



Regional Board Report

TO: Regional Board

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DATE: May 5, 2021

SUBJECT: Okanagan Regional Library – Establishment Bylaw (No. 1477) and Loan Authorization Bylaw (No. 1478) – Rescind 3rd Reading

Purpose: To seek Board approval to rescind 3rd reading, and give 3rd reading to the amended Okanagan Regional Library Establishment and Loan Authorization bylaws.

Executive Summary:

The Regional Board at its March 29th meeting gave three readings to a bylaw to establish a new service to enable the RDCO to borrow funds from the Municipal Finance Authority on behalf of the Okanagan Regional Library for the construction of library facilities and a loan authorization bylaw to borrow funds for a new library in West Kelowna. Legislatively, both bylaws require approval from the Inspector of Municipalities.

Provincial staff, upon review of the submitted bylaws and in further discussion with Regional District staff, have requested minor changes to the bylaws prior to submitting the bylaws to the Inspector of Municipalities for final approval. Examples of the amended wording (below in red) have been incorporated in the bylaws.

Bylaw No. 1477

- Various sections amended to read “for the purpose *of constructing and renovating library building services owned and operated by the Okanagan Regional Library* of ~~borrowing funds on behalf of the Okanagan Regional Library for the construction and renovation of library building facilities.~~
- Amend 1(b) to read “*The service hereby established includes the construction and renovation of public library facilities within the service area.*”
- Add 3. *Participating Areas – The participating areas for the service shall be the entire regional district.*
- Remove the word ‘*borrowing*’ in the citation.

Bylaw No. 1488

- Amend Whereas: ~~a service area~~ *a service for the purpose of constructing and renovating library building services owned and operated by the Okanagan Regional Library* for the purpose of construction and renovation of a library facility; ~~building and borrowing funds on behalf of the Okanagan Regional Library~~

- Amend 1(a): from “to borrow on the credit of the Regional District a sum not exceeding eight million dollars (\$8,000,000) to provide funding *lending* to on behalf of the Okanagan Regional Library for construction *and renovation* of a library facility.
- Remove the word *'borrowing'* in the citation.

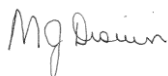
The Regional Board is being requested to rescind third readings and then give third reading to the bylaws, as amended.

Staff are hopeful for early approval of both bylaws in order that the timeline proposed by the Library for the Alternative Approval Process (AAP) in early June can be met. Once bylaw approval is received, staff will bring forward an AAP report for Board consideration.

RECOMMENDATION

THAT the Regional Board receive for information the Okanagan Regional Library report dated May 5, 2021 regarding the requirement to rescind third readings and give third reading to the amended service establishment and loan authorization bylaws.

Respectfully Submitted:



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Manager-Corporate Services

Approved for Board's Consideration



Brian Reardon, CAO

Attachment(s):

- Regional Board Report – March 25, 2021
- RDCO Okanagan Regional Library Service Area Establishment Bylaw No. 1477, 2021
- RDCO Okanagan Regional Library Loan Authorization Bylaw No. 1478, 2021