PART 1 – CALL MEETING TO ORDER:

The Chair called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

PART 2 – APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Moved by Director Field         Seconded by Alt. Director Taylor

“THAT the agenda of the April 24, 2008, regular meeting of the Regional Services Committee BE APPROVED as presented.”

CARRIED

PART 3 – INTRODUCTION OF LATE ITEMS

Verbal Update on Meat Processing Regulations – Director Fairbairn - to be added as Item 8.C.1.
PART 4 – ADOPTION OF MINUTES


Moved by Director Field  Seconded by Director Cunningham

“THAT the minutes of the March 20, 2008, regular meeting of the Regional Services Committee BE ADOPTED as circulated.”

CARRIED

PART 5 - PETITIONS & DELEGATIONS

a. Patrick Davies, ISA Certified Arborist, Town & Country Tree Service.

*Disposal of Wood Waste within the North Okanagan.*

Mr. Davies approached the committee with a request for temporary use of the Pottery Road Landfill site and presented the following:

- The suggestion came after consulting other Tree Removal Companies and Tolko;
- Tolko is willing to grind all timber brought to Pottery Road landfill site, then ship to their site for hog fuel;
- Facility would be kept under lock and key to ensure that only clean wood was received. A designated time could be made available for the public to bring their wood, providing it met the criteria for grinding;
- Stumps would be disposed of separately;
- This method would provide an environmental alternative to burning pine beetle infested timber.

Karmen Peace, Waste Reduction Coordinator entered the meeting at 9:13.

b. Karin Blythe

*Land Search for Cremation and Waste Incinerator*

Ms. Blythe provided the committee with an update on the status of her application for funding from the Ministry of Agriculture and Lands.

The obstacle that Ms Blythe currently faces is finding suitable land for this venture, and asked the committee to advise her if they became aware of any land which might fulfill her requirements.

Discussion ensued over what size septic system would be required, based on the amount of waste water produced at the facility.

It was suggested that Ms. Blythe contact the Economic Development Officer.
PART 6 – BUSINESS ARISING FROM PETITIONS AND DELEGATIONS

PART 7 – SUB-REGIONAL and STAKEHOLDER MATTERS

7.A Regional Transit Service

7.B Protective Services

7.B.1 Reports

a. Update on Resources for Victims of Crime


Moved by Director Cunningham Seconded by Director Fairbairn

“THAT the letter from Ministry of Public Safety and Solicitor General – April 11, 2008 - Update on Resources for Victims of Crime BE RECEIVED for information.”

CARRIED

b. Victim Services Program – One time only funding for existing cost pressures.


Moved by Alt Director Taylor Seconded by Director Cunningham

“THAT the letter from Ministry of Public Safety and Solicitor General – March 14, 2008 - Victim Services Program – One time only funding for existing cost pressures BE RECEIVED for information.”

CARRIED

7.C Air Quality

7.C.1 Reports


Clarification is needed regarding the funding which the Air Quality Committee has earmarked for public education of Woodstove Education in the Electoral Areas. Questions arose as to whether $1500 which the Air Quality Committee budgeted for this program was officially committed from the EA directors, or whether it was a discussion topic only with no resolution to commit the funds occurring.
Alternate Director Leroux will provide information on the Provincial Ambient Air Quality Criteria for Particulate Matter (PM$_{2.5}$) at the next Regional Services meeting.

Alternate Director Leroux provided a brief update on the recent meeting hosted by the Okanagan Airshed Coalition:
- A large turn out with good representation from several key groups;
- The draft Valley Air Quality Management Plan was reviewed and changes will be made by the end of May;
- Challenges in reducing greenhouse gases and what can be done at this level were addressed;
- Discussion occurred as to whether the coalition would benefit from inviting other agencies to their meetings.

**Moved by** Alt. Director Leroux  \hspace{0.5cm} **Seconded by** Director Foisy

“THAT the minutes of the March 11, 2008, regular meeting of the Air Quality Stakeholder Committee **BE RECEIVED**.”

CARRIED

7.C.2 Correspondence

7.C.3 Bylaws and Resolutions

7.C.4 New and Unfinished Business

a. Leadership Award Program

Report from Nicole Kohnert, P.Eng, Manager of Environmental Services – April 15, 2008.

**Moved by** Alt. Director Leroux  \hspace{0.5cm} **Seconded by** Director Bissell

“THAT the Regional Services Committee **RECEIVE** the report from Nicole Kohnert, P.Eng, Manager of Environmental Services – April 15, 2008, regarding the Leadership Award Program for information.”

CARRIED

7.D Invasive Plants

7.E Noxious Insects

7.F Okanagan Basin Water Board

7.F.1 Reports

Moved by Alt. Director Taylor  Seconded by Alt. Director Leroux


CARRIED

7.G  Search and Rescue

7.H  Animal Control

7.I  Septage Disposal

PART 8 – REGIONAL MATTERS:

8.A  Solid Waste Management

8.A.1  Reports

8.A.2  Correspondence

8.A.3  Bylaws and Resolutions

8.A.4  New and Unfinished Business


Report from Nicole Kohnert, P.Eng, Manager of Environmental Services – April 15, 2008.

The Manager of Environmental Services presented a draft consultation protocol for reviewing the SWMP and noted the following:

- It was necessary to establish this protocol, so that meetings can be better managed, particularly if large numbers of the public wish to provide input;
- Incineration is not currently one of the 11 items currently included in the Solid Waste Management Plan review, but could be added if the Committee and Board so wish.

Moved by Director Bissell  Seconded by Director Cunningham

“THAT the Regional Services Committee RECOMMEND that the Regional Board approve the following Solid Waste Management Plan Review 2008 Public Consultation Protocol:

1.  Staff prepare reports based on the consultant’s technical memoranda on the eleven Phase 2 review items as approved by the Regional Board, including a recommendation to receive the report and what actions are recommended;
2. Staff advertise at least two weeks prior to the Regional Services Committee meeting that a given item being reviewed (include web site and newspaper notice);

3. The Regional Services Committee agendas include a ‘public input’ item after each Plan Review report giving each speaker 5 minutes to make their presentation and distribute material to the Committee;

4. Staff will compile input provided at the meeting, by email or by mail for the Regional Services Committee’s consideration before a decision is made on a given Plan Review item, preferably before the next regularly scheduled meeting.”

CARRIED

b. Mattress and Box Spring Recycling


Discussion ensued regarding the following:

- Mattresses and boxsprings do not compress and parts catch on landfill equipment while being broken down;
- Staff encourage deconstruction of all furniture items before dumping at RDF’s;
- In the future all furniture could be considered for this program, however mattresses and boxsprings are the starting point;
- Venture Training is aware of this proposal and are amenable to assisting with the program.
- Computers, peripherals, and TV’s are recycled through a stewardship program developed by the Provincial Government and delivered by the private sector, and are not accepted for recycling at RDNO Recycling and Disposal Facilities. The BC Product Stewardship Council is working to encourage the implementation of more private drop off facilities.

Moved by Director Cunningham Seconded by Director Fairbairn

“THAT the Regional Services Committee SUPPORT IN PRINCIPLE a mattress recycling program to be developed for introduction in 2009.”

CARRIED
c. Blue Bag Program Expansion in Electoral Area F


Director Halvorson advised that there has been 92% acceptance and the program has been well received in Area F, with neighbouring areas looking forward to coming on to the program as well.

Moved by Director Cunningham  Seconded by Director Kanester

“THAT the Regional Services Committee RECOMMEND to the Regional Board that the Board approve the following:

1. The expansion of the Blue Bag Curbside Recycling Program in Electoral Area (EA) F, to include the community of Grindrod and along Enderby Grindrod Road; and further

2. That households within the service area be charged $21.24 annually ($1.58/month plus administration fee) in accordance with Recyclables Collection Rates Bylaw No. 2294, 2008; and further

3. That an amendment to Schedule ‘A’ of Recyclables Collection Rates Bylaw No. 2294, 2008 (map) be prepared and forwarded to the Regional Board for consideration.”

CARRIED

d. British Columbia Product Stewardship Council

Report from Nicole Kohnert, P.Eng, Manager of Environmental Services – April 16, 2008.

Moved by Alt. Director Leroux  Seconded by Director Cunningham

“THAT the Regional Services Committee RECOMMEND to the Regional Board that they approve the draft Terms of Reference for the British Columbia Product Stewardship Council as presented and authorize the Pledge Form to be signed by the Corporate Officer.”

CARRIED

e. Policy FIN026 Report

Report from Nicole Kohnert, P.Eng, Manager of Environmental Services – April 14, 2008.

The Manager of Environmental Services will endeavour to present the report to the committee every six months.

Moved by Director Cunningham  Seconded by Alt. Director Leroux

“THAT the Regional Services Committee RECEIVE FOR INFORMATION, the following
report regarding item numbers 3, 4, and 5 of the Regional District of North Okanagan Policy No. FIN026.”

CARRIED

f. Meeting of the Minds – Mountain and Western Pine Beetle Impacts

Report from Nicole Kohnert, P.Eng, Manager of Environmental Services – April 15, 2008.

With regards to the proposal by local Tree Companies to temporarily store beetle wood to the Pottery Road Landfill for processing by Tolko, it was determined that material should continue to be taken to the existing RDF’s for grinding and pick up.

Moved by Director Halvorson Seconded by Alt. Director Leroux

“THAT the Regional Services Committee RECOMMEND to the Regional Board that staff be directed to proceed with the following next steps to manage the impact of the Pine Beetle epidemic:

1. develop information for the RDNO web site to assist residents that have trees susceptible to pine beetle impact including links to other useful web sites
2. seek funding for the management of pine beetle infested wood that is available once the Wildfire Interface Protection Plan is approved
3. consider providing a wood and wood chip marshalling area for the collection, chipping and transfer of this material to a co-generation facility or a composting facility”.

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Moved by Director Bissell Seconded by Director Field

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CARRIED
8.B  Okanagan Sterile Insect Release Program

8.B.1  Reports


Moved by Director Cunningham  
Seconded by Director Field


CARRIED

8.C  Regional Matters (Miscellaneous)

8.C.1  Reports

a.  Meat Processing Regulation Update

Director Fairbairn provided a brief update on the issue of Meat Processing Regulation and noted that:

- Councilor Bambrough has been very active in talking to various agencies, staff, etc.
- The committee has been reviewing the hardship that these regulations may pose on communities and request letters of support and comments from the public.
- This topic will appear on the agenda of SILGA on April 30, 2008. A copy of the SILGA program will be forwarded to Committee members this afternoon.
- Central Okanagan Regional District and Nanaimo Regional District have come on board in support of RDNO’s position.
- There are concerns over organic farmers taking their product to facilities which process non-organic material, in turn causing their product to become non-organic.

PART 9 – CORPORATE MATTERS

PART 10 – IN CAMERA

PART 11 – MATTERS ARISING FROM IN CAMERA MEETING
**PART 12 - NEXT MEETING / ADJOURNMENT:**

The next meeting of the Regional Services Committee was scheduled for May 22, 2008 at 9:00 a.m. in the Regional District Boardroom.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:35 p.m.

Certified Correct:

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Chair                                         Corporate Officer