



# The Board Reports

Regional District of Central Okanagan  
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## Highlights of the Regional Board Meeting—March 25, 2002

### Central Okanagan Regional Hospital District Meets

The Regional Hospital District Board is made up of the same members as the Regional District Board and meets as required on decisions relating to the capital expenditures for hospital facility construction and the purchase of major equipment.

At the March 25<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Regional Hospital District, the Board approved the year 2002 Annual Budget in the amount of \$4,832,031. The residential tax rate remains at 34.6 cents per \$1,000 of assessment.

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*Director of Financial Services*

### Interested in Not Smoking?

The Regional Board agreed to a request from the City of Kelowna to start discussions with municipal stakeholders on a common approach to smoking regulations. With changes being proposed to WCB regulations on smoking in the workplace, the City is considering amending their bylaw to complement these changes, and is seeking input from other local government partners.

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*Chief Administrative Officer*

### Smoke Control Bylaw Deferred

The Regional Board deferred adoption of proposed amendments to the Smoke Control Bylaw, pending additional information from the Air Quality Committee. In essence, the proposed change would eliminate burning from land clearing operations. The Board requested more information be developed on options for disposal of land clearing debris, other than landfilling. Staff will return to the Board at a future date with additional information.

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*Regional Air Quality Coordinator*

### New Building Numbering in the Works

Maintaining a system where house and building numbering is consistent and continuous is the goal of the new service of building numbering within the Electoral Areas. The bylaw for the numbering of buildings was adopted at last night's Board meeting. Currently, building numbering is handled by different agencies, creating some discrepancies in what numbers are assigned. Until now, no agency has had the authority to implement and administer a building numbering system.

Consistent and continuous building numbering will help services like police, fire, and ambulance find properties faster, especially in times of emergency.

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*Manager of Current Planning*

### Public Hearing on Proposed Pub

The Regional Board agreed to hold a public hearing to obtain local input on a proposed neighbourhood pub license for the Blue Agave Grill, located at 2405 Main Street in downtown Westbank. The feedback from the public hearing will be forwarded to the BC Liquor Control and Licensing Branch, the agency responsible for final approval of liquor licenses. The public hearing will be held in Westbank and the date will be advertised in local newspapers.

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### 2002 Annual Budget Approved

The Regional Board gave its stamp of approval to the year 2002 Annual Budget for the Regional District of Central Okanagan. The annual operating budget of \$34,471,837 is funded by residents in the Electoral Areas of the Regional District (the Westside and the Joe Rich, Ellison areas), City of Kelowna, and Districts of Peachland and Lake Country, depending on the type of services delivered to each area.

The average tax impact for the Regional District portion of taxes on a home assessed at \$175,000 is shown on the table below. Please note that for the member municipalities of Kelowna, Peachland, and Lake Country, this figure **only represents the Regional District portion of their taxes.**

### Year 2002 Regional District Tax Impact on a Home Valued at \$175,000

Kelowna	\$ - .90
Peachland	-26.17
Lake Country	-.73
Area G North	23.90
Area G South	33.46
Westbank	26.74
Area I	-2.90

The majority of the increase noted for the Westside Electoral areas (Area 'Westbank', Area 'G' North and South) is to provide for the Gellatly Nut Farm over a five-year period. In addition, transit services for Peachland were reduced as the costs were reallocated to areas of greater use, such as the Westside.

The Electoral Areas of the Regional District are home to over 35,000 residents. These areas are divided into three Electoral Areas: Area 'Westbank' (Westbank, Glenrosa, Shannon Lake), Electoral Area 'G' (Lakeview Heights, West Kelowna, Westside Road, North Westside Road,

Casa Loma), and Electoral Area 'I' (Ellison, Joe Rich).

As a form of local government, the Regional District provides local services such as water, sewers, community parks, and planning to the Electoral Areas. The Regional District also provides regional services to the Electoral Areas and the municipalities of Kelowna, Peachland, and Lake Country. These regional services include 911, dog control, regional parks, and recycling, to name a few.

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*Director of Financial Services*

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### **Annual Transit Operating Agreement Approved**

The Regional Board gave approval to the 2002/2003 Kelowna Regional Conventional Annual Operating Agreement between Far West Transit Services, the City of Kelowna, the Regional District of Central Okanagan and the District of Lake Country. The Operating Agreement also includes the annual budget as approved by the Board. The Kelowna Regional Transit System is entering year three of a five-year contract term. The upcoming year's budget includes a 3.1% increase to cover increases in operating costs and an increase in debt service costs.

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### **Water Resource Management Plan Supported**

The Regional Board gave its support to creating a Water Resource Management Plan for the Trepanier Landscape Unit. The area to be studied covers much of the Westside watersheds area, from Peachland to Shorts Creek off Westside Road. Development of the Plan will be led by the Regional District, in partnership with the Ministry of Sustainable Resource Management. Other potential partners, such as Okanagan University College and the some of the water purveyors, will be approached to participate in the plan. The Plan once developed will provide direction to provincial water managers and to local governments on decisions around land use and water resources.

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*Director of Planning Services*

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### **Contract Awarded to Matcon**

Matcon Construction was awarded the contract for the construction of the Asquith Road Trunk Sewer Project. Matcon Construction Ltd was the lowest of 11 bidders with the tendered amount of \$120,910 including GST. The sewer project includes the extension of a trunk main from Shannon Lake Road to the Westside Regional Landfill connecting the landfill to the community sewer system and decommissioning the existing septic system.

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*Engineering Planning & Design Manager*

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### **Grant In Aid**

Casa Loma Community Society - \$200, Electoral Area 'Westbank', Director Len Novakowski and Electoral Area 'G', Director Aaron Dinwoodie.

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### **Easter Holiday Hours**

#### **Garbage Collection, Recycling Depots & Landfill Operations**

- Garbage collection pick up will remain the same. There will be pick up on Good Friday and Easter Monday.
- The Glenmore Landfill and Recycling Depot will be closed Good Friday, March 29, Easter Sunday, March 31 and Easter Monday, April 1. They will be open Saturday, March 30.
- The Westside Landfill and Recycling Depot will be open Friday to Monday 8:30 am - 4 pm
- Kirschner Road Recycling Depot will be open regular hours



For more information call the  
Regional Waste Reduction Office at 868-5250.