



# The Board Reports

Regional District of Central Okanagan  
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## Highlights of the Regional Board Meeting–Oct.30, 2000

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### Future of Community Futures

Eric Greer, General Manager of Community Futures gave the Board an overview of the activities undertaken by this organization. Some of the key programs delivered include business training, income support, entrepreneur assessment, business loans, and business plan development. Community Futures also provides workshops on a wide range of business resource topics.

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### Sign Bylaw Signed Off

The Regional District's new Sign Bylaw No. 885 has been given final adoption by the Regional Board. The first draft was seen by the Board on July 10th and subsequent comments received from various stakeholders have seen a few minor changes added. For example, billboard type signs will still remain illegal and will be considered off premise signs. The new Sign Bylaw was drafted in response to the revised Zoning Bylaw passed earlier this year, which rendered the old bylaw obsolete.

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### Lakeview Irrigation Granted Anode Bed Installation

The Regional Board gave approval to the installation of an Anode Bed for the Lakeview Irrigation District within Faulkner Creek Community Park on the Westside. The proposed Anode Bed forms a critical component of the cathodic protection system used to prevent failure of a 24" steel water main pipe in the area. In granting approval the Regional District also required that the Irrigation District ensure that all applications were complete with respect to Ministry of Environment for undertaking works within a streambed. The Board also requires that the work be completed with minimal impact of vegetation and complete restoration of any existing native plant species and vegetation in the area. With the approval, the Regional Board has also granted Lakeview Irrigation District a blanket right of way to provide access for the purposes of providing service to the proposed Anode Bed and existing water main works.

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*Director of Parks and Recreation*

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### EECO Centre Business Plan Approved

The Regional Board gave approval to a business plan for the Environmental Education Centre for the Okanagan, located in the big log cabin at Mission Creek Regional Park on Springfield Road. The business plan proposal calls for a concession operated by a volunteer group and an expanded information and interpretation centre. The plan promotes the establishment of a "Friends of Regional Parks" and renovations to the EECO centre to include a café and Interpretation and Park Information Centre. This would provide additional services to park visitors as well as providing additional revenue for interpretation and education.

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### New Regional Park at Nut Farm

The Regional Board gave approval to the purchase of the Gellatly Nut Farm providing the Gellatly Nut Farm Society raise their share of the purchase price. The total cost for the property will be funded over five years. The Regional Parks function, shared by all local governments would fund \$1.4 million and the Westside Parks function would fund \$1 million. The remainder of the funds will be raised by the society. The Gellatly Nut Farm was established by the Gellatly family in 1905. The Gellatly family produced a variety of nuts that could tolerate our northern climates by combining traditional nut producing trees with hardy native species. There are 36 varieties of nuts currently growing on the property, of which only 6 varieties are protected in the National Clonal Germplasm Repository in Corvallis Oregon. The Nut Farm is also ranked as a Class A Heritage Site in the Central Okanagan Heritage Inventory.

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### New Bylaw for RD Officers and Employees

The Regional Board gave approval to a bylaw that outlines the positions, powers, duties and responsibilities of Regional District officers and its employees. This bylaw reflects changes in the Municipal Act now revised and renamed as the Local Government Act.

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### Mark Your Calendars

The Regional Board gave approval to the year 2001 schedule as follows:

January 15	June 25
January 29	July 16
February 12	July 30
February 26	August 13
March 12	August 27
March 26	September 10
April 9	October 1
April 23	October 15
May 7	October 29
May 28	November 19
June 11	December 10

### Proclamation – November Special Olympics Month

Barb Hansen, Public Relations for the Special Olympics Society gave a brief presentation to the Board, and asked that November be declared “Special Olympics Month” in the Regional District. Ms. Hansen also gave recognition to a number of local athletes that participate in these important Olympic events.

### Grant In Aid

Aaron Dinwoodie, Director Area ‘G’ and Len Novakowski, Director Area ‘Westbank’ granted \$250 each to the Westside Grizzlies Midget Rep Hockey Team. The funds will go towards their attendance at the 12<sup>th</sup> Annual Western Canada Invitational Hockey Tournament in Regina, January 10 – 15.

## Chip it!... Don't Chuck It!

FREE drop-off at Glenmore and Westside Landfills for residential prunings and yard waste up to 8" in diameter.

### October & November

#### During Regular Landfill Hours

Glenmore: 7:30 a.m. - 4:45 p.m.

Closed Sundays & Holidays

Westside Landfill: 9a.m. - 4p.m.

Open Daily



*Please cover your load with a tarp and keep our streets clean! No commercial loads.*

For more information call the Regional Waste Reduction Office at 868-5250