



**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE OKANAGAN BASIN WATER BOARD HELD  
June 3, 2008, AT THE REGIONAL DISTRICT OF OKANAGAN-SIMILKAMEEN 101  
MARTIN STREET, PENTICTON, BC**

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**PRESENT:**

Chair John Slater	Regional District Okanagan-Similkameen
Director Dan Ashton	Regional District Okanagan-Similkameen
Director Lorraine Bennest	Regional District Okanagan-Similkameen
Director Patty Hanson	<del>Regional District Central Okanagan</del>
Director Robert Hobson	<del>Regional District Central Okanagan</del>
Director Graham Reid	Regional District Central Okanagan
Director Rick Fairbairn	Regional District North Okanagan
Director Buffy Baumbrough	Regional District North Okanagan
Director Glen Taylor	Regional District North Okanagan
Director Tom Siddon	Okanagan Water Stewardship Council
Director Toby Pike	Water Supply Association of B.C.
Director Tim Manuel	<del>Okanagan Nation Alliance</del>
Alternate Director Doug Findlater	Regional District Central Okanagan

**STAFF:**

Dr. Anna Warwick Sears	Executive Director, OBWB
Nelson R. Jatel	Water Stewardship Director, OBWB
Genevieve Dunbar	Water Stewardship Coordinator, OBWB
Monique Stone	Administration, OBWB
Shawn Edwards	Communications Assistant, OBWB

**1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER**

Chair Slater called the meeting to order at 10:04am.

**2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Item 8.4 Letter from Ida Chong, Minister Community Services regarding Regional Governance in Okanagan-Similkameen valleys.

**Moved by Director Reid**

**Seconded by Director Baumbrough**

***“That the agenda of the regular meeting of the Okanagan Basin Water Board on June 3,, 2008 be approved as amended”.***

***CARRIED.***

**3. INTRODUCTION OF LATE ITEMS**

Item 8.4 Letter from Ida Chong, Minister Community Services regarding Regional Governance in Okanagan-Similkameen valleys.

#### **4. ADOPTION OF MINUTES**

4.1 Minutes of a Regular Meeting of the Okanagan Basin Water Board of May 6<sup>th</sup>, 2008 at the Regional District of North Okanagan.

Moved by Director Baumbrough

Seconded by Director Fairbairn

*"That the minutes of the regular meeting of the Okanagan Basin Water Board of May 6, 2008 at the Regional District of North Okanagan be adopted as circulated".*

#### **5. DELEGATIONS**

No Delegations.

#### **6. NEW AND UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

6.1 Turbidity Report – Staff Summary

Dr. Sears presented the board her summary report of the Water Qualities Advisories Report from the Ministry of Health released April 23, 2008.

Moved by Director Reid

Seconded by Director Bennest

*"That the Okanagan Basin Water Board direct staff to send a letter to George Abbott, Minister of Health, requesting that they be informed of any developments regarding the Ministry of Health Report: Turbidity and Microbial Risk in Drinking Water".*

**CARRIED.**

6.2 Program Review Planning – request for input.

Dr. Sears explained that due to the fact that the Okanagan Basin Water Board's three year Water Management Program will be concluded April 1, 2009, she would like to have feedback from the Board to identify what components are working and what should be changed before seeking endorsement from the Regional Districts.

Chair Slater stated that to allow for a more thorough evaluation, the Board should have a completed program review two weeks prior to the August board meeting.

#### **7. STAFF REPORTS**

7.1 Executive Director Report

Dr. Sears reported that she is continuing to have discussions with the Central Okanagan Regional District and the City of Vernon regarding Okanagan Basin Water Board office accommodation. Brian Reardon has indicated that the previous deadline for the office space at NORD can be extended from September to January.

Dr. Sears informed the Board that the Regional District of North Okanagan is waiting for a response from Ministry of Community Services about whether it is possible for

the City to review the Okanagan Basin Water Board function under the Local Government Act.

Dr. Sears requested to the Board that the Okanagan Basin Water Board formally endorse and adopt the Water Supply & Demand Project's 3-year budget. Alan Harris, CFO Regional District of North Okanagan, has requested this to meet the auditor's requirements.

**Moved by Director Reid**

**Seconded by Director Taylor**

***"That the Okanagan Basin Water Board adopt into its own budget the Water Supply and Demand Project's three year budget".***

***CARRIED.***

#### 7.1.1 BC Chamber of Commerce Water Conservation Policies

Dr. Sears explained that she included this document for the Board's information. The Chamber policies have been adopted province-wide. The document explains how water efficiency will generate new economic activities for water related manufacturing and service sectors, encouraging new business opportunities and job creation.

#### 7.1.2 Board Report

Dr. Sears presented the Board with the first edition of the monthly Okanagan Basin Water Board "Board Report"; a summary of the previous month's board meeting.

#### 7.2 Water Stewardship Director Report

Mr. Jatel reported that the Water Stewardship Council had the opportunity to review and provide input on the first draft of the Sustainable Water Strategy at the last meeting and the feedback was significant. Strong participation from the Council and the diverse membership provided for many recommendations, strengthening the content and themes presented throughout. He explained that he will submit the Sustainable Water Strategy for Board member's review July 3, 2008 to recommend approval at the July 8<sup>th</sup>, 2008 board meeting.

Chair Slater inquired whether the board members could receive the document sooner than July 3, 2008 to allow more time for review.

Mr. Jatel responded that he will forward it as soon as possible but no later than July 3<sup>rd</sup>.

Mr. Jatel informed the Board that regarding the Endocrine Disruptor Project UBC Okanagan Professor Dr. Jeff Curtis has identified the Master Student who will be working on the ED project as Tricia Brett. She will begin working on the project beginning September 2008. In addition, a UBC Okanagan student is scheduled to start sample collection in the early summer of 2008 under the guidance of Dr. Jeff

Curtis. With regards to the project budget, partnership funding from the Province of BC, Ministry of Environment, for \$12,000 was confirmed.

7.2.1 Minutes of the Okanagan Water Stewardship Council Meeting of May 15<sup>th</sup>, 2008

Moved by Director Fairbairn

Seconded by Director Bennest

*"That the minutes of the Okanagan Water Stewardship Council meeting of May 15, 2008 be adopted as circulated".*

**CARRIED.**

7.2.2 Report on Water Governance Workshops

Mr. Jatel presented the Board with a summary of the Okanagan Water Governance workshops of May 21<sup>st</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup>. He explained that the goals of the workshop were to share experiences and perspectives about the evolution of water governance in BC; identify opportunities for advancing water governance in BC; and to hold a forum for dialogue to exchange information among the Province, local interest and users about water governance.

7.2.3 Priority Action Areas

Mr. Jatel supplied a draft version of the Okanagan Basin Water Board's top eleven action items to be included in the Sustainable Water Strategy.

Board members agreed that the items contained within the draft required more context.

**8 CORRESPONDENCE**

8.1 Letter from Minister Pat Bell regarding reservoir lease lots

8.2 Letter to Minister Pat Bell regarding reservoir lease lots

8.3 Swalwell (Beaver) Lake referral letter

8.4 Letter from Minister Ida Chong regarding regional governance in the Okanagan-Similkameen Valleys (late item)

Moved by Director Taylor

Seconded by Director Fairbairn

*"That the Okanagan Basin Water Board receive the following letters:*

- 1.) From Minister Pat Bell regarding reservoir lease lots*
- 2.) to Minister Pat Bell regarding reservoir lease lots*
- 3.) Swalwell Lake (Beaver) referral letter*
- 4.) From Minister Ida Chong regarding regional governance in the Okanagan-Similkameen Valleys*

**CARRIED.**

The meeting broke for lunch at 12:10 and reconvened at 12:45

**9. NEXT MEETING**

9.1 The next meeting of the Okanagan Basin Water Board is scheduled for July 8, 2008 at the Regional District of North Okanagan.

**10. ADJOURN TO IN CAMERA MEEETING**

Moved by Director Taylor

Seconded by Director Baumbrough

*"That the Okanagan Basin Water Board adjourn to an in-camera meeting at 1:00".*

**CARRIED.**

**11. ADJOURNMENT**

Moved by Director Taylor

Seconded by Director Baumbrough

*"That there being no further business, the regular and in-camera meeting of the Okanagan Basin Water Board of June 3, 2008 be adjourned at 1:25pm".*

**CARRIED.**

Certified Correct:		
Chair		Executive Director