

REGIONAL DISTRICT OF OKANAGAN-SIMILKAMEEN

INFORMATION RELEASE

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Regional Districts Collaborate to Better Understand Climate Change Impacts

The Regional District of Okanagan-Similkameen (RDOS) is working in collaboration with the Regional District of Central Okanagan (RDCO) and the Regional District of North Okanagan (RDNO) to better understand our future in the Okanagan region.

On September 27, the RDOS hosted a workshop with other stakeholders including South Okanagan Similkameen local government staff, representatives from various municipalities, Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure (MoTI) and the South Okanagan Similkameen Conservation Program (SOSCP).

The climate change impacts workshop included climate modelling results for the South Okanagan Similkameen in the year 2050. The modelling information was presented by the Pacific Climate Impacts Consortium located at the University of Victoria. The modelling projections being completed by the Pacific Climate Impacts Consortium used 2050 as a base year to compare to the present.

A final report is expected to be made public in January 2020. Other topics of discussion during the workshop included climate impacts on agriculture, health, land use, buildings, infrastructure, ecosystems, transportation and the local economy.

The Climate Change Impacts workshop occurred while many rallies and marches were held around the Okanagan, and in communities across Canada as part of the Global Climate Strike, a movement inspired by Swedish climate activist Greta Thunberg.

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Global Climate Strike rally in Penticton | September 27, 2019

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