

DRAFT RESOLUTION

Re: Appointment to Okanagan Water Stewardship Council

THAT Council receives, for information, the March 22, 2012 letter from the Okanagan Basin Water Board with respect to an 18 Month Term Membership on the Okanagan Water Stewardship Council;

AND THAT Council accepts the Okanagan Basin Water Board's invitation to have the City of Kelowna participate the Okanagan Water Stewardship Council ("the Council");

AND THAT Council appoints the Manager, Utilities Planning (Andrew Reeder) as the City of Kelowna's designate on the Council;

AND FURTHER THAT Council appoints the Manager, Strategic Projects (Mark Watt) as the City of Kelowna's alternate on the Council.

BACKGROUND:

See Attached.

Date: March 29, 2012





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Mayor and Council

City of Kelowna

City Hall, 1435 Water Street

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Date: *March 26/12*

Dear Mayor and Council,

Re: 18 Month term membership on the Okanagan Water Stewardship Council

We are pleased to inform you that the Okanagan Basin Water Board (OBWB) has requested your organization's participation on the Okanagan Water Stewardship Council (the Council)— a technical advisory committee to the Water Board – for the upcoming 18 month term (May 2012 – October 2013). Please advise our office if your organization is interested in participating and if so, provide the name and contact information of a designate and an alternate by April 15, 2012.

The OBWB is an inter-regional government agency founded in 1970 to promote the shared water interests of Okanagan communities. Its mandate is to *"provide leadership for sustainable water management to protect and enhance the quality of life and environment in the Okanagan Basin."* The Okanagan Water Stewardship Council was established in March 2006 to provide independent technical advice, analysis, and policy recommendations to the Water Board.

In December 2008, the three Okanagan regional districts renewed the Stewardship Council's mandate and, subsequently, the OBWB reviewed and approved the attached membership roll for the next 18 month term, starting in May 2012.

The great strength of the Council is its diversity and expertise. It is comprised of water user groups, non-profit organizations, scientists, government, First Nations, academics, economic interests, and professional associations. The result is a thoughtful forum on water that respects differences and makes recommendations that benefit the entire Okanagan Basin.

During the past four years, the Council has provided important direction and advice to the Water Board, including the development of the *Okanagan Sustainable Water Strategy, Action Plan 1.0*. The strategy provides an important context for 45 actions to be undertaken by the board and partner governments over the next eight years. The draft work plan for the upcoming 18 month term will be developed and help focus Council efforts to implement the actions in the *Sustainable Water Strategy*.

The Council meets 10 times during the year on the second Thursday of each month and has agreed on a set of guiding principles for addressing water issues in the Okanagan. Additional information about the council's mandate, guiding principles and terms of reference is available at www.obwb.ca/wsc.



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Interestingly, one of the most effective aspects of the Council has been the development of relationships and understanding between water user groups; several Council members are collaborating on projects outside of the council.

Action Request (by April 15): Please advise our office on the following

1. Decision on your organization acceptance of a position on the Council.
2. And if yes, identify who has been designated from your organization to participate on the Council as: (1) participant, and (2) an alternate.

We value the participation from your organization on the Council and the important perspective provided. Your organization's voice at the council table will further support the Water Board's leadership role on water issues that span the entire valley – recognizing the need to work together to protect our common resources and achieve our goals of water sustainability.

Sincerely,

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Water Stewardship Director



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Water Stewardship Council Proposed Membership List

18 Month Term: May 2012 – Oct 2013

- Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada, Environmental Health
- Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada, Agri-Environment Service Branch
- Association of Professional Engineers and Geoscientists of British Columbia
- B.C. Agriculture Council
- B.C. Cattlemen's Association
- B.C. Fruit Grower's Association
- B.C. Groundwater Association
- Canadian Water Resources Association
- City of Kelowna
- Environment Canada - Pacific and Yukon Region
- Interior Health
- BC Wildlife Federation - Region 8 Okanagan
- Ministry of Agriculture and Lands
- Ministry of Forests, Lands and Natural Resources: Fish & Wildlife Section
- Ministry of Forests, Lands and Natural Resources: Resource Manager
- Okanagan Collaborative Conservation Program
- Okanagan College
- Okanagan Mainline Real Estate Board
- Okanagan Nation Alliance
- Osoyoos Lake Water Quality Society
- Regional District of Central Okanagan
- Regional District of North Okanagan
- Regional District of Okanagan-Similkameen
- Shuswap Okanagan Forestry Association
- South Okanagan Similkameen Conservation Program
- UBC Okanagan
- Water Supply Association