



**CITY OF WEST KELOWNA
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE ADDENDUM**

Tuesday, May 18, 2021, 3:00 P.M.

COUNCIL CHAMBERS

2760 CAMERON ROAD, WEST KELOWNA, BC

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Highlights of the Regional Board meeting – May 13, 2021

2020 Audited Financial Statements

The Regional Board has approved the 2020 Audited Financial Statements for the [Regional District of Central Okanagan](#) and [Central Okanagan Regional Hospital District](#). Copies along with a Guide to Understanding Financial Statements are available for viewing online at rdco.com/budgets.

Okanagan Regional Library bylaws

The Regional Board has given third reading to amended bylaws for establishing a service and authorizing a loan on behalf of the Okanagan Regional Library (ORL). The Board rescinded a previous third reading after the Province requested minor changes to each bylaw. The new service proposes construction of a new library facility and the loan authorization bylaw would allow the RDCO to borrow funds from the Municipal Finance Authority on behalf of the ORL for a new West Kelowna branch. A report on a proposed Alternative Approval Process to register public support of the bylaws will be presented for Board consideration.

Building Inspections Service update

The Regional Board has received a report reviewing the Building Inspection service and supports the current delivery model for the program. The Board also gave two readings to new Building and Development Application Fees and Charges bylaws. The proposed bylaws will be referred to the development community for comments before the Board considers final adoption.

Grant applications supported

The Regional Board supports a request from staff to apply for two grants to help complete a Regional Agricultural Strategy. The strategy for agriculture is one of the important projects identified in the Regional Growth Strategy Priority Projects plan and would help with knowledge sharing, data collection and consistent regional policies for the region's agricultural food system.

- [BC Healthy Communities PlanH program](#) - \$15,000
- [Investment Agriculture Foundation – Local Government Partnership program](#) - \$40,000

Planning application extension request

The Regional Board has approved a one-year extension for a [zoning amendment bylaw application](#) (Z20-04 – Owners D. Leask/S. Macdonald) at 4345 Maxwell Road in the Central Okanagan West Electoral Area. The applicant continues efforts to resolve a number of outstanding Board requirements identified in May 2020 when the application was initially considered.

Regional Air Quality program update

The Regional Board has received a detailed update on all the programs and services provided through the Regional Air Quality program. The Board directs staff to bring forward strategies to reduce fine particles (PM2.5) not visible to the naked eye but are the most serious air pollutant in BC and prepare an updated Smoke Control bylaw (No. 773) for Board consideration. The 2021-2025 Financial Plan also increased the Air Quality budget by \$40,000 a year to help meet demand for the Agricultural Chipping program. The Board also supports sending a letter to the two other valley regional districts offering a presentation by Air Quality program staff on the benefits of a valley-wide air shed approach.

Program and service highlights

A video is available highlighting various service and program accomplishments from January through March in the four key areas of the Regional Board Strategic Priorities. The video and previous highlight videos can be [viewed online](#).

Regional Board meetings

Regional District office – 1450 KLO Road, Kelowna (Woodhaven Boardroom) – No public attendance allowed with health orders on public gatherings

- **Monday, May 31** – 7 p.m.
- **Thursday, June 10** – 8:30 a.m. following Governance & Services Committee meeting

Live/Recorded meeting video

When a meeting begins, a Live Stream Video link will be available for that meeting in the Upcoming Meeting agenda section of the rdco.com website. When available, a link to the Video recording will be posted in the Past Meetings section for the individual meeting date. Links at rdco.com/agenda

Victoria Day office closure

All services provided from the RDCO office on KLO Road in Kelowna will be closed on Monday, May 24 for the Victoria Day holiday.

During this time any emergencies involving Regional District water systems should be directed to 250-868-5299.

We look forward to serving you at 8 a.m. Tuesday, May 25.

The Westside Residential Waste Disposal and Recycling Centre on Asquith Road in West Kelowna and the North Westside Road Transfer Station will be open their normal hours. The Traders Cove Transfer Station will be open for its summer hour schedule on Sunday.

The Environmental Education Centre for the Okanagan in Mission Creek Regional Park will be closed on the holiday Monday.

2021 SILGA AGM and Conference

The 2021 meeting was held virtually, President Lori Mindich welcomed members and guests to the conference. The results of the election for the 2021 executive were announced as follows:

President: Karla Kozakevich, RDOS
1st Vice President: Mayor Toni Boot, Summerland
2nd Vice President: Councillor Aimee Grice, Oliver

Directors at Large:

Mayor Spencer Coyne, Princeton
Councillor Tony Luck, Merritt
Councillor Bill Serai, Kamloops
Councillor Judy Sentes, Penticton
Mayor Robin Smith, Logan Lake
Councillor Louise Wallace Richmond, Salmon Arm
Councillor Barb Wiebe, Lillooet

The Keynote Speaker, Diane Kalen-Sukra's presentation, "Addressing Culture Risk: Civic Leaders as Culture Shapers" was quite thought-provoking. The question of the role of culture and the kind of culture needed was explored in detail. She postulated that in order to make cities safe, inclusive, resilient and sustainable, change is needed, as cities are on the brink of cultural collapse. Community building is a social process. Technology alone will not lead to sustainable institutions but cultivating a compassionate, human culture will have government do the right things for the right reasons, she says.

The resolutions (31) were presented with opportunities for discussion, although most (25) passed without debate. One resolution was withdrawn and 5 were defeated. There were no late resolutions.

The UBCM President, Brian Frenkel, gave a short address. He planned to be meeting with several MLAs in the near future to discuss UNDRIP and DRIPPA. He sees two major topics at the present time - bringing clarity to Reconciliation, and the Opioid Crisis, and of course other important issues such as Housing and Climate Change. He thanked all of the SILGA members for the good work we are doing under the pressure of these times.

Incoming President Karla Kozakevich spoke of how well SILGA members are adapting to work in this COVID-19 era. She introduced Mayor Alan Harrison of Salmon Arm who invited us all to the 2022 AGM to be held (hopefully) next April 26-29. He says we have lots to talk about and learn from each other, a time to think, talk, and enjoy.

A Meet and Greet with Minister of Municipal Affairs Josie Osborne concluded the Zoom conference.