



REGIONAL DISTRICT OF OKANAGAN-SIMILKAMEEN

INFORMATION RELEASE

November 27, 2020

RDOS Board and Committee meeting highlights

Legislative Services (Nov. 19)

The Board of Directors adopted the following policies:

- Public Complaints Resolution Policy

The purpose of the policy is to promptly and effectively address program and service delivery concerns raised by the public. The policy will:

- Provide a fair complaint procedure that is clear and easy to use for anyone wishing to submit a complaint;
- Provide a timely and reasonable response to complaints; and
- Use complaints as an opportunity to improve program and service delivery issues.

The policy will not apply to non-Regional District services, issues addressed by legislation, a decision of the Board, internal employee complaints or matters handled by tribunals, courts of law, and quasi-judicial boards.

- Official Recognition Policy

The policy establishes guidelines that ensure that occasions of Official Recognition are handled in a consistent and appropriate manner, including:

- Half-Masting flags (procedure and appropriate occasions)
- Expressions of condolence and moments of silence (consultation for the occasion and appropriate instances)
- Acknowledgement of Community Members
- Elections and Appointments
- Volunteer Acknowledgement
- Proclamations

- Sickle Point Parkland Acquisition – Notice of Alternate Approval Process

Kaleden area residents may have an opportunity to vote on whether the Regional District should move forward in assisting the Kaleden Community Association in purchasing Sickle Point for the purpose of a waterfront nature park.

The opportunity would be available if the Inspector of Municipalities approves a proposed bylaw to authorize long-term borrowing of not more than \$3,500,000. If approved, the total 1,816 eligible electors would have until Monday, February 8, 2021 to submit their elector response forms. The number of elector responses required to prevent the bylaw from proceeding without a referendum is 182.



- Electoral Area “E” Parkland Acquisition – Notice of AAP

Naramata area residents may have an upcoming opportunity to vote on whether to support increasing its requisition limit to facilitate the purchase of parkland, and maintain current service levels by authorizing the long-term borrowing of not more than \$900,000. The community recently fundraised more than \$936,700 to help purchase a waterfront parcel currently owned by the Naramata Centre Society. The agreed upon price is \$1,700,000.

If the proposed bylaw is approved by the Inspector of Municipalities, the total eligible electors within the service area is 1,730. The deadline to submit their elector response forms will be Monday, February 8, 2021. If the number of elector response forms signed is more than 10% of the estimated eligible electors, the bylaw would require elector assent through referendum.

Development Services

- Electoral Area “G” Official Community Plan (OCP) Bylaw Project
The Board of Directors awarded Electoral Area “G” Official Community Plan (OCP) Bylaw Project contract to EcoPlan in the amount of \$110,000. Residents of Electoral Area “G” were engaged throughout 2019 to determine community interest in developing an OCP, and results of the engagement indicated general support for developing a community vision that will help guide the community for the next 20 or more years. The project is expected to launch in December of 2020.
- Official Community Plan (OCP) and Zoning Bylaw Amendments – Electoral Area “D” Residential Zone update – Comprehensive Development (CD) Zones (Phase 3)
An OCP and Zoning Amendment proposed for Electoral Area “D” will go to Public Hearing on December 17, 2020. The amendments proposes to apply CD Zones to specific individual parcels, rather than as a “blanket zone” applied to multiple parcels. It would also replace CD Zone on properties that have been developed since the introduction of this zoning in 1998 with other zones that exist within the Zoning Bylaw, and that in consultation with affected property owners, proposes that three different properties retain a new version of CD Zone in order to facilitate their intended development.

Public Works

- Okanagan-Kootenay Sterile Insect Release Program (SIR)
The RDOS, along with the Regional Districts of Central Okanagan, North Okanagan and Columbia Shuswap participate in a cost-sharing initiative that is the Sterile Insect Release Program. Contribution amounts are set using a hybrid formula that determines each Regional District’s annual tax requisition. The RDOS has been benefitting disproportionately for its contribution resulting in the Board of Directors approving an average increase \$1.66 in annual property tax over the next four years. This means the 2021 impact for an average property will be \$0.41/year.

Corporate Services Committee

Each year the Board of Directors are invited to submit expressions of interest for appointment to Board select committees and external agencies. With five new municipal directors appointed to the Board for the 2021 year, a call for expressions of interest was sent to all Board members and the resulting requests resulted in the [2021 External Agency Appointments and Board Select Committees](#).

Recent meetings of note

- **RDOS inaugural board meeting (Nov. 5)**

The RDOS Board of Directors held elections for chair and vice-chair on November 5, 2020. The elections took place during the inaugural board meeting at the Penticton Lakeside Resort.

- Director Karla Kozakevich, Electoral Area “E” (Naramata) was elected 2021 RDOS board chair.
- Director Spencer Coyne, Town of Princeton (Mayor) was elected 2021 RDOS board vice-chair.

Elections for chair and vice-chair of the Okanagan-Similkameen Regional Hospital District (OSRHD) Board were also held on November 5, 2020. Meetings are held on the same day as the regular meeting of the Regional Board.

- Judy Sentes, City of Penticton (Councillor) was elected 2021 OSRHD board chair.
- Director Sue McKortoff, Town of Osoyoos (Mayor) was elected OSRHD vice-chair.

- **Special Corporate Services Committee Meeting (Nov. 13)**

Grant-in-aid presentations, board discussion and vote. Successful recipients will be confirmed after final reading in March, 2021.

- **RDOS Board of Directors strategic planning meeting (Nov. 12)**

Discussed goals and priorities for the coming year.

A Special Corporate Services Committee meeting will be held Friday, November 20, 2020. Agenda items include capital budget requests, regional and sub-regional programs, shared and local programs. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, budget workshops and community presentations will be delivered electronically. Please visit www.rdosregionalconnections.ca for more budget materials and links.

The next regular RDOS board meeting is Thursday, December 3, 2020. Agendas and meeting dates are available at www.rdos.bc.ca



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