

PROVINCE OF BRITISH COLUMBIA
ORDER OF THE LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR IN COUNCIL

Order in Council No. 262 , Approved and Ordered June 24, 2026



Lieutenant Governor


Executive Council Chambers, Victoria

On the recommendation of the undersigned, the Lieutenant Governor, by and with the advice and consent of the Executive Council, orders the following:

- (a) Letters Patent, in the form attached, are issued incorporating the District of Okanagan Falls;
- (b) Letters Patent, in the form attached, are issued for the Regional District of Okanagan-Similkameen.



Minister of Housing and Municipal Affairs



Presiding Member of the Executive Council

(This part is for administrative purposes only and is not part of the Order.)

Authority under which Order is made:

Act and section: Local Government Act, R.S.B.C. 2015, c. 1, ss. 3, 10, 17, 18, 20, 21, 31, 32, 33, 35, 44 and 46;
Community Charter, S.B.C. 2003, c. 26, s. 6

Other: OIC 677/1966; OIC 942/1982; OIC 216/2018; OIC 335/2018

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Province of British Columbia
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Charles the Third, by the Grace of God, King of Canada
and His Other Realms and Territories, Head of the Commonwealth.

To all to whom these presents shall come – Greeting.

Minister of Housing and Municipal Affairs

Whereas when a vote was taken under section 3 (2) of the *Local Government Act*, more than 50% of the votes counted as valid favoured the proposed incorporation, and

Whereas the area proposed for incorporation as a municipality includes portions of the Osoyoos Indian Band's historic Dog Lake Indian Reserve No. 2, and what the Osoyoos Indian Band states is the permanent fishing village known in *nqilx^wcn/nsyilxcn as sǎ^wǎǎ^wnitk^w* (little falls) and an important headquarters for the *syilx* Okanagan Nation, and

Whereas the Osoyoos Indian Band states that *captik^wł* (oral histories and laws) speaks to its *syilx* Okanagan ancestors having lived in, fished, gathered from and occupied the area proposed to be incorporated since time immemorial, and that this connection is reflected and preserved in the *snkɫip* (Coyote) landforms and the area's numerous cultural heritage sites, archaeological features and ancestral gravesites, and

Whereas the Minister of Housing and Municipal Affairs recommends to the Lieutenant Governor in Council that the residents of that area be incorporated into a new municipality;

Now know ye that We do by these presents proclaim and order as follows:

PART 1 – DEFINITIONS

Definitions

- 1 In these Letters Patent:
 - “**band**” means the Osoyoos Indian Band;
 - “**council**” means the council of the municipality;
 - “**improvement district**” means the Rolling Hills Waterworks District, incorporated on May 11, 1982 by Order in Council 942/1982;
 - “**municipality**” means the municipality incorporated under section 2;
 - “**reconciliation advisory body**” means the reconciliation advisory body established under section 5 (1);
 - “**regional district**” means the Regional District of Okanagan-Similkameen;
 - “**transportation advisory body**” means the transportation advisory body established under section 7 (1);
 - “**water services advisory body**” means the water services advisory body established under section 6 (1).

PART 2 – INCORPORATION OF MUNICIPALITY

Incorporation

- 2 The residents of the area referred to in section 3 are incorporated into a municipality under the name “District of Okanagan Falls”.

Area and boundaries

- 3 The area of the municipality is comprised of all that tract of land, together with all foreshore and land covered by water, consisting of 1 110.27 hectares within the boundaries of the municipality shown on the map identified by Map Reference Number OKF-01-05, dated June 4, 2026 and attached as Schedule 1 to these Letters Patent.

Classification of municipality

- 4 The municipality is classified as a district.

PART 3 – ADVISORY BODIES

Reconciliation advisory body

- 5 (1) The council must establish a reconciliation advisory body that has the role of advising the council on the following:
 - (a) the agreement referred to in section 9 of these Letters Patent;
 - (b) the historical, traditional and contemporary use of the land in which the municipality is located and the band’s relationship to that land;
 - (c) matters of significance to the band for the practice of aboriginal rights, traditional resource use, environmental stewardship and cultural and spiritual practices.
- (2) The reconciliation advisory body must be established by the later of the following dates:
 - (a) January 30, 2027;
 - (b) the date at least one individual is selected by the band as its representative on the reconciliation advisory body.
- (3) Subject to subsection (4), the reconciliation advisory body is to be composed of no more than 4 members as follows:

- (a) one or 2 individuals selected by the band;
 - (b) one or 2 council members.
- (4) The number of council members on the reconciliation advisory body must be equal to the number of individuals selected by the band.
- (5) The council may not dissolve the reconciliation advisory body before December 31, 2032.

Water services advisory body

- 6 (1) The council must establish a water services advisory body that has the role of advising the council on
- (a) the transition of powers and duties respecting water services to the municipality from the regional district and, if applicable, the improvement district, and
 - (b) the provision of water services.
- (2) The water services advisory body must be established by January 30, 2027.
- (3) The water services advisory body is to be composed of at least the following members:
- (a) one individual selected by the band as its representative;
 - (b) one council member;
 - (c) one individual selected by the improvement district as its representative;
 - (d) one individual selected by the regional district as its representative.
- (4) The council may not dissolve the water services advisory body before December 31, 2029.

Transportation advisory body

- 7 (1) The council must establish a transportation advisory body that has the role of advising the council on highways and related works and facilities in respect of which the council has a power or duty under the *Community Charter* or another enactment.
- (2) The transportation advisory body must be established by January 30, 2027.
- (3) The transportation advisory body is to be composed of at least the following members:
- (a) one individual selected by the band as its representative;
 - (b) one council member;
 - (c) one individual who
 - (i) is employed in the ministry of the minister charged with the administration of the *Transportation Act*, and
 - (ii) is designated by the District Manager, Transportation for the Okanagan-Shuswap District.
- (4) The council may not dissolve the transportation advisory body before December 31, 2031.

PART 4 – GENERAL

Size of council

- 8 As an exception to section 118 (1) of the *Community Charter*, the council is to consist of one mayor and 4 councillors.

Reconciliation collaboration agreement

- 9 (1) The council must use best efforts to reach an agreement with the band, by September 6, 2027, for the purposes of identifying matters of interest to the band or council and to assist with consultation on and the sharing of information in respect of those matters, including, but not limited to, the following matters:

- (a) the use of land, including highways;
 - (b) emergency management;
 - (c) infrastructure projects to be undertaken by the council;
 - (d) heritage conservation;
 - (e) protection of the natural environment;
 - (f) access and use of parks;
 - (g) cultural awareness training, including about the significance and use of the nqilx^wcn/nsyilxcn name of the area proposed to be incorporated.
- (2) A provision of an agreement referred to in subsection (1) must not
- (a) exclude or amend, or purport to exclude or amend, a provision of an enactment of a province or Canada, and
 - (b) be inconsistent with or contrary to a provision of an enactment of a province or Canada that applies in relation to the council, the municipality or an agent, employee or officer of the municipality.

Rolling Hills Waterworks District

- 10** (1) This section applies if, on the dissolution of the improvement district, a service of the improvement district is continued as a local area service of the municipality.
- (2) Despite section 219 (3) [*merging of local service areas*] of the *Community Charter*, the council must not adopt a bylaw to merge the local area service referred to in subsection (1) with another local area service unless the bylaw has received assent of the electors in the local service area.

Fire protection services outside municipality

- 11** (1) Despite section 13 (1) [*services outside municipality*] of the *Community Charter*, the municipality must, on behalf of the regional district, provide fire protection services to the service area described in the definition of “fire protection reserve fund” in section 5 (1) of the Letters Patent for the regional district issued concurrently with these Letters Patent.
- (2) For the purposes of establishing a reserve fund for the fire protection service described in subsection (1), the council must adopt a bylaw on or before March 1, 2027.
- (3) The council must deposit into the reserve fund established under subsection (2) any amount transferred to the municipality from the regional district in respect of the fire protection services described in subsection (1).

PART 5 – TRANSITIONAL PROVISIONS

Division 1 – Council Matters

First election of council

- 12** (1) The general voting day for the first election of the council is the same day as the general voting day for the 2026 general local election.
- (2) For certainty, the first election of the council is to be held as part of the 2026 general local election.
- (3) The inspector may appoint the chief election officer and deputy chief election officer for the first election of the council.
- (4) The following bylaws of the regional district apply to the first election of the council:

- (a) the Regional District of Okanagan-Similkameen Election and Assent Voting Procedure Bylaw No. 3143, 2026;
 - (b) the Automated Vote Counting System Authorization and Procedure Bylaw No. 3151, 2026.
- (5) Despite sections 41.3 (1) and 63.03 (1) [*public availability of specific third party advertising limits and expense limits*] of the *Local Elections Campaign Financing Act*, in respect of the 2026 general local election, the minister must provide the following information to Elections BC as soon as possible after these Letters Patent are issued:
- (a) the third party advertising limits established under section 41.1 of that Act in relation to the municipality;
 - (b) the expense limits established under section 63.01 of that Act in relation to the municipality.
- (6) Despite sections 41.3 (2) and 63.03 (2) of the *Local Elections Campaign Financing Act*, as soon as possible after the third party advertising limits and expense limits are provided under subsection (5) of this section, Elections BC must make those limits publicly available on an Elections BC authorized internet site.

First regular council meeting

- 13 (1) The first regular meeting of the council is to be held on November 6, 2026.
- (2) The interim corporate officer appointed by the minister under section 35 (1) of the *Local Government Act* may set the time and place of the first regular meeting of the council.
- (3) The council must adopt a procedure bylaw at the first regular meeting of the council.

Financial plan

- 14 (1) The council must, by bylaw, adopt a financial plan at the first regular meeting of the council.
- (2) The interim corporate officer must prepare a proposed financial plan for the first regular meeting of the council.
- (3) The planning period for the financial plan begins on November 6, 2026 and ends on December 31, 2027.
- (4) Section 166 [*public process for development of financial plan*] of the *Community Charter* does not apply for the purposes of a financial plan adopted under this section.

First fiscal year

- 15 Despite section 164 [*fiscal year*] of the *Community Charter*, the first fiscal year for the municipality begins on November 6, 2026 and ends on December 31, 2027.

Borrowing in anticipation of revenue

- 16 The council may borrow a maximum of \$4 342 400 for the current expenditures of the municipality in its first fiscal year.

Division 2 – Service Arrangements

Municipality to pay cost of interim administration

- 17 (1) In return for the regional district’s administration, until January 1, 2028, of a service described in section 3 (1) of the Letters Patent for the regional district issued concurrently with these Letters Patent, the municipality must pay to the regional district the cost of the service that would have been recovered by the regional district from the area of the municipality had the municipality not been incorporated.
- (2) The cost of the service must be paid by the municipality on or before August 15 each year.

Local area services

- 18 (1) The council must establish a local area service for each street lighting service provided by the regional district.
- (2) The service area of each local area service established under subsection (1) is to be the same, and have the same boundaries, as the service area for the corresponding service provided by the regional district immediately before the municipality establishes the local area service.
- (3) For the purposes of establishing a local area service for a street lighting service, the council must adopt a bylaw by January 1, 2027.

Commencement

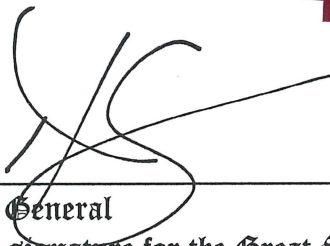
- 19 (1) Subject to subsection (2), these Letters Patent come into force on November 6, 2026.
- (2) The following provisions come into force on the date these Letters Patent are issued:
- (a) section 8 [*size of council*];
 - (b) section 12 [*first election of council*];
 - (c) section 13 (2) [*time and place of first regular council meeting*];
 - (d) 14 (2) [*preparation of proposed financial plan for first regular council meeting*].

In testimony whereof, We have caused these Our Letters to be made Patent and the Great Seal of Our Province of British Columbia to be hereunto affixed.

Witness, The Honourable Wendy Cocchia, Lieutenant Governor of Our Province of British Columbia, in Our City of Victoria, in Our Province, this 24th day of June, two thousand twenty-six and in the fourth year of Our Reign.

By Command.

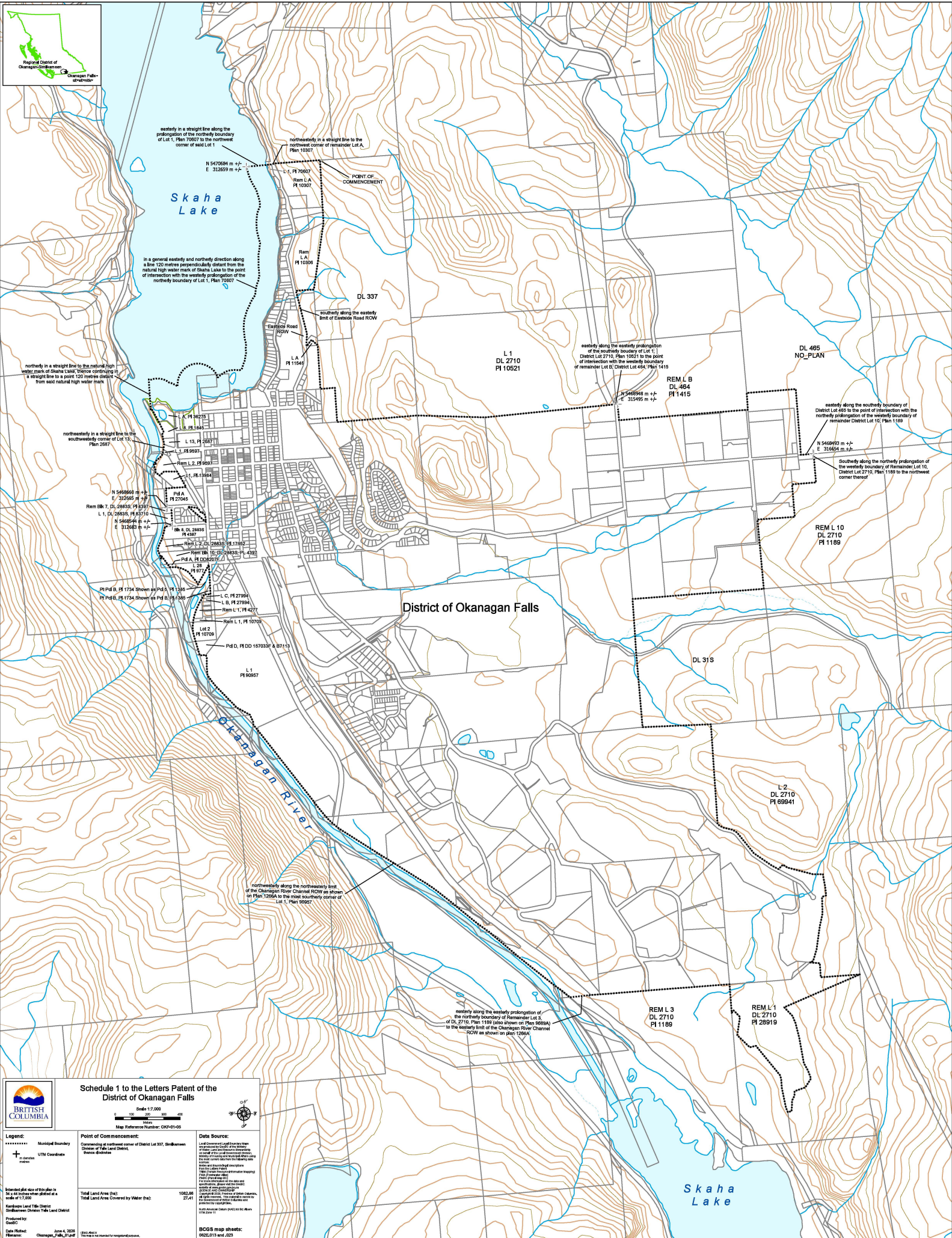




Attorney General
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Lieutenant Governor



Schedule 1 to the Letters Patent of the District of Okanagan Falls

Scale 1:7,000

Map Reference Number: OKP-01-05

Legend:

- Municipal Boundary
- UTM Coordinates
- Water

Point of Commencement:
Commencing at northwest corner of District Lot 337, Similkameen District of Okanagan Falls.

Data Source:
Land Ownership Data: British Columbia Assessment Services
Topographic Data: British Columbia Assessment Services
Water Data: British Columbia Assessment Services
Municipal Boundaries: District of Okanagan Falls
UTM Coordinates: British Columbia Assessment Services

Total Land Area (ha): 1082.36
Total Land Area Covered by Water (ha): 27.41

BCGS map sheets: OKS-013 and -023

Prepared by: Gensco
Date: June 4, 2020
Revised: Okanagan Falls, BC



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Charles the Third, by the Grace of God, King of Canada
and His Other Realms and Territories, Head of the Commonwealth.

To all to whom these presents shall come – Greeting.

Minister of Housing and Municipal Affairs

Whereas the Regional District of
Okanagan-Similkameen was incorporated
by letters patent issued on March 4, 1966 by
Order in Council 677/1966, and

Whereas the residents of the area of the District of Okanagan Falls are incorporated by Letters Patent issued concurrently with these Letters Patent;

Now know ye that We do by these presents proclaim and order as follows:

Definitions

1 In these letters patent:

“municipality” means the District of Okanagan Falls;

“regional district” means the Regional District of Okanagan-Similkameen;

“transferred area” means the area included within the boundaries of the municipality by Letters Patent issued concurrently with these Letters Patent.

2 *The Letters Patent issued on March 4, 1966, by Order in Council 677/1966, for the regional district are amended*

(a) by repealing section 3 and substituting the following:

Member municipalities

- 3 (1) The following municipalities are member municipalities of the regional district:
- (a) The Corporation of the City of Penticton;
 - (b) The Corporation of the District of Summerland;
 - (c) The Corporation of the Village of Keremeos;
 - (d) the District of Okanagan Falls;
 - (e) the Town of Oliver;
 - (f) the Town of Osoyoos;
 - (g) the Town of Princeton.
- (2) Electoral Areas A, B, C, D, E, F, G, H and I, the boundaries of which are described in the attached Appendix “A”, are member municipalities of the regional district. ,

(b) in Appendix “A” by striking out the description after the heading “Electoral Area D” and substituting the following:

Electoral Area D of the Regional District of Okanagan-Similkameen shall comprise all that tract of land, together with all foreshore and land covered by water, consisting of 58 153.9 hectares within the boundaries of the regional district as shown on the map identified by Map Reference Number RDOS-00-05.EAD (xref OKF-01-05), dated June 4, 2026 and attached as Schedule 4 to these Letters Patent. ,

(c) by repealing Schedule 4 to Appendix “A”,

(d) by adding as Schedule 4 the attached map titled “Schedule 4 to the Letters Patent of the Regional District of Okanagan-Similkameen Electoral Area D”, and

(e) by adding as Schedule 8 the attached map titled “Schedule 8 to the Letters Patent of the Regional District of Okanagan-Similkameen (fire protection)”.

Transfer of regional district service jurisdiction

- 3 (1) The jurisdiction for the following services of the regional district that are provided in a service area, all or part of which service area is in the transferred area, is transferred to the municipality in respect of all or that part of the service area that is in the transferred area:
- (a) animal control;
 - (b) building inspection;
 - (c) cemetery operation;
 - (d) commercial development;
 - (e) community parks;
 - (f) development infrastructure;
 - (g) economic development;
 - (h) fire protection;
 - (i) industrial development;
 - (j) land use planning;
 - (k) recreational programs;
 - (l) residential development;
 - (m) solid waste collection and drop-off;

- (n) tourism marketing;
 - (o) transit systems;
 - (p) untidy and unsightly premises;
 - (q) victim services.
- (2) The regional district must, on behalf of the municipality, administer the services for which jurisdiction is transferred under subsection (1) until January 1, 2028.

Service bylaws of regional district apply

- 4 (1) Subject to subsection (2), the municipality is deemed to be a participant in a service operated by the regional district under a bylaw, other than a service in respect of which jurisdiction is transferred to the municipality by section 3 (1) of these Letters Patent.
- (2) Subsection (1) applies
- (a) in relation to a service in which Electoral Area D of the regional district, as it exists immediately before the coming into force of this section, is a participant, and
 - (b) until the bylaw under which the service is provided is amended to include the municipality as a participant or repealed by the regional district.

Transfer of regional district's assets

- 5 (1) In this section, “**fire protection reserve fund**” means the reserve fund established by the regional district in respect of the area shaded and described as the Fire Protection Service Area on the map identified by Map Reference Number RDOS-00-05.EAD.LSA (xref OKF-01-05), dated June 4, 2026 and attached as Schedule 8 to these Letters Patent.
- (2) Subject to this section, the regional district's rights, property and assets that relate to a service transferred under section 3 and that are associated with all or part of the transferred area are transferred to and vest in the municipality.
- (3) On or before January 1, 2028, the regional district must transfer to the municipality an amount equal to 49% of the fire protection reserve fund.

Transfer of regional district's obligations

- 6 The regional district's obligations that relate to a service transferred under section 3 and that are associated with all or part of the transferred area are transferred to and assumed by the municipality.

Regional district resolution continued

- 7 A resolution of the regional district that relates to a service for which jurisdiction is transferred under section 3 and that is applicable to all or part of the transferred area continues in force as a resolution of the municipality applicable to the area of the municipality to which it applied as a resolution of the regional district until the resolution is amended or repealed by the council of the municipality.

Regional district reference deemed a municipal reference

- 8 A reference to the regional district in any commercial paper, lease, licence, permit or other contract, instrument or document that is transferred under section 5 or 6 or that relates to rights, property, assets and obligations transferred under section 5 or 6 is deemed to be a reference to the municipality.

Commencement

- 9 These Letters Patent come into force on November 6, 2026.

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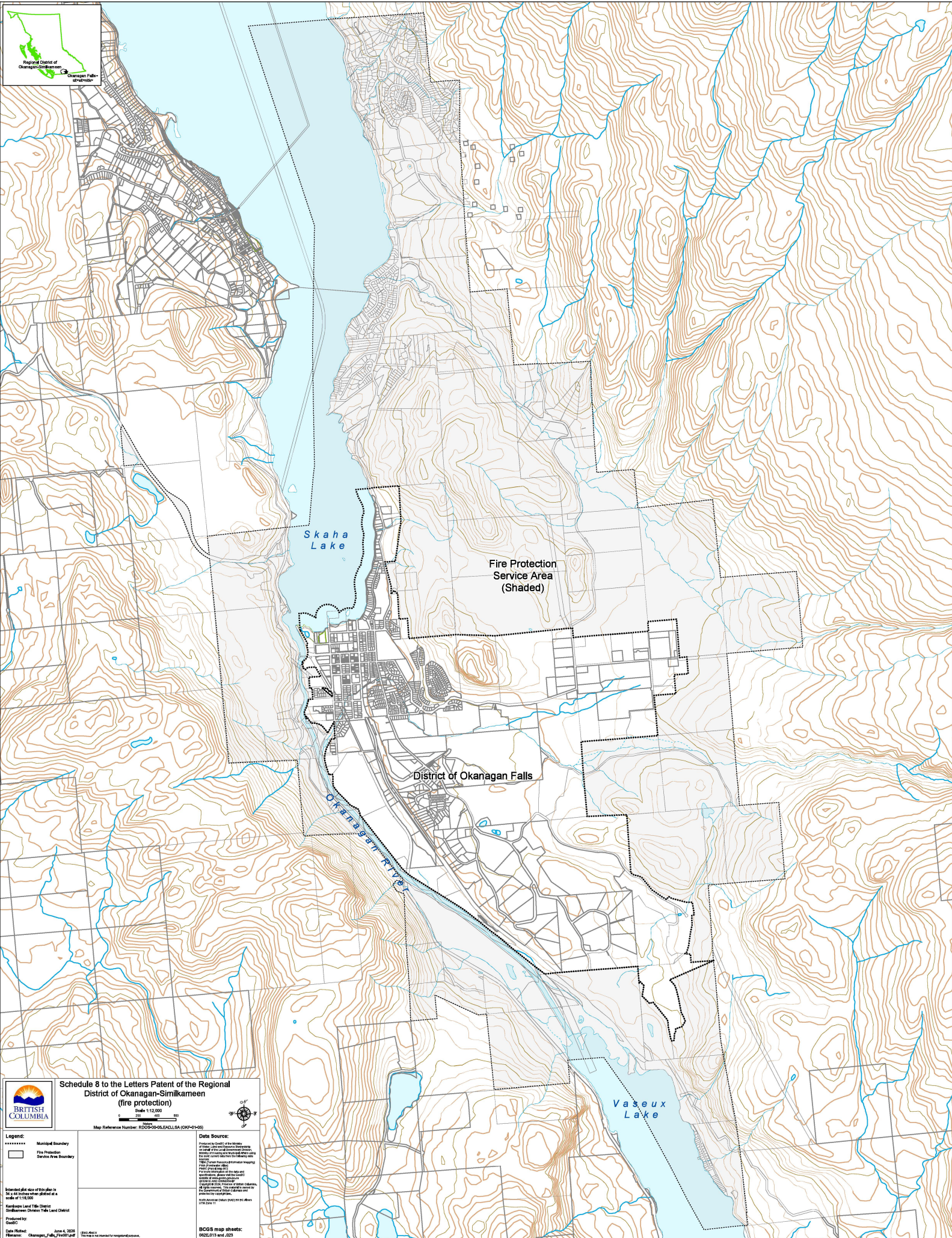




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Skaha Lake

Fire Protection Service Area (Shaded)

District of Okanagan Falls

OKANAGAN RIVER

Vaseux Lake

British Columbia

Schedule 8 to the Letters Patent of the Regional District of Okanagan-Similkameen (fire protection)

Scale: 1:12,000

Map Reference Number: RDC99-00-05.EAD.LSA (OKF-01-05)

Legend:

- Municipal Boundary
- Fire Protection Service Area Boundary
- Service Area Boundary

Data Source:

British Columbia Geomatics Centre
 2010 Topographic Data
 2010 Fire Protection Service Area Data
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BCGIS map sheets:
 OKS-013 and 023

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