



Area "D" Governance Study

with Bob Daly, Chair

What is "Governance"? Governance is the process of decision-making and the process by which decisions are implemented. Unfortunately, the complexity of governance is difficult to capture in a simple definition. The need for governance exists anytime a group of people come together to accomplish an end result. Good governance is an indeterminate term used in international development literature to describe how public institutions conduct public affairs and manage public resources. Though the governance literature proposes several definitions, most rest on three dimensions: authority, decision-making and accountability.

Why proceed with a Governance Study? The purpose of the Governance Study is to review and to consider methods of improvement of local governance, including service delivery to the communities of Electoral Area "D", within the context of the Regional District system. Incorporation **is not** under consideration through this study; nor is the study or its recommendations intended to displace or interfere with existing initiatives within any community of Area "D".

What is involved in the Governance Study? Area "D" is a widespread region, encompassing the communities of Upper Carmi, Heritage Hills and Lakeshore Highlands, Skaha Estates, Twin Lakes, Apex, Okanagan Falls, St. Andrews, North East part of Vaseux Lake, Kaleden, and their surrounding areas. The key to the success of the study will be to engage as many citizens as possible from each community in order to accurately assess the governance and service issues which may be specific to a particular community or which may be shared throughout the entire area. To this end, the Governance Study Committee together with the Consultant will provide a variety of fact sheets on services, will conduct two surveys, and will host three open forums to give citizens from each community the opportunity to learn more and thus give valuable feedback during this process.

Who is conducting the Governance Study? A volunteer group of local residents from across Area "D" make up the Governance Study Committee. Those members are: Bob Daly (Chair), Tamara Browne, Navid Chaudry, Leslie D'Andrea, Sam Hancheroff, Larry Kenyon, Doug Lychak, Myleen Mallach, Gerry Stewart, and Eleanor Walker. This committee will work with the hired consultants, Leftside Partners Inc., who were selected based on their strong qualifications and experience with local governance, their successful work with public consultation, and on the thoroughness of their work plan.

When is the Governance Study happening? The Governance Study is already underway and the completion with recommendations is expected in the Fall of 2016. The committee and consultants met in September to discuss the public engagement/consultation plan and to address time lines for the study. Future Governance Study Committee meetings will be open to the public and a schedule will be developed and posted online for those meetings. For up to date information regarding the study progress and meeting schedules, visit the webpage at www.rdos.bc.ca and look under "popular links" for Area "D" Governance Study.

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What is a Governance Study?

The purpose of the study is to review and consider methods of improvement with local governance. Who provides services and at what cost? What do the residents think about this? How could we make it better? How could this affect us? Please note, incorporation is not a consideration.

What matters to you? Let us know through surveys & open forums.

A major concern in one community may not be of significance in another.

Area "D" covers Upper Carmi, Heritage Hills/Lakeshore Highlands, Skaha Estates, Apex, Twin Lakes, St. Andrews, NE Vaseux Lake, Okanagan Falls, Kaleden & surrounding areas. The Governance Study Committee is made up of citizens from throughout Area "D".

Curious about the Electoral Area "D" Governance Study?

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