



Special Board Meeting Minutes

Date: Thursday, April 3, 2025
Time: 8:30 a.m.
Location: Woodhaven Board Room
1450 K.L.O. Road, Kelowna, BC

Directors:

- L. Wooldridge, Chairperson (City of Kelowna)
- W. Carson* (Central Okanagan West Electoral Area)
- T. Dyas (City of Kelowna)
- M. DeHart (City of Kelowna)
- S. Johnston (City of West Kelowna)
- G. Milsom (City of West Kelowna)
- L. Stack (City of Kelowna)
- R. Webber (City of Kelowna)
- K. Thom (Alternate Director, District of Peachland)

Directors (electronic):

- J. Coble* (Westbank First Nation)
- B. Ireland*, Vice-Chairperson (District of Lake Country)
- K. Kraft*, Vice-Chairperson (Central Okanagan East Electoral Area)
- M. Singh* (Alternate Director, City of Kelowna)

Directors (Absent):

- C. Hodge (City of Kelowna)
- P. Van Minsel (District of Peachland)

Staff:

- S. Ginter, Chief Administrative Officer
- C. Griffiths, Corporate Officer/ Deputy CAO
- D. Noble-Brandt, Director of Development and Engineering Services
- J. Foster, Director of Communications & Information Services
- T. McCabe, Director of Financial Services
- M. Walroth, Director of Protective Services
- T. Kendel, Associate Director of Development and Engineering Services
- J. Reay, Associate Director of Human Resources
- S. Horning, Deputy Corporate Officer
- S. Ballan-Brown, Legislative Assistant - Corporate Services
- W. Darlington*, Manager Parks Capital Planning & Asset Management

M. VanZerr*, Regional Planning Manager
D. Maja*, Chief Bylaw Officer

Guests: Mary Ann Olsen-Russello*, Senior Natural Resource Biologist,
Ecoscape Environmental Consultants Ltd.
Adam Mattinson*, Associate with B&A Consulting
Jaime Van Struth*, Economic Advisor, Senior Manager with Deloitte

*denotes partial attendance

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chairperson Wooldridge called the meeting to order at 8:31 a.m. and as an open meeting, a live audio-video feed is being broadcast and recorded on rdco.com.

2. LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

The Chair acknowledged our presence on the traditional, ancestral, and unceded tr̓xwúlaʔxw (land) of the syilx / Okanagan people who have resided here since time immemorial. We recognize, honour, and respect the syilx / Okanagan lands upon which we live, work, and play.

3. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

All Directors - Unweighted Corporate Vote - Simple Majority (LGA s.208)

DYAS/MILSOM

THAT the April 3, 2025, Special Board Meeting agenda be adopted.

CARRIED

4. SPECIAL MEETING MATTERS

4.1 Kalamoior Regional Park Management Plan

All Directors - Unweighted Corporate Vote - Simple Majority (LGA s.208)

Staff displayed a video of the proposed upgrades to the Kalamoior Regional Park.

Director Carson joined the meeting at 8:35 a.m.

Consultant Mary Ann Olsen-Russello displayed a PowerPoint presentation summarizing the management plan.

Staff displayed a PowerPoint of the proposed management plan and responded to questions from the Board.

Director Ireland left the meeting at 9:20 am; Director Coble left the meeting at 10:01 am;

R2025/045

MILSOM/ JOHNSTON

THAT the Regional Board approve the Kalamo Regional Park Management Plan in the form attached to the Report of the Manager – Parks Capital Planning & Asset Management dated April 3, 2025;

AND THAT the Regional Board supports the Kalamo Regional Park Management Plan's implementation plan, as set out in Option 1.2 of the Implementation Option(s) Tables attached to this Report, to upgrade the Waterfront Trail up to a 2.4m wide multi-use standard and limit improvements to the Sunnyside Trail to necessary public safety trail improvements, conservation measures and maintain the trail to its existing width.

CARRIED

Director Thom – Opposed.

The meeting recessed at 10:06 am; The meeting convened at 10:17 am.

4.2 Regional Employment Lands Inventory - Final Report

Deferred from February 20, 2025 Regular Board Meeting.

All Directors - Unweighted Corporate Vote - Simple Majority (LGA s.208)

Consultants Adam Mattison and Jamie Van Struth provided an overview of the Regional Employment Lands Inventory and responded to questions from the Board.

Director Coble rejoined the meeting at 10:31 am. Director Johnston left the meeting at 10:37 a.m. and rejoined the meeting at 10:40 am.

Director Ireland rejoined the meeting at 10:55 am.

R2025/046

DYAS/ THOM

THAT the Regional Board receives the final Regional Employment Lands Inventory report as attached to the Report from the Director of Development and Engineering Services, dated April 3, 2025, for information.

CARRIED

4.3 Fire Prevention and Regulations Amendment Bylaw No. 1564

All Directors - Unweighted Corporate Vote - Simple Majority (LGA s.208) / Bylaw adoption requires 2/3 majority (LGA s.228)

R2025/047

CARSON/ MILSOM

THAT the Regional Board gives first, second and third reading to Fire Prevention and Regulations Amendment Bylaw No. 1564;

AND THAT the Regional Board adopt Fire Prevention and Regulations Amendment Bylaw No. 1564.

CARRIED

4.4 Noxious Insect and Pest Control Program - Service Review

All Directors - Unweighted Corporate Vote - Simple Majority (LGA s.208)

THOM/CARSON

R2025/048

THAT the Regional Board receives the Noxious Insect and Pest Control Program - Service Review attached to and forming part of the Report from the Director of Protective Services, dated April 3, 2025, for information.

CARRIED

4.5 Noxious Weed Program - Service Review

All Directors - Unweighted Corporate Vote - Simple Majority (LGA s.208)

WEBBER/ STACK

R2025/049

THAT the Regional Board receives the Noxious Weed Control Program – Service Review attached to and forming part of the Report from the Director of Protective Services, dated April 3, 2025, for information.

CARRIED

4.6 RDCO Strategic Priorities 2023-2026 Status Report

All Directors – Unweighted Corporate Vote – Simple Majority (LGA s.208)

The CAO provided a PowerPoint presentation on the Strategic Priorities update and responded to questions from the Board.

The CAO proposed changes to the strategic priorities action plan. These changes will not impact the 2025 budget:

- Corporate Climate Action Plan – move to a capital asset management plan with dedicated staff (staff next budget cycle)
- Health and Wellness – merge Parks item 5 (implement additional phases to improve year-round access in Regional Parks) and item 7 (include Growing Communities Funding into existing capital projects to enhance and improve accessibility to Regional Parks over the next 5 years)
- Heritage Conservation Act – propose changing from a policy to standard operating procedure (SOP) to build on current practices and ensure that Indigenous partners have an opportunity to provide feedback, content and direction on the SOP

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STACK/ DYAS

THAT the Regional Board receives the RDCO Strategic Priorities 2023-2026, CAO Report to the RDCO Board of Directors as attached to the Report from the Chief Administrative Officer dated April 3, 2025;

AND THAT the Regional Board approves the amendments to the 2023-2026 RDCO Strategic Priorities Action items as proposed by the Chief Administrative Officer on April 3, 2025.

CARRIED

5. MOTION TO CLOSE THE MEETING

R2025/051 DEHART/ WEBBER

THAT the April 3, 2025, Special Board meeting be closed to the public pursuant to section 90(1)(c) and (d) of the Community Charter to discuss items related to:

- labour relations;
- the security of the property of the municipality.

CARRIED

The meeting convened to a closed session at 11:45 a.m. and reconvened to an open meeting at 12:13 p.m.

6. ADJOURN

The April 3, 2025, Special Board Meeting adjourned at 12:14 p.m.

Certified correct:

L. Wooldridge, Chairperson

C. Griffiths, Corporate Officer

/sbb