

**Advisory Planning Commission Minutes
RDOS Electoral Area "A" Monday April 11, 2015
Sonora Centre, Osoyoos, BC**

Present:

Acting Secretary: Mark Mckenney

Members: Chair Peter Beckett, Vice Chair Mark Mckenney, Gerald Hesketh, Bill Plaskett, Grant Montgomery; In attendance: Area A Director Mark Pendergraft.

Regrets: Bonnie Douglas, Dwayne Svendsen

Meeting was called to Order at 7:05 pm

Minutes of previous meeting were adopted by consensus

Agenda adopted by consensus

Delegations: Christopher Garrish, RDOS

Agenda item 2.1

Update of General Regulation for Agricultural Uses & Development

Mr. Garrish made a presentation regarding the scope of these proposed amendments. Their purpose is to provide amendments to "Keeping of Livestock; Setbacks for Buildings, Structures, & Farm Areas for Farm Uses"; to introduce General Regulations respecting "Kennels" and amend various Site Specific definitions in the Bylaws.

Mr. Garrish described how these amendments seek to standardize these bylaw provisions across as many Electoral Areas in the RDOS as possible.

Discussion

Mr. Garrish's presentation was very specific and complex in terms of the various amendments that are proposed by planning staff.

Keeping of Livestock Regulations

Area "A" APC members asked many questions relating to the proposed amendments. When considering specific livestock limitations APC members expressed their concerns that they do not have specific knowledge pertaining to the best practices for the keeping of livestock to offer a fair opinion to the RDOS (number of horses, chickens, whether roosters should be allowed or not etc.).

Setbacks for Buildings, Structures, & Farm Areas for Farm Uses

Area "A" APC members had similar comments about the setbacks provisions, indication that these proposed changes may have implications on the agricultural community or non-agricultural property owners that APC is not aware of. For example, setbacks of 3.5 M are allowed now in Area and the proposal to move to 4.0 M may have implications on existing land owners, and should be analysed before APC comments.

Temporary Farm Worker Housing

Area "A" APC members commented that the subject amendments are very technical and complex and may have implications beyond the scope of knowledge of the APC members. This being the case more explanation and consultation with potentially affected RDOS citizens should be considered.

Grant Montgomery provided additional information to APC members (by email April 12, 2016) on the correct standards for temporary worker's accommodation.

Chairman Beckett commented that each of these subject areas is of sufficient complexity that perhaps they should be dealt with independently as individual subject areas to allow better understanding and consideration by APC members.

Motion

Made by Bill Plaskett, Seconded Gerald Hesketh

That the APC recommends to the RDOS Board that the proposed amendments related to the **Update of General Regulation for Agricultural Uses & Development** be approved with conditions:

- Prior to APC comments a focus group of agricultural stakeholders should be convened to discuss the proposed bylaw amendments and seek their input
- Consideration of changing the 3.5 Ha setback in Area A to 4.0 should be analysed by RDOS staff as to its implications on existing land owners, and reported to APC
- Setback amendments for livestock should be discussed with the agricultural community and other stakeholders to determine best practices

The Motion is CARRIED unanimously.

Agenda Item 2.2

APC Bylaw No. 2339 5.1 Appointment of APC Positions

By consensus the APC appointed these positions for 2016:

- Chair – Peter Beckett
- Vice Chair – Mark McKenney
- Secretary – Bonnie Douglas

Motion Made by Mark McKenney, Seconded Bill Plaskett

The Motion is CARRIED unanimously

Motion to Adjourn

Made by Gerald Hesketh, Seconded Bill Plaskett

For the motion: Unanimous

Opposed: None

The Motion is CARRIED

Meeting Concluded at 8:50 PM



Mark McKenney

Peter Beckett