



REGIONAL DISTRICT OF OKANAGAN-SIMILKAMEEN

BOARD of DIRECTORS MEETING

Thursday, April 16, 2026

RDOS Boardroom

101 Martin Street, Penticton, BC V2A 5J9

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

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

The meeting was called to order at 9:00 am.

A. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

(Unweighted Corporate Vote - Simple Majority)

B117/26

MOVED and SECONDED

That the Agenda for the RDOS Board Meeting of April 16, 2026, be adopted as amended by adding an item under E. CAO Reports regarding "Energy Supply to the Okanagan Region-Submission to the BCUC".

CARRIED

A.1 Consent Agenda - Corporate Issues

(Unweighted Corporate Vote - Simple Majority)

B118/26

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the Consent Agenda Corporate Services be adopted.

CARRIED

A.1.1 Committee of the Whole

THAT the Minutes of the April 2, 2026, Committee of the Whole meeting be adopted.

A.1.2 RDOS Board of Directors

THAT the Minutes of the April 2, 2026, RDOS Board of Directors meeting be adopted.

B. DEVELOPMENT SERVICES - Rural Land Use Matters

- B.1 Temporary Use Permit Application – Electoral Area “I” (I2025.001-TUP)
Director Gilbert joined the meeting at 9:11 am.

(Unweighted Rural Vote - Simple Majority)

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the Board direct staff to defer this application including refraining from enforcement action on this application and that staff be directed to return to the Board by August 20, 2026 with a policy and legal liability opinion on the various types of tiny homes and that the Board asks that there be a workshop (s) with the Electoral Area Directors to establish a policy with appropriate areas of placement for alternative housing options within each Electoral Area including consultation with each area based on Director’s requests for presentation or engagement.

CARRIED

- B.2 Short-Term Rental (STR) Permit Application – Electoral Area “E” (E2026.001-STR)

(Unweighted Rural Vote - Simple Majority)

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT Short-Term Rental (STR) Permit No. E2026.001-STR, to allow a short-term rental accommodation use at 450 Robinson Avenue, Naramata, be approved.

CARRIED

Opposed: Directors Chahal and Taylor

C. PROTECTIVE SERVICES

- C.1 Public Safety Power Shutoff (PSPS) Identified High-Risk Areas, and Operational Concerns

(Unweighted Corporate Vote - Simple Majority)

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the RDOS Board direct staff to send a formal letter to the appropriate Provincial Minister and the British Columbia Utilities Commission stating that the RDOS does not support the implementation of Public Safety Power Shutoffs (PSPS) within the RDOS particularly within the communities of Princeton (rural), Hedley (rural), Tulameen, Coalmont, and Apex;

AND THAT the letter requests Provincial and regulatory intervention to ensure wildfire risk reduction strategies prioritize infrastructure hardening, system reliability, and public safety without transferring unacceptable risk to rural communities and local governments.

AND THAT Fortis be invited to attend a future RDOS Board meeting to speak to this topic.

CARRIED

D. LEGISLATIVE SERVICES

- D.1 Appointment of Election Officers – 2026 RDOS General Local Election
(Unweighted Corporate Vote - Simple Majority)

B122/26

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the Board appoints Tracey Batten as Chief Election Officer and Marc Aucoin as Deputy Chief Election Officer for the RDOS 2026 General Local Election.

CARRIED

E. CAO REPORTS

- E.1 Verbal Update
E.1.1 Strategic Actions Workplan Amendment

(Weighted Corporate Vote - Majority)

B123/26

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the Board of Directors adopt the amendment to the Strategic Actions Workplan in Schedule 1; to increase the project and funding by \$240,000 for 26.901 – Anarchist Mountain Community Hall.

CARRIED

- E.1.2 Energy Supply to the Okanagan Region-Submission to the British Columbia Utility Commission

B124/26

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the Board approve the submission to the British Columbia Utilities Commission regarding energy supply to the Okanagan region attached to the Administrative Report dated April 16, 2026.

CARRIED

F. OTHER BUSINESS

- F.1 Chair's Report

F.2 Directors Motions

F.2.1 Director Motion – Director Taylor

(Unweighted Corporate Vote - Simple Majority)

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT RDOS direct staff to prepare a policy and provide a recommendation to the Board by September 30, 2026 calling for, in general terms, a brief 1 page annual report on each large scale engineering project meeting certain criteria (e.g. total budget, timeframe, tax requisition?); setting out key parameters including but not necessarily limited to current status, work completed, remaining work, status relative to budget and timeline, major decisions to be made in coming year including options under consideration, and whether budget or timeline are expected to be met; and that this report serve as the basis for a report to the board or EA Committee approximately December or January.

CARRIED

Opposed: Directors Gilbert, McKortoff, and Watt

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 –
9. Economic Trust of the Southern Interior (ETSI-BC) - *Johansen, McKortoff, Bloomfield, Roberts (Alternate)*
10. Collaborative Leadership Table - *Pendergraft, Roberts (Alternate)*

G. CLOSED SESSION

(Unweighted Corporate Vote - Simple Majority)

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT in accordance with Section 90(1)(c)(e)(i), and 90(2)(b) of the *Community Charter*, the Board close the meeting to the public on the basis of;

- Labour relations or other employee relations; and,
- The acquisition, disposition or expropriation of land or improvements, if the council considers that disclosure could reasonably be expected to harm the interests of the municipality; and,
- 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
 - i. between the municipality and another local government or between another local government and a third party,
 - ii. between the municipality and another local government or between another local government and a third party, or
 - iii. between the municipality and a first nation or a prescribed Indigenous entity, or between a first nation or a prescribed Indigenous entity and a third party

CARRIED

The meeting closed to the public at 10:51 am and reopened to the public at 3:13 pm.

Directors B. Coyne and Johansen were not in attendance when the meeting reopened.

H. ITEMS COMING OUT OF CLOSED SESSION

Rise and report Item for the April 16, 2026, Closed meeting.

KVR Deactivation Princeton West

THAT The Board of Directors:

1. Direct staff to use the Strategic Actions Amendment Framework to the scope change, review and validate estimated staff time, and report back to the Board with proposed amendments to the staff workplan for consideration.
2. Endorse the expansion of scope of the Regional Trails Gap Analysis (Strategic Plan Action 26.962) to include a comprehensive, region-wide operations and maintenance (O&M), capital, and lifecycle assessment for all RDOS regional trails, utilizing the funding provided by Trans Canada Trail; and
3. Direct staff to prepare a five-year Regional Trails Operations and Maintenance Plan, inclusive of the KVR (Princeton area and main line), KVR South Spur, and Similkameen Trail, for Board consideration; and
4. Support the request to retain four sections of the KVR west of Princeton by confirming support for supplemental funding requests beginning in 2027 to address the incremental Operations and Maintenance costs associated with these retained sections.

Minutes are in DRAFT form and are subject to change pending approval by the Regional District Board

I. ADJOURNMENT

B127/26

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the meeting adjourn at 3:17 pm.

CARRIED

M. Pendergraft, Chair

T. Batten, Corporate Officer