



NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Electoral Area “A”

Official Community Plan Bylaw No. 2905

Notice is hereby given by the Regional District of Okanagan-Similkameen (RDOS) that all persons who believe that their interest in property is affected by the new **Electoral Area “A” Official Community Plan (OCP) Bylaw No. 2905, 2021**, will be afforded a reasonable opportunity to be heard or to present written submissions respecting matters contained in the proposed bylaw at a public hearing to be held by electronic means on:

Date: Wednesday April 21, 2021

Time: 7:00 p.m.

Location: <https://rdos.webex.com>

(Meeting number: 187 585 7662 / Meeting password: RD@S)

INSTRUCTIONS ON HOW TO PARTICIPATE

To participate in the electronic public hearing, please enter the text provided under “Location” (above) into the address bar of an internet browser (e.g. Chrome, Firefox, Safari, Edge). The Regional District is utilizing Cisco’s Webex videoconferencing services and individuals interested in participating in the public hearing are encouraged to test this service on their computer or mobile device prior to the date of the hearing.

Interested individuals may also participate in the public hearing by calling 1-833-311-4101. Additional instructions on how to participate in an electronic public hearing are available on the Regional District’s website: www.rdos.bc.ca.

Anyone who considers themselves affected by the amendment bylaws can present written information to the Regional District prior to or at the public hearing and may also speak at the public hearing. No letter, report or representation from the public will be received after the conclusion of the public hearing.

PURPOSE OF THE BYLAW:

It is being proposed that a new Official Community Plan (OCP) Bylaw be enacted for Electoral Area “A” (Rural Osoyoos). The new OCP bylaw includes a general statement of objectives and policies of the Regional District Board respecting present and proposed land use and development, while some significant changes include:

- updated population projections based on recent Census data.
- Introduction of a new “Vision” statement and revised Board Goals;
- revised population projections;
- establishing “Rural Growth Area” boundaries at Willow Beach and Anarchist Mountain as required under the Regional Growth Strategy (RGS) Bylaw;
- removing policies that speak to “cluster” forms of development;
- introducing new Local Area Policies specific to North West Osoyoos Lake, Osoyoos Lake South, Anarchist Mountain and Kilpoola;
- introduction of a new policy related community watersheds protection through zoning;
- revision of the Agricultural Protection Area (APA) policies;
- expanded policies related to flood, slope and wildfire hazards, including new mapping related to each type of hazard; and
- updated policies to reflect the new requirements found in the *Climate Change Accountability Act* (2019).

FURTHER INFORMATION

For further information about the content of the new **Electoral Area “A” OCP Bylaw No. 2905, 2021**, and the land affected by them, persons are encouraged to inspect a copy of the proposed Bylaws at the Regional District of Okanagan-Similkameen office at 101 Martin Street, Penticton, BC, on weekdays (excluding statutory holidays) between the hours of 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Basic information is also available at the Regional District’s website: www.rdos.bc.ca (Property & Development → Planning, Zoning & Subdivision → Strategic Projects → Electoral Area “A” Official Community Plan (OCP) Bylaw Review).

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION AND PROTECTION OF PRIVACY ACT

Protecting your personal information is an obligation the Regional District of Okanagan-Similkameen takes seriously. Our practices have been designed to ensure compliance with the privacy provisions of the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act* (British Columbia) (“FIPPA”). Any personal or proprietary information you provide to us is collected, used and disclosed in accordance with FIPPA.

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