

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 11, 2021

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Directors: J. Baker (District of Lake Country)  
M. Bartyik (Central Okanagan East Electoral Area)  
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) (*attended electronically*)  
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: C. Basran (City of Kelowna)  
J. Coble (Westbank First Nation)

Staff: B. Reardon, Chief Administrative Officer  
T. Cashin, Director of Community Services  
D. Dudzik, Senior Planner  
J. Foster, Director of Communication & Information Services  
C. Griffiths, Director of Economic Development  
D. Komaike, Director of Engineering Services  
M. Kopp, Director of Parks 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 8:35 a.m. and acknowledged the meeting is being held on the traditional territory of the syilx/Okanagan peoples.

*In accordance with the most recent Provincial Health Officer Order regarding gatherings and events, the public is currently not permitted to attend Board meetings in-person.*

*As an open meeting, a live audio-video feed is being broadcast and recorded on rdco.com.*

**2. ADDITION OF LATE ITEMS**

There are no late items for the agenda

**3. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA**

**#GS05/21**

**BAKER/BARTYIK**

THAT the agenda be adopted.

CARRIED unanimously

**4. ADOPTION OF MINUTES**

- 4.1 Governance & Services Committee Meeting Minutes – January 14, 2021

**#GS06/21**

**BAKER/MILSOM**

THAT the Governance & Services Committee meeting minutes of January 14, 2021 be adopted.

CARRIED unanimously

**5. DELEGATION**

- 5.1. Okanagan Film Commission Update - Jon Summerland, Film Commissioner

Jon Summerland addressed the Committee and provided an update of 2020 film activities.

- The mandate of the Commission is to generate a positive economic impact by enabling growth of the Okanagan-Similkameen-Boundary region as a film and new media center.
- Regional government funding = \$255,224, with an economic impact of \$48.830mil.
- The Okanagan is a renowned filming destination and provides a significant contributor to the economy and a generator of jobs. Domestic growth is significant. COVID impacts were noted.
- The Commission's Board of Directors were highlighted.
- Partner funding model was outlined.
- 2020 Production expenditure statistics were noted.
  - 104 location service requests
  - 25 productions filmed

Discussion ensued highlighting the economic value to the area with the increase film activity in the region.

**#GS07/21**

**BAKER/SINGH**

THAT the Okanagan Film Commission presentation be received for information.

CARRIED unanimously

**6. COMMUNITY SERVICES**

- 6.1. Regional Growth Strategy Priority Projects Plans 2021

Staff report provided an annual update on the RGS and an overview of the projects outlined in the Priority Projects Plan.

Staff outlined the ongoing projects and projects identified for 2021:

- The five-year action plan was highlighted, including a status update.
- 2021 projects include the regional citizen survey (4<sup>th</sup> quarter of 2021) and regional housing strategy (commencing in 1<sup>st</sup> quarter 2021).
- Phase 3 of the Regional Floodplain Management Plan is underway.
- Regional Planning Lab update—in the fall of 2020 participants throughout the region convened to discuss changes to the ALR Exclusion Process and explore opportunities for regional consistency.
- In November 2020 the Regional Board endorsed a consultation process for a possible 5-year review of the RGS.
- Central Okanagan Poverty and Wellness Strategy update is currently in its second phase.
- Okanagan Lake Responsibility Planning Initiative is underway which outreach and engagement is being led by the Okanagan Nation Alliance.

Discussion ensued:

- Funding is in place and there are no obstacles to complete the projects outlined.
- If the Board pursues a full 5-year review of the RGS funds will need to be allocated.
- Staff are focused on updating the priority projects plan.

**#GS08/21**

MILSOM/WOOLDRIDGE

THAT the Governance and Services Committee receive for information the Regional Growth Priority Projects Plan report dated February 11, 2021.

CARRIED unanimously

## **7. PARK SERVICES**

### **7.1. RDCO Parks Community Wildfire Protection Plan 2020 Update Consultant: Kyle Broome, Cabin Resource Management**

Staff report outlined the completed Parks Community Wildfire Protection Plan. Staff introduced the review that was undertaken by consultants, Cabin Resource Management and funded through the Province (\$30K grant).

Kyle Broome addressed the Committee outlining the consultant's work.

- The updated Plan includes 35 recommendations for improvements in areas of fuel management, FireSmart initiatives, community education, park infrastructure and wildfire response.
- Full methodology and detailed recommendations are contained in the report.
- The scope is focused on RDCO parks however included an overlap with several municipalities, First Nations and local fire service areas.
- Response, recovery and preparedness also addressed.
- 40 areas for wildfire mitigation fuel treatment identified. Top 4 park areas prioritized: Kalamoior, Lebanon Creek Greenway, Scenic Canyon and Stephens Coyote Ridge
- Fuel treatments include site specific plans, removal of hazardous fuels.

- Total of 40 sites across RDCO parks: prioritized on risks, cost based on treatment.
- All areas received site visits to confirm fire hazard; fuel treatments were identified for priority areas and results; and site photos uploaded to online ArcMap.
- Prevention and mitigation information tools have been provided, as well as wildfire response.

Discussion ensued:

- The question was raised if there a workplan and funding in place for the next phase. Staff noted that the Plan will be submitted to the Province. Once approved funding will be requested. Will likely not be in a position to action a plan in 2021. The new stream for wildfire reduction funding is now being tendered.
- Treatments have occurred in many of our RDCO regional parks to date. For the most part given where we live, investments made have paid off. There is a low level of risk in many parks due to the work done over the last 10-14 years.
- The question was raised whether there is funding available for fire mitigation in community parks in the electoral areas. RDCO has had partnership with Ministry of Forests and First Nation for fire mitigation in Westshore.
- There is no ability to provide wildfire mitigation to private lands, land owners are responsible for their property.
- The report is designed for regional parks however will be shared with our fire services department.

**#GS09/21**

**SIEBEN/MILSOM**

THAT the Governance and Services Committee recommend that the Regional Board receive the RDCO Parks Community Wildfire Protection Plan (2020) as prepared by Cabin Resource Management.

CARRIED unanimously

**8. ADJOURN**

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 10:28 a.m.

**CERTIFIED TO BE TRUE AND CORRECT**

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G. Given (Chair)

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B. Reardon (Chief Administrative Officer)