



ELECTORAL AREA “D” GOVERNANCE STUDY COMMITTEE INFORMATION RELEASE

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To residents and property owners in Apex, Heritage Hills/Lakeshore Highlands, Kaleden, Okanagan Falls, Skaha Estates, St. Andrews, Twin Lakes, Upper Carmi, Vaseux Lake, and surrounding areas.

Have you wondered what services the regional district provides or how decisions are made about those services? What the cost of services is and how to have your say in decisions affecting your local community?

Over the next several months, the Area “D” Governance Study will provide you with answers to these questions, and offer opportunities for residents and property owners in the communities of Area “D” to share their perspectives: What’s working? What’s not? Why?

Ultimately, the Study will explore and propose options within the current regional district structure to improve the way in which Area “D” is governed and the way your local services are delivered.

The first step in the process will be for the Committee and the consultant engaged by the Committee to provide you with a series of summaries, or Fact Sheets, of the services the RDOS provides to the communities in Area “D”. Each summary will explain the service, how it is delivered, how decisions are made, and what it costs.

By checking the RDOS Website, you will find a series of Fact Sheets about governance and your local services including: Water; Fire and Emergency Services; Sewer; Solid Waste; Bylaw Enforcement; Planning and Building Inspection; Parks, Trails and Recreation; Library; Transit; and Electoral Area Governance. These Fact Sheets will also be available at convenient locations in your communities.

Early in 2016, and following the publication of all the Fact Sheets, the Governance Study Committee will be asking for your ideas on RDOS services and governance through your participation in the first of two surveys and a Governance Forum Open House and Roundtable Discussion. Watch for posters and advertisements in the New Year.

If you will be away for all or part of the winter and want to stay involved with the Governance Study, you can participate, including with the surveys, by regularly checking the RDOS Area D Government Study webpage under “popular links” at www.rdos.bc.ca.

The Governance Study Committee continues its regularly scheduled meetings, which are open to the public. The next two meetings are Monday, November 2nd and Monday, December 7th both at 6:30pm in the Club Room at the Okanagan Falls Community Centre Gym.

Get Information. Get Involved. Have your say.

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