



# REGIONAL DISTRICT OF NORTH OKANAGAN

MINUTES of a **REGULAR** meeting of the **REGIONAL GROWTH MANAGEMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE** held in the Board Room at the Regional District Office on Thursday, June 7, 2012

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| <b>Members:</b> | Director M. Macnabb   | Electoral Area "C"                               | Chair      |
|                 | Director K. Acton     | Village of Lumby                                 | Vice Chair |
|                 | Director S. Fowler    | City of Armstrong                                |            |
|                 | Director D. Dirk      | District of Coldstream                           |            |
|                 | Director H. Cyr       | City of Enderby                                  |            |
|                 | Director J. Brown     | Township of Spallumcheen                         |            |
|                 | Director P. Nicol     | City of Vernon                                   |            |
|                 | Director B. Fleming   | Electoral Area "B"                               |            |
|                 | Director R. Fairbairn | Electoral Area "D"                               |            |
|                 | Director E. Foisy     | Electoral Area "E"                               |            |
|                 | Director J. Pearase   | Electoral Area "F"                               |            |
| <b>Staff:</b>   | A. Kittel             | Regional Growth Strategy Coordinator             |            |
|                 | J. Miles              | Water Sustainability Coordinator                 |            |
|                 | A. Bevan              | Executive Assistant (taking minutes)             |            |
| <b>Other:</b>   | K. Poole              | Economic Development Officer, City of Vernon     |            |
|                 | K. Flick              | Manager, Community Development<br>City of Vernon |            |
|                 | Catherine Lord        | Councillor, City of Vernon                       |            |
|                 | Mary Stockdale        | Food Action Society                              |            |
|                 | Doug Gordon           | Food Action Society                              |            |
|                 | Wendy Aasen           | Food Action Society                              |            |
|                 | Aaron Deans           | Okanagan Collaborative Conservation Program      |            |
|                 | Susan Latimer         | Okanagan Collaborative Conservation Program      |            |
|                 | Members of the Public |  |            |

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## CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Chair Macnabb called the meeting to order at 2:05 p.m.

## APPROVAL OF AGENDA

### Regional Growth Management Advisory Committee – June 7, 2012

Moved and seconded by Directors Acton and Fowler

That the Agenda of the June 7, 2012 regular meeting of the Regional Growth Management Advisory Committee be approved with the following additions:

- E.13 – D and E Meat Inspection Licenses.

**CARRIED**

## **ADOPTION OF MINUTES**

### **Regional Growth Management Advisory Committee – April 5, 2012**

Moved and seconded by Directors Acton and Cyr

That the minutes of the April 5, 2012 regular meeting of the Regional Growth Management Advisory Committee be adopted as circulated.

**CARRIED**

## **DELEGATIONS**

### **Mary Stockdale, Food Action Society**

Looking for support to update, print, and promote an online local food directory for the North Okanagan at <http://www.foodaction.ca>

- Would like to have an email automatically generated once a year as a reminder to producers to update their listing
- Would like to be able to have a printable version rather than just online version of the local food directory
- Would like to fund a summer job for promoting the local food directory
- Looking for a contribution of \$5,900

It was noted that the website is run by a non-profit society and producers do not pay to post their ad on the local food directory.

Director Fowler thanked the Food Action Society and the volunteers that put in a lot of time and effort.

### **Aaron Deans, Okanagan Collaborative Conservation Program (OCCP)**

The Interim Coordinator gave a brief explanation of the purpose and mandate of the OCCP, as well as the expected benefits and outcomes of the Regional Biodiversity Conservation Strategy. The OCCP is requesting a contribution of \$10,000 for Phase 2 of the project. A \$10,000 contribution was given in 2011.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **Letters of Support**

#### **Federation of Canadian Municipalities Green Municipal Fund Application – Regional Growth Strategy 5-Year Sustainability Action Plan**

Moved and seconded by Directors Acton and Fowler

That the seven letters of support for the Federation of Canadian Municipalities Green Municipal Fund Application – Regional Growth Strategy 5-Year Sustainability Action Plan attached to the June 7, 2012 Regional Growth Management Advisory Committee agenda be received for their information.

**CARRIED**

**Letters of Support**

**Union of British Columbia Municipalities Gas Tax Agreement 2012 Integrated Community Sustainability Planning/Capacity Building Grant Application**

Moved and seconded by Directors Dirk and Acton

That the twenty letters of support for the Union of British Columbia Municipalities Gas Tax Agreement 2012 Integrated Community Sustainability Planning/Capacity Building Grant Application attached to the June 7, 2012 Regional Growth Management Advisory Committee agenda be received for their information.

**CARRIED**

**Grant Approval**

**Real Estate Foundation of British Columbia Grant Application: Regional Growth Strategy Monitoring and Evaluation**

Moved and seconded by Directors Dirk and Acton

That the letter regarding the Real Estate Foundation of British Columbia Grant Application: Regional Growth Strategy Monitoring and Evaluation attached to the June 7, 2012 Regional Growth Management Advisory Committee agenda be received for their information.

**CARRIED**

**Regional Growth Strategy Budget Update – April 16, 2012**

It was noted that there is currently \$50,000 in Regional Growth Strategy monies that are unallocated and must be used by September 30, 2012.

Moved and seconded by Directors Dirk and Acton

That the report dated April 16, 2012, from the Regional Growth Strategy Coordinator, regarding Regional Growth Strategy Budget Update be received for information.

**CARRIED**

**North Okanagan Community Farm Business and Operating Plan**

Moved and seconded by Directors Dirk and Acton

That the report dated April 30, 2012 from the Regional Growth Strategy Coordinator regarding the North Okanagan Community Farm Business and Operating Plan be received for information.

**CARRIED**

**Okanagan Valley Transportation Symposium Workshop #2 Proceedings**

Moved and seconded by Directors Dirk and Acton

That the report dated April 12, 2012 from the Regional Growth Strategy Coordinator regarding the Okanagan Valley Transportation Symposium Workshop #2 Proceedings be received for information.

**CARRIED**

**Regional Transportation Model Results**

It was noted that if more model runs were requested (ex. summer peak traffic flows), they could be completed for \$1,800 per model run.

Moved and seconded by Directors Cyr and Acton

That the report dated April 12, 2012 from the Regional Growth Strategy Coordinator regarding the results of the updated Regional Transportation Model be received for information; and further,

That it be recommended to the Board of Directors that the results of the North Okanagan Transportation Model be used when developing Regional Growth Strategy implementation actions and, if necessary, undertake additional model runs to reflect summer peak traffic flows; and further,

That the detailed results of North Okanagan Transportation Model be made available to member municipalities for their information, upon request.

**CARRIED**

### **2013 Okanagan Valley Household Travel Survey**

Moved and seconded by Directors Dirk and Pearase

That the report dated April 16, 2012 from the Regional Growth Strategy Coordinator regarding 2013 Okanagan Valley Household Travel Survey be received for information; and further,

That it be recommended to the Board of Directors that participation within the 2013 Okanagan Household Travel Survey be supported in principal, contingent on the receipt of additional project budget information and 2013 budget discussions.

**CARRIED**

Director Fairbairn exited the meeting.

### **Okanagan Biodiversity Conservation Strategy Update**

It was noted that the \$10,000 contribution would be funded from the \$50,000 unallocated Regional Growth Strategy funds that are required to be used by September 30, 2012.

Moved and seconded by Directors Cyr and Fowler

That it be recommended to the Board of Directors that the request from the Okanagan Collaborative Conservation Program for a contribution of \$10,000 in 2012 to assist with Phase 2 of the Regional Biodiversity Conservation Strategy be supported.

**CARRIED**

Moved and seconded by Directors Nicol and Fleming

That the above motion be amended as follows:

That it be recommended to the Board of Directors that the request from the Okanagan Collaborative Conservation Program for a contribution of \$10,000 in 2012 to assist with Phase 2 of the Regional Biodiversity Conservation Strategy be supported; and further,

That the \$10,000 contribution be funded from 031 Regional Planning.

**CARRIED**

### **Okanagan Irrigation Management Program**

It was noted that the contribution up to \$20,000 would be funded from the \$50,000 unallocated Regional Growth Strategy funds that are required to be used by September 30, 2012.

Moved and seconded by Directors Dirk and Acton

That the report dated May 10, 2012 from the Regional Growth Strategy Coordinator regarding the Okanagan Irrigation Management Program be received for information; and further,

That it be recommended to the Board of Directors that a funding request of up to \$20,000 be considered for the Okanagan Irrigation Management Program based upon Board of Directors priorities.

**CARRIED**

Director Fairbairn entered the meeting.

### **Regional Industrial Lands Inventory**

Moved and seconded by Directors Cyr and Dirk

That the report dated May 7, 2012 from the Regional Growth Strategy Coordinator regarding Regional Industrial Lands Inventory be received for information.

**CARRIED**

Director Dirk exited the meeting.

### **Regional Economic Development Options**

It was noted that it is difficult to have a regional economic development function as all jurisdictions are different and have different economic drivers. A regional function that is locally focused would be ideal.

Moved and seconded by Directors Acton and Fowler

That the report dated May 23, 2012 from the Regional Growth Strategy Coordinator regarding regional economic development alternatives and funding options be received for information and discussion purposes; and further,

That it be recommended to the Board of Directors that the report be referred out to member municipal councils and the Electoral Area Advisory Committee for the consideration of economic development alternatives and preferred direction.

**CARRIED**

### **D and E Meat Inspection Licenses**

Discussion ensued regarding D and E Meat Inspection Licenses within the North Okanagan and the need for them.

Director Fairbairn stated he met with Minister deJong on April 4 and a letter has been drafted in response to that meeting regarding support for D and E Meat Inspection Licenses.

Director Acton exited the meeting.

Moved by Directors Nicol and Brown

That it be recommended to the Board of Directors that a letter be written to the Minister of Health and the Interior Health Authority regarding supporting the issuance of D and E Meat Inspection Licenses in order to encourage a strong economy and a strong agriculture in the region; and further,

That a committee be created to meet with the appropriate authorities regarding the issuance of D and E Meat Inspection Licenses or exemptions; and further,

All information be forwarded to the RGS Coordinator, meeting with MLA Eric Foster to contact Minister deJong to get action for the farmers in the North Okanagan in regards to the issuance of D and E Meat Inspection Licenses or exemptions.

**CARRIED**

**BUSINESS ARISING FROM DELEGATIONS**

**Mary Stockdale, Food Action Society**

Moved by Directors Nicol and Fowler

That it be recommended to the Board of Directors that a \$5,900 contribution from 031 Regional Planning to the Food Action Society be supported.

**CARRIED**

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 4:10 p.m.

**Certified Correct:**

  
Chair

  
Corporate Officer

**JEANNE BYRON  
CORPORATE OFFICER**