

**REGIONAL DISTRICT OF OKANAGAN-SIMILKAMEEN
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE
REGULAR AGENDA**



Thursday, May 7, 2026, 11:30 am
RDOS Boardroom
101 Martin Street, Penticton, BC V2A 5J9

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<u>RECOMMENDATION</u>	
THAT the Agenda for the Committee of the Whole Meeting of May 7, 2026, be adopted.	
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<u>RECOMMENDATION</u>	
THAT the minutes of the April 16, 2026, Committee of the Whole meeting be adopted.	
C. DELEGATIONS	
C.1 Okanagan Regional Library	4
Presenter: Danielle Hubbard, CEO	
Topic: Overview and Projects Update	
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Presenter: Nina Sigloch, Director of Strategic Initiatives, and Karri Lee, tmíx ^w naqscn FLP Team Lead	
Topic: Forest Landscape Plans and Public Engagement	
D. ADJOURNMENT	
<u>RECOMMENDATION</u>	
THAT the meeting adjourn.	



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Committee of the Whole

Thursday, April 16, 2026

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MEMBERS PRESENT: Chair C. Watt, City of Penticton
Director R. Barkwill, District of Summerland
Director J. Bloomfield, City of Penticton
Director G. Bush, Electoral Area "B"
Director I. Chahal, Electoral Area "C"
Director S. Coyne, Town of Princeton
Director A. Fedrigo, Electoral Area "E"
Director R. Gettens, Electoral Area "F"
Director I. Gilbert, City of Penticton
Director R. Graham, City of Penticton
Director A. Holley, Village of Keremeos
Director D. Holmes, District of Summerland
Director S. McKortoff, Town of Osoyoos
Director S. Monteith, Electoral Area "I"
Director M. Pendergraft, Electoral Area "A"
Director J. Reynen, City of Penticton
Director T. Roberts, Electoral Area "G"
Director M. Taylor, Electoral Area "D"

MEMBERS ABSENT: Director B. Coyne, Electoral Area "H" Director M. Joansen, Town of Oliver

STAFF PRESENT: J. Zaffino, CAO T. Batten, Corporate Officer
N. Evans-MacEwan, CFO

The meeting was called to order at 12:26 pm.

A. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the Agenda for the Committee of the Whole Meeting of April 16, 2026, be adopted.

CARRIED

B. DELEGATIONS

B.1 Okanagan and Similkameen Invasive Species Society

Lisa Scott, Executive Director, and Elaine Desjarlais, Field Operations Manager provided the Directors with a summary of OASISS' 2025 Activities and Results.

B.2 BC Fruit Growers' Association & BC Grape Growers' Association

Adrian Arts, Executive Director, BC Fruit Growers' Association, Kellie Garcia, Project Director, Cross-Commodity Leadership Support Project, and Dapinder Gill, Director, BC Grape Growers' Association provided the Directors with an Advancing Agriculture Together: Shared Priorities and Next Steps presentation.

Director Graham returned to the meeting at 1:33 pm.

Director Barkwill left the meeting at 1:35 pm.

B.3 BC Grape Growers' Association

Dapinder Gill, Director, BC Grape Growers' Association provided the Directors with a Starling Control program overview.

C. Regional Transit Update

For information only.

D. ADJOURNMENT

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the meeting adjourn at 3:21 pm.

CARRIED

C. Watt, Chair

T. Batten, Corporate Officer



Regional District of Okanagan-Similkameen
REQUEST TO APPEAR AS A DELEGATION

Request to appear as a delegation on:

May 7, 2026

Name(s) of person(s) making presentation:

Danielle Hubbard, CEO

Name of the group or organization that the person is representing:

Okanagan Regional Library

Presentation Title:

What is your request to the Board?

For information only.

Details of Presentation:

The Economic Benefits of Libraries

- Job readiness
- Technology literacy skills - English language learning and instructional programs
- Community-specific statistics on library circulation and associated cost savings for residents



Danielle Hubbard

CEO

Okanagan Regional Library

The Library's Role in the Community

Libraries as economic contributors

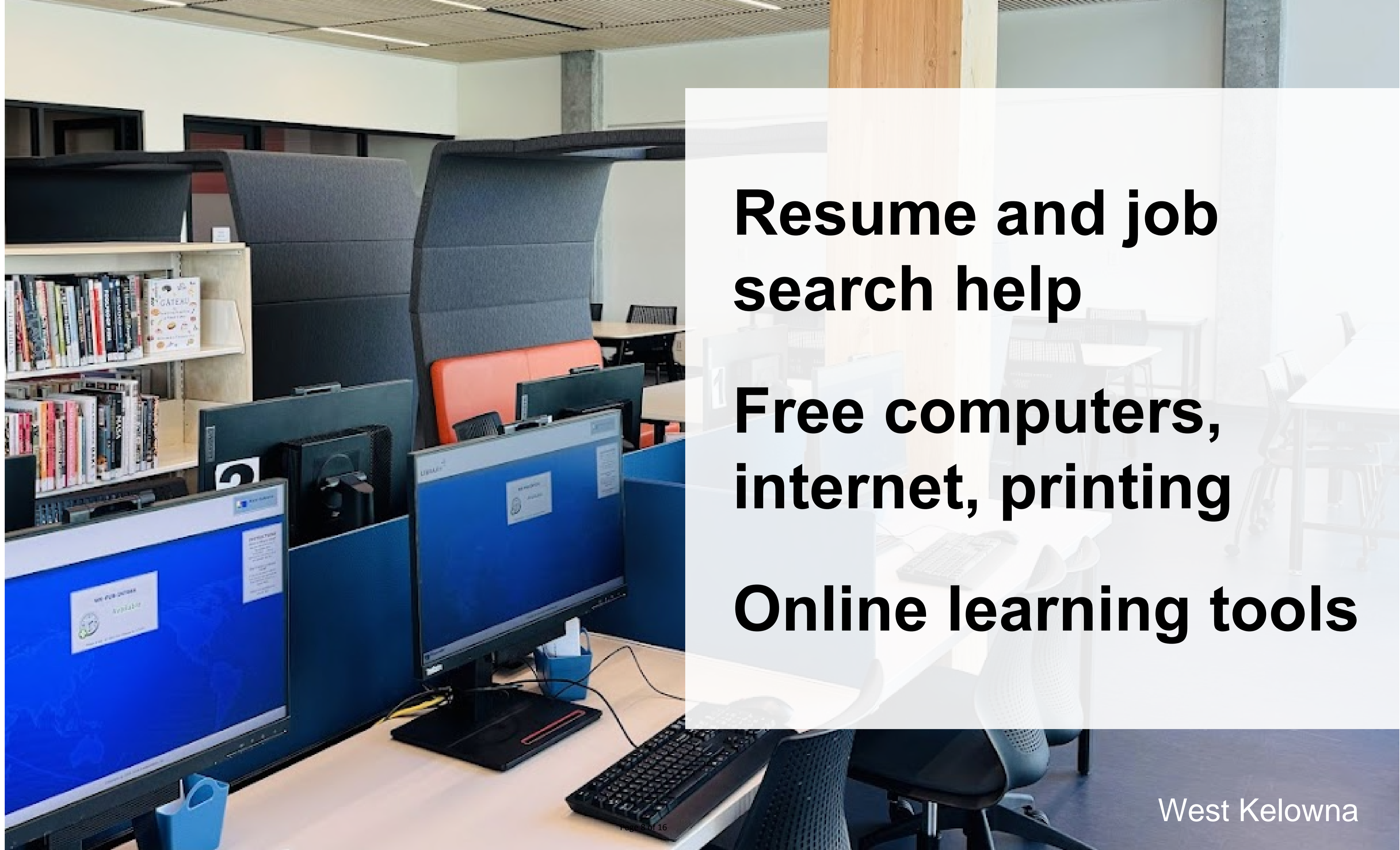




**Shared services
across communities**

**Efficient use of
funding**

**Equal access for
rural and urban areas**



**Resume and job
search help**

**Free computers,
internet, printing**

Online learning tools



3,939 daily average visits in 2025

35 programs ran per day system-wide

680 people attended programs daily

Safe, warm, inclusive spaces

Reduces isolation



**Small business use
Interviews and
meetings
Free alternative to
paid venues**



Tech & device help

Online forms and applications

Digital confidence building



Language learning tools

Conversation opportunities

Multilingual collections

Ukrainian collection

Libraries as Employers



330+ local jobs

**Skilled,
community-based
staff**

**Direct patron
support**



7,602 Summer Reading Club(SRC) Registrations

650 SRC Programs

29,951 Attended a SRC Program

Lifelong learning foundations

A wide-angle landscape photograph showing a river winding through green fields and forests. In the foreground, there are rocky, moss-covered hillsides. The background features rolling mountains under a dramatic, cloudy sky. A black rectangular box is centered over the middle of the image, containing the word "Questions?" in white, bold, sans-serif font.

Questions?



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Province of BC – Ministry of Forests

Presentation Title:

Forest Landscape Plans and Public Engagement

What is your request to the Board?

N/A

Details of Presentation:

Forest Landscape Plans (FLP) are committed to considering local values and interest in forest management. Upcoming public engagement will be the first opportunity for the public to engage with the FLP Table. Engagement activities will continue throughout the development cycle.