



Regional Board Report

Request for Decision

To: Regional Board

From: Chief Administrative Officer

Date: December 1, 2022

Subject: Electoral Area West and North Westside Governance and Services Study Committee – Ministry Response

Voting Entitlement: *All Directors – Unweighted Corporate Vote – Simple Majority (LGA s.208)*

Purpose: To receive correspondence in response to the Electoral Area West and North Westside Governance and Services Study committee recommendation and authorize the Chair to engage the Regional District of the North Okanagan and the Minister of Municipal Affairs on next steps.

Executive Summary:

The Regional District received a \$60,000 restructure planning grant from Ministry of Municipal Affairs for a governance and services study in Electoral Area West. The Electoral Area West and North Westside Governance and Services Study committee (the 'committee') was then established by the Board on December 6, 2021, through approval of the Terms of Reference put forward by the Ministry of Municipal Affairs.

At the September 26 meeting, the Board received the report and recommendation from the committee and directed the Chair of the Regional Board forward the committee report and recommendation to the Ministry of Municipal Affairs for their consideration.

The response from the Ministry was received on November 22, 2022 and is attached to the report for Board information. In a review of the response from the Ministry with the Chair, the recommendation for Board consideration is to authorize the Chair to continue to engage both the Regional District of the North Okanagan, and the Ministry of Municipal Affairs in the pursuit of the clear wishes of the community as provided through the final report of the committee.

<https://www.rdco.com/en/your-government/north-westside-study.aspx>.

Recommendation(s):

THAT the Regional Board authorize Chair Wooldridge to send a letter to the Chair of the Regional District of the North Okanagan, requesting input on the Electoral Area West and North Westside Governance and Services Study committee recommendation as it would relate to the proposed boundary change;

AND THAT the Regional Board authorize Chair Wooldridge to send a letter to the Minister of Municipal Affairs requesting the Ministry proceed with further assessments and studies as required to proceed with consideration of a boundary change and restructure as recommended by the Electoral Area West and North Westside Governance and Services Study committee.

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Respectfully submitted by:



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Attachment(s): Ministry of Municipal Affairs correspondence (2022-11-17) – North Westside Governance and Services Study