

# DISCUSSIONS, QUESTIONS & COMMENTS WITH GOVERNANCE FORUM HOSTS

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*\* note that several issues are repeated on Forum posting boards and in roundtable discussions*

## **Okanagan Falls (March 2)**

- Enforcement – illegal dumping, dogs, vacation rental rules, unsightly premises
- Why are municipalities part of our governance?
- Coordination between multiple agencies is an issue
- No one responsible for the bigger picture
- Policing – no police presence. Is auxiliary police an option?
- Water issues in Lower Carmi (quantity and quality)
- Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure – highways, safety issues, lack of care, system broken. No one responds to local concerns and inquiries.
- Want to hear what agencies can do instead of what they can't
- What would a local community commission do? Would it be another level of bureaucracy? For what?
- Environmental policies – the environment is being damaged
- Carmi is not well serviced - no fire protection, no ambulance, transit – feel like we are paying for services we don't receive
- Recycling – why do we have to take things to Campbell Mountain. Need improvement in recycling (materials not accepted at curbside).
- Illegal dumping (up by highway 201)
- Why doesn't the sewer service everyone in OK Falls
- Electoral Area so large that no one comes around (need another director)
- Why does the Okanagan Falls Irrigation District look after street lights and parks
- The regional district is skirting responsibilities for providing street lights
- The range of organizations involved in some service issues means that no organization steps up to own the issue; allows all them all to claim "it's not our responsibility"

## **Kaleden (March 3)**

- roads (maintenance, safety)
- weeds at side of roads (ditches)
- Too many services and too much government
- RCMP
- RD doesn't want to take on the agriculture industry regarding noise (cherry canons), despite violations of agricultural guidelines and noise bylaw

## **Apex (March 5)**

- Crown lands timber license – in our recreation area
- Too high a level of garbage service in some places (Green Mountain Road – collection too frequent, not in need of yard waste pick-up)
- Drainage from roads

- Fire service (referendum last time was close)
  - o Until the community gets bigger and the demographics change, Apex is “stuck” with this model. If became a VFD would have to abide by the provincial playbook/regulations for training, and our volunteers don’t have that time or are ability to commit to that (i.e. Brigade would lose most of its volunteer firefighters).
  - o Receive a grant-in-aid from RDOS
  - o Others see need for higher service level, fire hall, trucks, etc.
- Property owners association has approx. 100 paying members, but that’s not even half
- Bylaw enforcement – noise of snowmobiles at night (no way to report them)
- Area of Green Mt. Road with no cell or phone coverage (no 911 or emergency services)
- Where does cash-in-lieu of parks money go, and can Apex get any?
- Apex’s issues are unique to the mountain. Their issues would get swallowed up by any boundary that would divide the EA into two areas
- Apex needs representation that could work across various levels of government and other decision-making bodies to solve those problems that are particular to residents
- The RD has a role as an advocate for Apex with other agencies
- Residents don’t receive many of the services they are paying for
- Need for an Apex community plan for the resort area
- Resort is not invested in the community views
- The transfer station is in the riparian setback and should never have been approved