



# The Board Reports

Regional District of Central Okanagan  
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## Highlights of the Regional Board Meeting—July 15, 2002

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### **New Names and More for Electoral Areas**

The Regional District received official word from the Province approving new names for the Electoral Areas to more accurately reflect the areas they cover. In addition, the two Electoral Areas on the Westside have been joined and three Area Directors will be elected to represent the new Electoral Area to provide greater representation to the growing area.

Electoral Area 'G' (Lakeview Heights, Casa Loma, West Kelowna, Westside Road) and Electoral Area 'Westbank' (Westbank, Glenrosa, Shannon Lake, Trepanier, Brent Road) will now be known as one area, called 'Westside' Electoral Area. Electoral Area 'I' (Ellison/Joe Rich) will now officially be known as Ellison/Joe Rich Electoral Area.

Westside residents will have the opportunity to vote for up to three candidates in the November election to represent the entire Westside area. These three Area Directors will be elected to represent close to 32,000 people, increasing participation and accountability in decision-making, and providing Westside residents with a greater say at the Regional Board table.

Watch for election information this fall in your local media and on our web site at [www.regionaldistrict.com](http://www.regionaldistrict.com)

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### **Board Supports Resolution**

Bill Boyd, Communication Chair for the Kelowna Chapter of the Council of Canadians gave a presentation to the Regional Board regarding concerns over privatisation and de-regulation of BC Hydro. The Council of Canadians is concerned that privatisation will create a less efficient utility with resultant higher rates for customers. The Regional Board supported a resolution to strongly urge the Province to retain BC Hydro as a complete entity with a regulated pricing structure, in order to provide affordable, reliable and clear power to all British Columbians.

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*Communications Chair*

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### **Riverside Update**

John Marritt, Vice President of Forestry for Riverside Forest Products, gave a presentation on the Tree Farm License 49 Ecological Forest Stewardship Project. Hailed as leading edge forest management, it is the first application of its type in the province of B.C. This initiative involves Riverside working in partnership with the Ministry of Forests, Sustainable Resource Management, and Water Land and Air Protection to develop and implement a total resource results-based sustainable forest management system. The key objectives of the project are to develop a cost effective, ecologically based, forest resource management system that pursues environmental sustainability, community stability and economic security. Successful completion of the project may lead to changes to the Forest Practices Code to allow this type of project in the future.

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### **Green Sustainable Development Discussed**

David Harper of the Westland Resource Group presented the Board with information about the Green Sustainable Economic Development in the Okanagan and Similkameen Valleys. The Regional District of Central Okanagan is collaborating with the North Okanagan and Okanagan Similkameen Regional Districts in the study. A Steering Committee of government and Community Futures Development Corporation representatives are guiding the technical elements of the project. The study is valued at approximately \$100,000 of which \$90,000 is being funded by the Federal Government (Western Economic Diversification Canada).

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### **June Building Statistics**

During the month of June there were 85 permits issued for a total construction value of \$5,648,900. During this time there were 94 permits completed, for a total construction value of \$7,201,222. The 85 permits issued in the month of June are the highest number of permits that have been issued since 1999 when 123 permits were issued. The majority of the permits were for single-family dwellings.

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### **New Regulations for Used Goods**

The Regional Board gave three readings to amending the Business Licensing and Regulation Bylaw that will help close the loop on the fencing of stolen goods. The Bylaw, aimed at pawnbrokers and second-hand dealers, sets requirements for tracking the materials that are received for resale and for collaborating and providing information to the RCMP. The Bylaw will be advertised for public comment prior to returning to the Regional Board.

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### **New Equipment for Waste Water Treatment**

The Regional Board gave approval to accept the quotation proposal for two dissolved air flotation units from Komline-Sanderson in the amount of \$372,010.50 including taxes. The Board also gave approval for the purchase of a pump/mixer macerator supply package from Peacock Industrial Products in the amount of \$44,111.13, including taxes. These materials will be used to upgrade the sludge handling at the Westbank Waste Water Treatment Plant.

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### **Grant-in-Aid**

- Electoral Area 'Westbank', Director Len Novakowski - \$3,000 for the Westbank Museum
  - Electoral Area 'Westbank'; Director Len Novakowski - \$600 and Electoral Area 'G' Director Aaron Dinwoodie - \$400 to the Royal Canadian Air Cadets Westside Squadron
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### **Mark your Calendar**

The August 12th meeting of the Regional Board has been cancelled. Over the course of the summer, the Regional Board will meet on July 29th, and again on August 26th.

For a complete schedule, visit our web site at [www.regionaldistrict.com](http://www.regionaldistrict.com)

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