

TO: Board of Directors

FROM: B. Newell, Chief Administrative Officer

DATE: June 15, 2017

RE: Official Community Plan (OCP) Bylaw & Zoning Bylaw Amendments
Electoral Areas “A”, “C”, “D”, “E” & “F”

Administrative Recommendation:

THAT Bylaw No. 2710, 2017, Regional District of Okanagan-Similkameen Parks, Recreation, Trails, Conservation Areas and Environmental Areas Update Amendment Bylaw be adopted.

Proposal:

Amendment Bylaw No. 2710 represents the culmination of a multi-year review and update of the environmental and park/recreational policies and objectives — including a comprehensive review of the Environmentally Sensitive Development Permit (ESDP) Area designations — found in the Okanagan Electoral Area Official Community Plan Bylaws and Zoning Bylaws.

Background:

At its meeting of September 5, 2013, the Planning and Development (P&D) Committee resolved to “accept *Keeping Nature in our Future: A Biodiversity Conservation Strategy for the South Okanagan-Similkameen* as a guiding document for the Regional District of Okanagan-Similkameen and the amendment of Official Community Plans.”

Subsequent administrative reports related to the update of Parks, Recreation, Trails, Conservation Areas and Environmental Areas objectives and policies were considered by the P&D Committee at its meetings of October 16, 2014, September 17, 2015, July 7, 2016 and March 16, 2017.

Public Information Meetings were previously held on November 17, 2015 (Oliver), December 2, 2015 (West Bench), December 8, 2015 (OK Falls), December 14, 2015 (Osoyoos) and January 11, 2016 (Naramata).

A session with local area QEPs (qualified environmental professionals) occurred on March 15, 2016.

The proposed amendments were also considered by the Okanagan Advisory Planning Commissions (APCs) at meeting occurring between November of 2015 and January of 2016.

At its meeting of May 18, 2017, the Regional District Board resolved to approve first and second reading of Amendment Bylaw No. 2710 and directed that a public hearing occur at the Board meeting of June 1, 2017.

A Public Hearing was held on June 1, 2017, where approximately nine (9) members of the public attended.

At its meeting of June 1, 2017, the Regional District Board resolved to approve third reading of Amendment Bylaw No. 2710.

Approval from the Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure (MoTI), due to the amendments applying to land within 800 metres of a controlled area, was obtained on June 5, 2017.

Alternative:

THAT first, second and third readings of Bylaw No. 2710, 2017, Regional District of Okanagan-Similkameen Parks, Recreation, Trails, Conservation Areas and Environmental Areas Update Amendment Bylaw, be rescinded and the bylaw abandoned.

Respectfully submitted:



C. Garrish, Planning Supervisor