

REGIONAL DISTRICT OF OKANAGAN-SIMILKAMEEN

Protective Services Committee

Thursday, May 8, 2025

RDOS Boardroom

101 Martin Street, Penticton, BC V2A 5J9



MEMBERS PRESENT: Chair T. Roberts, Electoral Area "G"
Vice-Chair S. Coyne, Town of Princeton
Director R. Barkwill, Summerland
Director J. Bloomfield, City of Penticton
Director G. Bush, Electoral Area "B"
Director B. Coyne, Electoral Area "H"
Director A. Fedrigo, Electoral Area "E"
Director R. Gettens, Electoral Area "F"

Director I. Gilbert, City of Penticton
Director D. Holmes, District of Summerland
Director M. Johansen, Town of Oliver
Director S. McKortoff, Town of Osoyoos
Director S. Monteith, Electoral Area "I"
Director M. Pendergraft, Electoral Area "A"
Director M. Taylor, Electoral Area "D"
Director C. Watt, City of Penticton

MEMBERS ABSENT: Director H. Konanz, City of Penticton
Director R. Graham, City of Penticton

Director I. Chahal, Electoral Area "C"
Director J. Wiebe, Village of Keremeos

STAFF PRESENT: J. Zaffino, CAO
N. Evans-MacEwan, CFO
M. Koch, Managing Director

G. Cramm, Deputy Corporate Officer
A. Fillion, Managing Director

The meeting was called to order at 2:28 pm.

A. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the Agenda for the Protective Services Committee Meeting of May 8, 2025, be adopted. -
CARRIED

B. FortisBC Wildfire Safety

B.1 Staff Report on Fortis Public Safety Powerline Shutdown

The purpose of this document is to outline the implications and considerations related to FortisBC's implementation of the Public Safety Power Shutoff (PSPS) program. This program enables FortisBC to proactively shut down sections of the electrical grid when wildfire risk conditions reach predefined thresholds. The intent of PSPS is to reduce the likelihood of wildfires caused by electrical infrastructure during extreme weather events.

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the Regional District of Okanagan-Similkameen, write a letter to FortisBC and the

Province to request reconsideration of the Public Safety Powerline Shutdown Program. -
CARRIED

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT Regional District of Okanagan-Similkameen, submit a complaint regarding
FortisBC's Public Safety Powerline Shutdown Program the to the Utilities Commission
regarding Sections 25, 28, and 38 of the BC Utilities Commission Act. -**CARRIED**

C. ADJOURNMENT

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the meeting adjourn at 3:42 pm. -**CARRIED**

T. Roberts, Chair

G. Cramm, Deputy Corporate Officer