

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, October 8, 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. DeHart (City of Kelowna)
C. Fortin (District of Peachland) (*attended electronically*)
G. Given (City of Kelowna)
C. Hodge (City of Kelowna) (*attended electronically*)
R. deJong, alternate for S. Johnston (City of West Kelowna)
G. Milsom (City of West Kelowna)
B. Sieben (City of Kelowna)
L. Stack (City of Kelowna) (*attended electronically*)
L. Wooldridge (City of Kelowna)

Absent: J. Coble (Westbank First Nation)

Staff: B. Reardon, Chief Administrative Officer
T. Cashin, Director of Community Services
J. Foster, Director of Communication & Information Services
D. Komaike, Director of Engineering Services
M. Kopp, Director of Parks Services (*attended electronically*)
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

#GS39/20

BARTYIK/MILSOM

THAT the agenda be adopted.

CARRIED unanimously

4. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

4.1 Governance & Services Committee Meeting Minutes – September 10, 2020

#GS40/20

BAKER/MILSOM

THAT the Governance & Services Committee meeting minutes of September 10, 2020 be adopted.

CARRIED unanimously

5. DELEGATIONS

5.1. Okanagan Basin Water Board (OBWB) - Anna Warwick-Sears, Executive Director - Okanagan Lake Monitoring

The Committee had requested OBWB staff provide comment on the request from the District of Peachland Council resolution calling on the Province to review the current lake level management operations for Okanagan Lake, including lake level targets, current flow management models and climate forecast methodology.

Anna Warwick-Sears, following discussion at the OBWB Board table provided feedback on this issue.

- Yes, the Province needs to review the lake management level.
- Due to climate change the incidence of flooding will become more frequent with less predictability.
- Flood modeling for the Okanagan – management roles need to be changed.
- Shaun Reimer has worked on the modeling for the mapping. It's not that easy to change – impacts of fish, frequency of drought (effect on agriculture, fish, risk to communities, etc.).
- Need to urge the Province through senior managers of Forest, Lands & Natural Resources to support and make it a priority. It will take a number of studies and resources to complete and a number of years to change.
- OBWB will wait until election is completed and will send a letter at that time.
- OBWB staff will continue to meet with S. Reimer to come up with a plan for the study and work.

Director Sieben arrived at 8:45 a.m.

Director Basran arrived at 8:47 a.m.

Question and answer period followed.

- Impacts on various stakeholders in BC and the US (ie: International Joint Water Commission, Osoyoos Lake Border Committee). There is an agreement with the US on how Canada operates the dam.
- Upland reservoirs studies being done which will assist.
- Each year water level dependent upon snow pack. It's a fine balance.
- It's a balance with controlling the dam levels to protect both Canada and the US. Everyone tries to work together for the best situation.

- Important to have a unified voice, coordinated approach when sending a letter to the Province.
- Modeling for drought frequency will be required.
- Likely the fastest the modeling and work could be completed would be 5 years.
- First thing that needs to occur is the Ministry of Forest, Lands and Natural Resources needs to initiate a process of review as they are responsible for the dam management. Impact also with Ministries of Agriculture, Environment, Public Safety, Health (source water), Fisheries, ONA-- all need to be involved in review process.
- It is suggested that OBWB initiate the letter, copy the RDCO to request support for their letter.

#GS41/20

SIEBEN/BAKER

THAT the Okanagan Basin Water Board presentation by Anna Warwick-Sears, Executive Director regarding Okanagan Lake Monitoring be received for information;

AND FURTHER THAT OBWB's future letter to the Province be brought forward to the Board for review and consideration of a draft advocacy strategy.

CARRIED unanimously

5.2 Recycle BC Update - David Lefebvre Presenting

The Committee had requested Recycle BC to present information on the recycling program in BC and the Central Okanagan.

D. Lefebvre provided information on the Recycle BC program:

- Producer responsibility outlined.
- Recycle BC formed by producers and is regulated.
- Required to submit a program plan to the Ministry every 5 years.
- Recycle BC is the only full producer in BC.
- Lots of supply very little demand for recycling material. China shut their market down to accept only material not contaminated.
- 1,186 businesses fund BC Recycle and are part of the program
- Many communities in Canada cannot find markets for materials or simply do not recycle.
- Only 7% of materials go to landfill in BC.
- Steward investment and innovation outlined.
- Collection contracts are with individual governments, First Nations and private collectors undertaking collection services on its behalf.
- New Post-Collection partner – transitioned to GFL Environmental Inc. in May 2020.
- Primary end markets distribution highlighted.
- Impact of COVID-19 and subsequent bankruptcies occurring are impacting the program. Due to this the Province has granted one year relief for amendments to their program.

Question and answer period followed:

- Recycle BC is recovering 78% of packaging. Best way to recycle is to put it in your recycle bin. Deposit recovery is not exceptionally beneficial.
- Recycle BC collects the largest amount of material anywhere.
- Looking at many solutions for plastic recycling.
- Many decisions on recycling are made at the national level not provincially.
- Multi-family is often managed through commercial contracts. Recycle BC offers commercial contractors to come on board but it's up to the contractor.
- They continue to look at ways to recycle materials ie: Ziploc bags, plastic over-wrap even if there isn't a market for it right now.
- More education is needed in the RDCO on recycling specific plastic material ie: over-wrap, Styrofoam, etc.
- Lots of education needs to occur – RDCO at 14% contamination, there are communities in the Province that reach 3% contamination.
- Online business do not pay into the recycling programs and with COVID in particular online shopping is increasing and business brick and mortar stores are closing.
- What is the relationship between the local depots and Recycle BC? Depot decides if they wish to enter a relationship with Recycle BC or other contractors. Approximately 215 depots across the province.
- One of RDCOs education tools is students are hired to check recycling bins. Stickers placed what can and cannot go into the bin. At times bins are left behind as they are contaminated. Program is currently underway.
- Citizens need to understand why it is important to recycle correctly ie: why glass, plastic, styrofoam needs to go to the depots.
- Need to understand why our local commercial haulers are not part of the Recycle BC program.
- An upgraded contamination plan is currently being worked on by staff for 2021. The plan can be discussed at a future workshop

#GS42/20

SIEBEN/BAKER

THAT the presentation by David Lefebvre, Recycle BC, be received for information.

AND FURTHER THAT staff schedule a workshop to review the current recycling program and possible alternative recycling options.

CARRIED unanimously

6. PARK SERVICES

6.1 Regional Parks Visitor Services Program Update

Staff report dated September 29, 2020 outlined the programs and events provided by the Visitor Services in Regional Parks to date in 2020.

Isabella Hodson provided information on the program.

- Despite COVID-19 pandemic, 19,500 people and 54 volunteers have taken part in park interpretive programs and events.
- Typically reach 43,000 contacts in a year.
- 1,704 events held between January and September
- Various virtual programs have been held during the pandemic.
- The various programs were outlined: school, family, outreach events, pop-up events in various regional parks, guided adaptive events due to the pandemic, virtual programs.
- Upgrades to the Environmental Education Centre (EECO) outlined.
- Volunteers in parks program reviewed.

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BARTYIK/WOOLDRIDGE

THAT the Governance and Services Committee receive for information the 2020 Regional Parks Visitor Services Program update.

CARRIED unanimously

7. NEW BUSINESS

No new business

8. ADJOURN

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 11:08 a.m.

CERTIFIED TO BE TRUE AND CORRECT

G. Given (Chair)

B. Reardon (Chief Administrative Officer)