

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, September 10, 2020

Directors:

- J. Baker (District of Lake Country)
- M. Bartyik (Central Okanagan East Electoral Area)
- C. Basran (City of Kelowna)
- W. Carson (Central Okanagan West Electoral Area)
- M. Singh, alternate for M. DeHart (City of Kelowna)
- C. Fortin (District of Peachland) (*attended electronically*)
- G. Given (City of Kelowna)
- C. Hodge (City of Kelowna)
- S. Johnston (City of West Kelowna) (*attended electronically*)
- 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) (*attended electronically*)

Staff:

- B. Reardon, Chief Administrative Officer
- T. Cashin, Director of Community Services
- T. Kendel, Engineering Manager
- J. Foster, Director of Communication & Information Services
- M. Rilkoﬀ, Director of Financial Services (*attended electronically*)
- M. Drouin, Manager-Corporate Services (recording secretary)

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Given called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m. and acknowledged the meeting is being held on the traditional territory of the syilx/Okanagan peoples.

Roll call was taken as some directors attended electronically.

2. ADDITION OF LATE ITEMS

There are no late items for the agenda

3. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

#GS31/20

BAKER/HODGE

THAT the agenda be adopted.

CARRIED unanimously

4. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

4.1 Governance & Services Committee Meeting Minutes – July 9, 2020

#GS32/20

MILSOM/WOOLDRIDGE

THAT the Governance & Services Committee meeting minutes of July 9, 2020 be adopted.

CARRIED unanimously

Director Stack arrived at 8:35 a.m. Director Sieben arrived at 8:37 a.m.

5. ENGINEERING SERVICES**5.1 Alternative Recycle Collection & Waste Reduction Program Update
(presenting: Travis Kendel, Manager-Engineering Services)**

Staff presented an update on the region's waste reduction program:

Alternative recycle collection

- No communities within BC have been identified that collect materials (glass, foam and flexible packaging) outside of the established Extended Producer Responsibility Program.
- Glass recycling – costs highlighted. London Drugs offer an alternative collection point for foam and flexible packaging.
- Current recycling practices align with the regional Solid Waste Management Plan which advocates for full cost compensation by producers.

Director Basran arrived at 8:45 a.m.

Waste Reduction Program Update

- Curbside recycling contamination audit and bin checks underway
- E360 contractor state there has been an increase this year in collection-a 20% increase
- COVID-19 impacts highlighted
 - Delayed cart delivery, accessibility challenges
 - Education and outreach events – events cancelled, tag-a-bag program restored August 29th, student ambassador program delayed until the fall
- Recycle BC will present to the Committee at its October meeting.

Question and answer session followed.

- Private collection was not investigated. It was noted that there were no other options for collection in the province.
- Recycle BC manages the collected items.
- Marketability of product is limited.
- Environmental concerns as items may be going into the landfill.
- Investigation into organics – two projects are on the workplan.
- What are the costs of alternative/additional pickup? The real costs need to be identified in order to make informed decisions.

S. Johnston left the meeting at 9:10 a.m. returned to the meeting at 9:12 a.m.

- Is it possible to accept organics at the Transfer stations? It would be a bear attractant. Organics go in the garbage and used as a biogas at the landfill.
- How is glass recycled? All material goes to Recycle BC and they do have end products for all product they receive. BC has a very different program than other areas in Canada.
- BC is one of the only provinces that collect foam and plastics.
- Are depots being used effectively/efficiently? More accessible, more locations?
- Consequence to contamination: carts not collected, contamination needs to be removed before pickup, cameras in trucks and if identified letters are sent to the household, focus on education.
- Condo and apartments recycling – needs to be improved. Dialogue has occurred with the multi-family haulers.

#GS33/20

BARTYIK/HODGE

THAT the Board receive the alternative recycle collection and waste reduction update as information.

CARRIED unanimously

6. PARK SERVICES

6.1 Regional Parks Service Review (presenting: Murray Kopp, Director of Parks Services)

Staff provided an overview of the 5-Year regional parks service review

- Service review goals and scope highlighted
- Delivering on the Board's Strategic Priorities
- Administration key findings were highlighted.
 - \$8.04m budgeted for the regional parks service
 - 48.2% of budget directed to parks operations, including maintenance, visitor programs, parks planning and administration
 - 24.2% directed to capital, equipment and facility reserves
 - 27.6% directed to debt servicing to previous park land acquisitions (debt servicing finished at the end of 2019)
- Program partners highlighted
 - First Nation communities
 - Member municipalities
 - 'Friends of' regional parks associations
 - Non-profit groups ie: Central Okanagan Land Trust
 - Provincial agencies
- Staff highlighted the funding currently provided to the Friend of Fintry and the background of the purchase of the Fintry provincial park.
- Administrative recommendations were reviewed ie:
 - policy development,
 - establish focused partnerships with organizations

- develop an updated regional parkland acquisition strategy and consider candidate properties for each type of park
- continue work with Okanagan First Nations
- continue to develop a database of information on regional park use and user satisfaction
- update IT systems and programs (maintenance and asset management)
- complete a comprehensive report on the status of current regional parks infrastructure
- update the official regional parks plan
- create a 10-year regional park land development capital plan
- review management practices and costs of contract services (ie: turf maintenance pilot project compare in-house versus contract services)
- review contracting out service for cleaning of washrooms

Question and answer sessions followed:

- What would the impacts of the Friends of Fintry withdrawal of funds? It is understand the funding supports a staff person. There are other funding sources the Society could investigate. This is a provincial park not a regional park. The Friends of Fintry work cooperatively with the Province to maintain the heritage of the park and its facilities.
- Transitional time may be required to end funding.
- No funding is provided to other 'Friends of provincial parks' (ie: Friends of South Slopes (Myra Canyon), Okanagan Mountain Park). There is inequity in funding 'Friends of' groups.
- No formally agreements with 'Friends of' groups. They operate normally as a volunteer group.
- The success of the regional parks program is appreciated by residents and visitors alike.
- Have we achieved enough from a development/accessibility standpoint to date?
- What is the process of the administrative recommendations? They are operational in nature and where required will be brought forward to the Board for consideration ie: policies.
- 5-year reviews are critical to bring issues to light and understanding of the service provided to residents.
- Grants provided to organizations should be identified within the budget documents and not buried within an operation budget.
- Both acquisition and development of parks continue to be important.
- Policy review should be considered, for example – who we provide grants to and what purpose to the regional parks service.

#GS34/20

HODGE/BARTYIK

THAT the Governance and Services Committee recommend that the Regional Board receive the 2019 Regional Parks Service Review report.

CARRIED unanimously

#GS35/20

SIEBEN/STACK

THAT it is recommended the Regional Board approves:

- Staff being directed to develop an updated Regional Parkland Acquisition Strategy in 2020 to present to the Board for consideration.

CARRIED unanimously

#GS36/20

SIEBEN/STACK

THAT it is recommended the Regional Board approves:

- Ending the annual funding of \$39,000 to the Friends of Fintry Provincial Park Society to be phased out ending in 2022.

CARRIED (opposed: Johnson, Fortin, Baker, Hodge, Carson)

It was confirmed that in 2021 the grant will be reduced by 1/3 from \$39,000 to \$26,000 and the final year of funding in 2022 will be \$13,000.

#GS37/20

STACK/WOOLDRIDGE

THAT it is recommended the Regional Board approves:

- Staff being directed to bring forward a regional parks grant funding policy for consideration.

CARRIED unanimously

#GS38/20

BASRAN/HODGE

THAT it is recommended the Regional Board approves:

- A letter be forwarded to the Province (BC Parks) notifying them that the Regional District's grant funding to the Friends of Fintry Provincial Park Society will end in 2022.

CARRIED unanimously

7. ADJOURN

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 11:45 a.m.

CERTIFIED TO BE TRUE AND CORRECT

G. Given (Chair)

B. Reardon (Chief Administrative Officer)