



# REGIONAL DISTRICT OF NORTH OKANAGAN

MINUTES of a **SPECIAL** meeting of the **GREATER VERNON ADVISORY COMMITTEE** of the **REGIONAL DISTRICT OF NORTH OKANAGAN** held in the Boardroom at the Regional District Office on Thursday, February 20, 2014

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<b>Members:</b>	Director J. Cunningham	City of Vernon	(Chair)
	Alternate Director B. Spiers	City of Vernon	
	Director R. Sawatzky	City of Vernon	
	Councillor G. Kiss	District of Coldstream	(Vice Chair)
	Councillor M. Besso	District of Coldstream	
	Director B. Fleming	Electoral Area "B"	
	Director M. Macnabb	Electoral Area "C"	
	T. Osborn	Agricultural Representative	
<b>Staff:</b>	T. Hall	Administrator	
	J. Byron	Corporate Officer/Human Resources Manager	
	D. McTaggart	General Manager, Engineering	
	D. Sewell	General Manager, Finance	
	Z. Marcolin	Manager – Greater Vernon Water	
	E. Posluns	Water Sustainability Coordinator	
	P. Juniper	Executive Assistant Engineering (taking minutes)	
<b>Also Present:</b>	Director R. Fairbairn	Electoral Area "D"	
	Director D. Dirk	District of Coldstream	
	Director C. Lord	City of Vernon	
	Councillor P. McClean	District of Coldstream	
	J. Kidston	Alternate Agricultural Representative	
	T. Ouchi	Alternate Agricultural Representative	
	R. Dickinson	Director of Engineering Services, City of Vernon	
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## CALL MEETING TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 8:06 a.m.

## APPROVAL OF AGENDA

### Greater Vernon Advisory Committee – February 20, 2014

Moved and seconded by Director Sawatzky and Councillor Besso  
That the Agenda of the February 20, 2014 Greater Vernon Advisory Committee Special meeting be approved with the following additions:

- Item B.1 – Policy Discussion - Service Extensions within the Greater Vernon Water Service Area

**CARRIED**

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **Policy Discussion - Service Extensions within the Greater Vernon Water Service Area**

Discussion took place regarding service extension requests where the request for service is located within a municipal jurisdictional boundary and how best way to ensure the benefitting properties pay for any improvements.

Moved and seconded by Director Sawatzky and Councillor Besso

That it be recommended, Greater Vernon Water provide a report setting out the means by which benefitting properties wishing to connect to the Greater Vernon Water system could pay the capital costs over some reasonable period of time at some reasonable rate; and further That the report be provided to the Greater Vernon Advisory Committee within 30 days.

Moved and seconded by Director Macnabb and Councillor Besso

That the motion be amended by extending the report period to 60 days.

Motion as amended:

That it be recommended, Greater Vernon Water provide a report setting out the means by which benefitting properties wishing to connect to the Greater Vernon Water system could pay the capital costs over some reasonable period of time at some reasonable rate; and further That the report be provided to the Greater Vernon Advisory Committee within 60 days.

**CARRIED**

### **2014 Rates Review**

The General Manager, Engineering provided a review of the 2014 rates calculator based on the 2014 revenue requirements of \$18,600,000.00.

Moved and seconded by Councillors Kiss and Besso

That it be recommended to the Board of Directors, the base rate and the consumption rate be fixed.

**DEFEATED**

Moved and seconded by Directors Macnabb and Sawatzky

That the Greater Vernon Water Advisory Committee focus on the existing principles to apply when drafting the 2014 Greater Vernon Water Rates Bylaw to meet the 2014 revenue requirements of \$18,600,000.00.

**CARRIED**

**Opposed: Director Kiss**

Moved and Seconded by Alternate Director Spiers and Director Sawatzky

That the minimum element measuring elements be reduced by \$50.00 for 2014; and further

That the consumption amount for the Non-Domestic/Mixed use sector be adjusted to ensure this is revenue neutral.

**CARRIED**

Moved and seconded by Agricultural Representative Ted Osborn and Director Macnabb  
 That the following increases be applied when drafting the 2014 Greater Vernon Water Rates  
 Bylaw:

2014				
	%	Rate	Volume	Revenue (Estimated)
<b>Agricultural</b>				
Base Fee	7.0%	\$65.54	3,450	\$904,452.00
<b>Domestic</b>				
Base Fee	24.0%	\$99.82	22,500	\$8,983,800.00
Consumption				
Tier A (0-10 cubic m)	20.0%	\$0.60	650,000	\$390,000.00
Tier B (10-20 cubic m)	20.0%	\$1.08	588,000	\$635,040.00
Tier C (20-40 cubic m)	20.0%	\$1.20	807,500	\$969,000.00
Tier D (40-80 cubic m)	20.0%	\$1.50	720,000	\$1,080,000.00
Tier E (80+ cubic m)	20.0%	\$2.16	1,080,000	\$2,332,800.00
<b>Non-Domestic/ Mixed Use</b>				
Base Fee	24.0%	\$99.82	1,500	\$598,920.00
Consumption	30.0%	\$1.50	1,527,750	\$2,291,625.00
<b>Other Charges</b>				
Other	20.0%			\$600,000.00
<b>Total</b>				\$18,785,637.00
<b>Target</b>				\$18,600,000.00
<b>Variance</b>				-\$185,637.00

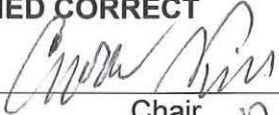
And further that the 2014 Greater Vernon Water Rates Bylaw be drafted for consideration at the  
 March 6, 2014 Greater Vernon Advisory Committee Meeting.

**CARRIED**  
**Opposed - Councillor Kiss**

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:40 a.m.

**CERTIFIED CORRECT**

  
 Chair *Acting*  
 Juliette Cunningham  
 G. KISS

  
 Corporate Officer  
 Jeanne Byron

