



Governance Study News

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The RDOS Area “D” Governance Study is entering the home stretch!

The Area “D” Governance Study has been designed to consider methods for improving governance and services to the communities of Electoral Area “D” and their surrounding areas.

To that end, many residents and property owners from the communities of Kaleden, Okanagan Falls, Twin Lakes, Lakeshore Highlands, Heritage Hills, Vintage Views, Upper Carmi, Skaha Estates, Vaseux Lake, St. Andrews, Apex and surrounding areas within Area “D” made a commitment to participate in the Area “D” Governance Study by: learning about the services delivered by RDOS; attending a series of Forums to discuss and represent their views; and participating in a survey (Survey #1) in order to express their satisfaction toward the present governance framework for services, and to offer suggestions for improvement.

Results from the Forums and Survey #1 are available on the RDOS website at www.rdos.bc.ca, (popular links,) and will also be available in print the week of June 6, in locations in each community.

Information gathered through Survey #1 and the Governance Forums has identified issues of greatest concern to communities. This has led the Committee and Consultant to develop a series of options that consider ways in which governance and delivery of services in Area “D” related to those issues might be improved.

These options, prepared in the form of “RDOS Area “D” Governance Study Option Fact Sheets” cover the five topics of: Regional District Service Levels; Local Community Commissions; Electoral Area Boundary Options; Roads and Policing Provincial Service Levels; and Water Authority Collaboration

The Option Fact Sheets are available on line at www.rdos.bc.ca and will also be available in print the week of June 6, at locations in each community

After becoming familiar with the Option Fact Sheets, the public will be asked to participate in a second survey (Survey #2) in order to select which they consider to be the best of these options.

The Governance Study Committee is asking the public to become involved for one last task:

1. Read the five Option Fact Sheets – Online at www.rdos.bc.ca (choose Area D Governance Study under Popular Links) or pick up a print copy available at a location in each community
2. Fill out Survey #2 – Online at www.rdos.bc.ca (choose Area D Governance Study under Popular Links) or pick up a print copy available at a location in each community

Once the public preferences from the options are determined, they will be presented to the RDOS Board in a report which will identify the range of issues of greatest concern to the citizens of Area “D” communities, and a consideration of changes to governances and services in order to address those issues.

To keep informed about the Area “D” Governance Study, including meeting minutes and schedules, go the RDOS website at www.rdos.bc.ca and click on “popular links.”

The Governance Study Committee regularly meets in the Club Room at Okanagan Falls Community Centre and meetings are open to the public. The next meeting is Monday, June 6, at 6:30pm.