



## **MINUTES OF THE GOVERNANCE & REGIONAL SERVICES COMMITTEE MEETING**

**February 13, 2020  
Regional District Office, Cranbrook, BC**

PRESENT:	Chair R. Gay	Electoral Area C
	Director M. Sosnowski	Electoral Area A
	Director S. Doehle	Electoral Area B
	Director J. Walter	Electoral Area E
	Director S. Clovechok	Electoral Area F
	Director G. Wilkie	Electoral Area G
	Director L. Pratt	City of Cranbrook
	Director W. Graham	City of Cranbrook
	Director A. Qualizza	City of Fernie
	Director D. McCormick	City of Kimberley
	Alternate Director G. Taft	District of Invermere
	Director D. Wilks	District of Sparwood
	Director C. Reinhardt	Village of Radium Hot Springs
ABSENT:	Director D. McKerracher	District of Elkford
	Director A. Miller	District of Invermere
	Director K. Sterzer	Village of Canal Flats
STAFF:	S. Tomlin	Chief Administrative Officer
	S. Moskal	Corporate Officer
	C. Thom	Executive Assistant (Recording Secretary)

### **Call to Order**

Chair Rob Gay called the meeting to order at 10:03 am.

### **Adoption of the Agenda**

MOVED by Director Wilks

SECONDED by Director Sosnowski

THAT the agenda for the Governance & Regional Services Committee meeting be adopted.

CARRIED

### **Adoption of the Minutes**

#### **January 9, 2020 Meeting**

MOVED by Director Wilks

SECONDED by Director Walter

THAT the Minutes of the Governance & Regional Services Committee meeting held on January 9, 2020 be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED

### **Invited Presentations & Delegations**

#### **Solid Waste Management Plan**

Director Susan Clovechok and Director Don McCormick arrived to the meeting at 10:06 am.

Mairi Dalglish, Environmental Technologist, Sperling Hansen Associates Inc., reviewed the Regional Solid Waste Management Plan stating that regional districts are required by the *Environmental Management Act* to prepare plans for waste management. Ms. Dalglish noted the key plan strategies are to reduce waste and increase recycling, divert organic waste from the landfill, enhance residual waste management services, support Solid Waste Management Plan action items through policies and bylaws and increase promotion and education. Ms. Dalglish requested Board Endorsement of the Solid Waste Management Plan before submitting to Ministry of Environment for approval.

Alternate Director Gerry Taft arrived to the meeting at 10:12 am.

**Beyond Recycling Funding Request - Student Environmental Education Program**

Janelle Park, Beyond Recycling Educator, requested financial support for the Beyond Recycling Program. Ms. Park explained that the Beyond Recycling Program will expand and add to RDEK current education program's, deliver RDEK key messaging to young citizens and their families, support RDEK in goals laid out in the Regional Sustainability Strategy and Solid Waste Management Plan and continue to deliver Beyond Recycling to schools in the East Kootenay.

Director Ange Qualizza arrived to the meeting at 10:27 am.

**New Business****Solid Waste Management Plan Update**

49005

MOVED by Director Reinhardt

SECONDED by Director Sosnowski

THAT the Solid Waste Management Plan Update be approved and submitted to the Minister of Environment for review and approval.

CARRIED

**Regional District Chair & CAO Forum - Attendance Approval**

49006

MOVED by Director Sosnowski

SECONDED by Director Graham

THAT Chair Rob Gay be authorized to attend the Regional District Chair and CAO Forum held on March 24 - 25, 2020 in Victoria with expenses paid from General Administration.

CARRIED

Director Gerry Wilkie left the meeting at 10:42 am.

**Community Emergency Preparedness Fund - Emergency Support Services Training**

49007

MOVED by Director Clovechok

SECONDED by Director Walter

THAT the Community Emergency Preparedness Fund grant application for \$100,000 be submitted to organize an East Kootenay Emergency Support Services Training Conference, to create a regional Emergency Support Services Response Plan and to purchase necessary Emergency Support Services equipment, with the RDEK to provide overall grant administration.

CARRIED

Director Gerry Wilkie returned to the meeting at 10:43 am.

**Community Emergency Preparedness Fund - 2020 Flood Planning Program**

49008

MOVED by Director Reinhardt

SECONDED by Director Clovechok

THAT the Community Emergency Preparedness Fund – 2020 Flood Planning Program grant application for \$150,000 be submitted to conduct baseline flood hazard mapping across the region; with the RDEK to provide overall grant administration.

CARRIED

**Cheque Register - January 2020**

49009

MOVED by Director Wilks

SECONDED by Director Reinhardt

THAT the cheque register for the RDEK General Account for January 2020 in the amount of \$2,853,500.72 be approved as paid.

CARRIED

**Special Event Licence Application - Panorama Mountain Resort**

49010

MOVED by Director Clovechok

SECONDED by Director Reinhardt

THAT a Special Event Licence be issued to Panorama Mountain Resort for the Family Day Fireworks Show to be held at 2030 Summit Drive in Panorama on February 15, 2020;

and further, the Special Event is hereby exempt from Sections 4.1, 4.2 and 4.3 of Noise Control Regulation Bylaw No.1396 during the hours of 8:00 pm to 9:30 pm on February 15, 2020.

CARRIED

**Kootenay Indian Residential School Anniversary of Closing**

49011

MOVED by Director Wilks

SECONDED by Director Graham

THAT a grant in the amount of \$7,500 for the Kootenay Indian Residential School 1912-1970, 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Closing be approved to be paid from General Administration, and that the grant amount be included in the financial plan.

CARRIED

**AKBLG Resolution – Taxation of Broadband Infrastructure**

49012

MOVED by Alternate Director Doehle

SECONDED by Director Clovechok

THAT the following resolution be submitted to the 2020 Association of Kootenay and Boundary Local Governments Convention:

WHEREAS the cost to deploy broadband infrastructure to support connectivity services is significant and revenue opportunities in rural areas are often not adequate to provide a return on investment that would attract private investment, resulting in underserved rural communities throughout the province;

AND WHEREAS both the Provincial and Federal Governments have made universal access to broadband services a priority including through the provision of infrastructure grants to encourage private investment in rural areas; however, the ongoing property taxation of broadband infrastructure creates a significant additional cost which further inhibits the already strained business case for private investment in broadband connectivity;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the UBCM petition the Province of British Columbia to provide local governments with the ability to set tax rates for broadband infrastructure.

CARRIED

**Qat'muk Protected for Future Generations - Letter**

MOVED by Director Wilkie

SECONDED by Director Reinhardt

THAT a letter be sent to the Ktunaxa Nation Council in recognition of the milestone toward the creation of the Qat'muk Indigenous Protected and Conserved Area.

OPPOSED: Director Clovechok, Director Doehle, Director Graham, Director McCormick, Director Pratt, Director Reinhardt, Director Sosnowski, and Director Wilks

DEFEATED

**Audit Planning Report from BDO Canada LLP**

49013

MOVED by Director Wilks

SECONDED by Director Walter

THAT BDO Canada LLP be advised that for the purposes of the audit, the appropriate person in the governance structure with whom to communicate, is the Board Chair.

CARRIED

The meeting recessed at 11:30 am and reconvened at 11:37 am.

**Draft 2020 - 2024 Financial Plan**

Holly Ronnquist, CFO, presented the draft 2020-2024 Financial Plan.

**General Administration**

Director Lee Pratt left the meeting at 12:12 pm and returned to the meeting at 12:15 pm.

MOVED by Director Reinhardt

SECONDED by Director Clovechok

THAT the \$4,000 sponsorship of the 2020 Association of Kootenay and Boundary Local Governments Convention be paid from General Administration.

CARRIED

*Note: On February 14, 2020, the Board adopted Resolution 48989 to sponsor \$4,000 to the 2020 Association of Kootenay and Boundary Local Governments Convention paid from General Administration.*

**Beyond Recycling Program - New Funding Request**

MOVED by Alternate Director Taft

SECONDED by Director Qualizza

THAT a General Administration grant in the amount of \$10,000 be approved for Wildsight to support the 2020/21 Beyond Recycling Program in 2020.

OPPOSED: Director Gay, Director Graham, Director Pratt, Director Reinhardt, and Director Wilks

CARRIED

*Note: On February 14, 2020 the Board defeated a motion to provide funding for the Beyond Recycling Program (Resolution 49014).*

Directors Lee Pratt, Gerry Wilkie and Wesly Graham left the meeting at 12:39 pm.

Director Gerry Wilkie returned to the meeting at 12:40 pm

Director Clara Reinhardt left the meeting at 12:49 pm and returned at 12:50 pm.

**Allocation of BC Hydro Payment-in-lieu-of-taxes - Aberfeldie Dam**

49015

MOVED by Director Clovechok

SECONDED by Director Reinhardt

THAT for 2020, \$30,000 of the BC Hydro payment-in-lieu-of-taxes for the Aberfeldie Dam be allocated in the amount of \$20,000 to the Regional Parks service, for Wycliffe Exhibition Grounds improvement projects and \$10,000 to Cranbrook Library Contribution service.

CARRIED

**Bylaws****Bylaw No. 2978 (Board Remuneration) - Introduction**

49016

MOVED by Director Reinhardt

SECONDED by Director Wilkie

THAT Bylaw No. 2978 cited as "Regional District of East Kootenay – Board Remuneration Bylaw No. 2978, 2020" be introduced.

CARRIED

**Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 12:45 pm.

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Chair Rob C. Gay

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Shannon Moskal, Corporate Officer