



# 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 Wednesday, June 18, 2014

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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 H. Cyr	City of Enderby	
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	Director C. Lord	City of Vernon	
	Director J. Cunningham	City of Vernon	
	Director B. Fleming	Electoral Area "B"	
	Director R. Fairbairn	Electoral Area "D"	
	Director E. Foisy	Electoral Area "E"	
<b>Staff:</b>	R. Smailes	General Manager, Planning and Building	
	A. Kittel	Regional Growth Strategy Coordinator	
	J. deGroot	Executive Assistant (Temp.) (taking minutes)	
<b>Other:</b>	<b>Members of the Public and Media</b>		

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## CALL MEETING TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 2:42 p.m.

## APPROVAL OF AGENDA

### Regional Growth Management Advisory Committee Meeting – June 18, 2014

Moved and seconded by Directors Fowler and Fairbairn

That the agenda of the June 18, 2014 regular meeting of the Regional Growth Management Advisory Committee be approved as presented.

**CARRIED**

## ADOPTION OF MINUTES

### Regional Growth Management Advisory Committee Meeting – April 16, 2014

Moved and seconded by Directors Cyr and Fleming

That the minutes of the April 16, 2014 regular meeting of the Regional Growth Management Advisory Committee be adopted as circulated.

**CARRIED**

## **DELEGATION**

### **Okanagan Employment Projections**

Kevin Poole, Economic Development Officer, City of Vernon  
Michael Gusta, R.A. Malatest & Associates Ltd.

Mr. Poole and Mr. Gusta presented on the Okanagan Employment Projections and the 2020 Labour Market Outlook project including the following:

- Employer surveys and predictions for future workforce requirements;
- Projected gaps which require additional population to cover the workforce;
- Education requirements for workforce; and,
- Recommendations and strategies to address skill shortages.

Comments and questions ensued including the following:

- Reasons for gaps in jobs which require a lower level of skill; and,
- Ways to attract educated people to the region.

### **Okanagan Wetlands Strategy**

Margaret Bakelaar, Environmental/Land Use Planner, Regional District of Central Okanagan  
Nelson Jatel, Okanagan Basin Water Board

Ms. Bakelaar presented on Phase 1 of the Okanagan Wetlands Strategy including the following:

- Results of Phase 1 of the Okanagan Wetlands Strategy;
- Key wetlands identified;
- Key principles identified;
- Wetland prioritization;
- Recommendations of the project.

Comments and questions ensued including the following:

- How do we determine which wetlands are at risk? A GIS exercise which uses proximity to 'threats' such roads, agricultural lands and recreation sites and specifies at risk in the wetlands.

Mr. Jatel presented on Phase 2 of the Okanagan Wetlands Strategy including the following:

- Funding for Phases 1 and 2; and,
- Moving forward with Phase 2 of the Okanagan Wetlands Strategy.

Comments and questions ensued including the following:

- How do we prioritize wetlands? Based on values, rather than importance to a particular organization or group;
- Has there been a conversation with the province to have a provincial Wetland Reserve? This will be an important part of the final strategy.
- What is the timing for Phase 2? Phase 2 is a two year process and will begin in July.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **Employment Lands Inventory**

The Regional Growth Strategy Coordinator provided a verbal update on the Employment Lands Inventory including the following:

- Moving forward with selecting a consultant for the Employment Lands Inventory.

**Regional Context Statement Program Update**

Moved and seconded by Directors Dirk and Fowler  
That the report dated June 4, 2014 from the Regional Growth Strategy Coordinator regarding an update on the development of Electoral Area and municipal Official Community Plan Regional Context Statements be received for information.

**CARRIED**

**Bill 18 – 2014: Water Sustainability Act**

Moved and seconded by Directors Dirk and Fowler  
That the report dated June 9, 2014 from the Regional Growth Strategy Coordinator regarding the implications of *Bill 18 – 2014 Water Sustainability Act* be received for information.

**CARRIED**

**Planning Institute of BC 2014 Awards for Excellence in Planning Practice**

Moved and seconded by Directors Dirk and Fowler  
That the Project Summary titled “Regional Growth Strategy Monitoring and Evaluation Program – Are We There Yet?” regarding the Planning Institute of BC 2014 Awards for Excellence in Planning Practice be received for information.

**CARRIED**

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 3:52 p.m.

**Certified Correct:**

  
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Chair

  
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DEPUTY Corporate Officer