



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 October 20, 2014

Members: C. Dale Fennell
Keith Gray
Bob Honeyman
Bernie Moubray
Tilman Ernest Nahm
Robert Whitley

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

Guests: Laura Frank, Sustainability Coordinator/Planning Technologist

CALL MEETING TO ORDER

The Chairperson, Keith Gray called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Moved by: Robert Whitley

Seconded by: Tilman Nahm

"That the Agenda of the October 20, 2014 Advisory Planning Commission Electoral Area "F" meeting be approved as presented, no late items."

CARRIED

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

Moved by: Robert Whitley

Seconded by: Bernie Moubray

"That the minutes of September 29, 2014 Advisory Planning Commission of Electoral Area "F" meeting be adopted as circulated."

CARRIED

DELEGATIONS

Electoral Area "F" Official Community Plan Review

Laura Frank presented the staff report dated July 21, 2014 and the Terms of Reference.

NEW BUSINESS

Electoral Area "F" Official Community Plan Review

DISCUSSION:

- Laura Frank discussed the avenues to engage the public for their feedback on the plan through open houses, mail outs etc. She would like ideas on how to get the public to join in on the planning of their Community Plan.
- Ms Frank stated that the Review should be done every 5 years and it is going on 10 without a

review. She is also requesting names of other members of the community that may be interested in assisting in the review process on the steering committee.

- Tilman Nahm asked how the BC Land Commission figured in this process. Ms Frank said a letter had gone out to them when they started. They will be involved and their feedback once the new Plan has been done, will be needed.
- Dale Fennell questioned the Planning Report's cost of consultants. Was it money well spent? Ms Frank admitted it was not as cost efficient (reviews for revisions) as if staff had done it internally. Tilman Nahm suggested that the hiring of temporary staff be a consideration. Ms Frank noted that staffing costs would be half the price as consultants.
- Dale Fennell noted that with the Development applications that wildfire safety seems to be a low priority. Ms Frank stated that changes regarding this issue have been addressed in other areas.
- Tilman Nahm suggested that when they put an ad in the newspaper regarding the Community Plan Review that they should also talk to a reporter and give an interview regarding the importance of input from the community.
- Ms Frank summed up her presentation saying she was requesting the APC's assistance in any new members who could possibly be interested in assisting this process, events they could be at to inform the public and help with items listed on page 10 & 11 in the Terms of Reference. She plans to be back for the November meeting for a review and the APC could also contact her if they needed anything.

Referral Application {For Information Only}
Splatsin Proposed N2C First Nations Woodland License Area

File No. 14-0318-F-REF

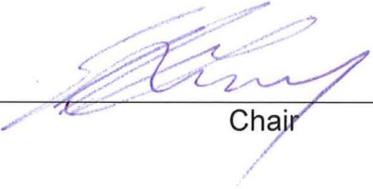
DISCUSSION

- Dale Fennell pointed out that the RDNO was notified by a letter dated September 10, 2014 and the deadline for any comments or concerns was October 10, 2014, when the District Manager would be forwarding his recommendations regarding this License. Why "again" is there such a short deadline to the RDNO and why does the APC not have an opportunity to give a response to this? We know that Jackie Pearase has asked this question before at the meetings with the board.
- Dale Fennell states that he has concerns regarding the huge size of the woodlot area. Wants to know what their allowable annual cut is? Why they would need an area this big to meet it? He has concerns that with this big of an area under their control would there be issues of access on these crown lands that were not related to the woodlot. Would there maybe be a conflict between the First Nations and the recreational users in these areas? Would our access be impinged by the Splatsin Band? This could be precedent setting. We have unhindered access and it is important that our right to go on crown lands is not cut off. With a large wood lot of that size we may see development on it that they would control.
- Tilman Nahm wants to know if this woodlot would be treated and ruled as any other woodlot and have no special rights accorded? Jackie Pearase said this question would be asked at the next meeting.
- Dale Fennell states that the Regional District needs to push the Ministry that this is not acceptable. This is a big concern that the rules may be different for the First Nation.
- Bob Honeyman said that once they get a precedent and a few exceptions from the rules, what stops this and he cannot understand why it was not up for bid.
- Dale Fennell said that the letter states it was a mandate from the Provincial Government.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

Certified Correct:



Chair



Recording Secretary