



The Board Reports

Regional District of Central Okanagan
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Highlights of the Regional Board Meeting—March 11, 2002

Mission Creek Greenway – Phase 2

The Regional Board lent its support to Phase 2 of the Mission Creek Greenway. Phase 2 of the project is to extend the Greenway from Ziprick Road east into the Scenic Canyon area. The Board gave its approval to authorize construction of the project to start once the funding of \$1 million dollars is in place. The Board also gave approval to amend the Operation & Maintenance Contract between the City of Kelowna and the Regional District to provide for the inclusion of both Phase 1 and Phase 2 projects. Friends of Mission Creek Society currently has \$275,000 of the \$1 million required and are seeking additional \$250,000 from the Canada-BC Infrastructure Program. Construction would not commence until the final funding from grant sources and the community is secured.

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Park Sale Bylaw Proceeds

The Regional Board gave three readings and adoption to a bylaw to sell surplus park land at Shannon Place Park. The funds from the sale of these lands will be placed in a reserve fund for the purchase of future parks. As required by the Local Government Act, the bylaw for Shannon Place park was provided with an opportunity for residents to complete the counter petition process. In order to be effective, the counter petitions require the signature of 5% of the qualified electors or a minimum of 956 signatures. The Shannon Place Park counter petition received 45 signatures. The Angus Drive Parkland Sale Bylaw was deferred to allow for further review.

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New Policy for Liquor Licenses

The Regional Board adopted a new policy regarding application referrals received from the Liquor Control and Licensing Branch for neighbourhood pubs, cabarets, manufacturers winery licenses. Applications received by the Regional District for comment will be forwarded to other agencies for additional comment, including the RCMP and other departments within the organization. A public hearing will also be held to determine the community opinion on any changes proposed to the license. An application fee of \$650 will be charged as a cost recovery measure.

If the subject property requires a zoning amendment to accommodate the proposed land use, both land use issues and liquor license issues may be address at a single public hearing reducing the costs of a second public hearing.

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Landscape Guidelines Updated

The Regional Board gave first reading to a bylaw amendment that will update the landscape design guidelines within official community plans. The revised guidelines will seek to guide, educate and inform those designing landscape plans as well as state the requirements within that plan. A public hearing will be held to provide opportunity for public comment.

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February Building Statistics

During the month of February there were 54 permits issued with a total construction value of \$4,521,100.00. During this period there were also 53 permits completed with a total construction value of \$4,188,663.00. For the second month in a row this is a substantial increase in the number of permits issued in February 2002. In February 2001 only 28 permits were issued with a total construction value of \$2,307,600.00.

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New Name for Area 'I'

The Regional Board gave approval to change the name of Electoral Area 'I' to more accurately reflect the area it covers. The new name will be Electoral Area 'Ellison/Joe Rich', once final approval has been received from the Province.

Electoral Areas are used to describe unincorporated regions outside of municipal boundaries that are governed by the 27 Regional Districts in the province. The Regional District of Central Okanagan provides basic services such as land use planning, sewers, garbage collection and recreation services to the 10,000 homes and businesses located in the Electoral Areas of 'Westbank, 'G' and 'I' (Ellison/Joe Rich). The Regional District is also responsible for wide range of regional services such as recycling, dog control, regional parks, and 911 for the electoral areas and the communities of Kelowna, Peachland and Lake Country.

For more information about the Regional District visit our

website at www.regionaldistrict.com

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Your Guide to Parks 2002

Swimming beaches, hiking trails, an environmental day camp for kids and a nature photography course - interested? Find out more about the events taking place this year in the Regional Parks. The new 2002 Guide to Regional Parks is being delivered to Central Okanagan homes in local newspapers this week. Copies are also available at local recreation facilities, government offices, the Chamber of Commerce or by calling the Regional Parks office at 868-5232. A copy can be viewed on-line at our web site at www.regionaldistrict.com/parks.htm, and follow the link to Public Programs and Events.

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Grant-In-Aid

- Westbank Neighbourhood Association - \$200, Electoral Area 'Westbank', Director Len Novakowski and Electoral Area 'G', Director Aaron Dinwoodie.
 - Joe Rich Watershed Monitoring Committee - \$800, Electoral Area 'I', Mary-Ann Graham.
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