

CONSULTATION PLAN

SOUTH OKANAGAN SUB-REGIONAL GROWTH STRATEGY



1. INTRODUCTION

The purpose of this Consultation Plan is to establish an engagement process as the Regional District reviews the South Okanagan Sub-Regional Growth Strategy (RGS) Bylaw No. 2770, 2017.

This Consultation Plan is intended to meet Sections 434(1) and (2) of the *Local Government Act* that requires the RDOS to provide consultation opportunities relating to proposed changes to a Regional Growth Strategy. Section 434(2) of the Act specifically states that:

“...as soon as practicable after the initiation of a regional growth strategy, the board must adopt a consultation plan that, in the opinion of the board, provides opportunities for early and ongoing consultation with, at a minimum, the following:

- (a) its citizens,*
- (b) affected local governments,*
- (c) First Nations,*
- (d) boards of education, greater boards and improvement district boards, and*
- (e) the Provincial and Federal governments and their agencies.”*

The Board is further required to consider whether the Consultation Plan should include a public hearing to provide an opportunity for individuals and organizations to make their views known before proposed amendments to the RGS are submitted for acceptance by “affected local governments”.

2. ORGANIZATIONAL IDENTIFICATION

In order to satisfy the “early and ongoing consultation” requirements of the *Local Government Act*, it is being proposed that the following affected local governments, first nations, boards of education, greater boards and improvement district boards and Provincial and federal governments and their agencies be apprised of the RGS Review and given an opportunity to provide feedback:

Affected Local Government	First Nations
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • City of Penticton • District of Summerland • Town Oliver • Town of Osoyoos • Fraser Valley Regional District • Thompson Nicola Regional District • Central Okanagan Regional District 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Penticton Indian Band (PIB) • Osoyoos Indian Band (OIB) • Lower Similkameen Indian Band (LSIB) • Upper Similkameen Indian Band (USIB) • Okanagan Nation Alliance (ONA)

Affected Local Government	First Nations
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Kootenay Boundary Regional District 	

Boards of education, greater boards and improvement district boards	Provincial and Federal governments and their agencies
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> School District No. 53 School District No. 67 Kaleden Irrigation District Okanagan Falls Irrigation District Osoyoos Irrigation District Apex Mountain Resort Lower Nipit Improvement District Vaseux Lake Improvement District Skaha Estates Improvement District Rolling Hills Waterworks District Meadow Valley Irrigation District Lakeshore Water Works (Heritage Hills, Vintage Views) Farleigh Lake Water Users Community Sage Mesa Water System Red Wing Resorts (water system) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Dominion Radio Astrophysical Observatory (DRAO) Interior Health Authority (IHA) Agricultural Land Commission Ministry of Agriculture Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure Ministry of Municipal Affairs & Housing Integrated Land Management Bureau Ministry of Energy, Mines and Petroleum Resources Ministry of Environment and Climate Change Strategy (BC Parks) Parks Canada Canadian Wildlife Services Ministry of Land, Water and Resource Stewardship Ministry of Environment and Climate Change Strategy Mountain Resorts Branch (Province of BC)

Other community groups, organizations and jurisdictions that may be identified during the RGS Review could be incorporated into the engagement process.

3. ENGAGEMENT TECHNIQUES

This Consultation Plan uses a variety of techniques intended to encourage participation from a diverse cross-section of the community. The goal is to educate the community and support collaboration and communication throughout the project.

3.1 Education Techniques

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- **Project materials:** documents and links posted on the RDOS website and RDOS Regional Connections including information releases, reports, and videos (as applicable).
 - **Presentations:** public information meetings (live and recorded)

3.2 Communication Techniques

- **Online - RDOS website and/or RDOS Regional Connections:** through the course of the project, all project materials will be posted online including information releases, reports, videos and other links.
- **Media Releases:** scheduled information releases (using the RDOS information release process*) for project updates and upcoming consultation opportunities.
- **Mass notification system:** app based, email, text and phone call notifications advertising upcoming events and activities
- **Social media:** schedule Facebook and Twitter posts in conjunction with the use of the mass notification system and information releases for upcoming events and activities. Ensure a dedicated staff person (or project manager) is available to answer any questions that may arise from the post. All social media posts will include links to the project page.
- **Notices:** notices will be posted on the RDOS event calendar on the RDOS website.
- **Physical copies:** Physical copies of the materials will be available at the RDOS office and the Oliver, Osoyoos, Penticton and Summerland municipal offices.

3.3 Collaboration Techniques

- **Technical Advisory committee (TAC):** will review materials and provide feedback throughout the project. The main role is to act as a sounding board for draft documents.
- **Referrals:** impacted groups or agencies will be invited to comment on draft versions of the project documents and will be asked at the beginning of the process how they wish to engage. This may include in-person or electronic meetings (including telephone)
- **Interactive webpage:** Q&A and feedback forms

The consultant and RDOS staff will develop materials to be shared online. **RDOS Regional Connections will act as the principal information portal for the project and provide opportunities for ongoing public engagement and feedback.**

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- **Public meetings:** public information meetings will include presentations and opportunities for dialogue with participants (Q&A).

4. ACTIVITIES AND TIMING

The table below shows the proposed timing of different consultation activities and identifies the roles and responsibilities of the RDOS. The scheduling of these events is indicative only and dependent upon earlier stages of engagement being successfully completed on schedule as proposed:

WHO	WHEN		How
STAKEHOLDERS	ITEM	TIMELINE	CONSULTATION ACTIVITIES
Preparation and adoption of Consultation Plan			
RDOS Board of Directors	Board resolution	June 2, 2022	Report to Board on recommendation for the RGS Review direction, as directed by the TAC Committee
RDOS Staff, Urban Systems	Prepare Consultation Plan	June 3-7, 2020	RDOS Staff to prepare Consultation Plan
RDOS Board of Directors	RDOS Board Resolution to adopt Consultation Plan	June 16, 2022	As per s. 434 of the LGA, the Board must adopt a consultation plan, as soon as practicable after the initiation of the RGS review. At this time, the board must consider whether the consultation plan should include the holding of a public hearing.
RDOS Board Chair	Letter to Minister	June 2022	As per s. 433(4) of the LGA, the Board must give written notice of an initiation of a Regional to the minister.
RGS TAC	Engagement information dissemination	June 2022	Discuss plan for disseminating information on PIMs and amendment bylaws to public
Consultation activities following Board approval of Consultation Plan			
Affected local governments	Referrals	June - July 2022	RDOS staff to formally refer to municipalities (Osoyoos, Oliver, Penticton, Summerland)
Affected Agencies and Organizations	Referrals	June - July 2022	RDOS staff to formally refer to Affected Agencies and Organizations for comment. As per s. 434(2) of the LGA this must include boards of education, greater boards and improvement district boards; the provincial and federal governments and their agencies

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	First Nations	Referrals	June - July 2022	As per s. 434(2) of the LGA refer to First Nations for comment.
	Municipal Councils (Penticton, Osoyoos, Oliver, Summerland)	Present to Osoyoos Council	June 14, 2022	RDOS Staff to present RGS Amendment Bylaw to Municipal Councils.
		Present to Summerland Council	TBD	
		Present to Oliver Council	TBD	
		Present to Penticton Council	July 5, 2022	
	Public	Engagement	June - July 2022	RDOS and Urban Systems staff to engage and request input through local media (ads) and online channels (RDOS website, Regional Connections, social media).
	Public	Public information meeting (PIM) - Osoyoos	July 2022	RDOS and Urban Systems to host public information meetings. Municipal planning staff also invited to participate.
		PIM – Ok Falls	July 2022	
		PIM - Summerland	July 2022	
		PIM - Oliver	July 2022	
		PIM – Penticton	July 2022	
		PIM – Online via Webex	July 2022	
	RGS TAC, Affected Agencies/ Organizations	Advisory meeting/ engagement	July 2022	Review draft RGS Amendment Bylaw and Growth Management Map and provide final comments
	RDOS Staff	Draft RGS Amendment Bylaw	July - August 2022	RDOS Staff to update RGS Amendment Bylaw, considering input received to date and referral comments.
Board gives first and second reading & decides whether to host a Public Hearing				

	WHO	WHEN		How
	RDOS Board	1 st and 2 nd Reading of RGS Amendment Bylaw	September 2022	As per the LGA, recommend that the Board give first reading to the RGS Amendment Bylaw.
	Public, RDOS Staff	Public Hearing	TBD	Provide public notification of Public Hearing or notice that Public Hearing has been waved
	Affected municipalities	Referrals and acceptance of RGS Amendment Bylaw	September to November 2022	As per s. 436 of the LGA, before it is adopted, a regional growth strategy must be accepted by the affected local governments; 60 days are required for this referral period. Revisions to be made, if necessary, based on referral comments and recommendations.
	RDOS Staff, Urban Systems	Engagement update	October/ November 2022	Update Regional Connections, webpage and other media as appropriate
Board consideration third reading and adoption				
	RDOS Board	Third Reading and Adoption of RGS Amendment Bylaw	November/ December 2022	As per the LGA, recommend that the Board give third reading and final adoption to the RGS Amendment Bylaw
	RDOS Staff	Final Engagement update	December 2022	Update webpage and other media as appropriate.
	Affected Local Governments, Affected Agencies & Organizations, First Nations,	Distribution of Adopted Bylaw	December 2022	As per s. 443 of the LGA, as soon as practicable after adopting a regional growth strategy, the Board must send a copy of the regional growth strategy to: the affected local governments; any greater boards and improvement districts within the regional district; and the minister.