



OLDMAN RIVER REGIONAL SERVICES COMMISSION

MINUTES - 2 (2008)

ANNUAL GENERAL BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETING

Thursday, June 5, 2008 – 7:00 - 7:30 p.m.

Coaldale Kin Picnic Shelter: 2304 - 16 Avenue, Coaldale

BOARD OF DIRECTORS:

- Bill Graff (absent) Village of Arrowwood
Del Bodnarek Village of Barnwell
Alf Olsen Village of Barons
Neal Miller (absent) Cardston County
Robert Russell (absent) Town of Cardston
Art Cogdale (absent) Village of Carmangay
Trevor Wagenvoort (absent) .Village of Champion
Doug MacPherson (absent) .. Town of Claresholm
Vic Mensch Town of Coaldale
Dennis Cassie Town of Coalhurst
Tom Butler (absent) Village of Coutts
Garry Hackler (absent) Village of Cowley
Ian MacLeod Mun. Crowsnest Pass
Gary Taje (absent) Mun. Crowsnest Pass
Gordon Wolstenholme Town of Fort Macleod
Walter Gripping (absent) Town of Granum
Angie Todd Village of Hill Spring
Hans Rutz County of Lethbridge
Brad Koch (absent) Village of Lomond
Dennis Quinton (absent) Town of Magrath
Terry Michaelis Town of Milk River
Robert Phillips (absent).....Village of Milo
Dick Fenton Town of Nanton
Anne Marie Philipsen.....County of Newell
Paul Goldade.....Village of Nobleford
Hank Hurkens.....Town of Picture Butte
Bjorn BergM.D. of Pincher Creek
Doug Thornton..... Town Pincher Creek
Ronald Davis (absent) M.D. of Ranchland
Jim Steed Town of Raymond
Barry Johnson Town of Stavely
Mike Selk Village of Stirling
Cecil Wiest M.D. of Taber
Lois Maloney Town of Vauxhall
Rod Ruark (absent).....Vulcan County
Roy Elmer..... Town of Vulcan
Keith Palmer County of Warner
Vern Strain Village of Warner
Henry Van Hierden M.D. of Willow Creek

STAFF:

- Lenze Kuiper Director
Mike Burla..... Planner
Steve Harty..... Planner
Diane Horvath..... Planner
Bonnie Brunner..... Planner
Gavin Scott Planner
Robin Hopkins Planning Researcher
Rhonda Day..... Development Officer
Cal Kembel..... Senior Graphics Technologist
Steven Ellert GIS Technologist
Jaime Thomas..... GIS Analyst
Jordan Thomas..... Assistant GIS Technician
Jocelyn Ellert Assistant GIS Technician
Gail Kirkman Subdivision Technician
Marge Williams..... Subdivision Assistant
Barb Johnson Executive Secretary

AGENDA:

- 1. Approval of Agenda – June 5, 2008
2. Approval of Minutes – March 6, 2008 (attachment)

3. **Business Arising from the Minutes**
4. **Reports**
 - (a) Executive Committee Report (attachment)
5. **Business**
 - (a) Draft ORRSC Annual Report 2007 (attachment)
 - (b) GST Update
 - (c) Provincial Land Use Policy Update..... (attachment)
6. **Adjournment**

Prior to the meeting at 6:00 p.m., ORRSC hosted a steak barbeque supper for approximately 60 Board members, staff and their guests.

CHAIR PAUL GOLDADE CALLED THE MEETING TO ORDER AT 7:00 P.M.

1. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Moved by: Cecil Wiest

THAT the Board of Directors approves the agenda of June 5, 2008, as presented.

CARRIED

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Moved by: Hans Rutz

THAT the Board of Directors approves the minutes of March 6, 2008, as presented.

CARRIED

3. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

- None.

4. REPORTS

(a) Executive Committee Report

- The ORRSC office building (appraised at approximately \$900,000) is in need of some repairs including replacement of cedar shakes with asphalt shingles (±\$38,000), and exterior painting (±\$9,000). Contracts have been awarded and the work will be completed sometime this summer.

Moved by: Dick Fenton

THAT the Board of Directors accepts the Executive Committee Report for the meetings of April 10 and May 8, 2008, as information. **CARRIED**

5. BUSINESS

(a) Draft ORRSC Annual Report 2007

- The Draft Annual Report 2007 is included in the agenda, but the financial statements will not be available until a GST ruling is received from Canada Revenue Agency. Once a ruling is received, both the 2006 and 2007 financial statements will be referred to the Board for approval.
- 2007 was a busy year for subdivisions with a total of 506 applications creating 2220 lots. This translates into a lot of work for staff, and therefore we are a bit behind on long-range plans. The introduction of the new Land Use Policy Framework will likely add more work as well.

Moved by: Anne Marie Philipsen

THAT the Draft ORRSC Annual Report for the year ended December 31, 2007 (minus financial statements), as reviewed by the Executive Committee, be accepted as information. **CARRIED**

(b) GST Update

- In May 2007, BDO Dunwoody began the voluntary disclosure process on our behalf to obtain a ruling from the Canada Revenue Agency (CRA) regarding the Commission's GST status. We have received word that the CRA in Ottawa deemed the Commission to be a "para-municipality" and our file has been moved to Calgary for a decision – hopefully very soon.

(c) Provincial Land Use Policy Update

- The Alberta government has released a *Draft Alberta Land-Use Policy Framework* following 18 months of consultation, and is soliciting responses from municipalities, stakeholders and the general public. In a News Release (May 21, 2008) the government identified four immediate planning priorities: the completion and implementation of metropolitan plans for the Capital and Calgary regions; and the completion of the Southern Alberta Regional Plan and the Northeast Alberta Regional Plan.
- ORRSC planners have reviewed the draft document (which raises more questions than answers) and a summary of their initial observations on the key strategies presented was handed out to Board members for information:
 - Strategy 1 – Develop six regional land-use plans based on six new land-use regions.
 - Strategy 2 – Create a Cabinet Committee supported by a Land-Use Secretariat and establish a Regional Advisory Council for each region.
 - Strategy 3 – Cumulative effects management will be the instrument used at the regional level to manage the impacts of development on land, water and air.
 - Strategy 4 – Develop new policy tools for conservation and stewardship on private and public lands.

Strategy 5 – Establish an information, monitoring and knowledge system to contribute to the continuous improvement of land-use planning and decision-making.

Strategy 6 – Inclusion of aboriginal peoples in land-use planning.

- In general, the desire to implement Regional Planning and to incorporate its principles into the provincial framework is desirable. It remains to be seen if the preparation and subsequent implementation of the proposed regional plans will address the land-use issues facing Albertans today.
- ORRSC staff will monitor updates on the Framework closely and possibly put together a workshop in the Fall once more details are released.

Moved by: Gordon Wolstenholme

THAT the Initial Observations from the Oldman River Regional Services Commission regarding the Draft Alberta Land-Use Framework be accepted as information.

CARRIED

6. ADJOURNMENT

Moved by: Dick Fenton

THAT we adjourn the Annual General Board of Directors' Meeting of the Oldman River Regional Services Commission at 7:30 p.m. until Thursday, September 4, 2008. **CARRIED**

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CHAIR: _____