



# REGIONAL DISTRICT OF NORTH OKANAGAN

MINUTES of a **REGULAR** meeting of the **ELECTORAL AREA ADVISORY COMMITTEE** held in the Board Room at the Regional District Office on Thursday, September 6, 2012

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<b>Members:</b>	Director R. Fairbairn	Electoral Area "D"	Chair
	Director B. Fleming	Electoral Area "B"	Vice Chair
	Director M. Macnabb	Electoral Area "C"	
	Director E. Foisy	Electoral Area "E"	
	Director J. Pearase	Electoral Area "F"	

<b>Staff:</b>	L. Mellott	General Manager, Electoral Area Administration
	G. Routley	Deputy Planning Manager
	A. Page	Sustainability Coordinator
	J. deGroot	Planning Assistant
	L. Schrauwen	Clerk (taking minutes)

<b>Others:</b>	Director P. Nicol	City of Vernon (Board Chair)
	R. Morgan	Regional Crime Prevention Coordinator, City of Vernon

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## CALL MEETING TO ORDER

The chair called the meeting to order at 10:30 a.m.

## APPROVAL OF AGENDA

### Regular Agenda – September 6, 2012

Moved and seconded by Directors Fleming and Pearase  
That the Agenda of the September 6, 2012 Electoral Area Advisory Committee meeting be approved as presented.

**CARRIED**

## ADOPTION OF MINUTES

### Electoral Area Advisory Committee – August 2, 2012

Moved and seconded by Directors Macnabb and Fleming  
That the minutes of the August 2, 2012 Electoral Area Advisory Committee Meeting be adopted as circulated.

**CARRIED**

### Delegated Public Hearing – August 16, 2012

Moved and seconded by Directors Pearase and Fleming  
That the minutes of the August 16, 2012 Delegated Public Hearing be adopted as circulated.

**CARRIED**

## **PETITIONS AND DELEGATIONS**

### **Vernon / North Okanagan Safe Communities Unit**

Moved and seconded by Directors Fleming and Foisy

That the report dated August 27, 2012 from the Vernon / North Okanagan Detachment – Safe Communities Unit be received for information.

**CARRIED**

The Regional Crime Prevention Coordinator advised that there have been community / resident issues regarding abandoned vehicles in the Upper Hartnell Road area. The Speed Watch Program has shifted focus to include school zones now that schools are back in session. The Committee was advised that the stolen boats lists are constantly updated and posted at local boat launches. The Block Watch Program provides the Regional Crime Prevention Coordinator with contact information for approximately 270 households in the RDNO. A community Block Watch Program presentation will be held in Mara at the end of September 2012. Anti-Bullying presentations will resume at local schools shortly.

Discussion ensued regarding the possibility of delegating authority to the Regional Crime Prevention Coordinator in order to enforce bylaws and legislation as the Coordinator is present in each Electoral Area at least once a week and witnesses many infractions.

The Committee was advised that issues relating to a trailer park on Pleasant Valley Road have been forwarded to the Regional Crime Prevention Coordinator who has been working on solutions.

Moved and seconded by Directors Fleming and Macnabb

That it be recommended to the Board of Directors that staff be directed to examine options for amending the Safe Communities Agreement to include bylaw enforcement.

**CARRIED**

In response to an inquiry, the Committee was advised that residents are able to receive copies of the River Watch Incident Reporting Form at Ashton Creek Store, Riverside Hall, Kingfisher Hall and Mara. It was noted that less than ideal boat patrols have occurred on the Shuswap River during the summer months. The Committee was advised that the RDNO will receive a boat patrol report from the RCMP shortly. It was requested that the report include the day and time of the boat patrols.

The Committee was advised that the Shuswap River Watershed Sustainability Plan Interagency Relations, Roles & Responsibilities Working Group has been researching options for a Conservation Officer or RCMP member to enforce regulations on the Shuswap River. The Sustainability Coordinator advised that the Regional District of Kootenay Boundary has provided information regarding their arrangement with the RCMP in the Christina Lake area.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **Bylaw 2141 – Zoning Bylaw Text Amendment [Riparian Areas Regulations]**

Moved and seconded by Directors Pearase and Fleming

That it be recommended to the Board of Directors that Zoning Bylaw Text Amendment No. 2141, 2007, which proposes to amend Zoning Bylaw 1888, 2003 to incorporate the provincial

Riparian Area Regulations, as outlined in the staff report dated July 30, 2012, be given First and Second Readings and referred to Public Hearing.

**CARRIED**

**Opposed: Director Fairbairn**

Large lot subdivisions appear to generate most of the complaints from the community regarding the Riparian Areas Regulations. It was noted that the regulations do not address the same requirements as other types of applications. The Committee was advised that in order to meet or exceed the regulations regarding large lot subdivisions is to put covenants on the properties for a 30m setback from any watercourse. This in turn would reduce costs for applicants as covenants cost less than hiring a Qualified Environmental Professional (QEP). Discussion ensued as to when a QEP is required. It was confirmed that the Riparian Areas Regulations will be a topic of discussion at the 2012 UBCM Convention Electoral Area Directors Forum which will provide the opportunity for Elected Officials to provide input.

### **Electoral Area B and C OCP Review Terms of Reference**

Moved and seconded by Directors Fleming and Macnabb

That it be recommended to the Board of Directors that the Terms of Reference for the review and combination of Electoral Areas "B" and "C" Official Community Plan and Westside Electoral Area "B" Official Community Plan attached to the report dated August 21, 2012, be endorsed.

**CARRIED**

It was mentioned that the public needs to be involved as much as possible in the development of the OCP.

## **REPORTS**

### **Okanagan Indian Band Referral Response**

Moved and seconded by Directors Pearase and Fleming

That the letter dated August 17, 2012 from the Okanagan Indian Band regarding Okanagan Indian Band Referral Response be received for information.

**CARRIED**

It was noted that the letter from the Okanagan Indian Band is mainly directed to the Province. The *Local Government Act* outlines the process for including First Nations in planning matters such as OCP's.

### **General Manager's Report**

#### **UBCM**

- Annexation Impact Study will NOT be a topic of discussion at the EA Directors Forum
- Riparian Area Regulations will be a topic of discussion at the EA Directors Forum

Internet Connectivity

- No response yet on the applications for Community Infrastructure Improvement Fund Grant which were submitted on August 1, 2012

Fires

- Concerns regarding the impact of the Aberdeen Plateau fire on the watershed have been addressed by the Engineering Department

The General Manager, Electoral Area Administration circulated the Premier's new cabinet list as announced on September 5, 2012. It was noted that Meat Regulations are now covered by the Ministry of Agriculture instead of the Ministry of Health.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 11:59 p.m.

**Certified Correct:**

  
Chair

  
Corporate Officer  
**JEANNE BYRON**  
**CORPORATE OFFICER**