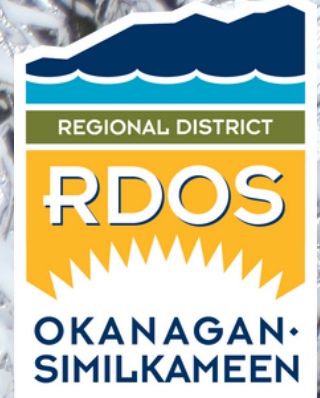


BOARD BANTER

"I always like to look on the optimistic side of life, but I am realistic enough to know that life is a complex matter."

- Walt Disney



SPEAKING TO THE BOARD

The Regional District believes in providing full public access whenever possible and encourages open communication while acknowledging the need to conduct business in a professional, efficient manner in compliance with the Board Procedures bylaw and provincial legislation.

The RDOS Board has adopted a Board and Committee Delegation policy that regulates the process for dealing with requests to appear before the Board or a Committee.

An individual or group who wishes to appear as a delegation should make their request to the Corporate Officer. A Request to Appear as a Delegation form can be found on our website. One of three actions will be recommended:

1. Referral to the appropriate staff member or department, if operational in nature;
2. Referral to a RDOS committee or advisory body;
3. Referral to Agenda Review with the Chair and, if appropriate, scheduled to appear at an upcoming Board meeting. The number of presentations at a meeting may be limited to avoid a meeting filled with lengthy presentations.

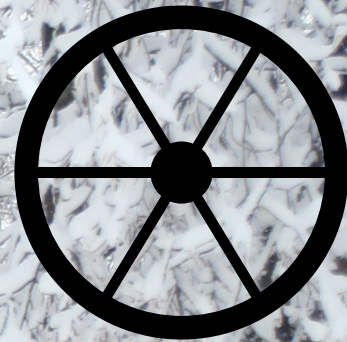
Most delegations are limited to 10 minutes, but may be asked to take additional time to respond to questions from Directors.

BOARD PROCEDURE BYLAW

Members of the public should be able to expect transparent, accessible, and legislatively sound proceedings at Board and Committee meetings. A good Board Procedure Bylaw lays the groundwork for that to happen.

The Local Government Act states that a Board must adopt a bylaw establishing the procedures to follow in conducting business, including passing resolutions and adopting bylaws. It must also provide advance public notice of meetings and identify the official public notice posting place.

The Board Procedure Bylaw is reviewed at least annually to ensure it best supports good governance in the Regional District and aligns with provincial legislation.



THE SQUEAKY WHEEL

There is an old saying that "the squeaky wheel gets the grease".

There are many special interest groups. They may be well financed, well informed and/or very vocal. They may represent very good causes. But they may not represent as many people in the community as their letters or attendance at a Board meeting might suggest.

Often, it is hard to state an opposing viewpoint while looking a petitioner "in the eye". But a Board must look at fairness and consistency and consider what is best for the overall community. You may hear, "I'll take this to the media." You must be able to stand by your convictions and be prepared to defend your position under public scrutiny.

Compromise is often called for in these situations but not at the expense of your values or principles. Set goals and standards and work quietly and systematically towards them.