



The Board Reports

Regional District of Central Okanagan
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Highlights of the Regional Board Meeting - Feb. 21, 2000



EDC Action Plan

The Regional Board received a presentation on the

Action Plan for the Year 2000 for the Economic Development Commission. Presented by Chair, Tim Draper and Executive Director Robert Fine, the Action Plan outlines the major initiatives aimed at attracting businesses in the manufacturing, high tech and call centre areas. The EDC will also work to support the growth of existing businesses and develop policies that will enhance business attraction and retention in future years.

Contact: *Robert Fine* 868-5280
Executive Director, EDC

OMMA Transportation Survey

Members of the Okanagan Mainline Municipal Association will be asked for some feedback regarding transportation priorities within their region. The purpose of the survey will provide the Transportation Committee with information regarding transportation needs for each region, which will then be conveyed to the Ministry of Transportation and Highways collectively.

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Casa Loma Park Lift Station

The Regional Board gave approval to siting a lift station that will also provide washroom facilities for Casa Loma Park. The lift station is required as part of the construction of the Casa Loma Trunk Sewer. The Board agreed to the request for constructing a lift station within the park subject to addressing a number of items such as public consultation, aesthetics and restoration of the landscaping.

Contact: *Hilary Hettinga, P.Eng.* 868 - 5241
Director of Engineering

New Master Plan for Westside Parks and Recreation

The Regional Board gave approval to issuing a Request for Proposals and Terms of Reference for a Westside Parks and Recreation Master Plan. The Plan would

cover a 20 year span to meet long term recreational needs of the community. The Plan would allow for creation of one local service area and one budget that would equalize the amount of taxes all residents pay toward this function. For more information or a copy of the Request for Proposals contact the Regional Parks Department at 868-5232.

Contact: *Bill Vos* 868-5232
Director of Parks and Recreation

New Youth Rep Appointed

Shannon Smith of Westbank was appointed to the Westside Recreation Commission as the Westbank Youth Representative for a two year term. The Westside Recreation Commission oversees the development and administration of recreation programming and youth activities on the Westside.

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Community Relations Coordinator - Recreation

Almost There!

In 1999 Central Okanagan residents reduced, reused, and recycled their way to reducing waste going to local landfills by 47% since tracking began in 1991. While garbage buried in local landfills increased slightly by 1610 metric tonnes over last year, the population also increased by 2,887 during the same time. Increases were noted in the volumes of materials from the construction and demolition sectors as well as a slight increase in the amount of garbage generated per household. In the year 2000 the new Curbside Blue Bag Recycling Program will get underway, aimed at increasing the amount of recycling by 20 - 40% per household. In addition, waste reduction initiatives will continue to focus on commercial and industrial sectors to assist them with their waste reduction efforts.

Contact: *Jan Enns* 868-5252
Waste Reduction Coordinator

New committee structure

The Regional Board gave approval to restructuring the number and type of committees integral to carrying out the business of the Regional District. The new structure provides for fewer Board committees with an expanded mandate. There are also two new committees, Governance & Services and Engineering. The committee structure has been revamped based on the objectives outlined in the Growth Strategy Plan. The

new committees and chairpersons are:
Parks - Sharon Shepherd, Chair
Transportation – Mayor Walter Gray, Chair
Planning and Environment–Len Novakowski, Chair
Governance & Services – Robert Hobson, Chair
Engineering – Colin Day, Chair
Air Quality – Sharon Shepherd, Chair
Committees such as Solid Waste, Dog Control or
Linear Parks committees will be incorporated into the
new structure.

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Delegates to attend symposium
The Regional Board gave approval to sending Chair
Robert Hobson, Area Director Aaron Dinwoodie and
Administrator Wayne d'Easum to a symposium being
hosted by the Union of BC Municipalities and the
Ministry of Municipal Affairs. The symposium will
review the Year 2000 Legislative Proposals and
contribute to setting the framework for the new local
government legislation. One of the key items to be
reviewed will be changes to the Regional District
Legislation. The Legislative Review is being conducted
in order to ensure that local governments have the
necessary legislative tools to conduct business in the
future. This would include provision of broad service
powers, electoral area administration and partnerships.

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**The Okanagan Cultural Corridor
Project**
Cultural tourism may be getting a boost thanks to
support from our local governments. The Regional
District moved to support a Cultural Tourism Corridor
pilot project that would draw visitors to the valley by
promoting various cultural events and facilities. The
Regional District will be asking the North Okanagan and
Okanagan Similkameen Regional Districts to show their
support by making a joint grant application in the
amount of \$100,000 to the Community Enterprise
Program. Administration of funds would be handled by
the Regional District.

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RDCO lends support to tree fruit

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The Regional Board meets every second Monday night at Kelowna City Council Chambers,
1435 Water Street. The public is welcome to attend.

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revitalization
Following the development of an extensive revitalization
for the tree fruit industry conducted by the Ministry of
Agriculture and Food, the Regional Board lent its
support to a number of recommendations. Specifically,
the Regional District supported developing a
partnership committee with the tree fruit industry,
interested government agencies and other bodies to
serve as a forum to address matters of common
concern on a regular basis. The Board also supported
promoting public awareness of the tree fruit industry.

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