



REGIONAL DISTRICT OF OKANAGAN-SIMILKAMEEN

INFORMATION RELEASE

April 20, 2021

RDOS Board and Committee meeting highlights

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Planning and Development Committee (Apr. 1)

The Committee received a report from John Ingram and Evie Morin, EcoPlan on the 2021 Regional Housing Needs Assessment which fulfills all of the province's requirements for housing needs reporting, as outlined in Division 22 of the Local Government Act. This study provides a comprehensive overview of the current housing situation across the region and estimates how this could evolve over next five years.

Protective Services Committee

The Committee received a discussion paper on the Regional Emergency Management Program. The purpose of the program is to ensure citizens are protected in times of emergency or disaster, and the region has an organization prepared and capable of responding in a coordinated and effective manner. The Committee also received a briefing on the Regional Emergency Management exercise carried out March 24, 2021. The exercise involved representatives from the RDOS, Town of Osoyoos, Town of Oliver, City of Penticton, District of Summerland, Village of Keremeos, Town of Princeton and Penticton Indian Band.

Corporate Services Committee

The Committee received an administrative report on the RDOS corporate email signature. A signature template will be designed in consultation with Information Services (IS) and Human Resources. In consideration of the RDOS region touching multiple traditional territories of various Indigenous communities, staff will request input on appropriate wording to be inclusive of all lands the RDOS engages with.

The Committee received an administrative report on the 2020 Citizen Survey follow-up questions. Five questions to be shared via RDOS Regional Connections and hard copies made available for pickup or via mail out.

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RDOS Board (Apr. 1) Development Services

The Board received the 2021 Regional Housing Needs Assessment, as presented at Committee earlier the same day.

The Board deferred Official Community Plan (OCP) Bylaw Amendment Application No. A2018.207-ZONE at 1750 Highway 3 in Electoral Area "A" pending the adoption of the Electoral Area "A" OCP Bylaw No. 2905, 2021.



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The Board gave first and second reading to Zoning Bylaw Amendment at 8475 Princeton-Summerland Road in Electoral Area “F”; and proceed to public hearing, to be scheduled for the Regional District Board meeting of May 6, 2021.

The Board gave first and second reading to Zoning Bylaw Amendment Regulation of Solar Energy Systems in Electoral Area “D”, “E”, “F”, & “I”; and proceed to public hearing be scheduled for the Regional District Board meeting of May 6, 2021.

Public Works

The Board adopted the Landfills Regulatory Bylaw No. 2925, 2021 for Electoral Areas “B”, “C”, “D”, “E”, “F”, “G”, “I”, Keremeos, Oliver, Penticton. The bylaw establishes regulations for Solid Waste disposal at Campbell Mountain, Okanagan Falls, Oliver and Keremeos Landfills.

Community Services

The Board extended the Emergency Services Communication (9-1-1) Agreement Amendment No. 2 with the Central Okanagan Regional District from January 1, 2021 to December 31, 2021; and extend the Regional District of Central Okanagan (RDCO) as an associate member on the Municipal Insurance Association of BC (MIABC) policy for liability insurance.

The Board awarded a contract up to the amount of \$71,870.00 to Chute Creek Construction Ltd. for the construction of an accessible pathway at Manitou Park.

Legislative Services

The Board adopted Bylaw No. 2798, 2021 to regulate the procedures of meetings of the Board and Committees. As directed in the Local Government Act, a board must adopt a procedure bylaw that establishes the procedures to be followed by the board and committees in conducting business, provides for advance public notice of meetings, and identifies the public notice place.

Directors Motions

Director Obirek

The Board did not support the Directors request to refer discussion on a proposed name change for the Garnett Family Park to a future Community Services Committee.

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Corporate Services Committee (Apr. 15)

The Committee discussed Board roles and responsibilities and the RDOS Communications Policy during a workshop hosted by a communications professional. The Committee resolved to support a follow-up workshop on developing a social media policy.

The Committee discussed the use of supplementary COVID-19 restart funds as continued within the administrative report, and recommended that the Board of Directors support the recommendations.

The RDOS received an additional \$404,000 and has the same restrictions on how the funds are to be spent as the previous allocation. The funds must be related to COVID-19 and spent or committed in 2021. The 2021 RDOS budget was adopted on March 18th, thus, these funds cannot be used to affect the 2021 tax requisition. However, they can be used to increase the level of service or undertake COVID-related projects.

The Committee received Q1 Activity reports for the 2021 Corporate Business Plan, and Communications.

Planning and Development Services Committee

The Committee recommended that Bylaw No. 2500.18, 2021, a bylaw to amend the Development Procedures Bylaw to establish procedures for requests to initiate an exclusion of land(s) from the Agricultural Land Reserve (ALR), to the Board for consideration.

The Committee received a Planning and Development Services Q1 activity report and planned activities for the second quarter of 2021.

Community Services Committee

The Committee received an update on the Greater West Bench Age-friendly Assessment and Plan project. The intended outcome of performing an assessment and creating an action plan is to assess the current state of assets and services, identify the gaps and current barriers to formulate a plan to better support active ageing and ageing in place. The Committee recommended that the Board support, promote and work towards developing the Greater West Bench as an age-friendly community.

The Committee received a Community Services Q1 activity report and planned activities for the second quarter of 2021.

Environment and Infrastructure Committee

The Committee received an Engineering Services Q1 activity report and planned activities for the second quarter of 2021.

Protective Services Committee

The Committee received a Protective Services Q4 2020 activity report and planned activities for the first quarter of 2021.

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OSRHD Board (Apr. 15)

The Board received a presentation from Carl Meadows, Interior Health Authority (IHA) SOK Clinical Operations, Acute and Community and Dan Goughnour, IHA Corporate Director, Business Operations.

The Board supported an application to the Minister of Health to have Unit #101 – 437 Martin Street, Penticton designated as a “Hospital” under the Hospital Act. The Board did not support a request for \$1,000,000 (with funding to come from the Hospital Reserve), to assist with the funding of an Urgent & Primary Care Centre.

RDOS Board (Apr. 15)

Development Services

The Board deferred first and second reading of the Official Community Plan (OCP) Amendment Bylaw No. 2603.15, 2021, and Zoning Amendment Bylaw 2455.38, 2021 to a future Board meeting to enable more opportunity for review.

Public Works

The Board awarded a contract up to the amount of \$894,720 plus applicable taxes to Cumming Construction Ltd. for the “Okanagan Falls Solids Processing Upgrade” project. The Board also approved a contingency for unexpected issues or addition of optional construction items in the amount of \$85,000.

Community Services

The Board authorized an application to the UBCM Community Emergency Preparedness Fund for the 2021 Emergency Operations Centers & Training grant.

Finance

The Board supported the use of additional COVID-19 funding which was discussed during the April 15, 2021 Corporate Services Committee meeting.

Legislative Services

The Board adopted Bylaw No. 2914, 2020, a bylaw to amend the cost recovery method and requisition limit of the Kaleden Recreation Programming and Facility Maintenance Local Service Establishment Bylaw. The Board also adopted Bylaw No. 2924, 2021, a bylaw to add Parks to the description of the Kaleden Recreation Programming service.

The Board adopted Bylaw No. 2920, 2020 Apex Mountain Fire Protection Service Establishment Bylaw. The Board also adopted Bylaw No. 2921, 2020 Apex Mountain Fire Protection Loan Authorization Bylaw.

The Board received an invitation to participate in the Okanagan Basin Water Board (OBWB) Water Stewardship Council, and passed a resolution to appoint an RDOS staff member and alternate to the Council, as opposed to an elected official.

The Board approved the Terms of Reference for the Electoral Area “D” Services and Boundary Configuration Study.

Directors Motions

The Board postponed a motion from Area “G” Director Tim Roberts THAT the Regional District review the Chipping Program objectives and funding model prior to the 2022 Budget, to the next Board meeting.

The Board supported a motion from Director John Vassilaki THAT the RDOS Board send a letter of support to the Premier’s office requesting Minister Eby, who has evoked paramountcy on behalf of the Province, or Premier John Horgan as the head of the government that promised to work collaboratively with local government, reconsider their position and adhere to local government bylaws.

Next Board and Committee meeting: Thursday, May 6, 2021.

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Karla Kozakevich, Chair
Regional District of Okanagan-Similkameen

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