



The Board Reports

Regional District of Central Okanagan
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Highlights of the Regional Board Meeting – June 25, 2001

Cariboo Board Members to Visit

In the interest of broadening horizons, the Regional District of Central Okanagan gave approval to a request from the Cariboo Regional District to have their Directors attend one of our Board meetings. The Cariboo Regional District is interested in how other Regional Boards conduct their business. They also extended an invitation to members of our Regional District Board to attend any of their meetings.

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Chief Administrative Officer

Highway Expansion Gets Support

The Regional Board supported a request from Mayor Rolly Hein of the District of Lake Country to lobby the appropriate provincial ministries to proceed with the widening of Highway 97 from Winfield to Oyama. The Board's support will also include other stretches of Hwy 97 that require similar attention, such as the bridge, and the section of highway between Peachland and Summerland. In the interests of safe driving the District of Lake Country will be lobbying provincial governments to undertake the widening project.

Contact: *Rolly Hein, Mayor 766-5650*
District of Lake Country

Expenses Report Received

The Regional Board received a report from the Treasurer regarding the remuneration and expenses paid to the various elected officials for the year 2000. Regional Directors receive a base salary as well as a stipend for meetings attended. Also included are expenses from Board approved attendances at meetings, seminars, or conferences.

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Director of Financial Services

Parks Review Completed

The Regional Board adopted the recommendations outlined in a report entitled "Value for Money Review". The report summarizes a review of the Regional District's Parks Department for effectiveness, efficiency, and economies in meetings its objectives. The report was conducted by BDO Dunwoody Chartered Accountants and Consultants at the request of the Parks Advisory and the Governance and Services Committees. The primary focus of the report is to develop plans to prioritize future park purchases, development, and maintenance. The report also outlines policies and procedures to be considered in managing parkland including contracting out,

developing partnerships with community groups, and

establishing a committee to oversee various aspects of the implementation of these plans.

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Director of Parks & Facilities

Expansion Explored

At the request of the Westside Minor Hockey Association and recommendations from the Westside Parks and Recreation Commission, the Regional Board gave approval to the development of a concept plan and cost estimates for the Phase II expansion of the Mount Boucherie Arena. An accurate projection for the cost of completing Phase II would be developed by Renaissance Architecture Planning Inc. for a fee of \$25,000.00 to be paid out of the 2002 budget. The cost consultants will provide estimates for the entire project including the cost of design, construction, administration and short term borrowing. The proposed project timeline would see the Concept Plan completed in the next 6 to 12 months. The Westside Minor Hockey Association has agreed to begin fundraising until a referendum could be held in early 2003. If the referendum is successful construction would commence in early 2004. The Phase II expansion of the Mount Boucherie Arena would include additional space and a second sheet of ice.

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Director of Parks & Facilities

New Policy Clarifies Boundaries

The Regional Board gave approval to a new Property Encroachment Policy that will protect the rights of park users and neighbourhood properties. This policy spells out steps that will be taken should private properties encroach on public properties owned by the Regional District. The new policy will help clarify issues of liability and ownership.

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Board Supports Nut Farm as Historic Site

The Regional Board gave its support to the designation of the Gellatly Nut Farm as a historic site by the Historic Sites and Monuments Board of Canada. Once a site is declared a National Historic Site, the Minister of Canadian Heritage (Honourable Sheila Copps) has the authority to provide funds for acquisition, preservation or development of the site. The Gellatly Nut Farm Society brought the matter to the attention of the Honourable Senator D. Ross Fitzpatrick, who recommended the process of designating the Nut Farm as a national historic site as a potential source of federal funds. If the designation is successful, a public announcement can be expected sometime this fall.

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Coordinator, Community Relations

Grant In Aid

- \$2500 Electoral Area 'Westbank', Director Len Novakowski, to the Westbank Museum
- \$150 Electoral Area 'Westbank', Director Len Novakowski, to Beckie Bezugley to compete at the Soke Cup (Karate) in Japan
- \$200 Electoral Area 'Westbank', Director Len Novakowski, and \$200 Electoral Area 'G' Aaron Dinwoodie, to the Westbank Lion's Club