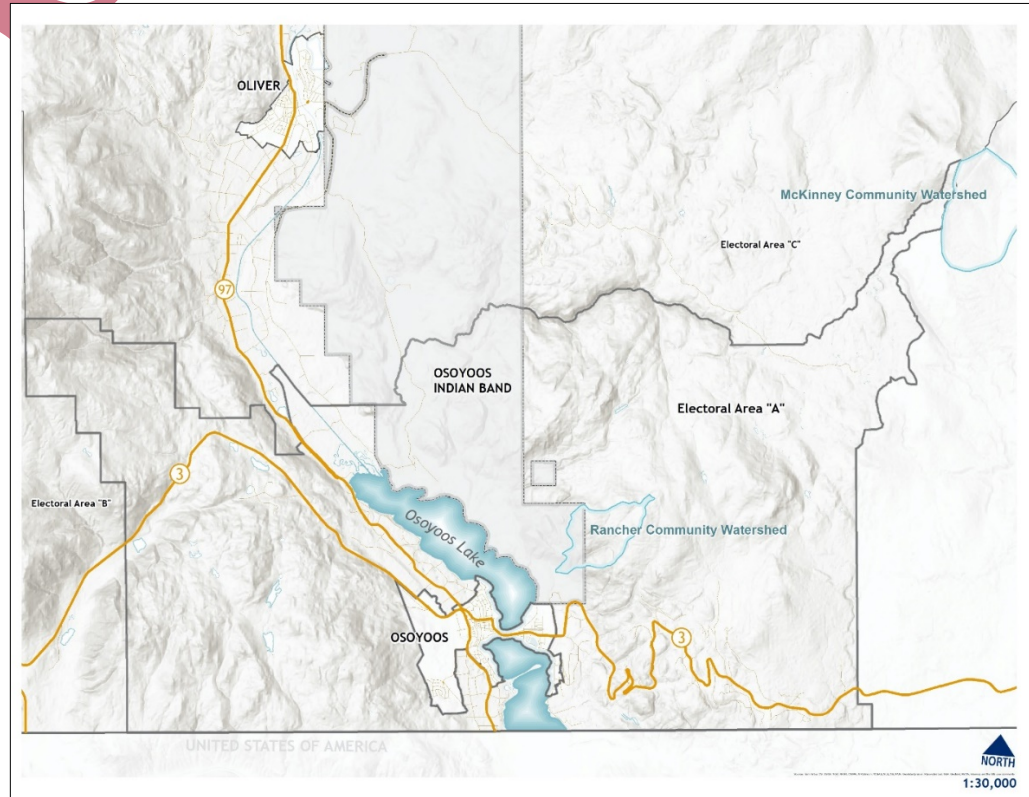


## COMPARISON TABLE: “RESOURCE AREA DESIGNATION” SECTION

Current Electoral Area Official Community Plan (OCP) Bylaw No. 2450, 2008	Proposed Electoral Area Official Community Plan (OCP) Bylaw No. 2905, 2021
<p><b>5.0 RESOURCE AREA</b></p> <p><b>5.1 Background</b></p> <p>For the purpose of this section, Resource Areas are described as large parcels of land, primarily 20 hectares or greater, and includes both private and/or Crown land. Typical uses include forest land, grazing or range land, recreation areas, and resource extraction areas. Although it is recognized that local zoning does not apply to Crown land, the 20 hectare minimum parcel size is still applied to Crown land in order to provide regulations upon alienation, and to address Crown leases.</p>	<p><b>8.0 RESOURCE AREA</b></p> <p><b>8.1 Background</b></p> <p>This designation encompasses lands used and valued for grazing or rangelands, forestry, natural resource extraction, recreation, and environmental conservation opportunities. Designated Resource Areas (RA) in Electoral Area “A” reinforce the rural character of the Plan Area and are a valued community resource as employment lands and for recreation.</p> <p>The Resource Area (RA) designation is intended to guide development outside of existing settlement areas, and, provide direction for responses to referrals from provincial, or other agencies. Resource Areas are described as large parcels of land that include both private and/or Crown land.</p> <p>It is recognized that certain matters considered in this section are beyond the jurisdiction of the Regional District (e.g., Provincial Crown land); however, the objectives and policies relating to these are intended to serve as indicators of community preference and to assist senior levels of government in planning and decision making.</p>
<p><b>5.2 Objectives</b></p> <p>.1 To recognize that much of the land designated as Resource Area in the Plan area is part of the Okanagan provincial Forest, and to minimize conflicts between these lands and other land uses.</p> <p>.2 To maintain the rural character and compatibility of land designated Resource Area.</p>	<p><b>8.2 Objectives</b></p> <p>.1 Conserve scarce water resources and protect the quality and quantity of those resources for future generations.</p> <p>.2 Maintain the renewable natural resource land base and protect it from activities that may diminish the resource value and potential.</p> <p>.3 Plan for and protect wildlife corridors, habitat of threatened and endangered species and ecosystem connectivity.</p> <p>.4 Encourage and protect responsible, low impact outdoor recreation activities.</p>
<p><b>5.3 Policies</b></p> <p>The Regional Board:</p> <p>.1 Continues to support a 20 hectare minimum parcel size for ‘Resource ‘Area’ designations in recognition that these areas will remain rural with limited community services and infrastructure.</p> <p>.2 Recognizes the jurisdiction of the Province over public Crown land.</p> <p>.3 Generally supports Provincial policies on protection and use of working forests and grass land, and discourages development that might conflict with forestry, livestock and grazing operations and management, or protection of important habitat.</p> <p>.4 Supports the ‘Okanagan-Shuswap Land and Resource Management Plan (LRMP)’ as a means to ensure that local government concerns are addressed regarding visual, recreation, timber, range, important habitat and other resources in the Plan area.</p>	<p><b>8.3 Policies</b></p> <p>The Regional Board:</p> <p>.1 Supports the use of lands designated Resource Area (RA) identified in Schedule ‘B’ (Official Community Plan Map) for grazing or rangelands, forestry, natural resource extraction, recreation, environmental conservation, watershed protection and management opportunities, and limited rural residential uses.</p> <p>.2 Supports land designated as a Resource Area (RA) generally being maintained as large land parcels (i.e., as un-surveyed Crown land, or as District Lots) or not less than 20.0 ha in area in recognition that these areas will remain rural, with limited to no community services and infrastructure.</p> <p>.3 Supports low impact recreational uses which avoid critical habitats and minimize disturbance; and will work with the Province and others to ensure there are adequate staging areas with off-road parking.</p>

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<p>.5 Encourages cluster housing development based on examination of the criteria set out under Section 4.0.</p> <p>.6 Will support only those open land recreation use proposals that clearly satisfy sustainable environmental, economic and social development principles, and demonstrate appropriate screening between potentially conflicting uses.</p> <p>.7 Supports the wild fire hazard prevention policies set out in Section 13.0 (Hazard Lands) for any proposed residential uses.</p> <p>.8 Provides for property owners or occupiers to diversify and enhance uses secondary to Resource Area uses with home industry, home occupation, or bed and breakfast establishment business opportunities, provided that these developments are compatible with the rural character of the area.</p> <p>.9 Does not support the use of lands designated Resource Area (RA) for indoor cannabis production as the large-scale, industrial-style facilities required to accommodate this type of production are not considered an appropriate use.</p> <p>.10 Will consider “micro cannabis production facility” proposals on a case-by-case basis through a site specific zoning amendment process, and may use the following criteria to assess an application:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i) the parcel under application has an area not less than 2.0 hectares;</li> <li>ii) the maximum size of the plant surface cultivation area is 200.0 m<sup>2</sup>;</li> <li>iii) confirmation is provided that adequate water and servicing is available to the site; and</li> <li>iv) if the parcel of land that is the subject of an application adjoins a Low or Medium Density Residential zone, the micro cannabis production facility will be setback 60.0 metres from that zone boundary.</li> </ul>	<p>.4 Supports communication with and participation by Osoyoos/Okanagan First Nations communities in the management and development of provincial land in Resource areas.</p> <p>.5 Supports activities that improve range and forage conditions, including the continuation of the Noxious Weed Control Program to help control the invasion and spread of noxious weeds in the Plan Area.</p> <p>.6 Where there is forestry use, supports selective logging to maintain undiminished capacity of the land to absorb and retain water, prevent erosion, and permit groundwater recharge throughout the harvest cycle.</p> <p>.7 Supports the identification and establishment of a Watershed Resource Area (WRA) zone in the Zoning Bylaw for designated community watersheds under the <i>Forest and Range Practices Act</i> where:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) one of the primary land management priorities is to maintain and manage local water quality and quantity;</li> <li>b) the minimum parcel size is 120.0 ha with a limited range of uses permitted;</li> <li>c) intensive recreation, subdivision and rezoning of lands within the zone are discouraged;</li> <li>d) recreationalists are encouraged to minimize stream crossings and to stay on existing trails to prevent erosion; and</li> <li>e) the Province is encouraged to permanently retain public ownership and to manage, for watershed protection purposes, all Crown land within designated community watersheds of existing major or minor domestic water sources.</li> </ul>
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**Figure 1:** Plan Area – Designated Community Watersheds

- .8 Encourages the Province to have due consideration for the impact of resource extraction activities on existing adjacent residential developments and infrastructure such as roads.
- .9 Encourages the Province to not issue permits for mineral extraction and processing within 1,000.0 metres of Rural and Residential Designations.
- .10 Encourages the Provincial Government to refer applications for licences, permits, the disposition of Crown land, mineral exploration proposals involving surface disturbance of any other development or activity within the Rural Planning Area to the Regional District.
- .11 Does not support the use of lands designated Resource Area (RA) for indoor cannabis production as the large scale, industrial-style facilities required to accommodate this type of production are not considered an appropriate use.
- .12 Will consider proposals for a micro cannabis production facility on a case-by-case basis through a site-specific zoning amendment process, and may use the following criteria to assess an application:
  - a) the facility is approved by Health Canada under its micro cultivation license;
  - b) the parcel under application has an area not less than 2.0 hectares;
  - c) the maximum size of the plant surface cultivation area is 200.0 m<sup>2</sup>;
  - d) confirmation is provided that adequate water and servicing is available to the site; and
  - e) if the parcel of land that is the subject of an application adjoins a Low or Medium Density Residential zone, the micro cannabis production facility will be setback 60.0 metres from that zone boundary.

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