

# MEMO

FROM: PAMELA DEVEAU, DIRECTOR LOANS/CORPORATE GOVERNANCE  
SUBJECT: REGIONAL ADVISORY COMMITTEES

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The Regional Advisory Committees' participation in SIDIT is limited to the appointment/election of Directors to the SIDIT Board, as set out below, and pre-project reviews.

The pre-project reviews do not include any confidential financial information, and are prior to the projects going to the Board for review and determination.

Section 21 of the SIDIT Act states:

"21 (1) Each regional advisory committee may identify, for the directors of the Southern Interior Development Initiative Trust, projects that the regional advisory committee considers are appropriate for application of the money in the Regional Account.

(2) The directors of the Southern Interior Development Initiative Trust may reject any recommendation made to them by a regional advisory committee under subsection (1)."

The following are the steps taken when a Regional Advisory Committee elects/appoints Directors to the SIDIT Board.

## Thompson/Okanagan

Every two years, prior to the expiry of the current TO RAC Appointed Board members' terms, SIDIT staff support the TO RAC in their election of Directors, as follows:

1. An email is sent out to non-MLA members of the TO RAC for Expressions of Interest from members of the RAC who would like to put their names forward for election to the SIDIT Board.
2. The wording in the email asks the individual to put their name forward, not to nominate another individual, and as Section 6.8 of the SIDIT Act states "*An individual who is a Member of the Legislative Assembly must not be appointed as a director of the Southern Interior Development Initiative Trust*", which is why MLA's do not receive this email.
3. If more than 4 names are received by the deadline, which is December 31<sup>st</sup> every two years, then a second email is sent out by SIDIT to all members of the RAC, including MLA's to vote on the people that have put their name forward.
4. If only 4 names are put forth there is no need for an election and the TO RAC is then informed of the people that are appointed/elected to the Board.

For example, the December 2017 election had only 4 names put forward, and as such an email was sent out on January 9, 2018 to the entire TO RAC, including MLA's in the TO RAC region, advising of the new SIDIT Board members representing the TO RAC.

Most recently, due to the municipal elections held in November 2018, SIDIT needed to replace a Board vacancy due to a member not standing for re-election. SIDIT received 4 names to fill one position, as such an election was held. At the end of the election, there was a tie, as such, a run-off election was held between the two individuals that were tied.

## **Columbia/Kootenay Region**

The Columbia Kootenay RAC created their own Procedure Bylaws, as follows:

### **“Membership Structure:**

- a) The Columbia-Kootenay RAC will consist of thirteen (13) elected officials to be selected as follows:
  - i) Three (3) from Regional District of East Kootenay with a minimum of one (1) from a municipality with a population greater than 4,000;
  - ii) Three (3) from Regional District of Kootenay Boundary with a minimum of one (1) from a municipality with a population greater than 4,000;
  - iii) Three (3) from Regional District of Central Kootenay with a minimum of one (1) from a municipality with a population greater than 4,000;
  - iv) Two (2) from Columbia Shuswap Regional District representing areas of Revelstoke and Golden;
  - v) One MLA from the Columbia Shuswap Regional District and Regional District of East Kootenay regions and One MLA from Regional District of Central Kootenay and Regional District of Kootenay Boundary regions as appointed by the MLAs in that region.
- b) Each Columbia-Kootenay RAC member will be appointed for two years or until a replacement is named.”

The Columbia/Kootenay Regional Districts appoint members to the Columbia Kootenay RAC.

Once the CK RAC has been fully appointed and an election is due, SIDIT staff contact the CKRAC, and ask for an expression of interest.

If the CK RAC has more than 4 members put their name forward, the CK RAC conducts an election of those members, and then advises SIDIT of the names of the members that have been appointed to the SIDIT Board.

SIDIT does not assist the CK RAC in their elections, they conduct the elections on their own.

Thank you,  
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