

## REGIONAL DISTRICT OF OKANAGAN-SIMILKAMEEN INFORMATION RELEASE

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Electoral Area "D" Governance Study Consulting Services Awarded

The Board of Directors of the Regional District of Okanagan-Similkameen have awarded the Electoral Area "D" Governance Study Consulting Services contract to Leftside Partners in the amount of \$47,500 plus taxes.

The Regional District issued a Request for Proposals in July to retain the services of a consultant to work with the Electoral Area "D" Governance Study Committee to review and consider methods of improvement of local governance in Electoral Area "D".

The Committee evaluated six submissions and determined that the proposal from Leftside Partners represented the best blend of public engagement and governance expertise required to deliver a thorough and comprehensive final report.

It is expected that the process will be underway in the coming weeks, with the committee and consultant meeting to discuss the launch of the process. "The Board of Directors sincerely appreciates the commitment of the members of the committee. These are local Area "D" citizens who have come forward and volunteered their time to guide this governance study. The Board looks forward to receiving the final recommendations from the committee in the Fall of 2016" says Board, Chair Mark Pendergraft.

The Committee, Chaired by Bob Daly, also includes:	
Doug Lychak	Navid Chaudry
Eleanor Walker	Larry Kenyon
Sam Hancheroff	Tamara Browne
Myleen Mallach	Gerry Stewart
Leslie D'Andrea	

Electoral Area "D" Director, Tom Siddon and his Alternate, Tom Styffe serves as ex-officio members to the committee.

For more information on the Electoral Area "D" Governance Study please visit their wepage at <u>www.rdos.bc.ca</u> and click on the Area D Governance Study tab under Popular Links.

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Mark Pendergraft, Chair Regional District of Okanagan-Similkameen