



# The Board Reports

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## Highlights of the Regional Board Meeting—June 24, 2002

### We're Number One!

#### The Regional District of Central Okanagan is Number One in Canada!

The Central Okanagan placed first in the 2002 National Go Green Commuter Challenge, having the greatest number of 'green' commuters in the country. In total, Central Okanagan participants travelled over 120,000 kilometres and prevented the release of over 29,300 kilograms of pollutants into our air.

At our Regional District offices, staff have retained their titles as the Central Okanagan Clean Air Champions in the local Go Green Commuter Challenge. At 80.7% participation, Regional staff walked, car pooled, bussed, biked, bladed, kayaked, and yes, even skateboarded, a whopping 6,233 kms last week as part of the Go Green Commuter Challenge. The Regional District placed first in the category of companies with over 100 employees.

The Regional Board sent their congratulations to everyone at the Regional District for their energy and enthusiasm in making us number one in the Central Okanagan, and number one in Canada. Special thanks was given to the organizing committee members:

- Regional District Go Green Coordinators Linda Clark, Nicole Klimuk, Ken Arcuri, and Alison Campbell-Urness
- Department Coordinators Sandra Mah, Terry Jaschinsky, Iain Lawrence, Tina Bouwman, Helen Baranieski, Beth Smith, Catherine Boehler, Dog Control, Colleen Bond.

### Crystal Mountain Development

The Crystal Mountain development won't be moving ahead unless the Regional Board receives more detailed information about how services, such as water and sewer and housing developments, will be addressed at the proposed resort development. Without this information to evaluate, the Regional Board could not give consideration of first reading to the Official Community Plan and Zoning Amendment Bylaw for the Crystal Mountain development.

Earlier this year the Board granted an extension to the development application, which expires on June 30<sup>th</sup>, 2002. During this time, the development company and the Regional District have been negotiating a Master Development Agreement outlining how planning and infrastructure needs, such as water and sewer systems and housing developments, would be addressed. To date the Master Development Agreement has not been signed by the developer.

While the Board did not give first reading to the bylaw,

they did move to allow another application to be considered within the six-month reapplication requirement and the consent of two thirds of the Board members, should the development company wish to continue the process and address the concerns of the Board.

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*Manager of Current Planning*

### Regional Library Gets Good Reviews

Leslie Dieno, Executive Director of the Okanagan Regional Library presented the Board with the results of a recent survey on public opinions and behaviour patterns related to library services. Some of the findings showed libraries to continue to be popular places.

- Libraries are well used in comparison to other facilities. 81% of the respondents had visited the library at least once in the past year compared to:

Parks	85%
Ice Arenas	59%
Rec Centres	71%
Swimming Pools	54%
Sportsfields	58%
- 34% of the respondents mentioned that a lack of time was the main deterrent to their use. 26% indicated they were able to get the information from other sources.
- 78% of respondents suggest that lending of books, magazines, CDs and videos is the most important role of the library.
- Close to 100% felt that the library offers quality children's programs and that staff are helpful and knowledgeable.
- The majority of respondents indicated they would support property tax increase to maintain or improve services. If additional funding were available, respondents would prefer to see additional books, magazines and newspapers as well as extended hours of operation.

The survey was undertaken as part of the development of a strategic plan for the Okanagan Regional Library.

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*Executive Director*  
*Okanagan Regional Library*

### Engineering Bylaws Approved

The Regional Board gave approval to bylaws that will establish the service for a domestic water system and sewer service to the Sunset Ranch Golf Course and adjacent development lands. The bylaws provide for the construction operation of a sanitary sewer collection system and for the acquisition, operating and

maintenance of a domestic water system in the Sunset Ranch Development. The sewer connection will be linked to the neighbouring City of Kelowna's sewer collection system

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### **New Insurance for Regional District Facilities**

The Regional Board approved a recommendation from the Westside Parks and Recreation Commission to provide liability insurance for user groups and that the user group insurance fees be added to the rental agreement. The Regional District will enter into an agreement with SBC Insurance Agencies to provide liability insurance for users of District facilities. Currently, Regional District policy requires that all users of Regional District facilities provide proof of liability insurance naming the District as an "additional insured". Unfortunately the cost to individual user groups has been substantial, reducing the amount of bookings received. The cost for the program is \$1,400 per year with semi annual adjustments, depending on the type of clients covered. These costs will be paid for by the various user groups over the course of the year at substantially less than each individual group obtaining their own insurance.

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*Director of Parks & Recreation*

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### **Grant-In-Aid**

Westbank Okanagan Thompson International Sculpture Society - \$1,000 Electoral Area 'G', Director Aaron Dinwoodie.

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### **Enjoy the Work of Meghan Wise**

This month's Art Wall features the works of Meghan Wise. Working mostly in acrylics, Meghan uses her talents to express her emotions and experiences. The vivid colours capture the eye and stir the imagination. Her work is on display until the end of July in the foyer of our main office at 1450 KLO Road. For more information you may reach her at [meganhoneywise@hotmail.com](mailto:meganhoneywise@hotmail.com)

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