



Regional Board Report

TO: Regional Board

FROM: Brian Reardon, CAO

DATE: October 7, 2020

SUBJECT: Dissolution of Sustainable Transportation Partnership of the Central Okanagan

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

Purpose: To seek Board approval to withdraw from participation in the Sustainable Transportation Partnership of the Central Okanagan (STPCO).

Executive Summary:

In November, 2019 and February, 2020 the STPCO Board members participated in a facilitated Governance Workshop to consider the future of the Sustainable Transportation Partnership. At these workshops there was general agreement the STPCO was not sustainable in its current form and that the partnership should be dissolved in order to merge some of the STPCO functions within the RDCO governance model.

On August 17, 2020 the STPCO Board met and approved a resolution in support of a proposal written by Rafael Villarreal (copy attached) to achieve the aforementioned outcome. In order to dissolve the STPCO, each participating jurisdiction must submit a letter confirming its intent to withdraw from the agreement that originally established the STPCO in 2013.

RECOMMENDATION:

THAT the Regional Board approve withdrawing from the Sustainable Transportation Partnership of the Central Okanagan effective December 31, 2020 and authorize Chair Given to sign the Notice of Withdrawal Letter attached to this report.

Respectfully Submitted:

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Brian Reardon".

Brian Reardon, CAO

Background:

See STPCO Report prepared by Rafael Villerreal dated August 17, 2020 attached to this report.

In accordance with the provisions in the Notice of Withdrawal Letter, the RDCO CAO Committee met on Friday September 25, 2020 to give consideration and discuss how best to review and or transfer the School District #23 Traffic Safety Officer Program, the Regional Cycling promotion and the SmartTRIPS website and brand to the Regional District of Central Okanagan.

Consensus was reached in having the RDCO administer these programs through contract with the City of Kelowna for the next two years. The costs associated with these programs would be shared amongst the participants and be recovered through an annual invoice sent to each jurisdiction.

In accordance with the August 17, 2020 report from Rafael Villerreal, the Regional District would undertake a service establishment process for the formation of a Regional Transportation Service that would focus on the following elements;

- a) Using the RGS model, the RDCO could coordinate regional transportation priorities identified in the Regional Transportation Plan through a Technical Transportation Planning Lab. Regional (macro) transportation issues would be discussed while municipal (micro) transportation issues would remain solely with the local jurisdictions;
- b) Using the Economic Development Commission model, the RDCO could coordinate associated regional transportation matters such as:
 - i. Integrating regional transportation planning that supports the Regional Growth Strategy objectives,
 - ii. Enhancing roles for various forms of public transit,
 - iii. Consolidating efforts to develop a Regional Trails Network,
 - iv. Exploring multi-modal transportation options on a regional scale,
 - v. Warehousing greenhouse gas (GHG) emission information from the transportation sector,
 - vi. Incorporating the Regional Air Quality Service into the scope of responsibilities, when appropriate,
 - vii. Prioritizing strategic investments that serve demonstrated regional mobility needs,
 - viii. Advocate for regional and intra-regional (Okanagan Valley) transportation projects that are supported by the Board.
- c) The plan will come to fruition through the delivery of actions and outcomes which have been organized under the following five overarching themes:
 - i. Integration of land use and transportation,
 - ii. Creating exceptional environments for walking and cycling,
 - iii. Promoting the evolution of transit in the region,
 - iv. Getting the most out of roads and trails,
 - v. Influencing travel behaviour.

The establishment bylaw matters will be dealt with in greater detail under a separate report in November, 2020.

Financial Considerations:

See STPCO Report prepared by Rafael Villarreal dated August 17, 2020 attached to this report.

Cost recovery will be in accordance with Regional District policy and a new Memorandum of Understanding between the Regional District and its member jurisdictions.

Organizational Issues:

The administration of the three programs identified earlier in this report will be handled by existing staff members. Should a new Regional Transportation Service be established in the coming year a subject matter expert specializing in regional transportation matters will need to be hired to deliver the services mentioned in the "Background" section of this report.

External Implications:

Every effort will be made to ensure a seamless transition from the STPCO to the RDCO to minimize any potential impacts to the public and our service providers.

Attachment(s): August 17, 2020 report from R. Villarreal
Notice of Withdrawal Letter