

Steven Gilroy Announces Candidacy for Electoral Area West Director in RDCO Election

Local entrepreneur, Steven Gilroy has officially launched his campaign for Director of the Regional District of Central Okanagan West Electoral Area in the upcoming [Regional District of Central Okanagan \(RDCO\) General Local Election](#).

Gilroy enters the race with a diverse background as a self-employed business owner in the retail sector, a local landlord, and consultant for non-profit associations. Throughout his career, Gilroy has worked across all levels of government—local, provincial, and federal—advocating for non-profit associations. Being a member of the WFN Advisory Council gives him direct experience collaborating with [Westbank First Nation \(WFN\)](#) leadership and advocating for the unique needs of non-member residents living on WFN lands. [1, 2]

"Electoral Area West is a sprawling, diverse jurisdiction that requires a director who understands both business realities and working with all levels of government," said Gilroy. "As a self-employed retailer and housing provider, I know what it means to balance budgets and manage properties. Furthermore, nearly 11,000 non-member residents call WFN lands home within our area boundaries. My background working directly with municipal, provincial, federal, and Indigenous officials means I am ready on day one to build strong bridges between the RDCO, WFN, and all area residents." [1] The Central Okanagan West Electoral Area encompasses several unique, unincorporated lakeside and rural communities, including the North Westside, Traders Cove, Fintry, Killiney Beach, Westshore Estates, Wilson's Landing, Trepanier Bench, and Brent Road, as well as WFN Reserves #9 and #10. Because these areas lack local municipal councils, the Director serves as their primary voice on the [13-member RDCO Regional Board](#). [1]

"I am stepping forward to ensure our rural Westside communities receive the dedicated advocacy and strong representation they deserve on the Regional Board," said Gilroy. "Our communities face distinctive challenges, from local water system reliability, fire mitigation and emergency preparedness to infrastructure investments. I am committed to working transparently, listening to your concerns, and delivering practical solutions close to home." [2, 3, 4, 5]

Gilroy's platform centers on four core pillars aimed at improving local governance:

- **Infrastructure Reliability:** Prioritizing necessary improvements to local water systems, regional parks, and community infrastructure.
- **Emergency Management:** Enhancing wildfire mitigation, community safety, and emergency response planning across rural areas.
- **Fiscal Transparency:** Ensuring that rural taxpayer dollars are spent efficiently and responsibly to protect the long-term livability of the region. [1, 2]
- **Inclusive Intergovernmental Collaboration:** Strengthening partnerships between the RDCO and Westbank First Nation, while ensuring non-member residents on WFN lands have a proactive, vocal voting advocate on the Regional Board. [1, 2]

The official [RDCO Campaign Period](#) begins on September 19, 2026. Advance voting opportunities will take place on Wednesday, October 7, and Wednesday, October 14, leading up to General Voting Day on **Saturday, October 17, 2026. Voting Locations** Marriott TownePlace Suites – 3551 Carrington Rd, West Kelowna and Killiney Beach Community Hall

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