

Minutes of REGULAR BOARD MEETING of the Regional District of Central Okanagan held at Regional District Offices, 1450 KLO Road, Kelowna, B.C. on Thursday, October 13, 2022.

Directors: L. Wooldridge, Chairperson (City of Kelowna)
(In Person) G. Milsom, Vice-Chairperson (City of West Kelowna)
J. Baker (District of Lake Country)
K. Kraft, Alternate for M. Bartyik (Central Okanagan East Electoral Area)
W. Carson (Central Okanagan West Electoral Area)
G. Given (City of Kelowna)
C. Hodge (City of Kelowna)
B. Sieben* (City of Kelowna)
S. Johnston (City of West Kelowna)
L. Stack* (City of Kelowna)

Directors: M. Singh, Alternate for M. DeHart (City of Kelowna)
(Electronically) J. Coble* (Westbank First Nation)

Directors: C. Fortin (District of Peachland)
(Absent) C. Basran (City of Kelowna)

Staff: B. Reardon, Chief Administrative Officer
C. Griffiths, Director of Corporate Services
T. McCabe, Director of Financial Services
J. Foster, Director of Communications & Information Services
T. Cashin, Director of Community Services
M. Kopp, Director of Parks Services
D. Komaike, Director of Engineering Services
S. Mah*, Parks Planner
K. Needham, Corporate Officer
S. Horning, Deputy Corporate Officer
S. Ballan-Brown, Executive Assistant – Corporate Services
C. Anderson, Legislative Assistant (Recording Secretary)

(*denotes partial attendance)

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chairperson Wooldridge called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m.

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

2. LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

Chairperson Wooldridge read the land acknowledgment as follows:

“The RDCO acknowledges our presence on the traditional, ancestral, and unceded tñxwúla?xw (land) of the syilx / Okanagan people who have resided here since time

immemorial. We recognize, honour, and respect the syilx / Okanagan lands upon which we live, work, and play.”

3. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

All Directors - Unweighted Corporate Vote - Simple Majority (LGA s.208)

HODGE/JOHNSTON

THAT the October 13, 2022 Regular Board meeting agenda be adopted.

CARRIED

4. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

All Directors - Unweighted Corporate Vote - Simple Majority (LGA s.208)

GIVEN/HODGE

THAT the September 26, 2022 Public Hearing minutes be received;

AND THAT the September 26, 2022 Regular Board meeting minutes be adopted.

CARRIED

5. PARK SERVICES

5.1 Mission Creek Restoration Initiative - Lower Mission Creek Habitat Conservation and Restoration Plan

All Directors – Unweighted Corporate Vote – Simple Majority (LGA s.208)

Director Stack joined the meeting at 8:31 a.m.

Director Sieben joined the meeting at 8:34 a.m.

Director Coble joined the meeting at 8:35 a.m.

Staff:

- Introduced the item and provided an overview.
- Introduced the consultant, Steve Matthews, MCRI, Project Coordinator, Matthews Environmental Consulting.

Steve Matthews, MCRI, Project Coordinator, Matthews Environmental Consulting:

- Displayed a PowerPoint presentation.
- Responded to questions from the Board.

KRAFT/SIEBEN

THAT the Regional Board receive the Mission Creek Restoration Initiative's Lower Mission Creek Habitat Conservation and Restoration Plan as attached to the report from the Director of Parks Services dated October 13, 2022 for information.

CARRIED

6. CORPORATE SERVICES

- 6.1 Officer Appointment - Director of Financial Services
All Directors – Unweighted Corporate Vote – Simple Majority (LGA s.208)

Chief Administrative Officer:

- Introduced the new Director of Financial Services/ Chief Financial Officer.

GIVEN/BAKER

THAT the interim appointment of Brian Reardon as the Director of Financial Services be rescinded;

AND THAT Tania McCabe be appointed the position of Director of Financial Services to assume the powers, duties, and functions under section 237 [*Financial Administration*] of the *Local Government Act*.

CARRIED

- 6.2 Information Management Bylaw No. 1507, 2022
All Directors – Unweighted Corporate Vote – Simple Majority (LGA s.208)

Corporate Officer:

- Displayed a PowerPoint presentation.
- Responded to questions from the Board.

GIVEN/STACK

THAT the Regional Board receive the Information Management Bylaw No. 1507, 2022 report from the Corporate Officer dated October 13, 2022;

AND THAT the Regional Board give first, second and third readings to Information Management Bylaw No.1507, 2022;

AND FURTHER THAT the Regional Board adopt Information Management Bylaw No. 1507, 2022.

CARRIED

- 6.3 Westside Regional Wastewater Treatment Plant Bylaw 1505, 2022 and East Trunk Development Cost Charges Bylaw 1506, 2022
Stakeholder Weighted Vote – West Kelowna & Peachland – Simple Majority (LGA s. 209)

MILSOM/JOHNSTON

THAT Regional District of Central Okanagan Westside Regional Wastewater Treatment Plant Development Cost Charge Bylaw Amendment No. 1505, 2022 be adopted;

AND THAT Regional District of Central Okanagan East Trunk Development Cost Charge Bylaw Amendment No. 1506, 2022 be adopted.

CARRIED

7. CORRESPONDENCE

7.1 Friends of Fintry

Director Baker:

- Provided an overview of the Friends of Fintry society.
- Would like to have the RDCO's financial support re-instated.

Chair Wooldridge requested staff provide background information:

- Director of Parks Services spoke to the RDCO-Friends of Fintry funding relationship as provided in the memorandum attached in the agenda;
- Confirmed Fintry is owned and operated as a Provincial Park; confirmed RDCO contributed to the purchase of the land;
- Noted approximately \$500k funding provided to Friends of Fintry was allocated through the parks operational budget;
- Provided details on the board review of the regional park system and the board decision to cease funding for the Friends of Fintry;
- Commented on the subsequent creation of a new fund to support volunteer groups affiliated with regional parks; noted this is an application process;
- Responded to further questions from the board.

All Directors – Unweighted Corporate Vote – Simple Majority (LGA s.208)

CARSON/BAKER

THAT the Regional Board hear from the representative of the Friends of Fintry Provincial Park Society.

CARRIED

Michael Barry, Vice-President of the Friends of Fintry Provincial Park:

- Provided an overview of the Fintry Estate and relationship with Parks BC;
- Advised of the operational and capital contributions of Parks BC; noted a Parks BC representative is on the society Board;
- Confirmed funding from the RDCO is to support the curator position; does not believe the Province would fund this role;
- Responded to further questions from the board.

All Directors – Unweighted Corporate Vote – Simple Majority (LGA s.208)

GIVEN/MILSOM

THAT the Regional Board receives the correspondence from the Friends of Fintry Provincial Park Society for information;

AND THAT the Regional Board requests that the Friends of Fintry Provincial Park Society provide additional information regarding their efforts/experience to secure funding support from the Province of BC;

AND THAT the Regional Board requests staff investigate and provide additional information regarding how similar “Friends of” other Provincial park organizations secure operational funding (i.e. Friends of Manning Provincial Park, Friends of Strathcona Provincial Park, BC Parks Foundation);

AND THAT the Regional Board requests staff explore options with the Okanagan Nation for partnerships and funding for the ongoing support of the Friends of Fintry Provincial Park Society;

AND FURTHER THAT the requested additional information be provided to the Regional Board for consideration as part of the budget 2023 discussions.

CARRIED

8. DIRECTOR ITEMS

9. ADJOURN

The October 13, 2022 regular board meeting be adjourned at 11:26 a.m.

CERTIFIED CORRECT:

L. Wooldridge, Chairperson

S. Horning, Deputy Corporate Officer

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