

Central Okanagan Regional District
1450 K.L.O. Road
Kelowna, B.C.
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Re: 2025 Budget considerations - Gibson House- Kopje Regional Park

Dear Chair Ireland and CORD board members:

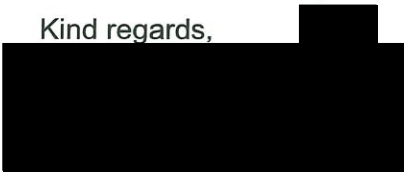
I had the opportunity to view the state of the heritage building, the Gibson House, and noted some concerns regarding the condition of the roof and the deterioration of the exterior wood trim.

For those of you who are not familiar with the Gibson House, it is one of the few remaining historical buildings of significance within the District of Lake Country.

The home was built in 1912 by George Middleton Gibson who came to Canada in 1904. Jim Glead, Teddy Hare and Cyril Wentworth were contracted to build the home while George and Grace Gibson were in England getting married. George Gibson served in the Canadian Army in WWI and was captured and held in Lille, France for 6 months.

I would respectfully request that the board consider allocating funds in the 2025 budget to replace the roof and repair and paint the exterior trim, to protect this 1912 heritage treasure. Without repair, the building is at significant risk of deterioration. Thank you in advance for your consideration.

Kind regards,



Noreen Guenther



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Attention Chair Ireland and CORD
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Tania McCabe

Subject: FW: 2025-2029 Five-Year Financial Plan

-----Original Message-----

From: Lake Life [REDACTED]
Sent: January 10, 2025 5:57 PM
To: Finance <finance@rdco.com>
Subject: 2025-2029 Five-Year Financial Plan

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I am seeking information regarding the plan or next steps for the Eastside utilities water system.
- what portion of the proposed Water Budget is allocated to ensure adequate, safe/clean drinking water and fire suppression?
- will grants be utilized for this purpose?

Thank you,
Donna Bryden
Barkley Road

Tania McCabe

Subject: FW: Proposed tax increase

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From: John Walsh [REDACTED]
Sent: January 10, 2025 3:56 PM
To: Finance <finance@rdco.com>
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Just a gentle reminder that there is only one tax payer paying taxes from all jurisdictions including, but not limited to, federal, provincial, city, sales taxes, carbon taxes and now increases proposed by the RDCO. This level of taxation is not sustainable, especially when federal and provincial governments continue deficit spending, with no end in sight, to support programs we can't afford. Those deficits are becoming the elephant in the room.

There needs to be a return to financial discipline and accountability instead of just continuing to increase taxation.

John

Tania McCabe

Subject: FW: AREA EAST TAXES

From: Mike Braun [REDACTED]
Sent: January 10, 2025 7:00 PM
To: Finance <finance@rdco.com>
Subject: AREA EAST TAXES

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I am not sure if the community hall tax that is over \$250 on our tax roll is what is subsidising the classes for food safe, core and the yak and snack on wednesdays, but if that is where the funds are from then that is not fair that all have to pay for the few that attend those events. i agree that we all must pay to upkeep the hall and make it available to residents, but not pay for the few to use for their own purposes.

Tania McCabe

Subject: FW: Tax increase

-----Original Message-----

From: murray mackenzie [REDACTED]

Sent: January 10, 2025 1:08 PM

To: Finance <finance@rdco.com>

Subject: Tax increase

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The tax increase to area west does not seem fair. We have no door to door garbage collection at Fintry, no street lights and the road is falling apart.

We talk about being green and yet thousands of people drive 20 km return to get rid of their garbage each week. The central garbage dump is at Traders Cove and they have door to door service. Many of us are retired and have to make a special trip. Please move the dump site closer to the population without door to door service or give the service to us all.

The road down the hill to Fintry is poorly maintained and in the case of snowfall it is often 3/4 days before the hill is plowed.

As a tax payer I find it hard to see a tax increase when we receive such poor service compared to the rest of the residents in the Central Okanagan Regional District.

Thank you

M.Mackenzie

Sent from my iPad

Tania McCabe

Subject: FW: Tax Questions: Budget for Wilson's Landing 2025-2026

From: Patti Hastie [REDACTED]
Sent: Sunday, January 26, 2025 7:16 AM
To: Finance <finance@rdco.com>
Subject: Budget for Wilson's Landing 2025-2026

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To Whom it Concerns,

I appreciate the Property Tax increase for 2025 as inflationary increase.

I do wonder if other increases are warranted.

The Wilson's Landing area does not have many services : lacks any street lights, no garbage pickup and a crowded entry to our transfer station, and very limited weed control along the narrow roads causing visibility and lack of shoulder. I suspect snow removal would be very limited for our area.

It is a rural property and as recreational property owners, we don't want the area to be like the city , however the items of concern are safety based.

We live in the Vancouver area and have always been amazed that our Property Taxes are quite similar to our Wilson's Landing property, without services.

I submit my perspective not necessarily requiring instant action. I do believe minimizing the Property Tax increase is warranted.

Regards ,
Patti Hastie

Tania McCabe

Subject: FW: 2025-2029 Financial Plan

From: Roger Houle [REDACTED]
Sent: January 15, 2025 4:12 PM
To: Finance <finance@rdco.com>
Subject: 2025-2029 Financial Plan

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What's happening in Electoral Area Planning in Area West that requires tax requisitions of over \$640K for fiscal 2024 and 2025?

Is there a place the public can self-access to drill down or get this information? The commitment in the 5 year plan for transparency and easy understanding is great, but hate to bother RDCO staff, especially during the busy budget and planning cycles.

Regards,
Roger Houle
[REDACTED] Mountain Drive, Westshore Estate - Area West

Tania McCabe

Subject: FW: 2025-2029 RDCO Financial Plan - Requests for Clarification

From: Roger Houle [REDACTED]
Sent: January 15, 2025 8:50 AM
To: Finance <finance@rdco.com>
Cc: Wayne Carson <wayne.carson@rdco.com>
Subject: 2025-2029 RDCO Financial Plan - Requests for Clarification

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Attn: Finance Dept. [cc. Wayne Carson - info only]

To help respond to the request for input, could you provide the following:

1. SEPARATION OF TAXES - A brief explanation of how operating and capital expenses in the plan are separated for the tax levy. [ie. What portions of the Area West levy are Area specific and what are RDCO general] A link to an accessible report would work.
2. MATERIAL VARIANCES - Notes to the proposed plan explaining 'material' variances that impact Area West. Plan contributors would be given that [%] threshold and their brief comments are sufficient.

Appreciate the quick response to help meet your request for input deadline.

Regards,
Roger Houle
[REDACTED] Mountain Drive, Westshore Estates
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