## Renewal of RDCO / Clubhouse Memorandum of Understanding and Lease Agreement (2022 – 2025) Woodhaven Nature Conservancy

Regional District of Central Okanagan Board Meeting

April 25, 2022





### Woodhaven Nature Conservancy Regional Park





2017 – Parks Services receives proposal from the Clubhouse to operate a nature-based preschool within a regional park



Parks and Clubhouse met to discuss options and the feasibility of the project



Determined that Woodhaven Nature Conservancy was a good fit and that it aligned with the management plan of the park



# Timeline

Parks staff present 3-year Lease and MOU to the Regional Board RDCO and Clubhouse sign 3year lease Treehouse becomes first childcare facility in BC to offer a licensed outdoor preschool

14 June 2018

11 Apr. 2019

1 Jan. 2020



#### Treehouse Forest Preschool

- Nature-based classroom
- Children explore and develop their relationships with themselves, their peers, and the environment
- Develop emotional and physical resilience faster than children in indoor classrooms



# Community Feedback

- Exceedingly positive parental and community feedback
- A return to "the good old days" of playing outside all day long
- Children build confidence in their bodies and interact positively with their peers
- Ideal outdoor setting for COVID



#### Recommendation

THAT the Regional Board approves renewing the Memorandum of Understanding and Lease Agreement between the Regional District of Central Okanagan and The Clubhouse Childcare Centre for a portion of Woodhaven Nature Conservancy Regional Park located at 4711 Raymer Road, Kelowna BC, for a 3-year term from May 1, 2022 to April 30, 2025, in the forms attached to the Report of the Manager – Park Planning & Capital Projects dated April 25, 2022;

**AND THAT** the Chairperson and Corporate Officer be authorized to execute the Memorandum of Understanding and Lease Agreement.