
Highlights of the Regional Board meeting – April 16, 2026

Short-term rental program awaits Ministry of Transportation and Transit approval

Following a public hearing, the Regional Board advanced a package of bylaw changes to allow short-term rentals in Central Okanagan electoral areas. Amendments to [Zoning Bylaw No. 871](#) and [Joe Rich Rural Land Use Bylaw No. 1195](#) received second and third readings, while related licensing and enforcement bylaws received first reading.

Final adoption, and the ability to begin issuing short-term rental licences, is pending required approval from the Ministry of Transportation and Transit.

While approvals are underway, residents interested in operating a short-term rental can begin preparing required materials. To learn more, visit rdco.com/STR

Westside wastewater development cost charge bylaws advance

The Board gave second and third readings to amendments updating development cost charges for the Westside Regional Wastewater Treatment Plant and East Trunk systems.

The updates follow a planned major review and [public engagement](#), and reflect inflationary cost pressures associated with growth-related infrastructure. Final adoption will be considered following provincial approval.

Board appoints election officials for 2026 general local election

The Board appointed the chief election officer and deputy chief election officers for the 2026 B.C. general local election and adopted updates to the [Election and Assent Voting Bylaw](#). The amendments ensure compliance with recent

provincial legislative changes and support fair, transparent and accessible voting for residents in Central Okanagan electoral areas.

Board appoints bylaw enforcement and animal control officers

The Regional Board appointed one bylaw enforcement officer and two animal control officers to support enforcement of regional district bylaws. These appointments help maintain service levels, support public education around regulatory requirements and ensure continued enforcement capacity across the region.

Special event permit approved for Kelowna Dirt Bike Club

The Regional Board approved a special event permit for the Kelowna Dirt Bike Club, allowing race events to take place April 17-19, 2026.

The permit allows the event to operate outside regular noise bylaw limits, consistent with an existing consent order and established noise management requirements.

Regional Board meetings

Regional District office, 1450 KLO Rd., Kelowna (Woodhaven Boardroom)

- May 14, 9:30 a.m.
- June 25, 8:30 a.m.

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