

# REGIONAL DISTRICT OF OKANAGAN-SIMILKAMEEN

## BOARD of DIRECTORS MEETING

Thursday, January 22, 2026  
RDOS Boardroom  
101 Martin Street, Penticton, BC V2A 5J9



MEMBERS PRESENT: Chair M. Pendergraft, Electoral Area "A"  
Vice-Chair C. Watt, City of Penticton  
Director R. Barkwill, Summerland  
Director J. Bloomfield, City of Penticton  
Director G. Bush, Electoral Area "B"  
Director I. Chahal, Electoral Area "C"  
Director B. Coyne, Electoral Area "H"  
Director S. Coyne, Town of Princeton  
Director A. Fedrigo, Electoral Area "E"  
Director R. Gettens, Electoral Area "F"  
Director R. Graham, City of Penticton  
Director I. Gilbert, City of Penticton  
Director A. Holley, Village of Keremeos  
Director M. Johansen, Town of Oliver  
Director S. McKortoff, Town of Osoyoos  
Director S. Monteith, Electoral Area "I"  
Director J. Reynen, City of Penticton  
Director T. Roberts, Electoral Area "G"  
Director M. Taylor, Electoral Area "D"  
Alt. Director E. Trainer, District of Summerland

MEMBERS ABSENT: Director D. Holmes, District of Summerland

STAFF PRESENT: J. Zaffino, CAO  
N. Evans-MacEwan, CFO  
T. Batten, Corporate Officer

The meeting was called to order at 9:00 am.

### A. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

(Unweighted Corporate Vote - Simple Majority)

#### **MOVED and SECONDED**

That the Agenda for the RDOS Board Meeting of January 22, 2026, be adopted.

#### **CARRIED**

A.1 Consent Agenda - Corporate Issues  
(Unweighted Corporate Vote - Simple Majority)

#### **MOVED and SECONDED**

THAT the Consent Agenda Corporate Services be adopted.

#### **CARRIED**

A.1.1 Corporate Services Committee  
THAT the Minutes of the November 27, 2025, Corporate Services Committee meeting be adopted.

A.1.2 Committee of the Whole  
THAT the Minutes of the January 8, 2026, Committee of the Whole meeting be adopted.

A.1.3 RDOS Board of Directors  
THAT the Minutes of the January 8, 2026, RDOS Board of Directors meeting be adopted.

A.2 Consent Agenda - Development Services Issues

(Unweighted Rural Vote - Simple Majority)

**B19/26**

**MOVED and SECONDED**

THAT the Consent Agenda - Development Issues be adopted.

**CARRIED**

A.2.1 Development Variance Permit Application — Electoral Area “G” (G2025.031-DVP)

THAT Development Variance Permit No. G2025.031-DVP, to allow a new parcel to be created through subdivision without proof of sufficient quantities of potable water at 77 Ashnola Road, be approved.

**B. DEVELOPMENT SERVICES - Rural Land Use Matters**

B.1 Development Variance Permit Application — Electoral Area “F” (F2025.032-DVP)

(Unweighted Rural Vote - Simple Majority)

**B20/26**

**MOVED and SECONDED**

THAT Development Variance Permit No. F2025.032-DVP, to allow for three livestock to reside on the property and to have two metal storage containers between the front parcel line and the principal building at 1700 Estates Place, be approved.

**CARRIED**

B.2 Temporary Use Permit Application — Electoral Area “C” (C2022.022-TUP)

(Unweighted Rural Vote - Simple Majority)

*The Chair inquired whether the property owner or agent was to present to address the Board and they were not.*

**B21/26**

**MOVED and SECONDED**

THAT Temporary Use Permit No. C2022.022-TUP, to allow for the use of lands for outdoor storage, the residential and commercial use of one (1) recreational vehicle, and the residential use of one (1) recreational vehicle at 380 Wilson Mountain Road, be denied.

**CARRIED**

**C. PUBLIC WORKS**

- C.1 Resolution supporting Acquisition of Crown Lease for Oliver Landfill  
(Weighted Corporate Vote - Majority)

**B22/26**

**MOVED and SECONDED**

THAT the Board of Directors has agreed to acquire the Lease from the Province for the proposed term of thirteen (13) years starting from the expiry of the previous lease in November 2022 for the Land identified as over that part of Lot 954 of District Lot 2450s, Similkameen Division of Yale District, Plan 14590 except thereout Plan 31702, containing 13.84 hectares, more or less for the purposes of disposing of refuse, as permitted under the Waste Management Act, or other legislations regulating disposal of refuse.

**CARRIED**

**D. COMMUNITY SERVICES**

- D.1 Municipal Protected Areas Project (MPAP) – Preliminary Board Direction  
(Unweighted Corporate Vote - Simple Majority)

**B23/26**

**MOVED and SECONDED**

THAT the Board decline participating in the Municipal Protected Areas Program at this stage and refer the Program to the EA Committee for further consideration.

**CARRIED**

**Opposed:** Directors Taylor and Trainer

**E. PROTECTIVE SERVICES**

- E.1 Fire Safety Act – Appointment of Investigator and Inspector  
(Unweighted Corporate Vote - Simple Majority)

**B24/26**

**MOVED and SECONDED**

THAT the Board approve the assignment of responsibility for inspections and investigations under the *Fire Safety Act* to Fire Chief Tony Iannella.

**CARRIED**

- E.2 UBCM CEPF Indigenous Cultural Safety and Cultural Humility Training  
(Unweighted Corporate Vote - Simple Majority)

**B25/26**

**MOVED and SECONDED**

THAT the Regional District of Okanagan-Similkameen submit a joint application under the 2026 UBCM Community Emergency Preparedness Fund – Indigenous Cultural Safety and Cultural Humility Training for \$60,000 and manage the grant on behalf of the District of Summerland.

**CARRIED**

- E.3 UBCM 2026 EOC Equipment and Training Grant  
(Unweighted Corporate Vote - Simple Majority)

**B26/26**

**MOVED and SECONDED**

THAT the Regional District of Okanagan-Similkameen submit a joint application under the 2026 UBCM Community Emergency Preparedness Fund – Emergency Operations Centre Equipment & Training Grant for \$210,000.

AND manage the grant on behalf of the Osoyoos Indian Band, the Village of Keremeos, the District of Summerland, the Town of Princeton, Town of Osoyoos, and Town of Oliver.

**CARRIED**

**F. LEGISLATIVE SERVICES**

- F.1 Letter of Support Chinook Salmon Hatchery Project-Osoyoos Indian Band  
(Unweighted Corporate Vote - Simple Majority)

**B27/26**

**MOVED and SECONDED**

THAT the Board provides a letter to the Osoyoos Indian Band in support of the construction of a proposed Chinook Salmon Hatchery Project on Osoyoos Indian Band land.

**CARRIED**

- F.2 Artificial Intelligence (AI) Usage Policy  
(Unweighted Corporate Vote - Simple Majority)

**B28/26**

**MOVED and SECONDED**

THAT the Artificial Intelligence (AI) Usage Policy attached to the January 22, 2026, Administrative Report be adopted.

**CARRIED**

**Opposed:** Director S. Coyne

- F.3 Lower Nipit Improvement District-Request for Letter of Support  
(Unweighted Corporate Vote - Simple Majority)

**B29/26**

**MOVED and SECONDED**

THAT the Board provide a Letter of Support for the Lower Nipit Improvement District's Okanagan Basin Water Grant Application for the "Twin Lakes Climate Adaptation and Flood Risk Reduction Planning Initiative".

**CARRIED**

**G. CAO REPORTS**

G.1 Verbal Update

**B30/26**

**MOVED and SECONDED**

THAT the Board Direct the CAO to draft a letter as requested by the Similkameen Flood Mitigation Strategy group regarding orphan dikes.

**CARRIED**

G.1.1 Strategic Priorities Board Amendments

G.1.2 Board Action Items Update

**H. OTHER BUSINESS**

H.1 Chair's Report

H.2 Directors Motions

H.2.1 Notice of Motion – Director Monteith

**B31/26**

**MOVED and SECONDED**

THAT the Board waive policy and consider Director Monteith's motion at today's meeting.

**CARRIED**

**B32/26**

**MOVED and SECONDED**

THAT the Board supports the removal of the requirement "to petition into the Fire Service Area for 100 Turtle Lake Road subdivision" from the application (I2025.008-Zone) and to proceed to public hearing on February 19, 2026.

**CARRIED**

H.2.2 Notice of Motion – Director Roberts

THAT the Board direct Staff to draft a policy regarding the review of transit ridership numbers in the Similkameen to occur every two (2) years.

### H.3 Board Members Verbal Update

#### H.3.1 Board Representation

1. Municipal Finance Authority – *Pendergraft, Watt (Alternate)*
2. Municipal Insurance Association – *Pendergraft, Taylor (Alternate)*
3. Okanagan Basin Water Board - *McKortoff, Holmes, Monteith, Fedrigo (Alternate), Pendergraft (Alternate), Taylor (Alternate)*
4. Okanagan Film Commission – *S. Coyne, Fedrigo (Alternate)*
5. Okanagan Regional Library – *Fedrigo, Monteith (Alternate)*
6. Okanagan-Kootenay Sterile Insect Release Board – *Bush, Roberts (Alternate)*
7. Southern Interior Municipal Employers Association – *S. Coyne*
8. Starling Control – *Bush*
9. Economic Trust of the Southern Interior (ETSI-BC) - *Johansen, McKortoff, Bloomfield, Roberts (Alternate)*
10. Collaborative Leadership Table - *Pendergraft, Roberts (Alternate)*

#### I. CLOSED SESSION

(Unweighted Corporate Vote - Simple Majority)

B33/26

#### **MOVED and SECONDED**

THAT in accordance with Section 90(1)(a),(c) and 90(2)(b) of the *Community Charter*, the Board close the meeting to the public on the basis of;

- personal information about an identifiable individual who holds or is being considered for a position as an officer, employee or agent of the Regional District or another position appointed by the Regional District, and;
- labour relations and other employee relations; and,
- the consideration of information received and held in confidence relating to negotiations.

#### **CARRIED**

*The meeting closed to the public at 9:59 am and reopened to the public at 10:53 am.*

#### J. ITEMS COMING OUT OF CLOSED SESSION

#### K. ADJOURNMENT

B34/26

#### **MOVED and SECONDED**

THAT the meeting adjourn at 10:53 am.

#### **CARRIED**

APPROVED BY:

“Original signed by”

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M. Pendergraft, Chair

CERTIFIED CORRECT:

“Original signed by”

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T. Batten, Corporate Officer