



## Regional District of Okanagan Similkameen Electoral Area "D" Governance Study News June 2016

### **ATTENTION RESIDENTS & PROPERTY OWNERS OF:**

Kaleden, Okanagan Falls, Twin Lakes,  
Lakeshore Highlands, Heritage Hills, Vintage Views,  
Upper Carmi, Skaha Estates, Vaseux Lake, St. Andrews,  
Apex and surrounding areas.

***Get Informed. Get Involved. Have Your Say!***

## **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.

A heartfelt thank you goes out to the many residents and property owners from the communities and surrounding areas within Area "D" for their commitment to participate in the Area "D" Governance Study. You learned about the services delivered by RDOS, you attended a series of Forums to discuss and represent your views, and, most importantly, you participated in our survey (Survey #1.) That survey allowed you to express your satisfaction toward the present governance framework for services, and to offer suggestions for improvement. The results from the Forums and Survey have now been collated and we are ready to look at options.

Results from the Forums and Survey #1 are available on the RDOS website at [www.rdos.bc.ca](http://www.rdos.bc.ca), (popular links), and are also available in print in locations in each community. Your responses to the Survey and Governance Forums have led the Governance Committee and Consultants to develop a series of options that consider ways in which governance and delivery of services in Area "D" might be improved. A second survey (Survey #2) will ask you to select which you consider the best of these options.

The 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 & Policing Provincial Service Levels; and Water Authority Collaboration. The Option Fact Sheets are available online at [www.rdos.bc.ca](http://www.rdos.bc.ca) or in print at locations in each community (see below). 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.

Once the surveys are analyzed and public preferences from the options are determined, the preferred options 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](http://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 6:30 pm.

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

- 1. Read the Five Option Fact Sheets**
- 2. Fill out Survey #2**

Available online at [www.rdos.bc.ca](http://www.rdos.bc.ca) or pick up a print copy near you today!

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### **Print Copies of Option Fact Sheets & Survey#2:**

- **Apex & Upper Carmi** ~ Penticton RDOS Office
- **Twin Lakes** ~ Twin Lakes Store
- **St. Andrews** ~ St. Andrews-by-the-Lake Office
- **Kaleden** ~ Kaleden Public Library
- **Okanagan Falls & East Skaha Communities** ~ Pharmasave, Seniors Centre, Okanagan Falls Public Library, Royal Lepage Realty Office, Interior Savings Credit Union, Heritage Hills / Vintage Views Information Bulletin Board, H&M Thriftee Shop, Noble Ridge Winery, and the RDOS Community Services Office.