

REGIONAL DISTRICT OF OKANAGAN-SIMILKAMEEN

BOARD of DIRECTORS MEETING

Thursday, May 22, 2025

Princeton & District Community Skills Centre



MEMBERS PRESENT: Chair M. Pendergraft, Electoral Area "A"

Vice-Chair C. Watt, City of Penticton

Director R. Barkwill, Summerland

Director J. Bloomfield, City of Penticton

Director G. Bush, Electoral Area "B"

Director B. Coyne, Electoral Area "H"

Director S. Coyne, Town of Princeton

Director A. Fedrigo, Electoral Area "E"

Director I. Gilbert, City of Penticton

Alt. 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 J. Reynen, City of Penticton

Director T. Roberts, Electoral Area "G"

Director M. Taylor, Electoral Area "D"

Director I. Chahal, Electoral Area "C"

Alt. Director P. Veintimilla, Town of Oliver

MEMBERS ABSENT: Director R. Gettens, Electoral Area "F"

Director R. Graham, City of Penticton

Director M. Johansen, Town of Oliver

Director J. Wiebe, Village of Keremeos

STAFF PRESENT: J. Zaffino, CAO

M. Koch, Managing Director

E. Thompson, Sr. Manager Communications

T. Batten, Corporate Officer

N. Sime, Legislative Services Clerk

The meeting was called to order at 3:03 pm.

A. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

(Unweighted Corporate Vote - Simple Majority)

MOVED and SECONDED

That the Agenda for the RDOS Board Meeting of May 22, 2025, be adopted. **-CARRIED**

A.1 Consent Agenda - Corporate Issues

(Unweighted Corporate Vote - Simple Majority)

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the Consent Agenda Corporate Services be adopted. **-CARRIED**

A.1.1 Parks and Recreation Commissions

A.1.1.1 Okanagan Falls Parks and Recreation Commission

THAT the Minutes of the April 24, 2025, Okanagan Falls Parks and Recreation Commission meeting be received.

A.1.1.2 Naramata Parks and Recreation Commission

THAT the Minutes of the April 28, 2025, Naramata Parks and Recreation Commission meeting be received.

A.1.2 Planning and Development Committee

THAT the Minutes of the May 8, 2025, Planning and Development Committee meeting be adopted.

A.1.3 Protective Services Committee

THAT the Minutes of the May 8, 2025, Protective Services Committee meeting be adopted.

A.1.4 Community Services Committee

THAT the Minutes of the May 8, 2025, Community Services Committee meeting be adopted.

A.1.5 Environment and Infrastructure Committee

THAT the Minutes of the May 8, 2025, Environment and Infrastructure Committee meeting be adopted.

A.1.6 RDOS Board of Directors

THAT the Minutes of the May 8, 2025, RDOS Board of Directors meeting be adopted.

B. PROTECTIVE SERVICES

B.1 Fire Services Standard Operating Guideline: Third-Party Wildfire Resources in the Regional District of Okanagan Similkameen

(Unweighted Corporate Vote - Simple Majority)

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the Board approve the attached Regional District of Okanagan-Similkameen Fire Services Standard Operating Guideline: Third-Party Wildfire Resources. **-CARRIED**

C. FINANCE

C.1 Bylaw 3102.02 2025-2029 Five Year Financial Plan Amendment

(Weighted Corporate Vote - 2/3 Majority)

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT Bylaw No. 3102.02, 2025 being a bylaw to amend the 2025-2029 Five Year Financial Plan to include the purchase of a Building Inspection vehicle using the Vehicle Replacement Reserve be read a first, second and third time and be adopted. **-CARRIED**

C.2 Community Works Fund Program Information Report

N. Grant, Accountant II, provided a summary of the eligible expenditure changes to the Community Works Fund (“CWF”) Program under the new 2024-2034 agreement, the timelines for spending and the current balance of RDOS CWF funds held.

D. LEGISLATIVE SERVICES

D.1 Similkameen Transit System Service Establishment Bylaw No. 3082, 2024

(Unweighted Corporate Vote - Simple Majority)

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT Bylaw No. 3082, 2024, Similkameen Transit System Service Establishment Bylaw be adopted. **-CARRIED**

E. CAO REPORTS

E.1 Staff's Response Regarding the Efficiency Review

J. Zaffino, CAO presented an overview of the Organizational Efficiency Review which was approved by the Board in 2024.

E.2 Funding Small Water Systems for Rural Communities in BC

(Unweighted Corporate Vote - Simple Majority)

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the Board authorize the Chair to co-sign a joint letter with the Chairs of the Comox Valley and Thompson-Nicola Regional Districts, advocating for increased funding and support for small water systems in rural British Columbia. **-CARRIED**

F. OTHER BUSINESS

F.1 Chair's Report

F.2 Directors Motions

F.2.1 Notice of Motion – Director Taylor

THAT the Regional District of Okanagan-Similkameen write a letter to the Agricultural Land Commission requesting they reconsider and permit the non-farm use of a baseball diamond at Keogan Park, Okanagan Falls.

F.3 Board Members Verbal Update

F.3.1 Board Representation

1. Municipal Finance Authority – *Pendergraft, Watt (Alternate)*
2. Municipal Insurance Association – *Pendergraft, Taylor (Alternate)*

3. Okanagan Basin Water Board - *McKortoff, Holmes, Monteith, Fedrigo (Alternate), Pendergraft (Alternate), Taylor (Alternate)*
4. Okanagan Film Commission – *S. Coyne, Fedrigo (Alternate)*
5. Okanagan Regional Library – *Fedrigo, Monteith (Alternate)*
6. Okanagan-Kootenay Sterile Insect Release Board – *Bush, Roberts (Alternate)*
7. Southern Interior Municipal Employers Association – *S. Coyne*
8. Starling Control – *Bush*
9. Economic Trust of the Southern Interior (ETSI-BC) - *Johansen, McKortoff, Bloomfield, Roberts (Alternate)*

G. CLOSED SESSION

(Unweighted Corporate Vote - Simple Majority)

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT in accordance with section 90(1)(i) and (2)(b) of the *Community Charter*, the Board close the meeting to the public on the basis of the receipt of advice that is subject to solicitor-client privilege, including communications necessary for that purpose, and the consideration of information received and held in confidence relating to negotiations between the municipality and a provincial government or the federal government or both, or between a provincial government or the federal government or both and a third party. **-CARRIED**

The meeting closed to the public at 3:49 pm and reopened to the public at 4:15 pm.

H. ADJOURNMENT

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the meeting adjourn at 4:17 pm. **-CARRIED**

M. Pendergraft, Chair

T. Batten, Corporate Officer