

Minutes of the **GOVERNANCE & SERVICES COMMITTEE** meeting of the Regional District of Central Okanagan held at Regional District Offices, 1450 KLO Road, Kelowna, B.C. on Thursday, May 9, 2013

Directors

J. Baker (District of Lake Country)
C. Basran (City of Kelowna)
J. Edgson (Central Okanagan West Electoral Area)
K. Fielding (District of Peachland)
B. Winsby, alternate for D. Findlater (District of West Kelowna)
G. Given (City of Kelowna)
R. Hobson (City of Kelowna)
W. Gray (City of Kelowna)
P. Hanson (Central Okanagan East Electoral Area)
D. Ophus (District of West Kelowna)
L. Stack (City of Kelowna)
G. Zimmermann (City of Kelowna)

Regrets:

M. Werstuik, (Westbank First Nation)

Staff:

B. Reardon, Chief Administrative Officer
C. Radford, Director of Community Services
M. Rilkoff, Director of Finance & Administrative Services
B. Smith, Communications
M. Drouin, Manager - Corporate Services (recording secretary)

1. Call to order

Chair Hobson called the meeting to order at 8:35 a.m.

2. Addition of Late Items to the Agenda

Jason Brolund, Emergency Coordinator, update on flooding issues.

3. Adoption of the Agenda

#GS27/13

GIVEN/ZIMMERMANN

THAT the agenda be adopted.

CARRIED

4. Adopt Governance & Services Committee meeting minutes of April 11, 2013

#GS28/13

BAKER/EDGSON

THAT the Governance & Services Committee meeting minutes of April 11, 2013 be adopted.

CARRIED

Director Basran arrived at 8:36 a.m. Director Fielding arrived at 8:38 a.m.

5. Delegations:

5.1 Suzanne Pugh, Manager – SPCA re: Update on SPCA Activities

S. Pugh, Manager – SPCA provided an update on the SPCA activities in 2012/13. The Regional District provides \$55,000 in funding for a spay/neuter program for dogs and cats, and education program. As well, \$12,000 is provided to the SPCA to assist in adopting adoptable dogs from the RDCO dog pound.

The presentation included:

- Cost to run the shelter is over \$910,000
- The shelter operates with one full-time manager and 6 full-time animal care attendance and 2 part-time attendants. It is open 7 days a week.
- Volunteers provide daily care and enrichment of shelter animals. 517 volunteers. 450 applicants that are in process in training.
- Average cost of caring for an animal was reviewed: Dog-\$505; Puppy-\$670; Cat \$665
- Revenue sources was reviewed including: adoption fees, services fees, donations/events and RDCO grant.
- Stretched with resources for emergency and cruelty investigations.
- Pilot project is underway using a call centre established in Victoria – can dispatch emergency calls quickly.
- Humane education: responsible dog ownership; education on dog safety for students in grades 3, 4 and 5; summer camps. New education facility has been constructed on the Kelowna site.

Discussion:

- Is there anything that can be done to educate what the expectations are of owning an animal? One of the top priorities is on advocacy and education – to prevent breakdown of animal ownership.
- Adoption rate for cats is 79%, and dogs 96%. Very successful adoption rate. 40% euthanasia rate of distressed or unadoptable (aggression or health challenge) – average in other facilities is 70%.
- Works closely with the RDCO adopting dogs from the Pound.
- SNIF program (spay/neuter)--is there a possibility of getting a corporation or individual to donate specifically to this program. Staff continue to work on this.
- Working with individuals to be responsible pet owners – aware of the impact of bringing animals into the shelter.
- In terms of donations, do you get funds in memorial? Yes, a great legacy program is in place. Works on estate planning – work with the Central Okanagan Foundation.

#GS29/13

BAKER/GIVEN

THAT the presentation from Suzanne Pugh, Manager of the SPCA (Kelowna Branch) on SPCA's activities over the past year be received for information.

CARRIED

5.2 John Ritchey, Anna Hunt-Binkley, Campaign Chair and Sharon Shepherd, Honorary Campaign Chair re: Canadian Red Cross for Western Canada – Building for Humanity Campaign ‘Red Cross House’

John Richey and A. Hunt-Binkley, Chair of the Canadian Red Cross – Building Humanity Campaign ‘Red Cross House’. Mr. Richey provided information on the programs of the Red Cross.

- Recently an agreement between the Red Cross and the Province was signed for the provision of emergency response units in the incidents of catastrophic disaster.
- The Mission of the Canadian Red Cross was highlighted. Operate under principle of neutrality, unity, universality.
- Operate anti-bullying programs across schools in Canada as well as a senior abuse program.
- BC Southern Interior's first full-service-Red Cross support and disaster operations centre in Kelowna was opened yesterday.
- Developing core capacity centers to be disaster ready. Recruit-train-support volunteers from current 500+ to over 1,000; build a training centre for volunteers and the public, building disaster centre, fundraise.
- Red Cross House in Kelowna will be a coordination centre for the southern interior.

Director Winsby arrived at 9:30 a.m.

- Budget includes: fundraising initiatives; programs and services; foundation and grants for a total revenue of \$11,360,000.
- Introduced Sharon Shepherd, Honorary Campaign Chair and Anna Hunt-Binkley, Campaign Chair for the ‘Red Cross House’.
- One of the objectives of the Canadian Red Cross is to enter into a MOU with communities across Canada in regards to public health and safety. When further information is available on this initiative Mr. Richey was asked to provide the information to the RDCO.

#GS30/13

EDGSON/GRAY

THAT the presentation on the Building Humanity Campaign ‘Red Cross House’ be received for information.

CARRIED

5.3 J. Brolund, RDCO Emergency Coordinator – re: Current Flood Issues

Jason Brolund provided an update on the current flooding situation

- o Challenging flood season to date – snow pack at 115% of normal.
- o Experts are calling this a moderately elevated seasonal flood risk. In some areas the flood risk is already gone. Mission Creek 86% of snow pack remains.
- o Predicts 142% of normal flood flow into Mission Creek.
- o Weather is a factor – early start to summer this year.

- Okanagan Lake 60cm below full pool. In the past week a 12 cm increase has been seen.
- Shorts Creek, Dougall Creek in Kelowna, Trepanier Creek are holding up well.
- Flood protection program has announced an intake to the program (only \$2mil is available for the program across the Province).
- Update of the regional flood plan has been completed.
- Muttitt property has been a challenging/frustrating situation for some time. Staff has been working with the Province. Plan hinges on the Province using its legislation to determine steps. Province must observe imminent risk to public safety (Environmental Act). EMBC would support local government but no agency can become involved unless there is a risk to public safety or public health. At the current time, the Province has deemed there is no risk (Emergency Management BC, MOT and MOE). Their commitment is to continue to monitor the situation. MOE remains the lead agency to deal with it. Our program will continue to monitor and ensure all stakeholders are at the table. MOT worked at the site yesterday to protect their bridge and highway. The Province makes the determination on powers through legislation.
- Staff continue to promote personal preparedness and responsibility. Protecting property is the property owner's responsibility.
- There is still a long way to go—the flood peak is normally in late June.
- Last year the Kelowna worked with the Province on flooding along Mission Creek and Lakeshore Road. The Province developed a 'Kelowna Clause' working with the MOT and a business case for the work done. The question was raised whether it would be possible to do the same for the issue in Joe Rich.

#GS31/13

EDGSON/GRAY


THAT the Governance & Services Committee recommends the Regional Board direct staff to meet with provincial staff to determine if a business case can be developed for a solution for the Muttitt property and the potential danger to the Mission Creek and the bridge on Hwy 33.

CARRIED


6. Adjourn to a Regular Board Meeting

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 10:07 a.m.

CERTIFIED TO BE TRUE AND CORRECT



R. Hobson (Chair)



B. Reardon (Chief Administrative Officer)