

REGIONAL DISTRICT OF OKANAGAN-SIMILKAMEEN

BOARD of DIRECTORS MEETING

Thursday, May 21, 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 D. Holmes, District of Summerland
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"

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

The meeting was called to order at 9:08 am.

A. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

(Unweighted Corporate Vote - Simple Majority)

MOVED and SECONDED

That the Agenda for the RDOS Board Meeting of May 21, 2026, be adopted as amended by removing item B4.

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 RDOS Board of Directors

THAT the Minutes of the May 7, 2026, RDOS Board of Directors meeting be adopted.

B151/26

B152/26

B. DEVELOPMENT SERVICES - Rural Land Use Matters

B.1 Review of Large Holdings One Site Specific (LH1s) Zone - Anarchist Mountain (A2026.001-ZONE)

(Unweighted Rural Vote - Simple Majority)

B153/26

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the Okanagan Valley Zoning Amendment Bylaw No. 2800.63, 2026, be read a third time.

CARRIED

B.2 "Optimize the Development Approval Process" - Secondary Suite Review (X2025.012 ZONE)

(Unweighted Rural Vote - Simple Majority)

B154/26

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the Okanagan Valley Zoning Amendment Bylaw No. 2800.59, 2026, be adopted.

CARRIED

B.3 Zoning Bylaw Amendment – Electoral Area "C" (C2025.015-ZONE)

(Unweighted Rural Vote - Simple Majority)

B155/26

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the Okanagan Valley Zoning Amendment Bylaw No. 2800.60, 2025, be read a third time.

CARRIED

B.4 Development Variance Permit Application — Electoral Area "I" (I2025.030-DVP)

(Unweighted Rural Vote - Simple Majority)

This item was removed from the agenda.

B.5 STR Program Amendments – Health & Safety Inspections & Delegation (X2026.003-ZONE)

(Unweighted Participant Vote - 2/3 Majority) Participants include: Electoral Areas "A", "D", "E", and "I"

B156/26

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the Business Licence Regulation Amendment Bylaw No. 3100.03, 2026, be read a first second and third time and adopted.

CARRIED

(Unweighted Corporate Vote - 2/3 Majority)

B157/26

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT Chief Administrative Officer (CAO) Delegation Amendment Bylaw No. 3033.04, 2026, be read a first second and third time and adopted.

CARRIED

(Unweighted Rural Vote - 2/3 Majority)

B158/26

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT Development Procedures Amendment Bylaw No. 2500.39, 2026, be read a first second and third time and adopted.

CARRIED

C. COMMUNITY SERVICES

- C.1 Board Support for Grist Mill Operations Society – Building Communities Through Arts and Heritage Grant Application

(Unweighted Corporate Vote - Simple Majority)

B159/26

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the Board authorize the Board Chair to sign the attached letter of support for the Grist Mill Operations Society's application to the Government of Canada's Building Communities Through Arts and Heritage program, in celebration of the Grist Mill's 150th anniversary.

CARRIED

D. PROTECTIVE SERVICES

- D.1 Agreement to Use the Okanagan Regional Library Branches as Cooling and Warming Centres

(Weighted Corporate Vote - Majority)

B160/26

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the Regional District of Okanagan-Similkameen Board authorize the Chair and the CAO to sign the RDOS and Okanagan Regional Library Extreme Weather Centre Agreement to permit local library branches within the RDOS to be used as Cooling and Warming Centres during periods of extreme heat or cold for a five (5) year term expiring May 6, 2031.

CARRIED

- D.2 Fire Safety Act – Appointment of Investigator and Inspector

For Information.

- D.3 Bill M214 Firefighters Health Act

(Unweighted Corporate Vote - Simple Majority)

B161/26

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the Board authorize the Chair to sign a letter to Premier Eby outlining the concerns and potential cost implications for "*Bill M 214 – 2025 Firefighters' Health Act*" for Volunteer Fire Services; and,

THAT the Board authorize staff to approach all BC Regional Districts to endorse a similar letter to the Premier.

CARRIED

E. LEGISLATIVE SERVICES

E.1 RDOS Election Procedure Bylaw and Automated Vote Counting Bylaw

(Unweighted Corporate Vote - 2/3 Majority)

B162/26

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT Bylaw No. 3143, 2026 RDOS Election and Assent Voting Procedure Bylaw be read a first, second, and third time and be adopted; and,

THAT Bylaw No. 3151, 2026 RDOS Automated Vote Counting Bylaw be read a first, second, and third time and be adopted.

CARRIED

F. CAO REPORTS

F.1 Verbal Update

F.1.1 Strategic Priorities Board Amendments

G. OTHER BUSINESS

G.1 Chair's Report

G.2 Directors Motions

G.2.1 Director Taylor

(Unweighted Corporate Vote - Simple Majority)

B163/26

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the Board direct staff to identify as “local parks and trails”, in all relevant Regional District bylaws, policies and related materials, the RDOS parks and trails that are maintained using tax revenues raised solely from the electoral area in which the parks and trails are located; and,

THAT the list of “local parks and trails” include the following parks and trails:

- Lions Park;
- Kenyon Park; and,

THAT the Board direct staff to clarify that the parks identified as “local parks and trails” are not regional parks, and do not receive operating funding from the broader regional district tax base.

CARRIED

G.3 Board Members Verbal Update

G.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)*

H. CLOSED SESSION

(Unweighted Corporate Vote - Simple Majority)

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT in accordance with Section 90(1)(a)(d) & (m) of the *Community Charter*, the Board close the meeting to the public on the basis of:

- personal information about an identifiable individual who holds or is being considered for a position as an officer, employee or agent of the municipality or another position appointed by the municipality;
- the security of the property of the regional district; and,
- a matter that, under another enactment, is such that the public may be excluded from the meeting.

CLOSED

The meeting closed to the public at 9:42 am.

The meeting opened to the public at 10:33 am.

I. ADJOURNMENT

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the meeting adjourn at 10:34 am.

CARRIED

APPROVED BY:
"Original signed by"

M. Pendergraft, Chair

CERTIFIED CORRECT:
"Original signed by"

T. Batten, Corporate Officer

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