

**THE BRITISH COLUMBIA SOCIETY FOR THE PREVENTION OF CRUELTY TO ANIMALS**  
**(the “BC SPCA” or “Society”)**

**Cariboo and North Regional Council AGM Information Report**

<b>To:</b>	BC SPCA Membership
<b>Submitted By:</b>	Jane Young, Regional Council Chair
<b>Meeting Date:</b>	March 29, 2025, BC SPCA Annual General Meeting

**RECOMMENDATION:**

That the membership of the BC SPCA receives this report on the activities of the Cariboo and North Regional Council over the 2023-2024 term for information.

**PURPOSE:**

The primary purpose of a member of Regional Council of The British Columbia Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (“BC SPCA” or “Society”) is to facilitate regular communication and knowledge sharing among the Members in each of the Society’s designated governance regions and to act as the communications link between each region’s voting Members and the Society’s Board of Directors and vice versa.

**COMPOSITION:**

The current members of the Regional Council are:

- Jane Young, Regional Council Chair
- Cheryl Pelletier, Regional Director
- Sydney Redpath, Regional Director
- Caroline Alexander
- Ethan Anderson
- Heather Harris
- Kathleen Hebb

Staff support is provided by the Manager, Community Giving and Engagement and the Assistant, Membership and Governance.

**DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES:**

The duties of a Regional Council include the following:

- Elect a chair and vice-chair from among their number;
- Regularly liaise with the Board and its committees to determine desired Board skills;
- Identify and recommend candidates for election or appointment to the Board;
- Provide support and assist Board committees and task forces in their work, as requested by the Board;
- Provide advice and input on the development of Society policy;
- Provide advice and assistance on the development of the Society’s strategic plans;
- Provide advice and input on amendment of the Society’s Bylaws; and
- Provide a written report on the activities of the Regional Council at the Society’s annual general meeting.

**ACTIVITIES:**

During the last year, the Cariboo and North Regional Council has provided feedback on various BC SPCA documents and has had discussions about how we can make our northern region a better place to live for both animals and people.

**ACTIVITIES** (continued from previous page):

The Cariboo and North Regional Council met on a regular and scheduled basis throughout the year and held two (2) official meetings with the following highlights:

- May 15, 2024 - Presentation by Chair of importance of education and outreach within the region; proposal from RC for social media campaign; inquired about status of Northern Initiatives Group (received their report after the meeting); Continuing education/staff presentations suggestions; questions of strategic plan
- March 5, 2025 – Update on plan for physical presence of BC SPCA in the North Cariboo region; update on Strategic plan

The Council members met on a regular basis throughout the year in nine working group meetings:

- April 25, May 21 & 28, 2024 – to discuss the importance of education and outreach within the region;
- June 4, 2024 - to clarify roles of Regional Council and issues of our region with Board Director;
- August 27, 2024 - to review the Revised Regional Council Chair and Vice-Chair Terms of References (provided a feedback document on September 1, 2024);
- September 30, 2024 - to discuss the September 23, 2024 meeting (please see below) with BC SPCA Board and Staff;
- October 24, 2024 - to review Bylaw Amendments (provided a feedback document on November 4, 2024); and
- November 12, 2024 - to review the Revised Regional Council Terms of Reference (provided a feedback document on November 29, 2024)

Two other meetings took part:

- September 23, 2024 – meeting arranged by the BC SPCA Board and Staff and the Cariboo and North Regional Council to clarify the roles of the Regional Councils, discuss support of the northern & Chilcotin regions, and how to enhance communication and engagement; and
- January 6, 2025 - meeting arranged by Christy King, BC SPCA to discuss gaps and needs assessment of our region given the closure of the BC SPCA North Cariboo Branch

There were three Regional Council Continuing Education Webinars attended by our members including:

- Farm animal welfare advisory council (FAWAC) with Marcie Moriarty on August 21, 2024; and
- Animal transfer program with Rachel Weist on February 19, 2025

In addition to the official meetings and continuing education webinars, a presentation of the Long-term Vision & Strategic Plan 2025-2030 was held on June 12, 2024.

**BUDGET CONSIDERATIONS:**

There were no costs associated with the Regional Council's activities for the past year.

**SUMMARY:**

The Cariboo & North Regional Council fulfilled its duties and responsibilities as noted above.

Respectfully submitted by,  
Jane Young, Chair

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Lower Mainland, Fraser Valley, and Sunshine Coast Regional Council AGM Information Report

<b>To:</b>	BC SPCA Membership
<b>Submitted By:</b>	Leila Kullar, Regional Council Chair
<b>Meeting Date:</b>	March 31, 2025, BC SPCA Annual General Meeting

**RECOMMENDATION:**

That the membership of the BC SPCA receives this report on the activities of the Lower Mainland, Fraser Valley, and Sunshine Coast Regional Council over the 2023-2024 term for information.

**PURPOSE:**

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**COMPOSITION:**

The current members of the Regional Council are:

- Anne Bird
- Anne Marie De Passille
- Catherine Ruby
- Chantienne MacFarlane
- Doug McLean
- Florence Lai
- Jacqueline Weiler
- Jamie Fikeris
- Jeffrey Rushen
- Kirsten Marsh
- Leila Kullar
- Lesley Schimanski
- Lilian Kan
- Linda Hand
- Linda Neifert
- Lorna Greenall
- Lynn Muldoon (Kim)
- Maria Jurado Alconero
- Miles Murray
- Morgan Davis
- Prem VBorowski
- Sabrina Spencer
- Sandi Braid
- Sarah Watts
- Shawn Ireland
- Sheila Kullar
- Simon James Barron
- Stephanie Cousineau
- Wendi Rottluff
- Zahra Rouhollahi
- Julie Edwards
- Louise Sallai
- Larke Miller
- Jason Chan

Staff support is provided by the Manager, Community Giving and Engagement and the Assistant, Membership and Governance.

**DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES:**

The duties of a Regional Council include the following:

- Elect a chair and vice-chair from among their number.

- Regularly liaise with the Board and its committees to determine desired Board skills and
- Identify and recommend candidates for election or appointment to the Board;
- Provide support and assist Board committees and task forces in their work, as requested by the Board;
- Provide advice and input on the development of Society policy;
- Provide advice and assistance on the development of the Society's strategic plans.
- Provide advice and input on amendment of the Society's Bylaws; and
- Provide a written report on the activities of the Regional Council at the Society's annual general meeting.

#### **ACTIVITIES:**

The Lower Mainland, Fraser Valley, and Sunshine Coast Regional Council held three official meetings on May 22, 2024, October 9, 2024, and February 1, 2025

The Regional Council also held 2 working group meetings via zoom this year and 1 working group via email in order to review and advise on changes to the following:

- Terms of Reference on the Regional Council
- Terms of Reference on the Regional Council Chair and Vice Chair
- Bylaws for the BCSPCA

#### **SUMMARY:**

The Lower Mainland/Fraser Valley/Sunshine Coast Regional Council fulfilled its duties and responsibilities as noted above.

Respectfully submitted by,  
Leila Kullar, Regional Council Chair Lower Mainland/Sunshine Coast

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Thompson, Okanagan, and Kootenays Regional Council AGM Information Report

To:	BC SPCA Membership
Submitted By:	Lindsay Curry, Regional Council Chair
Meeting Date:	March 29, 2025, BC SPCA Annual General Meeting

**RECOMMENDATION:**

That the membership of the BC SPCA receives this report on the activities of the Thompson, Okanagan, and Kootenays Regional Council over the 2024-2025 term for information.

**PURPOSE:**

The primary purpose of a member of Regional Council of The British Columbia Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (“BC SPCA” or “Society”) is to facilitate regular communication and knowledge sharing among the Members in each of the Society’s designated governance regions and to act as the communications link between each region’s voting Members and the Society’s Board of Directors and vice versa.

**COMPOSITION:**

The current members of the Regional Council are:

- Lindsay Curry, Regional Council Chair
- Mark Montemurro, Regional Director
- Rochelle Stevenson, Regional Director
- Iyla Morane, Vice-Chair
- Kyla Bedford
- Lisa Fuller
- Jennifer Gore
- Janet Pattinson
- Mary Lou Troman
- Andrea Zaradic

**DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES:**

The duties of a Regional Council include the following:

- Elect a chair and vice-chair from among their number;
- Regularly liaise with the Board and its committees to determine desired Board skills and
- Identify and recommend candidates for election or appointment to the Board;
- Provide support and assist Board committees and task forces in their work, as requested by the Board;
- Provide advice and input on the development of Society policy;
- Provide advice and assistance on the development of the Society’s strategic plans;
- Provide advice and input on amendment of the Society’s Bylaws; and
- Provide a written report on the activities of the Regional Council at the Society’s annual general meeting.

**ACTIVITIES:**

Since the last AGM in March 2024, our Regional Council convened three (3) times:

- Virtually on June 5, 2024,
- Virtually on October 24, 2024, and
- In-person (hybrid meeting with some attending virtually) on March 1, 2025, at the BC SPCA Kelowna Community Animal Centre.

**ACTIVITIES:** continued from previous page

The Region met two (2) times for working group meetings:

- Virtually on October 24, 2024, following the Regional Council meeting, to discuss and review proposed bylaw amendments and provide feedback to the Board of Directors, and
- Virtually on November 19, 2024, to discuss and review proposed changes to the Regional Council Terms of Reference and provide feedback to the Governance Committee and the Board of Directors.

The Chair and Vice-Chair both undertook between meetings to organize working group meetings, prepare Agendas, communicate with Regional Council members, collate responses, and complete feedback forms.

By conducting working group meetings and soliciting feedback via email, the Regional Council reviewed and provided feedback on the revised Regional Council Terms of Reference, the revised Terms of Reference for the Regional Council Chair, the revised Terms of Reference for the Regional Council Vice-Chair, and the proposed Bylaw amendment package.

The opportunities to provide feedback on the three Terms of Reference, reflecting the evolving role of Regional Councils, and the proposed Bylaw amendments were appreciated by the Regional Council, and these opportunities enhanced the engagement of Regional Council members in their roles and responsibilities.

At the March 1, 2025, meeting, we received a presentation on the Strategic Plan for the Society and Regional Council members were given an opportunity to ask questions. We also scheduled dates for the Regional Council's upcoming meetings in the 2025/2026 governance year.

There were two (2) Regional Council Continuing Education Webinars attended by our members including:

- Farm Animal Welfare Advisory Council with Marcie Moriarty on August 21, 2024, and
- Animal Transfer Program with Rachell Weist on February 19, 2025.

**BUDGET CONSIDERATIONS:**

There was a total cost of \$1162.67 associated for the cost of the in-person meeting held on March 1, 2025.

- \$907.11 for staff travel; and
- \$255.56 for food/beverage and miscellaneous.

**STRATEGIC PLAN CONSIDERATIONS:**

The Regional Council has been engaging in feedback during the 2024-2025 Governance term with the Board of Directors and the office of the Chief Executive Officer regarding the strategic plan.

**SUMMARY:**

The Thompson/Okanagan/Kootenays Regional Council fulfilled its duties and responsibilities as noted above.

Respectfully submitted by,  
Lindsay Curry, Chair

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**Vancouver Island, Gulf Islands, and Powell River Regional Council AGM Information Report**

<b>To:</b>	BC SPCA Membership
<b>Submitted By:</b>	Cindy Soules, Regional Council Chair
<b>Meeting Date:</b>	March 29, 2025, BC SPCA Annual General Meeting

**RECOMMENDATION:**

That the membership of the BC SPCA receives this report on the activities of the Vancouver Island, Gulf Islands, and Powell River Regional Council over the 2024-2025 term for information.

**PURPOSE:**

The primary purpose of a member of Regional Council of The British Columbia Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (“BC SPCA” or “Society”) is to facilitate regular communication and knowledge sharing among the Members in each of the Society’s designated governance regions and to act as the governance and communications link between each region’s Members and the Society’s Board of Directors and vice versa. The Regional Council will also be the conduit through which Members within a governance region bring forward items for consideration by the Council, and/or the mechanism by which the Council, as a whole, considers items of importance and which it wishes to bring to the Board for consideration. <sup>[1]</sup><sub>SEP</sub>

**COMPOSITION:**

The current members of the Regional Council are:

- Katherine Lopez
- Annette Dehalt
- Darleen Finlayson
- Erin Egeland
- Geoff Urton
- Helen Torrance
- Laura Shanner
- Leanne McConnachie
- Nichola Wade

Staff support was provided by the Manager, Community Giving and Engagement and the Assistant, Membership and Governance.

**DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES:**

The duties of a Regional Council include the following:

- Confirm a schedule of meetings for the term. <sup>[1]</sup><sub>SEP</sub>
- Review these Terms of Reference annually and make recommendations for changes to the Governance Committee for consideration. <sup>[1]</sup><sub>SEP</sub>
- Serve as the conduit through which a Member or a group of Members within a region can bring forward animal welfare or governance related issues for consideration by the Council, and if considered appropriate, make written recommendations, along with any proposed resolutions, to the Board for consideration with respect to those items. <sup>[1]</sup><sub>SEP</sub>
- Consistent with these Terms of Reference, establish one (1) or more informal working groups to further the work of the Council, on the understanding that such activities are consistent with these Terms of Reference, do not require staff representation, and reported upon at the next meeting of the Council. <sup>[1]</sup><sub>SEP</sub>

- Receive and review a report at each meeting from the Regional Directors on the recent activities of the Board. <sup>[[1]]</sup><sub>SEP</sub>
- Provide advice and input to the Governance Committee on the Constitution and Bylaws of the Society on a biennial basis or more often as required by the Committee. <sup>[[1]]</sup><sub>SEP</sub>
- Provide input and recommendations in the development of the Society's strategic plans. <sup>[[1]]</sup><sub>SEP</sub>
- Attend educational sessions on Society programs from time to time to be actively informed on the work of the Society and lend support to such programs as necessary <sup>[[1]]</sup><sub>SEP</sub>
- Provide advice and input on the development and regional implications, if any, of Society animal welfare position statements.
- Identify and recommend candidates for election or appointment to the Board consistent with the skills and attributes identified by the Board.
- Undertake an annual evaluation of the Council's performance, with the support of staff.
- Prepare a written report that includes a list of Council members and outlines the Council's annual activities for the membership at the Society's Annual General Meeting.
- Undertake other duties as required by the Board

### **ACTIVITIES:**

The Vancouver Island, Gulf Islands and Powell River Regional Council had the opportunity to participate and provide feedback on Regional Council Terms of Reference and proposed amendments to the Society's bylaws. Two (2) continuing education sessions were also held during the term to expand understanding and knowledge of BC SPCA programs.

The Regional Council convened two (2) scheduled formal meetings this year:

- May 29, 2024
- In-person meeting on February 8, 2025, held at the Victoria Community Animal Centre.

Craig Daniell, Chief Executive Officer of the BC PSCA, attended the in-person meeting to present and discuss the approved strategic plan.

A working group meeting was held on August 20, 2024 to review and provide feedback on the Regional Council Terms of Reference. Members also provided comprehensive feedback on proposed amendments to the Society's bylaws. The opportunity to provide feedback on the Terms of Reference and Bylaws was appreciated and enhanced engagement of Regional Council members in their roles and responsibilities.

There were two Regional Council Continuing Education Webinars attended by our members including:

Aug 21st: Marcie Moriarty Farm Animal Welfare Advisory Committee  
Feb 19t : Rachell Weist, Animal Transfer Program

### **BUDGET CONSIDERATIONS:**

There was a total \$1421.54 cost of associated for the cost of the in-person meeting held on February 17, 2024.

- \$ 1,145.83 for staff travel
- \$ 275.71 for food/beverage

### **STRATEGIC PLAN CONSIDERATIONS:**

The Regional Council engaged in feedback during the 2024-2025 Governance term with the Board of Directors and the office of the Chief Executive Officer regarding the Society's bylaws and the Regional Council Terms of Reference.

### **SUMMARY:**

The Vancouver Island/Gulf Islands/Powell River Regional Council fulfilled its duties and responsibilities as noted above.

Respectfully submitted by,  
Cindy Soules, Chair