



The Board Reports

Regional District of Central Okanagan
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Highlights of the Regional Board Meeting—April 22, 2002

Regional Hospital District Meets

The Regional Hospital District (RHD) Board is made up of the same members as the Regional District Board, and is responsible for funding 40% of capital expenditures for hospital facility construction and the purchase of major equipment.

At the April 22 meeting, the Regional Hospital District received a report summarizing recent meetings between the RHD and the new Interior Health Authority. A number of topics were covered as part of changes to the health region and new funding processes being introduced by the Ministry of Health. The RHD is committed to remaining part of the funding and decision-making process for capital expenditures for hospital facility construction and the purchase of major equipment.

Future expenditures will be based on a three-year capital budget plan, being developed by the Interior Health Authority. It was also confirmed that that RHD funding would stay within the region covered, in this case, the Central Okanagan Regional District boundary.

Funding for projects that would be a benefit to all in the Interior Health Authority would be shared proportionately with other local governments. It was further agreed that another joint meeting would be held in October of this year to continue discussions on these topics and more. Next, the Regional Hospital District gave approval to a capital expenditure of \$279,725 for a Variable Dual Head Gamma Camera System for the Kelowna General Hospital, as outlined in the 2002 Annual Budget.

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Director of Financial Services

Regional Transportation Recommendations

The Regional Board received correspondence from the District of Peachland and the District of Summerland to look at funding for regional transportation infrastructure. The report outlines a number of recommendations to be brought forth at the May Okanagan Mainline Municipal Association conference that is being held at Silver Star. In essence, the resolution requests that the tolls from the Coquihalla Highway be paid into an infrastructure trust fund to be administered by a Regional Transportation Authority. These funds would be used for making highway improvements throughout the Southern Interior area.

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Changes to Bus Bylaws

Bylaws that govern Handi-Dart Transit Service and the Urban Transit Service were amended to reflect changes in the use of the service by the District of Peachland.

Transit Services for the Peachland Area were reduced and the costs have been allocated to the areas that receive greater use such as the Westside as approved in the year 2002 annual budget.

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Five-Year Report Card for Regional Growth Strategy

The Regional Board received and approved the Regional Growth Strategy Year 2001 Progress Monitoring Report and requested that it be submitted for information to others groups, including area municipalities, First Nation Communities and provincial agencies. Since 1996 communities in the Central Okanagan have worked on the Regional Growth Strategy to address regional issues such as water resources, air quality, transportation and governance. Some of the highlights since 1996 show:

- a steady growth in population housing and employment
- increased efficiency and expansion of public transit
- achieving provincial targets for protecting key recreation and conservation lands as parks
- increased density of settlement areas bringing about efficiencies in servicing and infrastructure costs
- endorsement of a Regional Growth Vision supported by Districts of Peachland and Lake Country, City of Kelowna and the Electoral Areas of the Regional District.

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Director of Planning Services

New and Improved Landscape Guidelines

Improvement and clarification of landscape design guidelines in official community plans is the goal of four bylaws that received preliminary approval at last night's meeting. The revised guidelines seek to guide, educate and inform those designing landscape plans, as well as, clearly define what is required as a minimum.

This will lead to improved submissions, facilitate discussion between staff and applicants and help build a common understanding of expectations of the community as documented in the Official Community Plans.

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Fund Raisers get Credit for Work Well Done

Sports and recreation groups that fund raise for the development, maintenance or improvements to sports fields or facilities they use will now have the opportunity to get credit for their work. The Regional Board approved the "Donation Credits for Users of Sports Fields and Recreation Facilities Policy" at last night's meeting. Groups that fund raise for money, materials or labour will receive a credit of an equivalent amount towards field and facility rental charges. The new policy will help spread equity by crediting various user groups for their work towards improving their community facility.

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Director of Parks & Recreation

New Rec Coordinator for Westside

The Regional Board gave approval to a new Recreation Coordinator position that will operate recreational programs for the community at Mount Boucherie Secondary School and the Mount Boucherie Recreation Complex. Currently, the program is delivered by a half time program coordinator and a half time clerical position. The two half time positions would be replaced with one full time position.

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Grant In Aid

Westside Celebration Society - \$2,000, Electoral Area 'Westbank', Director Len Novakowski and Electoral Area 'G', Director Aaron Dinwoodie.

Household Yard Waste Collection

**Last
Chance!**

Put your grass, leaves, pine needles & cones, garden plants and prunings up to 1 cm (1/2") in diameter out for collection on your regular garbage day during the following weeks:



**City Of Kelowna and
Regional District residents:**

April 22-26

Peachland & Lake Country residents:

May 6-10

REGULATIONS FOR COLLECTION:

7am set out time - Use clear bags, reusable containers or bundle prunings - Residential yard waste only - No commercial or agricultural waste - Max. weight 23 kgs per item - Bundles to be no more than 1 metre long and 1/2 metre across - Waste that does not comply will be left behind - Garbage and yard waste will be collected by different trucks. Only applicable for residents on regional or municipal collection.



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