



## Information Release

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### Area “D” Governance Study Committee Begins Its Work

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The Governance Study Committee of RDOS Electoral Area “D” is pleased to announce the selection of Leftside Partners Inc. as its consulting team for the Electoral Area “D” Governance Study.

The firm was selected based on its strong qualifications and experience with local governance, its successful work with public consultation and on the thoroughness of its work plan.

The purpose of the Governance Study is to review and to consider methods of improvement of local governance including service delivery in Electoral Area “D” within the context of the Regional District system. Incorporation **is not** under consideration through this study; nor is the study or its recommendations intended to displace or interfere with existing initiatives within any of Area D communities (e.g. OK Falls Revitalization Plan.)

The completion of the governance study and recommendations is expected in the fall of 2016.

Area “D” is a widespread region, encompassing the communities of Upper Carmi, Heritage Hills/Lakeshore Highlands, Skaha Estates, Twin Lakes, Apex, Okanagan Falls, St. Andrews, NE part of Vaseux Lake, Kaleden and their surrounding areas. The Governance Study Committee is made up of citizens from throughout Area “D.”

The key to the success of the study will be to engage as many citizens as possible from each community in order to accurately assess the governance and service issues which may be specific to particular communities or which may be shared throughout the entire area. To this end, the Governance Committee together with the Consultant will provide a variety of forums to give citizens from each community opportunities to participate in the process.

The Committee and Consultant will meet in September in order to finalize the public engagement/consultation plan and to address timelines for the study. Future Governance Study Committee meetings will be open to the public and a schedule will be developed and posted for those meetings.

For up to date information regarding the study progress and meeting schedules, visit the webpage at [www.rdos.bc.ca](http://www.rdos.bc.ca) and look under “popular links” for Area D Governance Study.

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Questions or Comments for the Governance Committee?

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