



# REGIONAL DISTRICT OF NORTH OKANAGAN

MINUTES of a **REGULAR** meeting of the **ADVISORY PLANNING COMMISSION ELECTORAL AREA 'F'** of the **REGIONAL DISTRICT OF NORTH OKANAGAN** held at the Enderby Fire Hall on February 17, 2014.

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**Members:** Keith Gray  
Bob Honeyman  
Tilman Ernest Nahm  
C. Dale Fennell

**Other:** Jackie Pearase, Electoral Area "F" Director  
Monica Nahm, Recording Secretary

**Other:** Bernie Moubray

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## CALL MEETING TO ORDER

The Chair Keith Gray called the meeting to order at 7:01 pm.

## ADOPTION OF MINUTES

**Advisory Planning Commission Electoral Area "F" – Regular Meeting of January 20, 2014.**

It was moved and seconded by Dale Fennell and Bob Honeyman  
That the minutes of January 20, 2014 regular meeting of the Advisory Planning Commission of Electoral Area "F" be adopted as circulated.

**CARRIED**

## NEW BUSINESS

**Referral Application**  
**Ministry of Forests, Lands, Range and Natural Resource Operations**

Discussion ensued including the following:

- Dale Fennell noted that the APC does not receive these proposals until after the final date for submission has passed. This one had a date of February 10 for the deadline for any concerns or recommendations.
- Dale wonders if they are aware of the controversy concerning the flooding of Ashton Creek and the Mabel Lake Road. Where there were issues of water coming off of those hillsides and when you go further east it gets steeper. Although Regional Districts have not been involved in harvesting plans it is prudent to do so. Especially when it could have some negative impact on the amounts of water that could come down as well as the quality of the water. My experience from when I was in the forestry service is if you don't manage the water courses that are on crown land and if you do not construct roads properly, and you do not have adequate sized culverts or any adequate maintenance it

can lead to problems. For example if you are at the river mouth out at Mabel Lake and you look directly across to Simard Creek you can see the huge washout that came down there and it is still quite visible. All of that was caused from one culvert that blew out. Once something like this happens it is very hard to fix. It just blows over, even with all of the letters back and forth etc. So I feel it behoves the Regional District and all the planners in the Regional District and those in the higher levels to have a voice to make sure any proposed harvesting with this woodlot application or a new area for a person to apply for, have a voice in this as it does impact the local community and water quality.

- In years past there was always staff of a regulatory nature that made inspections on harvesting operations on crown lands. There was always somebody watching what was going on in the bush. You don't see much of that anymore. It is becoming more and more self regulated. Now if you have a woodlot license you can get all the approvals signed off from a registered professional forester and you manage it, with an audit done once or twice a year. If you make a mistake they will come down on you but who knows what can happen with environmental concerns. It is then too late. It seems the government is putting their staff and energies in other areas.
- Road building and culvert crossing and not necessarily the harvesting activity [with adequate riparian] seem to be the cause of the huge erosion issues. There needs to be adequate safe guards in place with adequate inspections.
- Big concerns with this wood lot license as it in a slide area in our community.

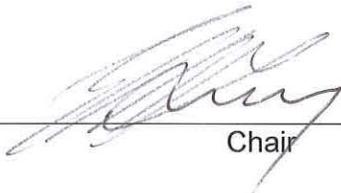
It was moved and seconded by Tilman Nahm and Bob Honeyman  
That the Forest Service and the Planning Department keep the APC informed on the future progress of this wood lot license application.

**CARRIED**

## **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

### **Certified Correct:**

  
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Chair

  
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Recording Secretary