OPEN MEETING:

- The Chairman Brian Mennell called the meeting to order at 7 p.m. Members and staff in attendance Chris Garrish RDOS Planner, Colleen Christensen Recording Secretary, George Bush RDOS Area B representative, Committee members Moses Brown, Lee McFadyen, George Hanson, Andrea Turner, Bob Bergen, Al McCormick, Pard Hogewiede and Dave Cursons. Members not in attendance Tony Dawson, Lesley Pendleton, Celia Bush, Kevin Klippenstein, Lee Vesper, Paul Dhaliwal, and Gurpreet Lidder.

- The minutes of June 19th meeting as circulated was moved by George Hanson and seconded by Andrea Turner (carried)

- Lee McFadyen request an addition to the agenda for a discussion of the Similkameen Valley Zoning By-law as reported in The Review Newspaper.

- The Chairman asked that the following Email Correspondence be noted in the minutes
  - September 11th – Burning Bylaw
  - September 16th – Draft Smoke Control Bylaw Regulatory bylaw No. 2573, 2011
  - Growth Management Draft
  - Flood Pain Regulation for Area H
  - Nov 6 –Draft OCP Section 7 objective Policies
  - Map OCP Map Schedule Draft Designations
  - Similkameen Valley Zoning Bylaw

- The Chairman reported that it was necessary the a Vice Chairman be elected. After some discussion Lee McFadyen nominated George Hanson and as there were no other nominations George Hanson was elected by acclamation (carried)

- The Chairman then addressed the meeting and reported that he would like to get more business done so that this process can move forward in a timely manner. His goal is to:
  - Follow the agenda and have a goal for each meeting
  - Make sure that the discussion stays on topic and each member has the same amount of time to discuss issues. It is the goal to not limit discussion but not to have the discussions be dominated by a few members.
  - Chris was asked what he considered a reasonable time line on moving forward. Chris reported that it took Area H three years to complete their OCP. It should be noted they did have day and afternoon sessions to achieve this time frame. The next two or three meetings should determine what the time frame will look like.
  - Meeting dates for the balance of this year were discussed and it was decided that our meeting schedule would be Nov 27th and then Dec 18th.

- Committee Membership attendance was discussed and George Bush said that he would talk to members who have not been attending the meetings.

- Year end Community Open House - George Bush said that we were not ready for such a meeting, so this will be determined at a later date.

- Draft Smoke Control Regulatory Bylaw was discussed. George Bush reported that the Chipping program ran out of money but the RDOS is trying to still find some. George Hanson is concerned about the farmers. The cost of enforcement is also a concern. This bylaw should be for just wood stoves.

- The bylaw should set out basic standards for wood stoves.
- Open burning is a Ministry of Environment issue. We need to have regulations in place so that the bylaw can be enforced.
- The bylaw could be used for educational purposes.
- The committee members were asked for their ideas, and the members that commented were, two members were definitely in favor of it, one was indifferent, one did not think that this was an effective tool. After much discussion the Chair asked for a show of hands for support of the proposed bylaw and all but one committee member showed support. This will be discussed at RDOS and George Bush will make the decision.

NEW BUSINESS: Similkameen Valley Zoning Bylaw
- Chris Garrish explained that this bylaw is a basic zoning bylaw that is in place for Area H but will be used as a basic document if and when such a zoning bylaw is proposed for Area B or G. It will be used so that the whole Similkameen will have a standard bylaw so that enforcement will be consistent and cost effective within the Similkameen Valley. As with any bylaw the special needs and concerns of the area can be addressed, if need be.
- Lee McFadyen is very concerned about this bylaw and she feels like a number of the committee members that this bylaw should not be named Similkameen Valley Zoning Bylaw. It should be identified as pertaining to Area H. Lee’s concern is there is a resistance in Area B to any zoning bylaws and there could be public perception that the nature of the name of this bylaw could undermine what this OCP Committee is trying to achieve.

DRAFT OFFICIAL COMMUNITY PLAN (OCP) BYLAW SECTION 7.0 (Growth Management)
- Chris sent by email a report related to Section 7 (growth Management) of the Draft OCP to help the committee and provoke discussion on how future residential and non-residential growth should be addressed.
- Chris used the maps that he had provided so as we could view the potential areas of growth. It was soon discovered that there is not much land available for expansion. Each area had barriers to expansion ALR, environmental sensitive lands, and flood plains, just to name a few.
- It was also noted that our rate of growth was identified as “the slowest growing unincorporated area in percentage terms in the Regional District” for the period between 1966 and 1993.
- Discussions were held on industrial land, do we need it, where would it be developed. This led to the major topic of the evening discussion on main street Cawston. At the present time main street is made up of industrial (packinghouses and cold storage, car repair shop, trucking company, bulk gas tanks, commercial (grocery store, hair salons, community hall, school) and then of course residential. The major concern the big trucks on main street with children and residents using the street. It was very evident that the protection of Main Street for the future was a very important part of this process.

The meeting adjourned at 9 p.m.