



MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE OKANAGAN WATER STEWARDSHIP COUNCIL HELD  
ON SEPTEMBER 4, 2008, 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
<del>Allison MacMillan</del>	<del>Okanagan College</del>
Dr. Bernie Bauer	UBC Okanagan
Bob Hrasko	Water Supply Association of BC
Dr. Brian Guy	CWRA
<del>Bryn White</del>	<del>SOSCP</del>
<del>Dr. Denise Neilsen</del>	<del>Agriculture Canada</del>
<del>Doug Geller</del>	<del>BC Ground Water Association</del>
<del>Drew Kaiser</del>	<del>CORD Environmental Advisory Committee</del>
<del>Gord Shandler</del>	<del>BC Fruit Growers Association</del>
Grant Maddock	Urban Development Institute
Hans Buchler	BC Agriculture Council
Hillary Hettinga	Regional District of Central Okanagan
<del>Howie Wright</del>	<del>Okanagan Nation Alliance</del>
<del>Jillian Tamblin</del>	<del>Regional Dist of Okanagan Similkameen</del>
Ken Cunningham	Ministry of Environment, Water Stewardship
<del>Kendall Woo</del>	<del>Environment Canada – Pacific &amp; Yukon Region</del>
Dan Millar (alternate)	Environment Canada – Pacific & Yukon Region
Kerry Rouck	Shuswap Okanagan Forestry Association
<del>Lee Hesketh</del>	<del>BC Cattlemen's Association</del>
Lorne Davies	OCEOLA Fish and Game Club
Mike Adams	Interior Health Authority
Anna Page	Regional District of North Okanagan
<del>Tricia Brett</del>	<del>Greater Vernon Water Stewardship Committee</del>
Stu Wells	Community Futures

**STAFF:**

Dr. Anna Warwick Sears	Executive Director, OBWB
Nelson Jatel	Water Stewardship Director, OBWB
Genevieve Dunbar	Water Stewardship Coordinator, OBWB
Monique Stone	Administration, OBWB

**OTHERS PRESENT:**

Lynn Kriwoken  
Donna Caddie  
Elizabeth Sigalet

Ministry of Environment  
Ministry of Environment  
Interior Health Authority

**1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER**

Chair Siddon called the meeting to order at 1:07pm

**2. INTRODUCTION OF MEMBERS AND GUESTS**

Chair Siddon introduced all members and guests

**3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Moved by Bob Hrasko

Seconded by Bernie Bauer

*"That the agenda for the September 4<sup>th</sup>, 2008 meeting of the Okanagan Water Stewardship Council be approved".*

**CARRIED.**

**4. ADOPTION OF MINUTES**

4.1 Minutes of a regular meeting of the Okanagan Water Stewardship Council held July 10<sup>th</sup> 2008 at Quail's Gate Estate Winery

Moved by Stu Wells

Seconded by Mike Adams

*" That the minutes from the July 10<sup>th</sup>, 2008 meeting of the Okanagan Water Stewardship Council be approved as circulated".*

**CARRIED.**

**5. REPORTS FROM STAFF**

5.1 OBWB –Board Report(s)

5.1.1 OBWB Water Management Program Review

Dr. Sears explained that the OBWB Water Management Program expires in March 2009 and she has been presenting the document -the Water Management Program Review- to all the regional districts and municipalities in the Okanagan Valley. The document describes what the OBWB has accomplished over the past two and a half years as well as what its future goals are.

Dr. Siddon inquired how the election process in November will effect the decision making process.

Mr. Jatel responded that the hope is that the current government will endorse the Water Management function , providing a recommendation to the newly elected local governments who will be responsible for approving the OBWB's activities.

#### 5.1.2 Sustainable Water Strategy – Action Plan 1.0

Mr. Jatel explained that the final content for the Sustainable Water Strategy will be completed by September 11 therefore there is still time to review and provide feedback; new ideas can be incorporated. Recently, Ducks Unlimited provided a four page review, as well Dr. Larder from Interior Health submitted very valuable input.

#### 5.1.3 Groundwater Bylaws Toolkit

Mr. Jatel reported that the first draft of the Groundwater Bylaws Toolkit will be completed September 15. Lawyer Deborah Curran of Deborah Curran & Company is one of the writers of the document and is developing new groundwater template bylaws for local governments. Doug Geller is writing a chapter on what questions should be asked scientifically. The launch of the first draft of the Toolkit will be at the One Watershed-One Water Conference, October 21.

### 6. **PRESENTATION**

#### 6.1 Lynn Kriwoken, Director, Innovation and Planning Team, Water Stewardship Division, BC Ministry of Environment

Ms. Kriwoken gave the Council a presentation on *Living Water Smart* – the provincial government's vision and plan to keep our water healthy and secure for the future. Through this plan, the BC government commits to new actions and targets – and builds on existing efforts to protect and keep our water safe.

### 7. **WORKING GROUPS AND STATUS REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES**

#### 7.1 One Watershed – One Water Conference Update

Mr. Jatel informed the Council that the conference is progressing smoothly. The organizing committee is meeting September 5 to finalize details regarding registration, sponsorship and logistical issues. The early registration deadline is September 12.

### 8. **NEW AND UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

#### 8.1 Reservoir Lease Lots – Update

Mr. Jatel explained that due to the recent Provincial Cabinet shuffle a new ministry was created called Ministry of Healthy Living and Sport and the drinking water protection act

has been moved to this new ministry. A recent letter from the appointed minister, Stan Hagen, announced there is a two year moratorium on the sale of lots on reservoir lakes. In the letter the Minister states he would like additional science data and background information before making a decision.

Dr. Bauer inquired who is responsible for getting the science data to the ministry and what is the role of the OBWB within this two year study.

Mr. Jatel stated that this has not been made clear as of yet who is responsible.

Council members agreed it should be brought to the Board's attention at the next OBWB meeting that the Board and Council should be proactive in pursuing this information from Minister Hagen.

## 8.2 Groundwater Management in the Okanagan – Update

Deferred to the next Okanagan Water Stewardship Council meeting.

## 9. NEXT MEETING

9.1 The next meeting of the Okanagan Stewardship Council will be held November 13th, 2008 at the EECO Centre, Kelowna BC

## 10. ADOURNMENT

Moved by Bernie Bauer

Seconded by Hans Buchler

*"That there being no further business, the meeting of the Okanagan Water Stewardship Council of September 4, 2008 be adjourned".*

**CARRIED**

CERTIFIED CORRECT:

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CHAIR

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Executive Director