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PUBLIC NOTICE

Okanagan Falls Official Community Plan & Zoning Bylaws

Notice is hereby given, pursuant to Section 475 of the *Local Government Act*, that the Regional District of Okanagan-Similkameen (RDOS) Board of Directors is seeking public feedback on the draft Okanagan Falls Official Community Plan (OCP) and Zoning bylaws.

On March 26, 2025, eligible voters in Okanagan Falls voted in favour of incorporating as a municipality. In preparation for this transition, the RDOS is taking a proactive step to give the future municipality its own dedicated planning documents.

While provincial legislation allows the current Electoral Area “D” Official Community Plan and the Okanagan Valley Zoning Bylaw to carry over automatically upon incorporation, the RDOS believes it is in the community's best interest to establish a clean, standalone policy and regulatory framework before that transition occurs.

The proposed OCP and Zoning Bylaw for Okanagan Falls will **not** introduce new policies or regulations. The proposed OCP and Zoning Bylaw documents will simply be presented so that they will belong solely to Okanagan Falls after incorporation. The intent is to carry forward the existing land use policies and zoning regulations that already apply to the area.

The RDOS is committed to meaningful public engagement throughout this process. Residents, property owners, and interested parties in the Okanagan Falls area are encouraged to review the draft bylaws and share their feedback.

Copies of the proposed bylaw and related documents, including Feedback Forms, are available on the Regional District's website: rdos.bc.ca (Property & Development → Planning, Zoning & Subdivision → Strategic Projects → Okanagan Falls OCP & Zoning Bylaw Implementation), or at the Regional District office.

Meetings are scheduled for **June 23, 2026** (online) and **June 25, 2026** (in-person), while written representations should be submitted to the Regional District by **12:00 pm on Monday, July 6, 2026**, in the following ways:

- Mailed or delivered to the Regional District office at 101 Martin Street, Penticton, BC, V2A 5J9
- By email to planning@rdos.bc.ca

Written comments received by the Regional District by the deadline will be considered by the Regional District Board before the first reading of the bylaw at a forthcoming meeting (date to be determined).