

REGIONAL DISTRICT OF OKANAGAN-SIMILKAMEEN

BOARD of DIRECTORS MEETING

Thursday, February 19, 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, Summerland
Director J. Bloomfield, City of Penticton
Director G. Bush, Electoral Area "B"
Director I. Chahal, Electoral Area "C"
Director B. Coyne, Electoral Area "H"
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 M. Johansen, Town of Oliver
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"
Alt. Director E. Trainer, District of Summerland

MEMBERS ABSENT: Director D. Holmes, District of Summerland

STAFF PRESENT: T. Batten, Acting CAO
N. Evans-MacEwan, CFO
M. Aucoin, Legislative Services Coordinator

The meeting was called to order at 9:06 am.

A. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

(Unweighted Corporate Vote - Simple Majority)

B50/26

MOVED and SECONDED

That the Agenda for the RDOS Board Meeting of February 19, 2026, be adopted. **CARRIED**

A.1 Consent Agenda - Corporate Issues

(Unweighted Corporate Vote - Simple Majority)

B51/26

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the Consent Agenda Corporate Services be adopted.

CARRIED

A.1.1 Electoral Area Services Committee

THAT the Minutes of the February 5, 2026, Electoral Area Services Committee meeting be adopted.

A.1.2 Committee of the Whole

THAT the Minutes of the February 5, 2026, Committee of the Whole meeting be adopted.

A.1.3 RDOS Board of Directors

THAT the Minutes of the February 5, 2026, RDOS Board of Directors meeting be adopted.

B. DELEGATIONS

B.1 Helena Konanz, Member of Parliament

Ms. Helena Konanz, MP, provided an update to the Board.

B.2 Mike Overend, Director of Destination Development and Stewardship, Thompson Okanagan Tourism Association (TOTA)

Mr. Overend addressed the Board to discuss the findings of the recent economic impact study of the KVR trail.

C. DEVELOPMENT SERVICES - Building Inspection

C.1 Building Bylaw Infraction, 541 San Ang Way (Electoral Area "H")

(Unweighted Corporate Vote - Simple Majority)

The Chair inquired whether the property owner or agent was present to address the Board, they were present and addressed the Board.

MOTION ON THE FLOOR

THAT a Section 302 Notice on Title, pursuant to Section 302 of the *Local Government Act* and Section 57 of the *Community Charter*, (made applicable to Regional Districts by Section 302 of the LGA), be filed against the title of lands described as Lot 5, Plan KAP32497, District Lot 3528, that certain works having been undertaken on the lands contrary to the Regional District Okanagan-Similkameen Building Bylaw No. 2805, 2018.

B52/26

MOVED and SECODNED

THAT the motion on the floor be deferred for 30 days.

CARRIED

D. DEVELOPMENT SERVICES - Rural Land Use Matters

D.1 Short-Term Rental Permit Application – Electoral Area “E” (E2025.003-STR)

(Unweighted Rural Vote - Simple Majority)

The Chair inquired whether the property owner or agent was present to address the Board, they were present and addressed the Board.

B53/26

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT Short-Term Rental Permit No. E2025.003-STR, to allow a short-term rental accommodation use at 2401 Workman Place be approved.

CARRIED

D.2 Electoral Area “G” Zoning Bylaw Update – Conservation Area & Parks and Recreation Zones (G2025.013-ZONE)

(Unweighted Rural Vote - Simple Majority)

B54/26

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the Electoral Area “G” Zoning Amendment Bylaw No. 2781.03, 2026 be read a first and second time and proceed to public hearing;

AND THAT the holding of a public hearing be scheduled for the Regional District Board meeting of March 5, 2026;

AND THAT staff give notice of the public hearing in accordance with the requirements of the *Local Government Act*.

CARRIED

D.3 Official Community Plan (OCP) & Zoning Bylaw Amendment – Electoral Area “I” (I2025.008-ZONE)

(Unweighted Rural Vote - Simple Majority)

This item was the subject of the public hearing on the morning of February 19, 2026.

B55/26

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the Electoral Area “I” Official Community Plan Amendment Bylaw No. 2683.09, 2025, and the Okanagan Valley Zoning Amendment Bylaw No. 2800.56, 2025, be read a third time.

CARRIED

- D.4 Regional Growth Strategy Bylaw Review-Consultation Plan
(Unweighted Rural Vote - Simple Majority)

B56/26

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the Regional Growth Strategy Bylaw Review Consultation Plan be adopted and considered to be appropriate consultation for the purpose of Section 434 of the *Local Government Act*; AND

THAT in person presentation be conducted in Naramata and Okanagan Falls.

CARRIED

E. PUBLIC WORKS

- E.1 Letter of Support – OBWB Grant Application to CWA EcoAction Program
(Unweighted Corporate Vote - Simple Majority)

B57/26

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the Board provide a Letter of Support to the Okanagan Basin Water Board (OBWB) related to the grant application to Canada Water Agency's EcoAction Stream 2: Freshwater Sustainability and Innovation Program.

CARRIED

- E.2 Solid Waste Curbside Collection Program Regulatory Bylaw No. 3123
(Unweighted Corporate Vote - Simple Majority)

B58/26

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT Bylaw No. 3123, 2026 Regional District of Okanagan-Similkameen Solid Waste Curbside Collection Service Regulatory Bylaw be read a first, second and third time.

CARRIED

- E.3 Letter of Support – ORRI Grant Application to OBWB WCQI Grant Program
(Unweighted Corporate Vote - Simple Majority)

B59/26

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the Board provide a Letter of Support to Okanagan River Restoration Initiative (ORRI) related to the grant application to Okanagan Basin Water Board (OBWB) Water Conservation and Quality Improvement Grant Stream for environmental monitoring and mussel surveys for ORRI river restoration works in Okanagan Falls.

CARRIED

- E.4 Federal Plastics Registry – Concerns Regarding Landfill Reporting Requirements
(Unweighted Corporate Vote - Simple Majority)

B60/26

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the Board authorize the attached draft letter to be sent to Environment and Climate Change Canada (ECCC), expressing the Regional District of Okanagan-Similkameen’s concerns regarding the inclusion of landfills in the Federal Plastics Registry, including the safety, operational, and unfunded cost implications of the proposed reporting requirements.

CARRIED

F. COMMUNITY SERVICES

- F.1 Application for Grant Funding for Mobi- Mat in Okanagan Falls
(Unweighted Corporate Vote - Simple Majority)

B61/26

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the Board approves the submission of an application to the RBC Barrier Busters Grants Program to support the Okanagan Falls Beach Accessibility Project.

CARRIED

- F.2 Provincial Decision to Decommission Sections of the Kettle Valley Rail (KVR) Trail
(Unweighted Corporate Vote - Simple Majority)

B62/26

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the Board of Directors direct staff to forward a letter, as outlined in Appendix “A” attached to the report dated February 19, 2026, to the Province of British Columbia, outlining the Regional District of Okanagan- Similkameen’s concerns with the Province’s decision to decommission sections of the Kettle Valley Rail (KVR) Trail in the Princeton / Tulameen area, and requesting reconsideration of the decision and/or engagement on alternative long- term management options.

CARRIED

G. PROTECTIVE SERVICES

- G.1 2026 UBCM Community Resiliency Investment (FireSmart) Grant Program Funding Application
(Unweighted Corporate Vote - Simple Majority)

B63/26

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the Board support the grant application submission to the Union of B.C. Municipalities for the 2026 Community Resiliency Investment Program to promote FireSmart resilient communities, reducing the risk and impact of wildfire.

CARRIED

G.2 FireSmart Grant - Wildfire Mitigation Specialist Positions

(Unweighted Corporate Vote - Simple Majority)

B64/26

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the Board support hiring two temporary fulltime Wildfire Mitigation Specialist to support the Village of Keremeos and the Town of Osoyoos FireSmart Program, paid for through the Community Resilience Investment Grant awarded to the Village of Keremeos and the Town of Osoyoos.

CARRIED

H. FINANCE

H.1 Security Issuing Bylaw No. 3137, 2026 – Town of Princeton

(Weighted Corporate Vote - 2/3 Majority)

B65/26

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT Security Issuing Bylaw No. 3137, 2026 being a bylaw of the Regional District of Okanagan-Similkameen to authorize the borrowing of up to \$1,389,086 for the estimated costs of Princeton Fire Department Hall construction, be read a first, second, and third time, and be adopted.

CARRIED

I. LEGISLATIVE SERVICES

I.1 SILGA 2026 Convention Resolutions

(Unweighted Corporate Vote - Simple Majority)

B66/26

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the Board endorse the submission of two resolutions for consideration at the 2026 SILGA Convention titled:

- Grant Funding Expenditures
- Incorporation of New Municipalities

CARRIED

I.2 Request for Letter of Support – BC Wildlife Federation

(Unweighted Corporate Vote - Simple Majority)

B67/26

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the Board provides a Letter of Support to the BC Wildlife Federation in support of their application to the Okanagan Basin Water Board's Water Conservation and Quality Improvement Grant Program for a collaborative low-tech process-based restoration (LTPBR) project on Coteay Creek.

CARRIED

- I.3 Request for Letter of Support – Synergy Foundation
(Unweighted Corporate Vote - Simple Majority)

B68/26

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the Board provides a Letter of Support to the Synergy Foundation in support of their application to the Okanagan Basin Water Board's Water Conservation and Quality Improvement Grant Program for a Water Consumption Reduction and Pollution Prevention project supporting high water use businesses from Vernon to Penticton.

CARRIED

J. CAO REPORTS

- J.1 Verbal Update
- J.2 Strategic Priorities Board Amendments

K. OTHER BUSINESS

- K.1 Chair's Report
- K.2 Directors Motions
 - K.2.1 Notice of Motion - Director Fedrigo

THAT a new section be added to all Planning, Infrastructure, and Community Services staff Board Reports, pertaining to Electoral Areas, that clearly indicates whether the EA Director(s) were advised or consulted on the item prior to the report being brought forward to the Board.

- K.2.2 Notice of Motion – Director Fedrigo

That the RDOS Board reallocate a portion of the approximately \$200,000 currently collected through taxation in Electoral Area "E" for regional planning to enable Electoral Area E to contract out select planning services, for the purpose of alleviating the current workload pressures within the Planning Department, until such time as the department has addressed the outstanding items on the strategic priority list.

K.3 Board Members Verbal Update

K.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)*

L. **CLOSED SESSION**

(Unweighted Corporate Vote - Simple Majority)

B69/26

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT in accordance with Section 90(1)(c)(j), 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;
- information that is prohibited, or information that if it were presented in a document would be prohibited, from disclosure under section 21 of the [*Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act.*](#) and;

the consideration of information received and held in confidence relating to negotiations

(i)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,

(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 11:20 am and reopened to the public at 12:30 pm.

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

N. ADJOURNMENT

(Unweighted Corporate Vote - Simple Majority)

B70/26

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the meeting adjourn at 12:30 pm.

CARRIED

APPROVED BY:
"Original signed by"

M. Pendergraft, Chair

CERTIFIED CORRECT:
"Original signed by"

M. Aucoin, Legislative Services Coordinator