



REGIONAL DISTRICT OF NORTH OKANAGAN

MINUTES of a **REGULAR** meeting of the **REGIONAL GROWTH MANAGEMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE** held in the Boardroom at the Regional District Office on Thursday, February 21, 2013

Members:	Director J. Pearase	Electoral Area "F"	Vice Chair
	Director S. Fowler	City of Armstrong	
	Director D. Dirk	District of Coldstream	
	Director H. Cyr	City of Enderby	
	Alt. Director L. Mindnich	Village of Lumby	
	Alt. Director C. Fraser	Township of Spallumcheen	
	Director P. Nicol	City of Vernon	
	Director B. Fleming	Electoral Area "B"	
	Director M. Macnabb	Electoral Area "C"	
	Director R. Fairbairn	Electoral Area "D"	
	Director E. Foisy	Electoral Area "E"	
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

The meeting was called to order at 1:58 p.m.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Regional Growth Management Advisory Committee Meeting – February 21, 2013

Moved and seconded by Directors Nicol and Macnabb

That the agenda of the February 21, 2013 regular meeting of the Regional Growth Management Advisory Committee be approved as presented.

CARRIED

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

Regional Growth Management Advisory Committee Meeting – January 17, 2013

Moved and seconded by Directors Nicol and Fairbairn

That the minutes of the January 17, 2013 regular meeting of the Regional Growth Management Advisory Committee be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED

DELEGATIONS

Susan Latimer – Okanagan Collaborative Conservation Program

Presentation regarding the Okanagan Collaborative Conservation Program (OCCP) Biodiversity Strategy for the North and Central Okanagan Regional District areas.

- project concludes in mid 2014
- second draft of the document is close to completion
- funding has been secured through Environment Canada to include biodiversity strategy as part of the green bylaws toolkit

The OCCP is requesting another year of funding in the amount of \$10,000, similar to the two previous years of funding.

NEW BUSINESS

Regional Agricultural Area Plan

- a Regional Agricultural Area Plan was considered the top implementation priority of the Board of Directors
- Spallumcheen has very recently updated their own Agricultural Area Plan
- suggestion to look at Coldstream and Spallumcheen's Agricultural Area Plans to determine if they could be reworked instead of "reinventing the wheel"
- difference in the roles of the Regional Growth Management Advisory Committee and the Regional Agricultural Advisory Committee
- possible funding sources for a Regional Agricultural Area Plan

Moved and seconded by Directors Dirk and Fairbairn

That it be recommended to the Board of Directors that the report 'Regional Agricultural Area Plan', dated January 22, 2013, be referred to the Regional Agricultural Advisory Committee.

CARRIED

Regional Housing Needs Assessment

- Funding was not approved for \$20,000, there is currently no budget monies in 2013 to complete a Regional Housing Needs Assessment. This project could be reconsidered in 2014.
- Discussion ensued regarding the need for a Regional Housing Needs Assessment

Moved and seconded by Director Macnabb and Alt. Director Fraser

That the report dated January 4, 2013 from the Regional Growth Strategy Coordinator regarding the Regional Housing Needs Assessment be received for information.

CARRIED

Opposed: Director Fairbairn

Regional Employment Lands Inventory Update

- The Regional Growth Strategy Coordinator has been collaborating with the Economic Development Officer from the City of Vernon and the inventory is very close to completion
- Inventory only includes lands that are currently vacant, not lands that are not in use but do have a structure, ex. office space that is built but not occupied is not included

Moved and seconded by Directors Dirk and Cyr

That the report dated January 10, 2013 from the Regional Growth Strategy Coordinator regarding an update on the Regional Employment Lands Inventory project be received for information.

CARRIED

Regional Agricultural Advisory Committee

- Verbal update from General Manager, Planning and Building regarding the inaugural Regional Agricultural Advisory Committee scheduled for February 21, 2013 at 6:00 p.m.

Moved and seconded by Directors Dirk and Nicol

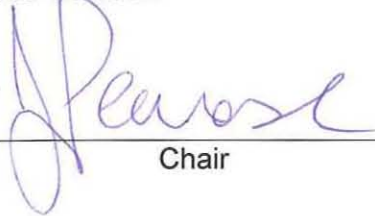
That Directors Macnabb and Fairbairn along with the Chair and Vice Chair of the Regional Agricultural Advisory Committee attend the Agricultural Advisory Committee workshop put on by the Ministry of Agriculture scheduled for February 27, 2013.

CARRIED

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 3:38 p.m.

Certified Correct:



Chair



Corporate Officer

**JEANNE BYRON
CORPORATE OFFICER**