

Minutes of the REGIONAL BOARD MEETING of the Regional District of Central Okanagan held at the Regional District offices, 1450 KLO Road, Kelowna, B.C. on Monday, December 7, 2020

Directors: J. Baker (District of Lake Country)
M. Bartyik (Central Okanagan East Electoral Area)
C. Basran (City of Kelowna) *(attended electronically)*
W. Carson (Central Okanagan West Electoral Area)
M. DeHart (City of Kelowna) *(attended electronically)*
C. Fortin (District of Peachland) *(attended electronically)*
G. Given (City of Kelowna)
C. Hodge (City of Kelowna) *(attended electronically)*
S. Johnston (City of West Kelowna) *(attended electronically)*
G. Milsom (City of West Kelowna) *(attended electronically)*
B. Sieben (City of Kelowna)
L. Wooldridge (City of Kelowna) *(attended electronically)*
J. Coble (Westbank First Nation) *(attended electronically)*

Absent: L. Stack (City of Kelowna)

Staff: B. Reardon, Chief Administrative Officer
J. Foster, Director of Communications & 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 7:00 p.m.

The meeting is being held on the traditional territory of the syilx/Okanagan Peoples.

Roll call was taken as some board members were in attendance electronically due to physically distancing for COVID-19 pandemic.

#189/20

BAKER/SIEBEN

THAT the Board conduct Open Meetings without the public present in accordance with the requirements of the Order of the Provincial Health Officer regarding gatherings and events:

AND THAT the Board is ensuring openness, transparency, accessibility and accountability by broadcasting meetings online, making audio and/or video recordings available online following the meetings, receiving written or verbal correspondence on agenda items, regularly communicating to the public changes in how meetings are held, and posting draft agendas and minutes online;

AND FURTHER THAT the above-noted resolution be in effect until the Order of the Provincial Health Officer is rescinded or replaced to allow for in-person attendance at Board Meetings.

CARRIED Unanimously

Public Hearings and Development Variance Permit applications that require public input will be deferred until the Provincial Health Officer's Order is rescinded.

2. ADDITION OF LATE ITEMS

There were no late items for the agenda.

3. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

(All Directors - Unweighted Corporate Vote - Simple Majority - LGA 208.1)

#190/20 BAKER/BARTYIK

THAT the agenda be adopted.

CARRIED Unanimously

4. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

4.1 Regional Board Meeting Minutes - November 23, 2020 *(All Directors - Unweighted Corporate Vote - Simple Majority - LGA 208.1)*

#191/20 BAKER/CARSON

THAT the Regional Board meeting minutes of November 23, 2020 be adopted.

CARRIED Unanimously

4.1. Public Hearing Minutes - November 23, 2020 *(All Directors - Unweighted Corporate Vote - Simple Majority - LGA 208.1)*

#192/20 HODGE/BAKER

THAT the Public Hearing minutes of November 23, 2020 be received.

CARRIED Unanimously

5. DELEGATION

- 5.1. Anna Warwick-Sears - OBWB Executive Director (*All Directors - Unweighted Corporate Vote - Simple Majority - LGA 208.1*)

Anna Warwick-Sears provided an update further to the previous delegation on October 8, 2020 on a possible review of the Okanagan Lake Regulation System. The goal is to lobby the Province to implement a review. OBWB will provide a draft letter to the Okanagan local governments and First Nation communities. Each jurisdictions is encouraged to add to their letter to the Province specific issues of concern in their area ie: drought levels, protection of fish habitat, spring flows, flood concerns, etc.

#193/20 BARTYIK/BAKER

THAT the November 30, 2020 letter from the Okanagan Basin Water Board regarding Okanagan Flooding and the Review of the Okanagan Lake Regulation System be received.

CARRIED Unanimously

6. CORRESPONDENCE

- 6.1. Letter - City of West Kelowna - Brent Road Service Area (*All Directors - Unweighted Corporate Vote - Simple Majority - LGA 208.1*)

City of West Kelowna letter of November 26, 2020 outlined Council's non-support for removal of the Brent Road properties from the West Kelowna facilities: Johnson Bentley Aquatic Center/Mount Boucherie Recreation Complex and the Senior Citizens Activity Center. In 2007, when West Kelowna incorporated these services were transferred over to the municipality to operate. Brent Road property owners are taxed for these services and some owners have requested that this be changed.

#194/20 BAKER/MILSOM

THAT the letter from the City of West Kelowna regarding the Brent Road Service area be received.

CARRIED Unanimously

7. FINANCIAL SERVICES

- 4.1. Pre-Approval of Q1 Projects For Carryovers from 2020 and Urgent new 2021 Requests (*All Directors - Weighted Vote - Simple Majority - LGA 210*)

Staff report dated December 2, 2020 outlined the spending commitments requested for the first quarter of 2021 ahead of consideration of the 2021 Financial Plan.

#195/20 SIEBEN/FORTIN

THAT the Regional Board approve the Projects listed in the November 30th Q1 2021 Project Spending Report under Category 2 for commitment/expenditure in Q1 2021, ahead of the 2021 Financial Plan approval;

AND THAT the Regional Board approves the Projects listed under Categories 4 and 5 for commitment/expenditure, ahead of the 2021 Financial Plan approval in Q1 2021, subject to budget amendment approvals;

AND FURTHER THAT the Regional Board receives for information the report on projects listed in Categories 1 and 3.

CARRIED Unanimously

- 4.2. RDCO 2020-2024 Financial Plan Amendment Bylaw No. 1470, **1st, 2nd and 3rd Readings and Adoption** (*All Directors - Weighted Vote - 2/3 Majority - LGA 210 & 214*)

#196/20 BAKER/SIEBEN

THAT Regional District of Central Okanagan 2020 – 2024 Financial Plan Amendment Bylaw No. 1470, 2020 be given first, second and third readings and adopted.

CARRIED Unanimously

#197/20 BARTYIK/BAKER

THAT the Regional Board approves the use of \$20,000 of Gas Tax – Community Works Funds to complete the proposed Central Okanagan East Projects as reflected in the RDCO 2020-2024 Financial Plan Amendment Bylaw No. 1470, 2020.

CARRIED Unanimously

5. ENGINEERING SERVICES

- 5.1. RDCO Falcon Ridge Water Service Area Establishment Amendment Bylaw No. 1471, 2020, **1st, 2nd and 3rd Readings and Adoption** (*All Directors - Unweighted Corporate Vote - 2/3 Majority - LGA 208 & 214*)

Staff report dated November 30, 2020 provided an update for expansion of the Falcon Ridge Water Service Area. Staff outlined the properties to be included in the water system.

#198/20 BARTYIK/BAKER

THAT the Regional District of Central Okanagan Falcon Ridge Water Service Area Establishment Amendment Bylaw No. 1471, 2020 be given first, second and third readings and adopted.

CARRIED Unanimously

6. NEW BUSINESS

- 6.1. Green Vehicle and Equipment Policy (*All Directors - Unweighted Corporate Vote - Simple Majority - LGA 208.1*)

Staff report dated November 30, 2020 outlined a draft 'green vehicle' fleet policy for consideration. Discussion ensued on the need for an action plan to review the various alternate fuel sources.

#199/20 SIEBEN/BAKER

THAT the Regional Board approve the RDCO Green Vehicle and Equipment Policy.

CARRIED Unanimously

- 6.2. Community Resiliency Investment Program - FireSmart Community Funding Grant (*All Directors - Unweighted Corporate Vote - Simple Majority - LGA 208.1*)

Staff report dated November 30, 2020 outlined a grant funding opportunity from UBCM-Community Resiliency Investment Program in support of reducing the risk of wildfires and enhancement of interface mitigation specifically in the Joe Rich Fire Department service area.

#200/20 BARTYIK/CARSON

THAT the Regional Board supports submitting a \$49,242.60 grant application under the Union of BC Municipalities – Community Resiliency Investment Program for Volunteer & Composite Fire Departments FireSmart planning.

CARRIED Unanimously

- 6.3. Approval to Attend 2021 Conferences-Seminars (*All Directors - Unweighted Corporate Vote - Simple Majority - LGA 208.1*)

#201/20 **BAKER/SIEBEN**

THAT the Regional Board approve Director Bartyik and Director Carson's attendance at the 2021 Electoral Area Directors' Forum, LGLA Leadership Forum, SILGA, FCM and UBCM conferences should they wish to attend, including registration and travel expenses as per Board policy.

CARRIED Unanimously

6.4. 2021 Board Committee Appointments *(All Directors - Unweighted Corporate Vote - Simple Majority - LGA 208.1)*

It was noted that no appointment is required for the BC Rural Center. It is understood that Callie Simpson has been appointed by the NWCA to the committee North Westside Provincial Restructure Planning Grant Committee.

#202/20 **BAKER/HODGE**

THAT the 2021 Committee appointments be approved.

CARRIED Unanimously

7. **DIRECTOR ITEMS**

No board items requiring consideration.

8. **ADJOURN IN CAMERA**

(All Directors - Unweighted Corporate Vote - Simple Majority - LGA 208.1)

#203/20 **BARTYIK/HODGE**

THAT Pursuant to Section 90 (1)(c)(e)(k) of the Community Charter the Regional Board adjourn and convene to a closed to the public meeting - 'In Camera' session to discuss:

- employee relations
- the disposition of land
- negotiations and related discussions respecting the proposed provision of a service that are at their preliminary stages

and that, in the view of the Regional Board, could reasonably be expected to harm the interests of the Regional District if they were held in public.

CARRIED Unanimously

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

CERTIFIED TO BE TRUE AND CORRECT

G. Given (Chair)

Brian Reardon (Chief Administrative Officer)