

## *Okanagan Water Stewardship Council*

### MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE OKANAGAN WATER STEWARDSHIP COUNCIL HELD ON APRIL 12, 2007 AT THE COAST CAPRI HOTEL, KELOWNA, BC.

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#### **PRESENT:**

Chair Tom Siddon, Okanagan Partnership  
Vice Chair Ted van der Gulik, Ministry of Agriculture and Lands  
~~Bob Hrasko, Director, Water Supply Association (absent)~~  
Valerie Cameron, Water Stewardship Division, Ministry of Environment  
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 (absent)~~  
Jillian Tamblyn, Environmental Coordinator, Regional District of Okanagan-Similkameen  
~~Brian Symonds, A/Director, Regional Operations, Ministry of Environment (absent)~~  
Dr. Bernie Bauer, Dean of Arts and Sciences, UBC Okanagan  
~~Dr. Brian Guy, Director, BC Branch, Canadian Water Resource Association (absent)~~  
~~Mike Adams, Drinking Water Protection Officer, Interior Health Authority (absent)~~  
Gord Shandler, Water Commission, BC Fruit Growers Association  
Hans Buchler, Chair, Water Committee, BC Agriculture Council  
~~Dr. Scott Schillereff, Vice President, BC Ground Water Association (absent)~~  
~~Doug Geller, BC Ground Water Association (absent)~~  
Lee Hesketh, BC Cattleman's Association  
Grant Maddock, Protech Engineering, Urban Development Institute (absent)  
Allison MacMillan, Okanagan College (absent)  
~~Michelle Boshard, Osoyoos Lake Water Quality Society (absent)~~  
~~Rick McKelvey, Member at Large (absent)~~  
Drew Kaiser, CORD Environmental Advisory Committee  
~~Ken Arcuri, Planning Services, Regional District Central Okanagan (absent)~~  
~~Neal Klassen, Contractor/Operator, City/Kelowna Water Conservation Program (absent)~~  
~~Stu Wells, Community Futures (absent)~~  
~~Dr. Peter Dill, Director, Friends of Mission Creek (absent)~~  
Dr. Denise Neilsen, Research Scientist, Agriculture Canada  
Tricia Brett, Greater Vernon Water Stewardship Committee

#### **STAFF:**

Dr. Anna Warwick Sears, Water Stewardship Director  
Genevieve Doyle, Water Stewardship Coordinator

#### **OTHERS**

#### **PRESENT:**

John Slater, Chair, Okanagan Basin Water Board  
Buffy Baumbrough, Director, Okanagan Basin Water Board

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**1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER**

Chair Siddon called the meeting to order at 4:05 pm

**2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

**Moved by** Bernie Bauer

**Seconded by** Hans Buchler

*"That the agenda of the April 12, 2007 meeting of the Okanagan Water Stewardship Council be approved as circulated."*

**CARRIED.**

**3. INTRODUCTION OF LATE ITEMS**

Item 5.2 being an update on Endocrine Disruptor Research sub-committee as appointed at the March 8, 2007 regular meeting of the Okanagan Water Stewardship Council

**4. ADOPTION OF MINUTES**

Corrections to the minutes as follows: Jillian Tamblyn, Environmental Coordinator, RDOS is listed as present for the March 8, 2007 meeting when in fact she was absent; that the title for Item 5.2 be changed to "Okanagan Nation Panel Presentation" to more accurately reflect that there is only one First Nation in the Valley; that Item 5.3 include the notation that there is to be a representative from the BC Ministry of Environment on the sub-committee for Endocrine Disruptor research in Okanagan Lake; and that the action item "*Valerie Cameron to recommend an appropriate MoE staff person for the research subcommittee*" be included on Item 5.3.

**Moved by** Valerie Cameron

**Seconded by** Deana Machin

*"That the minutes of a meeting of the Okanagan Water Stewardship Council held on March 08, 2007 at the Manteo Resort, Kelowna, BC be adopted as ammended."*

**CARRIED.**

**5. NEW AND UNFINISHED BUSINESS****5.1 Adoption of January OWSC meeting summary**

Dr. Anna Warwick Sears asked that this agenda item be tabled as she had recently received more feedback on the summary and wished to incorporate

those comments into the summary document before adopting them.

Tricia Brett suggested that when Dr. Sears circulates the meeting summaries via email that she include a deadline.

## **5.2 Update on Endocrine Disruptor Research Subcommittee**

Dr. Bernie Bauer discussed that the subcommittee had not yet made progress because a chair for the committee had not been appointed. He also expressed reluctance to be the chair of this particular committee as UBC-O could stand to benefit from the recommendations of the committee and he felt it could be a conflict of interest. Dr. Bauer suggested that Mike Adams be the chair as the IHA will not benefit from the research recommendations of the committee.

## **6. REPORTS FROM STAFF and/or COMMITTEE GROUPS**

### **6.1 Matters Arising from April 03, 2007 OBWB Meeting**

Dr. Sears highlighted the April 03, 2007 OBWB meeting, mentioning there was a delegation from the Ministry of Environment who presented on the BC Hydrometric Network and their proposal that the Okanagan be a pilot project for more regional involvement in this network.

#### **6.1.1 Support of Osoyoos Lake Water Forum**

Dr. Sears said that at the OBWB will support the Osoyoos Lake Water Forum with a contribution of \$5000.00

#### **6.1.2 Letter of support to Diana Allen's groundwater research group**

Dr. Sears circulated a letter of support written by the board

Ted Van der Gulik asked Dr. Sears if the OBWB had received a response from the Minister of Agriculture regarding the sale of leased lots around reservoirs and Dr. Sears affirmed that a letter had been received. Mr. Van der Gulik then explained that he had been in contact with the Minister who has committed to tracking the original letter sent from the OBWB explaining its position, and will respond shortly.

Buffy Bamborough exited the meeting at 4:20 pm

John Slater mentioned that the OBWB and OWSC should have a recommended plan or solution in place for the leased lots around reservoirs when in discussions with the Integrated Land Management Bureau (ILMB) rather than having a blanket statement that disagrees with any change to the current scenario.

Buffy Bamborough re-entered the meeting at 4:23 pm

Tom Siddon suggested that Bob Hrasco take the lead on developing such a plan to present to ILMB.

Ted Van der Gulik expressed that after corresponding with the Minister of Agriculture it appears that the ILMB is much more clear on the OBWB and OWSC's position regarding the sale of leased reservoir lots and that options are being discussed.

## **7. CORRESPONDENCE**

### **7.1 Email from Dave Casorso regarding proposal for new national park in the Okanagan-Similkameen**

Valerie Cameron mentioned that she had received an email in regards to concerns that the agricultural sector has in light of the possible creation of a new national park in the Okanagan Similkameen. Farmers are concerned about their agriculture water licenses.

Dr. Sears asked Lee Hesketh to follow up with Dave Casorso to fully understand the scenario.

Paul Kluckner suggested that a representative from Parks Canada also speak to the OWSC in regards to this issue.

Valerie Cameron then indicated that while she wanted to bring these concerns to the Council's attention, a discussion on it should be saved for a later date.

## **8. NEXT MEETING**

### **8.1 May 10, 2007 Meeting: Water and Agriculture**

The May 10, 2007 meeting of the Council will be focused on agricultural water use, and will be held at the Summerland Research Station. The meeting will begin at 10 am to allow enough time for the full agenda planned.

### **8.2 June 14, 2007 Meeting: Water Conservation**

The June 14, 2007 meeting of the Council will be focused on water conservation.

### **8.3 July 12, 2007 Meeting: Water Economics**

The July 12, 2007 session was mentioned as tentative, but Dr. Sears expressed her interest in holding this meeting and taking the month of August off and in order to get through the work plan as scheduled.

9. **ADJOURNMENT**

**Moved by** Paul Kluckner

**Seconded by** Denise Neilsen

*"That there being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 4:35 p.m."*

***CARRIED.***

Certified Correct:

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Chair

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Program Manager