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Regional District of Central Okanagan
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Dear Mr. Reardon,

Re: Brent Road Service Area Withdrawal

The Regional District of Central Okanagan has requested the City of West Kelowna to consider allowing the exiting of (all) or a portion of the Central Okanagan Electoral Area West out of the two services areas that contribute to the City's services; namely Johnson Bentley Pool and Mount Boucherie Recreation Complex/Westside Senior Citizens Activity Centre. A clarification by the Electoral Area Director to Mayor Milsom asked specifically if the 49 properties in the Brent Road area could be considered for withdrawal.

These service areas were established many years ago as part of the Regional District and were the primary funding mechanism to build, expand and operate the facilities of Johnson Bentley Aquatic Center, Mount Boucherie Recreation Complex and the Senior Citizens Activity Center. In 2007, when West Kelowna incorporated these two service areas were transferred over to the municipality for management.

The City does not support the removal of these properties from the service areas for the following reasons:

- 1) The areas in question were included in the original bylaw establishment and voted to be part of the service and decisions were made to build, expand and operate facilities based upon participation. The City inherited a debt for expansion in one of the service areas which still has 5 years left to pay.
- 2) Recreation services provide a regional benefit and make services affordable for residents and visitors alike. Removing participants from providing a regional benefit without their contributions in other recreation services to support other regional benefits ie: Summerland Services or Okanagan Similkameen Regional District does no one any service. A comment raised by Council was "We all participate in funding schools even though they may not use them".

- 3) The logic to remove these properties “We don’t use the service” could create precedence for our other non municipal participants (which are in the thousands) in those same service areas.

Should the Electoral Area Director wish to have this reconsidered, a formal service review process should be initiated.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Paul Gipps". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Paul Gipps
Chief Administrative Officer

cc: Mayor and Council
Regional District of Central Okanagan Chair