



REGIONAL DISTRICT OF NORTH OKANAGAN

MINUTES of a **SPECIAL** meeting of the **GREATER VERNON ADVISORY COMMITTEE** held in the Board Room at the Regional District Office on Thursday, November 17, 2011

Members:	Director W. Lippert	City of Vernon	Chair
	Alt. Director J. Garlick	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
	J. Kidston	Agricultural Representative	
	P. Wainwright	School District 22 Representative	

Staff:	T. Hall	Administrator
	Z. Marcolin	Acting GM – Engineering
	D. Sewell	GM – Finance
	A. Cotsworth	Utilities Manager
	P. Juniper	Executive Assistant (taking minutes)

Also Present:	Director R. Fairbairn	Electoral Area "D"
	Councillor M. Besso	District of Coldstream
	Director D. Dirk	District of Coldstream
	Alt. Director B. Fleming	Electoral Area "B"
	T. Ouchi	Agricultural Representative

Public

CALL MEETING TO ORDER

The Chair called the meeting to order at 8:07 a.m.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Moved and seconded by Councillor Kiss and Director Gavinchuk

That the agenda of the November 17, 2011 special meeting of the Greater Vernon Advisory Committee be approved with the following addition:

- B.2 - O'Keefe Ranch Update

CARRIED

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Domestic Water Rates – Options

The General Manager Finance presented a PowerPoint to the Committee regarding domestic water rates options available for fees and charges. The following was noted:

- Sustaining capital is approximately \$2 million per year, which is appropriately set by a professional assessment for the level of sustaining capital works required annually
- Enhancement projects such as agricultural separation would require additional funding
- Separation projects are critical to reduce peak demand summer flow at the Duteau Creek Water Treatment Plant and these enhancement projects are currently not eligible for grant

- funding
- The pilot project for filtration is underway which will prepare Greater Vernon Water to be ready for future grant funding if it becomes available
 - Excluding filtration the estimated new capital requirement for water separation projects is \$4 million dollars annually. noted that no funding has been identified for these projects.

Councillor Kiss presented a PowerPoint to the Committee regarding water rate policy proposals for 2012.

O'Keefe Ranch Update

The Utilities Manager provided an update to the Committee on the status of the O'Keefe Ranch water connection. It was noted that the physical works are in place for the connection and that the Ranch can be hooked up once the outstanding conditions have been met. The outstanding conditions are for O'Keefe Ranch to:

- (1) sign off on the Greater Vernon Water terms and conditions as outlined in a letter to O'Keefe Ranch in June 2011; and
- (2) secure an easement through private property in favour of the Regional District.

NEW BUSINESS

Notice of Motion - Water Rates Policy

Moved and seconded by Councillor Kiss and Alternate Director Garlick
That the Notice of Motion submitted by Councillor Kiss at the November 3, 2011 Greater Vernon Advisory Committee be postponed to the next meeting; and further
That staff be directed to provide a report back to the Greater Vernon Advisory Committee regarding the options of generating revenue through ad-valorem taxation.

CARRIED

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:43 a.m.

Certified Correct:


Chair


Corporate Officer