
Highlights of the Regional Board meeting – July 17, 2025

BC Transit fare review

The Board endorsed Option 1 from BC Transit's fare review for the Kelowna Regional Transit System. The recommended changes are intended to improve cost recovery and reflect inflationary pressures, as fares have not changed since 2015. If approved by all regional transit partners, the updated fare structure would result in an estimated \$1,838 in additional revenue annually for the RDCO, and an equivalent reduction in property taxes.

Curbside food waste collection program update

The Board has removed the curbside organics collection program from its 2023 to 2026 Strategic Priorities. The City of Kelowna chose not to participate in the program due to cost concerns and the exclusion of multifamily housing. This decision removed economies of scale and made the program financially unfeasible for the remaining municipal partners. Staff were directed to include food waste diversion for all sectors through the next update to the Solid Waste Management Plan.

Security Issuing Bylaw for City of West Kelowna

The Board adopted Security Issuing Bylaw No. 1571 to authorize borrowing of \$23.5 million on behalf of the City of West Kelowna. The funding will support the Rose Valley Water Treatment Plant and will be issued through the Municipal Finance Authority's fall 2025 intake. The City is responsible for all repayment obligations.

Security Issuing Bylaw for Okanagan Regional Library

The Board adopted Security Issuing Bylaw No. 1572 to authorize borrowing of \$2.5 million on behalf of the Okanagan Regional Library. The funds will support construction of the West Kelowna branch and will be issued through the Municipal Finance Authority's fall 2025 intake. The Library is responsible for all repayment obligations.

2025 board meeting schedule amendment

The Board approved an amendment to the 2025 Board and Committee Meeting Schedule. The regular meeting previously scheduled for Oct. 16 will now be held on Oct. 23 to accommodate administrative requirements.

Regional Board meetings

Regional District office – 1450 KLO Road, Kelowna (Woodhaven Boardroom)

- August 21 – 8:30 a.m.
- September 4 – 8:30 a.m. - Committee of the Whole
- September 18 – 8:30 a.m.

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