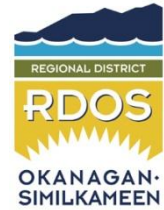


## ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT



**TO:** Board of Directors  
**FROM:** B. Newell, Chief Administrative Officer  
**DATE:** October 22, 2009  
**RE:** Sub-regional Growth Strategy Bylaw No. 2421, 2007

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### Administrative Recommendation:

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT Second reading of Bylaw No. 2421, 2007 "Regional District of Okanagan-Similkameen Sub-regional Growth Strategy" be rescinded and re-read a second time as amended and proceed to public hearing;**

**AND THAT the holding of the public hearing be delegated to Chair Ashton;**

**AND THAT staff schedule the date, time, and place of the public hearing in consultation with Chair Ashton;**

**AND THAT staff give notice of the public hearing in accordance with the requirements of the *Local Government Act*.**

### History:

Based on written comments received over the past year from the public, member municipal councils and their staff, and government agencies, a series of amendments to the existing RGS bylaw was proposed regarding the following policy issues: St. Andrews and the Dominion Radio Astrophysical Observatory (DRAO), rural growth, Environmental protection, agricultural water allocation and First Nations consultation.

In addition to these five policy areas, the RGS Toolkit and Implementation Agreements were separated from the RGS bylaw. Staff has also made minor amendments that achieve the following: new cover page, update of photos, update of ministry/agency names.

On September 17, 2009, the RDOS Board directed staff to incorporate the proposed amendments into the RGS bylaw (amendments are bolded in bylaw). In order to proceed with these amendments in place, the bylaw must be re-read. Following this, a public hearing will be scheduled.

### Alternatives:

1. THAT the bylaw proceed to public hearing without the amendments.
2. THAT the bylaw be referred to staff to address the following issue(s):

### Analysis:

Proceeding with the RGS as amended would serve to address the substantive issues raised by members of the public as well as by municipal councils and agencies. The Board has discussed each issue independently and has resolved to incorporate the suggested changes into the bylaw.

Alternative 1 may threaten the formal approval process, forcing the RDOS to enter into a dispute resolution process.

Alternative 2 would contradict the recent direction by the Board and would result in further delays for the RGS.

**Respectfully submitted:**



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J. Moore, Planner

Attachments: RDOS Sub-regional Growth Strategy Bylaw 2421, 2007