

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, February 12, 2015

Directors

J. Baker (District of Lake Country)
C. Basran (City of Kelowna)
W. Carson (Central Okanagan West Electoral Area)
R. Donn, alternate for M. DeHart (City of Kelowna)
D. Findlater (District of West Kelowna)
C. Fortin (District of Peachland)
G. Given (City of Kelowna)
T. Gray (City of Kelowna)
P. Hanson (Central Okanagan East Electoral Area)
D. Ophus (District of West Kelowna)
B. Sieben (City of Kelowna)
L. Stack (City of Kelowna)

Regrets:

C. Derickson (Westbank First Nation)

Staff:

B. Reardon, Chief Administrative Officer
R. Fralick, Manager - Planning
M. Kopp, Director of Parks & Police Services
C. Radford, Director of Community Services
M. Rilkoff, Director of Finance & Administrative Services
B. Smith, Communications
D. McArthur – Executive Assistant (recording secretary)

1. Call to order

Chair Given called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m.

2. Addition of Late Items to the Agenda

There were no late items for the agenda

3. Adoption of the Agenda

#05/15

OPHUS/BAKER

THAT the agenda be adopted.

CARRIED Unanimously

4. Adoption of the Minutes of January 16, 2015

#06/15

BAKER/FORTIN

THAT the Governance & Services Committee meeting minutes of January 16, 2015 be adopted.

CARRIED Unanimously

Director Findlator arrived at 8:35 am

Director Sieben arrived at 8:37 am

5. Delegation:

5.1 Murray Tekano, Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure re: Okanagan Lake Second Crossing Project

Murray Tekano, District Manager, Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure provided an overview of the Province's decision to initiate a Central Okanagan Planning Study which includes the possible future second crossing of Okanagan Lake.

This work involves extensive stakeholder and public input. The study objectives were highlighted: build on previous work; develop potential route proposals (public needs, community land use plans, provincial transportation priorities); include consideration of a second crossing on Okanagan Lake; consider project delivery models. A review of the public and stakeholder engagement was provided (community working group, technical advisory committee, senior advisory group). The project schedule was noted: began summer 2014 with completion by the fall 2016.

#07/15

STACK/GRAY

THAT the Governance and Services Committee receive for information the presentation by Murray Tekano, Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure regarding the Okanagan Lake Second Crossing Project.

CARRIED Unanimously

5.2 Jon Summerland, Commissioner - Okanagan Film Commission Annual Update & Budget Request

Jon Summerland provided an overview of activities of the Okanagan Film Commission. It was noted that the Commission receives a \$110,000 grant, plus in-kind office space from the RDCO (funded under the Economic Development Commission's budget). Other funding partners include: Okanagan Similkameen and North Okanagan Regional Districts, Boundary EDC, and the Province of B.C.

The role of the Commission is to attract film and television productions to the Okanagan-Similkameen-Boundary region. Staff work with regional, national and international filmmakers, location scouts, and production designers to attract filming to the region.

A review of the production work completed in the region, as well as the economic impact was highlighted. The proposed 2015 budget includes an increase in funding support from the RDCO of \$20,000. The question was raised whether in future annual updates is it possible to break down the revenue from film productions to identify the details of the impact to the region: eg: hotels, restaurants.

#08/15

FORTIN/HANSON

THAT the Governance and Services Committee receive for information the presentation by Jon Summerland, Okanagan Film Commissioner regarding the local film industry's work in 2014 and budget request for 2015.

CARRIED Unanimously

6. Community Services

6.1 Regional Rescue – 2015 Budget Presentations

- Central Okanagan Search & Rescue (COSAR) – Paul Toupin provided an overview of COSAR's work within the region.
- RCMP Boat Patrol - Sergeant Duncan Dixon
Sgt. Dixon provided an overview of the RCMP Boat Patrol in the region.
 - Discussion ensued regarding addressing the noise level of cigar boats on the lakes. It was clarified that noise bylaws have helped to enforce and have reduced the amount of noise complaints regarding this issue.

Director Ophus and Director Baker left at 10:09 and returned at 10:13

- Jason Brolund, Emergency Operations Centre Coordinator, provided an overview of regional rescue program
 - 3 key areas – Regional Rescue, Fire Dispatch, emergency Management
 - Best hazmat teams o/s the LM;
 - Ice rescue – sometimes rescue animals to prevent public from putting themselves at risk;
 - All area under Bennett bridge (support system) is a confined space and requires training;
 - Wineries have significant confined space component
 - Tubing under mission creek;
 - ESS
 - THAARP Grant; funded by employers who pay into tis service in case they need the service;
 - Road rescue-Province now pays at a higher rate and can offset the cost of local fire departments;
 - Social media has been a huge success to reduce phone calls from the public inquiring about the status of the fire;
 - Disaster funding; just talked to Prov Gov't about funding regarding Smith Creek fire that happened in July;
 - Gap-very expensive to provide hotel lodgings for evacuees; move more towards group lodging; Trinity Baptist Church biggest group lodging but people don't want to be subjected to that; Prov is providing training but doubtful they would make it the primary type;
 - Fire depts. Are receiving 2 hour callouts; no reimbursement w/in fire protection district

#09/15

OPHUS/STACK

THAT the Governance and Services Committee receive for information the overview of the regional rescue programs: Central Okanagan Search & Rescue, RCMP Boat Patrol and regional rescue service.

CARRIED Unanimously

Recessed at 10:42 am and reconvened at 10:48 am

6.2 Mission Creek Restoration Initiative Update – presentation by Todd Cashin, City of Kelowna

Staff report dated February 3, 2015 outlined the background of the Mission Creek Restoration Initiative.

Todd Cashin, City of Kelowna, Subdivision, Agriculture & Environment Services Manager provided an update of the Mission Creek Restoration Initiative. The Initiative is a multi-phase, multi-stakeholder partnership formed in 2008 to restore natural functions to the lower section of Mission Creek. The goal is to restore fish and wildlife stocks and habitat, conserve and expand biodiversity and species at risk, improve flood protection and to promote community stewardship.

#10/15

FORTIN/SIEBEN

THAT the Governance and Services Committee receive for information the staff report dated February 3, 2015 and the presentation on the Mission Creek Restoration Initiative.

CARRIED Unanimously

7. Regional Parks

7.1 2015 Friends of Mission Creek Capital Project Funding Support

Staff report dated January 30, 2015 outlined the Friends of Mission Creek Society's support upgrades to the Mission Creek Greenway Phase 3 including additional trail upgrades and interpretation panel upgrades to a total of \$296,699. The Society is a key partner of the Regional District and the community, and have fundraised more than \$2.8mil towards the completion and on-going operation of 16.5kl of the Mission Creek Greenway.

#11/15

BASRAN/SIEBEN

THAT the Governance and Services Committee receives the Friends of Mission Creek letter dated January 23, 2015 indicating their funding support towards the identified 2015 Friends of Mission Creek sponsored Regional Park capital projects.

CARRIED Unanimously

8. Corporate Services

8.1 Air Quality Management Report – presentation by Jerry Dombowsky, City of Kelowna and Cariad Garratt, Pinna Sustainability

The RDCO's regional air quality service, that all jurisdictions participate in, including Westbank First Nation, is delivered through a contract with the City of Kelowna. In 2014, an update to the Regional Airshed Management Plan was completed and circulated to stakeholders for comment. There are 16 recommendations in the Management Plan. Concern has been raised regarding the cost to implement all of the recommendations—a 4% increase in funding is being requested in 2015. In addition, the fact that both the North Okanagan and Okanagan-Similkameen do not have an air quality service questions the effectiveness of our strategy without their participation in a similar program.

- Transportation problems are not necessarily tourism related but school related with students being driven to schools. The Safe Routes to School program aims to identify and make infrastructure and design improvements to improve safety for walking and biking to school. Regional Services will continue to seek resources and partnerships to continue and expand this program.
- One component is to expand the Agricultural Wood Waste chipping program to reduce wood smoke from orchards due to replants and burning the heavy density, large trunk sizes. Initial target is the orchard replants but also the prunings that are burnt on the open burning days. It is the intent to continue to fund the program until there's a trend showing a reduction in orchard replanting.
- It was clarified that Okanagan-Similkameen has inquired about again partnering with the Central Okanagan's Regional Air Quality Program.

#12/15

BASRAN/BAKER

THAT the Governance and Services Committee recommends that the Regional Board support the Central Okanagan Clean Air Strategy in principle, and refer the Regional Airshed Management Plan-Central Okanagan Clean Air Strategy back to staff to develop a cost mitigation strategy;

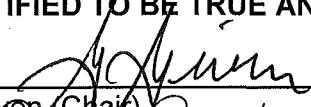
AND FURTHER THAT the request for a 4% increase in 2015 be referred to the 2015 Financial Plan deliberations.

CARRIED (opposed Findlater and Hanson)


9. Adjourn to a Regional Board meeting

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 11:44 a.m.

CERTIFIED TO BE TRUE AND CORRECT



G. Given (Chair)



B. Reardon (Director of Corporate Services)