

# **Regional Board Report**

Request for Decision

To: Regional Board

From: Deputy Corporate Officer

Date: February 23, 2023

**Subject:** Establishment of Advisory Committees – 2022-2026 Term

Voting Entitlement: All Directors – Unweighted Corporate Vote – Simple Majority (LGA s.208)

Bylaw Adoption – Unweighted Corporate Vote – 2/3 Majority (LGA s. 228)

Purpose: To approve the Terms of Reference for the Environment & Climate Advisory Committee

and Central Okanagan Economic Development Advisory Committee.

## **Executive Summary:**

Advisory committees established by the Regional Board provide an opportunity for members of the public to work together collaboratively on matters referred to them by the Regional Board. The terms of reference outline the formal role of the committee, including the objectives and scope of work that will guide the committee in their advisory role.

Section 7.9 of Board Procedure Bylaw No. 1501 authorizes the Regional Board to establish advisory committees as required and approved by the Board through a terms of reference.

At the November 24, 2022, Regular Board Meeting, the Regional Board received a Report from the Regional Board Chair establishing the standing and advisory committees for the 2022-2026 Regional Board term and requested staff prepare draft terms of reference for each committee for consideration.

It is recommended that the Regional Board approve the Terms of Reference for the Environment & Climate Advisory Committee and the Central Okanagan Economic Development Advisory Committee.

Recommendation #1: All Directors – Unweighted Corporate Vote – Simple Majority (LGA s.208)

**THAT** the Regional Board approve the Terms of Reference for the Environment & Climate Advisory Committee in the form attached to the Report from the Deputy Corporate Officer dated February 23, 2023.

Recommendation #2: All Directors – Unweighted Corporate Vote – Simple Majority (LGA s.208)

**THAT** the Regional Board give first, second and third readings to Regional District of Central Okanagan Economic Development Commission Amendment Bylaw No. 1526, 2023.

Recommendation #3: Bylaw Adoption – Unweighted Corporate Vote – 2/3 Majority (LGA s.228)

**THAT** the Regional Board adopt Regional District of Central Okanagan Economic Development Commission Amendment Bylaw No. 1526, 2023.

Recommendation #4: All Directors – Unweighted Corporate Vote – Simple Majority (LGA s.208)

**THAT** the Regional Board approve the Terms of Reference for the Central Okanagan Economic Development Advisory Committee in the form attached to the Report from the Deputy Corporate Officer dated February 23, 2023.

Approved by:

Sandi Horning, Deputy Corporate Officer

Attachment(s):

- 1. Terms of Reference Environment & Climate Advisory Committee
- 2. RDCO Economic Development Commission Amendment Bylaw No. 1526, 2023
- 3. Terms of Reference Central Okanagan Economic Development Advisory Committee
- 4. Presentation

## **Strategic Plan Alignment:**

Priorities: Environment, Economic Development

Values: Good Governance

## **Background:**

## Environment & Climate Advisory Committee

The Environmental Advisory Commission has been meeting as an advisory commission to advise the Regional Board on environmental matters since 2000.

The commission is being presented as an advisory committee of the Regional Board. Along with an updated name, and the change from an advisory commission to an advisory committee, the new Terms of Reference for the Environment & Climate Advisory Committee (attached) includes updated language and formatting and additional corporate services legislative support in scheduling and managing the records of the committee. The scope of the terms of reference has been updated to include advising the Regional Board on environment and climate related applications, projects, programs, and policy. This Committee will assist in realizing the Regional Board's strategic priority to reduce our environmental footprint, connect with nature, create a healthy built environment, and adapt to climate change.

#### Central Okanagan Economic Development Advisory Committee

The Central Okanagan Economic Development Commission Advisory Council has been meeting as an advisory body since 1978 with a mandate to work in partnership to facilitate and encourage the development of healthy and dynamic sustainable community economy by supporting existing businesses and encouraging new business investment within the Regional District.

The advisory council is being presented as an advisory committee of the Regional Board. Along with an updated name, and the change from an advisory council to an advisory committee, the Terms of Reference for the Central Okanagan Economic Development Advisory Committee (attached) includes updated language, formatting, and clarity on the resources and support of the committee. The Terms of Reference have been updated to identify the committee's scope which includes discussing economic development opportunities of the region; reviewing and making recommendations on RDCO Economic Development programming; communicating RDCO Economic Development activity reporting to member organizations; and inviting experts or other representatives to attend meetings as a delegation. This Committee will assist in realizing the Regional Board's strategic priority of economic development.

#### **Considerations:**

Legal/Statutory Authority: Board Procedure Bylaw No. 1501, Section 7.9 Local Government Act. Section 349

Considerations not applicable:

- Organizational/External
- Financial
- Alternate Recommendation

Approved for Agenda

Brian Reardon, CAO