

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT



TO: Board of Directors

FROM: B. Newell, Chief Administrative Officer

DATE: May 20, 2021

RE: Zoning Bylaw Amendment – Electoral Area 'D', 'E', 'F', & 'I'
Regulation of "Solar Energy Systems"

Administrative Recommendation:

THAT Bylaw No. 2911, 2021, Regional District of Okanagan Similkameen Solar Energy Systems Regulation Zoning Amendment Bylaw be adopted.

Proposed Development:

The purpose of Amendment Bylaw No. 2911 is to introduce zoning regulation governing the use and placement of solar energy systems in the Okanagan Electoral Area zoning bylaws 'D', 'E', 'F' & 'I'.

Background:

At its meeting of April 1, 2021, the Regional District Board resolved to approve first and second reading of the amendment bylaw and scheduled a public hearing ahead of its meeting of May 6, 2021.

A Public Hearing was subsequently held on May 6, 2021, where approximately one (1) member of the public attended, followed by Board approval of third reading of the amendment bylaw.

At its meeting of May 6, 2021, the Regional District Board resolved to approved third reading of the amendment bylaw.

Approval from the Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure (MoTI) due to the amendment applying to land within 800 metres of a controlled area, was obtained on May 13, 2021.

Alternatives:

1. THAT adoption of Bylaw No. 2911, 2021, Regional District of Okanagan-Similkameen Solar Energy Systems Regulations Zoning Amendment Bylaw be deferred; or
2. THAT first, second and third readings of Bylaw No. 2911, 2021, Regional District of Okanagan-Similkameen Solar Energy Systems Regulations Zoning Amendment Bylaw be rescinded and the bylaws abandoned.

Respectfully submitted:

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C. Garrish, Planning Manager