



The Board Reports

Regional District of Central Okanagan
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Highlights of the Regional Board Meeting—May 13, 2002

New Commissioners for Land Reserve Commission

The Provincial Land Reserve Commission is being restructured to protect farmland more effectively and to better meet the needs of communities. The goal is to streamline processes and expand uses in the ALR. 19 new Commissioners have been appointed to the soon to be re-named Provincial Agricultural Land Commission. The new Commissioners for the Okanagan are:

- Vice Chair - Sid Sidhu, Vernon
- Commissioner - Sue Irvine, Naramata
- Commissioner-Sharon McCoubrey, Lake Country

Contact: *Wayne d'Easum 763-4918*
Chief Administrative Officer

Financial Statements Accepted

The BDO Dunwoody Auditor's Report for the Regional District for the year ended December 31, 2001 was received and accepted. The Auditor's report for the Central Okanagan Regional Hospital District was also accepted. The results of both audits were in accordance with Canadian generally accepted accounting principles as required by the Local Government Act.

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Director of Financial Services

Expenses Report Received

The Regional Board received a report from the Treasurer regarding the remuneration and expenses paid to the various elected officials for the year 2001. Regional Directors receive a base salary as well as a stipend for meetings attended. Also included are expenses from Board approved attendances at meetings, seminars, or conferences.

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Board Considers Request for Extended Hours

The Regional Board did not object to a permanent change requested by Blue Agave Grill on Main Street in Westbank to hold a Neighbourhood Public House liquor licence and to allow the premises to remain open until 1:00 a.m. on Friday and Saturday nights. The Board is required to make comment on the Pub's application to the Liquor Licensing Branch, who holds final authority for approving liquor licenses.

Contact: *Ken Arcuri 868-5227*
Director of Planning Services

April Building Statistics

During the month of April 61 permits were issued with a

total construction value of \$4,239,434.07. During this same time, there were 52 permits completed with a total construction value of \$2,742,328.00

Contact: *Kelly Roth 868-5211*
Director of Inspection Services

Jack Peters Re-Appointed to the Film Commissioner

The Board reconfirmed Jack Peters' position as the Regional District's representative to the Okanagan Film Commission for 2002. The Commission's primary goal for the year will be to implement the strategic plan, which includes hiring a full-time film commissioner, marketing the Okanagan to the film industry and establishing a feasibility study on the benefits of the film industry to the Okanagan.

Contact: *Jack Peters 717-0087*
Chair, Okanagan Film Commission

May is Local Government Awareness Month

Did you know that the Regional District is home to close to 38,000 residents who live on the Westside and in the Joe Rich, Ellison area? That's larger than most towns and cities in the province including places like Mission, Cranbrook, Vernon, and Penticton. Find out more about your local government by visiting our web site at www.regionaldistrict.com.

The Regional District is a form of local government that provides services such as land use planning, sewer, and garbage collection to most of the 10,000 homes and businesses located in the Electoral Areas of Westbank, (Westbank, Glenrosa, Shannon Lake), Area 'G' (Lakeview Heights, Casa Loma, West Kelowna Estates, Westside Road), and Area 'I' (Joe Rich, Ellison).

The Regional District also provides regional services such as 911, regional parks, and the blue bag curbside recycling program. Regional services are delivered region-wide to the Electoral areas and the member municipalities of Kelowna, Peachland, and Lake Country. The Regional Board, made up of ten elected and appointed representatives, meets every other Monday to provide guidance in managing the various programs, services, and matters that are a part of local governance.

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