



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, October 4, 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:	R. Smailes	General Manager, Planning and Building	
	A. Kittel	Regional Growth Strategy Coordinator	
	A. Bevan	Executive Assistant (taking minutes)	
Others:	Member of the Public		

CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Chair Macnabb called the meeting to order at 2:05 p.m.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Regional Growth Management Advisory Committee – October 4, 2012

Moved and seconded by Directors Cyr and Fowler

That the Agenda of the October 4, 2012 regular meeting of the Regional Growth Management Advisory Committee be approved with the following additions:

- Central Okanagan Regional Growth Strategy Forum
 - o Email dated October 1, 2012 from Ministry of Community, Sport and Cultural Development.

CARRIED

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

Regional Growth Management Advisory Committee – September 6, 2012

Moved and seconded by Directors Fowler and Pearase

That the minutes of the September 6, 2012 regular meeting of the Regional Growth Management Advisory Committee be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED

NEW BUSINESS

Regional Growth Strategy Budget Update – September 13, 2012

The Regional Growth Strategy Coordinator advised that the budget is still below what was anticipated as there have been delays with implementation and refining direction. There will be approximately \$14,000 remaining at the end of 2012 to “roll over” to 2013 to complete the outstanding tasks.

Director Acton entered the meeting.

It was noted that each jurisdiction will be allocated \$11,400 for the development of Regional Context Statements from the Regionally Significant Projects list.

Five projects have been submitted for through the Regionally Significant Projects fund:

- Transit Replacement Project
- Eco Depot Project
- Pottery Road Recycling and Disposal Facility (RDF) Cap and Turf Seeing
- Greater Vernon RDF Landfill Gas Control System
- Regional Context Statements

Moved and seconded by Directors Dirk and Fairbairn

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

CARRIED

Regional Planning (031) Financial Plan: 2013-2015

- Grants that have been approved are included within the draft Financial Plan.
- RDNO is still awaiting decision on \$440,000 from UBCM for ICS/Capacity Building grant.
- The 3% increase in requisition each year is based on the cost of living and to offset inflation.
- Regional Planning (031) contains ALR applications (50% of the \$600 application fees) not just RGS matters as it requires a Corporate Board vote.
- Wages could be recovered from other cost centers, ex. time spent on rail issues can possibly be recovered from 010 (General Government)
- Employee cost allocation is General Manager's and clerical time.

Moved and seconded by Directors Fleming and Fairbairn

That the report dated September 13, 2012 from the Regional Growth Strategy Coordinator regarding the 2013-2015 Regional Planning (031) Financial Plan be received for information; and further,

That it be recommended to the Board of Directors that the 2013-2015 Regional Planning (031) Financial Plan be supported in principle.

CARRIED

SIDIT Grant Application: Farmers' Market Signage

Director Nicol requested that any information in regards to grants be provided to the Regional Growth Management Advisory Committee.

Discussion ensued regarding the difference between farmers markets and public markets.

Clarification was requested regarding smaller communities matching funds as they do not include in-kind contributions only cash contributions.

The Investment Agriculture Foundation of BC, which is a provincially created body, independent from government (similar to the Real Estate Foundation of BC), provides funding for Agricultural Area Plans.

A motion relating to a potential Southern Interior Development Initiative Trust (SIDIT) Grant Application for Farmers' Markets Signage was moved and seconded by Directors Cyr and Acton. After debate and housekeeping amendments, the following motion was voted on:

That the report dated September 12, 2012 from the Regional Growth Strategy Coordinator regarding Southern Interior Development Initiative Trust (SIDIT) Grant Application for Farmers' and Public Markets Signage be received for information; and further,

That it be recommended to the Board of Directors that the request to develop a SIDIT Grant Application for Farmers' and Public Markets Signage be referred to the Agricultural Advisory Committee for discussion regarding approach when developing the grant application.

CARRIED

It was noted that the "farmer market" name is a trademark name.

Staff was requested to gather more information regarding farmers markets and public markets and the difference between the two.

Regional Growth Strategy Implementation Workshop

A Committee of the Whole meeting will be scheduled to discuss options for a Regional Economic Development service as per the resolution from the September 19, 2012 Board of Directors meeting.

The focus of the RGS Implementation Workshop is:

- Strategic policy
- Action planning
- Choose priority projects
- Look at common themes between jurisdictions

It was noted that there are many initiatives that other organizations deal with, should be researched into what is already happening so as to not duplicate and what can the RGS complement.

Discussion ensued regarding watersheds and affordable housing.

Moved and seconded by Directors Acton and Cyr

That the report dated September 24, 2012 from the Regional Growth Strategy Coordinator regarding the November 8, 2012 Regional Growth Strategy Implementation Workshop be received for information.

CARRIED

Regional Agricultural Advisory Committee

Lumby advised that there is only one piece of ALR land within the Village limits, so there is no need to send ALR applications to the Committee.

Enderby advised the Regional Context Statement is a greater priority.

Spallumcheen advised the Regional Context Statement is a greater priority, as well as they have established their own Agricultural Advisory Committee.

Moved and seconded by Directors Acton and Fleming

That the following correspondence regarding the Agricultural Advisory Committee be received for information:

- Letter dated September 12, 2012 from the Agricultural Land Commission
- Email dated September 18, 2012 from the Village of Lumby
- Letter dated September 19, 2012 from the City of Enderby.

CARRIED

5-Year Action Plan

Moved and seconded by Directors Fowler and Dirk

That the following correspondence regarding the 5-Year Action Plan be received for information:

- Letter dated September 17, 2012 from the North Okanagan Naturalists Club
- Letter dated September 17, 2012 from the Ribbons of Green Trails Society.

CARRIED

Central Okanagan Regional Growth Strategy Forum


The General Manager, Planning and Building advised of an invitation to North Okanagan elected officials from the Province to attend the Central Okanagan Elected Officials Forum for their RGS to hear about the RDNO's experience with RGS development.

Directors Nicol and Fairbairn to attend on behalf of the Regional District of North Okanagan.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 3:32 p.m.

Certified Correct:


Chair


Corporate Officer

**JEANNE BYRON
CORPORATE OFFICER**