

***Healthy Watersheds Committee***

September 18, 2019, 3:30 p.m.

Council Chambers

- 1. Call to Order**
- 2. Amendment/Approval of the Agenda**
- 3. Adoption of the June 19, 2019 Meeting Minutes**
- 4. Presentation: “Trepanier Creek Watershed Management Plan — Baseline Phase” by Four Peaks Environmental, Geographic Solutions, Ntityix Resources, and Okanagan Nation Alliance. To be presented Richard Bussanich and Dave Gill.**
- 5. Okanagan Basin Water Board, “Make Water Work” Competition announcement**
- 6. Forest Practices Board Complaint and Report**
- 7. Office of the Auditor General of BC: *The Protection of Drinking Water: An Independent Audit***
- 8. Other Business**
- 9. Next Meeting — November 20, 2019 at 3:30 pm (Council Chambers)**
- 10. Adjournment**

**Healthy Watersheds Committee**  
**June 19, 2019 – Meeting Minutes**

**Present:** Mayor Fortin, Councillor Coolio, Jack Gerow, Chris King, Stephanie Paul

**Regrets:** Mark Meisner, Darlene Romanko

**Staff Support:** Joe Mitchell, Fire Chief Dennis Craig, Shawn Grundy

**Guests:** Matt Scott, Gorman Bros (part of meeting)

**CALL TO ORDER** Mayor Fortin called the meeting to order at 3:32 p.m.

**APPROVAL OF  
THE AGENDA** It was moved:

THAT the agenda dated June 19, 2019 be approved as presented.

**CARRIED**

**ADOPTION OF  
THE MINUTES** It was moved:

THAT the minutes from the Wednesday, May 15, 2019 Healthy watersheds Committee meeting be approved as presented.

**CARRIED**

**COMMITTEE  
FIELD TRIP** The HWC proceeded on a tour to Garnett/Monroe region to with the purpose of learning about the Forest Enhancement Society of BC (FES) Project. The tour was led by Chris King.

Some highlights of the tour include:

- The project was developed through a relationship between the local First Nations Penticton Indian Band (PIB), the Okanagan Nation Alliance (ONA), Local industry (Gorman Bros.), the Provincial Government, and the Forest Enhancement Society of B.C.;
- The FES project has successfully married timber harvesting with cultural-ecological restoration at a landscape level;
- The project has provided a template to model and improve on as the forestry sector for Indigenous rights, reconciliation and ecosystem stewardship continues to innovate;
- The objectives of the project include:
  - Reduce wildfire risk,
  - Increase forest stand values,
  - Protect ecological values,
  - Enhance cultural resource values,
  - Increase opportunities for fibre recovery;
- Project goals include:

- Contribute to landscape fuel break to protect Summerland, Peachland , and rural development from fire risk,
- Restore forest ecosystem functions,
- Enhance wildlife habitat,
- Enhance cultural resources,
- Maximize utilization of undersized trees by taking the fibres to processing facilities.

**OTHER BUSINESS** Nil.

**ADJOURNEMENT** It was moved:  
THAT the meeting be adjourned at 5:30pm

**NEXT MEETING** September 18, 2019 in Council Chambers

**CARRIED**

**Certified Correct**

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**Corporate Officer**

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**Mayor**

Dated at Peachland, B.C.

This     day of     , 2019