



REGIONAL DISTRICT OF OKANAGAN-SIMILKAMEEN INFORMATION RELEASE

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Happy 50th Anniversary RDOS!

In 2016, the Regional District of Okanagan-Similkameen (RDOS) will celebrate its 50th year!

On **March 4, 1966** the RDOS was incorporated by the province through the issuance of Letters Patent. Regional Districts are a form of local government composed of municipalities and electoral areas, each of which has representation on the regional board. This form of government is unique to British Columbia and is an integral part of the province's local government system.

History is an important building block to culture and community. Celebrations of the RDOS 50th anniversary are a collaborative effort to capture and record some of the history of the RDOS local government and to showcase the important historical role the RDOS has played to its citizens. Through the stories of past and current Directors and staff, visitors to the website will begin to see the impacts of how the hard work and commitment to local government has benefitted citizens in our communities.

Please visit the RDOS 50th Anniversary page on the website at <http://www.rdos.bc.ca/news-events/rdos-50th-anniversary/>.

A series of videos are being produced featuring interviews of past and present Directors and staff covering topics from Regional Thinking, Highlights and Achievements, and over the past 50 years.

A series of articles will be written about the history of the RDOS which are sure to unveil accomplishments of Directors as well as many fun and fascinating stories. These articles will also serve to educate the public on the Regional District services and draw a correlation between the decision making of the Board (past and present) to the benefits realized in each community.

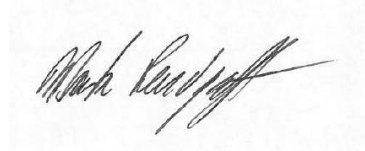
Sneak a peek at the videos to come on the RDOS YouTube channel at Regional District of Okanagan Similkameen (RDOS). <https://youtu.be/hyF-tyYTP3g>

The Regional District wants to hear from you! If you are interested in learning more about the RDOS or if you or someone you know was a past Director, past staff member or if you have an interesting historical story about the RDOS we want to hear from you!

Additional resources for Regional Districts: UBCM
<http://www.ubcm.ca/assets/library/Publications/Regional~District~Tool~Kit/te.pdf>

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