

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, February 13, 2020

Directors: J. Baker (District of Lake Country)
C. Basran (City of Kelowna)
M. Bartyik (Central Okanagan East Electoral Area)
W. Carson (Central Okanagan West Electoral Area)
M. DeHart (City of Kelowna)
G. Given (City of Kelowna)
C. Hodge (City of Kelowna)
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)
J. Coble (Westbank First Nation)

Absent: C. Fortin (District of Peachland)

Staff: B. Reardon, Chief Administrative Officer
T. Cashin, Director of Community Services
J. Foster, Director of Communication & Information Services
C. Griffiths, Director of Economic Development & Bylaw Services
D. Komaike, Director of Engineering Services
M. Kopp, Director of Parks Services
M. Drouin, Manager-Corporate Services (recording secretary)

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Given called the meeting to order at 8:34 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

#GS04/20

WOOLDRIDGE/STACK

THAT the agenda be adopted.

CARRIED unanimously

Director Baker arrived at 8:35 a.m.

4. **ADOPTION OF MINUTES**

- 4.1 Governance & Services Committee Meeting Minutes – January 16, 2020

#GS05/20

MILSOM/WOOLDRIDGE

THAT the Governance & Services Committee meeting minutes of January 16, 2020 be adopted.

CARRIED unanimously

5. **DELEGATIONS**

- 5.1 Okanagan Climate Projections Update, Presenting: Gilliam Aubie Vines, Pinna Sustainability Inc.

Staff report dated February 13, 2020 outlined the partnership with the Regional District of Okanagan-Similkameen to complete a Climate Projections report that will provide quantitative indicators on the future impacts of climate change and climate variability for the Okanagan region.

Staff introduced the report noting the project was approved in 2019 by the Regional Board. Funding partners were noted and regional stakeholders.

Director Sieben arrived at 8:45 a.m.

Gilliam Aubie Vines provided an update on the report.

- Key projections was highlighted- for precipitation, temperature, longer growing seasons as an indicator of temperature.
- Key discussions need to continue regarding the potential impacts from global changes.
- Insights for future planning – education and collaboration will play an important role in preparing for the changes which will occur; design to current and future climate parameters; local and global mitigation to curb GHG emissions at 2050 levels.

Question and answer period followed:

- What can local governments do to enact GHG emission levels?
- Weather projections are not weather forecasts.
- Infrastructure considerations in particular for cooling will be very important.
- How much can local action really improve global emissions?
- Infrastructure consideration will need to be considered with increased precipitation projections.
- Rebates are important to upgrade appliances in resident's homes.
- Energy usage in buildings and transportation will be key.
- Status quo is no longer acceptable – change must occur individually as well as policy development for government and companies.

#GS06/20**BAKER/BARTYIK**

THAT the presentation by Gillian Aubie Vines, Principal and Founder of Pinna , on the Climate Projections for the Okanagan Region be received for information.

CARRIED unanimously**5.2 Okanagan Regional Library Update - Presenting: Don Nettleton, CEO**

Don Nettleton and Alison Hayman, branch manager Rutland, addressed the Committee providing highlights during 2019

- Serve a population of over 400,000 and a large geographic area
- 31 locations throughout the library region
- 266 employees, 2 unions, 5 non-union branches
- Large service from the 'web'
- 24 Board members, one appointed from each local government
- 157,601 patrons attended ORL programs and used library meeting space
- Structural changes have occurred in many of the libraries
- Library trends highlighted
- Library programs for adults – digital training highlighted
- Library funding approximately \$20mil – largest funding comes from taxpayers. Provincial funding restricted.
- Provincial statistics showing the Okanagan library below the provincial averages.
- Program highlights of the Rutland branch was outlined.

#GS07/20**STACK/SIEBEN**

THAT the Okanagan Regional Library updated presented by Don Nettleton, CEO be received for information.

CARRIED unanimously**6. ENGINEERING SERVICES****6.1 Okanagan Sustainability Leadership Council Proposal To Partner In The Development of a Biosolids Inventory for the Okanagan Valley, presenting: Janice Larson - Director, Tri-University Partnership Office, UBC-Okanagan VPR Partnerships Office**

Staff report dated February 3, 2020 outlined a partnership opportunity with the Okanagan Sustainability Leadership Council to complete a biomass waste inventory for the Okanagan in support of the Solid Waste Management Plan.

Janice Larson addressed the Committee outlining the opportunity for partnership.

- Scandinavia environmental leadership was highlighted.
- The Okanagan opportunity:
 - Challenge
 - Increasing municipal, industrial and agricultural waste
 - Increasing environmental and climate change imperatives
 - Increasing energy costs
 - Increasing costs to manage waste and recycling
 - Opportunity
 - Abundance of biomass supply
 - Proximity to tech and entrepreneur hub
 - Proximity to university
 - Premium rates to purchase renewable natural gas
 - New funding available from CleanBC for clean tech investment
- Phase 1 biomass inventory and Phase 2 waste-to-energy feasibility study

Question and answer period followed.

- Biosolids consideration will be part of the study.
- Will this study include recycle considerations?
- A facility must be commercially viable to be considered.
- Vision is a zero waste valley.

Director Basran left at 10:25 a.m.

- Opportunities for waste-to-energy highlighted
- Next steps and grant funding opportunity was discussed

#GS08/20

BARTYIK/WOOLDRIDGE

THAT the Governance and Services Committee recommend the Regional Board approve the Regional District partnering with the Okanagan Sustainability Leadership Council to complete a Biomass Inventory/Waste Composition Organics Study;

AND FURTHER THAT that the Regional District submit an application for funding under the Organics Infrastructure Program to assist with the completion of the Biomass Inventory/Waste Composition/Organics study.

CARRIED unanimously

7. COMMUNITY SERVICES

7.1 Regional Growth Strategy Priority Projects Plan - 2020 Update

Staff report dated February 13, 2020 provided an overview of the 2020 projects outlined in the Regional Growth Strategy Priority Projects Plan.

Staff addressed the Committee outlining the project plans which occurred in 2019 and planned for 2020.

- Regional Flood Management Plan
- Housing Needs Assessment
- Regional Housing Strategy to be completed by end of year
- Regional Growth Strategy monitoring done annually
- Regional Citizen Survey to occur in 2020
- 5-year review of the RGS underway

#GS09/20

STACK/MILSOM

THAT the Governance and Services Committee receive for information the Regional Growth Priority Projects Plan report dated February 13, 2020.

CARRIED unanimously

8. NEW BUSINESS

No new business.

9. ADJOURN

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 10:59 a.m.

CERTIFIED TO BE TRUE AND CORRECT

G. Given (Chair)

B. Reardon (Chief Administrative Officer)