



Regional Board Report

TO: Regional Board

FROM: Todd Cashin
Director of Community Services

DATE: September 30, 2019

SUBJECT: Advisory Commission Appointments
(File: 0540-20)

Voting Entitlement: *All Directors – Unweighted Corporate Vote – Simple Majority – LGA 208.1*

Purpose: To consider the appointment of members to the Environmental Advisory Commission as well as the re-appointment of an existing member.

Executive Summary:

The Environmental Advisory Commission (EAC) functions as an Advisory Planning Commission to the Regional Board. All members are volunteers and appointed by the Regional Board.

In accord with the EAC Terms of Reference, membership shall consist of eight to thirteen voting members. The EAC would benefit from additional members, reflecting a diverse background of academic and technical expertise. Further, the re-appointment of an existing EAC member would allow for continuity throughout the membership with the overlap of various terms.

RECOMMENDATION #1:

THAT the Regional Board approve the appointment of Barry Jones and Ian Walker as members of the Regional District Environmental Advisory Commission for three-year terms (September 2019 – September 2022).

RECOMMENDATION #2:

THAT the Regional Board approve the re-appointment of Bobby Bedingfield to a three-year term as a member of the Regional District Environmental Advisory Commission (September 2019 – September 2022).

Respectfully Submitted:

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Todd Cashin
Director of Community Services

Approved for Board Consideration

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Brian Reardon

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Implications of Recommendation:

Strategic Plan:	Appointing new members to the EAC and the re-appointment of a member meets the 2019-2022 Strategic Priorities Plan.
Policy:	<p>Appointing new members to the EAC and the re-appointment of a member complies with policies and objectives of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• RDCO Official Community Plans and Joe Rich Rural Land Use Bylaw, and• Environmental Advisory Commission Terms of Reference
Legal/Statutory Authority:	Authority to appoint new members to the EAC and re-appoint a member is subject to the provisions found in Section 461 of the <i>Local Government Act</i> .

Environmental Advisory Commission Background:**History:**

The EAC is an Advisory Commission of the Regional Board. The Commission provides advice to the Board, other Commissions, and staff regarding environmental matters including the protection, enhancement, restoration, management and appreciation of our common natural heritage. Further, the Commission supports and promotes Regional District environmental initiatives.

The Terms of Reference outlines that membership of the EAC shall be comprised of not less than eight or more than thirteen volunteer individuals who reside within the Regional District of Central Okanagan. Furthermore, the membership will reflect a diversity of environmental professions and professionals, with academic or technical qualifications or demonstrated interest and participation in environmental and community matters. Appointments are for a three-year term; a member may be re-appointed to serve a maximum of two consecutive three year terms.

Current:

There are currently eight volunteer members on the EAC, one of which has their first term expiring. To ensure the Commission remains in compliance with the membership criteria identified in the Terms of Reference, Planning staff is recommending that one person be re-appointed and two people be appointed as Commission members. These appointments will ensure that there is overlap of new and experienced members.

The following proposed appointments will bring expertise and knowledge that will be of great value to the EAC:

- Bobby Bedingfield, of Kelowna, is a fisheries biologist with experience in environmental and riparian area assessments and environmental monitoring. He has extensive local knowledge of ecosystems within the region and a passion for the community. Bobby has been a valuable asset to the EAC over the last few years and has expressed a desire to remain on the EAC for an additional three-year term.
- Barry Jones, of Kelowna, is a retired physician, a lifetime environmental advocate and is dedicated to contributing to the community in which he lives. Barry is a Director with the

Central Okanagan Land Trust and is also a member of the Central Okanagan Naturalists' Club. Barry has previously completed multiple terms on the EAC.

- Ian Walker, of Kelowna, has a background in biology and environmental sciences with technical expertise directly related to many environmental issues affecting the Central Okanagan. He is a professor in the community, with teaching and research specialties pertaining to freshwater ecology, biodiversity and climate change. For numerous years, Ian has been involved with Friends of Mission Creek and Central Okanagan Naturalists' Club.

Alternative Recommendation #1:

THAT the Regional Board not appoint new Regional District Environmental Advisory Commission members at this time.

Alternative Recommendation #2:

THAT the Regional Board not re-appoint a Regional District Environmental Advisory Commission member at this time.

Considerations not applicable to this report:

- *General*
- *Organizational Issues*
- *Financial Considerations*
- *External Implications*

Attachment(s):

- N/A