

RDCO Strategic Priorities Update

Regional District of Central Okanagan Board Meeting

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Priority areas

EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS

The RDCO will build on emergency response strengths while positioning the organization to respond to growing community needs and changes in provincial legislation.

- Continue to enhance services and efforts aimed at emergency preparedness and mitigation
- Assess the readiness of the existing Emergency Management Organization model to meet the increasing demand for emergency preparedness, response and recovery

GROWTH & DEVELOPMENT

Establish and enhance electoral area policies to manage growth, guide land use decisions and address community social needs

ENVIRONMENT & CLIMATE

The RDCO is committed to climate action and the environment by reducing our corporate impact, adapting to climate change and delivering innovative services that better manage greenhouse gas emissions.

- Evolve services in waste management to reduce waste going to the Glenmore Landfill including organics, recyclable and construction materials
- Introduce and enforce new regulations aimed at better controlling soil deposition and preventing illegal dumping in the region's rural areas



HEALTH & WELLNESS

The RDCO will make purposeful investments in health care for physical and mental health benefits.

- The Regional Hospital District of Central Okanagan will work with Interior Health to influence priorities for responsive capital expenditures
- Commit the resources necessary to provide enhanced access to regional parks and trails, as well as programming that connects people to nature and that provides significant physical and mental health benefits

TRUTH & RECONCILIATION

The RDCO is actively committed to Reconciliation with the syilx / Okanagan people within the Central Okanagan. The RDCO strives for collaboration through a meaningful and ethical government-to-government working relationship with the syilx / Okanagan people.

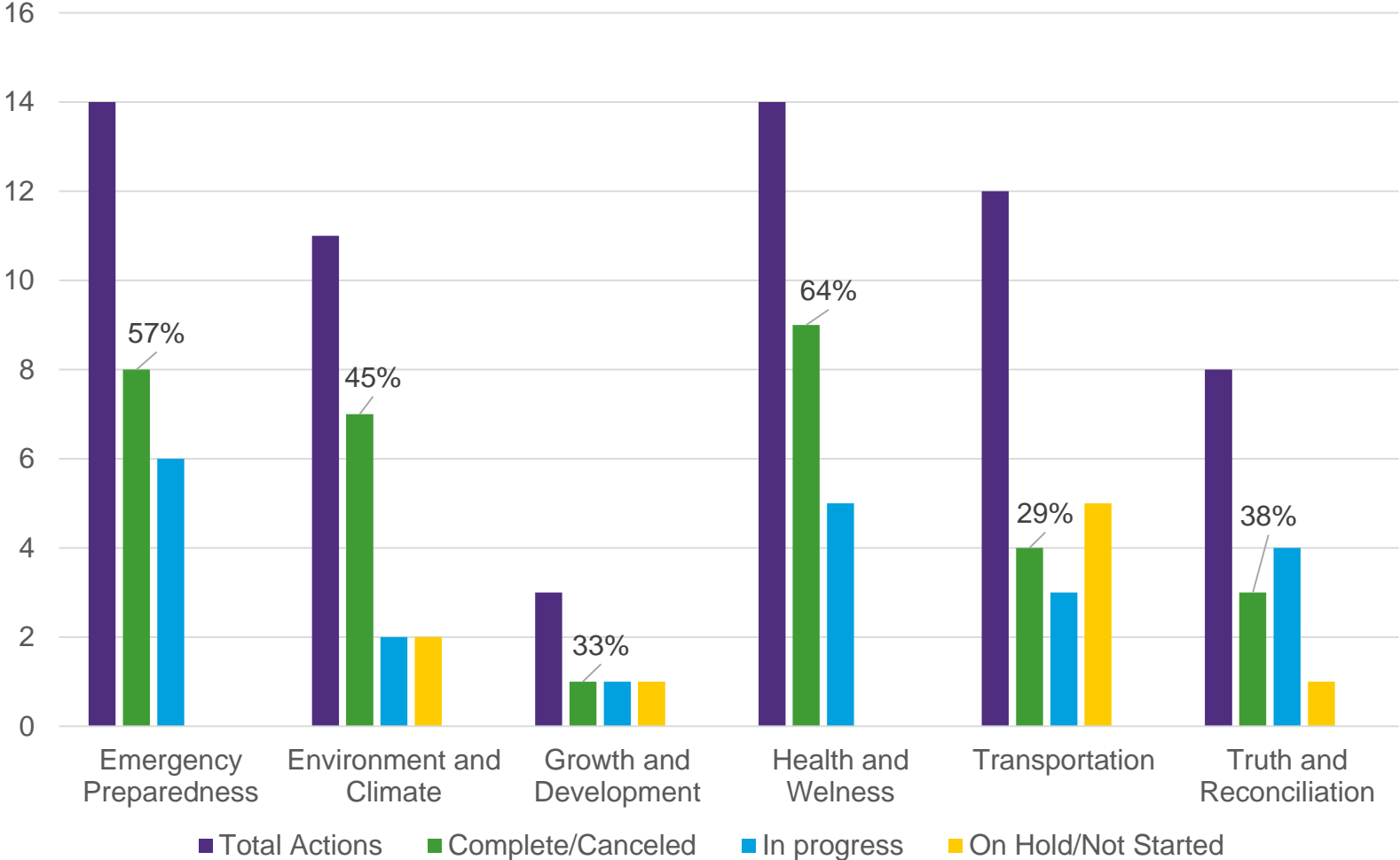
- Ensure that RDCO services and the workplace are culturally safe and respectful
- RDCO will ensure that necessary steps are taken so that eligible projects proposed by the syilx / Okanagan nations receive an equitable share of provincial and/or federal grant dollars received by the RDCO

TRANSPORTATION

The RDCO will encourage the efficient and safe movement of people and goods within the Central Okanagan.

- Define and implement advocacy actions, within the framework of an RDCO Board Advocacy Strategy to:
 - Influence and help shape investments and decisions for the Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure (MoTI) in the Central Okanagan
 - Improve equity in transportation options and mobility for the local jurisdictions and residents of the Central Okanagan
 - Enhance the level of integration between the Regional Growth Strategy and transportation planning in the Central Okanagan, including integration with the efforts of MoTI.

Overview of strategic actions



Emergency Preparedness



Highlights:

- Provincial 9-1-1 cell phone levy
- Incorporate Indigenous land management knowledge

✓ 8 of 14 actions complete



Environment and Climate



Highlights :

- Shift Climate Action Plan
- Curbside collection to RecycleBC
- Curbside organics collection
- Soil deposition and removal strategy and bylaw

✓ 7 of 11 actions complete

Growth and Development



Highlights:

- Pursue funding opportunities to update OCPs

✓ 1 of 3 actions complete



Health and Wellness



Highlights:

- Bolster local park amenities and community programs
- Priority parks and trails for year-round access

✓ 9 of 14 actions complete

Park	Main Entrance(s)	Operation Season
sntsk'il'ntən - Black Mountain	Joe Rich Rd.	Year-round
	Swainson Rd	Year-round
Mission Creek	Durnin Rd.	Year-round
	Leckie Rd.	Year-round
	Ziprick Rd.	Year-round
Mission Creek Greenway	Lakeshore to Hollywood Rd. S.	Year-round
	Hollywood Rd. S. to Field Rd.	Year-round
Scenic Canyon	Hollywood Rd. S. to Field Rd.	Year-round
	Field Rd.	Year-round
KLO Creek	McCulloch Rd.	Year-round
Woodhaven Nature Conservancy	Raymer Rd.	Apr 1 - Oct 31
Lebanon Creek Greenway	Lakeshore Rd.	Year-round
Bertram Creek	Lakeshore Rd.	Year-round
Johns Family Nature Conservancy	Chute Lake Rd.	Year-round
McCulloch Station	McCulloch Rd.	Not Developed
Kopje	Carrs Landing Rd.	Year-round
Kaloya	Trask Rd.	Year-round
Reiswig	Woodsdale Rd.	Year-round
Okanagan Centre Safe Harbour	Okanagan Center Rd. W.	Year-round
Mill Creek	Spencer Rd.	Year-round
Stephens Coyote	Glenmore Rd.	Closed due to Fire Recovery
Robert Lake	Curtis Rd.	Year-round
Hardy Falls	Hardy St.	Year-round
Antlers Beach	Highway 97	Year-round
Trepanier Creek Greenway	Trepanier Rd.	Year-round
Coldham	Trepanier Rd.	Not Developed
Goats Peak	Seclusion Bay Rd.	Year-round
	Whitworth Rd.	Year-round
Gellatly Heritage	Gellatly Rd.	Year-round
Gellatly Nut Farm	Whitworth Rd.	Year-round
Glen Canyon	Brown Rd.	Apr 1 - Oct 31
	Gellatly Rd.	Year-round
Shannon Lake	Swite Rd.	Year-round
Kalamoair	Collens Hill Rd.	Apr 1 - Oct 31
Rose Valley	Westlake Rd. (Starlight)	Closed due to Fire Recovery
	Westlake Rd. (Pond)	Closed due to Fire Recovery
Raymer Bay	Westside Rd.	Apr 1 - Oct 31
Traders Cove	Westside Rd.	Apr 1 - Oct 31
	Regional Parks added to year-round access or enhanced winter service	
	Regional Parks with existing year-round access	
	Regional Parks currently not open Nov 1 to Mar 31	

Parks with year-round access added:

- sntsk'il'ntən - Black Mountain
- Mission Creek Greenway
- Scenic Canyon
- Bertram Creek
- Kopje
- Kaloya
- Goats Peak
- Glen Canyon
- Rose Valley

Transportation



Highlights :

- Define and explore Regional Transportation Service
- Collaborate with municipal partners to advance regionally significant projects
- Advocate for innovation BC Transit options

✓ 4 of 12 actions complete

Truth and Reconciliation



Highlights:

- Support syilx / Okanagan people to protect culturally significant areas

✓ 3 of 8 actions complete



Recommendation

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

THAT the Regional Board receives the RDCO Strategic Priorities 2023-2026, CAO Report to the RDCO Board of Directors as attached to the Report from the Chief Administrative Officer dated April 3, 2025;

AND THAT the Regional Board approves the amendments to the 2023-2026 RDCO Strategic Priorities as proposed by the Chief Administrative Officer on April 3, 2025.



Thank you