

Okanagan Water Stewardship Council

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE OKANAGAN WATER STEWARDSHIP COUNCIL HELD ON NOVEMBER 09, 2006 AT THE RAMADA LODGE HOTEL, KELOWNA, BC.

PRESENT:

Chair Tom Siddon, Co-Chair of Water Flagship Group, Okanagan Partnership
~~Vice Chair Ted van der Gulik, Ministry of Agriculture and Lands (absent)~~
Bob Hrasko, Director, Water Supply Association
~~Valerie Cameron, Water Stewardship Division, Ministry of Environment (absent)~~
Paul Kluckner, Regional Director, Environment Canada
Deana Machin, Manager, Fisheries Program, Okanagan Nation Alliance
~~Rob Smailes, Director, Development Services, Regional District North Okanagan (absent)~~
Marty Willfong, Development Services, Regional District Okanagan-Similkameen
~~David Arsenaault, Regional Growth Strategy Coordinator, Okanagan-Similkameen (absent)~~
~~Brian Symonds, A/Director, Regional Operations, Ministry of Environment (absent)~~
Dr. Bernie Bauer, Dean of Arts and Sciences, UBC Okanagan
~~Dr. Jeff Curtis, UBC Okanagan (absent)~~
~~Dr. Brian Guy, Director, BC Branch, Canadian Water Resource Association (absent)~~
Mike Adams, Drinking Water Protection Officer, North Okanagan Interior Health
Gord Shandler, Water Commission, BC Fruit Growers Association
~~Hans Buchler, Chair, Water Committee, BC Agriculture Council (absent)~~
Dr. Scott Schillereff, Vice President, BC Ground Water Association
~~Dave Casorso, BC Cattleman's Association (absent)~~
Grant Maddock, Protech Engineering, Urban Development Institute
~~Allison MacMillan, Okanagan College (absent)~~
Michelle Boshard, Osoyoos Lake Water Quality Society
Rick McKelvey, Member at Large
Drew Kaiser, CORD Environmental Advisory Committee
Ken Arcuri, Planning Services, Regional District Central Okanagan
~~Leah Hartley, Planner, Regional District of Central Okanagan (absent)~~
~~Neal Klassen, Contractor/Operator, City/Kelowna Water Conservation Program (absent)~~
Stu Wells, Community Futures
Dr. Peter Dill, Director, Friends of Mission Creek
~~Dr. Denise Neilsen, Research Scientist, Agriculture Canada (absent)~~
~~Tricia Brett, Greater Vernon Water Stewardship Committee (absent)~~

STAFF:

Greg Armour, Program Manager, Okanagan Basin Water Board
Dr. Anna Warwick Sears, Water Stewardship Director
Genevieve Doyle, Project Assistant
Debbie Taylor, Recording Secretary

OTHERS

PRESENT:

Fred Wrona, Environment Canada
Andrew Wilson, Ministry of Environment
John Slater, Chair, Okanagan Basin Water Board
Judie Steeves, Kelowna Capital News

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Chair Siddon called the meeting to order at 11:25 a.m.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Moved by Bob Hrasko

Seconded by Michelle Boshard

"That the agenda of the November 09, 2006 meeting of the Okanagan Water Stewardship Council be approved as circulated."

CARRIED.

3. INTRODUCTION OF LATE ITEMS

None

4. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

Moved by Bernie Bauer

Seconded by Peter Dill

"That the minutes of a meeting of the Okanagan Water Stewardship Council held on October 12, 2006 at the Regional District of Central Okanagan be adopted as circulated."

CARRIED.

5. NEW AND UNFINISHED BUSINESS**5.1 Presentations on Environmental Considerations with Water Management****5.1.1 Paul Kluckner and Fred Wrona, Environment Canada: Species and Riparian Issues with Water Management****5.1.2 Andrew Wilson, Ministry of Environment: Water Management Issues and the Okanagan Lake Action Plan**

Mr. Kaiser entered the meeting at 11:40 a.m.

Dr. Schillereff and Mr. Willfong entered the meeting at 11:56 a.m.

Mr. Adams entered the meeting at 12:42 p.m.

The OWSC broke for lunch at 12:43 p.m. and reconvened at 1:15 p.m.

5.1.3 Peter Dill, Friends of Mission Creek: Improving Water Temperature for Kokanee Salmon of Mission Creek, BC

Ms. Boshard exited the meeting at 1:52 p.m.

Mr. Wilson exited the meeting at 2:07 p.m.

5.1.4 Panel, Question and Answer Period and Discussion

Fred Wrona, Director of the Aquatic Ecosystems Impact Research Branch advised the Council that Environment Canada was considering implementing some projects in the Okanagan Valley. He added that funds were available this year to put in some improved monitoring systems which could measure the evaporation on Okanagan Lake and to do other monitoring work in the valley.

5.1.5 Actions Recommended by the OWSC

The Council agreed that although learning about issues was important they must move forward on producing a success.

The meeting broke for a recess at 3:30 p.m. and reconvened at 3:45 p.m.

5.2 Foreshore Development Policy Concerns of RDCO Environmental Advisory Commission

Some members agreed that it was not in the mandate of the Council to develop or enforce a regional policy regarding foreshore development.

The Council stated that they must be well informed before making recommendations to the OBWB. They suggested Mr. Kaiser submit an advisory paper to the Council.

5.3 Matters Arising from the Okanagan Basin Water Board Meeting of November 07, 2006

5.3.1 Update on OBWB meeting

The OBWB approved the Provisional Budget for 2007 and 2008 subject to clarification of the increase in administration costs.

Genevieve Doyle will be continuing her employment with the OBWB as Project Assistant.

Water Quality and Quantity Improvement Grant Applications

would be accepted to March 01, 2007. Recommended grant applications would be presented at the OBWB meeting to be scheduled for April 2007.

Mr. Maddock exited the meeting at 4:23 p.m.

5.3.2 OBWB/OWSC Logo Update

The OBWB requested reviewing additional designs before making a decision on the proposed logos.

6. REPORTS FROM STAFF and/or COMMITTEE GROUPS

6.1 Principles Committee Update

Moved by Scott Schillereff

Seconded by Bernie Bauer

"The Five Guiding Principles for Water Management in the Okanagan Basin were adopted."

CARRIED.

6.2 Water Supply and Demand Study Update – Request for Input on User Needs

Dr. Sears suggested tabling Item 6.2 to the December meeting when Wenda Mason would be making a presentation.

Discussion ensued regarding November 07, 2006 press release regarding Phase 2 of the Water Supply and Demand Study.

6.3 OBWB Webpage and Waterbucket Website Update

December 01, 2006 would be the target date for the official press release of the OBWB Website.

A meeting with representatives of the Waterbucket Website is scheduled for Friday, November 10, 2006 in Kelowna.

7. CORRESPONDENCE

No correspondence received.

8. NEXT MEETING**8.1 Venue for December 14, 2006 OWSC Meeting**

Details of the meeting scheduled for December 14, 2006 would be forthcoming.

8.2 Dates for 2007 OWSC Meetings

The Council agreed that meetings would continue to be scheduled for the second Thursday of each month in 2007.

9. ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Stu Wells

"That there being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 4:41 p.m."

CARRIED.

Certified Correct:

Chair

Program Manager