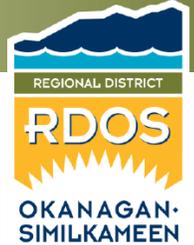


## ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT



**TO:** Board of Directors

**FROM:** B. Newell, Chief Administrative Officer

**DATE:** June 16, 2022

**RE:** South Okanagan Sub-Regional Growth Strategy Bylaw Review – Consultation Plan (X2022.001-RGS)

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### Administrative Recommendation:

**THAT the Consultation Plan for the Regional Growth Strategy Review be adopted and considered to be appropriate consultation for the purpose of Section 434 of the *Local Government Act*.**

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### Background:

At its meeting of June 2, 2022, the Planning and Development (P&D) Committee received a presentation on an amendment to the Regional Growth Strategy.

This amendment proposes to replace the current Primary and Rural Growth Area designations with a series of new classifications as well as revised objectives and policies related to “Housing and Development” and “Energy Emissions and Climate Change”.

Under Section 434 (Consultation during development of regional growth strategy), “a consultation plan must be adopted 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;*
- e) *the Provincial and federal governments and their agencies.*

In adopting a Consultation Plan, the Board must consider whether the plan should include the holding of a public hearing to provide an opportunity for persons, organizations and authorities to make their views known before the regional growth strategy is submitted for acceptance to the member municipalities.

### Analysis:

To meet the requirements of Section 434 of the Act, a Consultation Plan has been prepared that outlines the scope of work, applicable stakeholders and an approach to public consultation that is consistent with the Regional District’s established policies and best practices.

If approved, the plan prescribes a course for implementation that is scheduled to be undertaken throughout 2022 that may be summarised as follows:

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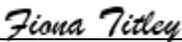
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- information Releases to be sent to media including social media;
  - information to be shared through Voyent Alert mass notification system;
  - documents, an informational video, the draft Bylaw, and a feedback form will be available on the Regional Connections webpage;
  - notices will be sent out to all affected property owners in partnership with the municipalities;
  - six public information meetings will be held which will include presentations and opportunities for dialogue with participants (Q&A) (5 in person meetings throughout the South Okanagan, 1 online Webex meeting);
  - physical copies of the materials will be available at the RDOS office and the municipal offices (Oliver, Osoyoos, Penticton and Summerland); and
  - referrals will be sent to affected stakeholders and Indigenous Communities most likely affected by the policies identified for review.

A public hearing prior to formal submission of the RGS Amendment Bylaw to the member municipalities for their acceptance is not required.

**Alternatives:**

1. THAT the Board of Directors not endorse the Consultation Plan for the Regional Growth Strategy Review;

**Respectfully submitted:**

  
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Fiona Titley, Planner II

**Endorsed By:**

  
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C. Garrish, Planning Manager

Attachments: No. 1 – Regional Growth Strategy Review Consultation Plan