



## Regular Board Meeting Minutes

**Date:** Thursday, January 22, 2026  
**Time:** 9:30 a.m.  
**Location:** Woodhaven Board Room  
1450 K.L.O. Road, Kelowna, BC

**Directors In-Person:** L. Wooldridge, Chairperson (City of Kelowna)  
B. Ireland, Vice-Chairperson (District of Lake Country)  
W. Carson (Central Okanagan West Electoral Area)  
T. Dyas (City of Kelowna)  
M. DeHart (City of Kelowna)  
S. Johnston (City of West Kelowna) \*  
K. Kraft, (Central Okanagan East Electoral Area)  
L. Stack (City of Kelowna)  
P. Van Minsel (District of Peachland)  
R. Webber (City of Kelowna)  
R. Cannan (City of Kelowna)

**Directors Electronic:** G. Milsom (City of West Kelowna)

**Directors Absent:** M. DeGuevara (Westbank First Nation)

**Staff In-Person:** S. Ginter, Chief Administrative Officer  
C. Griffiths, Corporate Officer/ Deputy CAO  
S. Horning, Deputy Corporate Officer  
S. Ballan-Brown, Legislative Assistant (Recording Secretary)  
T. Draper, Director of Parks  
J. Foster, Director of Communications & Information Services  
T. Kendel, Associate Director of Engineering Services  
T. McCabe, Director of Financial Services  
D. Noble-Brandt, Director of Development and Engineering Services  
J. Reay, Associate Director of Human Resources  
M. Walroth, Director of Protective Services

\* denotes partial attendance

1. **CALL TO ORDER**

The Chair called the meeting to order at 9:40 a.m. and noted that as an open meeting, a live audio-video feed is being broadcast and recorded on rdco.com.

2. **LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT**

The Chair acknowledged our presence on the traditional, ancestral, and unceded *tr̓xwúlaʔxw* (land) of the syilx / Okanagan people who have resided here since time immemorial. We recognize, honour, and respect the syilx / Okanagan lands upon which we live, work, and play.

3. **ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA**

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

R2026/001

**KRAFT/VAN MINSEL**

**THAT** the January 22, 2026 Regional Board Meeting Agenda be adopted.

**CARRIED**

4. **ADOPTION OF MINUTES**

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

R2026/002

**DYAS/WEBBER**

**THAT** the December 18, 2025 Regional Board Meeting Minutes be adopted.

**CARRIED**

5. **DEVELOPMENT AND ENGINEERING SERVICES**

5.1 Soil Removal and Deposit - Service Establishment and Regulatory Bylaws

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

Staff provided a PowerPoint presentation introducing a new draft "Soil Removal and Deposit Bylaw" to bring Electoral Areas of the Regional District to a similar standard as regional partners and member municipalities for the control of soil removal and deposit and responded to questions from the Board.

**Recommendation No. 1:**

KRAFT/DYAS

**THAT** Regional District of Central Okanagan Soil Removal and Deposit Service Establishment Bylaw No. 1580, 2026 be read a first, second and third time.

**AND THAT** Regional District of Central Okanagan Soil Removal and Deposit Bylaw No. 1575, 2026 be read a first, second and third time.

CARRIED

**6. PROTECTIVE SERVICES**

6.1 2026 UBCM Community Emergency Preparedness Fund Grant Applications

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

KRAFT/DYAS

**Recommendation No. 1:**

**THAT** the Regional Board supports submission of an application to the Union of BC Municipalities - Community Emergency Preparedness Fund up to a maximum of \$180,000 under the Emergency Operations Centre Equipment and Training 2026 funding stream.

CARRIED

KRAFT/DYAS

**Recommendation No. 2:**

**THAT** the Regional Board supports submission of an application to the Union of BC Municipalities - Community Emergency Preparedness Fund up to a maximum of \$240,000 under the Public Notification and Evacuation Route Planning 2026 funding stream.

CARRIED

7. **CORPORATE SERVICES**

7.1 Board Directors 2026 Conference Expense Approval

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

R2026/006

STACK/VAN MINSEL

**THAT** the Regional Board approve the following Directors' attendance at 2026 conferences and conventions:

- Director Carson: UBCM Electoral Area Directors Forum, LGLA Leadership Forum, SILGA Convention, FCM Annual Conference and the UBCM Convention
- Director Dyas: MFA Financial Forum
- Director Kraft: UBCM Electoral Area Directors Forum, LGLA Leadership Forum, SILGA Convention, Keeping it Rural Conference and the UBCM Convention
- Chair Wooldridge: UBCM Regional District Chair and CAO Forum

CARRIED

7.2 Director Appointment to the Okanagan Regional Library

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

R2026/007

JOHNSTON/IRELAND

**THAT** Director Kevin Kraft be appointed to the Okanagan Regional Library Board.

CARRIED

8. **FINANCIAL SERVICES**

8.1 Draft 2026-2030 Five Year Financial Plan

*All Directors – Weighted Corporate Vote – Majority (LGA s.210)*

The Director of Finance presented the draft 2026-2030 Five-Year Financial Plan and responded to questions from the Board.

R2026/008

VAN MINSEL/KRAFT

**THAT** the Regional Board receives the report 2026-2030 Financial Plan draft from the Director of Financial Services, dated January 22, 2026, for information.

CARRIED

9. **COMMITTEE AND NEW BUSINESS**

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

R2026/009

WEBBER/KRAFT

**THAT** the Regional Board receive the following Committee and New Business reports for information:

- Okanagan Sterile Insect Release Program November 28, 2025 Board Report
- ETSI-BC Regional Advisory Committee Fall Report, November 28, 2025

CARRIED

Director Johnston left the meeting at 11:38 a.m.

10. **NEW BUSINESS**

10.1 Director Carson - Notice of Motion

Director Carson read aloud the following Notice of Motion:

*"**THAT** the Regional Board direct staff to cease advancement of the North Westside Regional Water System project in its entirety and remove all associated project costs from the 2026-2030 Financial Plan."*

In accordance with Board Procedure Bylaw No. 1501, the motion will be considered at a future meeting.

11. **DIRECTOR ITEMS**

12. **MOTION TO CLOSE THE MEETING**

R2026/010

DEHART/DYAS

**THAT** the January 22, 2026 Regular Board Meeting be closed to the public pursuant to sections 90(i) and (k) of the *Community Charter* to discuss items related to:

- the receipt of advice that is subject to solicitor-client privilege, including communications necessary for that purpose;
- negotiations and related discussions respecting the proposed provision of a regional district service that at their preliminary stages and that, in the view of the board, could reasonably be expected to harm the interests of the regional district if they were held in public.

CARRIED

The meeting convened to closed session at 11:42 a.m.

13. **ADJOURN**

The meeting reconvened to open meeting and adjourned at 12:14 p.m.

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L. Wooldridge, Chairperson

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C. Griffiths, Corporate Officer/ Deputy  
CAO

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