



NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Electoral Area Official Community Plan Amendment Bylaw No. 2913, 2020 ALC Exclusion Application Policies

Notice is hereby given by the Regional District of Okanagan-Similkameen (RDOS) that all persons who believe that their interest in property is affected by the **Electoral Area “C”, “D”, “E”, “F”, “H” and “I” Official Community Plan Amendment Bylaw No. 2913, 2020**, will be afforded a reasonable opportunity to be heard or to present written submissions respecting matters contained in the proposed bylaw at a public hearing to be held by electronic means on:

Date: Thursday, March 4, 2021

Time: 9:00 a.m.

Location: <https://rdos.webex.com>

Meeting number: 187 656 9155

Password: RD@S

INSTRUCTIONS ON HOW TO PARTICIPATE

To participate in the electronic public hearing, please enter the text provided under “Location” (above) into the address bar of an internet browser (e.g. Chrome, Firefox, Safari, Edge). The Regional District is utilizing Cisco’s Webex videoconferencing services and individuals interested in participating in the public hearing are encouraged to test this service on their computer or mobile device prior to the date of the hearing.

Interested individuals may also participate in the public hearing by calling 1-833-311-4101. Additional instructions on how to participate in an electronic public hearing are available on the Regional District’s website: www.rdos.bc.ca.

Anyone who considers themselves affected by the amendment bylaw can present written information to the Regional District prior to or at the public hearing and may also speak at the public hearing. No letter, report or representation from the public will be received after the conclusion of the public hearing.

PURPOSE OF THE BYLAW:

The purpose of the proposed amendments contained in Bylaw No. 2913, 2020 is to include Official Community Plan policies on how the Regional District wishes to address ALR exclusion applications within Electoral Area “C”, “D”, “E”, “F”, “H” and “I”.

More specifically, it introduces growth management policies to:

- Consider Agricultural Land Reserve (ALR) exclusion requests only within the context of a comprehensive review of the OCP Bylaw
- Encourage property owners to seek approval from the Agricultural Land Commission for other application types, as an alternative to ALR exclusion
- Support maintaining the integrity of the ALR and its existing boundaries (except in Area “H” where the OCP contains policies on ALR boundaries)

The Bylaw also removes policy for Electoral Area “D”, “F”, “H”, and “I” that considers that any

application that proposes to exclude land for the ALR be accompanied by an assessment from a qualified Professional Agrologist.

FURTHER INFORMATION

For further information about the content of **Amendment Bylaw No. 2913, 2020**, and the land affected by them, persons are encouraged to inspect a copy of the proposed Bylaw at the Regional District of Okanagan-Similkameen office at 101 Martin Street, Penticton, BC, on weekdays (excluding statutory holidays) between the hours of 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Basic information related to this proposal is also available at: www.rdos.bc.ca (Property & Development → Planning, Zoning & Subdivision → Strategic Projects → ALR Exclusion Policy).

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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION AND PROTECTION OF PRIVACY ACT

Protecting your personal information is an obligation the Regional District of Okanagan-Similkameen takes seriously. Our practices have been designed to ensure compliance with the privacy provisions of the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act* (British Columbia) (“FIPPA”). Any personal or proprietary information you provide to us is collected, used and disclosed in accordance with FIPPA.

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