



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, November 8, 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:	Members of the Public		

CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Chair Macnabb called the meeting to order at 2:07 p.m.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Regional Growth Management Advisory Committee – November 8, 2012

Moved and seconded by Directors Fowler and Acton

That the Agenda of the November 8, 2012 regular meeting of the Regional Growth Management Advisory Committee be approved with the following additions:

- Agricultural Advisory Committee Update.

CARRIED

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

Regional Growth Management Advisory Committee – October 4, 2012

Moved and seconded by Directors Pearase and Fleming

That the minutes of the October 4, 2012 regular meeting of the Regional Growth Management Advisory Committee be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED

DELEGATIONS

Annette Sharkey – Vision North Okanagan

Also the Executive Director of the Social Planning Council. Kevin Poole from City of Vernon and Norm Metcalfe from Community Futures also presented. Vision North Okanagan is run through Community Futures.

Presentation regarding:

- The vision for housing needs
- Housing challenges
- Housing continuum (difference between affordable and attainable)
- Balanced housing market

Regional Housing Needs Assessment:

- Need for
- Components of
- Key concepts
 - Housing need and demand
 - Housing strategies
- Significant conditions
- Demographics define need and demand
- Attainable price points

Request that the RDNO consider completing a Regional Housing Needs Assessment as part of the implementation strategy of the Regional Growth Strategy.

Discussion ensued regarding the North Okanagan Affordable Housing Developer's Package provided by Vision North Okanagan.

Robert Corman, Economic Development Manager for Okanagan Indian Band stated the information (North Okanagan Affordable Housing Developer's Package) provided by Vision North Okanagan is very useful.

NEW BUSINESS

Regional Agricultural Advisory Committee

Moved and seconded by Directors Dirk and Cyr
That the letter dated September 26, 2012, from the City of Armstrong, regarding the Regional Agricultural Advisory Committee be received for information.

CARRIED

Partnership in Sustainable Transportation

Moved and seconded by Directors Dirk and Cyr
That the letter dated October 19, 2012, from the local/regional governments of the Central Okanagan, regarding a Partnership in Sustainable Transportation be received for information.

CARRIED

Intergovernmental Advisory Committee

Discussion ensued regarding Interior Health's work regarding a database which includes rates of chronic disease in particular areas.

Moved and seconded by Directors Dirk and Fleming

That the September 27, 2012 minutes of the Intergovernmental Advisory Committee be received for information.

CARRIED

Regional Growth Strategy Budget Update – October 16, 2012

Moved and seconded by Directors Dirk and Fleming

That the report dated October 16, 2012, from the Regional Growth Strategy Coordinator, regarding Regional Growth Strategy Budget Update be received for information.

CARRIED

Age-Friendly Grant Application

Discussion ensued regarding the demographic changes between 2001 and 2011 within the North Okanagan and the significant increase in residents over the age of 55 and a significant decrease in the 25-40 year age group.

Moved and seconded by Directors Dirk and Acton

That it be recommended to the Board of Directors that the 2012 Age-Friendly Planning and Project Grant Application for an Age-Friendly Housing Need and Demand Assessment be supported as a component of Regional Growth Strategy implementation.

CARRIED

2013 Action Plan Workshop

The Regional Growth Strategy Coordinator explained the evolution of regional priorities over the course of the development of the Regional Growth Strategy.

Discussion ensued regarding choosing actions that can be completed within the current parameters for time and cost (ex. staff capacity and budget for 031 – Regional Planning) for 2013.

The Directors engaged in an exercise to indicate priorities.

Top priorities from Action Planning Workshop:

1. Regional Agricultural Area Plan
2. Regional Housing Needs and Strategic Market Assessment
3. Collaborative Regional Economic Development Initiatives
4. Regional Parks and Natural Lands Legacy Fund

Moved and seconded by Directors Pearase and Dirk

That the report dated October 16, 2012 from the Regional Growth Strategy Coordinator regarding the 2013 Action Plan Workshop, to be held on November 8, 2012, be received for information.

CARRIED

Moved and seconded by Directors Acton and Dirk

That it be recommended to the Board of Directors that staff be directed to explore options for establishing a Regional Parks and Natural Lands Legacy Fund to assist in regional park acquisition.

CARRIED

The Regional Growth Strategy Coordinator will contact Ron Westlake at the City of Kelowna to provide more up to date information for a future meeting regarding the 2013 Okanagan Travel Survey.

Agricultural Advisory Committee Update

The Regional Growth Strategy Coordinator explained 12 applications were received and a report will be on the next agenda regarding appointing members to the committee.

ADJOURNMENT

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

Certified Correct:


Chair


Corporate Officer
JEANNE BYRON
CORPORATE OFFICER