NORTH WESTSIDE GOVERNANCE & SERVICES STUDY COMMITTEE MEETING

July 20, 2022

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THE BIG PICTURE

- Governance & Services Study is first phase of what *could* be a broader process

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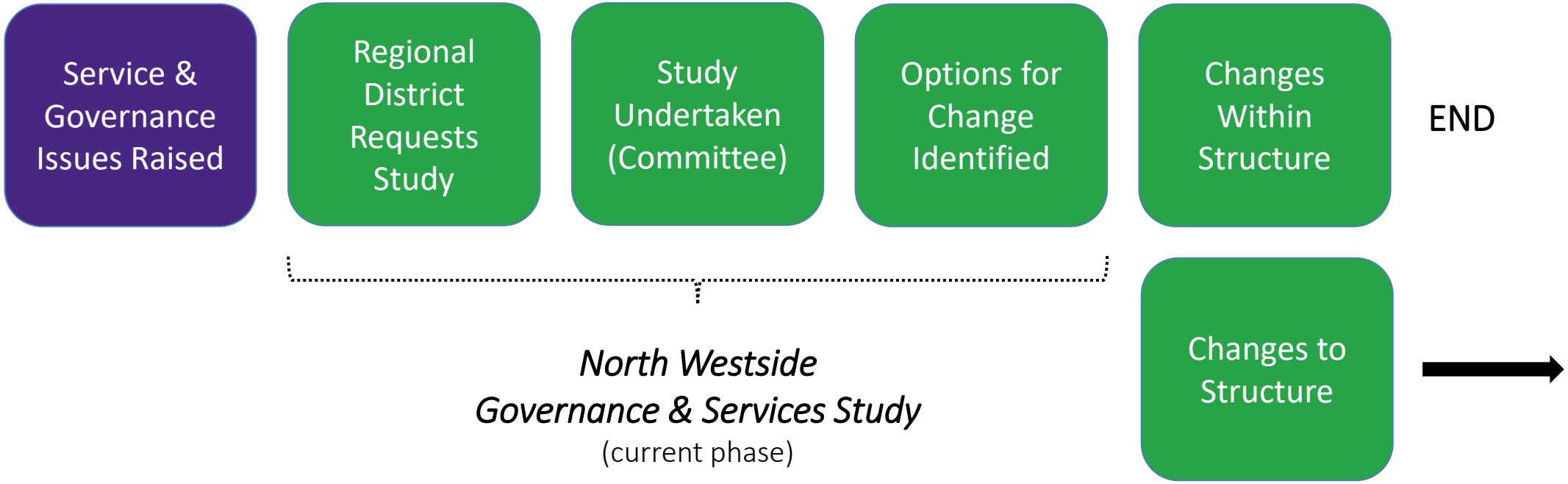

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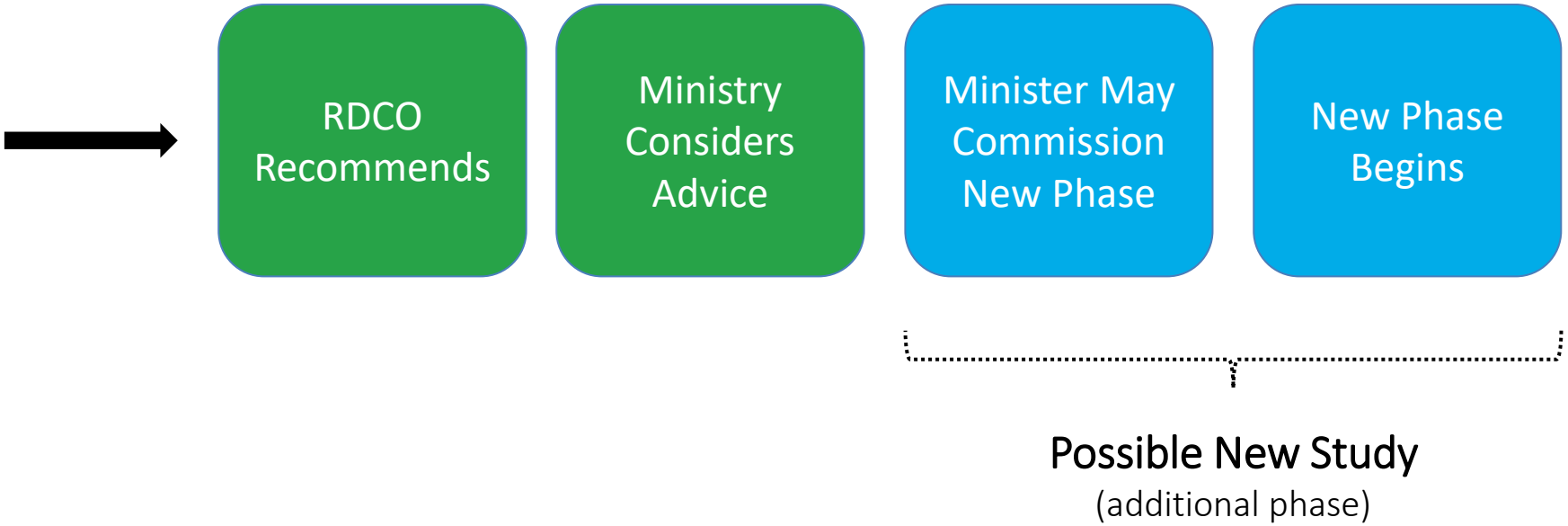

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THE STUDY

- Purpose of Study is threefold:
  - ✓ document and assess current governance and services ("what is")
  - ✓ Engage to understand concerns and interests
  - ✓ Identify changes to consider

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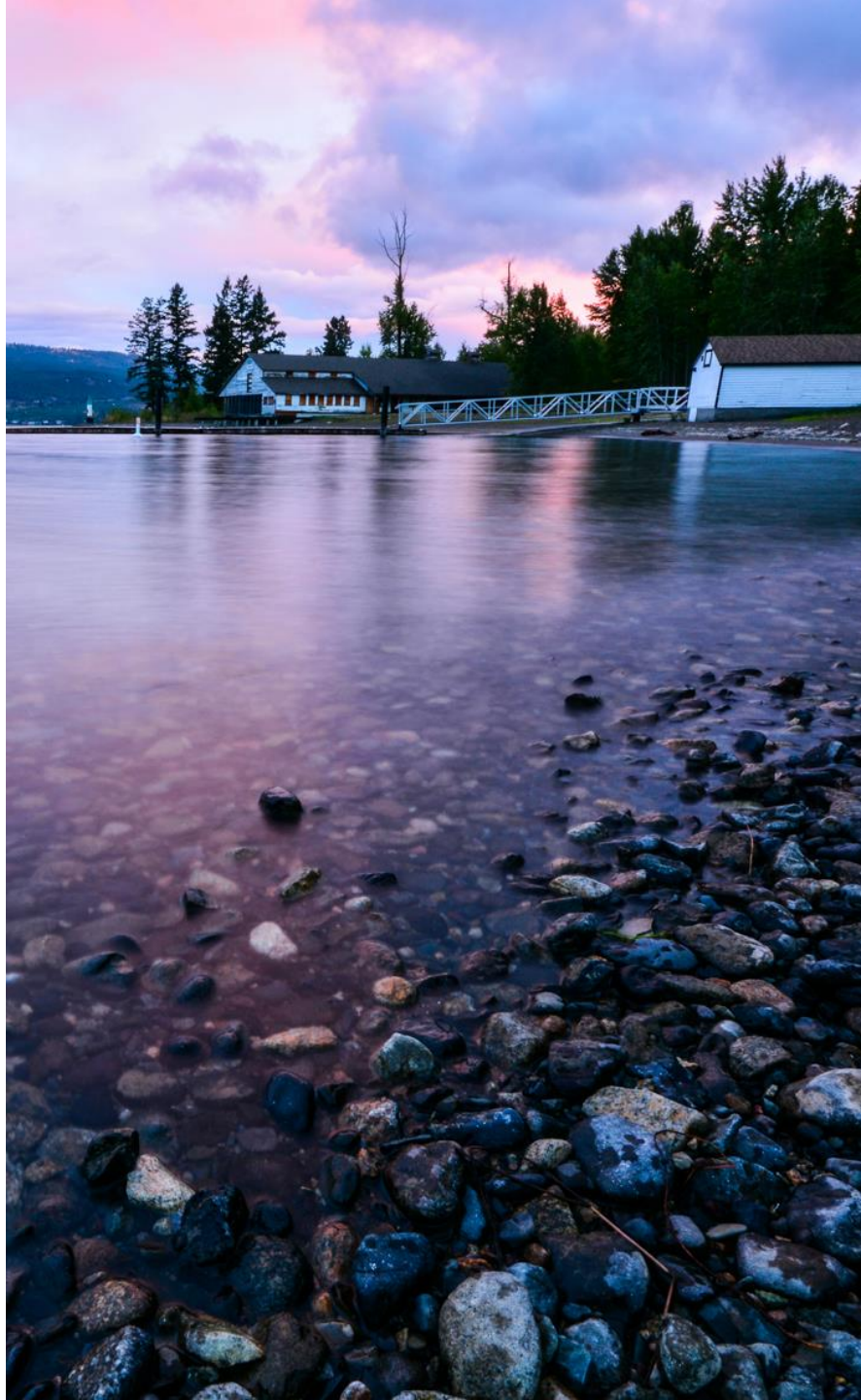
THE MEETING

- Tonight's meeting focuses, primarily, on the second part of the purpose – concerns & interests
- Spend some time, as well, on the options to start considering



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COMMUNITY INPUT

- Four Community Open Houses over four-week period

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OPEN HOUSE

Welcome to the North Westside Governance & Services Study Community Open House!

Please review the poster boards to learn about the study, and to familiarize yourself with local governance and service provision in the North Westside communities of Central Okanagan West Electoral Area. The Governance & Services Study Committee and the study consultants are here to discuss the topics and to answer any questions you may have.

Be sure to take a copy of the North Westside Governance & Services Study overview handout. Please also take a moment to provide your views on North Westside services and governance by completing the feedback form. The overview and feedback form are also available online at **yoursay.rdco.com** along with all other study materials.

YOURSAY.RDCO.COM

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COMMUNITY INPUT

- Four Community Open Houses over four-week period
- Overview publication on North Westside governance and services

INTRODUCTION

The North Westside Governance & Services Study is underway in the Central Okanagan West Electoral Area of the Regional District of Central Okanagan (RDCO). The purpose of the study is threefold:

- to document the local governance and service provision in place today in the North Westside
- to understand the interests and concerns of residents related to governance and services
- to identify governance and service provision options to address the most pressing concerns brought forward

The study is guided by the RDCO's North Westside Governance & Services Study Committee. The Committee is made up of 12 residents who, taken together, represent the diversity of the communities in the North Westside. Central Okanagan West Electoral Area Director, Wayne Carson, sits on the Committee in a non-voting, *ex officio* capacity. A team of local government consultants supports the Committee in its work.

The Committee's inaugural meeting was on March 17, 2022, at the Killiney Beach Community Hall. On May 19, 2022, the Committee met again to review the consultants' *DRAFT Interim Report*. The report outlines in detail the current state of governance and services in the North Westside, as well as in the broader Central Okanagan Area West Electoral Area. A profile of the North Westside communities is also in the report, as is a sample 2022 property tax notice for a North Westside residence.

With the *Interim Report* in hand, the Committee is ready to kick-off the community engagement phase of the study. Engagement includes:

- three Community Open Houses in June at the Killiney Community Hall
- a survey available in person and online for community feedback
- a study website (yoursay.rdco.com)
- this overview booklet

WHAT'S INSIDE

This overview booklet provides information on the current approaches to governance and local service provision in the North Westside. The booklet covers four themes:

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COMMUNITY INPUT

- Four Community Open Houses over four-week period
- Overview publication on North Westside governance and services
- Survey on governance and services for residents to complete

North Westside Services & Governance Study Feedback Form

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Thank you for your interest in the North Westside Services and Governance Study. The Study is an initiative of the Regional District of Central Okanagan (RDCO) and is overseen by a citizen's Committee. The Committee is sharing information on the range of RDCO services provided to North Westside, including how decisions are made, and the cost of those services, through three open houses, and an overview document as well as other background information available on the project website, yoursay.rdco.com. The Committee is also seeking input on residents' interests, issues and concerns regarding services and governance. Please take a moment to answer a few questions and to provide your comments. All feedback will be reviewed by the Committee and summarized for the community.

1. Do you live or own property in the North Westside area (purple area on map)?
   - ☐ Yes
   - ☐ No

2. Which area below best describes where you live or own property?
   - ☐ Westshore Estates
   - ☐ Killiney or Killiney Beach
   - ☐ Fintry, Upper Fintry, Fintry North, Fintry Park or Fintry Delta
   - ☐ Estamont
   - ☐ La Casa
   - ☐ Caesar's Landing
   - ☐ Valley of the Sun
   - ☐ Other _____
   - ☐ Nahun
   - ☐ Wainman Cove
   - ☐ Marshbank
   - ☐ Ewings Landing
   - ☐ Muirallen Estates
   - ☐ Forest House
   - ☐ Aspen Shores
   - ☐ Summersands

3. Have you reviewed information on the Study website at yoursay.rdco.com?
   - ☐ Yes
   - ☐ No

4. Please indicate whether you attended any of the North Westside Services & Governance Study Open Houses. Select all that apply.
   - ☐ Wednesday June 8
   - ☐ Monday June 13
   - ☐ Wednesday June 22

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- Four Community Open Houses over four-week period
- Overview publication on North Westside governance and services
- Survey on governance and services for residents to complete
- Committee outreach to neighbours

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COMMUNITY INPUT

- Consultants' observations
  - ✓ Turnout not as strong as Committee may have preferred
  - ✓ Surveys will add to and help to round out the interests and concerns
  - ✓ All discussions civil and respectful; some strong views, but many seeking understanding
  - ✓ Interest in understanding options, including within current structure

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COMMUNITY INPUT

- Consultants' observations
  - ✓ Governance model and dominance of City of Kelowna on RDCO Board
  - ✓ Water service cost increase; concerns about transparency and accountability
  - ✓ Governance system requires collaboration; system also reflects liability and contributions
  - ✓ Representation for electoral areas considerably lower than that for municipalities (perceived to impact advocacy efforts)

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COMMUNITY INPUT

- Consultants' observations
  - ✓ Interest in understanding voting numbers in North Okanagan
  - ✓ Sense of connection to North Okanagan communities stronger than to Central
  - ✓ Concern that no electoral areas committee of the Board
  - ✓ Perception / experience that Regional District not as responsive as could be to local issues

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COMMUNITY INPUT

- Consultants' observations
  - ✓ Roads identified as service of significant concern (greater advocacy needed)
  - ✓ Fire protection identified as a service of significant concern
  - ✓ Fringe area planning agreements are a concern
  - ✓ Transparency around some costs flagged

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COMMUNITY INPUT

- Committee Observations

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UNDERSTANDING OPTIONS

- Premature to focus on specific options to address concerns raised
  - ✓ waiting on full survey results

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UNDERSTANDING OPTIONS

- Changes WITHIN the current local government structure
  - ✓ Electoral Areas Services Committee
  - ✓ Non-statutory or statutory service reviews
  - ✓ Local Community Commission
  - ✓ Citizen advisory bodies
  - ✓ Stakeholder voting opportunities
  - ✓ Regional district outreach (see *2021-2022 EA Communication Strategy*)

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UNDERSTANDING OPTIONS

- Changes TO the current local government structure (North Westside within RDCO)
  - ✓ Change Electoral Area boundary
  - ✓ Change Regional District boundary

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FINANCIAL INFORMATION

- Westside Community Parks
- Local water systems

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GOING FORWARD

Committee Meeting	Survey Closes	Results Reported	Report to Committee	Committee Meeting	Board Presentation
July 20	August 12	August 21	August 26	September 8	September 26

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