Minutes of Area "F" Advisory Planning Commission

DATE: December 2, 2015

TIME: 8:00 pm.

Minutes of Area "F" Advisory Planning Commission held at West Bench Elementary School, 1604 West Bench Drive, Penticton at the above mentioned date and time.

Present:

Natalie Minunzie, Chair Sandy Berry, Vice Chair Stewart Patterson, Secretary Bob Nicholson

Also Present:

Michael Brydon, Director, Area "F"
Christopher Garrish, Planning Supervisor
Bryn White, Project Manager
Alison Peatt

Absent: Don Barron

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1. Adoption of Agenda:

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Moved, seconded and adopted unanimously.

2. Adoption of Minutes for APC meeting Thursday. November 5. 2015.

Moved, seconded and adopted unanimously.

3. Other:

3.1. Introduction of Environmentally Sensitive Development Permit Areas (ESPD) Electoral Area "F" Official Community Plan (OCP) Bylaw Amendment. Administrative Report submitted by Christopher Garrish, Planning Supervisor.

The Administrative Report sets out the proposed amendments to the Electoral Area "F" Official Community Plan (OCP) Bylaw for the purpose of introducing an Environmentally Sensitive Development Permit (ESDP) Area designation as part of the biodiversity strategy, *Keeping Nature in Our Future*, adopted by the RDOS Board in September, 2013.

Motion:

THAT the APC recommends to the RDOS Board that the proposed amendments related to the ESDP Area Update be approved.

Seconded and approved unanimously.

3.2. Proposed Regional Conservation Fund.

Administrative Report submitted by Bryn White, Project Manager.

Following the Board approval in principle, in July 2014, for the establishment of a "conservation fund," the RDOS is working with the South Okanagan Similkameen Conservation Program (SOSCP) to gauge public support for the establishment of a local Regional Conservation Fund as a means of financing conservation for the South Okanagan and Similkameen valleys.

The fund would be overseen by local government, with guidance from an independent technical committee and with established, clear Terms of Reference, the results of projects being reported to the public annually.

Motion:

THAT the APC advises the Board that the conservation fund be supported in principle and recommends that the RDOS Board continue to work with SOSCP to conduct public consultation and assent on the conservation fund proposal, with the following suggestion:

THAT the RDOS set an annual requisition of \$10 to \$20.00 per property.

Seconded and approved unanimously.

Rationale: This will provide a reliable source of funding to create a significant natural legacy for future generations in this region.

4. Adjournment:

Moved, seconded and passed that the meeting be adjourned at 8:30 pm.

Natalie Minunzie

Advisory Planning Commission Chair

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Advisory Planning Commission Secretary