



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, May 16, 2013

Members:	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 H. Cyr	City of Enderby	
	Director J. Brown	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)	
Other:	Annette Sharkey		

CALL MEETING TO ORDER

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

Regional Growth Management Advisory Committee Meeting – May 16, 2013

Moved and seconded by Directors Cyr and Fowler

That the agenda of the May 16, 2013 regular meeting of the Regional Growth Management Advisory Committee be approved as presented.

CARRIED

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

Regional Growth Management Advisory Committee Meeting – April 18, 2013

Moved and seconded by Directors Dirk and Fairbairn

That the minutes of the April 18, 2013 regular meeting of the Regional Growth Management Advisory Committee be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED

DELEGATIONS

Annette Sharkey – Social Planning Council of BC

Gave a presentation regarding the Welcoming Communities Initiative:

- Funded by: Province of BC, Welcome BC Program
- Geographic Scope: Greater Vernon
- Timeline: January 1, 2013 – March 31, 2014
- Grant: \$167,000
- Focus: Projects and partnerships that build welcoming and inclusive communities

- Target Population: Immigrants who have lived in Canada less than 10 years

Director Pearase entered the meeting.

Project Process:

- January 2013
 - Backgrounder Document
 - Community Consultation
- March 2013
 - Welcoming Communities Action Plan
- April 2013 – March 2014
 - Implementation of Action Plan

Director Foisy entered the meeting.

The program is focused on immigrants that have lived in the community for 10 years, which was a number defined by the government.

NEW BUSINESS

Investment Agriculture Foundation Application: Regional Agricultural Area Plan

The Regional Growth Strategy Coordinator advised that this is a one time grant of \$35,000. The application has already been submitted because of the approaching deadline.

Moved and seconded by Directors Dirk and Cyr

That it be recommended to the Board of Directors the Investment Agriculture Foundation grant application for the development of a Regional Agricultural Area Plan be supported.

CARRIED

Director Fleming entered the meeting.

Infrastructure Planning Grant Program: Regional Agricultural Area Plan

The Regional Growth Strategy Coordinator advised that this is grant in the amount of \$10,000.

Moved and seconded by Directors Macnabb and Cyr

That it be recommended to the Board of Directors the Infrastructure Planning Grant Program application for \$10,000 to assist with the development of the Regional Agricultural Area Plan be supported.

CARRIED

Community to Community Forum - Regional Agricultural Area Planning

Moved and seconded by Directors Cyr and Pearase

That it be recommended to the Board of Directors as part of the Regional Agricultural Area Plan process, a Community to Community Forum Grant application be supported; and further,

That it be recommended to the Board of Directors the Agricultural Area Planning Community to Community Forums be organized in collaboration and partnership with Splitsin Nation and the Okanagan Indian Band.

CARRIED

Regional Context Statement Guidance Document

Moved and seconded by Directors Dirk and Foisy

That it be recommended to the Board of Directors the Implementation Guidance Document #1: Regional Context Statement Template be referred to member municipalities and the Electoral Area Advisory Committee for consideration when developing Regional Context Statements.

CARRIED

Regional Growth Strategy Amendment Cost Recovery Considerations

Discussion ensued regarding:

- Full cost recovery? Some cost recovery? Profit?
- When a report regarding establishing fees for RGS amendments goes forward to the Board it should include potential applications
- An OCP amendment does not automatically become a RGS amendment
- Member municipalities vs. Public applicants – should they be treated differently?

Moved and seconded by Directors Macnabb and Pearase

That it be recommended to the Board of Directors staff be directed to investigate establishing a fee for applications requesting amendments to the Regional Growth Strategy.

CARRIED

City of Kelowna's Request Regarding the Okanagan Valley Household Travel Survey

The Regional Growth Strategy Coordinator advised that the Board of Directors passed a resolution on June 20, 2012 supporting the project in principle contingent on the receipt of additional project budget information and 2013 budget deliberations. Additional budget information was not received until April 2013. The amount of \$43,000 is not included within 2013 budget and there are no additional funds within 031 (Regional Planning). This project was not selected as a priority for 2013 by the Board of Directors at the 2013 Regional Action Plan Workshop held in November 2012.

Moved and seconded by Directors Pearase and Macnabb

That it be recommended to the Board of Directors that the request by the City of Kelowna regarding a contribution of \$43,000 for the 2013 Okanagan Valley Household Travel Survey; be denied and further,

That it be recommended to the Board of Directors staff be directed to provide a letter to the City of Kelowna, City of Vernon and Regional District of Central Okanagan that communicates the outcome of this request.

CARRIED

BUSINESS ARISING FROM DELEGATIONS

Welcoming Communities Initiative

The Committee discussed the information provided during the presentation:

- Hoped that the project would go out and find people with skills and abilities to do the job, not look at people who are already living in the community
- Retention of skilled workers and to find skilled workers

The Committee requested that the Regional Growth Strategy Coordinator gather additional information on the topic of immigration and welcoming communities.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 2:58 p.m.

Certified Correct:



Chair



Corporate Officer

**JEANNE BYRON
CORPORATE OFFICER**