



The Board Reports

Regional District of Central Okanagan
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Highlights of the Regional Board Meeting—Jan. 28, 2002

Green Light for Gellatly Nut Farm Purchase

The Regional Board gave 3 readings to a bylaw to proceed with the purchase of the Gellatly Nut Farm. This valuable property is 9.88 acres and includes 485 feet of lakefront, 100-year-old trees, heritage buildings and artifacts. The total purchase price is \$3,483,776. Of this amount the Gellatly Nut Farm Society has to date contributed \$240,000. The Regional Parks function will contribute \$1,440,000 and the Westside Parks function will contribute \$1,803,776.

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No Disposal of Lake Accesses

The Regional District will not pursue an agreement with Ministry of Transportation and Highways to close and sell three Lake Accesses on Whitworth Road. The sale of the accesses was purposed to generate revenue toward the purchase of the Gellatly Nut Farm but there was significant public opposition to the disposal of publicly owned waterfront during the review process.

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Westside Parks Surplus Counter Petition

The Regional Board reviewed the results of three counter petitions for bylaws to sell three pieces of Westside Park property including Shannon Place Park, Angus Drive Park and Pebble Beach Park. The Board resolved not to pursue the sale of Pebble Beach as the counter petition had more than the 956 signatures needed to prevent the approval of the bylaw by the Regional Board without seeking the assent of the electors. The Regional District will now seek approval of the Inspector of Municipalities to dispose of the two remaining properties (Shannon Place and Angus Drive).

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Environmental Discussion Paper Adopted

The Regional Board adopted the Environmental Protection Discussion Paper, which provides an overview of local ecology, wildlife, and natural hazards. It discusses current management roles, and recognizes recent community accomplishments. Some of the recommendations approved call for action on three fronts - conservation, management, and incorporating environmental with social and economic considerations.

A copy of the report will be available on the Regional District website next week, at www.regionaldistrict.com by following the links through the Planning Department's Regional Growth Strategy.

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New Development Permit Procedures Approved

The Regional Board gave final approval to a new Procedures Bylaw for the Development Permit Process. This new Bylaw will streamline the process for development in the electoral areas of the Regional District. It also brings a variety of existing policies under one bylaw. Once the final touches to the Bylaw are completed, it will be posted on the Regional District website for easy downloading.

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RD Will Assist Telemark Ski Club

The Regional Board supported and approved the commitment of the RDCO Parks and Recreation staff resources to assist the Central Okanagan Nordic Ski Clubs towards securing and / or improving tenure for existing and identified ski areas.

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Recreation Program Coordinator for Mount Boucherie

The Regional Board recommended that negotiations with School District No.23 for the Mount Boucherie Joint Use Agreement should include discussion on staffing for recreation programming of the joint facilities. Also, that the option of a Regional District employee filling the programmer position should be reviewed.

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JBMAC Energy Audit Report

The Regional Board received the Johnson-Bentley Memorial Aquatic Centre Energy and Dehumidification Study prepared by Stantec Consulting Ltd. The report emphasizes that building longevity and cost saving can be realized if the recommendations in the report are followed. These include replacing the dehumidification system, replacing circulation pump motors with energy efficient models and adding a computerized control system.

The Board directed staff to implement the recommendations as outlined in the study in a timely and cost-effective manner. Any capital funding requirements in future budgets will require Board approval.

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