



ELECTORAL AREA "D" GOVERNANCE STUDY COMMITTEE INFORMATION RELEASE

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Area "D" Governance Study on Schedule

For the 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.

The Area "D" Governance study, established to review and consider methods of improvement to local governance and services in your communities and surrounding areas is proceeding on schedule.

The Governance Study Committee, made up of residents of communities throughout Area "D", has been working with consultants, Leftside Partners, who have visited each community and who are researching and preparing a series of "Fact Sheets" which will describe and make the residents of each community familiar with the governance and services they receive.

Over the next two months (**December and January**) the Fact Sheets will be available on the RDOS website. In addition, printed versions will be available at locations in your communities.

In **February**, residents will be asked to participate in the first of two surveys in order to provide feedback to the committee on the services and governance they receive.

In **early March**, residents will be invited to attend a Community Forum and Roundtable Discussion at which resident views can be further expressed and received.

The Committee is encouraging as many people from each community as possible to participate in the study in order to get a clear picture of what is working well and what is not in the governance and services for Area "D".

What can you do to express your views?

- keep yourself informed by regularly addressing the Area "D" Governance Study link on the RDOS website
- participate in the surveys: the greater the response, the higher the quality of the information gathered by the survey
- attend the Governance Study Forums and Roundtable discussions
- encourage your neighbours to participate

If you will be away for all or part of the winter, you can still participate in the Governance Study, including surveys, by regularly checking the RDOS website.

Regular meetings of the Governance Study Committee are open to the public, and are held the first Monday of each month at 6:30 pm in the Club Room at Okanagan Falls Community Centre (Okanagan Falls School.)

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