



# ALTERNATIVE APPROVAL PROCESS For Regional District of Central Okanagan Scenic Canyon Parkland Exchange Bylaw No. 1473, 2021

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## FACT SHEET

Pursuant to Section 269 of the *Local Government Act*, the Regional Board of the Regional District of Central Okanagan is proposing to seek the assent of the electors of the Regional District by alternative approval process in accordance with Section 86 of the *Community Charter*. The question before the electors **within the Central Okanagan**, is whether they are opposed to the adoption of Regional District of Central Okanagan Scenic Canyon Parkland Exchange Bylaw No. 1473, 2021, which, if adopted, will authorize the Regional Board to exchange parkland for other land to be used for park purposes.

### The Proposal & Benefits:

- An adjacent property owner to Scenic Canyon park land approached the Regional District regarding interests in a potential land exchange involving Scenic Canyon Regional Park and a portion of their land located at 2975 Gallagher Road. The owner would obtain access to lands that are very suitable for expansion of their agricultural operations focused on cherry orchard farming activities.
- The benefit of the land exchange for the Regional District would provide:
  - Connectivity from Scenic Canyon (Mantle Court) to the Parent Park as part of Scenic Canyon Regional Park.
  - Connectivity between Scenic Canyon and the future City of Kelowna Park as part of the Kirschner Mountain development.
  - Protection of a regionally significant and iconic monolithic feature, Layer Cake Mountain, and provision of the ability to place destination viewpoints with some of the most dramatic views in the Central Okanagan.
  - Protection of important ecological habitat. The type of habitat that the regional district would receive is of significant ecological importance and prime wildlife habitat.
- The Regional District would receive an estimated \$480,000 in compensation for land valuation differential (less legal, surveying and LTO registration fees, net compensation of approximately \$454,000). These funds will be placed into capital reserves for future parkland acquisitions.
- There is no additional cost to the taxpayers for this parkland exchange.

### Informing the Community:

- Advertising the Alternative Approval Process will occur in the Kelowna Capital News and the Vernon Star (a requirement of the *Local Government Act*)
- Information on the process, forms and the Elector Notice is available on the Regional District of Central Okanagan's website: [www.rdco.com/aap](http://www.rdco.com/aap)

### Registering your support:

- If you support the adoption of the bylaw, **you do not need to do anything.**

### Registering your objection:

- If you object to the adoption of the bylaw, you must sign an Elector Response Form and submit, with an original signature, to the Regional District of Central Okanagan, 1450 KLO Road, Kelowna, BC before the deadline of **March 1, 2021 at 4:00 p.m.**
- The form is available at the Regional District's office and on the website: [www.rdco.com/app](http://www.rdco.com/app)
- If **10%, or 20,598 of the qualified electors object** to the adoption of the bylaw, the Regional Board cannot adopt the bylaw without going to a referendum.

For more information on the alternative approval process please contact:

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