



# 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, March 21, 2013

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<b>Members:</b>	Director K. Acton	Village of Lumby	Chair
	Director J. Pearase	Electoral Area "F"	Vice Chair
	Director S. Fowler	City of Armstrong	
	Director D. Dirk	District of Coldstream	
	Director J. Brown	Township of Spallumcheen	
	Director P. Nicol	City of Vernon	
	Alt. Director S. Ghattas	Electoral Area "B"	
	Director M. Macnabb	Electoral Area "C"	
	Director E. Foisy	Electoral Area "E"	
<b>Staff:</b>	R. Smailes	General Manager, Planning and Building	
	A. Kittel	Regional Growth Strategy Coordinator	
	A. Bevan	Executive Assistant (taking minutes)	

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## CALL MEETING TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 2:02 p.m.

## APPROVAL OF AGENDA

### Regional Growth Management Advisory Committee Meeting – March 21, 2013

Moved and seconded by Directors Nicol and Fowler

That the agenda of the March 21, 2013 regular meeting of the Regional Growth Management Advisory Committee be approved with the following additions:

- C.8 – Thompson-Nicol Regional District Regional Growth Strategy Immigration Policy.

**CARRIED**

## ADOPTION OF MINUTES

### Regional Growth Management Advisory Committee Meeting – February 21, 2013

Moved and seconded by Director Dirk and Alt. Director Ghattas

That the minutes of the February 21, 2013 regular meeting of the Regional Growth Management Advisory Committee be adopted as circulated.

**CARRIED**

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **Regional Context Statements**

Moved and seconded by Directors Macnabb and Dirk

That the following correspondence regarding Regional Context Statements be received for information:

- Letter dated March 6, 2013 from the City of Enderby
- Letter dated March 7, 2013 from the Township of Spallumcheen
- Letter dated March 15, 2013 from the City of Vernon
- Letter dated March 21, 2013 from the City of Armstrong.

**CARRIED**

### **Biodiversity Conservation Strategy Ecosystem Mapping**

The Regional Growth Strategy Coordinator advised that the funding request from the Okanagan Collaborative Conservation Program at the February 21, 2013 Regional Growth Management Advisory Committee can be reconsidered in 2014 for the implementation phase.

Moved and seconded by Directors Dirk and Fowler

That the report dated February 22, 2013 from the Regional Growth Strategy Coordinator regarding Biodiversity Conservation Strategy ecosystem mapping be received for information.

**CARRIED**

### **Regional Growth Strategy Monitoring and Evaluation Program Update**

Discussion ensued regarding a RGMAC workshop in April to review and discuss the indicators for the Quality of Life Survey.

Moved and seconded by Directors Foisy and Dirk

That the report dated February 7, 2013 from the Regional Growth Strategy Coordinator regarding an update on the Regional Growth Strategy Monitoring and Evaluation Program be received for information.

**CARRIED**

### **Regional Agricultural Advisory Committee Brainstorming Roundtable Results**

Moved and seconded by Directors Macnabb and Pearase

That it be recommended to the Board of Directors, the report dated February 22, 2013 regarding Regional Agricultural Advisory Committee Brainstorming Roundtable Results be considered during development of the Regional Agricultural Area Plan Terms of Reference.

**CARRIED**

### **Draft Regional Agricultural Plan Terms of Reference**

It was noted that an Agricultural Area Plan does not have the same legal status as an Official Community Plan.

Moved and seconded by Directors Dirk and Fowler

That it be recommended to the Board of Directors, the draft Regional Agricultural Plan Terms of Reference be referred to the Electoral Area Advisory Committee and member municipal councils for review and comment to provide feedback by May 31, 2013.

**CARRIED**

### **Bee SAFE Presentation**

Moved and seconded by Director Macnabb and Alt. Director Ghattas

That the report dated February 7, 2013 from the Regional Growth Strategy Coordinator regarding the January 16, 2013 Bee SAFE presentation to the Board of Directors and the request that the Regional District consider implementing steps to become agricultural genetically modified organism free be received for information.

**CARRIED**

### **Bee SAFE Request: Transition Guide to Sustainable Agriculture**

Discussion ensued regarding possible amendments to Official Community Plans to include a statement regarding communities that oppose the use of GMOs.

Moved by Directors Dirk and Nicol

That the report dated March 13, 2013 from the Regional Growth Strategy Coordinator regarding the Bee SAFE request for the creation of a "Transition Guide to Sustainable Agriculture" be received for information; and further,

That it be recommended to the Board of Directors, staff be directed to respond to Bee SAFE that the Regional District of North Okanagan does not have authority, expertise or capacity to deal with the creation of a "Transition Guide to Sustainable Agriculture".

**CARRIED**

### **Thompson-Nicol Regional District Regional Growth Strategy Immigration Policy**

Thompson-Nicol Regional District (TNRD) Regional Growth Strategy (RGS) Policy 3.16 states:  
Recognize the importance of domestic and international immigration and attracting young families in developing our labour force.

Discussion ensued regarding a minor amendment to the RDNO Regional Growth Strategy to include similar wording to the TNRD RGS Policy on immigration.

### **IN CAMERA**

Moved and seconded by Directors Foisy and Dirk

That, pursuant to Section 92 of the Community Charter, the regular meeting of the Regional Growth Management Advisory Committee convene In Camera to deal with matters deemed closed to the public in accordance with Section 90(1)(a – personal information) of the Community Charter.

**CARRIED**

The regular meeting of the Regional Growth Management Advisory Committee adjourned to meet In Camera at 2:56 p.m.

The regular meeting of the Regional Growth Management Advisory Committee reconvened at 2:58 p.m.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 3:00 p.m.

Certified Correct:

  
Chair

  
Corporate Officer