



REGIONAL DISTRICT OF OKANAGAN-SIMILKAMEEN INFORMATION RELEASE

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GOVERNANCE STUDY FOR ELECTORAL AREA "D" KICKS OFF

In November 2014, the Minister for Community, Sport and Cultural Development approved a governance study for Electoral Area "D" within the Regional District of Okanagan-Similkameen (RDOS).

The purpose of the study is to review and consider methods of improvement of local governance in Electoral Area D of the Regional District of Okanagan -Similkameen (RDOS.)

Electoral Area "D" is a widespread region, encompassing the communities of Upper Carmi, Heritage Hills, Skaha Estates, Okanagan Falls, Kaleden and Apex and the surrounding areas.

The RDOS has appointed a Governance Study Committee made up of various individuals who live, work and invest in Electoral Area "D". The Committee, working with a consultant, is responsible for the management and oversight of the governance study process. Committee members are:

Bob Daly – Chair
Doug Lychak
Tamara Browne
Leslie D'Andrea

Navid Chaudry
Larry Kenyon
Myleen Mallach
Gerry Stewart

Eleanor Walker
Sam Hancheroff
Tom Siddon (ex-officio)
Tom Styffe (ex-officio)

A Request for Proposals to retain the consultant will go out this week, and completion of the study is expected by Fall 2016.

The governance study places a great deal of importance on public consultation with one of the main goals to engage Area "D" residents and property owners in discussion about community issue and local governance. There will be considerable opportunity for Electoral Area "D" residents to provide input throughout the process.

The focus of this governance study is the consideration of improvement of governance and service options within the context of the Regional District, and should not be confused with an incorporation study.

Interested public can stay informed and check out the progress of the Electoral Area "D" Governance Study by coming out to meetings of the Committee, attending public engagement events or by visiting the Committee's webpage www.rdos.bc.ca then click on **Electoral Area "D" Governance Study**.

The Committee will next meet in mid August 2015 to select a consultant and develop a consistent schedule of meetings.

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For further information, please contact Christy Malden, Manager of Legislative Services, at (250) 492-0237 or cmalden@rdos.bc.ca.

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