



The Board Reports

Regional District of Central Okanagan
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Highlights of the Regional Board Meeting– June 11, 2001

Regional Hospital Board Meets

The same members that make up the Regional District Board form the Regional Hospital District Board. The Hospital District Board makes decisions relating to the capital expenditures for hospital facility construction and the purchase of major equipment. For more information on the Okanagan Similkameen Health Region in general, visit their website at www.oshr.org

At the Hospital District meeting, the Regional Board gave approval to the Central Okanagan Regional Hospital District financial statements for the year ending December 31, 2000.

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Director of Financial Services

Wild Day for Youth

Students from Glenrosa Elementary School and Glenrosa Middle School gave presentations to the Board on their Habitat Restoration projects undertaken as part of the Wild Day for Youth Programs.

Update on Church Replica

The Board received a letter from Mr. Frank Manfredi with an update on the construction of a replica of the Immaculate Conception Church located at the site of the Immaculate Conception Cemetery on the Rampone family farm on Gordon Drive. The replica of the church is being built in memory of Father Charles Pandosy. Framing has been completed and may be viewed at 3609 Gordon Drive. The Committee is seeking an additional \$7,000 for the completion of the project and donations are greatly appreciated. Donations may be deposited at any Royal Bank, c/o The Father Pandosy Church Fund.

Contact: *Frank Manfredi* 764-5350

Arts Council Returns

In response to questions raised at the meeting of April 23, Mr. Jock Hildebrand, President of the Kelowna and District Arts Council, returned with information for the Board. Questions arose regarding their request for an annual Grant-In-Aid of \$20,000. The Regional Board was interested in how KADAC programs work throughout the Region, KADAC membership, and the relationship between KADAC and the recently formed Kelowna Visual and Performing Arts Centre Society. KADAC's programs continue to be strong: assisting local artists and providing bursaries to area students, and working on two programs in partnership with the Visual And Performing Arts Centre Society.

The Regional Board gave approval to the Annual Grant-In-Aid of \$20,000.

Contact: *Jock Hildebrand* 861-4123
President Kelowna and District Arts Council

More Representation for Westside Residents

Westside residents can expect to have greater representation after next year's election. The Regional Board gave approval to merging the two Electoral Areas on the Westside into one, and adding another Electoral Area Director. The election of three Directors will see Electoral Area 'G' combine with Electoral Area 'Westbank' to form one single Electoral Area 'Westside', effective December 1, 2002. Three Directors would be elected at large as compared to the current system where each Director represents a specific geographic area. There are more than 30,000 residents who live on the Westside, making it larger in population than most towns and cities in the Province. Increasing the number of Directors will provide greater representation for regional residents at a minimal cost compared to other options such as incorporation. The proposal will now be presented to the Provincial Government for approval.

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Chief Administrative Officer

New Help for Affordable Housing

The Regional Board gave approval to a new policy that will allow the Board to grant aid, by request, to provide financial assistance for affordable housing projects. Affordable housing is supported in the context of each of the Electoral Areas Official Community Plans. Each of these plans identifies the need for affordable rental and special needs housing. The new policy will provide an opportunity for the Electoral Area Directors to provide some financial assistance to these projects.

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Director of Planning Services

Support Given for Communication Tower

The Regional Board gave conditional support to the Referral Application for Microcell Connexions Inc. for installation of a communication tower in the vicinity of Damer Lake in Electoral Area 'I'. The Regional Board is asked to provide comments on applications that are sent to the BC Assets and Land Corporation, the agency responsible for granting final approval for such structures. In keeping with the Regional Growth Strategy for the Central Okanagan, the Board recommended that the Ministry of Environment comment on the proposal. The Board also requested that some form of protection for

future access to Crown lands beyond the site should be considered before final approval is granted by the BC Assets and Land Corporation.

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Manager of Current Planning

Dirt Bike Track Gets Support

The Regional Board lent its support to the Kelowna Dirt Bike Club to establish a Motocross Facility at the Bear Lake Main Forestry Road. While the final approval will be given by the BC Assets and Land Corporation, the Regional Board gave its approval subject to a number of conditions. These include:

- no permanent buildings be erected
- bonding be required to ensure that the site is rehabilitated back to its original state after final use
- public meetings be held with area residents and relevant agencies to ensure that concerns are dealt with in a timely and suitable manner
- the issues identified in the Land Use Management Plan, such as wildfire hazard abatement, noise impact, and slope stability, are addressed.

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Building Statistics for the Month of May

During the month of May there were 51 permits issued for a total construction value of \$3,161,745. During this month there were 48 permits completed for a total construction value of \$3,240,754. Of these developments, 18 were permits for single family dwellings for a value of \$1,852,579.

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Director of Inspection Services

New Picnic Shelter for Kinsmen Park

The Regional Board gave approval to a request from the Westbank Kinsmen Parks and Recreation Parks Society to construct a gazebo/picnic shelter in Kinsmen Community Park off Shannon Lake Road. The proposed structure has an estimated value of \$25,000 and will be approximately 24' x 45'. Funding for the project comes from the volunteer efforts of the Westbank Kinsmen Society. The Regional Board also requested that all permits, safety, and insurance procedures be followed. It is anticipated that the project will be completed by the end of the summer.

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Director of Parks & Facilities

New Partners for Webber Road School

The Regional Board gave approval to a recommendation from the Westside Parks and Recreation Commission regarding the future of Webber Road School. The Webber Road School will be developed as a community facility for Glenrosa area residents to meet the shortage of recreational opportunities, as identified in previous park plans. In order to accomplish this, the Regional District gave three readings to a bylaw providing for a 20-year lease agreement with School District #23. As the lease is for a period of more than five years, the lease agreement is subject to the counter petition process. The Board also gave approval to a partnership agreement with the Central Okanagan Boys and Girl Club to operate the facility for five years, subject to the approval of the Boys and Girls Club Board of Directors.

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Tennis Courts Become Community Park

As requested by the Shannon Lake Neighbourhood Association, the Regional Board has agreed to enter into a lease agreement with the School District # 23, for a period of 20 years, for a property that encompasses two tennis courts and a small parking lot located at Shannon Lake Elementary School. The property would be administered as a community park within the Westside Community Parks Local Service Area. Staff have been directed to prepare counter petitions for distribution to anyone that may request one. Deadline for receiving counter petition signatures is 4:00 pm on Friday, July 27, 2001. The new lease agreement will provide additional recreational opportunities for Westside Residents.

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Changes Approved for Subdivision Bylaw

The Regional District Subdivision and Development Servicing Bylaw underwent some housekeeping amendments at last night's Board meeting. The main changes to the Bylaw include: allowing exemptions for underground wiring, boundary adjustments, and other minor administrative changes. The Subdivision and Development Servicing Bylaw covers all new developments on the Westside to ensure that similar standards are met throughout the Regional District.

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Director of Engineering Services

One Bylaw for All

Fire regulations could become less confusing, now that the Regional Board gave the go ahead to draft a new Fire Regulation and Prevention Bylaw. Once completed, the bylaw can be adopted by each jurisdiction within the Central Okanagan Regional District. There are nine jurisdictions with varying degrees of authority over fire protection within the Central Okanagan. These include the fire departments for Kelowna, the Airport, Peachland, Lake Country, Westside, Ellison, Joe Rich, Wilson's Landing, and North Westside Road. Standardizing a bylaw for all jurisdictions would allow for consistency in applying or promoting fire regulations and fire safety within the area. The Regional District's Electoral Areas, with the exception of those areas within the Westside Fire Protection District, are not covered by a Fire Prevention Bylaw. The Fire Technical Advisory Committee, made up of fire chiefs from each of the nine fire departments, will oversee the development of the new bylaw.

In a related motion, the Regional Board gave support to joint initiatives undertaken by the Fire Technical Advisory Committee. These include developing a standardized Regional Fire Prevention Bylaw and a Regional Information Management and Communication Plan, as well as a Regional Fire Prevention and Public Safety program. Working together on joint activities will result in an economy of scale, reduced liability, and reduced overall costs.

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Director of Engineering Services*

Westside Fire Protection Review

The Regional District and the Westside Fire Protection District have had a Review of Governance for the Westside Fire Improvement District completed. The Board received the Report, prepared by Urban Systems, along with several recommendations for future growth and development. The Report commissioned by the Regional District and Westside Fire Protection, with the support and encouragement of the Ministry of Municipal Affairs, explores options that will ensure future fire protection requirements will be met. One of the main options examined was the operation of the fire department as a service area of the Regional District. The Report concludes that the most efficient model would be for the fire department to operate as a Regional District service with an elected commission to oversee the function. This model provides expanded local authority and increased flexibility for the operation of the fire protection service. While there would be slightly higher cost for the same level of service, it would provide access to a broad range of administrative support services that are currently being borne by fire department staff, thereby reducing time spent on fire protection duties. Operating as a service of the Regional District would also allow for an increase in the level of service provided by the fire department in the future. The Regional Board received the Report and referred it a

meeting of the Governance and Services Committee and the Westside Fire Protection Trustees.

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Funding for Aquatic Weed Control

The Regional Board discussed the financing of the Aquatic Weed Control Program. Financing is provided by the Provincial Government to the Okanagan Basin Water Board to control milfoil in Okanagan Lake. The Regional Board requested that the Okanagan Basin Water Board meet with the newly elected Provincial Government to discuss funding with respect to this year's program.

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Chief Administrative Officer*

Grant In Aid

- Electoral Area 'Westbank, Electoral Area 'G', Westbank Kinsmen Park Recreation Society - \$500. (\$250 from each area).
 - Electoral Area 'Westbank', Electoral Area 'G' Westbank Celebration Society for Westside Daze Celebration - \$1,500. (\$750 from each area).
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Art Wall

Enjoy the work of Rita L. (Petersen) Diebolt. Ms. Diebolt lives in Kelowna and is a mixed media artist with a passion for drawing. Her art is an exposition of story telling creating art with freedom of expression. Her work is currently on display at our office at 1450 K.L.O. Road, Kelowna.
