

REGIONAL DISTRICT OF OKANAGAN-SIMILKAMEEN

BOARD of DIRECTORS MEETING

Thursday, June 4, 2026

RDOS Boardroom

101 Martin Street, Penticton, BC V2A 5J9



MEMBERS PRESENT: Chair M. Pendergraft, Electoral Area "A" Director D. Holmes, District of Summerland
Director G. Bush, Electoral Area "B" Director S. McKortoff, Town of Osoyoos
Director I. Chahal, Electoral Area "C" Director S. Monteith, Electoral Area "I"
Director B. Coyne, Electoral Area "H" Director T. Roberts, Electoral Area "G"
Director S. Coyne, Town of Princeton Director M. Taylor, Electoral Area "D"
Director A. Fedrigo, Electoral Area "E" Director A. Holley, Village of Keremeos
Director R. Gettens, Electoral Area "F" Alt. Director M. Van Alphen, District of Summerland
Director I. Gilbert, City of Penticton Alt Director P. Veintimilla, Town of Oliver

MEMBERS ABSENT: Vice-Chair C. Watt, City of Penticton Director R. Graham, City of Penticton
Director R. Barkwill, Summerland Director M. Johansen, Town of Oliver
Director J. Bloomfield, City of Penticton Director J. Reynen, City of Penticton

STAFF PRESENT: J. Zaffino, CAO M. Aucoin, Acting Corporate Officer
N. Evans-MacEwan, CFO

The meeting was called to order at 10:06 am.

A. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

(Unweighted Corporate Vote - Simple Majority)

B166/26

MOVED and SECONDED

That the Agenda for the RDOS Board Meeting of June 4, 2026, be adopted.

CARRIED

A.1 Consent Agenda - Corporate Issues

(Unweighted Corporate Vote - Simple Majority)

B167/26

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 21, 2026, RDOS Board of Directors meeting be adopted.

B. DEVELOPMENT SERVICES - Rural Land Use Matters

B.1 Electoral Area "C" Advisory Planning Commission Resignation

(Unweighted Rural Vote - Simple Majority)

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT a letter be forwarded to Sofia Cerqueira thanking her for her contribution to the Electoral Area "C" Advisory Planning Commissions.

CARRIED

B168/26

B.2 Agricultural Land Commission Referral (Non-Adhering Residential Use) – Electoral Area "E" (E2026.006-ALC)

(Unweighted Corporate Vote - Simple Majority)

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the RDOS Board "authorize" the application for a "non-adhering residential use – Additional Residence for Farm Use" at 910 Orchard Lane (Lot 240, Plan KAP661, District Lot 211, SDYD) to proceed to the Agricultural Land Commission.

CARRIED

B169/26

B.3 Crown Land Referral — Electoral Area "D" (Crown Land Licence of Occupation Application for Aggregate and Quarry Materials – Sand and Gravel Purposes)

(Unweighted Rural Vote - Simple Majority)

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the RDOS recommend against this application at this location at this time; and

THAT in the event the province proceeds further, it undertake public consultation in the community of Okanagan Falls, and environmental assessments relative to Species at Risk, and ensure other hazards such as dust, noise and vibration are mitigated.

CARRIED

B170/26

B.4 Temporary Use Permit Application – Electoral Area "A" (A2026.016-STR)

(Unweighted Rural Vote - Simple Majority)

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT Short-Term Rental Permit No. A2026.016-STR, to allow a short-term rental accommodation use at 3-8401 120th Avenue, be approved.

CARRIED

Opposed: Directors Fedrigo, Monteith, and Taylor

B171/26

- B.5 Short-Term Rental Permit Application – Electoral Area “E” (E2026.007-STR)
(Unweighted Rural Vote - Simple Majority)

B172/26

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT Short-Term Rental Permit No. E2026.007-STR, to allow a short-term rental accommodation use at 6851 Indian Rock Road, Naramata, be denied.

DEFEATED

Opposed: Directors Bush, Chahal, Pendergraft, and Roberts

B173/26

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT Short-Term Rental Permit No. E2026.007-STR, to allow a short-term rental accommodation use at 6851 Indian Rock Road, Naramata, be approved.

CARRIED

Opposed: Directors Fedrigo, Gettens, and Monteith

- B.6 Development Cost Charge (DCC) Bylaw Update (X2025.001-DCC)

Director Taylor requested that the vote be split
(Unweighted Corporate Vote - Simple Majority)

B174/26

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the Development Cost Charge Bylaw and Capital Expenditure Cost Bylaw Repeal Bylaw No. 3113, 2026, and Okanagan Falls Sanitary Sewer Development Cost Charge Amendment Bylaw No. 2486.03, 2026, be read a first, second and third time

CARRIED

(Unweighted Corporate Vote - Simple Majority)

B175/26

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the remaining Local Government Housing Initiatives (LGHI) Funding of \$216,667.00 be allocated to a capacity modelling/analysis of the Naramata Water System;

AND THAT the funds be directed to the Naramata Water System - 2026 Phase of Capital and Master Plan Model Update project already on the 2026 Strategic Priorities List.

CARRIED

Opposed: Director Taylor

- B.7 Short-Term Rental Accommodation Program – Fee Review (X2026.003-ZONE)

(Unweighted Corporate Vote - Simple Majority)

B176/26

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the Fees and Charges Amendment Bylaw No. 3128.01, 2026, be read a first, second and third time.

CARRIED

- B.8 Zoning Bylaw Amendment – Electoral Area “C” (C2025.015-ZONE)
(Unweighted Rural Vote - Simple Majority)

B177/26

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the Okanagan Valley Zoning Amendment Bylaw No. 2800.60, 2026, be adopted.

CARRIED

- B.9 Vacation Rental Temporary Use Permit Policy Review
(Unweighted Corporate Vote - Simple Majority)

B178/26

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the Board of Directors rescind the Vacation Rental Temporary Use Permit Policy.

CARRIED

C. COMMUNITY SERVICES

- C.1 2026/27 BC Transit Annual Operating Agreement
(Weighted Corporate Vote - Majority)

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the Regional District of Okanagan-Similkameen Board of Directors approve the 2026/27 Annual Operating Agreement between the Regional District of Okanagan-Similkameen and BC Transit;

AND THAT the Chair and Chief Administrative Officer be authorized to execute the agreement on behalf of the Regional District.

B179/26

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the motion be amended to include:

THAT BC Transit provide semi-annual reporting to the Board.

CARRIED

B180/26

Question on the Main Motion as amended.

CARRIED

C.2 Economic Development Pilot and City of Penticton MOU

(Weighted Corporate Vote - Majority)

B181/26

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the Regional Board endorse entering into a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the City of Penticton to jointly establish a Regional Economic Development Office to support coordinated economic development across the region;

AND THAT the Board authorize the Chief Administrative Officer to finalize and execute the MOU generally in accordance with the principles outlined in this report;

AND FURTHER THAT the Board authorize the establishment of the Regional Economic Development Advisory Panel generally in accordance with the principles outlined in this report.

CARRIED

Opposed: Directors S. Coyne, Fedrigo, Monteith, and Roberts

The meeting recessed at 11:38 am.

The meeting reconvened at 12:50 pm.

D. PROTECTIVE SERVICES

D.1 Letter of Support for West Coast Corridor Resiliency Partnership (WCCRP)'s National Economic Resilience Initiative

(Unweighted Corporate Vote - Simple Majority)

B182/26

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the Board authorizes the Chair to execute the Letter of Support endorsing the WCCRP National Economic Infrastructure Priority; and,

THAT the Board authorize staff to approach all BC Regional District to endorse a similar letter of support.

CARRIED

D.2 Request to the Provincial Government for Continued and Enhanced Emergency Management Funding

(Unweighted Corporate Vote - Simple Majority)

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the Board authorizes the Chair to execute the Letter of Support endorsing the Request for Continued and Enhanced Funding for Emergency Management;

AND,

THAT the Board advocates to the Province through the Honorable Kelly Greene on the importance of reliable funding to meet both legislative requirements and hazard and risk realities associated with emergency management in the regional district.

CARRIED

B183/26

E. FINANCE

E.1 Vermillion Forks Community Forest Corporation Reserve Expenditure Bylaw and 2026-2030 Five Year Financial Plan Amendment – Eastgate Fire Protection Society

(Weighted Corporate Vote - 2/3 Majority)

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT Bylaw No. 3152,2026, being a bylaw that authorizes the expenditure of \$10,980 from the Vermillion Forks Community Forest Corporation Reserve for the purpose of reallocating utilities to the Eastgate Fire Hall be read a first, second and third time and be adopted; and

THAT Bylaw No. 3134.05, 2026, being a bylaw to amend the 2026-2030 Five Year Financial Plan to allocate \$10,980 from Vermillion Forks Community Forest Corporation Reserve to the Eastgate Fire Hall utility reallocation project, be read a first, second and third time and be adopted.

CARRIED

B184/26

- E.2 Community Works Fund Reserve Expenditure Bylaw and 2026-2030 Five Year Financial Plan Amendment - Keremeos Irrigation District Well

(Weighted Corporate Vote - 2/3 Majority)

B185/26

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT Bylaw No. 3153, 2026, being a bylaw that authorizes the expenditure of \$200,000 from Electoral Area "G" Community Works Fund Reserve for the purpose of assisting the Keremeos Irrigation District with construction of a new well, be read a first, second and third time and be adopted; and

THAT Bylaw No. 3134.07, 2026, being a bylaw to amend the 2026-2030 Five Year Financial Plan to allocate \$200,000 from Electoral Area "G" Community Works Fund Reserve to assist the Keremeos Irrigation District with the construction of a new well, be read a first, second and third time and be adopted.

CARRIED

F. LEGISLATIVE SERVICES

- F.1 UBCM 2026 Convention Resolution Submission

(Unweighted Corporate Vote - Simple Majority)

B186/26

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the Board endorse the attached UBCM 2026 convention resolution titled "Point-of-Entry Disinfection Approval Framework" and direct staff to submit the resolution to UBCM.

CARRIED

G. CAO REPORTS

- G.1 Verbal Update

G.1.1 Strategic Actions Workplan Amendments

(Unweighted Corporate Vote - Simple Majority)

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the Board of Directors adopt the amendment to the Strategic Actions Workplan in Schedule 1; to **scope change** the project 24.016 – Chain Lake Dam - 2026 Construction pending approved borrowing bylaw.

THAT the Board of Directors adopt the amendment to the Strategic Actions Workplan in Schedule 1; to **scope change** the project 24.112 – Sage Mesa Water system acquisition - Technical and Operational Transition or Project Closeout depending on referendum outcome.

THAT the Board of Directors adopt the amendment to the Strategic Actions Workplan in Schedule 1; to **remove** the project 26.060 – Sage Mesa Water system - Options development with City – Contingent on referendum.

THAT the Board of Directors adopt the amendment to the Strategic Actions Workplan in Schedule 1; to **remove** the project 25.931 – Regional Economic Development increase tax requisition – Bylaw adjustment.

THAT the Board of Directors adopt the amendment to the Strategic Actions Workplan in Schedule 1; to **remove** the project 25.908 – Electoral Area “G” Zoning Bylaw.

CARRIED**H. OTHER BUSINESS**

H.1 Chair's Report

H.2 Directors Motions

H.2.1 Notice of Motion - Director Taylor

MOVED and SECONDED

That the Board waive policy and consider the Director motion regarding writing a letter in support of a commercial bus service at today's meeting.

CARRIED**MOVED and SECONDED**

THAT the Board authorize the Chair to sign a letter in support of the introduction of a commercial bus service (Ebus) to provide service between Penticton and Vancouver via the Similkameen Valley Highway 3 corridor.

CARRIED

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B188/26

B189/26

H.2.2 Notice of Motion - Director Chahal

MOVED and SECONDED

That the Board waive policy and consider the Director motion regarding MRDT at today's meeting.

CARRIED**MOVED and SECONDED**

THAT the Board direct staff to write a letter of support for the renewal application of the Municipal and Regional District Tax (MRDT) for Oliver and Area C; and,

THAT the Board agrees with the continued imposition of the 3% tax on designated accommodation for a five-year period (2026-2031); and,

THAT the Board supports the Oliver Tourism Association as the designated recipient.

CARRIED

H.3 Board Members Verbal Update

I. CLOSED SESSION

(Unweighted Corporate Vote - Simple Majority)

MOVED and SECONDED

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

- 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
- 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,
 - i. between the municipality and another local government or between another local government and a third party, or
 - ii. 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 1:23 pm and reopened to the public at 2:20 pm.

Director Bush was not present when the meeting reopened.

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K. ADJOURNMENT

B192/26

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the meeting adjourn at 2:21 pm.

CARRIED

APPROVED BY:

"Original signed by"

M. Pendergraft, Chair

CERTIFIED CORRECT:

"Original signed by"

M. Aucoin, Acting Corporate Officer