



REGIONAL DISTRICT OF NORTH OKANAGAN

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

Members:	Director M. Macnabb	Electoral Area "C"	Chair
	Director K. Acton	Village of Lumby	Vice Chair
	Director S. Fowler	City of Armstrong	
	Director D. Dirk	District of Coldstream	
	Director H. Cyr	City of Enderby	
	Director J. Brown	Township of Spallumcheen	
	Director P. Nicol	City of Vernon	
	Director B. Fleming	Electoral Area "B"	
	Director R. Fairbairn	Electoral Area "D"	
	Director E. Foisy	Electoral Area "E"	
	Director J. Pearase	Electoral Area "F"	
Staff:	A. Kittel	Regional Growth Strategy Coordinator	
	A. Bevan	Executive Assistant (taking minutes)	
Others:	Members of the Public		

CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Chair Macnabb called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Regional Growth Management Advisory Committee – September 6, 2012

Moved and seconded by Directors Fairbairn and Acton

That the Agenda of the September 6, 2012 regular meeting of the Regional Growth Management Advisory Committee be approved as presented.

CARRIED

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

Regional Growth Management Advisory Committee – August 2, 2012

Moved and seconded by Directors Acton and Fowler

That the minutes of the August 2, 2012 regular meeting of the Regional Growth Management Advisory Committee be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED

NEW BUSINESS

Regional Growth Strategy Implementation Update

The Regional Growth Strategy Coordinator provided an overview on implementation projects/initiatives that are currently underway.

It was noted that communication back to the public needs to be improved, suggestions included:

- Improve the Regional Growth Strategy website
- Advertise in Morning Star.

Moved and seconded by Directors Dirk and Fleming

That the report dated August 13, 2012 from the Regional Growth Strategy Coordinator regarding an update on Regional Growth Strategy Implementation be received for information; and further,

That the report dated August 13, 2012 be referred to member municipal councils and the Electoral Area Advisory Committee for their information.

CARRIED

Regional Growth Strategy Budget Update - August 13, 2012

The Regional Growth Strategy Coordinator advised that the RDNO is awaiting a decision on an additional \$440,000 from UBCM for RGS Implementation Planning.

It was noted that the Regional Context Statements should be completed within two years of the adoption of Regional Growth Strategy Bylaw No. 2500, 2011, which was September 21, 2011.

Moved and seconded by Directors Acton and Cyr

That the report dated August 13, 2012, from the Regional Growth Strategy Coordinator, regarding Regional Growth Strategy Budget Update be received for information.

CARRIED

Grant Descriptions: Regional Growth Strategy Implementation

The Regional Growth Strategy Coordinator advised that the Gas Tax Agreement: Regionally Significant Projects Fund grant is approved for \$250,000 for the development of 11 Official Community Plan Regional Context Statements.

Moved and seconded by Directors Pearase and Cyr

That the report dated August 10, 2012 from the Regional Growth Strategy Coordinator regarding descriptions of grants that may be used for Regional Growth Strategy implementation be received for information.

CARRIED

RGS 5-Year Action Plan: Updated Work Plan

Moved and seconded by Directors Dirk and Fairbairn

That it be recommended to the Board of Directors that the Updated Regional Growth Strategy 5-Year Action Plan Work Plan as outlined in the report dated August 16, 2012, be adopted.

CARRIED

Potential Regional Growth Strategy Actions

The Regional Growth Strategy Coordinator advised that there will be an Elected Officials' Forum in October 2012.

Discussion ensued regarding affordable housing.

Moved and seconded by Directors Dirk and Acton
That the report dated August 16, 2012 from the Regional Growth Strategy Coordinator regarding Potential Regional Growth Strategy Actions be received for information.

CARRIED

Regional Economic Development

Discussion ensued regarding the current economic development function and how the Economic Development Officer at the City of Vernon can be utilized by all jurisdictions within the RDNO through a contractual agreement.

Moved and seconded Directors Dirk and Nicol
That it be recommended to the Board of Directors that the existing Economic Development accounting function be retained as a mechanism to fund mutually agreed upon region wide economic development opportunities when they arise so they can be acted on in an efficient and timely manner.

CARRIED

Opposed: Directors Acton, Brown, Fairbairn, Foisy, and Fowler

Moved and seconded by Directors Dirk and Nicol
That the letters dated August 15, 2012 and August 16, 2012 from the City of Vernon and Township of Spallumcheen regarding Regional Economic Development be received for information.

CARRIED

Industrial Development Memorandum of Understanding

Moved and seconded by Directors Pearase and Dirk
That the letter dated August 15, 2012 from the City of Vernon enclosing the signed Industrial Development Memorandum of Understanding be received for information.

CARRIED

Potential Grants: Regional Economic Development Initiatives

Moved and seconded by Directors Acton and Cyr
That the report dated August 10, 2012 from the Regional Growth Strategy Coordinator regarding the identification of potential grants that may be pursued to undertake regional economic development initiatives be received for information.

CARRIED

2010 North Okanagan Community Energy and Emissions Inventory (CEEI)

Discussion ensued regarding the data provided from the 2010 North Okanagan CEEI. It was noted that the 2010 data is draft and was released in early 2012; the inconsistencies are based upon faulty data received.

The Regional Growth Strategy contains two targets:

- 15% reduction in greenhouse gas emissions by 2020
- 25% reduction in greenhouse gas emissions by 2030

Over the 2007 base absolute levels.

It was noted that the inventory should include potential for improvement, as it is easy to reduce if not energy conscious, but if energy conscious, it's hard to reduce further.

Moved and seconded by Directors Fleming and Dirk

That the report dated August 21, 2012 from the Regional Growth Strategy Coordinator regarding the 2010 North Okanagan Community Energy and Emissions Inventory (CEEI) be received for information.

CARRIED

Affordable Housing Projects - Jed Astin

Chair Macnabb gave a brief explanation of Mr. Astin's proposal for Affordable Housing Projects for 3102 37th Avenue and 3412 28th Avenue and the Conditions of Water Service:

- Requirement for fire hydrants is triggered by increase in density
- Requirement for increase the diameter of the water service connection is triggered by increase in density

Moved and seconded by Directors Dirk and Acton

That the information provided by Jed Astin regarding Affordable Housing Projects for 3102 37th Avenue and 3412 28th Avenue and the Conditions of Water Service be received for information.

CARRIED

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 3:49 p.m.

Certified Correct:


Chair


Corporate Officer
JEANNE BYRON
CORPORATE OFFICER