



REGIONAL DISTRICT OF NORTH OKANAGAN

MINUTES of a **REGULAR** meeting of the **GREATER VERNON ADVISORY COMMITTEE** held in the Board Room at the Regional District Office on Thursday, November 3, 2011

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| Members: | Director W. Lippert | City of Vernon | Chair |
| | Director D. Dirk | District of Coldstream | |
| | Councillor G. Kiss | District of Coldstream | |
| | Alt. Director J. Gilroy | City of Vernon | |
| | Director P. Nicol | City of Vernon | |
| | Director M. Gavinchuk | Electoral Area "B" | |
| | Director M. Macnabb | Electoral Area "C" | Vice Chair |
| | T. Osborn | Agricultural Representative | |
| | P. Harned | School District 22 Representative | |
| Staff: | T. Hall | Administrator | |
| | Z. Marcolin | Acting GM – Engineering | |
| | A. Cotsworth | Utilities Manager | |
| | R. Clark | Water Quality Manager | |
| | J. Miles | Water Sustainability Coordinator | |
| | T. Nelson | Community Development Coordinator | |
| | P. Juniper | Executive Assistant (taking minutes) | |
| Also Present: | Councillor M. Besso | District of Coldstream | |
| | Director R. Fairbairn | Electoral Area 'D' | |
| | Director D. Dirk | District of Coldstream | |
| | P. Wainwright | Alt. School District 22 Representative | |
| | C. Broderick | Planner, District of Coldstream | |
| | Media and public | | |

CALL MEETING TO ORDER

The Chair called the meeting to order at 8:04 a.m.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Moved and seconded by Councillor Kiss and Director Macnabb
That the agenda of the November 3, 2011 regular meeting of the Greater Vernon Advisory Committee be approved with the following additions:

- D.3 – Greater Vernon Parks and Recreation Development Cost Charge Bylaw
- E.4 – Notice of Motion re: Water Rate Policy

CARRIED

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

Greater Vernon Advisory Committee – October 6, 2011

Moved and seconded by Alternate Directors Gilroy and Garlick

That the minutes of the October 6, 2011 regular meeting of the Greater Vernon Advisory Committee be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Coldstream Centennial Park Renaming Request

Moved and seconded by Alternate Director Garlick and Director Macnabb

That it be recommended to the Board of Directors that the letter from the District of Coldstream dated September 16th, 2011 and included as Attachment "E" in the report from the Community Development Coordinator, dated October 19th, 2011, be received for information; and further, That it be recommended to the Board of Directors that the name of Coldstream Centennial Park be changed to Sovereign Park and the signage changed.

CARRIED

Boat Launch Pay Parking

Moved and seconded by Alternate Director Gilroy and Director Gavinchuk

That it be recommended to the Board of Directors that a daily parking fee be implemented at the boat launch parking areas of Kalavista and Paddlewheel Park, from May long weekend to September long weekend annually.

CARRIED

Moved and seconded by Alternate Director Garlick and Councillor Kiss

That it be recommended to the Board of Directors that a daily parking fee of \$5.00 per day with a discounted seasons pass of 10 times the daily rate be implemented at the boat launch parking areas of Kalavista and Paddlewheel Park, from May long weekend to September long weekend annually, as outlined in the report from the Community Development Coordinator, dated October 4th, 2011; and further,

That staff be directed to amend the Greater Vernon Parks Regulation Bylaw and the Municipal Ticket Information Authorization Bylaw to enable enforcement of the parking meters.

CARRIED

Greater Vernon Parks Development Cost Charge Bylaw

Moved and seconded by Councillor Kiss and Director Nicol

That the topic of Greater Vernon Parks Development Cost Charge Bylaw be brought forward at the next meeting of the Greater Vernon Advisory Committee.

CARRIED

NEW BUSINESS

2011 Comparison of Agricultural Water Rates

The Utilities Manager provided an amended copy of the Schedule A entitled 2011 Comparison of Agricultural Water Rates.

Moved and seconded by Agricultural Representative Osborn and Director Gilroy
That the report dated October 24, 2011 re: 2011 Comparison of Agricultural Water Rates be received for information.

CARRIED

Drought Management Plan 2011 Update and Water Restriction Stages

The Water Sustainability Coordinator provided a presentation to the Committee regarding the Drought Management Plan 2011 Update and Water Restriction Stages. It was noted that the Plan is a living document that would undergo regular review to ensure it meets the needs of the residents and the Utility.

Moved and seconded by Director Nicol and Alternate Director Gilroy
That the report dated October 17, 2011 regarding the Drought Management Plan 2011 Update and Water Restriction Stages be received for information; and further,
That it be recommended to the Board of Directors that the Greater Vernon Water Utility Drought Management Plan (Update Revised October 2011), attached as Schedule A, and the Water Restriction Stages, attached as Schedule B, both to the report dated October 17, 2011 regarding the Drought Management Plan 2011 Update and Water Restriction Stages, be referred to affected stakeholders, including jurisdictions within the Greater Vernon Water service area for public consultation.

CARRIED

West Swan Lake Separation Project – Early Budget Approval

Moved and seconded by Director Macnabb and Alternate Director Garlick
That it be recommended to the Board of Directors that early budget approval be given to the West Swan Lake Separation Project in the amount of \$5,800,000 comprising \$2,800,000 in carry over funds from the 2011 budget and \$3,000,000 in new funds.

CARRIED

Notice of Motion - Water Rates Policy

Councillor Kiss gave notice of his intention to propose the following motions regarding Water Rates Policy at the December 8, 2011 Greater Vernon Advisory Committee meeting:

1. Whereas infrastructure financing in the past has been recovered through general (ad-valorem) taxation and since the current method of financing through user rates appears to be a departure from normal practices, be it resolved that infrastructure financing for all projects approved by referenda or alternate approval process, including water infrastructure, be recovered through general taxation; and further
That until such time as the current infrastructure improvements are paid for, there would be no replacement reserves be collected for replacement of infrastructure currently being financed; and further;
That it be recommended to the Board of Directors that these policies be approved.
2. Whereas the objectives of the Greater Vernon Advisory Committee are to encourage reduction of water consumption and discourage excessive consumption be it resolved that it be recommended to the Board of Directors that "flat" component of the fee

structure is reduced to a comfortable level that will contain a reasonable volume of water quota. This model will reward low consumers and discourage excessive consumption.

REPORTS

Administrator's Report

Greater Vernon Water – Memorandum of Understanding

The Administrator provided a verbal update to the Committee on the status of the Greater Vernon Water Operations and Maintenance Agreement Memorandum of Understanding. He noted that the MOU had been executed and a meeting scheduled between the parties to determine next steps.

IN-CAMERA

Moved and seconded by Alternate Directors Gilroy and Garlick

That, pursuant to Section 92 of the Community Charter, the regular meeting of the Regional Board convene In-Camera to deal with matters deemed closed to the public in accordance with Section 90(1)(e) of the Community Charter.

CARRIED

The regular meeting of the Greater Vernon Advisory Committee adjourned to meet "In Camera" at 9:40 a.m.

The regular meeting of the Greater Vernon Advisory Committee reconvened at 10:14 a.m.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:14 a.m.

Certified Correct:


Chair


Corporate Officer