The SWMP will need to be updated frequently.
- Landfills will continue to be governed by local governments.

Okanagan Basin Water Board (OBWB)

Dr. Anna Warwick Sears, Executive Director, OBWB presented a PowerPoint presentation entitled Water Management Program Review 2009-2011 which provided details of the OBWB program. The OBWB was seeking Board of Directors endorsement of the Water Management Program.

The presentation addressed the following:

- Okanagan Water Management
- OBWB 2006-2011
- Ability to look at water issues valley-wide
- Moving forward with valley-wide planning
- Original Water Management Proposal
 - Water Management Program formalized and integrated into 2010 Governance Manual
- Structure and Finance Review
 - Some concern over downloading, but any expansion of mandate would need full approval by RDs.
- Where funds come from and go to
- Plan and projections
 - Work under existing \$0.02/\$1000 cap

Discussion ensued regarding the Drought Response Committee and the need for them to work with farmers. It was noted that the 22% of the OBWB grants distributed for community programs has remained steady at \$300,000.

Moved and seconded by Directors Nicol and Dirk

That the Regional District of North Okanagan reaffirm support for the Okanagan Basin Water Board's Water Management Program under the Terms of Reference in the 2010 OBWB Governance Manual, as adopted by this Regional District, and renew the program for another 3-year term.

CARRIED

Okanagan Kootenay Sterile Insect Release Program

Hugh Philip, Pest Management Specialist, Okanagan Kootenay S.I.R. Program presented a PowerPoint presentation entitled The Sterile Insect Release Program 1991-2011 which provided details of the SIR program and the importance of the program to local farmers.

The presentation addressed the following:

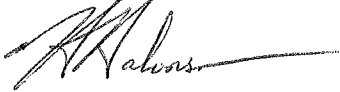
- SIR Program Goal
- SIR Program Components
- Statistics regarding the average number of wild codling moths caught in traps, damage to crops, changes in the amount of control products applied, orchards under different codling moth pressure, annual costs of the program.
- 2010 Costs of Codling Moth Control Tactics
- Area-Wide Pest Management

It was noted that \$68 million has gone into the SIR program since 1991. The local farmers have shown great appreciation of the program especially when they are shown the costs associated with controlling the codling moths on their own compared to the costs of the program which is added to their property taxes. The current pesticide bylaws are a concern to the program because they do not address the actual pests associated with them.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 4:00 p.m.

Certified Correct:



Chair



Christy Malden
Deputy Corporate Officer

Corporate Officer