

REGIONAL DISTRICT OF OKANAGAN-SIMILKAMEEN

BOARD of DIRECTORS MEETING

Thursday, January 8, 2026

RDOS Boardroom

101 Martin Street, Penticton, BC V2A 5J9



MEMBERS PRESENT: Chair M. Pendergraft, Electoral Area "A"
Vice-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 R. Graham, City of Penticton
Director I. Gilbert, City of Penticton
Director A. Holley, Village of Keremeos
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 T. Roberts, Electoral Area "G"
Alt. Director S. Stewart, City of Penticton
Director M. Taylor, Electoral Area "D"

MEMBERS ABSENT: Director B. Coyne, Electoral Area "H" Director J. Reynen, City of Penticton

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)

B01/26

MOVED and SECONDED

That the Agenda for the RDOS Board Meeting of January 8, 2026, be adopted.

CARRIED

A.1 Consent Agenda - Corporate Issues

(Unweighted Corporate Vote - Simple Majority)

B02/26

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the Consent Agenda Corporate Services be adopted.

CARRIED

A.1.1 Corporate Services Committee

THAT the Minutes of the December 18, 2026, Corporate Services Committee meeting be adopted.

A.1.2 RDOS Board of Directors

THAT the Minutes of the December 18, 2026, RDOS Board of Directors meeting be adopted.

B. DEVELOPMENT SERVICES - Rural Land Use Matters

- B.1 Development Variance Permit Application — Electoral Area “A” (A2025.029-DVP)
(Unweighted Rural Vote - Simple Majority)

B03/26

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT Development Variance Permit No. A2025.029 -DVP, to reduce the minimum interior parcel line setback from 50.0 metres to 0.0 metres for the two (2) proposed parcels to be created by the subdivision of Part SE1/4, Section 3, Township 65, SDYD, EXC PT Lying N & W OF Highway Shown on PL H415, be approved.

CARRIED

- B.2 Agricultural Land Commission Referral (Removal of Soil) – Electoral Area “A” (A2025.015-ALC)
(Unweighted Corporate Vote - Simple Majority)

B04/26

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the RDOS Board “authorize” the application for the “Removal of Soil (Extraction) within the ALR” at the parcel legally described as That Part of the South East ¼ of Section 3, Township 65, SDYD, Except That Part Lying North and West of Plan H415 to proceed to the Agricultural Land Commission.

CARRIED

- B.3 South Okanagan Regional Growth Strategy - 2025 Review
(Unweighted Participant Vote - Simple Majority) Participants: Electoral Areas "A", "C", "D", "E", "F", "I", Penticton, Summerland, Osoyoos, and Oliver.

B05/26

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT, in accordance with Section 452 of the *Local Government Act*, a review of the South Okanagan Regional Growth Strategy (RGS) Bylaw No. 2770, 2017, for possible amendment has been considered and will not be pursued at this time;

AND THAT, the following regional items raised by the RGS Technical Advisory Committee, be brought forward for consideration as part of the 2027 Strategic Plan process:

- economic development;
- housing coordination;
- healthcare services and homelessness supports;
- transit and transportation;
- water security and infrastructure;
- wildfire risk;
- climate change, emissions and step code compliance;
- environmental and ecological protection; and
- coordination with First Nations governments.

CARRIED

C. PUBLIC WORKS

- C.1 Water Regulatory Bylaw Amendment to add Skaha Estates Water System
(Unweighted Corporate Vote - 2/3 Majority)

B06/26 **MOVED and SECONDED**
THAT Bylaw No. 2824.04, 2026, being a bylaw to amend the Water Use Regulation Bylaw No. 2824, 2019 to add the Skaha Estates Water System, be read a first, second, and third time and be adopted.
CARRIED

D. COMMUNITY SERVICES

- D.1 Addition of Species to the BC Weed Control Regulation
(Unweighted Corporate Vote - Simple Majority)

B07/26 **MOVED and SECONDED**
THAT the Board approves the request from the Okanagan and Similkameen Invasive Species Society (OASISS) for 10 (ten) species to be added to the B.C. Weed Control Regulation Schedule A and submit this request to the Provincial Invasive Plant Officer with the Ministry of Forests.

- a. Tree of Heaven - *Ailanthus altissima*
- b. Siberian Elm - *Ulmus pumila*
- c. Russian Olive - *Elaeagnus angustifolia*
- d. Black Locust - *Robinia pseudoacacia*
- e. Fuller's (common) Teasel - *Dispacus fullonum*
- f. Common Bugloss - *Anchusa officinalis*
- g. Himalayan Balsam - *Impatiens glandulifera*
- h. Black Henbane - *Hyoscyamus niger*
- i. Scotch Thistle - *Onopordum acanthium*
- j. Myrtle Spurge - *Euphorbia myrsinites*

CARRIED

E. FINANCE

- E.1 Community Works Fund (Gas Tax) Reserve Expenditure Bylaw – Willowbrook Fire Hall
(Weighted Corporate Vote - 2/3 Majority)

B08/26

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT Bylaw No. 3136, 2026, being a bylaw that authorizes the expenditure of \$10,000 from Electoral Area “C” Community Works Fund (Gas Tax) Reserve for the purpose of purchasing and installing a new compressor station at the Willowbrook Fire Hall be read a first, second and third time and be adopted; and

THAT Bylaw No. 3102.19, 2026, being a bylaw to amend the 2025-2029 Five Year Financial Plan to add \$10,000 from Electoral Area “C” Community Works Fund (Gas Tax) Reserve to purchase and install a new compressor station at the Willowbrook Fire Hall, be read a first, second and third time and be adopted.

CARRIED

- E.2 RDOS 2026-2030 Five Year Financial Plan Bylaw No. 3134, 2026
(Weighted Corporate Vote - Majority)

B09/26

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the Regional Grand-in-Aid to Summerland Minor Baseball Association for \$50,000 be removed from the 2026 Budget. **-DEFEATED**

Opposed: Directors Bloomfield, Barkwill, Chahal, S. Coyne, Fedrigo, Gettens, Gilbert, Graham, Holmes, Johansen, Pendergraft, and Watt

B10/26

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the Board approve the request for early approvals for the following positions.

- FTE 2026-2 Cyber Security / Network Analyst
- FTE 2026-5 Scale Attendant
- FTE 2026-8 Fire Services Manager

CARRIED

Opposed: Directors Bush and Monteith

B11/26

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the Board approve the request for following PRC early approvals.

- PCR 12 – Information services
- PCR 20 – Loose Bay operator stipend
- PCR 34 – Similkameen Recreation - prescribed recreation trial

CARRIED

B12/26

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT Bylaw No. 3134, 2026 being a bylaw of the Regional District of Okanagan-Similkameen to adopt the 2026-2030 Five Year Financial Plan be read a first time with the inclusion of the change requests listed in Appendix A and B of January 8, 2026, RDOS 2026-2030 Five Year Financial Plan Bylaw No. 3134, 2026 administrative report with the removal of proposed Electoral Area "I" Capital Project for 2027-2030.

CARRIED

Opposed: Directors Bush, and Monteith

- E.3 2025-2029 Five Year Financial Plan Amendment – Information Services Vehicle Purchase
(Unweighted Corporate Vote - 2/3 Majority)

B13/26

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT Bylaw No. 3102.18, 2026, being a bylaw to amend the 2025-2029 Five Year Financial Plan to include the purchase of an Information Services vehicle totaling \$46,000 using the Vehicle Replacement Reserve, be read a first, second and third time and be adopted.

CARRIED

F. LEGISLATIVE SERVICES

- F.1 Sage Mesa Water System Assent Vote Question
(Unweighted Corporate Vote - Simple Majority)

B14/26

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the Sage Mesa Water System assent voting question be adjusted to read as follows:

“Are you in favour of the Regional District of Okanagan-Similkameen adopting Sage Mesa Water System Service Establishment Bylaw No. 3075, 2024, to acquire, maintain and operate the Sage Mesa Water System; and Sage Mesa Water System Loan Authorization Bylaw No. 3076, 2024, to authorize the borrowing of up to \$33,034,000.00 (Thirty-three million, thirty-four thousand dollars) for capital upgrades to the Sage Mesa Water System?”

CARRIED

Opposed: Director Bush

- F.2 Skaha Estates Reserve Funds Establishment
(Unweighted Corporate Vote - 2/3 Majority)

B15/26

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT Bylaw No. 3132, 2026, being a bylaw to establish the Skaha Estates Water Service Capital Reserve Fund, be read a first, second and third time and be adopted; and,

THAT Bylaw No. 3133, 2026, being a bylaw to establish the Skaha Estates Water Service Operational Reserve Fund, be read a first, second and third time and be adopted.

CARRIED

G. CAO REPORTS

G.1 Verbal Update

G.1.1 Strategic Priorities Board Amendments

G.1.2 Board Action Items Update

H. OTHER BUSINESS

H.1 Chair's Report

H.2 Directors Motions

H.3 Board Members Verbal Update

H.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)*
10. Collaborative Leadership Table - *Pendergraft, Roberts (Alternate)*

I. ADJOURNMENT

B16/26

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the meeting adjourn at 11:14 am.

CARRIED

APPROVED BY:

"Original signed by"

M. Pendergraft, Chair

CERTIFIED CORRECT:

"Original signed by"

T. Batten, Corporate Officer