

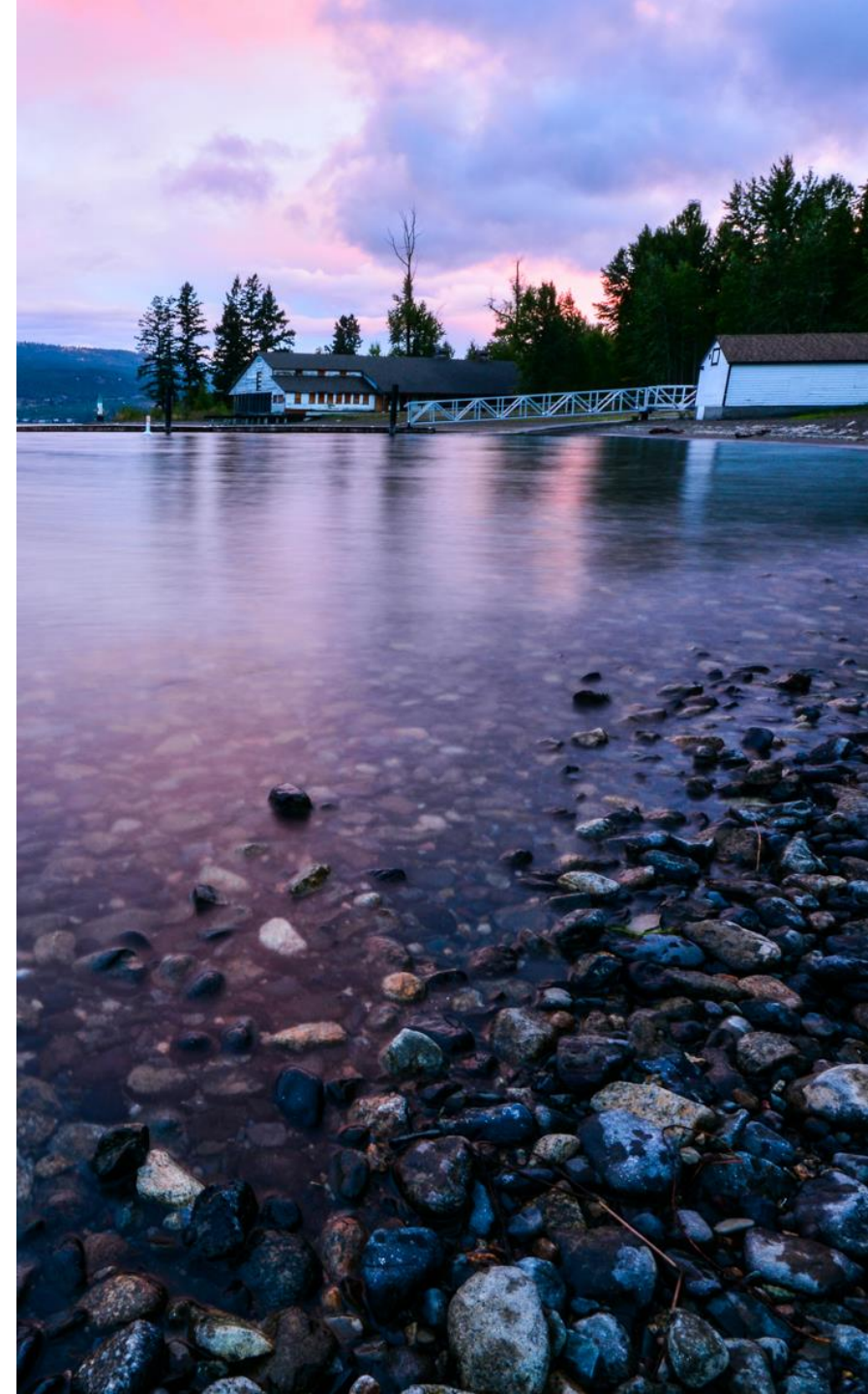


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September 26, 2022

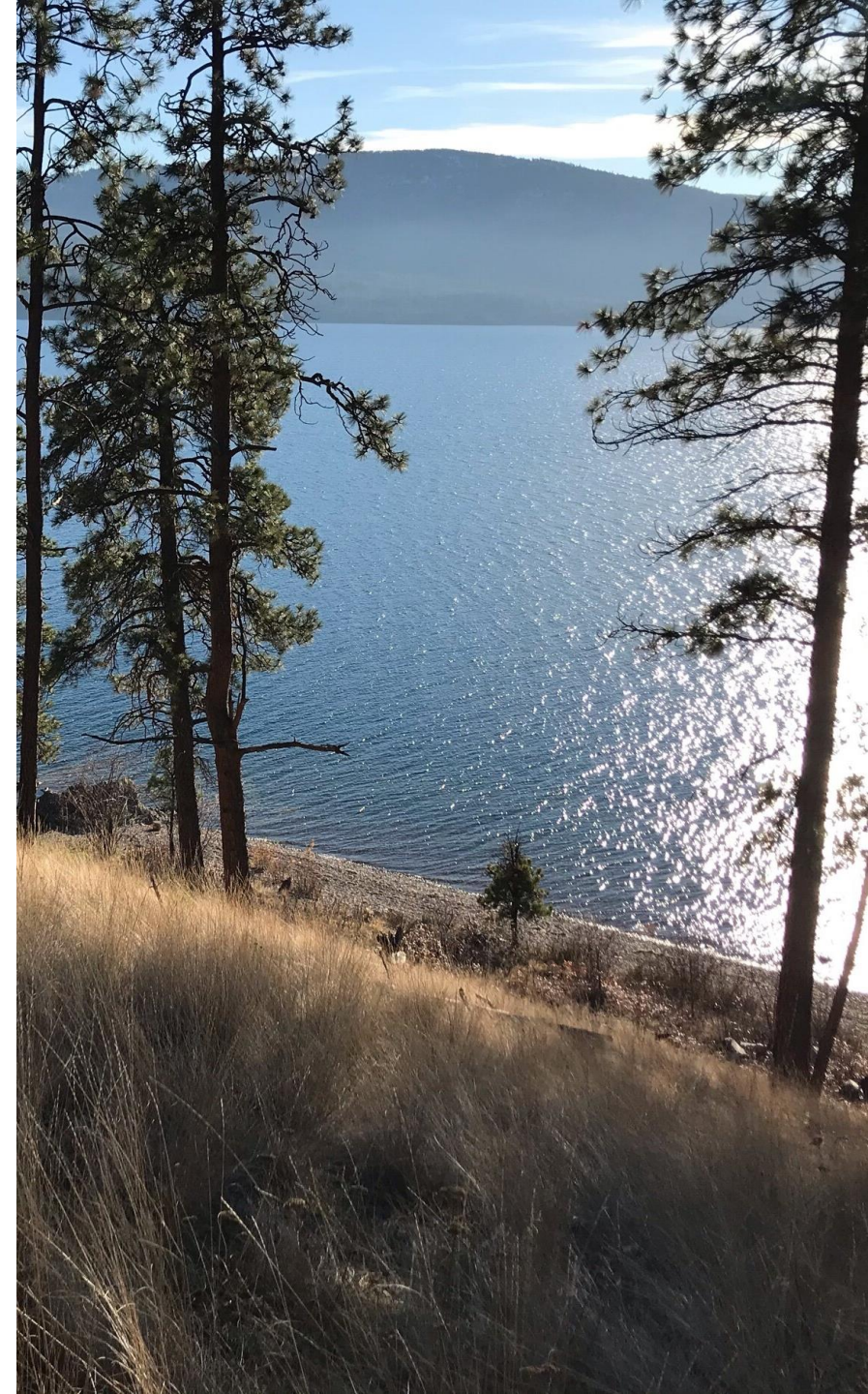
# PRESENTATION

- ▶ Why was the *North Westside Services & Governance Study* initiated?
- ▶ What was the *Study's* purpose, and how was the *Study* undertaken?
- ▶ What options for change were considered?
- ▶ What is the recommendation to the RDCO Board?



# WHY THE STUDY?

- ▶ Local service and governance concerns raised by North Westside Community Association
  - ✓ *North Westside Governance & Community Issues Review* undertaken in 2017
  - ✓ North Westside Local Government Grant Advisory Committee established in 2021
  - ✓ Minister provided restructure grant later in the same year



# PURPOSE & PROCESS

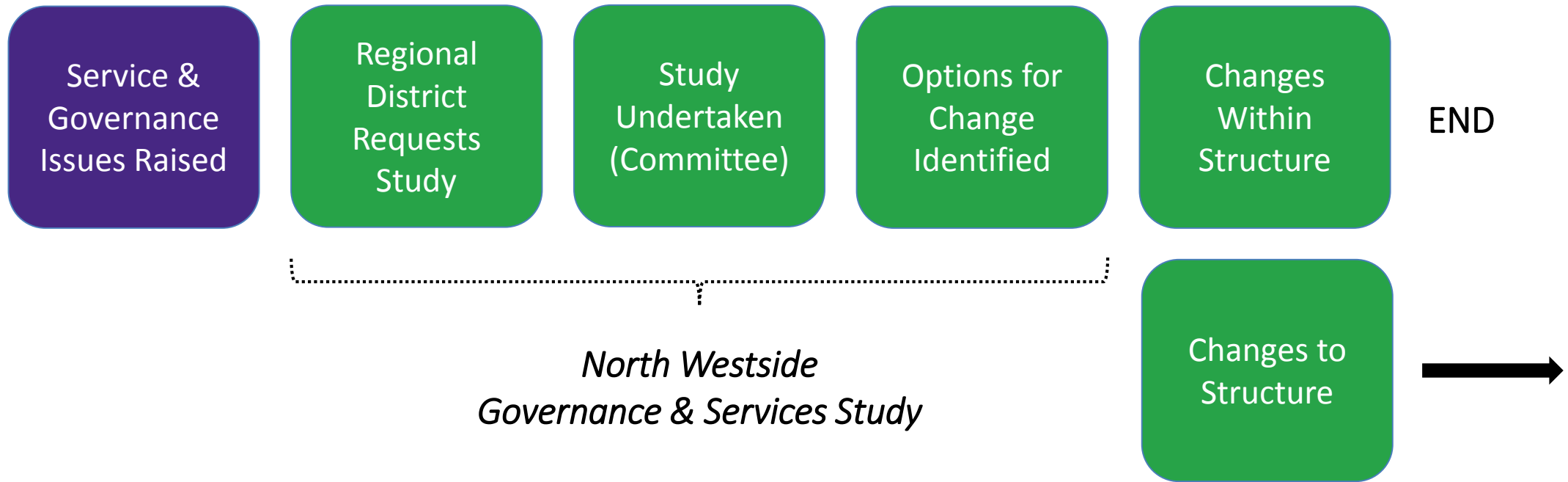
- ▶ Purpose of *Study* was threefold:
  - ✓ document and assess current governance and services ("what is")
  - ✓ Engage to understand concerns and interests
  - ✓ Identify changes to consider

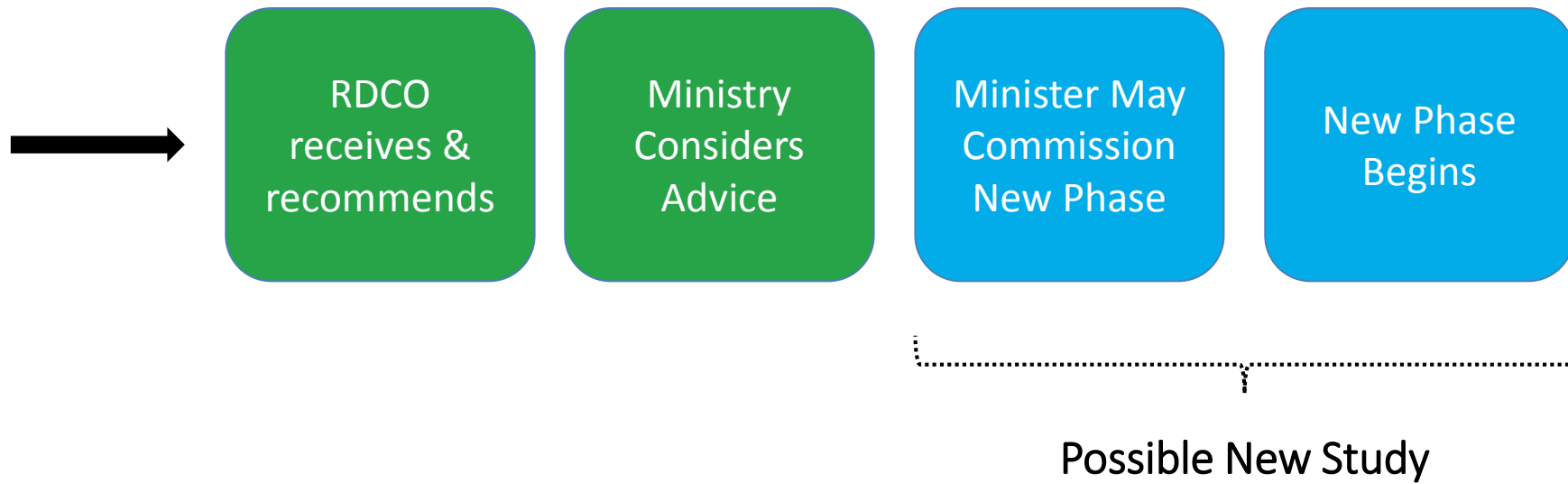


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- ▶ *Governance & Services Study* presented as first phase of what *could* be a broader process

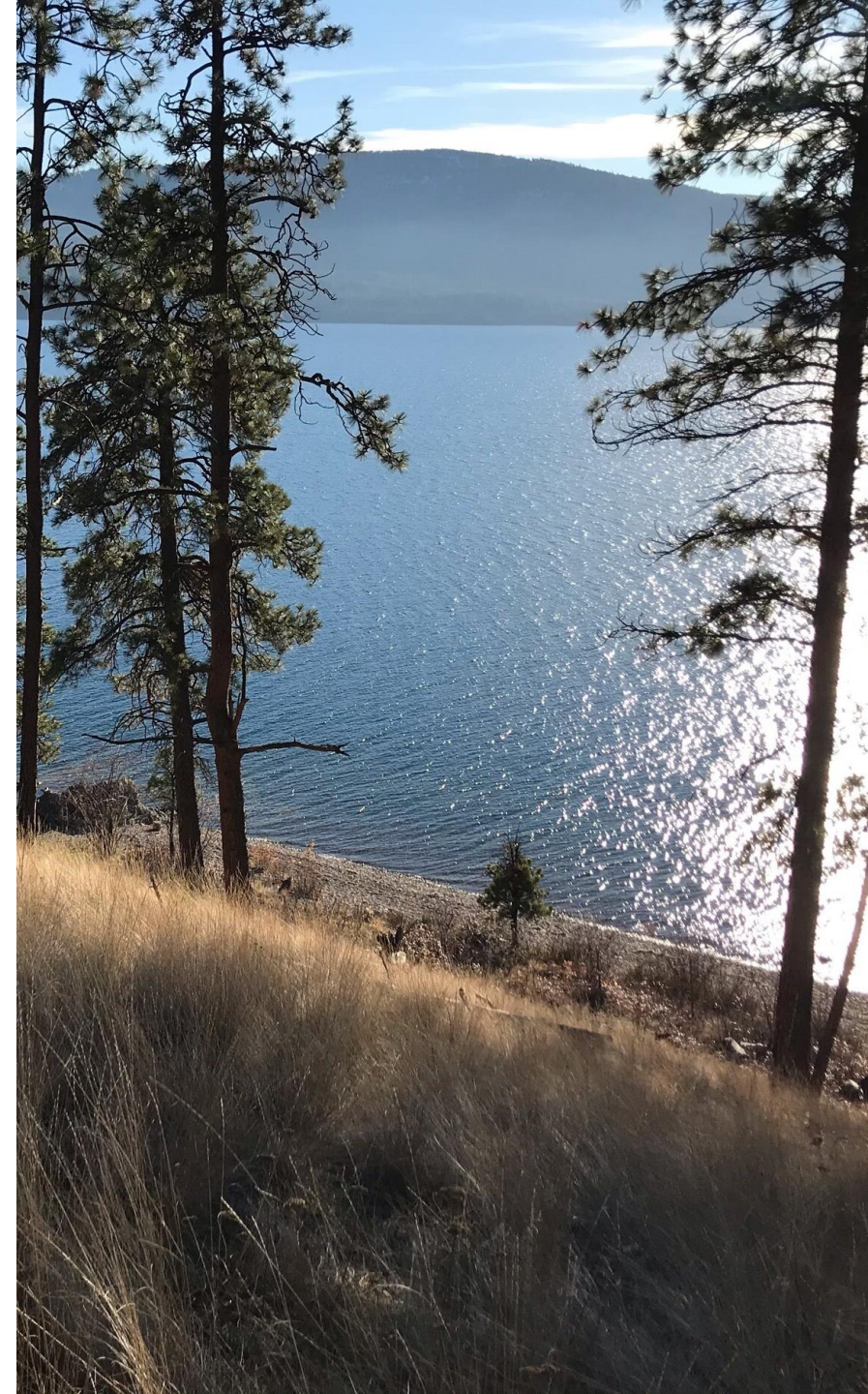






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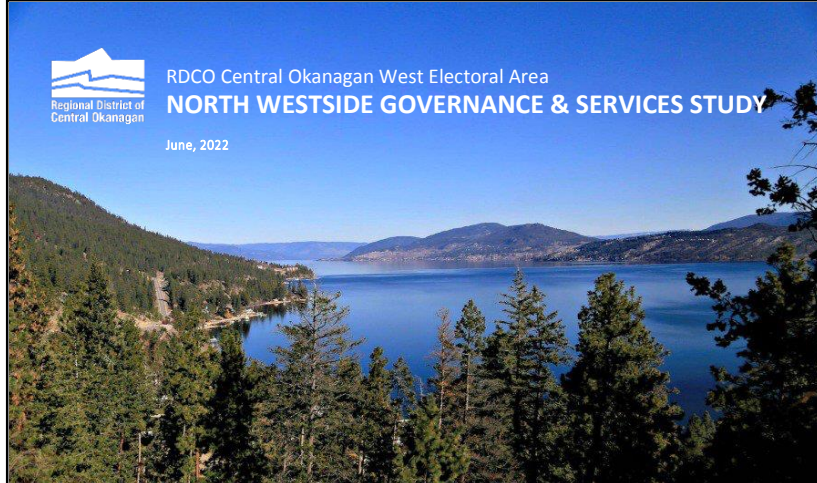
- ▶ *Study* conducted by North Westside Governance & Services Study Advisory Committee
- ▶ Committee supported by independent consultants and RDCO
- ▶ Process determined and overseen by Ministry of Municipal Affairs






# PURPOSE & PROCESS

- Process featured:
- ✓ four Committee meetings
  - ✓ five community open houses
  - ✓ website, mail-out, feedback form (survey)
  - ✓ *Interim Report and Final Report*



 RDCO Central Okanagan West Electoral Area  
**NORTH WESTSIDE GOVERNANCE & SERVICES STUDY**  
June, 2022

**INTRODUCTION**  
The North Westside Governance & Services Study is underway in the Central Okanagan West Electoral Area of the Regional District of Central Okanagan (RDCO). The purpose of the study is threefold:

- to document the local governance and service provision in place today in the North Westside
- to understand the interests and concerns of residents related to governance and services
- to identify governance and service provision options to address the most pressing concerns brought forward

The study is guided by the RDCO's North Westside Governance & Services Study Committee. The Committee is made up of 12 residents who, taken together, represent the diversity of the communities in the North Westside. Central Okanagan West Electoral Area Director, Wayne Carson, sits on the Committee in a non-voting, *ex officio* capacity. A team of local government consultants supports the Committee in its work.

The Committee's inaugural meeting was on March 17, 2022, at the Killiney Beach Community Hall. On May 19, 2022, the Committee met again to review the consultants' *DRAFT Interim Report*. The report outlines in detail the current state of governance and services in the North Westside, as well as in the broader Central Okanagan Area West Electoral Area. A profile of the North Westside communities is also in the report, as is a sample 2022 property tax notice for a North Westside residence.

With the *Interim Report* in hand, the Committee is ready to kick-off the community engagement phase of the study. Engagement includes:

- three Community Open Houses in June at the Killiney Community Hall
- a survey available in person and online for community feedback
- a study website (yoursay.rdco.com)
- this overview booklet

**WHAT'S INSIDE**  
This overview booklet provides information on the current approaches to governance and local service provision in the North Westside. The booklet covers four themes:

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# OPTIONS FOR CHANGE

- ▶ *Committee Report* presents:
  - ✓ overview of Regional Districts
  - ✓ overview of North Westside community within Central Okanagan West
  - ✓ local services provided by RDCO and by other service providers
  - ✓ review of public engagement
  - ✓ options for change to consider



## NORTH WESTSIDE SERVICES & GOVERNANCE STUDY

COMMITTEE REPORT

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# OPTIONS FOR CHANGE

## CHANGES WITHIN STRUCTURE

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### CHANGES TO STRUCTURE

- > Regional District Boundary Change
- > Electoral Area Boundary Change
- > Other

# RECOMMENDATION

- ▶ Committee deliberated over range of options, and arrived (unanimously) at recommendation to pursue Regional District Boundary Change



# RECOMMENDATION

- ▶ Recommendation to pursue study, in collaboration with RDNO and Ministry, aimed at exploring the service, governance and financial implications of changing Regional District boundaries to:
  - ✓ remove North Westside from Central Okanagan West Electoral Area and the Regional District of Central Okanagan
  - ✓ add North Westside to the RDNO as a separate electoral area





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