worker housing; cannabis sales and distribution; no net loss of wetland; and greatest planning issues in the region.

- Commenced the Regional Housing Needs Assessment.
- Commenced the Regional Growth Strategy Monitoring Program.


**2019 | INITIATIVES**

**ELECTORAL PLANNING**

- Promote enhanced communication to the public by updating all brochures, information packages and the RDCO website.
- Processed owner-initiated current planning applications.
- Continue to pursue discharge of Land Use Contracts in accordance with the Local Government Act.
- Finalize a comprehensive review of secondary suites in the Electoral Areas.
- Update Temporary Farm Worker Housing regulations for Zoning Bylaw to be in keeping with regional approach.
- Review Zoning Bylaw and Joe Rich Rural Land Use Bylaw regulations to consider permitting cannabis retail sales.
- Review and update covenants related to environmental protection and subdivision.

**ENVIRONMENTAL PLANNING**

- Participated in the Okanagan Collaborative Conservation Program (OCCP), the Water Stewardship Council of the Okanagan Basin Water Board, Mission Creek Restoration Initiative and Species and Ecosystems at Risk Local Government Working Group.
- Continued partnership toward implementation of a Biodiversity Conservation Strategy for the North and Central Okanagan including working with the University of BC Okanagan on Planning for Ecosystem Connectivity in the RDCO.
- Continued working on community outreach based on a recommendation of the 2016 Foreshore Inventory and Mapping Update Report identifying the need for increased public awareness and education in regards to development occurring on the foreshore of Okanagan Lake.
- In partnership with OCCP, South Okanagan Similkameen Conservation Program and partners throughout the region, a best management practices guide was developed to offer practical solutions for Central Okanagan property owners for better Okanagan Lakeshore Living.

**REGIONAL PLANNING**

- Continue to work on and complete prioritized projects scheduled for 2019 as outlined in the RGS Priority Project Plan.
  - Continue to implement Phase 2 of the Regional Floodplain Management Plan.
  - Complete the Regional Housing Needs Assessment.
  - Complete the Regional Growth Strategy Monitoring Program.
  - Commence the Regional Growth Strategy Five Year Review.
  - Commence the Regional Housing Strategy.
- Host Regional Planning Labs. Continue participation in the Central Okanagan Air Quality Technical Committee.
- Continue to assist in the implementation of the Okanagan Adaptation Strategies by participating as a member of the Working Group.
• Continue to participate in the Okanagan Bioregion Food Systems Study Project Advisory Committee.

• Host the second annual forum for discussion, learning and relationship building between Central Okanagan local governments/First Nations and the Ministry of Forests, Lands, Natural Resource Operations and Rural Development.

ENVIRONMENTAL PLANNING

• Participate with the Water Stewardship Council, Okanagan Collaborative Conservation Program (OCCP), Mission Creek Restoration Initiative and Species and Ecosystems at Risk Local Government Working Group.

• Take part in the implementation of the Biodiversity Conservation Strategy in conjunction with OCCP and partners to prepare an implementation strategy for the Ecosystem Connectivity Corridor from Okanagan Mountain Provincial Park to Kalamalka Lake Provincial Park, identified through the University of BC Okanagan as part of the Planning for Ecosystem Connectivity in the RDCO.

• Ensure consistency among Development Permit Area provisions by updating Development Permit regulations and updating Hazardous Conditions Development Permit Area Mapping and Guidelines.

• Continue to implement the recommendations of the Foreshore Inventory and Mapping and the Aquatic Habitat Index for Okanagan Lake by conducting outreach activities to encourage foreshore and riparian management along the lake, while offering practical ways to restore and enhance natural areas.

• Continue to conduct and update environmental inventories and mapping for use in processing applications, in GIS apps, environmental initiatives and monitoring.

• Conduct watershed improvements, stream restoration, monitoring work and outreach activities.

• Explore options for increased shoreline management of Okanagan Lake at a multi-jurisdictional level.