

Minutes of the **GOVERNANCE & SERVICES COMMITTEE** meeting of the Regional District of Central Okanagan held at Regional District Offices, 1450 KLO Road, Kelowna, BC on Thursday, June 13, 2019

Directors: J. Baker (District of Lake Country)
M. Bartyik (Central Okanagan East Electoral Area)
W. Carson (Central Okanagan West Electoral Area)
M. Singh, alternate for M. DeHart (City of Kelowna)
C. Fortin (District of Peachland)
G. Given (City of Kelowna)
C. Hodge (City of Kelowna)
D. Findlater, alternate for S. Johnston (City of West Kelowna)
G. Milsom (City of West Kelowna)
B. Sieben (City of Kelowna)
L. Stack (City of Kelowna)
L. Wooldridge (City of Kelowna)

Absent: C. Basran (City of Kelowna)
T. Konek (Westbank First Nation)

Staff: B. Reardon, Chief Administrative Officer
T. Cashin, Director of Community Services
C. Griffiths, Director of Economic Development
D. Komaike, Director of Engineering Services
M. Kopp, Director of Parks Services
B. Smith, Communications Coordinator
M. Drouin, Manager - Corporate Services (recording secretary)

1. CALL TO ORDER

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

This meeting is being held on the traditional territory of the Syilx/Okanagan Peoples.

2. ADDITION OF LATE ITEMS

There are no late items for the agenda

3. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

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MILSOM/HODGE

THAT the agenda be adopted.

CARRIED unanimously

4. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

4.1 Governance & Services Committee Meeting Minutes – May 9, 2019

#GS33/19

WOOLDRIDGE/MILSOM

THAT the Governance & Services Committee meeting minutes of May 9, 2019 be adopted.

CARRIED unanimously

Chair Given acknowledged recent awards of RDCO staff:

- Brian Reardon, LGMA President's Award
- Murray Kopp, Canadian Parks & Recreation Association – President's Award
- Todd Cashin, Top 40 over 40 by the Kelowna Chamber of Commerce

Directors Baker and Stack arrived at 8:35 a.m.

5. DELEGATION

- 5.1 Economic Development Commission – Strategy to 2025, facilitated by consultant MDB Insight Inc., Lauren Millier, Executive Vice President

Staff introduced the workshop topic and the consultant. The Terms of Reference was highlighted.

L. Millier addressed the Committee:

- Exercise began approximately two months ago, Project Charter developed.
- Where are we now? This has been the major work to date. Economic base analysis. Economic forecasting and looked at impact of shifting market trends.

Director Sieben arrived at 8:45 a.m.

- Where do we want to go? Series of one-on-one interviews have occurred, including members of the EDC Advisory Board, targeted interviews, telephone survey of approximately 80 businesses,
- How do we get there? Regional competitive analysis and trend analysis, establishing overarching vision, strategic direction and action plan.
- Priority Matrix highlighted.

Director Hodge left the meeting at 8:52 a.m.

Discussion focused on three key questions:

- What are the good news stories and key areas of strength for the economy of the Central Okanagan?
- What challenges are limiting economic growth in the Central Okanagan?
- What steps need to be taken to make the region more attractive to new businesses and retain existing ones? Near term? Longer term?

The steps to make the region more attractive to business was outlined.

Director Hodge returned to the meeting at 9:05 a.m.

A question and answer session followed the consultant's presentation.

Director Findlater left the meeting at 9:40 a.m. and returned at 9:44 a.m.

The final report will be distributed throughout the region once completed, as well as the Advisory Commission Board whose members are from a wide-sector throughout the Okanagan.

Director Wooldridge left the meeting at 9:47 a.m. and returned at 9:51 a.m.

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SIEBEN/STACK

THAT the Economic Development Commission Strategy to 2025 presentation facilitated by Lauren Millier, Executive Vice President of MDB Insight Inc. be received

CARRIED unanimously

6. COMMUNITY SERVICES

6.1 Agricultural Compliance and Enforcement Strategy

Staff report outlined the significant increase in illegal activity on farm lands within the electoral areas. Staff are proposing a comprehensive compliance and enforcement strategy for agricultural compliance ranging from assisting property owners in understanding their obligations to comply with legislative requirements and extends to monitoring compliance, performing inspection activities where required to the various tools available to respond to non-compliance.

Staff outlined the strategy to be undertaken. Staff responded to questions.

Director Milsom left the meeting at 9:53 a.m. and returned at 9:57 a.m.

The strategy will be about education first and foremost.

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FINDLATER/BARTYIK

THAT the Governance & Services Committee receive the presentation from the Director of Community Services, dated June 13, 2019, regarding the Regional Agricultural Compliance and Enforcement Strategy for information.

CARRIED unanimously

7. **ADJOURN**

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 10:40 a.m.

CERTIFIED TO BE TRUE AND CORRECT

G. Given (Chair)

B. Reardon (Chief Administrative Officer)