



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, January 18, 2012

Members:	Director P. Nicol	City of Vernon	Chair
	Director R. Fairbairn	Electoral Area "D"	Vice-Chair
	Director S. Fowler	City of Armstrong	
	Director D. Dirk	District of Coldstream	
	Director H. Cyr	City of Enderby	
	Director K. Acton	Village of Lumby	
	Director R. Sawatzky	City of Vernon	
	Director J. Cunningham	City of Vernon	
	Director J. Brown	Township of Spallumcheen	
	Director B. Fleming	Electoral Area "B"	
	Director M. Macnabb	Electoral Area "C"	
	Director E. Foisy	Electoral Area "E"	
	Director J. Pearase	Electoral Area "F"	

Staff:	T. Hall	Administrator
	D. Sewell	General Manager, Finance
	L. Mellott	General Manager, Electoral Area Administration
	D. McTaggart	General Manager, Engineering
	L. Schrauwen	Clerk (taking minutes)

Also Present:	Alternate Director J. Garlick	District of Coldstream
	Councillor M. Besso	District of Coldstream
	Alternate Director B. Spiers	City of Vernon
	Alternate Director C. Lord	City of Vernon
	Media and Public	

CALL MEETING TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 1:36 p.m.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Committee of the Whole – January 18, 2012

Moved and seconded by Directors Cunningham and Brown
That the Agenda of the January 18, 2012 regular meeting of the Committee of the Whole be approved as presented.

CARRIED

NEW BUSINESS

Financial Plan

The General Manager, Finance presented information regarding the draft 2012-2016 Financial Plan, with a brief overview of the preliminary budget for each function.

In 2012 known challenges include:

1. Organizational Capacity
2. Health & Safety and Asset Preservation Capital
3. Service reviews / withdrawals

Strategic and operational priorities identified corporately were:

- Limited inflationary increases in operating costs
- Commitment to phase out the use of accumulated surplus to fund operating costs
- Future capital equipment replacement will be funded through identified reserve funds

Consolidated Budget

The 3.55% overall increase (ad valorem and parcel tax combined) is a reflection of overall corporate direction and is impacted by operating challenges and policies direction in a number of services.

Specific Service highlights include:

010 (General Government) – Capital Expenditures focussed on safety concerns and asset preservation with building envelope (roof) a priority.

040 (Building Inspection) – Economic conditions have materially impacted revenues. New tax requisition is a policy shift from 100% user pay to recognize fiscal challenges (limited reserves) and public benefits. Expenditures already reflect 1.5 positions being removed.

060 (Greater Vernon Parks, Recreation & Culture) – budget per the December 2011 GVAC meeting. Decisions on increased grant funding are not included.

372 (Greater Vernon Water Utility) – budget to be discussed at upcoming Water workshop. Funding required for new Master Water Plan capital.

670 (Solid Waste) – new taxation included per Board discussions. Property acquisitions / Regionally Significant Priorities grants and capital not included.

871 (Regional Transit) – Cost escalation per the projected financials in Annual Operating Agreement and primarily related to new facility.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 3:46 p.m.

Certified Correct:



Chair

**PATRICK NICOL
CHAIR**



Corporate Officer