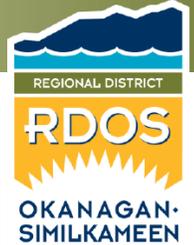


ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT



TO: Board of Directors

FROM: J. Zaffino, Chief Administrative Officer

DATE: March 5, 2026

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

Administrative Recommendation:

THAT the Electoral Area “G” Zoning Amendment Bylaw No. 2781.03, 2026, be read a third time.

Purpose:

It is being proposed to introduce new Conservation Area (CA) and Parks and Recreation (PR) Zones to the Electoral Area “G” Zoning Bylaw No. 2781, 2017, and apply these zones to Crown lands within the electoral area.

Strategic Priorities: Operational

Background & Analysis:

On September 17, 2025, a Public Information Meeting (PIM) was held at the Similkameen Recreation Centre at 311 9th Street in Keremeos, and was attended by approximately two (2) members of the public.

On September 18, 2025, an electronic Public Information Meeting (PIM) was held online via Webex, and was not attended by any members of the public.

At its meeting of February 19, 2026, the Regional District Board resolved to approve first and second reading of the amendment bylaws and scheduled a public hearing ahead of its meeting of March 5, 2026.

All comments received to date in relation to this application are included with this report.

Approval from the Ministry of Transportation and Transit (MoTT) is required prior to adoption as the proposed amendments involve lands within 800 metres of a controlled access highway (i.e. Highway 3).

Analysis:

The Electoral Area “G” Zoning Bylaw Update seeks to implement the direction set via the adoption of the Electoral Area “G” OCP Bylaw by expanding zoning within the electoral area in a phased manner.

Phase 1 of the project includes the introduction of new Conservation Area (CA) and Parks and Recreation (PR) Zones and associated regulations to the Electoral Area “G” Zoning Bylaw, and the application of the zoning designations to Crown lands which are correspondingly designated CA and PR under the OCP Bylaw.

While the introduction of these zones represents the application of zoning to approximately 27.12% of the electoral area, it is unlikely to have any major implications on land use given the limited application to Crown lands.

Alternative

Conversely, the option of not applying CA and PR zoning to Crown lands is available to the Board.

Summary

In summary, Administration is supportive of the Electoral Area “G” Zoning Amendment Bylaw No. 2781.03, 2026, and is recommending in favour of the bylaw.

Financial Implications:

Financial implications have been considered and none were found.

Communication Strategy:

The proposed bylaw amendment(s) have been notified in accordance with the requirements of the *Local Government Act* as well as the Regional District’s Development Procedures Bylaw No. 2500, 2011.

Alternatives:

1. THAT first and second readings of the Electoral Area “G” Zoning Amendment Bylaw No. 2781.03, 2026, be rescinded and the bylaws be abandoned.

Will a PowerPoint presentation be presented at the meeting? Yes

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