



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

Cariboo & North AGM Information Report

<b>To:</b>	BC SPCA Membership
<b>Submitted By:</b>	Teri Forster, Chair
<b>Meeting Date:</b>	April 8, 2026

**RECOMMENDATION:**

That the Membership of the BC SPCA receives this report on the activities of the Cariboo and North Regional Council (the “Regional Council”) over the 2025-2026 term for information.

**PURPOSE:**

The primary purpose of the Regional Council is to facilitate regular communication and knowledge sharing amongst 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 (the “Board”), and vice-versa.

**COMPOSITION:**

The current members of the Regional Council are:

- Teri Forster, Regional Council Chair
- Sydney Redpath, Regional Director
- Cheryl Pelletier, Regional Director

Staff support is provided by the Senior Director, Governance and Executive Operations and the Board Secretary.

**DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES:**

The duties of a Regional Council include the following:

- elect a Chair and Vice-Chair from among its members;
- 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 plan;
- provide advice and input on amendments to the Society’s Bylaws; and
- provide a written report on the activities of the Regional Council at the Society’s AGM.



**ACTIVITIES:**

The Regional Council held virtual meetings on May 28, 2025; October 29, 2025, and; February 17, 2026.

This past year, the Regional Council navigated a period of transition with greater alignment to the clarified scope of the Regional Councils, focusing on rebuilding its membership, strengthening engagement within the Regional Council, and exploring ways to advocate for the BC SPCA at the local level.

The Regional Council also offered comprehensive feedback on two position statements between meetings by email on Dangerous Dogs and Public Safety, and Tethering of Dogs.

**BUDGET CONSIDERATIONS:**

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

**STRATEGIC PLAN CONSIDERATIONS:**

Imperative 3: Long-Term Organizational Health, which focuses on building a resilient workforce, enhancing digital technology, and strengthening financial stability. This imperative prioritizes elevating staff and volunteer roles, cultivating a supporting culture, and aligning infrastructure for meaningful community impact.

**SUMMARY:**

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

Respectfully submitted by:  
Teri Forster, Chair



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Lower Mainland/Fraser Valley/Sunshine Coast AGM Information Report

<b>To:</b>	BC SPCA Membership
<b>Submitted By:</b>	Leila Kullar, Regional Council Chair
<b>Meeting Date:</b>	April 8, 2026

**RECOMMENDATION:**

That the Membership of the BC SPCA receives this report on the activities of the Regional Council of the Lower Mainland/Fraser Valley/Sunshine Coast Regional Council over the 2025-2026 term for information.

**PURPOSE:**

The primary purpose of the Regional Council is to facilitate regular communication and knowledge sharing amongst 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 (the “Board”), and vice-versa.

**COMPOSITION:**

The current members of the Regional Council are:

- Leila Kullar, Regional Council Chair
- Leslie Schimanski, Regional Council Vice-Chair
- Navida Suleman, Regional Director
- Valerie Mann, Regional Director
- Anna Peterson
- Anne Bird
- Anne Marie De Passille
- Catherine Ruby
- Julie Edwards
- Jacqueline Weiler
- Larke Miller
- Lorna Greenall
- Louise Sallai
- Lynne Muldoon
- Sheila Kullar
- Wendy Routtluff

Staff support is provided by the Senior Director, Governance and Executive Operations and the Board Secretary.



### **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 plan;
- provide advice and input on amendments to the Society's Bylaws; and
- provide a written report on the activities of the Regional Council at the Society's AGM.

### **ACTIVITIES:**

The Regional Council held three (3) formal meetings on May 21, 2025; November 12, 2025; and February 2, 2026.

The Council provided input that contributed to improvements to the Terms of Reference for the Regional Council, including the roles of Chair and Vice-Chair.

The Council also reviewed and provided feedback on the BC SPCA Position Statements on Dangerous Dogs and the Tethering of Dogs.

### **BUDGET CONSIDERATIONS:**

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

### **STRATEGIC PLAN CONSIDERATIONS:**

Through its engagement with the BC SPCA Board of Directors, the Regional Council helped identify emerging issues, shared member perspectives, and contributed to the review of key governance documents and position statements. This work supports strategic priorities that are informed, responsive, and aligned with member and community needs.

### **SUMMARY:**

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

Respectfully submitted by:  
Leila Kullar, Chair



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Thompson/Okanagan/Kootenay AGM Information Report

<b>To:</b>	BC SPCA Membership
<b>Submitted By:</b>	Lindsay Curry, Regional Council Chair
<b>Meeting Date:</b>	April 8, 2026

**RECOMMENDATION:**

That the Membership of the BC SPCA receives this report on the activities of the Thompson/Okanagan/Kootenay Regional Council (the “Regional Council”) over the 2025-2026 term for information.

**PURPOSE:**

The primary purpose of the Regional Council is to facilitate regular communication and knowledge sharing amongst 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 (the “Board”), 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, Regional Council Vice Chair
- Janet Pattinson
- ML Troman
- Lisa Fuller
- Kyla Bedford
- Andrea Zaradic

Staff support is provided by the Senior Director, Governance and Executive Operations and the Board Secretary.

**DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES:**

The duties of a Regional Council include the following:

- Elect a Chair and Vice-Chair from among its members;
- Regularly liaise with the Board and its committees to determine desired Board skills;
- Identify and recommend candidates for election or appointment to the Board;

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- 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 plan;
- Provide advice and input on amendments to the Society's Bylaws; and
- Provide a written report on the activities of the Regional Council at the Society's AGM.

## **ACTIVITIES:**

The Regional Council held three (3) official meetings on June 4, 2025; November 19, 2025; and February 12, 2026. All meetings took place virtually via Teams, with the intention of having our annual in-person meeting move to become the first meeting of the governance year in future years due to weather and travel considerations in the region.

Our activities included the following:

- electing a chair and vice chair (June 4, 2025);
- holding a generative discussion about governance topics to discuss at our Regional Council this governance year (June 4, 2025);
- offering comprehensive feedback on two position statements, Dangerous Dogs and Public Safety and Tethering of Dogs, to the Animal Welfare Committee (between meetings by email);
- holding a generative discussion about recruitment to our Regional Council specifically and other Regional Councils generally (November 19, 2025);
- discussing by email draft notes from the November 19 generative discussion about recruitment to the Regional Councils (between meetings by email);
- providing comprehensive notes from the November 19 generative discussion to the Senior Director, Governance and Executive Operations for information and potential future discussion at other Regional Councils (between meetings by email);
- holding a generative discussion about how we as individual members of the Society and as constituents can work in our communities to ensure animal welfare is not forgotten in the upcoming municipal election (February 12, 2026). We were careful to differentiate between our role as Regional Council members and as individuals who happen to be members of the Society, with the emphasis being on advocating and meeting with municipal representatives and candidates as individual constituents;
- preparing and circulating among our members an AGM Report for the membership (between meetings by email).

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

The Regional Council appreciated the opportunity to provide comments on the Position Statements. We had wide-ranging generative discussions, and we look forward to future opportunities to engage in governance of the Society.

## **BUDGET CONSIDERATIONS:**

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



**STRATEGIC PLAN CONSIDERATIONS:**

The Regional Council engaged in feedback during the 2025-2026 Governance term with the Board of Directors, the office of the Chief Executive Officer, the Senior Director, Governance and Executive Operations, and the Animal Welfare Committee regarding the Society's Position Statements. We provided a forum for governance for the Thompson Okanagan Kootenay Region, as per the Society's Bylaws.

**SUMMARY:**

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

Respectfully submitted by:  
Lindsay Curry, Chair



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Vancouver Island/Gulf Islands/qathet AGM Information Report

<b>To:</b>	BC SPCA Membership
<b>Submitted By:</b>	Cindy Soules, Regional Council Chair
<b>Meeting Date:</b>	April 8, 2026

**RECOMMENDATION:**

That the Membership of the BC SPCA receives this report on the activities of the Vancouver Island/Gulf Islands/qathet Regional Council over the 2025-2026 term for information.

**PURPOSE:**

The primary purpose of the Regional Council is to facilitate regular communication and knowledge sharing amongst 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 (the “Board”), and vice-versa.

**COMPOSITION:**

The current members of the Regional Council are:

- Cindy Soules, Regional Council Chair
- Darlene Finlayson, Vice Chair
- Nichola Wade, Regional Director
- Erin Egeland, Regional Director
- Trisha Barranoik
- Annette Dehalt
- Leanne McConnachie
- Laura Shanner

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**DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES:**

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- Provide advice and assistance on the development of the Society's strategic plan;
- Provide advice and input on amendments to the Society's Bylaws; and
- Provide a written report on the activities of the Regional Council at the Society's AGM.

## ACTIVITIES:

The Regional Council held three (3) official meetings on May 14, 2025; November 5, 2025; and February 24, 2026.

Our activities included the following:

- electing a Chair and Vice-chair;
- receiving and commenting on reports submitted by the Board of Directors;
- confirming and reviewing results of the Special Resolution to Amend the Bylaws;
- reviewing the governance initiatives identified in the organization-wide priorities list;
- offering comprehensive feedback on two position statements between meetings by email on Dangerous Dogs and Public Safety, and Tethering of Dogs;
- holding a generative discussion on how Regional Council members could help advance root cause issues identified in the Strategic Plan including pet friendly housing, access to low-cost veterinary care, and government funding for the Society's animal protection work;
- requesting further briefing to help members in developing relationships with municipal councils and providing groundwork in local communities across the province;
- holding a generative discussion on initiatives to widen Regional Council membership in underrepresented areas in the new governance term such as, placing advertisements in local publications and education at community days and including a feature in the Volunteer Newsletter;
- receiving an update on the Vancouver Island Animal Behaviour Centre; and
- calling for a meeting with all regional councils to identify opportunities and challenges to enhance our effectiveness.

## BUDGET CONSIDERATIONS:

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

## STRATEGIC PLAN CONSIDERATIONS:

During the 2025-2026 Governance term, the Regional Council confirmed and reviewed the results of the Special Resolution to Amend the Bylaws. Council provided feedback on the Strategic Plan and their role in helping advance root cause issues through advocacy initiatives. We provided a forum for governance for the Vancouver Island/Gulf Islands/qathet Region, as per the Society's Bylaws.

## SUMMARY:

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

Respectfully submitted by:  
Cindy Soules, Chair