



REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL

AGENDA

DATE: Monday, May 4, 2015
TIME: 4:30 p.m.
LOCATION: Council Chambers, Enderby City Hall

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10. PUBLIC QUESTION PERIOD

11. CLOSED MEETING RESOLUTION

Closed to the public, pursuant to Section 90 (1) () of the *Community Charter*

12. ADJOURNMENT

THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF ENDERBY

Minutes of a **Regular Meeting** of Council held on Monday, April 20, 2015 at 4:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers of City Hall

Present: Mayor Greg McCune
Councillor Tundra Baird
Councillor Brad Case
Councillor Roxanne Davyduke
Councillor Raquel Knust
Councillor Brian Schreiner
Councillor Shawn Shishido

Chief Administrative Officer – Tate Bengtson
Deputy Financial Officer – Barry Gagnon
Assistant Corporate Officer and Planning Assistant – Kurt Inglis
Recording Secretary – Bettyann Kennedy
The Press

Councillor Case, as Acting Mayor, assumed the Chair position due to Mayor McCune recovering from a medical procedure that temporarily affected his vision.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The following item was added to the agenda under New Business:

- Location for EDRC's "Hut".

Moved by Councillor Shishido, seconded by Mayor McCune that the agenda be approved as amended.

Carried Unanimously

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

Regular Meeting Minutes of April 7, 2015

Moved by Councillor Schreiner, seconded by Councillor Baird that the minutes of the regular meeting of April 7, 2015 be adopted as circulated.

Carried Unanimously

Special Meeting Minutes (budget) of April 13, 2015

Moved by Mayor McCune, seconded by Councillor Schreiner that the minutes of the special meeting of April 13, 2015 be adopted as circulated.

Carried Unanimously

PUBLIC AND STATUTORY HEARINGS

2015 Budget – Public Input

The regular meeting gave way to a Public Hearing.

There were no members of the public present to comment.

The Public Hearing was declared closed at 4:35 p.m.

BYLAWS – 3 Readings

Moved by Councillor Baird, seconded by Councillor Knust that Council give first, second and third readings to the bylaw cited as “City of Enderby 2015-2019 Financial Plan Bylaw No. 1569, 2015”; and

THAT Council give first, second and third reading to the bylaw cited as “City of Enderby Sewer Frontage Tax Bylaw No. 1570, 2015”; and

THAT Council give first, second and third reading to the bylaw cited as “City of Enderby Water Frontage Tax Bylaw No. 1571, 2015”; and

THAT Council give first, second and third reading to the bylaw cited as “City of Enderby Fees and Charges Bylaw No. 1479, 2010 Amendment Bylaw No. 1572, 2015”; and

THAT Council give first, second and third reading to the bylaw cited as “City of Enderby Annual Tax Rate Bylaw No. 1547, 2015”.

Carried Unanimously

REPORTS

Councillor Knust

- Early Years Meeting – They have purchased a child/adult swing unit for the spray park and will be presenting it to the Enderby and District Services Commission.
- Our Enderby Annual Clean Up – cigarette butts are a real problem.
- Resource Centre – Due to renovations at the church, they will be moving to a different room.
- Councillor Knust and Tanji Woloshyn are setting up a meeting with the Food Bank in Vernon.

Councillor Davyduke

Chamber of Commerce meeting highlights:

- Recreation services is running smoothly.
- Student Funding Grant – approved for 1 student to a maximum of 280 hours.
- New Administrative position is split for both recreation and chamber business.
- Exploring Enderby guide is looking good and will be circulated in May.
- RV Park business plan meeting at Howard Johnson’s on May 6th.
- British Columbia Chamber of Commerce Regional meeting is taking place in Salmon Arm on April 29th.
- Shop Local advertising with KISS FM. They will need 5 businesses to participate.
- They are looking at getting a new phone system that will streamline incoming queries.
- Bathrooms at Riverside RV Park came in under budget.

- July 25th – World Paddle for the Planet is an international event. They will be fundraising for the River Ambassador Program.

Enderby and District Services Commission meeting:

- Dog control fees being amended to address costs of dealing with dangerous dogs.
- Reviewed feedback from Barnes Park Conceptual plans. Many are not supporting a trail network around the park.
- Grindrod Park ball diamond in-fields are in rough shape. Shale will be brought in and the Parks and Recreation Lead Hand will work with the contractor on maintenance requirements.

Mayor McCune

Mayor McCune commented that too often it is the same individuals from the community who are providing input. He suggests holding an informal meeting with each Councillor inviting 3 people to join the conversation who do not normally participate in public engagement opportunities.

Councillor Shishido

Councillor Shishido has heard that a private composting company is working in the area. The Chief Administrative Officer has met with them as well as one other company active in the field. He has asked both to submit proposals for future cooperation on a composting initiative. Mayor McCune explained what his business is doing with respect to composting. If it works well, possibly a similar arrangement could be established at the future Gleaning Hut.

Canmore, Alberta has lighting on their trails that looks very nice.

Councillor Baird

- Disappointed that there was not much representation from the business community at the annual clean up.
- Met with Braden Kiefiuk to brainstorm concept for new entry signage. He will be submitting a proposal that will encompass different degrees of work.
- AL Fortune are proposing a stage area in the courtyard. They are working with volunteers to get the works done.
- Councillor Baird and Councillor Shishido will attend an Area F "Community Halls meeting" at Hulcar Hall on April 24th at noon.

Councillor Schreiner

- Met with Bob Cowan of the Heritage Committee. There is a meeting scheduled for May 6th at 1:30.
- Site visit to review proposed repairs at top of Granville.
- Was given a tour of the Memorial Terrace complex. They are pursuing funding for Phase II.
- Provided an update on events being organized by the Enderby and District Arts Council.

Councillor Case

Enderby and District Services Commission:

- The Parks and Recreation Lead Hand has observed that the ball diamond outfields are wore out. An assessment will be done for required repairs.
- Enderbeer and Wine Festival – grant was approved for use of the Gazebo.

Met for lunch with the economic developer from Courtney. She suggested that to achieve a memorable community, it is important to develop a vision, starting with a clean up of the highway corridor.

Building Permit Detail Report – March 2015

Moved by Councillor Baird, seconded by Mayor McCune that the report be received and filed.
Carried Unanimously

NEW BUSINESS

Digital Billboard Sponsorship – Enderby Old Time Dance Club – Memo from Assistant Corporate Officer and Planning Assistant dated April 10, 2015

Moved by Mayor McCune, seconded by Councillor Shishido that Council approve the Enderby Old Time Dance Club's sponsorship application valued at \$3,500 in-kind.
Carried Unanimously

Digital Billboard Sponsorship – Enderby and District Chamber of Commerce – Memo from Assistant Corporate Officer and Planning Assistant dated April 14, 2015

Moved by Councillor Baird, seconded by Councillor Shishido that Council approve the Enderby and District Chamber of Commerce's sponsorship application valued at \$4,200 in-kind.
Carried Unanimously

Digital Billboard Sponsorship – Enderby Open Air Market – Memo from Assistant Corporate Officer and Planning Assistant dated April 16, 2015

Moved by Councillor Schreiner, seconded by Councillor Shishido that Council approve a digital billboard sponsorship exemption for the Open Air Market;

AND THAT Council approve the Enderby Open Air Market's sponsorship application valued at \$3,750 in-kind.
Carried Unanimously

Enderbeer and Wine Festival – Memo from Chief Administrative Officer dated April 16, 2015

Councillor Knust declared a conflict of interest and left the meeting.

Moved by Mayor McCune, seconded by Councillor Davyduke that Council give approval for the Enderby and District Fire Department to host the Enderbeer and Wine Festival on July 18, 2015 at the Enderby Lions Gazebo, subject to the event organizer satisfying the requirements of the Liquor Control and Licensing Branch and the RCMP.

Carried Unanimously

Councillor Knust returned to the meeting.

Trial 3-Way Stop at Belvedere Street and Cliff Avenue – Memo from Chief Administrative Officer dated April 16, 2015

Moved by Councillor Baird, seconded by Mayor McCune that Council approve implementation of a trial three-way stop at Belvedere Street and Cliff Avenue;

AND THAT Council direct staff to report back with any public feedback received about the proposed intersection change six months after implementation.

Carried Unanimously

Late Item: Location for EDRC "Hut"

Councillor Knust reported that funds have been obtained for purchase of a structure from Happy Harry's. It will be 10'x10' with a wood floor.

The preferred location is at the Maud Street parking lot, preferably in a shaded area. Councillor Knust, Mayor McCune and the Chief Administrative Officer will meet on Thursday at 10:00 in the parking lot to get site selected, discuss screening of the existing dumpsters, and to prep the site for installation of the "Hut".

PUBLIC QUESTION PERIOD

None

CLOSED MEETING RESOLUTION

Moved by Councillor Shishido, seconded by Councillor Davyduke that, pursuant to Section 92 of the *Community Charter*, the regular meeting convene In-Camera to deal with matters deemed closed to the public in accordance with Section 90 (1) (k) of the *Community Charter*.

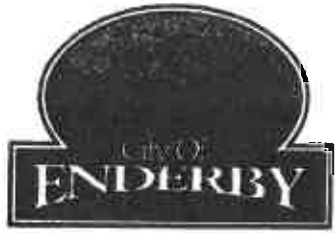
ADJOURNMENT

The regular meeting reconvened at 6:10 p.m.

Moved by Councillor Baird, seconded by Councillor Knust that the regular meeting adjourned at 6:10 p.m.

MAYOR

CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER



REQUEST TO APPEAR AS A DELEGATION

On 04 05 2015
Day Month Year

Date of Request April 9, 2015

Name of Person Making Request Dan MacQuarrie & Daniel Joe

Name and Title of Presenter(s) Dan MacQuarrie & Daniel Joe

Contact Information 250-306-2154 or 250-832-4745

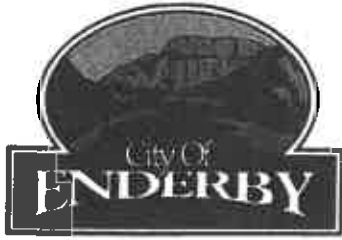
Details of Presentation Community Building,
Relationship Building, how to
better live together

Desired Action from Council (check all that apply)

- Information Only
- Proclamation
- Funding Request
- Road Closure
- Policy or Resolution

Please describe desired action in detail relationship building
in "trust", "respect" & "honesty" in dialogue.
communication building: working together.

Please attach any supporting documentation or presentation materials related to your delegation request.



REQUEST TO APPEAR AS A DELEGATION

On 4th May 2015
Day Month Year

Date of Request April 30 / 2015

Name of Person Making Request Cathy Stubington

Name and Title of Presenter(s) Cathy Stubington, Lark Lindholm,
Karen Rohats.

Contact Information 250-838-6751 ; 838-9890

Details of Presentation We would like to present
a sketch / model for a Calendaro public
art project, which will be created by professional
builders and community members led by Runaway Moon.

Desired Action from Council (check all that apply)

- Information Only
- Proclamation
- Funding Request
- Road Closure
- Policy or Resolution

Please describe desired action in detail Permission to install

community art project on public property.

Possible technical support.

Please attach any supporting documentation or presentation materials related to your delegation request.

THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF ENDERBY

BYLAW NO. 1568

A BYLAW TO AMEND DOG CONTROL BYLAW NO. 1469, 2010

WHEREAS Council of the City of Enderby has adopted "The City of Enderby Dog Control Bylaw No. 1469, 2010";

NOW THEREFORE Council of the City of Enderby, in open meeting assembled, enacts as follows:

1. This bylaw may be cited as the "The City of Enderby Dog Control Bylaw No. 1469, 2010 Amendment Bylaw No. 1568, 2015".
2. Section 2 of Dog Control Bylaw No. 1469, 2010 is amended by deleting the definition of "Restricted Dog".
3. Section 5 of the Dog Control Bylaw No. 1469, 2010 is amended by deleting Section 5.6 and substituting the following:

5.6 Unless otherwise posted through signage, a person is permitted to allow any dog to enter upon and remain within any public beaches, swimming areas, or parks as long as the dog is under the care, custody and control of a person who is competent and strong enough to control the dog.
4. Section 7 of the Dog Control Bylaw No. 1469, 2010 is amended by deleting Section 7.2 and substituting the following:

7.2 Should the owner of a dog voluntarily surrender the dog to the Pound, the said owner shall still be liable for the payment of fees and expenses chargeable and recoverable under this Bylaw and the Fees and Charges Bylaw.

READ a FIRST time this day of, 2015.

READ a SECOND time this day of, 2015.

READ a THIRD time this day of, 2015.

ADOPTED this day of, 2015.

MAYOR

CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF ENDERBY

BYLAW NO. 1574

A BYLAW TO AMEND FEES AND CHARGES BYLAW NO. 1479, 2010

WHEREAS Council of the City of Enderby has adopted "The City of Enderby Fees and Charges Bylaw No. 1479, 2010";

NOW THEREFORE Council of the City of Enderby, in open meeting assembled, enacts as follows:

1. This bylaw may be cited as the "The City of Enderby Fees and Charges Bylaw No. 1479, 2010 Amendment Bylaw No. 1574, 2015".
2. Schedule "5" of the Fees and Charges Bylaw No. 1479, 2010 is amended by deleting Section 3 and substituting the following:

3. Impound Fees

First Impoundment (except dangerous dog)	\$	25.00
Second Impoundment (except dangerous dog)	\$	50.00
Each subsequent impoundment of the same dog (except dangerous dog)	\$	200.00
First Impoundment (dangerous dog)	\$	100.00
Second Impoundment (dangerous Dog)	\$	200.00
Each subsequent impoundment of the same dog (dangerous dog)	\$	500.00
Daily Maintenance Fee (includes any part of day for which a dog is impounded)	\$	15.00
Volunteer Surrender of a Dog	\$	35.00
Veterinary Fees (as required)		At cost plus 20% administration fee

Note: A subsequent impoundment shall be defined as a dog with a prior record of impoundment within the last 12-month period.

READ a FIRST time this day of, 2015.

READ a SECOND time this day of, 2015.

READ a THIRD time this day of, 2015.

ADOPTED this day of, 2015.

MAYOR

CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF ENDERBY

BYLAW NO. 1569

A BYLAW OF THE CITY OF ENDERBY RESPECTING THE 2015 – 2019 FINANCIAL PLAN

The Council of the City of Enderby, in open meeting assembled, enacts as follows:

1. This bylaw may be cited as “City of Enderby 2015 – 2019 Financial Plan Bylaw No.1569, 2015”.
2. Schedule “A” attached hereto and made part of the Bylaw is hereby declared to be the 2015 – 2019 Financial Plan of the City of Enderby.
3. Schedule “B” attached hereto and made part of this Bylaw is the 2015 Revenue Disclosure for the City of Enderby.
4. Bylaw No. 1539, cited as “City of Enderby 2014 – 2018 Financial Plan Bylaw No. 1539, 2014”, is hereby repealed.

READ a FIRST time this 20th day of April, 2015.

READ a SECOND time this 20th day of April, 2015.

READ a THIRD time this 20th day of April, 2015.

RECONSIDERED and ADOPTED this day of , 2015.

MAYOR

CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

SCHEDULE "A"

City of Enderby
Consolidated Statement of Operations
Five Year Financial Plan 2015-2019

	2015 Budget	2016 Budget	2017 Budget	2018 Budget	2019 Budget
REVENUES					
Municipal Taxation	1,324,837	1,348,952	1,380,027	1,416,155	1,453,368
Utility Taxes / Grants in Lieu	83,465	85,134	86,837	88,574	90,345
Sale of Services / Other Contributions	282,620	410,922	1,194,168	306,319	357,696
Revenue from own Sources	1,242,837	1,312,394	1,343,736	1,371,250	1,398,995
Grants	1,389,250	434,700	439,040	443,423	1,950,351
Sewer Revenue	714,355	806,986	746,026	753,682	766,271
Water Revenue	701,267	783,885	828,378	800,525	792,354
Total Revenues	5,738,631	5,182,973	6,018,212	5,179,928	6,809,380
EXPENSES					
General Government Services	789,646	715,679	729,992	744,592	759,484
Protective Services	199,967	203,966	208,046	212,207	216,451
Transportation Services	676,441	599,190	611,174	623,397	635,865
Environmental Health Services	96,979	98,919	100,897	102,915	104,974
Animal Control	29,520	30,111	30,713	31,327	31,954
Cemetery	50,677	51,691	52,725	53,779	54,855
Recreation & Cultural Services	68,915	70,294	71,700	73,134	74,596
Fortune Parks Recreational Services	799,293	815,278	831,583	848,215	865,179
Sewer Expenditures	532,565	543,216	554,080	565,162	576,465
Water Expenditures	487,728	497,483	507,433	517,581	527,933
Fiscal Services	149,343	178,210	211,225	185,384	173,045
Total Expenses	3,881,074	3,804,037	3,909,568	3,957,693	4,020,801
SURPLUS (DEFICIT) FOR THE YEAR	1,857,557	1,378,936	2,108,644	1,222,235	2,788,579
TOTAL CASH FROM OPERATIONS	1,857,557	1,378,936	2,108,644	1,222,235	2,788,579
ADJUST FOR CASH ITEMS					
Capital Asset expenditures	(3,935,202)	(2,553,176)	(2,962,275)	(503,487)	(1,931,672)
Debt Principle repayment	(151,368)	(175,793)	(175,793)	(157,391)	(148,649)
Debt Proceeds	450,000	1,448,000	167,600	-	-
Transfer From Reserves	2,178,673	574,564	1,568,783	283,162	37,065
Transfer to Reserves	(1,342,727)	(785,161)	(814,474)	(844,519)	(875,323)
Transfer From Operating Surplus	943,067	112,630	107,515	-	131,000
TOTAL CASH ADJUSTMENT	(1,857,557)	(1,378,936)	(2,108,644)	(1,222,235)	(2,788,579)
FINANCIAL PLAN BALANCE	-	-	-	-	-

**CITY OF ENDERBY
2015-2019 Financial Plan**

**Statement of Objectives and Policies
Schedule 'B' of Bylaw No. 1569**

In accordance with Section 165(3.1) of the *Community Charter*, the City of Enderby is required to include in the Five Year Financial Plan, objectives and policies regarding each of the following:

1. The proportion of total revenue that comes from each of the funding sources described in Section 165(7) of the *Community Charter*,
2. The distribution of property taxes among the property classes, and
3. The use of permissive tax exemptions.

Proportion of Total Revenue From Funding Sources

Revenue from Other Sources forms the greatest proportion of planned revenue. This includes contributions from shared services, interest earned, and contributions from reserves and surplus.

User fees and charges form the second largest proportion of planned revenue. These are services that can be measured and charged on a user-pay basis such as water and sewer usage, building permits, business licenses, and sale of services. User fees attempt to apportion the value of a service to those who use the service.

Property Taxation forms the third largest proportion of revenue. It offers a stable and reliable source of revenue for services that are difficult or undesirable to fund on a user-pay basis such as general administration, fire protection, street maintenance and snow removal.

Government Grants form the fourth largest proportion of planned revenue. These grants are for projects whereby the City of Enderby has received grant approval or is anticipating approval in 2015.

Overview in Preparing the Budget

- The City of Enderby increased the amount of revenue that is received from user fees and charges by 1.94% for sewer user fees and 1.61% for water user fees over the current levels.

Policies

- The City of Enderby will review all user fee levels to ensure they are adequately meeting both the capital and delivery costs of the service.
- Where possible, the City of Enderby will endeavour to supplement revenues from user fees and charges, rather than taxation, thus to lessen the burden on its limited property tax base.

Table 1: Sources of Funding

<i>Funding Source</i>	% of Total Revenue	Dollar Value
<i>Property taxes</i>	14.2 %	1,324,837
<i>User Fees and charges</i>	16.3 %	1,515,724
<i>Other sources</i>	49.7 %	4,630,560
<i>Proceeds from borrowing</i>	4.8 %	450,000
<i>Government grants</i>	14.9 %	1,389,250
Total	100.0 %	9,310,371

Distribution of Property Value Taxes

The residential property class provides the largest proportion of property tax revenue as the class also forms the largest portion of the assessment base and consumes the majority of City services.

Objective

- To maintain the property tax levy for all classes at the 2014 levy plus 2.84% plus any change for new construction or non-market change.
- To phase in a rate increase for the “utility” class to increase the rate to the maximum permitted by regulation.

Overview in Preparing the Budget

- Wherever possible revenues from user fees and charges were used to help offset the burden on the entire property tax base.
- Wherever possible the City of Enderby applied for grant funding to help offset capital expenditures and infrastructure planning studies.
- To continue to maintain and encourage economic development initiatives designed to attract more retail and commercial businesses to invest in the community. New investment from these areas will help provide revenue for the City of Enderby.
- To maintain the current distribution of tax rates among the property classes with the exception of the “utility” class.

Table 2: Distribution of Property Tax Rates

Property Class	% Of Total Property Taxation	Dollar Value
Residential (1)		1,064,348
Utilities (2)		12,828
Light Industrial (5)		33,059
Business and Other (6)		213,817
Farmland (9)		784
Total		1,324,838

Permissive Tax Exemptions

- The City of Enderby adopted a permissive tax exemption policy in October 2008, which guides the administration and approval of permissive tax exemptions. Some of the eligibility criteria for permissive tax exemptions that are outlined in the policy include the following:
- The tax exemption must demonstrate a benefit to the community and residents of the City of Enderby by enhancing the quality of life (economically, socially and culturally) and delivering services economically within the community.
- The goals, policies and principles of the organization receiving the exemption must not be inconsistent or in conflict with those of the City of Enderby.
- Only Non-Profit Organizations who meet the requirements of Part 7, Division 7 – Permissive Exemptions of the *Community Charter* are eligible for grants.

Objective

In conjunction of the development of the Financial Plan, Council will continue to provide permissive tax exemptions to non-profit societies where the value of permissive tax exemptions granted would be approximately 5% of the annual municipal levy.

THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF ENDERBY

BYLAW NO.1570

A BYLAW TO IMPOSE A SEWER FRONTAGE TAX ON OWNERS OF LAND
PURSUANT TO THE PROVISIONS OF THE COMMUNITY CHARTER

WHEREAS the Council of the Corporation of the City of Enderby, is empowered by the Community Charter to impose and levy a frontage tax to meet the cost of works and services that benefit land within the Municipality;

AND WHEREAS certain costs have been incurred by the City in providing sewer services to land within its boundaries;

AND WHEREAS it is deemed desirable and expedient to impose and levy a frontage tax on land benefiting from such service to meet such costs;

NOW THEREFORE the Council of the City of Enderby, in open meeting assembled, enacts as follows:

1. This bylaw may be cited as "City of Enderby Sewer Frontage Tax Bylaw No. 1570, 2015".
2. In this bylaw, unless the context otherwise requires, "actual foot frontage" means the number of feet of a parcel of land which actually abuts on the work or highway;

"Assessor" means the Chief Financial Officer of the City of Enderby;

"Taxable foot frontage" means the actual foot frontage or, where applicable, the number of feet of a parcel of land deemed to abut on the work or highway, and in respect of which parcel the frontage tax is levied for the work or services;

"Total actual foot frontage" means the sum or the actual foot frontage of the parcels of land which actually abuts on the work or highways;

3. A tax shall be and is hereby imposed upon the owners of land or real property that is capable of being serviced with sewer by the Corporation whether or not such land or real property is connected to the said service or services; the aforesaid tax to be hereinafter referred to as the "frontage tax".
4. a) The Frontage Tax shall be levied in each year on each parcel of land aforementioned and the amount thereof, except as otherwise provided in the bylaw, will be the product of the taxable foot frontage and the annual rate.

- b) The annual rate shall be \$2.38 per taxable foot frontage.
- 5. The frontage tax shall be in force and be effective until the complete discharge and satisfaction by the Corporation of all obligations presently incurred, and to be incurred, in respect of the aforesaid service.
- 6. For the purpose of the bylaw, a regularly shaped parcel of land is rectangular.
- 7. a) To place the frontage tax on a fair and equitable basis, the taxable foot frontage of the following parcels of land shall be the number of feet fixed by the Assessor:
 - i. a triangular or irregularly shaped parcel of land; or
 - ii. a parcel of land wholly or in part unfit for building purposes;
or
 - ii. a parcel of land which does not abut on the work, but is nevertheless deemed to abut the work, as the case may be.
- b) The Assessor, in fixing the taxable foot frontage under subsection (2), shall have due regard to:
 - i. the condition, situation, value and superficial area of the parcel as compared with other parcels of land; or
 - ii. the benefit derived from the sewer.
- 8. For the purpose of this bylaw:
 - a) Whereas the number of feet of a parcel of land which abuts a sewer main, has less than 50 feet frontage, the taxable foot frontages shall be deemed to be a minimum of 50 feet, and where such parcel has more than 100 feet of frontage, the taxable foot of frontage shall be deemed to be 100 feet.
 - b) Where the parcel of land is situated at the junction or intersection of highways, the taxable foot frontage shall be 70 percent of the actual foot frontage or alternately shall be not more than the stated maximum number of feet.
 - c) Where the front and rear boundaries of a parcel of land each abut on a highway, other than a lane, which for the purpose of this bylaw is defined as a highway having a width of 20 feet or less, the taxable foot frontage or alternately shall be not more than the stated maximum number of feet.

9. The provisions of Section 8 of the bylaw shall be subject to the provisions of Section 7 thereof.
10. The aforesaid taxes shall be considered to have been imposed on and from the 1st day of January 2015, and shall be due and payable at the office of the Collector of Taxes of the City of Enderby at the City Hall, Enderby, B. C., at the same time and in the same manner as the applicable property taxes.
11. Bylaw No. 1540, cited as City of Enderby Sewer Frontage Tax Bylaw No. 1540, 2014", is hereby repealed.

READ a FIRST time this 20th day of April , 2015.

READ a SECOND time this 20th day of April, 2015.

READ a THIRD time this 20th day of April, 2015.

RECONSIDERED and ADOPTED this day of , 2015.

MAYOR

CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF ENDERBY

BYLAW NO. 1571

A BYLAW TO IMPOSE A WATER FRONTAGE TAX ON OWNERS OF LAND
PURSUANT TO THE PROVISIONS OF THE COMMUNITY CHARTER

WHEREAS the Council of the Corporation of the City of Enderby, is empowered by the Community Charter to impose and levy a frontage tax to meet the cost of works and services that benefit land within the Municipality;

AND WHEREAS certain costs have been incurred by the City in providing water services to land within its boundaries;

AND WHEREAS it is deemed desirable and expedient to impose and levy a frontage tax on land benefiting from such service to meet such costs;

NOW THEREFORE the Council of the City of Enderby, in open meeting assembled, enacts as follows:

1. This bylaw may be cited as "City of Enderby Water Frontage Tax Bylaw No. 1571, 2015".
2. In this bylaw, unless the context otherwise required, "actual foot frontage" means the number of feet of a parcel of land which actually abuts on the work or highway;

"Assessor" means the Chief Financial Officer of the City of Enderby;

"Taxable foot frontage" means the actual foot frontage or, where applicable, the number of feet of a parcel of land deemed to abut on the highway, and in respect of which parcel the frontage tax is levied for the work or services;

"Total actual foot frontage" means the sum of the actual foot frontage of the parcels of land which actually abut on the work or highways;

3. A tax shall be and is hereby imposed upon the owners of land or real property that is capable of being serviced with water by the Corporation whether or not such land or real property is connected to the said service or services; the aforesaid tax to be hereinafter referred to as the "frontage tax".
4. a) The Frontage Tax shall be levied in each year on each parcel of land aforementioned and the amount thereof, except as otherwise provided in the bylaw, will be the product of the taxable foot frontage and the annual rate.

- b) The annual rate shall be \$2.41 per taxable foot frontage.
- 5. The frontage tax shall be in force and be effective until the complete discharge and satisfaction by the City of all obligations presently incurred, and to be incurred, in respect of the aforesaid service.
- 6. For the purpose of this bylaw, a regularly shaped parcel of land is rectangular.
- 7. a) To place the frontage tax on a fair and equitable basis, the taxable foot frontage of the following parcels of land shall be the number of feet fixed by the Assessor:
 - i. a triangular or irregularly shaped parcel of land; or
 - ii. a parcel of land wholly or in part unfit for building purposes; or
 - iii. a parcel of land which does not abut on the work, but is nevertheless deemed to abut the work, as the case may be.
- b) The Assessor, in fixing the taxable foot frontage under subsection (2), shall have due regard to:
 - i. the condition, situation, value and superficial area of the parcel as compared with other parcels of land; or
 - ii. the benefit derived from the water.
- 8. For the purpose of this bylaw:
 - a) Where the number of feet of a parcel of has less than 50 feet frontage, the taxable foot frontage shall be deemed to be a minimum of 50 feet, and where such parcel has more than 100 feet of frontage, the taxable foot frontage shall be deemed to be 100 feet.
 - b) Where the parcel of land is situated at the junction or intersection of highways, the taxable foot frontage shall be 70 percent of the actual foot frontage or alternately shall be not more than the stated maximum number of feet.
 - c) Where the front and rear boundaries of a parcel of land each abut on a highway, other than a lane, which for the purpose of this bylaw is defined as a highway having a width of 20 feet or less, the taxable foot frontage shall be not more than the stated maximum number of feet.

9. The provisions of Section 8 of the bylaw shall be subject to the provisions of Section 7 thereof.
10. The aforesaid taxes shall be considered to have been imposed on and from the 1st day of January 2015, and shall be due and payable at the office of the Collector of Taxes of the City of Enderby at the City Hall, Enderby, B.C., at the same time and in the same manner as the applicable property taxes.
11. Bylaw No. 1541, cited as City of Enderby Water Frontage Tax Bylaw No. 1541, 2014", is hereby repealed.

READ a FIRST time this 20th day of April, 2015.

READ a SECOND time this 20th day of April, 2015.

READ a THIRD time this 20th day of April, 2015.

RECONSIDERED and ADOPTED this day of , 2015.

MAYOR

CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF ENDERBY

BYLAW NO. 1572

A BYLAW TO ESTABLISH FEES AND CHARGES FOR SERVICES AND INFORMATION

WHEREAS Council of the City of Enderby has adopted "City of Enderby Fees and Charges Bylaw No. 1479, 2010";

AND WHEREAS Council wishes to amend the fees and charges;

NOW THEREFORE Council of the City of Enderby, in open meeting assembled, enacts as follows:

1. This bylaw may be cited as the "City of Enderby Fees and Charges Bylaw No. 1479, 2010 Amendment Bylaw No. 1572, 2015".
2. Schedules "3" and "9" of "City of Enderby Fees and Charges Bylaw No. 1479, 2010" are deleted and Schedules "3" and "9" attached to and forming part of this bylaw are substituted therefore.

READ a FIRST time this 20th day of April, 2015.

READ a SECOND time this 20th day of April, 2015.

READ a THIRD time this 20th day of April, 2015.

ADOPTED this day of , 2015.

MAYOR

CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

SCHEDULE 3

SEWER USER FEES

Administered through the Sanitary Sewer Regulation Bylaw

DESCRIPTION	PER	MINIMUM CHARGE
APARTMENT	Unit	260.15
BAKERY	Unit	432.48
BARBER	Chair	148.19
BEAUTY	Chair	148.19
BODY SHOP	Unit	519.18
BED & BREAKFAST	Unit	163.36
BUTCHER SHOP	Unit	381.43
CAMPGROUND - TENT SPACE	Unit	42.45
CAMPGROUND - RV HOOKUP	Unit	86.05
CAMPGROUND - SANI DUMP	Unit	356.90
CARWASH (RECYCLABLE)	Stall	464.28
CARWASH (NON-RECYCLABLE)	Stall	795.33
CHURCH	Unit	260.15
CURLING RINK	Unit	1,266.14
DAYCARE	Unit	379.22
DENTAL OFFICE	Unit	332.17
DUPLEX /TRI-PLEX	Unit	294.33
GARAGE	Unit	450.19
HEALTH/FITNESS	Unit	242.79
HOSPITAL	Bed	173.70
HOTEL/MOTEL	Unit	163.60
HOTEL/MOTEL WITH POOL (FILTERED)	Unit	129.66
HOTEL/MOTEL WITH POOL (UNFILTERED)	Unit	260.15
INDUSTRY (1-5 PEOPLE)	Unit	280.77
INDUSTRY (EACH ADDITIONAL PERSON)	Person	27.40
LAUNDROMAT	Washer	163.60
LODGING/BOARDING HOUSE	Unit	201.44
MEDICAL CLINIC	Unit	356.90
MILL	Unit	409.07
OFFICE (0-2000 SQUARE FEET)	Unit	115.57
OFFICE (EACH ADDITIONAL 1000 SQUARE FEET)	1000 sq ft	14.43
POOL	Unit	2,180.35
PUBLIC HALLS	Unit	228.85
RECREATION HALL	Unit	190.04
RESTAURANT (1-10 SEATS)	Unit	236.01
RESTAURANT (EACH ADDITIONAL SEAT)	Seat	14.43
SCHOOL	Class	191.16
SINGLE FAMILY DWELLING	Unit	270.68
SINGLE FAMILY DWELLING WITH SECONDARY SUITE	Unit	378.93
SKATING RINK	Unit	2,180.35
STORE (0-1000 SQUARE FEET)	Unit	148.19
STORE (EACH ADDITIONAL 1000 SQUARE FEET)	Unit	45.98
STRATA/CONDO	Unit	260.15

SERVICE CONNECTIONS

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|----|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------|
| a) | 100mm = dia. Sanitary Service | At actual cost with minimum \$750.00 charge |
| b) | Greater than 100mm dia. Sanitary Service
or any connection requiring asphalt or rock
removal | At Cost |
| c) | Robinson-Vetter on the Knoll sub-division | Actual Fee \$750.00 |

SCHEDULE 9

GARBAGE COLLECTION AND CURBSIDE RECYCLING

The following rates shall be paid for the garbage collection and disposal, Curbside recycling and processing under the terms of this bylaw:

Garbage Collection:

- a) Garbage Collection: \$91.00 per residential premise per annum
- b) "Residential Garbage Collection" sticker: \$1.50 per sticker

Charges will be allocated amongst the number of billing periods in the year.

Interest shall be charged on any amounts unpaid by a day designated by the Chief Financial Officer or designate at the rate established under Section 11(3) of the Taxation (Rural Area) Act.

THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF ENDERBY

BYLAW NO. 1573

BEING A BYLAW FOR THE LEVYING OF RATES FOR MUNICIPAL, REGIONAL HOSPITAL DISTRICT, REGIONAL LIBRARY, AND REGIONAL DISTRICT PURPOSES FOR THE YEAR 2015

The Council of the City of Enderby, in the Province of British Columbia, in open meeting assembled, enacts as follows:

1. This bylaw may be cited as "City of Enderby Annual Tax Rate Bylaw No. 1573, 2015".
2. The following rates are hereby imposed and levied for the year 2015:
 - (a) For all lawful and general purposes of the municipality on the value of land and improvements taxable for General Municipal purposes, rates appearing in Schedule "A" attached hereto and forming part of the bylaw.
 - (b) For hospital purposes on the value of land and improvements taxable for Regional Hospital District purposes, rates appearing in Schedule "A" attached hereto and forming part of this bylaw.
 - (c) For library purposes on the value of land and improvements taxable for Regional Library purposes, rates appearing in Schedule "A" attached hereto and forming part of this bylaw.
 - (d) For regional district purposes on the value of land and improvements taxable for Regional District purposes, rates appearing in Schedule "A" attached hereto and forming part of this bylaw.
3. The minimum amount of taxation upon a parcel or real property shall be One Dollar (\$1.00).
4. Bylaw No. 1543, cited as "City of Enderby Annual Tax Rate Bylaw No. 1543, 2014, is hereby repealed.

READ a FIRST time this 20th day of April, 2015.

READ a SECOND time this 20th day of April, 2015.

READ a THIRD time this 20th day of April, 2015.

RECONSIDERED and ADOPTED this day of 2015.

MAYOR

CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

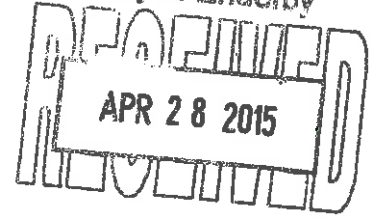
Property Class	General Municipal	North Okanagan/ Columbia Shuswap Regional District Hospital	Regional Library	Regional District
1 Residential	3.8016	0.2922	0.2733	0.9571
2 Utility	30.0000	1.0226	1.6398	3.3500
5 Light Industry	9.3536	0.9933	0.9292	3.2543
6 Business	7.1057	0.7158	0.6696	2.3450
8 Recreation	-	0.2922	0.2733	0.9571
9 Farm	3.1149	0.2922	0.2733	0.9571

Agenda

Quarterly Mayors Report

Cooperation of The
City of Enderby

1st Quarter 2015 January - March



Vernon North Okanagan Detachment

Committed to preserve the peace, uphold the law and provide quality service in partnership with our communities

Inspector Jim McNamara
Acting Officer in Charge
Vernon/North Okanagan Detachment
3402 - 30th Street
Vernon, B.C., V1T 5E5

Date: April 15th, 2015

Re: Vernon/North Okanagan Detachment Policing Activity Report – 1st Quarter 2015

All crime statistics are featured at the end of this report. Statistics reflect monthly totals for January through March, 2015 and comparisons of the previous year, 2014.

March 31st marks the end of our annual performance planning cycle. Vernon/North Okanagan Detachment (V/NOD) recorded a 9.66% increase in criminal code cases this quarter and ended the year with an 8.29% increase for the year 2014/2015. Property crime recorded a 7.87% increase this quarter and finished off the year with an increase of 18.56%.

The related enforcement initiatives of check-stops and impaired driving investigations were adversely affected by significant and continued resource-draining serious crime incidents and high calls for service. Impaired driving investigations dropped 19.8% while check-stops were down 35%. Our ability to be consistent with proactive enforcement activities remains somewhat diminished as demands continue to tax human resources.

V/NOD has been successful in its application for grant funding through the British Columbia Civil Forfeiture Office. V/NOD received \$13,279 in funding through the Crime Remediation and Crime Prevention Program to cover the cost of an electronic device used to conduct triage examinations on mobile devices at our detachment. With the increased use of technology by those involved in crime there comes a greater demand on police resources to discover and extract digital evidence. This device will vastly improve V/NOD's quality of service with respect to investigations involving electronic data.

This report reflects a representative sampling of our policing activities for the 1st quarter of 2015.

GENERAL INVESTIGATION SECTION (GIS):

Serious Crimes Unit:

The following report is a synopsis of some of the most recent investigations that the Vernon Serious Crimes Unit (SCU) have received and investigated.

- **Possession & Accessing Child Porn – 2015-02153:**
In February 2015 SCU received information from BC Integrated Child Exploitation unit in regards to an IP address accessing and possessing child pornography in the Vernon area. A search warrant was authorized to search the residence belonging to the IP address and child pornography was located on devices seized from the residence. The suspect in this investigation is deceased prior to judicial process starting and this file has been concluded.
- **Sexual Exploitation of Youth – 2015-02214:**
In February 2015 SCU began investigating a historical sexual assault with multiple victims. Two search warrants and a production order have been authorized to advance the investigation. Sealing orders and a publication ban is in place on this file.

- **Child Sexual Assault – 2015-02884:**
In February 2015 SCU investigated sexual interference of a four year old girl by her thirteen year old cousin. Charges were recommended with request for extra-judicial measures in the form of a sanction.
- **Intimidation of Justice System Participant – 2015-04129:**
In January and February 2015 SCU investigated two persons who are currently before the courts in relation to a home invasion committed in 2014 where two victims were assaulted with a weapon. Police discovered that the victims had been receiving threatening text messages from the suspect, the content of which is believed to have been intended to compel the victims to not cooperate with the police and court process. Additional charges for intimidation of a justice system participant are being sought.
- **Trafficking Cocaine & Heroin (No Case) – 2015-06244:**
In March 2015 members of SCU observed two drug transactions take place with the occupants of a vehicle in the downtown core. SCU members conducted a stop and observed containers containing \$600 of cocaine and heroin packaged for individual sale in plain view. Investigators could not establish which vehicle occupant had knowledge/control of the drugs which were subsequently seized for destruction without charges being pursued. File is concluded.

Ongoing Major Case Updates:

- **Mischief Endangering Life & Attempted Murder – 2014-17169:**
SCU is actively investigating the shooting that occurred in the City of Vernon in August 2014. Significant unit resources have been committed to this incident which is being investigated utilizing Major Case Management Principles.
- **Homicide – 1983-9783:**
SCU is reviewing and investigating a 1980's homicide. Significant unit resources have been committed to this investigation which is utilizing Major Case Management Principles.

Assistance to Other Units/Investigations:

- **Assistance to Series of Heroin Overdoses:**
In January 2015 SCU was requested to review files associated to possible Heroin Fentanyl OD's with the purpose of determining if there was any criminality associated with either of the sudden deaths (2014-28046 & 2015-163), and which by virtue of this tasking included examination of other overdose related files (2015-120, 2015-124, 2015-147, 2015-199 & 2015-219). With information learned with respect to the sudden death circumstances on these files there was no evidence discovered that would support charges for a criminal offence however notifications through the media were pursued for public awareness.
- **Criminal Negligence Causing Bodily Harm/Fail to Remain - 2014-26249:**
From December 2014 to March 2015 members of the SCU have provided significant investigative assistance and guidance to a General Duty (GD) investigation into a motor vehicle incident which left a Vernon woman with a permanent spinal injury. The suspect fled the scene and securing evidence was a significant undertaking. GD maintains conduct of the file and responsibility for other ongoing investigative tasks. Charges were approved for criminal negligence causing bodily harm and fail to remain and the suspect remains in custody.

Domestic Violence Unit:

- The V/NOD Domestic Violence Unit (DVU) continues to be very busy. Our DVU investigator carries numerous files in which she is the lead investigator and also provides an assistance role on several other investigations where there is a high risk of escalated violence or lethality. One particular domestic investigation has resulted in the preparation and execution of a search warrant and six production orders related to cell phone and computer activity. She participated in an ICAT review of six higher risk domestic incidents this period.

Targeted Policing:

Targeted Policing participated in a number of meetings and presentations with community partners in addition to their regularly scheduled meetings:

- Met with Social Planning Council and North Okanagan Youth and Family Services to prepare and submit a joint application for funding regarding Measures to Address Prostitution Initiative. The project, entitled Community Protocol to Support Women in the Sex Trade in Vernon, gained support of all participating agencies and is under review by the Department of Justice Canada.
- Partners in Action meetings regarding the Green Valley Motel. There were two Partners in Action meetings represented by numerous stakeholders who met with ownership to discuss community concerns, possible improvements and solutions, along with action plans if status of hotel was to change.
- In partnership with a street nurse from North Okanagan Youth and Family Services information sessions regarding drug trend, awareness and recognition have been given to various partner agencies including Hospital Emergency and Social Services Staff, Interior Health Outreach Workers and BC Ambulance Paramedics.

Task Force (TF):

- In January, 2015 Task Force members assisted CFSEU Kelowna with an investigation into a PTEP target suspected of supplying drugs to and influencing a gang presence in the Vernon area. The investigation led to his arrest and search of his residence. The suspect is facing charges related to possession of drugs for purpose of trafficking and firearms offences. Additionally a large supply of Independent Soldier (organized crime group) clothing was seized.
- In February, 2015 Task Force took a lead role in an investigation of a local Prolific Offender and suspects from Alberta for their involvement in the use of a truck stolen from Alberta to attempt to steal a trailer full of snowmobiles from Silver Star Resort. One suspect was arrested and investigation continues to collect sufficient evidence to charge others.

Crime Reduction Unit (CRU):

- Crime Reduction continues to have the lead role of the investigation into several unsolved arsons. A focus has been put to investigating over 100 outstanding tasks in an effort to identify a suspect.
- Crime Reduction took a lead role in conducting over ten breach investigations on subjects including prolific offenders, suspected drug traffickers and persons suspected to be involved in property crimes. These investigations ranged from curfew checks to extended surveillance to determine compliance with release and sentence conditions.

- Crime Reduction provided assistance to Federal Serious Organized Crime Kelowna in conducting an investigation that led to the seizure of close to one pound of heroin and the arrest of a Vernon drug trafficking suspect.
- Crime Reduction provided assistance to a commercial break and enter investigation where the suspect used a stolen vehicle to smash into a local business and steal a bike. Interview of the suspect resulted in a confession.
- Crime Reduction reviewed and further investigated several offences ranging from shoplifting to robbery that were suspected to involve a prolific offender. Investigators were able to use video surveillance and other techniques to result in the arrest and detention of the suspect.
- In response to an increase in theft from vehicles Crime Reduction took a lead role in identifying, investigating and charging three separate suspects believed to be involved.

Provincial Tactical Enforcement Priority (PTEP):

- There are currently four persons/groups identified in the Vernon North Okanagan area.
- Alberta RCMP took enforcement action on a local PTEP target that was in the process of transporting two kilograms of cocaine.
- Targeted Policing assisted Combined Forces Special Enforcement Unit (CFSEU), Kelowna in investigating a PTEP target suspected of supplying drugs to and influencing a gang presence in the Vernon area.

NORTH RURAL GENERAL INVESTIGATION SECTION (GIS):

- **Update: Pedestrian Fatal/Hit & Run - Enderby 2012**
Provincial GIS recently began following up on this matter as several new witnesses came to light. To date two "after the fact" witnesses have been located and interviewed. The results of those interviews have generated additional investigative leads. It is unknown at this time if these leads will move this matter forward to a successful resolution.
- **Update: Trinity Valley Road Meth Lab - Enderby 2014**
Provincial GIS completed all necessary documentation and made submissions to Public Prosecution Service Canada (PPSC). As a result of this being a lengthy and complex investigation prosecutorial conduct was transferred to PPSC in Vancouver and assigned to a prosecutor with experience in these matters. Charges of production of and possession for the purposes of trafficking have been approved against the two principle suspects as well as numerous firearms related offences.
- **Update: Stabbing - Noble Canyon Rd 2014**
Provincial GIS successfully identified key witnesses to this stabbing and a previous stabbing involving the same suspect and victim. As a result charges were approved against a male and female, who were both subsequently arrested and released on bail. The trial date is anticipated to be scheduled in the near future.

- **Illicit Marijuana Grow Operation - Falkland 2015**
Provincial GIS recently investigated a sophisticated indoor grow operation in the Falkland area. This investigation resulted in the seizure of a quantity of plants, marihuana processed and packaged for sale and the equipment used to facilitate this illegal grow operation. As a result charges are pending against six persons, two of which have former links to organized crime.
- **Suspicious Fire - B.X. 2015**
Provincial GIS assisted uniformed members with an investigation into a suspicious fire at a rental home in the B.X. area. This involved canvassing the surrounding rural neighborhood for witnesses and coordinating the arson scene exam utilizing police, B.X Fire Department and B.C. Safety Authority resources. At this time the cause of the fire remains undetermined with the possibility of an electrical issue being considered.

NORTH OKANAGAN SIGNIFICANT INVESTIGATIONS/INCIDENTS:

- In January of this year members of the Vernon North Okanagan Rural General Investigation Section (GIS) began an investigation into a suspected grow operation on a large rural property near Falkland. A search warrant was obtained and on Feb 26th, with the assistance of South East District Emergency Response Team, our officers executed a search warrant on the property. Search teams arrested four people who were on the property at the time and assisted in the preliminary search of all the buildings. A large grow operation was located in the metal workshop and over 700 plants were seized. Four people were arrested without incident and taken into custody. Two gave addresses from the lower mainland and two from Nelson. File 15-1949 refers.
- On January 21 members of the Vernon Prolific Offender team assisted North Rural Members with conducting surveillance on a male target in Enderby. The male was arrested for breach of a conditional sentence order and upon arrest was found to be in possession of cocaine. The male was returned to jail for breaching the conditional sentence order and also charged with the drug offence. File 15-1379 refers.
- On February 24 members responded to a bomb threat at MV Beattie School when staff discovered writing on the bathroom wall indicating a bomb was in the school. The school was evacuated and the police dog attended to search the school. It was determined that an 11 year old student had written the threat. As the offender was age 11 charges were not pursued and the school will determine the appropriate disciplinary action. File 15-3686 refers.
- On February 16, while investigating a cocaine trafficker in Enderby, police conducted a search at an Enderby residence and recovered six high value road and racing bicycles, bear spray and a replica handgun along with other drug related items. The accused was arrested and held in custody awaiting court. File 15-3142 refers.
- On February 18 members assisted the building inspector and Enderby Fire department when notice was served to the occupants of a condemned building. When ensuring all occupants were clear from the building members discovered 454 grams marihuana, 125 grams magic mushrooms and a LSD lab. The building was secured by police until the RCMP Clandestine Lab Team could attend from Surrey. The building was searched and the Team removed the chemicals and items used in the production of LSD. All items removed were incinerated to reduce the risk of introducing an invasive species (mold spores) to the area. File 15-3265 refers.

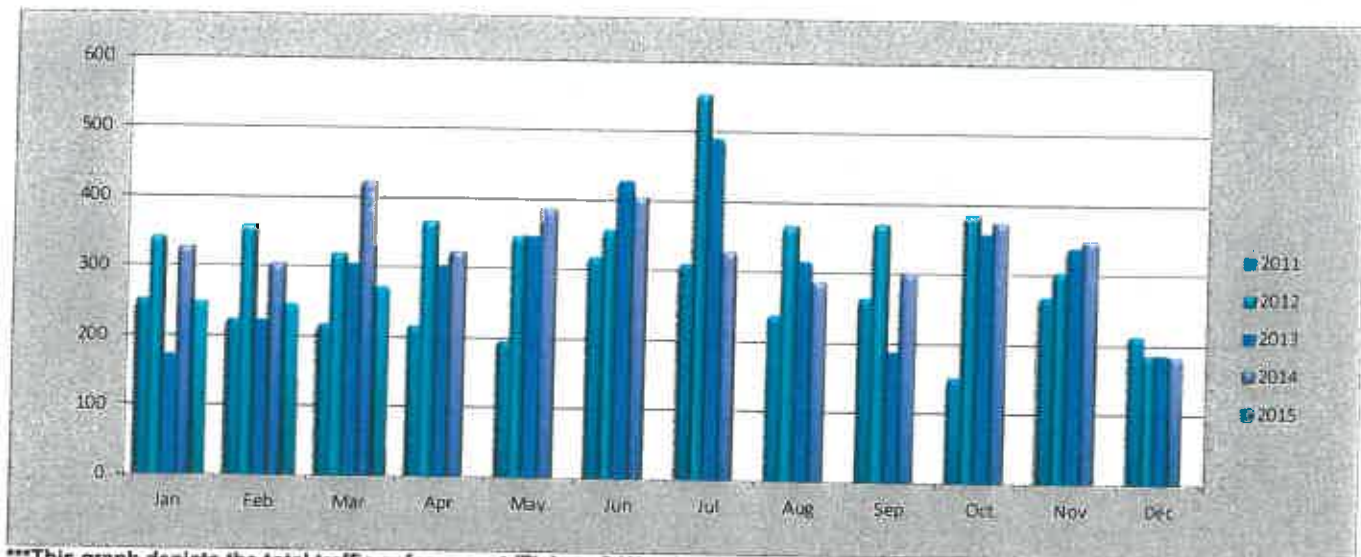
- On March 24 The Ministry of Environment reported several drums of chemicals had been dumped in a gravel pit on Douglas Lake Rd. Members attended and identified a large dump of chemicals suspected to be production waste from a clandestine lab. The Clandestine Lab Team attended from Surrey, examined the site and obtained samples for testing. Thirty-three (33) 205 liter barrels of chemicals used in the production of synthetic drugs were removed from the site. An investigation continues to determine the source and persons responsible. The cost to manage an illegal dump site of this size exceeds \$65,000. File 15-574.

TRAFFIC ENFORCEMENT:

DETACHMENT	VIOLATION Tickets/Warnings
Armstrong	9
Spallumcheen	53
Enderby	25
Falkland	26
Lumby	111
Westside	22

- Rural North Okanagan Impaired Drivers taken off road by way of suspension or charge: 37

DETACHMENT	VIOLATION TICKET	WARNING
Vernon	371	177
Coldstream	95	61
Vernon Rural	35	11



This graph depicts the total traffic enforcement (Tickets & Warnings) results for Vernon, Coldstream & Vernon Rural areas

FORENSIC IDENTIFICATION SECTION (FIS):

- In the last 3 months Vernon FIS have averaged approximately 20 files a month. Calls have been consistently steady and Vernon FIS has all 3 members in full rotation.

1st Quarter Results:

- FIS received 67 calls for service in Vernon this quarter, an increase from 59 the previous quarter. FIS responded to 9 Calls in the North Rural.

OFFENCE	Vernon	Rural
Break and Enter	15	3
Theft Vehicle	15	2
Drugs	2	2
Theft	15	0
Mischief	4	0
Armed Robbery	3	0
Assault	1	0
Fatal/Sudden Death	0	0
Misc.	10	2
Arson	2	0

- During this quarter a total of 17 individuals were identified on 15 files through fingerprints or other types of physical evidence.

POLICE DOG SERVICES (PDS):

- Police Dog Services continues to provide a 20 hour per day on duty or on call coverage, with operational availability as required when a team is not on duty during those hours. The Vernon PDS Unit has experienced a minor medical issue which has removed one PDS member from operational duty, however that is expected to change with a return to light duties in mid-April and potentially full duties by May.

RESERVISTS:

- This past quarter our reservists have been required to comply with mandatory breaks in services as per their contracts. As such their duties have been limited but in general we have had two reservists provide dedicated Traffic Enforcement within the City of Vernon and Coldstream jurisdictions, as well as the Provincial jurisdiction as funding permitted.
- One of our Reservists is now in the process of commencing firearms training for members who require any additional assistance in this regard. As well we will be commencing our annual qualifications in late May which will provide annual re-certifications for all operational members. This reservist, as well as another on strength to this detachment, will also engage summer Boat Enforcement Patrols under the South East District initiative however no direction has been received on this program as of yet.
- One of our Reservists primarily involved in summer seasonal enforcement activities and our local liaison with SAR and PDS teams has accepted another role at this detachment. Due to the departure of our cell block manager this Reservist has agreed to fulfill these duties in the absence of the cell block manager on an interim basis until a permanent replacement can be identified.
- All three of our active reservists have been and continue to be available to assist regular detachment personnel in community event policing as well as support activities such as scene security during more serious or complex investigations.

Reservists Traffic Enforcement:

Detachment	Patrols	V.T.	Warnings
Vernon	11	73	11
Coldstream	12	78	54
Armstrong	2	2	8
Enderby	0	0	0
Falkland	3	25	8
Lumby	1	6	4
Spallumcheen**	3	7	7
Westside Road	4	21	12
Total	36	212	104

SCHOOL LIAISON MEMBER:

- Has worked with the Okanagan Restorative Justice Society on 2 files. This endeavor prevented numerous youths from falling into the criminal justice system and enabled the person's harmed (victim, family members and school officials) an opportunity to face the offender to resolve issues.
- Is working closely with community partners NOYFSS, MCFD, CYMH and the Vernon School District on a School Suspension Committee. They are looking at other models around the province as alternatives that engage students that are facing a school suspension. They hope to continue to collaborate and will likely roll out in September 2015.
- She is on the countdown to this year's 2015 RCMP Jean Minguy Memorial Youth Academy which begins Sunday April 26th to Saturday May 2nd 2015. At this time they have 42 applicants from the north and south Okanagan. They have excellent support from Kelowna Detachment this year as all their School Liaison Officers have been assisting with processing their own students.

AUXILIARY CONSTABLES:

- This group of 8 active A/Cst volunteers is now managed by municipal employee Gord Molendyk. The detachment is currently in the process of developing a group of potential candidates for the program who are undergoing the security screening and selection process and, if successful, could result in increasing the full A/Cst. group to be in excess of 20.

COMMUNITY EVENTS:

- For the 2014/2015 season Sgt. Dave Evans was the head coach an Atom Development North Okanagan Minor Hockey Team (players 9 and 10 years old) and assistant coach of a Bantam Rep Vernon Minor hockey team (players 13 and 14 years old). He continues to hold a position on the North Okanagan Minor Hockey Executive.
- Sgt. Dave Evans continues his support of minor sports with the North Okanagan Minor Lacrosse, Armstrong, Vernon and Lumby 2015 season as head coach of a novice team (players 9 and 10 years old) and assistant coach of a bantam rep team (players 13 and 14 years old).
- Cst. Kevin Hamilton coached the grade 6 boys' basketball team at Ellison Elementary School.
- Cst. Nick Reimann and Cst. Cheryl Heber attended in red serge for the opening ceremony at the British Columbia Provincial Curling Championships in Vernon.
- Cpl. Gerry Kovacs attended as a guest speaker at Okanagan College, speaking with the Humans Service Work Students to provide police perspective on Mental Health in Policing.
- Cst. Kerri Parish attended and spoke with grade 10 to 12 students at Aberdeen Hall Preparatory School. Speaking about "Day in the life of an RCMP Member & How to become a Member".

MEMBER PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT:

- Our Crime Analyst attended an intelligence sharing meeting with representatives of numerous South East District Detachments to discuss current trends and activities of crime groups.

- An SCU investigator trained in Digital Computer Field Triages (DCFT) completed ten electronic device examinations for NOK Detachment investigations.

HUMAN RESOURCES:

- There has been some significant movement within our human resources. Most obvious is the retirement of Supt. Reg Burgess, who is currently on retirement leave and officially retires on June 3rd, 2015. At this time no permanent replacement has been identified, and Insp. Jim McNamara is the interim OIC on an acting capacity.
- Other movement has included the announced retirement of Sgt. Derrick Donovan in late April, and Cpl. Henry Proce in early July. A replacement for Sgt. Donovan has been identified in Sgt. Mike Moyer, who will be arriving mid-June. Cpl. Trevor Tribes will be assuming the Unit Supervisor position at Lumby in May, allowing some transition between him and Cpl. Proce. The position vacated by Cpl. Tribes is under review and will be addressed in the near future.
- Cpl. Tory Romailer has been identified as the successful candidate assuming the watch commander functions on "A" watch, a move which sees him promoted to the rank Sgt. Backfilling Tory's position on our Targeted Enforcement Task Unit is Cpl. Dan Pollock and a replacement for Dan on our Crime Reduction team has yet to be determined.
- Sgt. Robb Daly of Armstrong is the successful candidate in a promotional opportunity promoting him to S/Sgt. at the Kamloops Detachment. He departs to his new duties in May and will be replaced by Sgt. Kara Triance, currently Watch Commander of "C" Watch. Her replacement at Vernon has yet to be identified.
- Arrivals have included Cst. Charles Battye, recently arrived from Kimberly detachment to "C" Watch at Vernon. A long awaited transfer for Enderby was cancelled due to the inability of the incoming member to sell his old post residence. As such another member has been identified to transfer into the Enderby position, Cst. Donald Gunn, and we now await his arrival.
- We have not seen the departure of any members on transfer this past quarter but a number of members have been advised of transfer from Vernon/North Okanagan Detachment, anticipated departure over the following months, with replacements to be identified if/as appropriate.
- Cst. Jerrod Strebchuk has been transferred to Nelson Detachment and will be replaced by Cst. Mark McCaulay from Nakusp Detachment.
- Cst. Josh Elvin has been transferred to Elk Valley Detachment and will be replaced by Cst. Tyler Jackson, currently at the Armstrong detachment. Cst. Jackson will be replaced by Cst. Clayton Twamley, inbound from Port Alice.
- At present Vernon North Okanagan Detachment continues to have 101 established positions however some adjustments are anticipated which may see a reduction in this number, related to the Provincial GIS and one First Nation establishments and potentially in relation to the FIS structure.

Funded Levels:

For the quarter ending March 31st, 2015 our detachment billed at 48.91 members for the City of Vernon and 5.81 for the District of Coldstream.

1ST Quarter Statistics - City of Vernon

ACTIVITY TYPE	January 2014	January 2015	February 2014	February 2015	March 2014	March 2015
Total Files	1072	1169	958	1123	1144	1244
Robbery	-	5	1	5	2	2
Assault (Includes DV)	30	28	21	37	34	28
Domestic Violence	N/A	5	N/A	11	N/A	8
Sex Offence	8	1	1	5	4	1
B&E Residence	18	16	8	9	7	10
B&E Commercial	2	15	6	3	6	1
Theft of Vehicle	11	20	13	8	24	8
Theft From Vehicle	51	48	58	60	37	65
Theft Over \$5000	1	1	1	-	-	1
Theft Under \$5000	46	61	63	46	76	82
Drug Offence	24	21	21	14	17	28
Liquor Offences	42	22	29	36	48	36
Impaired Driving	13	5	9	11	18	9
24 Hour Driving Suspension	2	10	5	4	6	5
Motor Vehicle Accidents	43	37	42	52	36	40

1ST Quarter Statistics - Vernon Rural

ACTIVITY TYPE	January 2014	January 2015	February 2015	February 2015	March 2014	March 2015
Total Files	129	111	108	112	117	123
Robbery	-	-	-	-	-	-
Assault (Includes DV)	4	2	1	2	1	2
Domestic Violence	-	1	-	-	-	2
Sex Offence	-	-	1	-	-	-
B&E Residence	1	1	3	1	1	-
B&E Commercial	-	1	-	-	2	-
Theft of Vehicle	-	1	1	-	2	2
Theft From Vehicle	1	5	1	-	6	1
Theft Over \$5000	-	-	-	1	-	-
Theft Under \$5000	4	4	2	2	3	5
Drug Offence	8	-	3	4	2	2
Liquor Offences	2	3	-	-	1	1
Impaired Driving	1	1	-	2	-	1
24 Hour Driving Suspension	2	-	-	-	-	2
Motor Vehicle Accidents	10	10	8	10	8	5

1ST Quarter Statistics - District of Coldstream

ACTIVITY TYPE	January 2014	January 2015	February 2014	February 2015	March 2014	March 2015
Total Files	72	88	85	69	105	73
Robbery	-	-	-	-	-	-
Assault (Includes DV)	1	2	2	3	3	1
Domestic Violence	-	1	-	2	-	1
Sex Offence	-	1	1	-	-	-
B&E Residence	1	1	4	-	1	1
B&E Commercial	-	-	-	-	-	-
Theft of Vehicle	-	-	5	1	1	-
Theft From Vehicle	3	3	2	4	8	1
Theft Over \$5000	-	-	-	-	-	-
Theft Under \$5000	-	4	-	2	3	-
Drug Offence	1	2	1	1	3	-
Liquor Offences	-	-	-	1	2	-
Impaired Driving	1	1	1	2	1	-
24 Hour Driving Suspension	-	1	2	1	-	-
Motor Vehicle Accidents	6	12	9	5	5	1

1ST Quarter Statistics - City of Armstrong

ACTIVITY TYPE	January 2014	January 2015	February 2014	February 2015	March 2014	March 2015
Total Files	52	57	35	69	71	88
Robbery	-	-	-	-	-	-
Assault (includes DV)	1	3	2	2	2	2
Domestic Violence	N/A	2	N/A	-	N/A	1
Sex Offence	-	-	-	-	-	-
B&E Residence	1	1	2	-	1	-
B&E Commercial	1	-	-	1	-	-
Theft of Vehicle	-	1	-	1	-	-
Theft From Vehicle	-	2	-	-	5	1
Theft Over \$5000	1	-	-	-	-	1
Theft Under \$5000	1	-	-	3	-	1
Drug Offence	-	1	-	1	3	-
Liquor Offences	-	-	1	3	2	1
Impaired Driving	-	3	-	-	1	-
24 Hour Driving Suspension	-	-	-	-	-	-
Motor Vehicle Accidents	3	4	4	5	-	18

1ST Quarter Statistics - Spallumcheen

ACTIVITY TYPE	January 2014	January 2015	February 2014	February 2015	March 2014	March 2015
Total Files	58	72	61	69	79	81
Robbery	-	-	-	-	-	-
Assault (Includes DV)	4	1	-	-	-	2
Domestic Violence	-	-	-	-	-	1
Sex Offence	1	-	-	-	-	-
B&E Residence	4	-	3	-	-	-
B&E Commercial	-	-	-	-	-	-
Theft of Vehicle	-	-	-	1	-	-
Theft From Vehicle	-	2	-	-	2	2
Theft Over \$5000	-	-	-	-	-	-
Theft Under \$5000	1	-	-	1	-	1
Drug Offence	1	-	1	1	2	-
Liquor Offences	1	-	-	-	-	-
Impaired Driving	2	-	-	3	1	2
24 Hour Driving Suspension	3	-	-	2	-	-
Motor Vehicle Accidents	9	6	4	9	6	8

1ST Quarter Statistics - City of Enderby

ACTIVITY TYPE	January 2014	January 2015	February 2014	February 2015	March 2014	March 2015
Total Files	64	77	56	61	53	75
Robbery	-	-	-	-	-	-
Assault (Includes DV)	2	2	2	1	2	1
Domestic Violence	N/A	-	N/A	-	N/A	1
Sex Offence	-	-	-	-	-	1
B&E Residence	2	1	2	1	-	-
B&E Commercial	1	1	-	-	-	-
Theft of Vehicle	1	-	1	-	1	-
Theft From Vehicle	8	-	2	-	-	-
Theft Over \$5000	1	-	-	-	-	1
Theft Under \$5000	1	-	1	-	-	2
Drug Offence	1	1	1	3	1	-
Liquor Offences	2	2	4	7	4	2
Impaired Driving	-	-	-	-	-	1
24 Hour Driving Suspension	2	-	-	-	1	-
Motor Vehicle Accidents	1	3	-	2	2	3

1ST Quarter Statistics - Enderby Rural

ACTIVITY TYPE	January 2014	January 2015	February 2014	February 2015	March 2014	March 2015
Total Files	37	62	32	51	57	48
Robbery	-	-	-	-	-	-
Assault (Includes DV)	3	-	-	1	1	-
Domestic Violence	N/A	-	N/A	-	N/A	-
Sex Offence	-	-	-	1	-	-
B&E Residence	-	-	-	1	1	2
B&E Commercial	-	-	1	-	-	-
Theft of Vehicle	-	3	1	-	-	-
Theft From Vehicle	-	1	1	1	-	-
Theft Over \$5000	-	-	-	1	3	-
Theft Under \$5000	1	1	1	1	2	2
Drug Offence	-	1	-	-	1	-
Liquor Offences	1	-	-	-	-	-
Impaired Driving	1	-	-	1	-	-
24 Hour Driving Suspension	-	-	-	-	-	-
Motor Vehicle Accidents	5	8	1	4	3	2

1ST Quarter Statistics - Village of Falkland

ACTIVITY TYPE	January 2014	January 2015	February 2014	February 2015	March 2014	March 2015
Total Files	18	18	18	17	8	11
Robbery	-	-	-	-	-	-
Assault (Includes DV)	-	-	-	-	-	-
Domestic Violence	N/A	-	N/A	-	N/A	-
Sex Offence	-	-	-	-	-	-
B&E Residence	-	-	-	1	-	-
B&E Commercial	-	-	-	-	-	-
Theft of Vehicle	-	2	-	-	-	-
Theft From Vehicle	-	1	-	-	-	-
Theft Over \$5000	-	-	-	-	-	-
Theft Under \$5000	-	-	-	-	-	-
Drug Offence	-	-	-	-	-	-
Liquor Offences	-	-	-	-	-	-
Impaired Driving	-	-	-	-	-	-
24 Hour Driving Suspension	-	-	-	-	-	-
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1ST Quarter Statistics - Falkland Rural

ACTIVITY TYPE	January 2014	January 2015	February 2014	February 2015	March 2014	March 2015
Total Files	31	31	32	34	36	36
Robbery	-	-	-	-	-	-
Assault (Includes DV)	-	-	-	-	-	2
Domestic Violence	N/A	-	N/A	-	N/A	2
Sex Offence	-	1	-	-	1	-
B&E Residence	1	-	1	-	-	-
B&E Commercial	1	-	-	-	-	-
Theft of Vehicle	1	-	-	-	1	1
Theft From Vehicle	-	-	-	-	-	-
Theft Over \$5000	-	-	-	-	-	-
Theft Under \$5000	1	-	1	-	-	-
Drug Offence	-	1	-	-	1	-
Liquor Offences	-	-	-	-	-	-
Impaired Driving	1	1	-	-	1	-
24 Hour Driving Suspension	-	-	-	-	-	-
Motor Vehicle Accidents	10	4	2	3	2	2

1ST Quarter Statistics - Village of Lumby

ACTIVITY TYPE	January 2014	January 2015	February 2014	February 2015	March 2014	March 2015
Total Files	30	40	28	40	30	43
Robbery	-	-	-	-	-	-
Assault (Includes DV)	1	2	-	1	2	3
Domestic Violence	-	-	-	-	-	-
Sex Offence	1	1	-	-	1	-
B&E Residence	1	-	-	-	-	1
B&E Commercial	-	1	1	2	1	-
Theft of Vehicle	-	-	-	-	-	-
Theft From Vehicle	-	-	-	1	-	-
Theft Over \$5000	-	-	1	-	-	-
Theft Under \$5000	3	3	-	-	1	1
Drug Offence	2	1	-	1	2	1
Liquor Offences	-	-	1	-	-	2
Impaired Driving	-	-	1	-	-	-
24 Hour Driving Suspension	-	-	-	1	-	2
Motor Vehicle Accidents	-	-	1	-	1	1

1ST Quarter Statistics - Lumby Rural

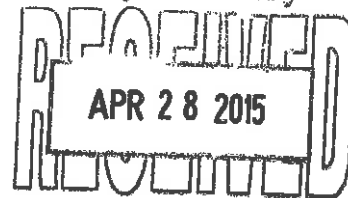
ACTIVITY TYPE	January 2014	January 2015	February 2014	February 2015	March 2014	March 2015
Total Files	35	37	33	38	46	41
Robbery	-	-	-	-	-	-
Assault (Includes DV)	-	1	1	1	4	-
Domestic Violence	N/A	-	N/A	-	N/A	-
Sex Offence	-	-	-	-	2	-
B&E Residence	-	-	-	-	1	-
B&E Commercial	-	-	1	-	1	-
Theft of Vehicle	1	-	-	2	-	-
Theft From Vehicle	-	-	-	-	-	-
Theft Over \$5000	-	-	-	-	-	-
Theft Under \$5000	1	-	1	-	-	-
Drug Offence	2	-	-	1	-	2
Liquor Offences	-	-	-	-	-	-
Impaired Driving	1	-	-	-	-	2
24 Hour Driving Suspension	-	-	1	-	-	-
Motor Vehicle Accidents	5	1	2	2	6	3

1ST Quarter Statistics - OKIB

ACTIVITY TYPE	January 2014	January 2015	February 2014	February 2015	March 2014	March 2015
Total Files	23	30	29	29	35	22
Robbery	-	-	-	-	-	-
Assault (Includes DV)	1	-	1	1	-	-
Domestic Violence	-	-	-	-	-	-
Sex Offence	1	-	-	-	-	-
B&E Residence	-	-	1	-	-	-
B&E Commercial	-	-	-	-	-	-
Theft of Vehicle	-	1	-	-	1	-
Theft From Vehicle	-	-	-	-	-	1
Theft Over \$5000	-	-	-	-	-	-
Theft Under \$5000	1	-	-	-	1	1
Drug Offence	-	1	-	-	1	-
Liquor Offences	1	-	-	-	-	1
Impaired Driving	1	-	-	1	1	1
24 Hour Driving Suspension	2	-	-	-	-	-
Motor Vehicle Accidents	4	-	1	2	1	1

1ST Quarter Statistics - Splatsin

ACTIVITY TYPE	January 2014	January 2015	February 2014	February 2015	March 2014	March 2015
Total Files	21	25	19	17	13	29
Robbery	-	-	-	-	-	-
Assault (Includes DV)	1	2	-	-	-	-
Domestic Violence	-	1	-	-	-	-
Sex Offence	-	-	1	-	-	1
B&E Residence	-	2	-	-	-	-
B&E Commercial	-	-	-	-	-	-
Theft of Vehicle	-	-	-	-	-	-
Theft From Vehicle	1	-	-	-	-	-
Theft Over \$5000	-	-	-	-	-	-
Theft Under \$5000	-	1	1	-	1	-
Drug Offence	1	1	1	-	1	1
Liquor Offences	2	-	-	2	-	-
Impaired Driving	1	-	-	2	1	1
24 Hour Driving Suspension	-	-	-	-	-	-
Motor Vehicle Accidents	2	-	2	1	1	-



NORTH OKANAGAN RCMP VICTIMS ASSISTANCE

1st QUARTER ACTIVITY REPORT

January 1st to March 31st, 2015

CASELOAD:

- Number of new files: 112
- Client type: Female: 85 Male: 27
- Adult: 99 Child: 2 Youth: 7 Senior: 4
- Number of new clients from family violence: 35
- Current average monthly active caseload: 330
- Number of hours out on call: 39 hours
- Number of volunteer in-office service hours: 415 hours
- Number of volunteer stand-by on-call hours: 2,930 hours
- Number of volunteers: 11
- Number of staff: 4 Full time: 2 Part time: 2 Casual:

HIGHEST NUMBER OF INCIDENT TYPES:

- Domestic Assault
- Sudden death
- MHA/Unspecified Assists
- MVA

AREA OF COVERAGE:

- Vernon
- Coldstream
- Armstrong
- Spallumcheen
- Enderby
- Lumby
- Cherryville
- Falkland

CLIENT CONTACT/SUPPORT:

- Daily in office client support
- Court support, orientation, and court tours
- After hour call-outs

NORTH OKANAGAN RCMP VICTIMS ASSISTANCE

1st QUARTER ACTIVITY REPORT

January 1st to March 31st, 2015

VOLUNTEER TRAINING/PROGRAM DEVELOPMENT:

- Program monthly training for volunteers & staff
- Volunteer one on one meetings
- RCMP Victims Assistance and Emergency Social Services (ESS) mock evacuation exercise
- Coroner service presentation/training
- Suicide Prevention Committee Forum; 'A Community Conversation on Suicide'
- RCMP and RCMP Victims Assistance successful application for civil forfeiture grant funds of \$5000 to provide training for local professionals who work with victims of domestic violence. This project will promote responsible management within the community to address various issues surrounding domestic violence, including sexual violence. This training will also create an environment for stakeholder collaboration while managing domestic violence cases, as well as helping to create a universal language with service providers when working with victims of domestic violence. This project will educate service providers on the risk factors when working with victims or managing the offenders.

STAFF TRAINING & MEETINGS:

- Weekly staff meetings/daily program file reviews

COMMUNITY MEETINGS:

- Integrated Case Assessment Team (ICAT) meetings
- Violence Against Women in Relationships (VAWIR) committee meetings
- Suicide Prevention committee meetings
- Homicide/Suicide Bereavement groups planning meetings
- Child and Youth Advocacy Team (CYAC) meetings
- Meeting with Restorative Justice Manager

OPERATIONAL MEETINGS:

- Detachment liaison meetings
- Detachment Unit/Section Heads meetings
- RDNO employee/liaison/staff meetings
- Program Manager and RDNO Administrator meetings
- Health and Safety meetings
- Police Victim Services Region board meetings

Completed by: Anita EILANDER
Program Manager

Agenda

THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF ENDERBY

MEMO

To: Mayor and Council
From: Tate Bengtson, CAO
Date: April 24, 2015
Subject: Building Inspection Consent for Service Establishment Amendment Bylaw

RECOMMENDATION

THAT Council consents to Regional District of the North Okanagan Building Inspection Service Establishment Amendment Bylaw No. 2644, 2014 as amended;

AND THAT Council authorizes the Mayor and Chief Administrative Officer to enter into an agreement with the Regional District of North Okanagan for the apportionment of pre-transition claims management costs in a fair and reasonable manner.

BACKGROUND

A service review of the Regional District of the North Okanagan (RDNO) Building Inspection service has been in process for a number of years. Ultimately, the City of Enderby expressed its interest in being excluded from the service but also its openness to exploring a contractual model with RDNO.

At Council's in camera meeting of July 14, 2014 (since declassified), it resolved as follows:

Moved by Councillor Baird, seconded by Councillor Case that Council endorse the Building Inspection Service Memorandum of Understanding; and

THAT Council give consent to the Regional District of North Okanagan Building Inspection Extended Service Amendment Bylaw No. 2644 which proposes to amend Extended Service Establishment Bylaw No. 842, 1989 to provide for transition to alternate Building Inspection Service arrangements; and

THAT Council advises the Regional District of North Okanagan of its above endorsement of the Memorandum of Understanding and consent to the Extended Service Amendment Bylaw; and

FURTHER THAT Council releases this matter from in camera after it is considered in open meeting by the Board of Directors of the Regional District of North Okanagan.

Carried Unanimously

RDNO staff advanced the bylaw to the Inspector of Municipalities after third reading (as is required for all regulatory service establishment bylaws). The Inspector of Municipalities recommended a change to the pre-transition claims management mechanism; the amendment bylaw reflecting the change (attached) requires the consent of the participants. Staff have no concerns regarding the mechanism proposed by the Inspector and recommend that Council consents to this amendment. In effect, pre-transition claims management costs would be recovered by invoice rather than requisition, which staff view as preferable.

With respect to the transition to a new Building Inspection service, the City of Enderby, City of Armstrong, and Village of Lumby are sharing in the legal costs of drafting a new regulatory bylaw. Different options are being evaluated to determine the most appropriate delivery model and agent. The City must be prepared to deliver its own service (which may include contracting with a third party, such as RDNO) by January 1, 2016.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Tate Bengtson', with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

Tate Bengtson
Chief Administrative Officer



REGIONAL DISTRICT OF NORTH OKANAGAN

MEMBER MUNICIPALITIES:

CITY OF ARMSTRONG
DISTRICT OF COLDSTREAM
CITY OF ENDERBY

VILLAGE OF LUMBY
TOWNSHIP OF SPALLUMCHEEN
CITY OF VERNON

ELECTORAL AREAS:

"B" – SWAN LAKE
"C" – B.X. DISTRICT
"D" – LUMBY (RURAL)

"E" – CHERRYVILLE
"F" – ENDERBY (RURAL)

OFFICE OF: CORPORATE AND ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES

OUR FILE No.: 3900.2644

April 22, 2015

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City of Enderby
Attn.: **T. Bengtson, Administrator**
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Enderby, BC V0E 1V0

Village of Lumby
Attn.: **T. Kadla, Administrator**
PO Box 430
Lumby, BC V0E 2G0

Township of Spallumcheen
Attn.: **C. Paiement, Administrator**
4144 Spallumcheen Way
Spallumcheen BC, V0E 1B6

Regional District of North Okanagan
Attn.: **L. Mellott, GM Electoral Area
Administration**
9848 Aberdeen Road
Coldstream, BC V1B 2K9

Dear Administrators:

Re: Building Inspection Service Establishment Amendment Bylaw No. 2644, 2014

At the regular meeting of the Board of Directors held on April 15, 2015, the Board considered the above-noted matter and resolved:

That Third Reading to Building Inspection Service Establishment Amendment Bylaw No. 2644, 2014 be rescinded; and further,

That Building Inspection Service Establishment Amendment Bylaw No. 2644, 2014 be given Third Reading as amended; and further,

That Building Inspection Service Establishment Amendment Bylaw No. 2644, 2014 be forwarded for consent of the participants as amended; and further,

That following receipt of consent of all participants, Building Inspection Service Establishment Amendment Bylaw No. 2644, 2014 be forwarded for approval of the Inspector; and further,

That adoption of Building Inspection Service Establishment Amendment Bylaw No. 2644, 2014 be withheld pending confirmation of execution of the Agreements between the Regional District of North Okanagan and each of the jurisdictions withdrawing from the Building Inspection Extended Service to address pre-transition management provisions.

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The Ministry of Community, Sport and Cultural Development has advised that they will not approve Bylaw 2644 with the transitional provision included in the Bylaw and, as such, staff have worked with the Ministry to amend Bylaw 2644 and provide a stand alone agreement (attached) to address the transitional provisions to a municipally managed Building Inspection Service.

The following is a sample resolution for the municipal jurisdictions (City of Armstrong, City of Enderby, Village of Lumby, Township of Spallumcheen) to consider in order to provide consent for Bylaw 2644, 2014 and authority to enter into the Agreement with the Regional District to facilitate transitional provisions for withdrawal from the Building Inspection service.

That the Council of the [Jurisdiction] gives consent to Building Inspection Service Establishment Amendment Bylaw No. 2644, 2014 as amended which proposes to amend the Extended Service of Building Inspection to remove all Regional District of North Okanagan municipal participants from the Building Inspection Service; and further,


That the signing authorities for the [Jurisdiction] be authorized to enter into an Agreement to facilitate a transition from the Regional District of North Okanagan Building Inspection service model to fairly apportion any pre-transition date claims management costs arising out of building inspection services provided by the Regional District pursuant to the extended service prior to the withdrawal date of December 31, 2015.

Upon receipt of consent, Bylaw 2644, 2014 as amended, will be forwarded to the Ministry for approval by the Inspector of Municipalities. Following statutory approval from the Inspector of Municipalities and confirmation of execution of the transitional agreements by the municipal participants, Bylaw 2644 may be adopted. Two (2) copies of the agreement have been included for your execution. We ask that following Council approval, the agreements be executed and returned to our office where we will, in turn, execute and return one (1) original to you.

Please note that each municipal jurisdiction will be responsible to adopt their own respective Regulatory Bylaws and amend other Bylaws as necessary to facilitate the transition.

If you require any further information, please do not hesitate to contact Rob Smailes, General Manager Planning and Building at 250.550.3736 or rob.smailes@rdno.ca.

Yours truly,



Paddy Juniper
Deputy Corporate Officer
cc: Rob Smailes, General Manager Planning and Building

Attachments:

- Report dated April 7, 2015
- Bylaw 2644 as at Third Reading as amended
- Agreement for Withdrawal and Transition to Municipally Managed Building Inspection Services



**REGIONAL DISTRICT
of
NORTH OKANAGAN**

REPORT

File #:3900.2644

TO: Board of Directors
FROM: Corporate Services
DATE: April 7, 2015
SUBJECT: Building Inspection Service Establishment Amendment Bylaw No. 2644, 2014

RECOMMENDATION:

That Third Reading to Building Inspection Service Establishment Amendment Bylaw No. 2644, 2014 be rescinded; and further,

That Building Inspection Service Establishment Amendment Bylaw No. 2644, 2014 be given Third Reading as amended; and further,

That Building Inspection Service Establishment Amendment Bylaw No. 2644, 2014 be forwarded for consent of the participants as amended; and further,

That following receipt of consent of all participants, Building Inspection Service Establishment Amendment Bylaw No. 2644, 2014 be forwarded for approval of the Inspector; and further,

That adoption of Building Inspection Service Establishment Amendment Bylaw No. 2644, 2014 be withheld pending confirmation of execution of the Agreements between the Regional District of North Okanagan and each of the jurisdictions withdrawing from the Building Inspection Extended Service to address pre-transition management provisions.

BACKGROUND:

In November 2013 staff was directed to bring forward recommendations to implement the exclusion provision and to draft the appropriate bylaw amendments. Bylaw 2644, 2014 was drafted and on July 16, 2014 the following resolution was passed:

*That Building Inspection Extended Service Amendment Bylaw No. 2644, 2014 be given First, Second and Third readings; and further,
That subject to obtaining Consent from the Participant jurisdictions, Building Inspection Extended Service Amendment Bylaw No. 2644, 2014 be forwarded to the Inspector of Municipalities for Statutory Approval.*

Consent from the Participant jurisdictions was received and Bylaw 2644, 2014 was forwarded to the Inspector of Municipalities on August 19, 2014 for Statutory Approval. The Ministry has reviewed Bylaw 2644, 2014 and provided the following response:

Firstly, I want to thank the regional district for your patience while we researched the issue of future liability once a building inspection bylaw is repealed.

The bylaw submitted to remove the municipalities from the service and only service the electoral areas is acceptable and we understand that the municipalities will be creating building inspection services in the near future which may or may not include one or more electoral areas at a future date. This proposed amendment will allow the local governments within the Regional District the ability to customize the service to reflect the uniqueness of each community. As you are aware, the Province considers building inspection to be a significant benefit to the health and safety of the citizens of British Columbia.

The Ministry's concern is with the transitional provision in the bylaw that allows the regional district to requisition all past participants for claims arising after the transitional date (i.e. December 31, 2015). Once the bylaw is repealed, or amended to remove all municipalities, the authority to requisition all past participants and tax the electorate no longer exists. It would appear that this type of arrangement would be best dealt with by an agreement under the regional district's corporate powers as the matter does not fall under the legislative framework for service establishment bylaws. Any claims made against the regional district would form a claim against the Regional District Board as a whole.

Should the Board wish to proceed with the amendment to the building inspection bylaw we would be able to forward the bylaw for Inspector's consideration once the transitional provisions have been removed from the bylaw.

In light of the comments received from the Ministry, Bylaw 2644, 2014 was amended (Attachment 1) to remove the transitional provisions. Pursuant to Section 176, General Corporate Powers of the *Local Government Act*, staff are working with legal counsel to prepare the agreement to address any claims management that may be brought forward after December 31, 2015 relating to any errors or omissions in the performance or intended performance of building inspection in the extended service from December 20, 1989 to December 31, 2015. Once the agreement has been finalized it will be forwarded to the City of Armstrong, City of Enderby, Village of Lumby and Township of Spallumcheen for execution prior to adoption of Bylaw 2644, 2014.

In anticipation that Bylaw 2644, 2014 is adopted and takes effect on January 1, 2016 it should be noted that the following steps will remain to be addressed:

- Regulatory Bylaw No. 1747 (Regional District of North Okanagan Building Bylaw No. 1747, 2003) to be amended to exclude municipal participants
- Municipal participants to adopt their own respective Regulatory Bylaws and amend other Bylaws if necessary

DISCUSSION:

Following receipt of Third Reading as amended, Bylaw 2644 will be forwarded to the participating municipal jurisdictions to request consent for Bylaw 2644 as amended.

Recommendation to forward to participating jurisdictions for consideration:

The following is a sample resolution for the municipal jurisdictions (City of Armstrong, City of Enderby, Village of Lumby, Township of Spallumcheen) to consider in order to provide consent for Bylaw 2644, 2014 and authority to enter into the Agreement with the Regional District to facilitate transitional provisions for withdrawal from the Building Inspection service.

That the Council of the [Jurisdiction] gives consent to Building Inspection Service Establishment Amendment Bylaw No. 2644, 2014 as amended which proposes to amend the Extended Service of Building Inspection to remove all Regional District of

North Okanagan municipal participants from the Building Inspection Service; and further

That the signing authorities for the [Jurisdiction] be authorized to enter into an Agreement to facilitate a transition from the Regional District of North Okanagan Building Inspection service model to fairly apportion any pre-transition date claims management costs arising out of building inspection services provided by the Regional District pursuant to the extended service prior to the withdrawal date of December 31, 2015.

Upon receipt of consent as amended, Bylaw 2644, 2014 will be forwarded to the Ministry for approval by the Inspector of Municipalities.

Submitted by:




Paddy Juniper
Deputy Corporate Officer

Reviewed and endorsed by:



Rob Smailes
General Manager, Planning and Building

Reviewed and endorsed by:



Leah Mellott
General Manager, Electoral Area
Administration

Approved for inclusion:



David Sewell
Chief Administrative Officer

Attachments:

1. Building Inspection Service Establishment Amendment Bylaw No. 2644, 2014

REGIONAL DISTRICT OF NORTH OKANAGAN

BYLAW No. 2644

A bylaw to amend the Extended Service of Building Inspection
to remove all municipalities from the Building Inspection Service

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AND WHEREAS Electoral Area "A" was annexed into the City of Vernon on December 6, 1993;

AND WHEREAS the Board of the Regional District of North Okanagan wishes to amend its Building Inspection Extended Service Establishment Bylaw No. 842, 1989 to facilitate the withdrawal of the City of Armstrong, City of Enderby, Village of Lumby, and Township of Spallumcheen from the Extended Service, effective December 31, 2015;

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AND WHEREAS the Regional Board has obtained the consents required under Section 801.4 [*Consent on behalf of municipal participating area*] and Section 801.5 [*Consent on behalf of electoral participating area electors*] of the *Local Government Act*;

NOW THEREFORE the Board of the Regional District of North Okanagan in open meeting assembled, hereby ENACTS AS FOLLOWS:

CITATION

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AMENDMENTS

Bylaw 842 is amended as follows:

2. By deleting Paragraph 2 in its entirety and replacing with:

The boundary of the Service Area established by Section 1 shall be the entire boundaries of Electoral Areas "B", "C", "D", "E" and "F".

3. By deleting Paragraph 3 in its entirety and replacing it with:

Electoral Areas "B", "C", "D", "E" and "F" are the participants of this Service.

EFFECTIVE DATE OF BYLAW

This Bylaw shall come into full force and effect on January 1, 2016.

Read a First, Second and THIRD Time	this	16th	day of	July, 2014
Consent provided by the participants	this	16th	day of	July, 2014
Third reading rescinded	this		day of	, 2015
Reconsidered and read a Third time as amended	this		day of	, 2015
Consent provided by the participants as amended	this		day of	, 2015
Approved by the Inspector of Municipalities	this		day of	, 2015
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Vice Chair
Rick Fairbairn

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Consent provided by the participants as amended	this		day of	, 2015
Approved by the Inspector of Municipalities	this		day of	, 2015
ADOPTED	this		day of	, 2015

Vice Chair
Rick Fairbairn

Deputy Corporate Officer
Paddy Juniper

I hereby certify the foregoing to be a true and correct copy of Bylaw No. 2644 cited as "Building Inspection Service Establishment Amendment Bylaw 2644, 2014" as read a third time by the Board of Directors on the 15th day of April, 2015.

Dated at Coldstream, BC this 24th day of April, 2015.

Paddy Juniper

 Deputy Corporate Officer

**AGREEMENT FOR WITHDRAWAL
AND TRANSITION TO MUNICIPALLY-MANAGED BUILDING
INSPECTION SERVICES**

THIS AGREEMENT made the day of , 2015

BETWEEN:

REGIONAL DISTRICT OF NORTH OKANAGAN
9848 Aberdeen Road
Coldstream, BC
V1B 2K9

(the "Regional District")

AND:

CITY OF ENDERBY
PO Box 400
Enderby, BC
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(the "Municipality")

WHEREAS:

- A The Regional District established and provided building inspection services, as an Extended Service, pursuant to the *Building Inspection Extended Services Establishment Bylaw No. 842, 1989*, and the Municipality was a participant in the said Extended Service;
- B. The Municipality has given notice of its intent to withdraw from Extended Service, effective December 31, 2015; and
- C. The parties wish to cooperate in a reasonable manner so as to facilitate a transition from the Regional District's Extended Service model, and to fairly apportion the costs incurred in respect of any Pre-Transition Claims Management; and
- D. Effective as at April 15th, 2015, the Regional District's Building Inspection Service Establishment Amendment Bylaw No. 2644, 2014 has been given first, second and third readings and, once adopted, will effect removal of the Municipality from participation in the Regional District's Extended Service.

NOW THEREFORE IN CONSIDERATION of the mutual promises set out herein, the Parties agree as follows:

DEFINITIONS AND INTERPRETATION

1. In this Agreement, the following words and phrases will have the following meanings:
 - (a) "Completed" or "Completion" means the earlier of: (i) the completion of final building inspection; or (ii) the Municipality's council passing a resolution pursuant section 57(3) of the *Community Charter* [Note against title that building regulations contravened];
 - (b) "Establishment Bylaw" means the Regional District's *Building Inspection Extended Services Establishment Bylaw No. 842, 1989*;
 - (c) "Extended Service" means the Regional District's bylaw inspection service as established and provided pursuant to the Establishment Bylaw;
 - (d) "Participants" means the City of Armstrong, the City of Enderby, the Village of Lumby, the Township of Spallumcheen, Electoral Areas "B", "C", "D", "E" and "F";
 - (e) "Pre-Transition Claim" means all demands, claims, suits, actions and applications of any kind whatsoever brought against the Regional District after December 31, 2015, which are based on any alleged errors or omissions in the performance or intended performance of the Extended Service from December 20, 1989 to December 31, 2015, inclusively;
 - (f) "Pre-Transition Claims Management" includes all aspects of the management, defence, resolution and conclusion of any and all Pre-Transition Claims, including without limitation, all costs, expenses, damages, settlement amounts, interest, losses, legal fees, disbursements and insurance deductibles associated therewith;
 - (g) "Transition" means the Municipality's transition from the Extended Service to an alternate building inspection arrangement;
 - (h) "Transition Date" means January 1, 2016;
 - (i) "Transition Period" means January 1, 2015 to December 31, 2015;

WITHDRAWAL

2. Subject to the terms and conditions set out herein, the Municipality hereby withdraws from the Extended Service, and the Regional District accepts such withdrawal, effective December 31, 2015.
3. The Regional District and the Municipality acknowledge that it is their mutual intent that the Establishment Bylaw be amended so as to stipulate that the Municipality is no longer a participant in the Extended Service, except to the limited extent set out in this Agreement.

PRE-TRANSITION CLAIMS MANAGEMENT

4. From January 1, 2016 onwards, the Municipality will participate in the Extended Service only to the extent of paying its proportionate share of costs associated with Pre-Transition Claims Management, as set out in this Agreement.
5. The Regional District will act reasonably in its consultations with the Municipality regarding Pre-Transition Claims Management.
6. With respect to Pre-Transition Claims Management, both:
 - (a) claims which are insured (wherein the Regional District is afforded a defence by the BC Municipal Insurance Association or such other liability insurer who may at any time hereafter provide liability coverage, and wherein such insurer accepts responsibility for any damages awarded); and
 - (b) uninsured claims,

will be paid for and fully funded by all Participants, including the Municipality, on the same basis as if the Municipality was still a full Participant in the Extended Service as provided for in the Establishment Bylaw prior to the anticipated amendment.

TRANSITION AND POST-TRANSITION BUILDING INSPECTION SERVICES

7. Effective January 1, 2016, the Municipality will be solely responsible for managing and delivering its own building inspection services through a process independent of the Regional District. Such Transition will be managed as follows:
 - (a) the Municipality may begin accepting building permit applications on November 1, 2015, so long as the Municipality has a Building Bylaw in force;
 - (b) regardless of the date on which the Municipality begins accepting building permit applications, the Municipality is responsible for its full share of the 2015 requisition for the Extended Service pursuant to the Establishment Bylaw; and
 - (c) on or about November 1, 2015, the Municipality and Regional District will complete a joint reconciliation of open and active building inspection files, and negotiate in good faith so as to determine which party will be responsible for completing each such file in a manner that provides seamless service delivery to the customers.
8. As soon as reasonably practical after December 31, 2015, the Regional District will provide the Municipality with:
 - (a) a statement of adjustments for all transferred building permits issued between November 1, 2015 and December 31, 2015;

- (b) a reconciliation of the costs of plan checks and inspections provided by the Regional District up to the Transition Date; and
- (c) copies of all documents and files in connection with the foregoing,

and the parties acknowledge and agree that the Regional District will retain a proportionate amount of building permit revenues based on an allocation of work remaining.

9. In the event either party provides building inspection services to the other after the Transition Date, all such services will be delivered pursuant to:
- (a) the terms and conditions of this Agreement; or
 - (b) the terms and conditions of a separate contract for services, as agreed to by both parties,

and in no case will any such services be provided or be construed as having been provided pursuant to or under the authority of the Establishment Bylaw, save and except to the limited extent of services associated with Pre-Transition Claims Management, as provided for herein.

GENERAL PROVISIONS

10. The Regional District will at all times treat as confidential all information or material supplied to or obtained by the Regional District as a result of this Agreement and will not permit the publication, release or disclosure of the same without the prior written consent of the Municipality, subject always to the *BC Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act*.
11. The Regional District will not without the prior written consent of the Municipality:
- (a) assign, either directly or indirectly, this Agreement or any right of the Regional District under this Agreement; or
 - (b) sub-contract any obligation of the Regional District under this Agreement.
12. No sub-contract entered into by the Regional District will relieve the Regional District from any of its obligations under this Agreement, or impose any obligation or liability upon the Municipality to any such sub-contractor.
13. This Agreement will be binding upon the Municipality and its successors and assigns and the Regional District, its successors and permitted assigns.
14. The Regional District will indemnify and save harmless the Municipality, its officials, employees and agents, from and against any and all losses, claims, damages, actions, causes of action, costs and expenses that the Municipality may sustain, incur, suffer or be put to at any time either before or after the expiration or termination of this

Agreement, where the same or any of them are based upon, arise out of or occur, directly or indirectly, by reason of any act or omission of the Regional District or of any agent, employee, officer, director or sub-contractor of the Regional District pursuant to the provisions of this Agreement, excepting always liability arising out of the independent negligent acts of the Municipality.

15. The Municipality will indemnify and save harmless the Regional District, its officials, employees and agents, from and against any and all losses, claims, damages, actions, causes of action, costs and expenses that the Regional District may sustain, incur, suffer or be put to at any time either before or after the expiration or termination of this Agreement, where the same or any of them are based upon, arise out of or occur, directly or indirectly, by reason of any claim that falls within the definition of Pre-Transition Claims Management, to the same extent as would be applicable if the Municipality was still a participant in the Extended Service.
16. A waiver of any provision or breach by either party of this Agreement will be effective only if it is in writing and signed by the other party and will not be deemed to be a waiver of any subsequent breach of the same or any other provision of this Agreement.
17. Any notice or payment that either party may be required or may desire to give or deliver to the other will be conclusively deemed validly given or delivered to and received, if delivered personally on the date of such personal delivery or if mailed, on the third business day after mailing in British Columbia by pre-paid post addressed if to the Regional District:

Regional District of North Okanagan
9848 Aberdeen Road
Coldstream, BC
V1B 2K9

And if to the Municipality:

City of Enderby
PO Box 400
Enderby, BC
V0E 1V0

Either party may, from time to time, advise the other by notice in writing of any change of address, and after the giving of such notice the address specified will be conclusively deemed to be the address of the party giving such notice.

18. No amendment or modification to this Agreement will become effective unless agreed, in writing, by all the parties.
19. This Agreement will be governed by the laws of the Province of British Columbia.
20. All disputes arising out of or in connection with this Agreement will first be referred to the appointed senior official of each party, who will attempt to resolve the matter amicably.

Agenda



REGIONAL DISTRICT OF NORTH OKANAGAN

MEMBER MUNICIPALITIES:

CITY OF ARMSTRONG
DISTRICT OF COLDSTREAM
CITY OF ENDERBY

VILLAGE OF LUMBY
TOWNSHIP OF SPALLUMCHEEN
CITY OF VERNON

ELECTORAL AREAS:

B – SWAN LAKE
C – B.X. DISTRICT
D – LUMBY (RURAL)

E – CHERRYVILLE
F – ENDERBY (RURAL)

OFFICE OF: PLANNING DEPARTMENT

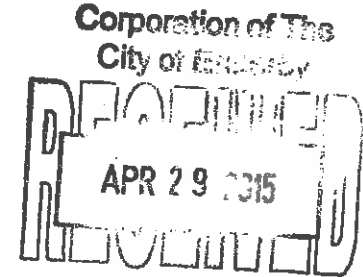
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April 27, 2015

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To Whom It May Concern:

Re: Regional Agricultural Area Plan



The Regional District of North Okanagan, with assistance from Upland Consulting, has completed the first draft of the Regional Agricultural Area Plan, which was presented to the Regional Agricultural Advisory Committee on April 16, 2015.

At their April 16, 2015 meeting, the Committee recommended that the draft Plan to be referred to member municipalities, Regional District departments, First Nations, agricultural producer groups, the British Columbia Agricultural Council and various senior government agencies, including the Ministry of Agriculture and the Agricultural Land Commission for comment.

Please provide your comments to the Regional District of North Okanagan prior to May 29, 2015 to remain on target with the workplan and completion date of June 2015.

The Agricultural Plan process was initiated in December 2013 with significant input provided by the member municipalities and the Regional Agricultural Advisory Committee, composed of Regional District Directors and local agricultural producers and stakeholders. Throughout the planning process, valuable feedback from both the public and agricultural stakeholders was gathered through extensive community engagement which included public open houses, surveys, focus groups and face-to-face interviews. Based upon the broad input received, the draft Plan focuses on seven priorities:

1. Protecting farmland and farmers
2. Strengthening the local agricultural economy
3. Encouraging sustainable agricultural practices
4. Managing clean and accessible water
5. Ensuring farmland availability for emerging farmers
6. Creating supportive government policies and regulations
7. Raising awareness and education

The Regional District will be holding two open houses to present the draft Plan to the public and the regional agricultural community and provide an opportunity for community feedback. These open houses will occur on:

- Friday, May 1, 2015 (4pm – 7pm) at the White Valley Community Centre, 2250 Shields, Lumby, BC

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Regional Agricultural Area Plan

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March 29, 2015
Submitted by Upland Consulting

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Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada, the BC Ministry of Agriculture and the Investment Agriculture Foundation of BC, are pleased to participate in the delivery of this project. We are committed to working with our partners to address issues of importance to the agriculture and agri-food industry in British Columbia. Opinions expressed in this report are those of the authors and not necessarily those of Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada, the BC Ministry of Agriculture and the Investment Agriculture Foundation.

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Acronyms

AAFC	Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada
AFIS	Armstrong Food Initiative Society
AGRI	BC Ministry of Agriculture
ALC	Agricultural Land Commission
ALR	Agricultural Land Reserve
ALUI	Agricultural Land Use Inventory
ARDCorp	Agriculture Research and Development Corporation
BCAA	BC Assessment Authority
BCAC	BC Agriculture Council
BMP	Best Management Practices
BSE	Bovine Spongiform Encephalopathy
CAI	BC Agriculture & Food Climate Action Initiative
CFIA	Canadian Food Inspection Agency
CLI	Canadian Land Inventory
CSA	Community Supported Agriculture
DPA	Development Permit Area
EFP	Environmental Farm Plan
FIRB	Farm Industry Review Board
FPPA	Farm Practices Protection (Right to Farm) Act
GHG	Greenhouse Gases
GMO	Genetically Modified Organisms
GVW	Greater Vernon Water
IAF	Investment Agriculture Foundation of BC
IHA	Interior Health Authority
LGA	Local Government Act
LUI	Land Use Inventory
MIR	Meat Inspection Regulation
MOA	Market Opportunities Analysis
MoE	BC Ministry of Environment
OBWB	Okanagan Basin Water Basin
OCP	Official Community Plan
OCCP	Okanagan Conservation Collaborative Program
OKIB	Okanagan Indian Band
RAAP	Regional Agricultural Area Plan
RAAC	Regional Agricultural Advisory Committee
REF	Real Estate Foundation
RDNO	Regional District of North Okanagan
RGS	Regional Growth Strategy
SSFPA	Small Scale Food Processor Association
UBCM	Union of BC Municipalities

Definitions

It can be difficult for any community to agree upon the terms used to describe food production at a regional level. Definitions outlined by dictionaries, Statistics Canada, the BC Assessment Authority (BCAA), and local plans help to provide a starting point for discussion.

“Agriculture” according to the Merriam Webster dictionary:

The science, art, or practice of cultivating the soil, producing crops, and raising livestock and in varying degrees the preparation and marketing of the resulting products.

A **“census farm”** as described by Statistics Canada:

An agricultural operation that produces at least one of the following products intended for sale: crops (hay, field crops, tree fruits or nuts, berries or grapes, vegetables, seed); livestock (cattle, pigs, sheep, horses, game animals, other livestock); poultry (hens, chickens, turkeys, chicks, game birds, other poultry); animal products (milk or cream, eggs, wool, furs, meat); or other agricultural products (Christmas trees, greenhouse or nursery products, mushrooms, sod, honey, maple syrup products).

In the Agricultural Census, an agricultural operation is defined as: **“a farm, ranch or other operation that produces agricultural products intended for sale.”**

Farm status (or farm class) as determined by BCAA¹:

- a) land used for a qualifying agricultural use;
- b) land used for a purpose that contributes to a qualifying agricultural use;
- c) land used for a farmer’s dwelling;
- d) land in an agricultural land reserve (ALR) that is used for a retired farmer’s dwelling;
- e) land used for the training and boarding of horses when operated in conjunction with horse rearing; and
- f) in some cases, vacant land associated with a farm.

The term **“sustainable agriculture”** is used throughout this report. For consistency, the definition of **“sustainable agriculture”** as it appears in the **Township of Spallumcheen Agricultural Plan** is used:

“A sustainable agriculture is one that, over the long term, enhances environmental quality and the resource base on which agriculture depends; provides for basic human food and fiber needs; is economically viable, and enhances the quality of life for farmers and society as a whole.”²

A combination of the above-mentioned definitions, the project Terms of Reference, and discussions with farmers and other stakeholders were used to ensure that a variety of levels and types of food production were captured in the RAAP to accurately reflect food production occurring in the North Okanagan region.

¹ BC Assessment Authority fact sheet: classifying farmland.

<http://www.bcassessment.ca/public/Fact%20Sheets/Classifying%20Farm%20Land.aspx>

² Township of Spallumcheen Agricultural Plan. Phase 2 Report: Issues and Opportunities. 2006.

1.0 Introduction

Agriculture defines the history and identity of the North Okanagan. Every community within the North Okanagan includes Agricultural Land Reserve (ALR) lands and has agricultural designations supporting agriculture within their Official Community Plans (OCPs), as well as agricultural policies and zoning. Agriculture provides local and regional economic benefits, as well as multiple opportunities for local access to agricultural produce and products.

The development of a Regional Agricultural Area Plan (RAAP) is an important opportunity for the Regional District of North Okanagan (RDNO) and the agricultural sector to work toward a more resilient and sustainable local economy. Although the Regional District's and member municipalities' planning initiatives have been lessening urban development pressure on productive agricultural lands, it has been recognized that long term planning for agriculture is essential for the long-term viability, resilience and sustainability of the agricultural sector. The RAAP process has provided a unique opportunity to develop recommended strategies, policies, actions and pilot projects that could support agriculture in the future. Upland Consulting has been retained to undertake the development of the RAAP.

The RAAP was initiated in early 2013 as a priority Regional Growth Strategy (RGS) implementation project, with support by the Investment Agriculture Foundation. The planning process is being led by the Regional District and the Regional Agricultural Advisory Committee (RAAC), comprised of elected officials and members of the farm community. RAAC was essential in providing technical advice and input into the planning process, as well as acting as a liaison within the regional agricultural community.

This report is the culmination of a *Background Report, Market Opportunities Analysis (MOA)*, and extensive consultation with the agricultural community. The *Background Report* presents an overview of the regional context, results of the Agricultural Land Use Inventory (ALUI), Census of Agriculture analysis, community consultation and issue identification. The MOA provides a high-level assessment of opportunities and challenges facing the North Okanagan agricultural sector. This RAAP combines that information with feedback from the community to present a vision statement, key priorities and recommended actions towards planning for agriculture in the North Okanagan. It also includes an overview of potential pilot projects, an implementation strategy, monitoring and evaluation framework, and a list of funding opportunities.

1.1 Intent of Regional Agricultural Area Plans

Regional Agricultural Area Plans (RAAPs) recognize agriculture as the highest and best use of agricultural land and focus on developing strategies to support a viable agricultural industry at the regional level³. The intent of this plan is to provide an overview of the current regional food

³ Smith, B. 1998. *Planning for Agriculture*. BC Ministry of Agriculture publication.
<http://www.al.gov.bc.ca/resmgmt/publist/800Series/822420-1.pdf>

system in the North Okanagan (*Background Report*), identify opportunities (*Market Opportunities Analysis*), and make recommendations that would help support a healthy, resilient and sustainable agricultural sector. The RAAP considers agriculture in its regional context and attempts to identify and anticipate future changes and challenges. The RAAP, although commissioned by the Regional District of North Okanagan, acknowledges that the participation of local governments, senior levels of government, agricultural businesses, community organizations, and the public is essential to realize a resilient, sustainable and profitable regional agricultural sector.

1.2 The Regional Agricultural Area Plan Process

This final document, the RAAP, synthesizes the *Background Report* and *MOA* into a vision statement, key priorities, a set of recommended actions as well as an outline of pilot projects, an implementation strategy, monitoring and evaluation framework, and a funding strategy.

The specific process objectives of the RAAP as set forth in the Terms of Reference are to:

- Undertake a comprehensive analysis of the agricultural industry and the resource base;
- Identify agricultural issues, trends, opportunities and challenges facing the agricultural industry;
- Develop strategies and policies to take advantage of opportunities and mitigate challenges;
- Develop policies to protect agricultural land;
- Develop policy and establish criteria to assist in the evaluation of ALR exclusion, non-farm use and subdivision applications; and,
- Provide recommendations that will promote public awareness of the importance of agriculture.

The RAAP process was initiated in December 2013 and includes the following actions:

1. Regular meetings with RDNO staff and the RAAC;
2. Regional food system workshop to identify collaboration opportunities;
3. Public open houses to initiate the project;
4. Focus group sessions with key stakeholders;
5. Surveys of the farming and non-farming communities;
6. General context review and development of the *Background Report*;
7. *Market Opportunities Analysis*;
8. Drafting the *Regional Agricultural Area Plan*;
9. Reviewing the draft with RDNO staff and the RAAC;
10. Public open house to present the draft RAAP to the public; and
11. Finalizing the RAAP and preparation for its adoption.

1.3 A Regional Agricultural Area Plan is a Community Plan

It is important to note that, while the RAAP has been developed for the RDNO, it is not the responsibility of the RDNO to accept, adopt, endorse, implement or accommodate any or all of

the recommendations included within the RAAP. Rather, the RAAP represents a community endeavor and as a result it will require the effort of many individuals and organizations within the region to succeed.

Whenever possible, potential lead organizations and agencies are identified within the recommendation tables. The recommendations and associated implementation strategy are put forward with the understanding that collaboration will be required in order to achieve success. Furthermore, the scope of this plan is regional, therefore the provincial and federal level are addressed to some degree but are not the main focus of the report. Several actions and pilot projects would benefit from participation of senior levels of government, as well as the potential stakeholders identified. The North Okanagan is fortunate to be home to many organizations that support local agriculture either directly or indirectly. They include:

Producer Groups

- BC Agricultural Council
- BC Association of Abattoirs
- BC Fruit Growers Association
- BC Grape Growers Association
- BC Poultry Association
- BC Young Farmers – Okanagan
- Interior Greenhouse Growers Association
- Kamloops Okanagan Dairymen Association (KODA)
- Lumby Range/Livestock Association
- North Okanagan Beekeepers Association
- North Okanagan Cattlemen Association
- North Okanagan Game Association
- Okanagan North Growers Co-op
- Okanagan Shuswap Sheep Producers Association
- Okanagan Tree Fruit Cooperative
- Okanagan-Kootenay Cherry Growers Association

Community Groups

- Armstrong Food Initiative Society
- BuyLocal BC - Okanagan
- Kamloops/Okanagan 4-H Regional Council
- North Okanagan Food Action Society (FASNO)
- Seed Savers
- Vernon Permaculture
- Vernon Pigeon and Poultry Club
- Young Agrarians

2.0 Vision Statement

A RAAP vision statement is meant to encompass a direction for the future for agriculture in the region and to speak to key priorities heard from the community. It provides direction for the

RAAP: the key opportunities, recommended actions, pilot projects, implementation strategy, and funding strategy – these all flow from the vision statement.

The vision statement was derived through an iterative process. Surveys presented to the community (both farmers and non-farmers) included the following question:

What role do you see the local/regional agricultural industry playing within the success and growth of the North Okanagan's economic development?

Key words were taken from the survey responses and discussions with stakeholders and were pulled into a draft vision statement, which was discussed by the RAAC and further refined at the second Focus Group session. The final vision statement is as follows:

By 2035:

Agriculture is an important part of the North Okanagan's past, present, and future identity and offers everyone an opportunity to become connected to the local food system. The land base is affordable for farms of all sizes and profitable agricultural businesses thrive with support from government policies and regulations. Sustainable production practices ensure resilience in the face of climate change and provide residents and visitors with a diversity of healthy food and related agricultural crops.

3.0 Key Priorities

Feedback gathered from surveys, interviews, focus groups, the *Background Report*, and *Market Opportunities Analysis* were compiled to yield top priorities for the region. The following seven priorities (in no particular order) emerged.

1. Protecting farmland and farmers
2. Strengthening the local agricultural economy
3. Encouraging sustainable agricultural practices and climate change resilience
4. Managing clean, accessible, and affordable water
5. Ensuring farmland availability for emerging and multigenerational farmers
6. Creating supportive government policies and regulations
7. Raising awareness through education and celebration of agriculture

The issue of climate change arose repeatedly and it is felt that each priority is vulnerable to the effects (both known and unknown) of climate change. The priorities are further explained and a series of recommended actions are provided in table format. The table includes a list of suggested key players (including lead agency and supporting partners), along with priority level, timeframe, funding requirements and potential funding sources. It is important to note that the inclusion of any organization or agency in this list *does not* translate into a commitment on their part to participate, rather it provides a suggestion regarding the appropriate type of leadership and support required in order for each action to succeed. The overall responsibility for the implementation of the RAAP rests with the RDNO staff and, therefore, some of the actions are steps that the Regional District can implement. However, this is truly a community-based plan, and members of the farming community and supporting organizations are expected to take a lead role in many of the actions.

The following columns of information are included in the tables:

Actions

1.1, 1.2, 1.3, etc.: Describes the specific action(s) required to meet the stated objective.

Potential Key Players

Lead(s): One or more agencies that could take a lead role in embarking upon the activity.

Supporting: One or more agencies that could partner to assist with implementing the action.

Priority

High: Requires urgent action for progress to be made and/or for other actions to succeed.

Medium: Not critical for actions to move forward, but necessary and important.

Low: Less important but still necessary for improvements in the local agriculture system.

Timeframe

Short: To be completed within 1-3 years.

Medium: To be completed within 3-5 years.

Long: To be completed within 5-10 years.

Ongoing: Will require continued efforts over the short-long term timeframe.

Funding Requirements and Potential Sources

Listed as Existing, Negligible, Low, Moderate, or Significant. Estimated amount and potential granting agencies included whenever possible.

3.1 Priority 1: Protecting Farmland and Farmers

The RDNO has a total area of approximately 787,000 ha, of which 65,124 ha (or 8.7%) is in the ALR. This represents 39% of all ALR lands in the greater Okanagan region. However, most of the ALR is located in the valley bottoms where non-farm development pressure is also greatest; thereby creating the potential for land use conflict. Since the ALR's inception in 1974, the RDNO has lost a net amount of 5,160 ha (7.3% of the farmland base), mostly through removal as part of Electoral Area ALR Reviews. Fortunately ALR loss to development pressure is relatively low compared to other regions of BC with similarly high rates of population growth. This is one indication of the high level of support for farming and the ALR that already exists in the North Okanagan. The limited loss of ALR is due to strong ALR protection policies in OCPs and, more recently, the RGS.

Through a survey conducted in 2014, 38% of farmer respondents indicated that they plan to expand their operations within the next 5 years. In order to accommodate this goal, land use planners and decision-makers will need to maintain their commitment to ALR protection and also support farming endeavours outside the ALR. An Agricultural Land Use Inventory (ALUI) conducted in 2014 indicated that nearly 20,000 ha of land outside the ALR is being farmed within the RDNO. A farmland database translates into real jobs, both directly and indirectly. In 2006, agriculture represented 4.6% of North Okanagan jobs. When combined with food and beverage manufacturing this number rose to 6.0% of jobs. Within that category, the number of farm operators increased from 1,715 in 2001 to 1,770 in 2011, indicating that the agricultural sector is growing despite existing challenges. Projected annual growth rates in demand for agricultural jobs is 1.7% from 2010 to 2015 for the region, which compares to 1.3% growth in regional jobs overall. Local food production and associated jobs results in economic benefits for the region. In 2011, total gross farm receipts in the RDNO were estimated to be worth over \$126 million. In 2007, the *North Okanagan Food System Action Plan* identified local food being sold at 50 local wholesalers, 36 mainstream retail outlets and 18 alternative retailers, which indicates a high level of consumer demand for local products.

Therefore, it pays to protect farmland. Growth management and farmland protection policies are included within municipal and regional planning documents, which discourage subdivision and exclusion. Additional farmland protection opportunities were identified throughout the stakeholder engagement process. These additional initiatives will help to limit non-agricultural development, minimize conflicts between producers and non-producers and proactively use and manage farmland for agriculture.

Subthemes that emerged within the recommended actions in this priority include:

- A. Protecting the Farmland Base
- B. Strengthening the ALR : Non-ALR Edge
- C. Information Availability
- D. Taxation Tools and Incentives

Priority 1: Protecting Farmland and Farmers

A. Protecting the Farmland Base

Description	Potential Key Players	Priority	Time Frame	Resource Requirements & Potential Sources
<p>1.1 Consider adopting a "no net loss to agriculture within the same bioregion" criterion when evaluating land development proposals, whether they are within the ALR or adjacent to it. Ensure that any farmland removed is replaced with equivalent Agricultural Capability soils or better. Use the same criterion to plan transportation, drainage and utility corridors.</p>	<p>Lead: RDNO, member municipalities Supporting: ALC, MoA, MoTI</p>	<p>High</p>	<p>Short</p>	<p>Requirements: Low to Moderate Staff time Source: RDNO, member municipalities</p>
<p>1.2 Consider developing an <i>Agricultural Impact Assessment</i> policy for all non-farm development (i.e. subdivision and non-farm use as well as exclusion) applications within the ALR. Development proponents would be required to provide evidence that the proposed use would be of net benefit to agriculture. This could be included within the <i>Development Application Procedures and Administrative Fees Bylaw (No. 2315, 2008)</i>.</p>	<p>Lead: RDNO Supporting: Member municipalities</p>	<p>High</p>	<p>Medium</p>	<p>Requirements: Moderate (\$15,000 - \$20,000) Consultant fees. Amount may be less if done by staff. Source: RDNO</p>
<p>1.3 Encourage the RAAC to review all North Okanagan ALR-related decisions on an annual basis to explore the cumulative impact of applications on the farmland base. These would include exclusion, inclusion, subdivision, and non-farm use applications.</p>	<p>Lead: RDNO, member municipalities</p>	<p>High</p>	<p>Ongoing</p>	<p>Requirements: Low to Moderate Staff time Source: RDNO, member municipalities</p>
<p>1.4 Explore developing guidelines for siting and siting of residential uses in the ALR. See the Ministry of Agriculture's Discussion Paper and Bylaw Standard (2011).</p>	<p>Leads: RDNO, member municipalities Supporting: AGRI</p>	<p>Medium</p>	<p>Medium</p>	<p>Requirements: Low to Moderate (\$5,000 - \$10,000) Sources: RDNO</p>
<p>B. Strengthening the ALR: Non-ALR Edge</p> <p>1.5 Work with the real estate and development industry to better communicate the impact of the <i>Right to Farm Act</i> on properties adjacent to the ALR. This could involve distributing a brochure (<i>Strengthening Farming</i> produced by AGRI), communicating with realtors, and requesting that disclosure statements to be included for property sales adjacent to farms. Encourage realtors to inform potential buyers if agriculture is a permitted use (and to what extent) within the zone they are considering purchasing.</p>	<p>Leads: Real Estate Industry, AGRI, ALC Supporting: RDNO, member municipalities</p>	<p>High</p>	<p>Ongoing</p>	<p>Requirements: Moderate (\$10,000 - \$15,000) Mainly staff time. Sources: REF, RDNO</p>

<p>1.6 In collaboration with the Ministry of Agriculture and farmers, consider developing a “good neighbour” agricultural policy to encourage farmers, non-farming neighbours and the general public to deal with issues of conflict using an issue-based approach.</p>	<p>Leads: RDNO, AGRI, member municipalities</p>	<p>High</p>	<p>Medium</p>	<p>Requirements: Moderate (\$10,000 - \$15,000) Sources: RDNO, member municipalities</p>
<p>1.7 Consider encouraging the creation of a DPA for Farmland Protection on land located adjacent to the ALR for OCPs within the RDNO that are currently lacking this tool. In concert with the DPA, develop comprehensive mapping identifying ALR areas that may require buffering from non-farm land uses. Consider including buffers on land located adjacent to farms that are not in the ALR.</p>	<p>Leads: RDNO, member municipalities</p>	<p>High</p>	<p>Short</p>	<p>Requirements: Moderate to high (>\$15,000) Sources: RDNO, member municipalities</p>
<p>C. Information Availability</p>				
<p>Potential Key Players</p>				
<p>1.8 Use the 2014 ALUI results and 2011 Agricultural Census data to create a baseline of agricultural information and interactive online mapping tool, based on the RDNO Map interface. Update the data with subsequent Stats Canada reports to monitor changes to RDNO’s agricultural sectors. Include Canada Land Inventory data layers when they become available.</p>	<p>Lead: RDNO, AGRI Supporting: Member municipalities</p>	<p>Medium</p>	<p>Medium</p>	<p>Requirements: Moderate (\$15,000 - \$20,000) Sources: RDNO, member municipalities</p>
<p>1.9 Create a weblink that extends from the RDNO website to the online FASNO farm directory. http://foodaction.ca/directory/</p>	<p>Leads: RDNO Supporting: FASNO</p>	<p>High</p>	<p>Short</p>	<p>Requirements: Negligible</p>
<p>1.10 Consider conducting a deeper level of investigation into how farmers wish to expand their operations in the next few years. This information will better help decision-makers plan for and facilitate changes to the local agricultural sector.</p>	<p>Leads: UBCO, Okanagan College Supporting: RDNO, ALC, AGRI</p>	<p>Medium</p>	<p>Short</p>	<p>Requirements: Moderate (\$15,000 - \$20,000) Possible summer student position. Sources: IAF, REF, other grants.</p>
<p>D. Taxation Tools and Incentives</p>				
<p>Potential Key Players</p>				
<p>1.11 Work with BCAA to explore whether the sale of value-added products could be included in determining primary production gross income. Currently only the sales of raw farm products are included in the calculation of income, and this threshold is often too high for small farms to achieve farm status for tax purposes.</p>	<p>Leads: AGRI, BCAA Supporting: RDNO</p>	<p>High</p>	<p>Medium</p>	<p>Requirements: Negligible</p>
<p>1.12 Encourage farmers and property owners to bring their land to farmers to apply for farm tax status through the BCAA. This will reduce the annual tax rate and create more affordability in land access.</p>	<p>Leads: RDNO Supporting: Real Estate Industry, AGRI, ALC</p>	<p>High</p>	<p>Medium</p>	<p>Requirements: Staff time (information session or factsheet or other communications piece).</p>

3.2 Priority 2: Strengthening the Local Agricultural Economy

North Okanagan farmers are able to produce a fairly wide variety of crops and livestock products and local retailers have a keen interest in offering local products for sale and have expressed that there is strong demand for local food. While gross farm receipts for the North Okanagan were \$126 million in 2011, most of that capital is exported from the region. Meanwhile, an estimated total of \$300 million is spent on food and food products in the region every year. This points to an opportunity to keep more food dollars within the community. Many farmers, ranchers, and orchardists in the North Okanagan are experiencing the same economic challenges as other farmers across BC. Overall, North Okanagan farms have gotten more profitable over the years. The gross margin has risen from 5% in 2001 to 11% in 2011, meaning that for every dollar of sales, the farmer earns eleven cents of profit. The revenue per hectare of farms in the North Okanagan has also increased since 1996 from \$1,343 to \$1,495 (10%) in 2011. However, when adjusted for inflation, the numbers look different. In 2011, the \$1,495 earned per ha equates to just \$1,109 in 1996 dollars. This means that farmers lost 17% in the 15 years between 1996 and 2011 on a per hectare basis when adjusted for inflation. There are therefore struggles with profitability, which translates into challenges in expanding operations, or to making efficiencies through the adoption of technology (purchasing equipment).

While previous local plans to improve the connectivity of the food system have seen some success, there have been financial, administrative, and regulatory obstacles in meeting objectives. Support for new farming initiatives is important for growing the sector; however, support is also needed to enhance current farming operations and allow farmers to capitalize on economies of scale. The majority of small-scale produce growers are unable to provide enough quantity of products for export out of the region independently, or to sell to retail outlets and restaurants on a consistent basis. At the same time, the majority of milk being produced by dairy operators is being shipped out of the region on a daily basis. The need to encourage farm product processing and other value-added opportunities regionally is recognized as a way to increase economic viability.

Initiatives are required to assist producers to improve sector viability regionally. Innovation enhances profitability and allows farmers to develop entrepreneurial ideas, gain useful marketing and business management skills, and access capital. Unfortunately, a detailed economic development strategy for agriculture in the RDNO is missing. If developed, this agri-economic development strategy would provide a clear, supported direction for local agricultural enterprises and would attract innovative business models that are tailored to RDNO's specific situation, needs, and values.

Subthemes that emerged within the recommended actions in this priority include:

- A. Economic viability of local operations
- B. Regional marketing opportunities
- C. Creation, distribution, and sales of value-added farm products

Priority 2: Strengthening the Local Agricultural Economy

A. Economic viability of local operations	Key Players	Priority	Time Frame	Resource Requirements & Sources
<p>2.1 Continue to support efforts by the City of Vernon's Economic Development Department to explore opportunities to promote agricultural business development and initiatives through economic development planning, including the identification of funding opportunities.</p>	<p>Leads: City of Vernon</p>	<p>High</p>	<p>Ongoing</p>	<p>Requirements: Staff time Sources: CoV/RDNO</p>
<p>2.2 Continue to support the objectives of the Regional Employment Lands Action Plan that closely match the intent of the Regional Agricultural Area Plan. Topics of common interest may include ensuring that agriculture is highlighted as a key employment sector, and co-locating agri-industrial and agri-support business through land use designation.</p>	<p>Leads: RDNO, member municipalities</p>	<p>High</p>	<p>Ongoing</p>	<p>Requirements: Staff time Sources: RDNO</p>
<p>2.3 Host a skills and knowledge building workshop series to discuss successful farm business models. Include topics such as winter business models, becoming wholesale ready, food processing and value adding, marketing boards, quotas, and food safety.</p>	<p>Leads: Community Futures, RDNO, other agri organizations</p>	<p>High</p>	<p>Medium</p>	<p>Requirements: Moderate (\$5,000 - \$10,000) Sources: Non-profit grants</p>
<p>2.4 Actively facilitate connections between producers, skilled labour and existing employment programs (e.g. agri labour pool; student summer job program; Step-Up; and apprenticeships).</p>	<p>Support: RDNO, AGRI</p> <p>Leads: AGRI, Service Canada, farmer</p> <p>Support: Local post secondary institutes, employment service organizations</p>	<p>Medium</p>	<p>Medium</p>	<p>Requirements: Low (<\$5,000) These programs exist - it is just a matter of connecting producers to them. Sources: AGRI (in kind), Service Canada</p>
<p>2.5 Support a pilot project to establish a North Okanagan Farmers Institute that is inclusive of a diversity of producer types, sizes, and scales.</p>	<p>Leads: Farmers, Young Agrarians</p> <p>Support: RDNO (RAAC)</p>	<p>High</p>	<p>Short</p>	<p>Requirements: Staff time</p>
<p>2.6 Perform an inventory of regional farm equipment and determine if enough farmers are willing to form an equipment co-operative or share/rental system. The B.C. Cooperative Association provides information and other support for cooperative farms where resources, capital and knowledge can be pooled.</p>	<p>Lead: Farmers, local agricultural and food organizations</p> <p>Supporting: BC Coop Association</p>	<p>Medium</p>	<p>Medium</p>	<p>Requirements: Moderate (\$10,000 - \$15,000) Sources: IAF, RDNO</p>

<p>2.7 Support the adoption of on-line software systems that connect producers to food retailers and wholesalers to improve communication and ease of ordering, logistics, locating local products, direct purchasing connections, and the number of business relationships with regional producers.</p> <p>B. Regional marketing opportunities</p>	<p>Leads: Regional producers, Retailers, wholesalers, chefs</p> <p>Supporting: Farmers</p> <p>Key Players</p>	<p>Priority</p> <p>High</p>	<p>Medium</p>	<p>Requirements: Moderate (\$10,000 - \$15,000)</p> <p>Sources: IAF, local economic development organizations</p> <p>Resource Requirements & Sources</p>
<p>2.8 Build upon online and print resources that showcase regional farmers and food businesses, as well as maps of local food restaurants, farm tours, wineries, breweries, cheese-makers, among others. Currently there are several directories with overlap in listings but many are not kept up-to-date and others are incomplete. One streamlined local food guide or directory, similar to what is produced in the Comox Valley, would assist not only the public, but also farmers get to know what types of activities are occurring in their area and potentially create opportunities for collaboration and cooperation.</p>	<p>Leads: Vernon Tourism, FASNO</p> <p>Supporting: RDNO, Member municipalities, BC EM Community Futures</p>	<p>Priority</p> <p>High</p>	<p>Time Frame</p> <p>Short</p>	<p>Requirements: Moderate (\$10,000)</p> <p>Requires ongoing maintenance and renewal.</p> <p>Sources: Advertisers, Tourism BC, REF</p>
<p>2.9 Assist the agricultural community with the development of a common local identity, logo, or brand that can be used to highlight North Okanagan farms and their farm products and differentiate them from other regions.</p>	<p>Leads: C. Farmers Institutes, BC Roundtable</p> <p>Supporting: BCAFMA, CSR</p>	<p>Priority</p> <p>Medium</p>	<p>Long</p>	<p>Requirements: Moderate (\$10,000 - \$15,000)</p> <p>Sources: IAF, RDN, graphic designer in-kind, other grants</p>
<p>2.10 Consider exploring the results of previous feasibility studies to determine whether opportunities exist for a year-round indoor farmers' market.</p> <p>Example: The City of Vernon's Public Market Feasibility Study and Business Plan (2011)</p>	<p>Leads: BCAFMA, farmers, community</p> <p>Supporting: RDNO, member municipalities</p>	<p>Priority</p> <p>High</p>	<p>Medium</p>	<p>Requirements: Significant (> \$20,000)</p> <p>Cost will depend on location and management model.</p> <p>Sources: Vendor fees, grants, credit unions</p>
<p>2.11 Explore additional partnership opportunities to further promote North Okanagan agri-tourism, including enhanced promotion of the Shuswap Circle Tour.</p>	<p>Leads: City of Vernon, Shuswap Tourism</p> <p>Supporting: RDNO, Vernon Tourism, BC Tourism</p>	<p>Priority</p> <p>Medium</p>	<p>Medium</p>	<p>Requirements: Moderate to Significant (\$15,000 - \$20,000)</p> <p>Sources: BC Tourism, farmers (in-kind), BCAFMA (in-kind), chamber of commerce, local media.</p>

C. Creation, distribution, and sales of value-added farm products	Key Players	Priority	Time Frame	Resource Sources	&
<p>2.12 Explore increasing processing infrastructure within the region. This could include milk processing (yogurt), wheat and grain value chains, or large-scale meat processing. The <i>Regional Employment Lands Action Plan</i> and, potentially, the upcoming <i>Regional Growth Strategy 5-Year Review</i>, provide opportunities to explore these.</p> <p>2.13 Facilitate connections between local farmers and organizations such as the Small Scale Food Processors Association.</p>	<p>Leads: Producer groups (KODA, etc.), RDNO</p> <p>Supporting: AGRI</p> <p>Leads: Farmers and agri-organizations</p>	High	Ongoing	Requirements: Staff time	
<p>2.14 Continue working with local farmers, agricultural operators, senior levels of government, member municipalities, and IHA on solutions that would facilitate local food processing, including the continuation or expansion of the North Okanagan Class "E" License pilot program.</p>	<p>Support: SSFPA</p> <p>Leads: RDNO, member municipalities, IHA, ALC, AGRI</p>	High	Long	Requirements: Staff time	
<p>2.15 Encourage producers to build upon the success of existing production of niche and specialty products to create collaborative marketing opportunities both within and external to the region.</p>	<p>Leads: Farm businesses, processing agencies</p>	Medium	Medium	Requirements: Negligible	
<p>2.16 Support and improve other Shuswap and Okanagan farmer-owned brokerage firms or co-ops to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Co-ordinate production and on-stream timing. - Provide a central order desk for local retailers. - Provide information about sources of supply among farm markets, - Co-ordinate transportation of inputs and goods for sale. 	<p>Leads: Farmers, Retailers, Distribution companies</p> <p>Supporting: IHA</p>	High	Medium	Requirements: Depends on how the program is carried out. Could be low – moderate.	Sources: Co-op Assoc. of BC, Farmers Institutes (in-kind)
<p>2.17 Identify potential mechanisms by which farming workshops, demonstrations, and educational courses can be offered on a regular basis, including possible collaboration with academic institutions.</p>	<p>Lead: IHA, academic institutes, farmers, RDNO</p> <p>Supporting: AGRI,</p>	Low	Medium	Requirements: Negligible	Sources: IHA, AGRI

3-3 Priority 3: Encouraging Sustainable Agricultural Practices and Climate Change Resilience

The North Okanagan is one of the more productive growing regions in Canada. Regardless of the great climate and soils in the region, there is still some concern about adaptation to climate change and mitigating potentially harmful effects. Some constraints were raised as challenges to farming in responses to the Farming Survey and during focus group sessions. Specific challenges include high irrigation needs, stony and hard clay soils, steep slopes, shallow soils, poor drainage, invasive species and predator threats to livestock. Water and climate change are closely tied to emergency planning as well. As a result of climate change, farmers are expecting to deal with emergency weather events such as drought more frequently. Other emergencies, such as storm events or earthquakes, would shine a spotlight on the need for local food to sustain the North Okanagan residents during the emergency. Therefore, consideration needs to be given to farming operations from an emergency preparedness perspective as well.

Many farmers in the region have indicated that they are committed to growing food in a sustainable manner and community members are interested in seeing environmentally-sound practices in the region continue to be enhanced. Programs such as the Environmental Farm Plan (EFP) exist for farmers to access with financial incentives for installation of items such as composting systems and manure storage facilities.

Invasive species, particularly plant species such as horsetail and tansy ragwort, have known impacts to the agriculture and livestock industry. Some of these species are poisonous to livestock and encroach on agricultural land from drainage ditches, roadways, rights of way, and empty lots. Conflicts between agriculture and wildlife exist in most BC communities. However some conflicts are more evident in rural areas. Wildlife such as Bighorn sheep, deer, and black bears can have significant impacts on food and livestock production. Diseases can be spread between Bighorn sheep and domestic sheep, which can have detrimental effects on production. Best management practices can help to mitigate effects of wildlife and invasive plant species and maximize the efficient use of resources.

Subthemes that emerged within the recommended actions in this priority include:

- A. Climate change adaptation and emergency planning
- B. Implementation of sustainable farm practices and technologies
- C. Wildlife and livestock interaction management
- D. Control of invasive species and mitigation of their effects

Priority 3: Encouraging sustainable agricultural practices and climate change resilience

A. Climate change adaptation and emergency planning	Key Players	Priority	Timeline	Requirements and Sources
3.1 Consider developing a regional Agricultural Climate Change Adaptation Strategy and Implementation Plan. The plan will identify top priority actions for assisting farmers in accessing and interpreting raw data, adapting to, and mitigating the effects of, climate change.	Leads: RDNO, member municipalities, CAI, OBWB, farmers Supporting: AGRI, BC Emergency Response	High	Medium	Requirements: High (> \$20,000) Sources: AGRI, CAI, IAF, OBWB
3.2 Collaborate with the Ministry of Agriculture on a pilot project that would develop site-specific climate change mitigation plans for individual farms.	Leads: RDNO, CAI, farmer Supporting: AGRI, BC Emergency Response	High	Medium	Requirements: High (>\$20,000) Sources: CAI, AGRI, RDNO
3.3 Assist in producer education around climate change adaptation by hosting discussions and workshops on: drought tolerance, insurance, integrated management of pests and disease, habitat for pollinators, re-introduction of native grasses for pasturing, and using technologies that protect crops from weather damage.	Leads: RDNO, CAI, member municipalities Supporting: AGRI, UBC Okanagan, Okanagan College	Medium	Medium	Requirements: Low to Moderate (\$5,000 - \$10,000) Sources: AGRI, CAI
3.4 Update the North Okanagan Farmed Animal Mass Carcass Disposal Plan to include provisions for farmed animal relocation to respond to emergency events. This update may include identification of relocation alternatives, transportation routes and animal housing needs.	Leads: RDNO, CAI, member municipalities Supporting: AGRI	High	Ongoing	Requirements: Moderate to High (\$15,000 - >\$20,000) Sources: AGRI, RDNO, CAI
3.5 Participate in ecologically-based conservation programs that are specific to farmland.	Leads: OCCP, farmers Supporting: AGRI, MoE, RDNO, member municipalities, OBWB	Medium	Ongoing	Requirements: Low (<\$5,000) Staff time Sources: RDNO, MoE, AGRI, Environment Canada
B. Implementation of sustainable farm practices and technologies	Leads: AGRI, ARDCorp, farmers Supporting: RDNO, member municipalities	High	Ongoing	Requirements: Low Sources: AGRI, ARDCorp
3.6 Encourage farmers to participate in the Environmental Farm Plan (EFP) Program by working with advisors to create an environmental health plan for their farm. The EFP is voluntary, confidential, and free. There are financial incentives for implementing best management practices.				

<p>3.7 Encourage those with challenging, environmentally sensitive and forested properties or those with shallow soils to consider alternative ecological farming practices such as agroforestry.</p>	<p>Lead: AGRI, ARDCorp, farmers</p> <p>Supporting: RDNO, member municipalities</p>	<p>Medium</p>	<p>Ongoing</p>	<p>Requirements: Low</p> <p>Sources: AGRI, ARDCorp</p>
<p>3.8 Support the health of pollinators through habitat preservation and adoption of agro-ecological principles. E.g. distribution of bee nest boxes and the planting of wildflowers in public parks and other public spaces.</p>	<p>Lead: RDNO, member municipalities</p> <p>Supporting: local food organizations, public</p>	<p>High</p>	<p>Ongoing</p>	<p>Requirements: Low – Moderate (\$5,000 - \$15,000)</p>
<p>3.9 Develop a food system and agriculture speaker series at Okanagan College, with a focus on topical issues on food and the environment.</p>	<p>Lead: Okanagan College farmers</p> <p>Supporting: local food organizations, public</p>	<p>Medium</p>	<p>Medium</p>	<p>Requirements: Variable, depending on length and depth of the speaker series.</p> <p>Sources: Okanagan College</p>
<p>C. Wildlife and livestock interaction management</p>				
<p>3.10 Participate in initiatives to seek management solutions to deter wildlife (e.g. Bighorn sheep, coyotes, bears, deer) from damaging crops and livestock and spreading diseases.</p>	<p>Leads: RDNO, MoE, AGRI, OCCP, member munis</p> <p>Supporting: SFPRA, Bear Aware, EFP program</p>	<p>Medium</p>	<p>Medium</p>	<p>Requirements: Will depend on initiatives</p> <p>Sources: MoE, ARDCorp, IAF, non-profit grants</p>
<p>3.11 Distribute research and other information on current ungulate migratory pathways and wildlife corridors regionally. Include strategies to reduce wildlife : livestock interaction. The MoE and the IAF have many publications available on these topics.</p>	<p>Leads: OCCP</p> <p>Supporting: MoE</p>	<p>Medium</p>	<p>Medium</p>	<p>Requirements: Low (< \$5,000)</p> <p>Sources: MoE, IAF</p>
<p>3.12 Communicate information to farmers about the provincial crop insurance program.</p>	<p>Lead: AGRI, farmers</p> <p>Supporting: RDNO, member municipalities</p>	<p>Medium</p>	<p>Short</p>	<p>Requirements: Low</p> <p>Sources: AGRI</p>
<p>D. Control of invasive species and mitigation of their effects</p>				
<p>3.13 Continue to support the reduction of invasive species and noxious weeds through bylaw enforcement and collaborate with the agricultural community to identify high-priority areas.</p>	<p>Leads: RDNO, farmers</p> <p>Supporting: MoE, AGRI, member municipalities</p>	<p>High</p>	<p>Ongoing</p>	<p>Requirements: Staff time (bylaw enforcement)</p>

3.4 Priority 4: Managing Clean, Accessible, and Affordable Water

There was consistent feedback from farmers throughout the consultation process that access to irrigation water and seasonal water scarcity were among the top challenges to agricultural production. The issues of water rates & utility costs, rights to water access for new producers, and on-farm water storage were also raised. Summer irrigation needs for agriculture and domestic uses are 2.5 times higher than the annual average use, which significantly reduces in-stream flows. Additionally, climate change has led to lower summer flows overall for the last 30 years.

The use of reclaimed water can be one way of limiting the stress on an overburdened water system and is one of many environmentally conscious water reduction strategies that could be implemented. Currently, only a small proportion (approximately 10%) of reclaimed water from the community water system is used for irrigation in the North Okanagan. Other strategies such as on-farm water storage, low-flow irrigation equipment and techniques and the use of drought tolerant crop varieties can further lessen water usage rates.

The Okanagan Basin Water Board (OBWB) conducts a variety of research projects on water usage by farmers in the area and is interested in balancing water use, protecting necessary irrigation volumes and ensuring water access for all water users in the Okanagan watershed. Tools such as an updated and expanded North Okanagan Agricultural Water Demand Model being produced by the BC Ministry of Agriculture will help to inform future water usage strategies. This model calculates water use on a property-by-property basis and includes data on crop types, irrigation systems, soils and climate data. The model also links water use area with surface and groundwater source to determine future supply conditions. Additionally, the new *Water Sustainability Act* (2014), encourages Regional Water Management Plans/Strategies, which would require participation and support from the local farming community.

Subthemes that emerged within the recommended actions in this priority include:

- A. Policies and strategies that support management of water quality and quantity
- B. Innovative on-farm water use and conservation
- C. Water governance and agriculture

Priority 4: Managing clean, accessible, and affordable water

Support management of	Key Player	Priority	Timeframe	Funding Requirements and Sources
4.1 Monitor BC's new <i>Water Sustainability Act</i> for forthcoming regulations that may be pertinent to the agricultural community.	Lead: RDNO, member municipalities Supporting: MoE, AGRI	High	Ongoing	Requirements: Negligible
4.2 Participate in the development of Water Sustainability Plans, which would include the agriculture sector as a major component.	Lead: OBWB Supporting: MoE, AGRI farmers, RDNO, member municipalities, IHA	Medium	Medium	Requirements: Significant (> \$20,000) Sources: OBWB MoE, IHA, participating local governments
4.3 Continue to support the implementation of actions outlined in the OBWB <i>Okanagan Sustainable Water Strategy</i>	Lead: RDNO, member municipalities Supporting: OBWB	Medium	Medium	Requirements: Low to Significant Sources: OBWB, RDNO
4.4 Match the recent <i>Shuswap River Watershed Sustainability Plan</i> with AGRI's Water Demand Model results from the 2014 Agricultural Land Use Inventory.	Lead: RDNO Supporting: AGRI	Medium	Short	Requirements: Low (<\$5,000) Staff time
4.5 Collaborate with senior levels of government for coordinated solutions to surface water issues that impact the agricultural sector, such as water quality, fisheries management, flooding and drainage.	Leads: RDNO, farmers Supporting: Fisheries and Oceans Canada, MoE, AGRI	High	Long	Sources: RDNO Requirements: Low to Significant
4.6 Continue to consider agricultural water supply and drainage needs in all land use, surface water management, and groundwater management plans	Leads: RDNO Supporting: member municipalities	Medium	Ongoing	Sources: RDNO, MoE, AGRI Requirements: Negligible
4.7 Encourage the continued development, implementation, and support for the use of non-potable water for some farm activities.	Lead: RDNO, member municipalities, farmers Supporting: AGRI, agricultural supply industry	High	Medium	Requirements: Low (<\$5,000) Staff time Source: RDNO, water utilities

4.8 Review current groundwater inventory and mapping and assess potential opportunities for irrigation from aquifer sources.	Leads: OBWB, MoE, UBCO Supporting: member municipalities, RDNO, NRCan	High	Medium	Requirements: Significant (> \$20,000) Sources: MoE, OBWB
4.9 Encourage farmers to use the Scientific Research and Experimental Development Program (SR&ED) to obtain funding to develop and test innovative irrigation technologies.	Leads: Farmers, AGRI, AAFC Supporting: consultants	Low	Medium	Requirements: Negligible
4.10 Support a pilot project for farmers who would like to improve water intake systems and storage of water on their property for the purposes of farming. This could include a farm tour of producers who have successfully created on-farm water storage.	Leads: AGRI, MoE, CAI Supporting: RDNO, member municipalities agricultural supply industry	High	Medium	Requirements: Low (<\$5,000) In-kind staff support Sources: RDNO
4.11 Promote the implementation of BMPs for irrigation and water conservation on farms through the EFP program and other programs.	Leads: AGRI, farmers Supporting: RDNO	Medium	Ongoing	Requirements: Negligible to Significant depending on the BMP Sources: ARDCorp
4.12 Encourage the use of the BC Irrigation Scheduling Calculator as developed by the BC Ministry of Agriculture.	Leads: AGRI, farmers Supporting: RDNO	Medium	Ongoing	Requirements: Negligible
4.13 Utilize programs, such as the EFP program, to assist with funding the construction of livestock exclusion fencing to protect surface water.	Leads: AGRI, farmers Supporting: RDNO	Medium	Ongoing	Requirements: Negligible to Significant depending on the size of the project Sources: ARDCorp, OBWB
Key Players		Priority	Timeframe	Funding Requirements
4.14 Collaborate with the farming community to discuss water governance and rates. This could be done by hosting a forum to discuss water affordability within the current governance and rate structure.	Leads: Greater Vernon Water, other local water utilities, OBWB, farmers Supporters: RDNO, member municipalities	High	Short	Requirements: Low to Moderate (\$10,000 - \$15,000)
4.15 Continue to collaborate with the farming community to maintain access to adequate quantities of water at appropriate rates for farm operators.	Leads: Greater Vernon Water, other local water utilities, OBWB, farmers	Medium	Ongoing	Requirements: Low to Significant

3-5 Priority 5: Ensuring Farmland Availability for Emerging and Multigenerational Farmers

The cost of farmland in most regions of BC is prohibitive: not only for new farmers but also for those who are taking over longstanding family farm businesses. Concerns have been raised by the North Okanagan farming community regarding the most appropriate type of access agreement for land (purchases, rentals, and leases) and affordable farm financing. Most farmers need financial assistance in order to scale up their production and often one family member must work off the farm. North Okanagan farmer respondents overwhelmingly through the survey and one-on-one interviews that the cost of land, taxes, and inputs are some of the top concerns regarding agriculture in the RDNO. Despite these challenges, many are hoping to expand their operations over the next five years. It's clear that expansion or start-ups of any business type requires significant investments. For agriculture that includes land, plants, animal equipment, labour, licensing, permits, licences, or technology. Despite these costs, interest rates are currently relatively low, and now would likely be a good time to invest in the agricultural sector.

Land tenure can be an indication of farm stability. Those leasing land are less stable than those who own their land with regard to investments in infrastructure. In the North Okanagan, 45.5% of the land is owned, while 54.5% of the land is either leased from governments, rented or leased from others, or crop-shared with others. Despite the association with long term instability, leasing (or licencing) farmland can be one of the most affordable ways for farms to become established. During the first focus group session in July 2014, producers indicated there was difficulty of accessing land for leasing and for new entrants to agriculture. These were concerns raised about the limitations to land tenure and leasing and that the length of land rentals restricted the inclination or ability for farmers to invest in infrastructure or land and soil improvements. Some of the farmers present in the Focus Group session also mentioned that they were actively looking for land to lease, which indicated a desire to expand current production and potential for marketing growth.

Whether a producer is just starting out or coming from a long family history of farming, the question whether and how to obtain land is challenging. While most of the North Okanagan ALR land and some farmland outside the ALR) has been cleared, large capital costs may still be required to convert or prepare land to be productive. Sometimes a family's younger generation of farmers may decide to switch crop varieties, upgrade equipment, or modernize practices. These activities all entail investment costs. With appropriate policies and community initiatives in place, some of the burden of accessing farmland can be alleviated.

Subthemes that emerged within the recommended actions in this priority include:

- A. Farmland access options
- B. Succession planning
- C. Alternative land access options

Priority 5: Ensuring farmland availability for emerging and multigenerational farmers

Farmland access options	Key Players	Priority	Timeframe	Funding, Requirements, and Sources
5.1 Continue to create and share resources such as farmland access agreement reports and decision-making guides. Share links to the resources on local government websites.	Lead: Young Agrarians, Farm Folk / City Folk Supporting: RDNO, member municipalities	High	Ongoing	Requirements: Low (\$5,000 - \$10,000) Sources: non-profit grants
5.2 Collaborate with farmers who are seeking land to document the challenges they encounter at a local regulatory level. Results can be used to inform how to best support new and emerging farmers.	Lead: Young Agrarians, farmers	Medium	Ongoing	Requirements: Moderate (\$10,000) Sources: IAF, REF
5.3 Monitor ongoing changes to the ALC Act and regulations to determine new legal parameters around long-term lease agreements on ALR.	Lead: RDNO, member municipalities	High	Short	Requirements: Low Sources: RDNO
5.4 Encourage farmers and property owners leasing their land to farmers to apply for farm tax status through the BCAA. This will reduce the annual tax rate and create more affordability in land access.	Supporting: AGRI, ALC Leads: RDNO, member municipalities	High	Ongoing	Requirements: Negligible
5.5 Provide leadership regarding the distribution of information on financing options. This may include hosting events to share examples of successful farm business plans, grant or loan applications, or alternative financing opportunities.	Supporting: Real Estate Industry, AGRI, ALC Lead: Community Futures, Real Estate Industry, lending	Medium	Ongoing	Requirements: Moderate (\$10,000) Sources: IAF, REF
5.6 Encourage realtors to become more knowledgeable regarding farmland access types.	Leads: Real estate industry	Medium	Ongoing	Requirements: Negligible
B. Succession planning				
5.7 Offer assistance and workshop options for family farm succession planning. This may include fostering a mentorship program for those without anyone to pass the farm to within the family.	Key Players Lead: AGRI, ALC, Growing Forward Supporting: RDNO, farmers	High	Ongoing	Requirements: Moderate (\$10,000 to \$15,000) Sources: ARDCorp, FIRB
5.8 Provide access to research and information regarding alternative business arrangements such as stratas,	Leads: Young Agrarians, AGRI	Medium	Ongoing	Requirements: Low

cooperatives, and corporations and alternative land ownership/tenure models. These may assist families in succession planning.	Supporting: RDNO, member municipalities, farmers	Priority	Timeframe	Funding, Requirements and Sources
Alternative land access options	Key Players	Priority	Timeframe	Funding, Requirements and Sources
5.9 Continue to update and promote land-linking and mentorship programs to match land with people who want to farm.	Leads: Young Agrarians Supporting: RDNO, member municipalities, realtors	High	Ongoing	Requirements: Low (<\$5,000) Sources: various NGO funding
5.10 Explore the possibility of using the 2014 Agricultural Land Use Inventory results to create a database of ALR properties that are either vacant or being underused in terms of food production.	Leads: RDNO, member municipalities Supporting: Real Estate Industry	High	Short	Requirements: Moderate (\$10,000 to \$15,000) Sources: RDNO
5.11 Support apprenticeships, mentorships, incubator farms, and other farm-based employment programs. This could include: industry-based training programs (e.g. for dairy technicians); Step-Up - a federal mentoring program; and Okanagan College's Culinary Arts Program. This will assist new/emerging farmers to gain experience prior to renting or purchasing land.	Leads: Community Futures, Okanagan College, UBCO Young Agrarians, ag industry, AAFC Supporting: farmers, Farm / City Folk, RDNO, member municipalities,	Medium	Long	Requirements: Low (<\$5,000) In-kind staff support. Established programs are self-funded. Sources: SIDIT, Western Diversification,
5.12 Consider putting publicly-owned ALR properties towards a <i>Regional Farmland Trust</i> or <i>Agricultural Parks</i> for new and emerging farmers, a community government gardening program, an incubator farm program, or an agricultural demonstration site.	Leads: RDNO, Member municipalities	Medium	Ongoing	Requirements: Low to Significant

3.6 Priority 6: Creating Supportive Government Policies and Regulations

Land use regulation by local governments is established under the *Community Charter* and the *Local Government Act*, which contains extensive land use regulations, zoning powers and subdivision powers. This enables local governments to adopt regional growth strategies and OCPs that establish a framework for land use regulation, including zoning bylaws. The RDNO's growth management plans and OCPs recognize agriculture as a significant contributor to the region's landscape, identity and economy. Zoning bylaws can influence agricultural land in several ways, including through the setting of minimum parcel sizes and maximum building footprints, setting parameters around secondary dwellings, setbacks, and establishing the potential for subdivision of agricultural lands, to name a few. Collectively, these plans express a commitment to the preservation and strengthening of the region's rural economy and lifestyle, including the protection of lands capable of agricultural productivity, encouraging a diverse and profitable agricultural sector and supporting a sustainable and resilient local food system.

One indication of high support for agriculture is the recent development of the RDNO's Regional Growth Strategy (RGS). As part of that process, a *Quality of Life* survey was conducted in 2013 and was completed by over 1,400 residents. Survey respondents rated *Agriculture & Food Systems* as the second most important policy area after *Environment & Natural Lands*. The RGS agriculture and food system policies were recommended, through consensus, by a Working Group that included agricultural producers, urban agriculture organizations, educational institutions and local, regional and provincial staff. Every municipal and Electoral Area OCP bylaw is required to contain a Regional Context Statement, which describes how the policies are aligned with the RGS.

Despite this local support, some government policies and regulations continue to pose challenges for farmers and understanding the interplay between various statutes, bylaws and regulations can be difficult. There are numerous federal, provincial, regional and municipal governing authorities that regulate agricultural uses and food production and these are scattered in various statutes, regulations, bylaws and guidelines. It is important to note that many provincial and federal regulations affecting agriculture are beyond the jurisdictional scope of the local and regional government in BC. The intent of the RAGP is to provide guidance to regional and local government that supports local and regional planning efforts. Awareness of jurisdictional responsibilities and authority can be useful in defining policy, strategies, actions and pilot projects that can be taken by local government and those that require broader collaboration.

Subthemes that emerge within the recommended actions in this theme include:

- A. Policy and Plan Updates
- B. Subdivision and Zoning Considerations
- C. Availability of Local and Regional Support
- D. Food Policy

Priority 6: Creating Supportive Government Policies and Regulations

A. Policy and Plan Updates	Key Players	Priority	Time Frame	Resource Requirements & Sources
<p>6.1 Continue to work with member municipalities to encourage the efficient use of existing serviced urban, and future urban lands for residential development, as identified in the RDNO's Regional Growth Strategy. Work with member municipalities to investigate a cooperative policy approach to agricultural lands within the urban/rural interface that will mitigate the loss of agricultural land to potential expansion of urban growth areas.</p>	<p>Lead: RDNO Supporting: Member municipalities</p>	<p>Medium</p>	<p>Ongoing</p>	<p>Requirements: Staff time</p>
<p>6.2 Include a regular review and update of the planning documents, bylaws and administrative policies to ensure that they reflect the increasing interest and commitment to regional agriculture and the North Okanagan food system. The upcoming 5-year RGS Review provides an opportunity to begin this process.</p>	<p>Lead: RDNO, member municipalities Supporting: RAAC, local planning committees</p>	<p>High</p>	<p>Ongoing</p>	<p>Requirements: Staff time</p>
<p>6.3 Explore funding opportunities and mechanisms to resource the implementation of the RAAP. Possible matching funds are available from a variety of grant agencies (see the RAAP Funding Strategy for more details).</p>	<p>Lead: RDNO, member municipalities</p>	<p>High</p>	<p>Ongoing</p>	<p>Requirements: Staff time</p>
<p>6.4 Monitor ongoing changes to the <i>Agricultural Land Commission Act</i> and associated ALR Regulations and update policies and bylaws as needed.</p>	<p>Lead: RDNO, member municipalities Supporting: ALC, AGRI</p>	<p>Low</p>	<p>Ongoing</p>	<p>Requirements: Staff time</p>
<p>6.5 Host annual meetings with local municipal governments, Splitsin First Nation, Okanagan Indian Band and farmers to discuss plans, policies and bylaws affecting local agriculture.</p>	<p>Lead: RDNO Supporting: Farmers, OKIB, Splitsin First Nation</p>	<p>High</p>	<p>Ongoing</p>	<p>Requirements: Staff time</p>
<p>B. Subdivision and Zoning Considerations</p>				
<p>6.6 Despite current existing OCP land use designations, consider an Agricultural Zone that corresponds with the ALR in Zoning Bylaws. The A-1 Zone located in the City of Armstrong's <i>Zoning Bylaw No. 1268 (1997, 2014)</i> and/or the A-1 Zone in the City of Vernon's</p>	<p>Lead: RDNO Supporting: Member municipalities</p>	<p>Medium</p>	<p>Long</p>	<p>Requirements: Staff time</p>

<p>Zoning Bylaw No. 5000 (2003) could be used as templates. This will add agricultural zoning consistency within the region. That way, if land is removed from the ALR, but is still designated and zoned locally for agriculture, use of that land will be limited to activities outlined in the Agriculture designation and associated zone. Consider introducing a regional Agricultural designation and supporting policy during the RGS 5-year Review.</p>	<p>Lead: RDNO</p>	<p>High</p>	<p>Short</p>	<p>Requirements: Staff time</p>
<p>6.7 Consider developing policies that are consistent with the ALC recommendation of not supporting ALR exclusion and non-farm use applications if they do not align with Electoral Area OCP land use designations and/or zoning, rather than forwarding applications directly to the ALC for decision-making.</p>	<p>Leads: RDNO, member municipalities</p>	<p>High</p>	<p>Ongoing</p>	<p>Requirements: Staff time Source: RDNO, member municipalities</p>
<p>6.8 Include provisions in all policy documents that make it clear that neither a subdivision approving officer nor the ALC is obliged to approve subdivision applications that meet minimum lot sizes. This is already included in most documents.</p>	<p>Leads: RDNO, member municipalities</p> <p>Supporting: ALC</p>	<p>High</p>	<p>Ongoing</p>	<p>Requirements: Staff time and resources (using existing information such as CLI and LUI inventory mapping data). Source: RDNO, member municipalities</p>
<p>6.9 Consider developing Development Permit Area (DPA) for Farmland Protection for all OCPs within the RDNO to ensure consistency throughout the RDNO for requirements of development (e.g. vegetative buffers, consideration of road endings). DPAs should apply to properties adjacent to ALR land for development permits and subdivision applications. Request member municipalities to adopt similar DPA guidelines for Farmland Protection.</p>	<p>Lead: MOTI, BC Hydro, RDNO</p> <p>Supporting: Member municipalities, ALC</p>	<p>High</p>	<p>Ongoing</p>	<p>Requirements: Staff Time Will require meetings or other forms of communication with MOTI and several ALR landowners.</p>
<p>6.10 Work with the Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure and utility companies on approaches to design that minimize the impact on the ALR and existing agricultural operations. Example: ALC's Subdivision Approval Officer's Toolkit http://www.alc.gov.bc.ca/residents/sf/planning/subdiv/</p>	<p>Lead: RDNO</p> <p>Supporting: Member municipalities</p>	<p>High</p>	<p>Medium</p>	<p>Requirements: Staff time</p>
<p>6.11 Review permitted uses on land both inside the ALR and zoned as light industrial to ensure it encourages the development of support services and value-added agricultural production. During the RGS 5-Year Review, explore the introduction of Employment Land designations and policies that include Agri-Industrial and Agri-</p>	<p>Lead: RDNO</p> <p>Supporting: Member municipalities</p>	<p>High</p>	<p>Medium</p>	<p>Requirements: Staff time</p>

<p>Commercial Areas. The <i>Regional Employment Lands Action Plan</i> currently being undertaken by the RDNO may be an appropriate vehicle for starting this action as it may be crafted to include consideration of agricultural processing incentives such as siting or co-supportive opportunities.</p>	<p>ALC</p>			
<p>6.12 During the RGS 5-Year Review, work with the ALC on regional policies that would support innovative agricultural processing or retail proposals, including cooperative arrangement, that would support the resilience and sustainability of local agriculture.</p>	<p>Lead: RDNO, AGRI, ALC</p> <p>Supporting: Member municipalities</p>	<p>Medium</p>	<p>Ongoing</p>	<p>Requirements: Staff time</p>
<p>6.13 Examine the feasibility of identifying "urban agriculture" as an allowed activity within town centres and on rural residential land and perhaps even within greenspaces and parklands. This scale of food production will help to support a healthy pollinator population and raise awareness regarding what's in season locally.</p>	<p>Lead: Member municipalities</p> <p>Supporting: RDNO</p>	<p>High</p>	<p>Ongoing</p>	<p>Requirements: Staff time</p>
<p>6.14 Consider updating Schedule E "Signage Provisions" of the <i>RDNO Zoning Bylaw (No. 1888, 2003)</i> to specifically allow for the following types of signs in farming areas:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Advertise farms on farm properties and along roadsides (not just specific farm businesses); - Identify agricultural areas, similar to groundwater or knowledge signs; - Engage the public in respecting farm traffic; - Provide directions to local farmers markets or on-gate sales; - Develop themed signs such as a "Wine Route" or "Apple Farm Tour" or "Entering a Farm Fresh Area." 	<p>Lead: RDNO, Member municipalities</p> <p>Supporting: BC Tourism, BCAFM</p>	<p>High</p>	<p>Short</p>	<p>Requirements: Low to Moderate (\$5,000 - \$15,000)</p> <p>The cost of establishing or updating the bylaw(s) will be relatively low. The cost of creating and installing the signs themselves will be greater.</p> <p>Sources: RDNO, member municipalities</p>
<p>C. Availability of Local and Regional Support</p>		<p>Key Players</p>	<p>Priority</p>	<p>Resource Requirements & Sources</p>
<p>6.15 Ensure that RDNO employees, directors, and members of the RAAC have the appropriate level of understanding of agriculture and associated legislative framework that allow them to effectively address the needs of the farming community. This could be achieved by providing professional development workshops and updates.</p>	<p>Lead: RDNO, member municipalities</p> <p>Supporting: AGRI, ALC</p> <p>Leads:</p>	<p>Medium</p>	<p>Medium</p>	<p>Requirements: Low to Moderate (\$5,000 to \$10,000)</p> <p>Sources: RDNO, member municipalities</p>
<p>6.16 Identify current on-farm or near-farm housing options for</p>	<p>Leads:</p>	<p>Low</p>	<p>Long</p>	<p>Requirements:</p>

<p>farmers and farm labourers. This would be an initial first step in a longer process to establish more affordable on-farm farm worker housing that does not compromise the agricultural productivity and integrity of farms.</p> <p>Examples:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ministry of Agriculture's "Regulating temporary farm worker housing in the ALR: Discussion paper and standards" Farm Worker Housing Policy Review, Community Social Planning Council BC 	<p>RDNO, member municipalities</p> <p>Supporting: Local agricultural and labour organizations, ALC</p>			<p>Moderate to Significant (\$15,000 - \$20,000)</p> <p>Sources: RDNO, AGRI, IAF and other grant agencies.</p>
<p>6.17 Consider collaborating with other Regional Districts in the Southern Interior on solutions to agricultural sector issues of mutual concern.</p>	<p>Lead: RDNO</p> <p>Supporting: Other regional districts</p>	<p>Medium</p>	<p>Ongoing</p>	<p>Requirements: Staff time</p>
<p>6.18 Continue to provide pre-application assistance to farmers requiring approvals for farm related structures and other works that fall under regional authority where applicable.</p>	<p>Lead: RDNO</p>	<p>High</p>	<p>Ongoing</p>	<p>Requirements: Staff time</p>
<p>D. Food Policy</p>				
<p>6.19 Re-consider endorsing the vision and guiding principles of the North Okanagan Food Charter, as developed by the North Okanagan Food Action Society. http://foodaction.ca/fasno-food-charter/</p>	<p>Lead: RDNO</p> <p>Supporting: FASNO</p>	<p>Medium</p>	<p>Long</p>	<p>Requirements: Negligible</p>
<p>6.20 Continue to work with and support agricultural and food security organizations in the region to expand and become more effective in their work.</p>	<p>Lead: RDNO</p> <p>Supporting: Member municipalities</p>	<p>Medium</p>	<p>Ongoing</p>	<p>Requirements: Negligible</p>
<p>6.21 Explore options within the Local Government Act and Community Charter that would allow the RDNO to develop a local food procurement policy for the institutions within the region. While annual food purchases are relatively small, such a policy would allow the RDNO to demonstrate its commitment and support for local and ethically produced foods and services. The policy could also be adopted by other institutions.</p>	<p>Lead: RDNO</p> <p>Supporting: Member municipalities</p>	<p>Medium</p>	<p>Ongoing</p>	<p>Requirements: Staff time</p> <p>Sources: RDNO, Member municipalities</p>

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3-7 Priority 7: Raising Awareness through Education and Celebration of Agriculture

Despite existing strong support for locally-produced food, there is a need for a change in thinking regarding purchasing habits. Within the global marketplace, labour, production, and transportation costs are artificially low, making it challenging for local producers to compete with low-priced imported food. Furthermore, consumers (and retailers) demand a consistent supply of products year-round (or a spike in certain products during holidays), which can be a challenge for some farmers. Farmers have expressed their desire to see agricultural education at the community level as well as in the local school curriculum. Citizens who are educated about the local food system are able to express their support for local food to friends and family outside of the region. Educational opportunities can also be used to explain the beneficial characteristics of supporting local agricultural production and the extension of these benefits to the local economy.

Providing farm tours and serving prepared food on-site is one way that farmers can continue farming in a profitable manner, and many Okanagan farms are examples of this. Many farmers indicated in the survey that they would be interested in being involved in agritourism, however few had specific suggestions as to what that activity may be. Recent discussions at the ALC suggest that local governments and producers are requesting more clarification around the definition of "agritourism" specifically as it pertains to scale, permanence, and type of activity. It is likely that the ALC will be working to define some of these terms for producers and local governments in the near future. In the meantime, an agritourism strategy or agritourism framework could be developed with input by the RDNO farming community. Both the Spallumcheen Agricultural Area Plan and the Coldstream Agricultural Plan call for working locally and regionally towards an agritourism strategy.

There is an opportunity to partner with local museums and heritage sites to create tributes to the North Okanagan's agricultural history. The District of Coldstream's Agricultural Plan also speaks to the opportunity for more museums or historical venues to celebrate the agricultural community's contribution to the local and regional identity. Other events such as the Armstrong IPE, serve to celebrate agriculture on a large scale. The success of the IPE is an indication of the desire of the local community to learn about and engage with farming activities.

Subthemes that emerge within the recommended actions in this theme include:

- A. Education occasions for the public
- B. Agritourism opportunities at the farm level
- C. Agricultural events and showcases at the community level

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	Key Players	Priority	Time Frame	Funding Requirements and Sources
A. Education occasions for the public				
7.1 Facilitate linkages between secondary and post secondary curriculum and programs and regional farming interests such as culinary programs that demonstrate how to source locally.	Lead: Young Agrarians, Farm Folk / City Folk, UBC Okanagan, Okanagan College Supporting: School Districts 22 & 83	Medium	Ongoing	Requirements: Low
7.2 Increase communication of research needs between farmers, academia, and government research stations.	Lead: Farmers, agricultural organizations Supporting: UBC Okanagan, Okanagan College, other academic institutions	Medium	Long	Requirements: Low
7.3 Continue to support existing in-school agricultural education programs. For example, Agriculture in the Classroom, children's cooking classes, schoolyard gardens, BC Fruit and Vegetable Nutritional Program. Include aquaculture and fish hatcheries, e.g. Kingfisher Interpretive Centre.	Lead: School Districts 22 & 83 Supporting: Farm, AGRI	High	Ongoing	Requirements: Moderate (\$10,000 - \$15,000) Sources: Act Now BC, Evergreen, AGRI
7.4 Continue to support and revitalize 4-H clubs. Distribute information regarding 4-H scholarships within School Districts 22 & 83.	Lead: Canadian 4-H Council, BC 4-H, Farmers, ag-industry Supporting: School District 22 & 83, IHA, RDNG, municipalities	Medium	Medium	Requirements: Significant (> \$20,000) Sources: 4-H Clubs, AGRI, ag-industry
7.5 Assist in education around climate change adaptation and agriculture by making connections between the research community and the farming community.	Leads: Okanagan College, UBCO, OBWB, CAI, AGRI Supporting: Farmers, ag-industry	Medium	Medium	Requirements: Low to Moderate (\$10,000 - \$15,000) Sources: AGRI, CAI
B. Agritourism opportunities at the farm level	Key Players	Priority	Time Frame	Funding Requirements and Sources
7.6 Consider developing a regional agritourism strategy	Lead: Farmers, City of Vernon, Tourism Vernon, Chamber of Commerce Supporting: AGRI, ALR	High	Ongoing	Requirements: Moderate to Significant (\$15,000 to \$25,000) Sources: Tourism BC, IAF

7.7 Share success stories from those who have experience in agri-tourism (U-picks, culinary events, farm tours) with other farmers who are interested.	Leads: Tourism Vernon, farmers, RDNO (RAAC) Supporting: AGRI	Medium	Ongoing	Requirements: Low (< \$5,000) Sources: RDNO
C. Agricultural events and showcases at the community level	Key Players	Priority	Time Frame	Funding Requirements and Sources
7.8 Explore opportunities to collaborate with museums and historical societies in the region to celebrate the agricultural history of the region.	Leads: Farmers, ag-industry, food industry, local historical societies Supporting: RDNO, member municipalities	Medium	Long	Requirements: Varies
7.9 Leverage the Patchworks Farm model to create other learning opportunities for both farmers and the community at large.	Leads: Okanagan College, Kettle Development Supporting: RDNO, member municipalities	Medium	Medium	Requirements: Significant (> \$20,000) Sources: RDNO, Okanagan College
7.10 Build upon the active mural culture of the North Okanagan to further celebrate local agriculture by including farming as a theme on street art (e.g. murals, lamppost banners). These could be created by children through a class project or by local artists.	Leads: RDNO, member municipalities, School Districts, local art community Supporting: RDNO, member municipalities	Medium	Ongoing	Requirements: Significant (> \$20,000) Sources: RDNO, member municipalities
7.11 Explore the possibility of creating an interpretive trail adjacent to farmland that includes historical anecdotes, archival photos, and facts about the local agricultural sector. This could be achieved on publically-owned ALR parcels.	Leads: Historical organizations, RDNO, member municipalities Supporting: agricultural organizations, farmers	Medium	Ongoing	Requirements: Significant (> \$20,000) Sources: RDNO, member municipalities
7.12 Continue to assist with the promotion of agricultural events and festivals in the RDNO (e.g. farmers markets, the IPE).	Leads: Tourism Vernon, Tourism BC, RDNO, IPE Support: member municipalities	Medium	Ongoing	Requirements: Low (if simply assisting to advertise other events) – Moderate (if hosting new events). Sources: Chamber of commerce, Tourism Vernon.

4.0 Pilot Project Descriptions

4.1 Semi-Annual Food System Meetings

Throughout the public consultation activities associated with the development of this RAAP, it was evident that members of the local food system (e.g. farmers, processors, distributors, retailers, etc.) do not have much of an opportunity to sit down with one another to discuss regional agricultural issues. While farmers are often members of producer groups, and processors/retailers are members of business associations, there are few bridges available to cover the gaps between these groups. The RAAC is one forum, however the agenda is often focused on specific planning issues. The Regional Food System Workshops in Vernon and two Focus Group sessions held as a component of the development of the RAAP were recent occasions for members of the agricultural community to discuss challenges and opportunities with one another. A more regular and formalized version of that gathering could assist in fostering relationships across agricultural sectors in the North Okanagan. It was suggested that the meeting agenda would need to be established ahead of time on focused topics that are open to all sectors. Topics for discussion could include:

- Climate change adaptation strategies;
- Farm succession (new farmers and intergenerational farming);
- Current agricultural research (i.e. UBCO reports and recent findings);
- Emergency preparedness plans for agriculture;
- Marketing opportunities – selling to restaurants and distributors (invite restaurateurs and distributors to be involved in the discussion); and
- Small and medium-scale processing and storage opportunities within the region.

These meetings could occur two to three times a year to start during the late fall or early winter when producers are less busy and able to attend. Events such as Meat Your Maker (<http://www.farmfolkcityfolk.ca/events/meat-your-maker-3/>) could be another opportunity for everyone to connect. This event is currently organized annually in Kelowna and could be duplicated in the North Okanagan. The newly established Farmers' Institute could be the lead for organizing these meetings, which could be hosted at the RDNO office.

Potential Key Players:	Community Futures, agricultural stakeholders (e.g. producers, processors, retailers, distributors, etc.)
Timeframe:	Ongoing
Funding Requirements:	Low (\$2,500) (requires a meeting room and refreshments).
Potential Funding Sources:	Possible options: RDNO in-kind or Food Action Society or IHA

4.2 North Okanagan Farmers' Institute

Through discussion with farmers in the North Okanagan, it became apparent that farmers are craving ways to connect with one another outside of the RAAC meeting format. One option could be the development of a North Okanagan Farmers Institute. Farmers' institutes exist in a number of communities as a way for farmers to meet one another and address issues specific to their region. Farmers' institutes can provide a number of benefits for their members including:

- Sharing of knowledge about farming in the specific geoclimatic zone
- A way to gain general farming knowledge through workshops and guest speakers
- Equipment and tool exchange programs
- Fundraising capabilities for agricultural programs and projects such as 4-H
- Mentoring support for new farmers in the area

Most farmers' institutes incorporate as societies in order to formalize the relationship and maintain accountability of their members. This is not a requirement though and is up to the individual institute to determine what will work best for them. This organization would have a different mandate than producer associations and would work to improve knowledge transfer between farmers in different commodities. The Province of BC supports Farmers Institutes and has ratified their operational structure through the *Farmers and Womens Institutes Act*.

Some example Farmers' Institutes include:

- Nanaimo-Cedar Farmers Institute
- Pemberton Farmers Institute
- Powell River Farmers Institute
- Farmers Institute at Cobble Hill
- Hornby/Denman Growers and Producers Alliance
- Delta Farmers Institute
- Salt Spring Island Farmers Alliance:

It was discussed during the second focus group session that a number of farmer groups and "institutes" had already been established in the region, but have gone dormant for a variety of reasons. By establishing a single organization to represent farmers it would allow an opportunity to apply for funding for a variety of new initiatives. Existing membership lists for the farmer groups could be combined and used as the original invitation list for the first meeting. This first meeting and subsequent meetings could be held at the RDNO offices or the Women's Institute Building in Coldstream if appropriate. Funding could then be sourced to provide an administrator for the institute and informal extension support person for the farming community.

Potential Key Players:

Timeframe:

Funding Requirements:

Potential Funding Sources:

North Okanagan Farmers

Short

Low – Medium (\$5,000 - \$10,000 in the first year)

Farmers would be asked to pay an annual membership. Initial in-kind support may be available from the BC Ministry of Agriculture.

4.3 On-Farm Water Storage Options

As part of the consultation process, farmers were asked to identify any specific biophysical constraints on their farms. The top response from farmers was high irrigation needs coupled with seasonal water scarcity challenges. Climate change, population growth, and expansion of the agricultural land base are expected to result in significantly increased water withdrawals from surface and groundwater sources in the region, especially during summer months. An integrated and comprehensive approach to water management (from supply and storage, to irrigation, to drainage) at the individual farm level would be beneficial in helping producers mitigate the effects of water scarcity and drainage throughout the year. As such, a pilot project to develop a toolkit to assist farmers in evaluating their water supply, storage capacity and water use would allow farmers to better manage the water they currently have.

The Cowichan Valley Regional District is currently working on Phase 1 of their Integrated Farm Water Planning Pilot, which could be an excellent model for the North Okanagan region. In Phase 1 a planning toolkit was developed for farmers to assist with farm water planning, while Phase 2 involves piloting the toolkit across the region. The objectives of the toolkit are to increase awareness of climate impacts on farm water management, develop practical tools producers can use to effectively manage water on the farm, increase producers' resiliency against variable and extreme weather. The toolkit guides producers through:

- A careful review of current water resources, systems and practices on the farm;
- An analysis of significant water issues and opportunities; and
- Development of practical strategies to address issues, take advantage of opportunities, and build resilience against uncertain future conditions.

Phase 2 is currently underway in Cowichan and includes a range of farm types and locations. If successful, this toolkit could be shared and implemented in regions outside of Cowichan. The North Okanagan could use this toolkit to run its own pilot project and determine the efficacy for use in this region.

Potential Key Players:

OBWB, RDNO, CAI, Farmers

Timeframe:

Short to Medium

Funding Requirements:

Medium to High (\$30,000 - \$50,000)

Potential Funding Sources:

CAI, IAF, ARDCorp, OBWB, RDNO

