



Regional Board Report

Request for Decision

To: Regional Board
From: Board Chair and Corie Griffiths, Corporate Officer / Deputy CAO
Date: December 12, 2024
Subject: Midterm Committee Review

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

Purpose: To inform the Regional Board of a midterm review of 4 RDCO Committees.

Executive Summary:

In response to feedback from members across four Committees, the RDCO Board Chair has recommended a facilitated midterm review. The review will focus on four Committees: The Electoral Area Services Committee (EASC), the Agricultural Advisory Committee, the Environmental & Climate Advisory Committee, and the Planning Advisory Committee.

Drivers for the review include some members of the EASC requesting a revisit of the EASC Terms of Reference. Another driver is some advisory Committee members have noted inconsistencies of the Board of Directors following recommendations of the Agricultural Advisory Committee, the Environmental & Climate Advisory Committee, and the Planning Advisory Committee. Citing these inconsistencies, some advisory Committee members have requested a review of the function of these Committees.

The review will be facilitated by a third-party, and we are pleased that Martin Bell has agreed to lead this work. Mr. Bell will seek input from Committee members, Board Directors and key staff. The review will take place in Q1 of 2025. Respecting feedback received, it is recommended that the Agricultural Advisory Committee, the Environmental & Climate Advisory Committee, and the Planning Advisory Committee, be paused until the review is completed. The Electoral Area Services Committee (EASC) will continue as per the Board approved 2025 calendar.

Recommendation(s):

THAT the Regional Board approves pausing the Agricultural Advisory Committee, the Environmental & Climate Advisory Committee, and the Planning Advisory Committee, until the midterm review is completed and the subsequent recommendation(s) are presented to the Regional Board for consideration.

Respectfully submitted by: Corie Griffiths, Corporate Officer / Deputy CAO

Approved for Agenda: Sally Ginter, Chief Administrative Officer

Strategic Plan Alignment:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Emergency preparedness | <input type="checkbox"/> Truth and reconciliation |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Health and wellness | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Environment and climate – Regional priority only |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Regional transportation | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Growth and development – Electoral Area priority only |
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Background:

Terms of reference for these committees are as follows:

- Electoral Area Services Standing Committee <https://www.rdco.com/en/your-government/resources/Documents/Electoral-Area-Services-Standing-Committee---FINAL.pdf>
 - Agricultural Advisory Committee <https://www.rdco.com/en/your-government/resources/Documents/2023-01-19-Agricultural-Advisory-Committee-Terms-of-Reference-FINAL-v1.pdf>
 - Environment and Climate Advisory Committee <https://www.rdco.com/en/your-government/resources/Documents/Environment-and-Climate-Advisory-Committee-Terms-of-Reference.pdf>
 - Planning Advisory Committee <https://www.rdco.com/en/your-government/resources/Documents/Planning-Advisory-Committee-Terms-of-Reference-FINAL.pdf>
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Considerations not applicable:

Organizational/External:

Financial:

Legal/Statutory Authority:

Alternate Recommendation:
