



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, September 26, 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	
	Alternate Director C. Fraser	Township of Spallumcheen	
	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	
	J. deGroot	Executive Assistant (Temp.) (taking minutes)	

CALL MEETING TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 1:35 p.m.

Regional Growth Management Advisory Committee Meeting – September 26, 2013

Moved and seconded by Directors Macnabb and Cyr

That the agenda of the September 26, 2013 regular meeting of the Regional Growth Management Advisory Committee be approved with the following addition:

- Item C.5 – Discussion at Union of BC Municipalities regarding Genetically Engineered Organisms

CARRIED

Moved and seconded by Directors Fairbairn and Fleming

That the agenda of the September 26, 2013 regular meeting of the Regional Growth Management Advisory Committee be reapproved to also include the following addition:

- Item C.6 – Parkland Legacy Fund

CARRIED

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

Regional Growth Management Advisory Committee Meeting – August 22, 2013

Moved and seconded by Directors Fleming and Fowler

That the minutes of the August 22, 2013 regular meeting of the Regional Growth Management Advisory Committee be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED

NEW BUSINESS

Regional Growth Strategy Implementation Update

Discussion ensued regarding the following:

- Economic development and the employment lands inventory;
- Kelowna Railway issue and economic impacts; and
- Available funding for the Agricultural Area Plan.

Moved and seconded by Directors Dirk and Cyr

That the report dated September 12, 2013 from the Regional Growth Strategy Coordinator regarding an update on Regional Growth Strategy implementation be received for information and referred to member municipalities and the Electoral Area Advisory Committee for their information.

CARRIED

Regional Planning (031) Financial Plan: 2014-2015

Director Cyr left the meeting.

Moved and seconded by Director Macnabb and Alt. Director Fraser

Discussion ensued regarding the following:

- Historical budget of Regional Planning Function; and
- The list of grant funded projects and their status.

That the report dated September 4, 2013 from the Regional Growth Strategy Coordinator regarding the 2014/2015 Regional Planning (031) Financial Plan be supported in principle.

CARRIED

ABSTAINED - Director Cyr

Director Cyr re-entered the meeting.

Okanagan Wetlands Strategy

Moved and seconded by Directors Dirk and Pearase

That the report dated September 9, 2013 from the Regional Growth Strategy Coordinator regarding the Okanagan Wetlands Strategy be received for information; and further,

That the Board of Directors request that Margaret Bakelaar, Environmental/Land Use Planning for the Regional District of Central Okanagan, attend a future Regional Growth Management Advisory Committee to present on the Okanagan Wetlands Strategy.

CARRIED

Regional Growth Strategy Immigration and Economic Development

Discussion ensued regarding the following:

- Need for well paying jobs to attract young workers and families;
- Policies presented are rough suggestions for discussion;
- Where the Policies came from – Policies came from previous discussion by the Committee;
- When to deal with these amendments;
- Programs for immigrants as well as migrants;
- Language revisions regarding migrants; and
- Determining minor versus major amendments.

Moved and seconded by Directors Cyr and Fairbairn

That it be recommended to the Board of Directors the following policies be included in the Regional Growth Strategy during a future Regional Growth Strategy Housekeeping Minor Amendment, pursuant to Section 857.1 of the *Local Government Act* and the Regional Growth Strategy Minor Amendment Process included within Regional Growth Strategy Bylaw No. 2500, 2011:

- Strategy ED-2.X: Support the creation of welcoming communities that facilitate the integration of immigrants and newcomers into the North Okanagan;
- Strategy ED-2.X: Recognize the importance of domestic and international immigration and attracting young families to the long term sustainability and resilience of the North Okanagan economy; and
- Strategy ED-2.X: Encourage the federal government to work with provincial, regional district and municipal partners, as well as community and business stakeholders, to develop immigration settlement programs with access to predicable long-term funding.

CARRIED

Discussion at Union of BC Municipalities regarding Genetically Engineered Organisms

The Union of BC Municipalities (UBCM) at their Annual General Meeting in Vancouver, passed a resolution asking the BC government to legislate the prohibition of importing, exporting and growing plants and seeds containing genetically engineered (GE) DNA, and raising GE animals within BC, and to declare BC is a GE Free area in respect to all plant and animal species.

Discussion ensued regarding the following:

- Economic impacts of this resolution;
- Consideration of this resolution on the Official Community Plans and Regional Growth Strategy;
- How Genetically Modified Organisms may be effected by this resolution; and
- The possible results from this resolution.

Parkland Legacy Fund

Moved and seconded by Alt. Director Fraser and Director Dirk

That establishment of a Regional Parkland Legacy Fund be referred to Municipal Councils and the Electoral Area Advisory Committee for consideration.

CARRIED

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 2:42 p.m.

Certified Correct:



Chair



Corporate Officer