



The Board Reports

Regional District of Central Okanagan
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Highlights of the Regional Board Meeting—Dec 9, 2002

Director of Engineering Services

Year 2003 Regional Board and Central Okanagan Regional Hospital District

Kelowna Councillor Robert Hobson was elected as Chair of the Regional District and Central Okanagan Regional Hospital District at the Inaugural meetings. Mr. Hobson has been Chair of the Regional District Board since 1994. Westside Electoral Area, Aaron Dinwoodie was elected as Vice-Chair of both boards. The Regional District Board consists of 11 members, representing the City of Kelowna, Districts of Peachland and Lake Country, and the electoral areas of Westside and Ellison/Joe Rich.

Year 2003 Regional Board Members

Chair Robert Hobson	Councillor, City of Kelowna
Mayor Walter Gray	Mayor, City of Kelowna
Colin Day	Councillor, City of Kelowna
Sharon Shepherd	Councillor, City of Kelowna
Ron Cannan	Councillor, City of Kelowna
Mayor Rolly Hein	Mayor, District of Lake Country
Mayor Bob Harriman	Mayor, District of Peachland
Aaron Dinwoodie	Westside Electoral Area
Len Novakowski	Westside Electoral Area
David Knowles	Westside Electoral Area
Patty Hanson	Ellison/Joe Rich Electoral Area

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Chief Administrative Officer

Board Approves Five-Year Hospital Plan

The Regional Hospital District Board is made up of the same members as the Regional District Board and meets as required on decisions relating to the capital expenditures for hospital facility construction and the purchase of major equipment.

At the December 9th meeting of the Regional Hospital District, the Board approved the Provisional Five Year Financial Plan. The Board's policy is to maintain a tax rate of 34.6 cents per thousand dollars on residential properties to finance capital improvement projects and make major equipment purchases. The proposed plan maintains this policy and enables the Board to reduce the need for future funding through debt.

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Director of Financial Services

Joe Rich Fire Department To Get New Fire Vehicles

At the request of Director Hanson, staff will review the procedures followed in the purchase of the new fire trucks for the Joe Rich Community. The trucks are expected to be delivered in approximately five months time.

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Board Gives First Reading to Wilson's Landing New Fire Hall Site

The Regional Board gave first reading to the proposed bylaw amendment to rezone the property adjacent to Westside Road to allow the building of a new fire hall. The site is geographically well situated to provide adequate response times by the volunteer fire department for emergencies within the area, and the new fire equipment storage garage will meet all requirements. A public hearing will be held in the near future allowing residents an opportunity to comment.

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Manager of Current Planning

November Building Statistics

There were 110 building permits issued during the month of November for a total construction value of \$5,789,813. During the month there were also 92 permits completed for a total construction value of \$5,409,487. The majority of the permits issued were for single-family dwellings and residential additions.

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Director of Inspection Services

Gellatly Nut Farm Concept Development Plan Gets Go-Ahead

The Regional Board approved the Regional District entering into a Memorandum of Understanding with the Gellatly Nut Farm Society (GNSF). The Memorandum allows the Regional District to proceed with a Concept and Site Development Plan for the newly formed Regional Park. The GNSF will provide all required funds for the Plan development to a maximum of \$45,000. A Call for Proposals for the Development Plan will be issued on December 10th.

The Board also approved the formation of a Steering Committee to assist in the preparation of the Park Concept Plan. Alice Hargreaves, (Westside Parks & Recreation Commission Member), Directors Len Novakowski and David Knowles, Duane Ophus and Terry Tanner (GNFS representative), Jodie Foster Sexsmith (RDCO Parks & Recreation staff member) and Murray Kopp (Committee Facilitator) were appointed to the Steering Committee.

The Gellatly Nut Farm Regional Park will encourage appreciation and use as a historical "learning environment". It will also provide a wide range of recreational opportunities and an accessible waterfront for visitors.

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*Manager, Park Planning &
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Regional Parks Advisory Committee to Participate in North American Special Parks Forum

The Board approved in principal, a request from the Regional Parks Advisory Committee for some members to participate in the North American Special Parks District Forum (SPDF) in June 2003 in Vancouver. The Forum will provide a unique and important opportunity to learn about and discuss park issues, including parks legacy funding, with elected officials and administration staff from throughout North America.

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Director of Regional Parks Services*

Killiney Beach & Westshore Estates Utility Rates Increase

An analysis of the Killiney Beach and Westshore Estates water systems identified the need to upgrade these utilities to maintain maximum daily and peak hour demands, as well as increase water availability for fire protection purposes. To meet the necessary improvements, the Board approved a rate increase from \$42.50/quarter to \$50.00/quarter for the Killiney Beach system and from \$27.50/quarter to \$32.50/quarter for the Westshore Estates system.

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Growth on Westside Requires Wastewater Treatment Plant Expansion

Recommendations to increase user rates as outlined in a detailed financial analysis of the Westside Wastewater Treatment Plant were approved by the Regional Board. User rates will increase from \$16 to \$18 per month. These increased user fees are as a result of increased operational costs, as well as the need to set aside funds for future equipment replacement.

The report also identified the need for plant expansion as a result of significant growth in the community and the number of existing homes connecting to the sewer system.

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Okanagan to Benefit from Transportation Infrastructure Study

Communities of the Central Okanagan are addressing transportation as a critical issue that transcends administrative boundaries. The Western Economic Diversification Canada, together with the three Regional Districts in the Okanagan Valley is requesting proposals for a "Transportation Corridor Study for Okanagan Valley". The primary objective is to establish a list of projects that would enhance the efficiency of transportation and the impact of traffic congestion within the Okanagan Corridor.

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Enjoy the Art Wall

Take a moment to enjoy the artwork of Carrie Harper, this month's featured artist. Carrie has recently returned to live in the Okanagan and is enthusiastically exploring some of the artistic themes of her youth in the Valley and the agricultural subject matter associated with the Okanagan today. Carrie works primarily in watercolour.
