

# REGIONAL DISTRICT OF OKANAGAN-SIMILKAMEEN

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**SUBJECT:** CONFLICT OF INTEREST

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## CONFLICT OF INTEREST

For Director Members of the Regional District of Okanagan-Similkameen, Appointees to Boards, Committees, Commissions and Task Forces (hereby collectively referred to as "Members"):

### **A conflict of interest exists where:**

- a committee member is a director, member or employee of an organization seeking a benefit from the Regional District of Okanagan-Similkameen upon which the committee will make a recommendation;
- the committee member has a direct or indirect pecuniary interest in the outcome of committee deliberations.

### **A conflict of interest does not exist if:**

- the pecuniary interest of the member is a pecuniary interest in common with members of the Regional District generally, or
- the pecuniary interest is so remote or insignificant that it cannot reasonably be regarded as likely to influence the member in relation to the matter.

### **Where a conflict of interest exists, members:**

- Are not entitled to participate in the discussion of the matter or to vote on a question in respect of the matter;
- Must declare to the committee that a conflict exists; and
- Must declare themselves and exit from the meeting during consideration of the issue to which the conflict relates.

**The member's declaration of a conflict and their exit from and return to the meeting shall be noted in the minutes.**

### **Perceived Conflict of Interest:**

Where a perceived conflict of interest might exist, the member may note that a perception of conflict might exist but need not declare a conflict and exit the meeting if in the member's view there is no actual conflict of interest.

### **Directorship Review:**

Where in the opinion of a committee member is in a conflict of interest and has not so declared, the committee may ask for a review of the matter by the Chief Administrative Officer. The matter, if unresolved, may then be referred to the Board for review.