

**ELECTOAL AREA DIRECTORS
MEETING**

ISSUES FOR DISCUSSION

Topic:	Issue:	Submitted
Finance		
Infrastructure Grants	Grant access less options than municipalities	Skeena-Queen-Charlotte RD
	It is becoming apparent that it is very hard to find projects that meet the established criteria and will benefit the whole electoral area.	Thompson-Nicola RD
	Accessing infrastructure grant monies for rural areas.	Central Okanagan RD
Funding	Access to provincial funding for rural areas	Central Kootenay RD
	BC Hydro fair compensation for transmission and distribution lines	Central Kootenay RD
	Analysis/research on the 'Rural Deficit'	Central Kooentay RD
Governance	Rural Governance Ideas: Incorporate rural areas alone?; Incorporate into district municipalities and protect rural nature through bylaws?	Central Okanagan RD
	Regional governance review to reorganize the structure of regional districts.	Okanagan-Similkameen RD
	The concept that according to some municipalities Electoral Areas are free riders or free loaders on municipal services.	Okanagan-Similkameen RD

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	Change regional district structure to remove power of member municipalities from any ability through votes of the Board to influence services they do not participate in.	Comox Valley RD
	Communication between municipalities and electoral areas	Squamish-Lillooet RD
	Recognition of rural areas or lack of some	Skeena-Queen Charlotte RD
	Enabling legislation similar to municipalities	Okanagan Similkameen RD
Land Use	Crown land usage and tenure and the referral process.	Squamish-Lillooet RD
	Agricultural Panel for land classification	Thompson-Nicola RD
	Provincial Boundary adjustment policies	North Okanagan RD
	Integrated community sustainability planning for rural areas	Fraser-Fort George RD
	Allow local government to enforce bylaws that may impact forestry operations on managed forest land close to residential areas and in community water systems watershed that include managed forest land	Comox Valley RD
Regulations & Policy	Cost of installing septic systems in the north	Skeena-Queen Charlotte RD
	New meat processing regulations	Skeena-Queen Charlotte RD
	Impact of meat inspection regulation on local farm gate sales	North Okanagan RD
	Including Regional Districts in single business licensing	Okanagan-Similkameen RD

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	Rural (paved) road improvements - Why necessary (inhibiting development and safety)	Central Okanagan RD
Assessments	What have other regional districts encountered when one or more rural areas have experienced spiraling assessments?	Sunshine Coast RD
	Have the areas remained stable as far as growth? Has there been any consideration for taxation methods other than property improvement values only? If so What are they? and How have they been achieved?	
Legislation	Independent power projects – Repeal Bill 30	Squamish-Lillooet RD
	Restoration of local government powers – re: zoning for all IPP's.	Comox Valley RD
Public Health Act	What are the implications of this legislation? What is different and does this create more downloading (West Nile Virus etc)?	Fraser-Fort George RD