



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, October 17, 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 J. Brown	Township of Spallumcheen	
	Director R. Sawatzky	City of Vernon	
	Director J. Cunningham	City of Vernon	
	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	
	R. Smailes	General Manager, Planning & Building	
	J. Friesen	Bylaw Enforcement Officer	
	A. Bevan	Executive Assistant (taking minutes)	

CALL MEETING TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 2:31 p.m.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Committee of the Whole – October 17, 2012

Moved and seconded by Directors Fairbairn and Dirk

That the Agenda of the October 17, 2012 regular meeting of the Committee of the Whole be approved as presented.

CARRIED

NEW BUSINESS

Proposed Regional District of North Okanagan Noise Control Bylaw Information

The General Manager, Planning and Building gave an introduction regarding the proposed changes to the Noise Control Bylaw.

The Bylaw Enforcement Officer explained that the suggested changes to the current Noise Bylaw were initially presented to the Electoral Area Advisory Committee (EAAC). The EAAC reviewed the suggested changes (addition of chainsaws, move rural zones from the intermediate zone to the quiet zone and reduced the time from 2:00am to 12:00 midnight) and added a few others and requested additional information. The additional information requested was in regards to the adjacent municipalities. It was found that most rural zones in the municipalities are adjacent to rural zones within the electoral areas (except for the Swan Lake

Commercial Corridor, and the area of Pleasant Valley Road and Silver Star Road in Electoral Area "C").

It was noted that it is very rare for the RCMP to lay charges for noisy boats and/or vehicles. This is an opportunity for the RDNO to take more control.

There is no decibel reading maximum for lawnmowers which do not have a muffler during the allowed times.

Discussion ensued regarding the start time for when noise is allowed on Sundays and holidays.

Moved and seconded by Directors Pearase and Dirk

That the more restrictive hours for Sundays and Holidays be removed from the Noise Bylaw and that the lawn and garden hours be amended to reflect 7:00-20:00 for all days of the week.

CARRIED

Discussion ensued regarding:

- Public education of the Noise Bylaw;
- Wildlife Damage Control guidelines in regards to bird scare devices;
- Exemptions and the 60 day lead time prior to the event;
- Recreational lawnmowers; and
- Exemptions for bells and chimes by religious institutions.

Moved and seconded by Directors Dirk and Macnabb

That the Wildlife Damage Control guidelines be written into the Regional District of North Okanagan's Noise Bylaw with more restrictive wording.

CARRIED

It was noted that complaints that have a decibel reading will be investigated after one complaint and complaints that do not have a specific decibel reading will be investigated after two complaints.

Moved and seconded by Directors Acton and Dirk

That the report dated September 26, 2012 regarding the proposed Regional District of North Okanagan Noise Control Bylaw Information be received for information.

CARRIED

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 3:13 p.m.

Certified Correct:



Chair

PATRICK NICOL

CHAIR



Corporate Officer

**JEANNE BYRON
CORPORATE OFFICER**