



The Board Reports

Regional District of Central Okanagan
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Highlights of the Regional Board Meeting—Feb. 25, 2002

Nut Farm Loan Bylaw Gets Three Readings

The Regional Board gave the first three readings to the Loan Authorization Bylaw for the Gellatly Nut Farm. The total amount to be borrowed is \$2,397,000. Of this amount, the Westside Community Parks function will pay \$997,000. The Regional Parks function, which is paid by all residents in the Central Okanagan, will fund the remaining \$1,400,000. Recently the Regional Board gave approval to the purchase of the Gellatly Nut Farm. This valuable property covers 9.88 acres including 485 ft. of lakefront and an orchard of one hundred year-old nut trees, heritage buildings and artefacts.

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New Service for Numbering Buildings

The Regional Board gave the first three readings to a bylaw that will authorize the Regional District to provide the service of numbering buildings within the Electoral Areas of 'Westbank', 'G' and 'I'. Currently, there is no central agency that handles this function. The Regional District is home to close to 34,000 residents living on the Westside making it the most populated unincorporated area in the Province.

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Building Statistics For January 2002

January was off to a strong start as compared to 2001 in terms of the number of permits issued. In January 2002, 54 permits were issued for a total value of \$3,236,500. This compares to January 2001 when only 26 permits were issued at a value of \$2,099,320. During the month of January, 2002 there were 67 permits completed for a total construction value of \$6,234,882.

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Local Transit

How local governments pay for transit and Handi-Dart service in the area was readjusted by the Board at last night's meeting. With the change of Peachland's transit service to a para-transit type service, it no longer requires the Handi-Dart service. In addition, BC Transit has recently provided the actual cost breakdowns for providing the service. Based on this recently received information,

the bylaws were amended to reflect an equitable distribution of costs by the participating local governments.

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Noise Bylaw Updated

The Regional Board gave three readings to some housekeeping changes to the Regional District's Noise Control Bylaw as part of an ongoing administrative review of existing bylaws. Included in the update was a change that creates a violation when one person is impacted by a noise problem, as compared to the previous provisions that required more than one person to be impacted by noise before it was considered a violation. The Bylaw is primarily used to protect the peace and comfort of neighbourhoods and people from the effects of noise. The Bylaw applies to the Electoral Areas of the Regional District only, and is enforced by the RCMP and bylaw enforcement staff.

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Progress Made in Waste Reduction

The Regional Board received the information on the year 2001 waste reduction progress. In the year 2001 the total amount of garbage taken to the Westside and Glenmore Landfills increased by 1044 metric tonnes. During this same period, the area's population increased by an estimated 3800 people. Despite this increase, in 2001 the Central Okanagan achieved a waste reduction of 48%, 1% better than the year 2000.

The Blue Bag Recycling Program continued to capture 40% more material than the previous depot only system and contributed to the overall decrease in the amount of garbage coming from Central Okanagan homes. Despite increases in the number of households, garbage collected from Central Okanagan homes was down 91 metric tonnes over last year. Waste coming from the commercial and construction sectors continues to make up the majority of waste going to local landfills.

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Waste Reduction Coordinator

Matching Up Deadlines

The Regional Board gave approval to extending the Garbage Collection Contracts as outlined in the Request for Proposals for an additional two years. The purpose of the extension is to have the garbage and recycling contracts expire at the same time in 2004 to have a bigger impact in the marketplace. Garbage collection contracts are held individually between the local

government and the garbage collection contractor. The Regional Board gave approval to extend the garbage collection contract with OK Environmental Waste Systems to service the Electoral Areas of the Regional District for an additional two years.

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Associated Engineering Awarded Contract

The Regional Board gave approval to award a contract for the preliminary and detailed design for the Anders Road Community Sewer Project to Associated Engineering Services in the amount of \$66,584 plus GST. Associated Engineering achieved the highest number of points out of four companies as part of the Engineering Department's Consultant Proposal Review Policy.

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Cost Sharing with Westbank First Nation

The Regional Board committed to a share in the capital costs of the Casa Loma Trunk Main Sewer that will stretch from Thacker and Ogden Roads through to the Reserve #10 boundary on Campbell Road. The maximum contribution anticipated from the Regional District for this section of trunk main is \$508,000. The Regional District has been working very closely with Westbank First Nation in establishing a major trunk and applying for funding assistance for the development of the sewer infrastructure. The trunk main will service both the lower Lakeview and Casa Loma communities as well as existing and future developments on Reserve #10. The cost sharing agreement significantly reduces the capital costs to service the two communities of lower Lakeview and Casa Loma.

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Smoke Control Bylaw Amendment

Another step was taken in improving air quality in the Central Okanagan as the Regional Board gave approval to a number of amendments to the Smoke Control Bylaw. The Board gave approval to the amendments that will prohibit burning of land clearing debris and outdoor burning during fair and poor air quality days. The Air Quality Committee undertook consultation with various groups including technical advisory committees, other levels of government and stakeholders, prior to recommending the changes.

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RCMP Rural Patrols

This summer you can expect to see more RCMP rural patrols on bicycle than in previous years. The Regional Board gave approval to a Grant In Aid of \$1200 towards the funding of the RCMP Rural Bike Patrol. This bike

patrol would operate in the primary target areas of the Westbank downtown core, Peachland and Westbank waterfront during the months of June, July and August.

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Grant In Aids

- International Sculpture Symposium - \$2,000, Electoral Area 'Westbank' Director Len Novakowski
- Remote Children's Library for North Westside Road - \$400, Electoral Area 'G', Director Aaron Dinwoodie
- Community Committee Volunteer Watershed Workshop Registration Fee - \$200, Electoral Area 'G', Director Aaron Dinwoodie

Art Wall

Enjoy the works of artist Winnifred F.Zuk, on display at the Regional District's main office at 1450 KLO Road. Known for her original watercolours, Ms. Zuk has travelled extensively and draws on her photographs for subject material. She is a member of the "Mission Painters" and actively works to continue to develop her art.

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