

Heritage Society and Chamber denied funds

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Oliver is in the midst of discussions around the town's budget and financial constraints are leaving some projects out. The South Okanagan Chamber of Commerce's new proposal for regional collaboration has officially not received the support it needs from Oliver this year.

The Chamber was seeking \$25,000 from Oliver to contribute towards their Business Retention, Expansion and Relocation Project (BRER).

During budget discussions, council decided to remove this money from the budget, and they will reconsider when Denise Blashko, Manager of the Chamber, returns for another presentation.

Mayor Martin Johansen commented, "I don't think we need to give \$25,000 to the Chamber of Commerce for this program. I am not overly satisfied that I saw enough tangibles to benefit the business community."

I am much more interested in reducing the tax impact on the business community than I am giving 25,000 where I don't see a clear benefit. The South Okanagan Chamber's request for \$25,000, was part of the larger ask for the region to contribute \$100,000 to formalize the proposed program and apply for a Regional Economic Diversification Grant.

Since the Regional District of Okanagan-Similkameen (RDOS) Area's C and A were not contributing, and Osoyoos

only provided conditional approval, the chamber did not receive enough support to apply for the grant.

Councillor Aimee Grice noted that she would rather see the money go to the Grow Oliver Campaign "rather than a regional project that no one is supporting".

While all the councillors agreed that supporting local business is important, Councillor Petra Veintimilla was the only one who said "I personally do support this project, I think it is completely separate from the Grow Oliver Campaign that we already fund separately."

Another project that was hoped to be included in the budget was the Oliver and District Heritage Society (ODHS) and their plan to update the town's 2005 Heritage Strategic Plan

to preserve heritage buildings in the community.

In December 2023, Darren Halstead executive director of the ODHS made a presentation to council to include budgeting for the society to commission a cultural heritage consultant to update the plan.

The ODHS wanted the town to provide some "legal weight" to the process of maintaining heritage buildings in Oliver.

Johansen noted in the budget discussions that he thought "it was a weak argument". The \$15,000 they were asking for was not included in the budget, but the town was committed to working with the ODHS for them to apply for provincial Heritage Legacy Fund on their own.

RDOS electric van

The Regional District of Okanagan-Similkameen (RDOS) has unveiled the winning design for a vehicle wrap for its new RDOS Parks and Facilities electric van.

In the spring and summer of 2023, the Regional District of Okanagan-Similkameen (RDOS) hosted electric vehicle (EV) information booths at seven community events. The information booths are part of ongoing efforts to share information about the benefits of EVs.

Residents who visited the RDOS EV information booths spoke with staff and industry experts to learn more about how EVs work, the pros and cons of EVs, and the role EVs can play in strengthening communities.

The booths also featured a competition to design a decal for a new RDOS Parks and Facilities electric van. The RDOS received 80 design entries, which were reviewed by a committee.

The sheer number of entries posed a substantial challenge for the committee to choose just one design that best represented the outreach initiative. As a result, the committee selected three designs that were combined to create the van decal.

The designs were used as inspiration by Jafa Signs to create a vehicle wrap for the RDOS Ford E-Transit electric van.

The EV initiative was completed with support from the Emotive Community Outreach Incentive Program (COIP). Funding for the COIP is provided by the Province of B.C.'s CleanBC Go Electric Program and is administered by Plug In BC (a program of the Fraser Basin Council Society) to assist with delivering Emotive campaign activities that raise the awareness and profile of EVs in BC.



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Notice of Zoning Amendment Bylaw – 5809 89th Street

The Town of Osoyoos is seeking your input on the proposed changes to 5809 89th Street.

Zoning Regulation Bylaw, Amendment Bylaw No. 1085.147, 2023:

To rezone the land known as 5809 89th Street from the R1 Zone, Single Family Residential, to the R2 Zone, Single Family Residential Small Lot, to allow the owner to subdivide and create one new small residential lot.

New Zone: R2, Single Family Residential Small Lot
Legal Description: Lot 17, DL 2450S, SDYD, Plan 29593
Existing Zone: R1, Single Family Residential

The Town is prohibited from holding a public hearing on this development proposal pursuant to section 464(3) of the Local Government Act. Members of the public interested in this matter may provide written submissions to be published on the agenda for consideration at the meeting of Council at which this application will be considered.

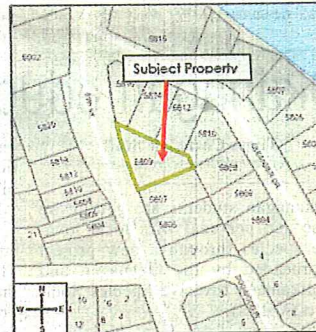
The Proposed application will be considered by Council on:

Date: Tuesday, February 27, 2024
Time: 2:00 pm
Location: Council Chambers, Osoyoos Town Hall,
8707 Main Street, Osoyoos BC

Watch the meeting live at the following link:
<https://www.osoyoos.ca/council/agendas-minutes-videos>

How to Participate - Submit Written Comments:

- Email: info@osoyoos.ca
- Mail: Corporate Services, 8707 Main Street, PO Box 3010, Osoyoos BC V0H 1V0
- Drop off: Town of Osoyoos, Town Hall
- Submissions must be received by 12:00 pm February 27, 2024



Please write "Public Submission – Zoning Amendment Bylaw No. 1085.147" on your submission. Please be advised that any correspondence submitted to the Town on this notice will form part of the public record and will appear on the Town's website as part of the meeting agenda. The Town considers the author's address relevant to the Council's consideration of this matter and will publish this personal information.

Inspection of Documents: Copies of the bylaw and related documents will be available for review at the Planning and Development Services office located at 8711 Main Street, on the following weekdays: February 15, 16, 20, 21, 22, 23, 26, 27, 2024. Between the hours of 8:00am-12:00pm and 1:00pm-4:00pm.

The Documents can be viewed online at: www.osoyoos.ca/5809-89-street

This is the first of two notices respecting the matter. Dated this 15th day of February, 2024.

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