

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT

TO: Board of Directors

FROM: B. Newell, Chief Administrative Officer

DATE: January 5, 2023

RE: **Okanagan Falls Irrigation District Conversion Service Establishment Bylaws**

Administrative Recommendation:

THAT Bylaw No. 2978, 2022, a bylaw of the Regional District of Okanagan-Similkameen to establish a Water Service in Okanagan Falls, be adopted; and,

THAT Bylaw No. 2979, 2022, a bylaw of the Regional District of Okanagan-Similkameen to establish a Street Lighting Service for Okanagan Falls, be adopted; and,

THAT Bylaw No. 2981, 2022, a bylaw of the Regional District of Okanagan-Similkameen to establish a Cemetery Service, be adopted; and,

THAT the Regional District apply to the Ministry of Municipal Affairs for a Restructure Implementation Grant to assist with the administrative costs associated with the conversion of Okanagan Falls Irrigation District services to RDOS services.

Purpose:

To facilitate the transfer of the Okanagan Falls Irrigation District (OFID) services to Regional District of Okanagan-Similkameen (RDOS) services.

Reference:

Local Government Act

Order in Council No. 624 dated November 25, 2022

Business Plan Objective:

Goals 3.2 & 3.3 To develop an economically and environmentally sustainable region

Background:

At the November 18, 2021 Board meeting, the Board of Directors resolved to proceed with the steps toward conversion of the OFID services and assets to the Regional District.

OFID ratepayers voted to support the dissolution of OFID and conversion to RDOS at their April 20, 2022 OFID Annual General Meeting.

A [conversion assessment summary report](#) was provided to the Board of Directors at the May 19, 2022 Regular Board meeting.

Analysis:

The Okanagan Falls water, street lighting and cemetery service establishment bylaws each received three readings at the September 22, 2022, RDOS Board meeting and were subsequently forwarded to the Inspector of Municipalities for approval. Approval has been received and the Board may now adopt the bylaws. Centennial Park, the fourth component of the Okanagan Falls Irrigation District, will be added to the Okanagan Falls Parks & Recreation Service.

The official transfer date of the three services is January 1, 2023, in accordance with Order in Council No. 624, dated November 25, 2022.

Alternatives:

None

Communication Strategy:

OFID has a page on their [website](#) dedicated to the conversion of their services to RDOS services.

An [engagement panel](#) on RDOS Regional Connections dedicated to the OFID conversion includes a FAQ section.

Respectfully submitted:

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