



## REGIONAL DISTRICT OF OKANAGAN-SIMILKAMEEN

### INFORMATION RELEASE

January 28, 2021

#### RDOS Board and Committee meeting highlights

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[January 21, 2021 Agenda Package](#)

##### **Planning and Development Committee (Jan. 21)**

The Committee received a Q4 activity report for information only. Planned activities for Q1 (2021) include continuing review and analysis of the Regional Growth Strategy (RGS) with staff and RGS Technical Advisory Committee and a second presentation to the Planning and Development Committee. The Wildfire Hazard Development Permit Area project (Electoral Areas "A", "C", "D", "E", "F", "H" and "I". The public consultation process will be initialized.

The Committee discussed a proposed amendment to Building Bylaw No. 2805, 2018, to revise requirements for a siting permit for metal storage containers. Siting permits for metal storage containers were introduced into the current building bylaw as a tool for bylaw enforcement. The Committee resolved to advance a motion to the Board that the Regional District not initiate the revised requirements to Building Bylaw No. 2805, 2018.

The Committee resolved to advance a motion to the Board that the Regional District adopt Bylaw 2000.10, 2002, Subdivision Servicing Amendment Bylaw.

##### **Environment and Infrastructure Committee**

The Committee received a Q4 activity report for information only. The Committee discussed a program change request to the 2021 Mosquito Control Program. The Committee resolved to advance a motion to the Board that the Regional District fund the Mosquito Control Program using operating reserves for the 2021 budget year.

##### **Protective Services Committee**

The Committee received a Q4 activity report for information only. The Emergency Operations Centre (EOC) remains open at a level one to support the Provincial State of Emergency and Regional COVID-19 coordination and response since March 16, 2020.

##### **Community Services Committee**

The Committee received a Q4 activity report for information only. Work on the Regional Parks, Trails and Recreation Master Plan project is scheduled to commence in Q1 2021.

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### **Corporate Services Committee**

The Committee received a Q4 activity report and a Q1 Communications update for information only. RDOS 2021 Budget public engagement will continue in Q1 2021. Citizen Survey analysis and recommendations will be forwarded to the Board for consideration.

### **Okanagan-Similkameen Regional Hospital District (OSRHD)**

The Board received a presentation from Interior Health Authority (IHA); Dan Goughnour, Corporate Director Business Operations and Carl Meadows, Executive Director, SOK Clinical Operations, Acute and Community. The Board resolved to support the 2021 capital request from IHA, excluding the request for \$1.4 million to fund the South Okanagan Similkameen Primary Care Network.

The Board received presentations on the Penticton Regional Hospital (PRH) care tower financial update (2020) and Bylaw 168, 2021, establishing the 2021-2025 financial plan. The Board gave first and second reading to Bylaw 168, 2021, reducing the capital grant to IHA by eliminating the primary care clinic request for \$1.4 million.

### **Board Meeting**

#### **Development Services**

The Board adopted the Abandoned Vehicle Policy dated January 7, 2021. The policy provides direction for a consistent response to recurring issues.

#### **Public Works**

The Board adopted Bylaw No. 2851, 2020 Cross Connection Control Bylaw. The Cross Connection Control (CCC) Bylaw will set out requirements for controlling backflow and cross connections to Water Supply Systems owned by the Regional District.

#### **Community Services**

The Board resolved to endorse applications to the Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program – British Columbia – COVID-19 Resilience Infrastructure Stream (CVRIS) grant for rail trail and trail amenity upgrades within each Electoral Area to promote active transportation (nine Electoral Area applications); improving RDOS facilities and infrastructure to increase the resiliency and efficiency in preventing the spread of COVID-19 (one Regional application). Securing a grant will provide 100% funding towards the enhancement of the KVR and Similkameen Rail Trail systems and improvements to RDOS facilities to increase the resiliency and efficiency in preventing the spread of COVID-19.

The Board resolved to award a contract for the Regional District of Okanagan-Similkameen Parks, Trails, and Recreation Master to RC Strategies Inc. in the amount of \$137,851. The Parks, Trails and Recreation Master Plan will provide strategic direction on the development and management of greenspace and recreational assets for a period of ten years.

#### **Finance**

The Board received a presentation from Jim Zaffino, RDOS Manager of Finance regarding RDOS 2021-2025 five-year financial plan Bylaw No. 2922, 2021. The Board gave first reading to Bylaw No. 2922, 2021. The Board resolved to authorize the Chief Administrative Officer to proceed with projects totalling \$277,440.00 and identified in RDOS Budget 2021, prior to adoption. Visit RDOS Regional Connections for more information about RDOS Budget 2021 at [www.rdosregionalconnections.ca](http://www.rdosregionalconnections.ca)

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## **Legislative Services**

The Board resolved to approve the Technical Advisory Committee recommendations for the South Okanagan Conservation Fund 2020 intake (2021 delivery) projects, with the inclusion of the Vaseux Lake Stewardship Association application for an amount of up to \$472,245.

The Board resolved to express support for the 2021 Census, and encourage all residents to complete their census questionnaire online at [www.census.gc.ca](http://www.census.gc.ca)

## **January 7, 2021 Agenda Package**

### **Public Hearing (Jan. 7)**

Electoral Area “D” Zoning Bylaw Amendment (5081 8<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Okanagan Falls) introduced at committee. Next steps are to bring the matter before the Board for first, second and third readings. The purpose of the proposed amendment is to allow for the development of an additional 30 multi-dwelling units in the form of an apartment building.

### **Public Hearing (Jan. 7)**

Electoral Area “H” Zoning Bylaw Amendment (1500 Blakeburn Road, Coalmont) introduced at committee. Next steps are to bring the matter before the Board for first, second and third readings. The purpose of the proposed amendment is to facilitate the development of an additional eight (8) single detached dwellings on the subject parcel.

## **Planning and Development Committee**

The Committee discussed proposed amendments to the Subdivision Service Bylaw No. 2000.10, 2002 1 as it relates to roads, storm drainage systems, electrical services, levels of services as well as a number of other amendments. While Administration is currently working on a major update of the Regional District’s Subdivision Servicing Bylaw No. 2000.10, 2002, the proposed amendments contained in Bylaw No. 2000.10, 2002 are seen to be an important interim step that will improve the current bylaw and also help inform the drafting of the new Subdivision and Development Servicing Bylaw No. 2900.

## **Environment and Infrastructure Committee**

The Committee resolved to advance a motion that the Board approve the Technical Advisory Committee recommendations for the South Okanagan Conservation Fund 2020 intake (2021 delivery) projects for an amount up to \$441,745. The matter was postponed during the December 17, 2020 meeting due to time constraints. The Committee supported a motion to receive a delegation regarding the Vaseux Lake Siltation Issue; Norm Gaumont, Vaseux Lake Stewardship Association. The group’s request for \$30,500 was not recommended for funding by the Technical Advisory Committee. The Committee resolved to advance a motion that the Board approve the Vaseux Lake Stewardship Association’s request for funding.

The Committee received a presentation from the Manager of Engineering about the Cross Connection Control (CCC) bylaw. The proposed CCC bylaw will apply to any industrial, commercial, agricultural or institutional water connections in any RDOS owned water system. The Bylaw will also apply to any residential connections that have been evaluated as high risk. In the future, the bylaw could be updated to apply to all connections if desired. Public Information Meetings were conducted in 2017. During these meetings, a summary presentation was provided detailing the proposed CCC Bylaw. Once the bylaw has been adopted in 2021, the Cross Connection Control program will be developed and rolled out to customers within the next few years.

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### **Corporate Services Committee**

The Committee received a presentation from the Chief Administrative Officer about proceeding with a long-range planning process with the City of Penticton that may lead to economies of scale, shared space, bulk purchasing, more efficient working relationships and other yet undetermined opportunities. The Committee resolved to advance a motion that the Regional District petition the City of Penticton to jointly investigate the feasibility of developing a shared corporate office facility.

The Committee received a presentation from the Chief Administrative Officer about an abandoned vehicles policy. Research has shown there is overlapping, missing or often confusing, jurisdiction on enforcement authority or responsibility of abandoned vehicles in, or adjacent to, unincorporated communities. The Committee resolved to advance a motion to adopt the Abandoned Vehicles Policy dated January 7, 2021. The policy provides direction for a consistent response to recurring issues.

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### **Okanagan-Similkameen Regional Hospital District (OSRHD)**

The Board discussed the OSRHD financial model including physician recruitment. During discussions around the 2019 Business Plan, the Board indicated access to healthcare providers in the South Okanagan and Similkameen was of interest, and they would like to explore Regional District participation in physician recruitment. The Board resolved that OSRHD maintain its current financial model.

### **Board Meeting**

#### **Development Services**

The Board received a report about Official Community Plan (OCP) & Zoning Bylaw Amendments Residential Zone Update – Comprehensive Development (CD) Zones (Phase 3) - Electoral Area “D”. The Board adopted the bylaws to update the Comprehensive Development (CD) Zone in Electoral Area “D” as part of on-going work related to the preparation of a single zoning bylaw for the South Okanagan Valley Electoral Areas.

#### **Public Works**

The Board resolved to provide a letter of support for Winecrush for the application for the 2021 Food Waste Reduction Challenge.

#### **Legislative Services**

The Board discussed whether to appoint a liaison to the SOSArts Board. The Board resolved to invite the SOSArts Board to make presentations to the RDOS Board as a whole periodically to update on progress.

The Board resolved to extend the expired Fire Protection Mutual Aid agreement to December 2021. This allows the Joint Fire Chiefs an opportunity to review and make recommendations to the partnering municipalities, improvement districts, fire protection districts and RDOS for suggested improvement to the current agreement. There has been an agreement between various communities within the RDOS that allowed for sharing of resources when needed between fire departments. This sharing is critical when a large event occurs that exceeds the resources of one department.

The Board adopted the 2021 Business Plan dated January 7, 2021.

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### **Directors Motions**

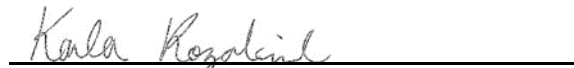
The Board resolved to distribute COVID-19 Safe Restart Grant Program for Local Governments to the nine electoral areas based on population data from BC Stats as at October 1, 2020.

The Board resolved that a boundary, financial allocation and service level review be done on the BC Transit Service.

The Board resolved that a bylaw review not be done on the financial distribution for the Mosquito Control Service with consideration to how the Okanagan Regional Library funding model is used. Staff will prepare a report to present to an upcoming committee meeting.

The next regular RDOS board meeting is Thursday, February 4, 2021. Agendas and meeting dates are available at [www.rdos.bc.ca](http://www.rdos.bc.ca)

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