



# REGIONAL DISTRICT NORTH OKANAGAN

MEMBER MUNICIPALITIES:

CITY OF ARMSTRONG  
CITY OF ENDERBY  
DISTRICT OF COLDSTREAM

VILLAGE OF LUMBY  
CITY OF VERNON

TOWNSHIP OF SPALLUMCHEEN

ELECTORAL AREAS:

"B" – SWAN LAKE  
"C" – BX DISTRICT  
"D" – LUMBY (RURAL)  
"E" – CHERRYVILLE  
"F" – ENDERBY (RURAL)

OFFICE OF: CORPORATE AND ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES

April 16, 2019

Columbia Shuswap Regional District  
**Attn.: Ryan Nitchie, Team Leader**  
Community Services / Operations Manager

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**Re: Sicamous to Armstrong CP Rail Trail Project - Governance Committee Recommendations**

At the Board of Directors meeting held on April 3, 2019 the following resolutions were endorsed:

**Recommendation 1:**

*That staff be directed to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding between the Columbia Shuswap Regional District, Regional District of North Okanagan and Splatsin setting out the general agreement of the three lead agencies to the Sicamous to Armstrong Rail Trail.*

**Recommendation 2:**

*That the draft Terms of Reference for the Governance Advisory Committee for the Sicamous to Armstrong Rail Trail be endorsed as amended and approved by the Governance Advisory Committee on March 15, 2019, and further;  
That the draft Terms of Reference for the Technical Operational Committee for the Sicamous to Armstrong Rail Trail be endorsed as approved by the Governance Advisory Committee on March 15, 2019.*

**Recommendation 3:**

*That the appointment of the Shuswap Trail Alliance on an interim basis to serve as Secretariat to the Governance Advisory Committee and Technical Operational Committee to support and facilitate the work of the Committees be endorsed as approved by the Governance Advisory Committee on March 15, 2019.*

**Recommendation 4:**

*That the activation of the Technical Operational Committee to commence activities as described in the Terms of Reference by endorsed as approved by the Governance Advisory Committee on March 15, 2019.*

**Recommendation 5:**

*That the RDNO Chief Administrative Officer be given the authority to execute land tenure agreements as approved by the Governance Advisory Committee on March 15, 2019 based on the following:*

1. *The Agreements are to be subject to approval of the Chief Administrative Officers of both the Columbia Shuswap Regional District and Regional District of North Okanagan;*
2. *The Agreements shall not exceed three years (other than statutory rights of way in favor of utilities, upland owner consents and assignments of existing agreements) and the rates payable, if applicable, shall be continued as per any existing agreements;*
3. *The Agreements shall be subject as well to approval of the relevant local jurisdiction where the lands that are the subject of the Agreement are located; and*
4. *The following Agreements may be approved under this authority:*
  - *Statutory rights of way in favor of utility companies, where there are existing works and/or existing agreements in place that are being converted to a right of way;*
  - *Upland owner consents;*
  - *Assignment of any existing crossing agreements, licenses or recreational use agreements;*
  - *Renewals of any existing crossing agreements, licenses or recreational use agreements; and*
  - *Replacement of expired crossing agreements, licenses or recreational use agreements.*

The above resolutions are consistent with the direction provided by the Sicamous to Armstrong Rail Trail Governance Advisory committee at their inaugural meeting held on March 15, 2019 at the Splatsin Community Centre in Enderby. In addition to the above resolutions ratified by the Board of Directors, the following resolution was passed in order to ensure clarity amongst the partners regarding the long term goal for the acquisition of the rail trail corridor:

***Recommendation 6:***

*That the Regional District of North Okanagan forward a letter to the Sicamous to Armstrong Rail Trail Governance Advisory Committee to provide clarity that the short term goal for acquisition of the rail trail corridor is creation of a recreational trail system but that the long term goal is as a transportation corridor.*

We look forward to receipt of the Memorandum of Understanding for execution in due course.

Best regards;

*Paddy Juniper*

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Corporate Officer

cc: Chief, Splatsin  
Chair, Columbia Shuswap Regional District  
Chair, Regional District North Okanagan