

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 Thursday, September 9, 2021

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) *(attended electronically)*
M. Singh, Alternate for M. DeHart (City of Kelowna) *(attended electronically)*
G. Given (City of Kelowna)
C. Hodge (City of Kelowna) *(attended electronically)*
L. Stack (City of Kelowna)
L. Wooldridge (City of Kelowna) *(attended electronically)*
J. Coble (Westbank First Nation) *(attended electronically)*

Absent: G. Milsom (City of West Kelowna)
S. Johnston (City of West Kelowna)
B. Sieben (City of Kelowna)

Staff: B. Reardon, Chief Administrative Officer
T. Cashin, Director of Community Services
J. Foster, Director of Communication & Information Services
C. Griffiths, Director of Corporate Services
D. Komaie, Director of Engineering Services
L. Smith, Director of Financial Services
K. Needham, Corporate Officer
S. Horning, Supervisor-Corporate Services (recording secretary)

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Given called the meeting to order at 9:50 a.m.

It was acknowledged that this meeting is being held on the traditional territory of the syilx/Okanagan peoples.

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

Roll call was taken as some Board Members appeared electronically.

2. ADDITION OF LATE ITEMS

There were no late items

3. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

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

#182/21 BAKER/STACK

THAT the September 09, 2021 Regular Board meeting agenda be adopted.

CARRIED Unanimously

4. COMMUNITY SERVICES

- 4.1 DP-20-09 Extension Request - 2235 Westside Road (Katawa Construction Ltd.)
(Custom Vote - Electoral Areas, West Kelowna & Kelowna Fringe - 1 Director, 1 Vote - LGA 212.1)

The Director of Community Services displayed a PowerPoint presentation summarizing the one-year extension request. Confirmed that the application expires September 10, 2021; the extension is to September 10, 2022.

#183/21 CARSON/HODGE

THAT the Regional Board approve a one-year extension for Development Permit Application DP-20-09 for 2235 Westside Road.

CARRIED Unanimously

5. ENGINEERING SERVICES

- 5.1 Water Fees - Okanagan West Electoral Area Evacuation Areas
(All Directors - Weighted Vote - Simple Majority - LGA 209.2)

The Director of Engineering Services displayed a PowerPoint presentation and provided an overview of the water rates and the rationale for the staff recommendation to forgive a portion of the water fees to the three (3) specific water utilities. Provided details on the financial impacts to the RDCO as well as the indirect impacts. Responded to questions from the Board and confirmed that the transfer of funds for asset renewal may need to be reduced in the future.

#184/21 CARSON/BARTYIK

THAT the Regional Board receives for information the Report from the Director of Engineering Services regarding the Forgiveness of Water Fees for the Evacuated Areas of the Regional District;

AND THAT the Regional Board approves the waiving of a portion of the Water Fees in the impacted areas and requests amendments to the following Bylaws to be prepared and forwarded to the September 27, 2021 Board Meeting for consideration:

- Regional District of Central Okanagan Killiney Beach Water System Fees & Charges Bylaw No. 1371, 2015;

- Regional District of Central Okanagan Westshore Estates Water System Fees & Charges Bylaw No. 1375, 2015; and
- Regional District of Central Okanagan Upper Fintry, Shalal Road and Valley of the Sun Water System Fees & Charges Bylaw No. 1376, 2015.

CARRIED Unanimously

6. CORPORATE SERVICES

6.1 CAO Verbal Report (All Directors - Unweighted Corporate Vote - Simple Majority - LGA 208.1)

The CAO provided a verbal update to the Board with respect to the White Rock Lake Wildfire:

- noted the EOC was reduced to a Level 1 yesterday and all alerts were rescinded and the State of Local Emergency cancelled;
- acknowledged the value of the partnership with the BC Wildfire Service;
- provided an overview of the EAF process at the EOC to obtain funding from the Province;
- provided an overview the communications during the wildfire events (White Rock Lake/Mt. Law);
- advised the RDCO is in the process of having a Recovery Plan reviewed by the Province;
- noted the Recovery Plan work will last between 12-24 months;
- acknowledged the leadership from the Director of Corporate Services last week in the capacity of the Director of the EOC.

Chair Given provided additional comment.

The CAO responded to questions from the Board and advised the RDCO is looking at ways to expedite the different processes that residents will need to follow when rebuilding. Confirmed that residents are to contact the RDCO contractor to arrange a date for pick up of fridges and freezers (rdco.com/recovery or 250-469-6111)

#185/21

BAKER/BARTYIK

THAT the Regional Board receives, for information, the verbal update from the CAO dated September 9, 2021.

CARRIED Unanimously

7. NEW BUSINESS

7.1 Rise and Report from the Governance & Services Committee Meeting

- 7.1.1 Parks Hazard Tree and Tree Management Policy
(All Directors - Unweighted Corporate Vote - Simple Majority
- LGA 208.1)

#186/21 STACK/BAKER

THAT the Regional Board approves the Parks Hazard Tree and Tree Management Policy No. BP#13-2021 as presented at the September 9, 2021 Governance & Services Committee meeting.

CARRIED Unanimously

- 7.1.2 Building Needs Analysis Report – Central Okanagan Search and Rescue
(All Directors - Unweighted Corporate Vote - Simple Majority
- LGA 208.1)

#187/21 BAKER/BARTYIK

THAT the Regional Board request that staff prepare a capital needs and funding analysis report for consideration by the Regional Board within the next two (2) months.

CARRIED Unanimously

8. DIRECTOR ITEMS

- Director Carson commented on how to mitigate wildfires in the future and commented on the poor cellular coverage in the area.
- Director Baker invited the Board to the Lake Country Art Walk. September 11, 2021 from 10am-6pm (www.lakecountryartwalk.ca)

9. ADJOURN

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 10:31 a.m.

G. Given (Chair)

K. Needham (Corporate Officer)

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