



## Regional District of Okanagan-Similkameen

### Electoral Area “D” Governance Study

February 2016 Update

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#### All of the Fact Sheets are now out!

The Electoral Area “D” Governance Study Committee has released the last of the series of `Fact Sheets` to the public as part of the governance study process.

The purpose of the governance study is to examine the present system of governance and delivery of services by the Regional District of Okanagan-Similkameen (RDOS) with the goal of determining if there are ways of improving. The study is specifically intended to examine options available within the current regional district governance framework. It is not about incorporation.

#### Get Informed, Get Involved, Have Your Say!

To that end, a series of `Fact Sheets` have been prepared, describing the nature of the services provided by the RDOS to the communities of Area “D” and their surrounding areas. The Fact Sheets are designed to help the citizens of Area “D” make informed decisions when expressing opinions through the study’s surveys, at public forums and meetings, or through written submissions.

#### The Fact Sheets describe services of:

- Regional District Governance
- Fire and Emergency Services
- Solid Waste
- Library
- Transit
- Parks, Trails and Recreation
- Bylaw Enforcement and Animal Control
- Water
- Sewer
- Planning and Building Inspection
- Economic Development
- Administration
- Invasive Plant and Pest Control

**Fact Sheets can be accessed** through the RDOS website (look for popular links, and click on Area “D” Governance Study.) They are also **available in print** at the following locations: **Apex**- Apex Administration Office, the Edge Bistro; **Twin Lakes** – Twin Lakes Store; **St Andrews** – St Andrews by the lake Office; **Kaleden** – Kaleden Irrigation District Office, Kaleden Library, **Upper Carmi** – RDOS Office, **Heritage Hills/Lakeshore Highlands/Vintage Views** , **Vaseux Lake**, **Skaha Estates**, **Okanagan Falls** – at any of the following locations – Pharmasave, Dr. Browne’s office, Dr Robertson’s office, Royal Lepage Realty, Interior Savings, OK Falls Seniors Centre, the Bear Bean Cafe.

**Mail-Out Newsletter** This month everyone in communities of Area “D” can expect a mail-out Newsletter describing the Governance Study and how they can participate in it.

**Survey** - Accompanying the Newsletter is the first of two surveys to solicit feedback from residents regarding their attitudes toward the current governance and the services the RDOS provides. The surveys are designed to give citizens an opportunity to identify issues, note concerns or comment on positive aspects of the current system. It will also allow residents to express opinions on what changes (if any) they would like to see.

**Public Forums, March 2nd, 3rd and 5th**

Coinciding with the surveys, the Governance Committee will be hosting a series of public forums and roundtable discussions that will allow citizens to openly discuss their views and share perspectives on governance and services, and provide the Governance Committee with information leading to initial recommendations. Written submissions on relevant issues will also be accepted.

**Attend a Governance Forum at a site near you!**

<b>Okanagan Falls Community Center</b>	<b>Wednesday, March 2,</b>	<b>6-8pm</b>
<b>Kaleden Community Hall</b>	<b>Thursday, March 3,</b>	<b>6-8pm</b>
<b>Apex Mountain Inn (Rock Oven Room)</b>	<b>Saturday, March 5,</b>	<b>3-5pm</b>

To keep informed about the Governance Study go to the RDOS website and look for your Governance Study Newsletter.