



# Regional Board Report

## Request for Decision

**To:** Regional Board  
**From:** Chief Administrative Officer  
**Date:** April 17, 2025  
**Subject:** Midterm Committee Review Update

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

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**Purpose:** To consider a midterm committee review update.

### Executive Summary:

On December 12, 2024, the RDCO Board of Directors sanctioned a facilitated mid-term review of the Terms of Reference, function, and processes of four RDCO Committees: the Electoral Area Services Committee, the Agricultural Advisory Committee, the Planning Advisory Committee, and the Environmental & Climate Advisory Committee. The review was facilitated by third-party consultant, Martin Bell.

All committee members were informed of the review and offered the opportunity to meet with Mr. Bell for one on one discussions to capture the experiences of committee members and invite potential constructive pathways to capture value and relevancy of the work of the committees. Mr. Bell has compiled the feedback and is presenting his findings and recommendations for Board consideration.

The following recommendation was passed by the Regional Board on December 12, 2024:

**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.

### Recommendation(s):

**THAT** the Regional Board approves the consolidation of the Agricultural Advisory Committee, Planning Advisory Committee and Environment & Climate Advisory Committee into the Electoral Area Services Standing Committee as presented on April 17, 2025;

**AND THAT** the Regional Board directs staff to report back with the amended Terms of Reference for the Electoral Area Services Committee for Board review and approval.

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Respectfully submitted by: Sally Ginter, Chief Administrative Officer

Approved for Agenda: Sally Ginter, Chief Administrative Officer

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**Strategic Plan Alignment:**

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

Martin Bell has recently completed 16 years as the Chief Executive Officer of Urban Systems Ltd. and is now the principal of his own consultancy (MBCI). He has over 28 years of experience in working with local and regional governments, elected officials, Boards and Councils, and community stakeholder groups across Canada, particularly in the areas of governance, strategy, and service delivery. He is most often engaged by local government Councils and Boards as well as corporate Boards to assist decision-makers in developing collaborative approaches necessary to provide effective and efficient services to communities.

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**Considerations:**

Considerations not applicable:

- Organizational/External
  - Financial
  - Legal/Statutory Authority
  - Alternate Recommendation
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Attachment(s):    1. RDCO Interim Committee Review Report  
                          2. RDCO Interim Committee Review Presentation

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