

## RESPONSE SUMMARY

Draft Okanagan Valley Official Community Plan Bylaw No. 3140

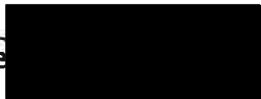
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Signed By: T. JANNELL

Agency: KEEGWEGOS FD

Title: FIRE CHIEF

Date: MARCH 6, 2026

## Lesley Gibbons

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**From:** Christopher Garrish  
**Sent:** April 8, 2026 4:29 PM  
**To:** Lesley Gibbons  
**Subject:** FW: Objection, OCP Bylaw No. 3140 as it affects Area C

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**From:** Irwin Chahal <ichahal@rdos.bc.ca>  
**Sent:** April 7, 2026 8:17 AM  
**To:** Jim Zaffino <jzaffino@rdos.bc.ca>; Christopher Garrish <cgarrish@rdos.bc.ca>; Allen Fillion <afillion@rdos.bc.ca>  
**Subject:** Fw: Objection, OCP Bylaw No. 3140 as it affects Area C

Good Morning,

Attached is an email from an Area "c" resident regarding OCP Bylaw No. 3140.

She has asked that this letter be placed on the record for consideration as feedback on Draft OCP Bylaw No. 3140.

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**From:** Heide Held [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Saturday, April 4, 2026 11:16 AM  
**To:** Irwin Chahal <ichahal@rdos.bc.ca>  
**Subject:** Objection, OCP Bylaw No. 3140 as it affects Area C

Dear Director Chahal,

I am writing to formally object to the draft Okanagan Valley Official Community Plan Bylaw No. 3140 in its current form as it affects Electoral Area C.

My concern is not with planning itself. My concern is with replacing Area C's standalone Official Community Plan with a valley-wide blanket policy document that reduces local specificity, weakens Area C's rural and agricultural voice, and sets the stage for future bylaw and servicing changes that could permanently alter the character of our communities.

The draft would repeal Electoral Area "C" Official Community Plan Bylaw No. 2452, 2008 and replace it with one regional OCP for Electoral Areas A, C, D, E, and F. While RDOS presents this as a consolidation and efficiency exercise, the draft itself makes clear that implementation will occur through future amendments to zoning, subdivision, development servicing, and other regulatory bylaws, as well as

through capital and servicing plans. This means the bylaw is not simply administrative housekeeping. It is a new policy framework that will shape future land use, infrastructure investment, and development decisions in Area C.

My strongest agricultural concern is the apparent loss of Area C's current Protection of Farming Development Permit Area. The existing Area C OCP specifically designates a Protection of Farming DP Area for lands within 150 metres of agricultural parcels in order to protect farming and reduce conflict between farm and non-farm uses. In the new draft, I see Environmentally Sensitive, Hillside, Watercourse, and a few form-and-character permit areas, but I do not see a dedicated farming-protection permit area carried forward. That is not a minor omission. It removes one of the clearest local tools Area C has for buffering agriculture from encroaching residential expectations and complaints.

The draft also continues to support Gallagher Lake as a Rural Growth Area and explicitly supports expanding water and sewer servicing, as well as higher residential densities adjacent to Gallagher Lake Frontage Road. This signals more residential intensity, more traffic, more pressure for urban-style infrastructure, and more conflict at the rural-agricultural edge. Farmers and long-time rural residents should not be expected to absorb the consequences of growth while losing local protections.

More broadly, the draft regionalizes issues that are deeply local. Area C is not one interchangeable planning unit. Fairview, Gallagher Lake, and Willowbrook have very different histories, land-use patterns, environmental constraints, and agricultural interfaces. A regional OCP may be easier to administer, but that does not make it better for local communities.

I am also concerned that the draft increases process burden and uncertainty for rural landowners. By designating the full plan area as a Development Approval Information Area, the bylaw gives RDOS broad ability to require studies and reports related to water, infrastructure, hydrogeology, environmental impact, wildfire, archaeology, and geotechnical issues when applications are made. This may create additional cost and delay for legitimate rural, farm, and diversification applications.

I also want to be clear that rural residents are justified in being concerned about future cost impacts. While the OCP does not itself set taxes, it explicitly ties implementation to capital planning and servicing plans. Where the draft supports infrastructure expansion, service extensions, and metering, it also opens the door to future financial consequences that residents may ultimately bear indirectly through servicing costs, parcel taxes, or other infrastructure-related decisions.

For these reasons, I ask that you oppose Bylaw 3140 in its current form unless the following changes are made:

1. Restore a clear Area C-specific Protection of Farming Development Permit Area or an equivalent farm-edge buffering tool.
2. Add explicit language that normal farm practices and agricultural operations take priority over new non-farm residential expectations near agricultural land.
3. Require a parcel-level and community-level impact analysis for any future zoning or servicing changes arising from this OCP in Area C.
4. Strengthen protections for rural character in Gallagher Lake, Willowbrook, and Fairview, rather than relying on broad regional language.
5. Clarify that no infrastructure expansion or density increase in Area C should proceed without full local consultation and transparent analysis of service and financial impacts.

Area C residents deserve a planning framework that protects agriculture, preserves rural lifestyle, and respects the fact that local communities are not interchangeable under a one-region umbrella.

Thank you for your attention to these concerns. I ask that this letter be placed on the record for consideration as feedback on Draft OCP Bylaw No. 3140.

Thank you

Heide Held

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## Lesley Gibbons

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**From:** Brandon Djordjevich <bdjordjevich@summerland.ca>  
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**To:** Lesley Gibbons  
**Cc:** Planning  
**Subject:** RE: Bylaw Referral - Okanagan Valley OCP Bylaw I File No. X2025.007-ZONE

Good Morning Lesley,

The District of Summerland's Development Services does not have any comments to provide relating to this bylaw proposal.

Sorry for the delay, it was my first month with the District when I received this.

Regards,

**Brandon Djordjevich, MPI., RPP, MCIP | Senior Planner | Municipal Hall**



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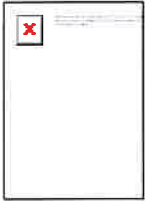
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Okanagan Valley OCP Bylaw

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Please review and forward any comments to [planning@rdos.bc.ca](mailto:planning@rdos.bc.ca) by **April 17, 2026**.

Kind Regards,

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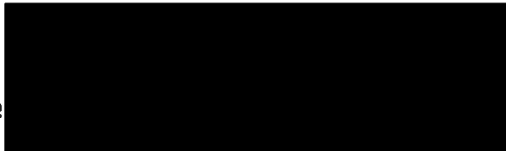
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Signed By:

Paul Sizemore

Agency: Town of Oliver

Title: Director of Development Services

Date:

4/15/26

## Lesley Gibbons

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**From:** Shannon Duong  
**Sent:** April 15, 2026 6:59 PM  
**To:** Planning  
**Subject:** Fwd: Draft OCP

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Date:** Apr 15, 2026 16:36  
**Subject:** Draft OCP  
**To:** Planning  
**Cc:** Matt Taylor

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Hello,

I provided the following comments on the draft to Matt Taylor and he asked me to submit them directly to the planning team. I also provided Matt with some feedback and comments on the Okanagan Falls incorporation which he will no doubt take into consideration. Planning for a region with both urban and rural communities, and covering a large area like RDOS will be a challenging process but there is such great potential in the valley. As well, managing the interface between the district and established municipalities with their own agendas will, I am sure not be easy. See below for my comments:

I am a resident of Heritage Hills, Okanagan Falls and co-owner of a business in Okanagan Falls.

### OCP Draft

I am unclear how governance will evolve under the OCP with overall RDOS management and stewardship and how the municipalities will operate under the OCP umbrella. Community input is important not just at the strategic level but also at the local/neighbourhood level. I have seen how community involvement has been eroded in other locations (for example after living for 40 yrs in [REDACTED]). Frustration levels are high when people are asked to share in community planning but then ignored when ideology and "planning imperatives" take over. The draft OCP doesn't say much about the process of planning and community decision making.

On the issue of ALC lands and agricultural/farming in general, there is an urgent need to find ways to support and simplify agribusiness. In particular, it is very difficult for young people to find ways to enter the business and if we over-regulate it just adds to the problem. Food security is an increasingly important issue, aggravated by the fact that many land owners/farmers are aging out and finding it difficult to develop exit strategies. There is an opportunity to innovate by developing more flexible policies and incentives for new owners/operators. This is an area that would benefit from more study by RDOS.

With the demographics of the area leaning toward an older population, there is an increasing need for appropriate housing, services and health care to meet the needs of aging residents. At the same time, housing and services aimed at younger residents, families and short-term workers needed for the hospitality and seasonal businesses are sadly lacking. Added to this, short term rentals are a critical component of a sustainable tourism sector. Hotels are not feasible financially for many families with kids looking to vacation in the valley and campgrounds only appeal to a small segment. All of this means that we need a highly flexible, nimble, comprehensive housing and support services strategy and ways of responding to needs quickly and effectively.

All of the above will need to be built on a strong foundation of economic development. The valley is an attractive place to live for all age groups but is lacking in effective business and economic development strategies. It cries out for coordinated promotion to attract and retain innovative and sustainable business and employment. The OCP is a great opportunity to articulate a vision for our area of vibrant, growth oriented and innovative business

ventures. Partnering with key business sectors could be an effective way to move this ahead. For example, some sectors in the major urban areas are struggling to attract and retain key employees due to affordability concerns. The OCP could focus on a few key sectors and provide incentives and supports for key initiatives. Municipal regulations often work as a disincentive for new developments and working to simplify and streamline would be a great step forward. Ask business owners if they feel their municipalities and the RDOS are helpful or a roadblock to progress and I think you will know what to expect to hear.

Regards

John Dickinson

## **Lesley Gibbons**

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**From:** Sara Bunge [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** April 16, 2026 3:55 PM  
**To:** Planning  
**Cc:** Irwin Chahal  
**Subject:** Feedback re: Draft Okanagan Valley Official Community Plan (OCP) Bylaw - needs a few changes

Hi:

I am not opposed to amalgamating the different areas in order to create a more efficient OCP, and there are things in the proposed changes that I support. However, there are a few things I see missing from the proposed bylaw, in terms of reflecting the uniqueness of Area C. Area C is the RD area that I live in, so my feedback is specific to Area C, as well as a few general comments.

### **Gallagher Lake**

In the current Area C OCP, there are a few things I don't see reflected in the *Draft Okanagan Valley Official Community Plan (OCP) Bylaw.*, under local Area Policies

1. In the current Area C OCP (section 7.2.3 - Policies - Gallagher Lake), under Resource Area the redesignation of the lots of the existing quarry include light industrial/business park, mixed use residential and tourist commercial. The new proposed OCP bylaw only supports residential use. I think it should be mixed use residential and tourist commercial.
2. In the current Area C OCP (section 7.2.3 - Policies - Gallagher Lake) under Parks, Recreation and Trails (subsection .17 and .21) address creation of community/neighbourhood parks. That language is not reflected at all in the new proposed OCP bylaw, and think that is important and should be included.

### **Fairview:**

I would like to see wording added to the Fairview section (Local Area Policies 7.4) similar to the wording for Anarchist Mtn: " supports maintaining the rural character of the area by not supporting the redesignation of parcels or creation of new community water or sewer systems"

**Willowbrook** - due to the water issues of that area, and the fact that monitoring wells have indicated a lowering of the water table, a policy should be added that speaks to not supporting re-zoning of any parcels that would increase density.

### **Other:**

I would like to see the Protection of Farming Development Permit Area included, not dropped as it is in the proposed *Draft Okanagan Valley Official Community Plan (OCP) Bylaw.*

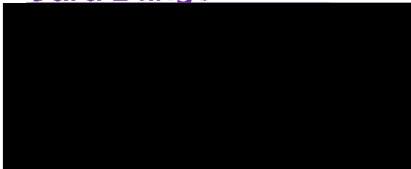
I disagree with the proposed policy under Agriculture (5.2) - section 7 that supports consolidating smaller ag parcels into larger units. I feel that this making purchase of farm land skewed towards larger corporations or companies, as opposed to families. The current COP language supports a range of parcel sizes.

I do support clean-up of the mapping of the ESDP areas, to exclude areas that are already developed, as mentioned in the presentation on Monday night.

Thank you,

Sara

**Sara Bunge**





# Feedback Form

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**TO:** Regional District of Okanagan-Similkameen  
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**FILE NO.:**

**FROM:** Name: John Chapman for ARA Holdings Ltd.

(please print)

Street Address: [REDACTED]

Date: April 16, 2026

**RE:** Draft Okanagan Valley Official Community Plan (OCP) Bylaw No. 3140  
(Electoral Areas "A", "C", "D", "E" & "F")

My comments / concerns are:

I do support the proposed Official Community Plan (OCP) Bylaw.

x I do not support the proposed Official Community Plan (OCP) Bylaw.

Please provide any comments you wish the Board to consider:

See attached

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April 16 2026.

To whom it may concern:

We submit that Draft OCP Bylaw 3140 2026-03-02 Section 7.15.1.8 should maintain the existing OCP designation (Bylaw 2790) of Lot A, District Lot 2497, ODYD, Plan KAP61585 (north Sage Mesa) as one of the "Potential areas for future densification in Greater West Bench" on Figure 32 (36 in text) for the following reasons:

- 1) Water, sewer, and storm drainage infrastructure improvements are already necessary, particularly in the Sage Mesa area, and will likely need Development Cost Charges from every new dwelling possible, in order to install and sustain such infrastructure (as illustrated by the recent assessment/upgrade costs of the Sage Mesa Water system).
- 2) The constraints specific to the property will limit development potential to a small portion of the property which, along with this being the last vacant property on the dead-end road, will minimize impact on existing neighbouring homes.
- 3) The geotechnical concerns can be addressed as a subdivision requirement such as the offers of a No-Build Covenant over the appropriate area of the property and of full storm drainage works, which were included in the previous subdivision application.

The case-by-case basis parcel specific zoning amendment process, proposed in 7.15.1.8, would provide planning flexibility to this property to achieve maximum contribution to necessary infrastructure for the neighbourhood, geotechnical concerns to be addressed, and minimal impact to neighbouring properties.

Thank you for your consideration.

John Chapman.  
for ARA Holdings Ltd.

April 16, 2026

Planning Department  
Regional District Okanagan Similkameen  
101 Martin St. Penticton, BC V2A 5J9



**Re: Okanagan Valley OCP Bylaw No. 3140, 2026**

We do support the proposed Official Community Plan (OCP) Bylaw and have the following comments:

**Chapter 3 Regional Climate Change Adaptation**

Suggest changing the title to “Regional Climate Change Mitigation and Adaptation” since the policy recommendations address both mitigation (reducing greenhouse gas emissions) and adaptation (adjusting to climate change).

**3.1 Background**

Page 16, paragraph two states that “locally the impacts of climate change are less well documented”. Other information on page 16 discusses future impacts to be expected during the years 2050 to 2080. Suggesting that changes are to be expected 25 to 50 years in the future minimizes the seriousness and impacts of the current climate trends. Replace projections for 2050 -2080 with current trends.

The local impacts of climate change are well documented. Update climate information with current data from The Okanagan Basin Water Board publication, *Climate Indicators for the Okanagan: Key Findings*. In the 2020s key temperature indicators are already well above average (annual mean temperatures, days above 30 C, extreme heat days).

Page 17: The statements “Increasing precipitation across all seasons except summer” and “the region can expect 17% more rainfall,” omits important climate trend information. The OBWB publication outlines that more precipitation will fall as rain which can increase river flow and the potential for flooding. Less precipitation falling as snow will impact valley and upland soil moisture and lead to droughts.

### **3.2 Objectives**

Consider adding:

- Plan resilient communities where community infrastructure, residential subdivisions, and homes are adapted to changing climate conditions.
- Accelerate updates to building codes and standards so that new infrastructure and homes are built to withstand Canada's changing climate.

### **3.3 Policies**

- .1 The current target will not be achieved. Consider reassessing targets.
- .6 Add "and Zero Carbon Step Code"
- .7 Add "retrofit existing homes to adapt to increased fire and flood risk."
- .9 Add "and Zero Carbon Step Code."
- .13 Add "the health impacts of heat and wildfire smoke,"

Submitted by,

Margaret Holm, Co-chair



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## Lesley Gibbons

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**From:** RDCO Planning Services <planning@rdco.com>  
**Sent:** April 17, 2026 2:36 PM  
**To:** Lesley Gibbons  
**Subject:** RE: Bylaw Referral - Okanagan Valley OCP Bylaw I File No. X2025.007-ZONE

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Good afternoon,

Thank you for the opportunity to comment. RDCO staff have reviewed the application and have the following comments.

### Planning Services:

#### Position of Support:

RDCO Planning staff support the intent and direction of the proposed consolidation of the Draft Okanagan Valley OCP Bylaw.

The challenges facing local governments in the Okanagan—such as housing affordability, climate adaptation, transportation connectivity, agricultural land protection, and infrastructure coordination—are inherently regional in nature and benefit from consistent and coordinated policy responses across jurisdictional boundaries. The proposed Okanagan Valley OCP consolidation reduces fragmentation between multiple OCPs and replaces them with a unified policy document that can be more easily aligned with regional growth management goals across jurisdictional boundaries.

Additionally, a single OCP improves clarity for neighboring jurisdictions and agencies when reviewing development proposals, infrastructure initiatives, or policy referrals that have potential cross-boundary implications. The consolidation approach also enhances the ability of our regional districts to coordinate effectively on matters of shared interest. Of note, the RDCO is proposing to take a similar approach and recently received Board direction to update our four existing Official Community Plans into one OCP per Electoral Area, which we will be advancing in the next few years.

RDCO Planning staff have reviewed the Draft Okanagan Valley OCP Bylaw and are pleased to provide a position of support.

Sincerely,

### Planning Services

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**From:** Lesley Gibbons <lgibbons@rdos.bc.ca>

**Sent:** March 3, 2026 9:57 AM

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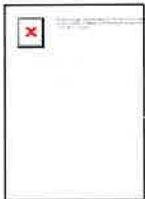
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Attention: Lesley Gibbons

Subject: **Referral Response No. REF 803 (Your File No. X2025.007-Zone)  
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2770.02, 2025; and Okanagan Valley Official Community Plan Bylaw  
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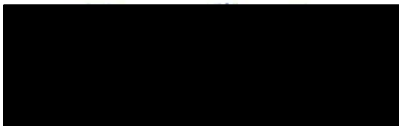
In response to your referral request dated March 3, 2026, pursuant to s. 448 of the *Local Government Act*, please be advised that the Thompson-Nicola Regional District Board of Directors passed the following resolution on March 26, 2026:

“THAT Regional District of Okanagan-Similkameen South Okanagan Regional Growth Strategy Amendment Bylaw No. 2770.02, 2025, be accepted.”

“THAT, Regional District of Okanagan-Similkameen Okanagan Valley Official Community Plan Bylaw No. 3140, 2026, be supported.”

A certified extract from the minutes of the Thompson-Nicola Regional District regular Board of Directors’ meeting held on April 16, 2026, is attached.

Yours truly,



Dan Wallace, RPP, MCIP  
Senior Planner

DW/sr

Encl. Certified Resolution – April 16, 2026 Board of Directors Meeting

MUNICIPALITIES: Ashcroft | Barriere | Cache Creek | Chase | Clearwater | Clinton  
Kamloops | Logan Lake | Lytton | Merritt | Sun Peaks

ELECTORAL AREAS: "A" "B" "E" "I" "J" "L" "M" "N" "O" "P"



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CERTIFIED RESOLUTION OF THE THOMPSON-NICOLA REGIONAL DISTRICT  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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I hereby certify the above to be a true copy of resolutions adopted by the Thompson-Nicola Regional District Board at its Regular Board Meeting held on April 16, 2026.

Dated at Kamloops, British Columbia

This 17<sup>th</sup> day of April 2026

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Marnie Jeremiah, Corporate Officer