



The Board Reports

Regional District of Central Okanagan
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Highlights of the Regional Board Meeting—May 27, 2002

New Faces on Commission

The Regional Board appointed three new faces to the Environmental Advisory Committee for the Planning Services Department. The new members to serve a two-year term are: Mike Wood, Michelle Boshard, and Mike Doiron. They will fill positions where members have recently resigned due to work commitments elsewhere.

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Director of Planning Services

Forest and Grassland Strategy Supported

The Regional Board will send a letter of support for the creation of a Provincial Encroachment In-Growth Strategy to the Range Review Group. In essence, the Regional Board supports the development of a provincial strategy to provide guidelines on managing forest encroachment and loss of grasslands. Forest encroachment changes grassland habitats into forested communities reducing available food sources for wildlife and livestock. It can also produce trees that are not considered commercially viable and provide potential fuel for forest fires. The Range Review Group is an interagency group that holds similar interests to the Land and Resource Management Plan (LRMP). The LRMP plan identifies a provincial strategy as a good approach to protecting and enhancing timber, range and wildlife resource values.

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Watershed Concerns a Priority

The Regional Board did not support a referral application for a youth camp on Crown Land at Esperon Lake. Esperon Lake is the headwaters for Lakeview Irrigation District's watershed and in accordance with the Regional Growth Strategy, protection of water resources is one of the highest priority issues. The site is located on top of a mountain of bedrock making it unsuitable for onsite sewage disposal. As recommended by the Planning Department there are other locations that may be more suitable for a youth camp. The recommendation will be forwarded to Land and Water BC for their information.

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Greenway Partners Enter Agreement

The Regional Board gave approval to the Memorandum of Understanding between the partners responsible for the development of proposed Mission Creek Greenway

- Phase II. The partners involved are the Regional District of Central Okanagan, the City of Kelowna, and the Friends of Mission Creek Society. The Memorandum of Understanding defines the roles and responsibilities of each organization prior to the Phase II project getting underway. Phase II of the proposed Mission Creek Greenway will extend the project trail from Mission Creek Regional Park upstream to Scenic Canyon Regional Park adjacent to Layer Cake Mountain, a total distance of 8.4 kilometres. The Friends of Mission Creek Society plan to kick off the fund raising campaign this November.

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Plans Underway for Gellatly Nut Farm

The Board gave approval to an interim Management Plan for the operation of Gellatly Nut Farm for the remainder of this year. Projects to be undertaken include fencing and gates, establishing a caretaker's residence, installing an irrigation system, turf and tree care, signage and internal access road development. The plan will act as a guiding document for limited development of property in the short term until the Master Plan can be completed. The Master Plan will address the future park planning and development needs as well as budget requirements.

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New Sign for Fintry Park

The Regional Board provided a Grant In Aid to the Friends of Fintry Society in the amount of \$3,000 to develop an information shelter sign to be located within the Fintry Provincial Park. The Regional District also requests that the financial contribution in acquiring this scenic park, located approximately 30 kilometres north on Westside Road, be acknowledged in the signage.

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New Digs for Westside RCMP

The Regional Board gave approval for staff to begin lease negotiations to establish a new building for the RCMP's Westside detachment. The current facility located next to the Westbank Chamber of Commerce office does not meet the needs of the existing staff and volunteers that work at the Westside Detachment.

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Grant In Aid

Shannon Lake Neighbourhood Association - \$200, Electoral Area 'Westbank', Director Len Novakowski and Electoral Area 'G', Director Aaron Dinwoodie.

Killiney Beach Community Association - \$3,750,
Electoral Area 'G', Director Aaron Dinwoodie.

Get Ready to Go Green

June 3rd to 7th marks the date for the 2002 Go Green Commuter Challenge. Walk, cycle, roller blade, car pool, bus, or even kayak to work! It all counts in the 2002 Go Green Week Commuter Challenge, the friendly competition that encourages people across Canada to choose environmentally friendly and healthy forms of transportation (anything but driving alone!).

Every little bit helps. We are trying to be number one in Canada. Please register and be a part of the head count. You can register as a group, company, organization or even as an individual, and you can win great prizes, too! To register, simply click here and follow the instructions at

<http://www.commuterchallenge.net>

This year, the employees of the Regional District of Central Okanagan will be out in force to keep their title as Clean Air Champions and to help the Central Okanagan be number one on the country!

Go Green Week Calendar of Events

1. Go Green Week Commuter Challenge June 3-7, 2002

The Commuter Challenge is a friendly competition between various organizations, including schools, churches, and businesses in the Central Okanagan to promote alternatives to single occupant vehicle use. Awards are given to an organization in each category (school, church, and business) that has the highest percentage of students, members, or employees using alternative forms of transportation.

2. Elected Official's Bike Tour Tuesday May 28th, 2002, 9:00 AM

Elected Officials from the City of Kelowna, Regional District and Westbank First Nation will mount a bicycle and pedal in symbolic support of commuter cycling and Go Green Week.

3. Mayor's Environmental Expo Friday May 31st and Saturday June 1st, 2002, 9:30-3:30

Have FUN and learn all about the environment with interpretive and interactive displays for people of all ages. The Expo will showcase over 45 small businesses, corporate, government and non-profit environmental initiatives in the Kelowna area.

4. Go Green Extravaganza Saturday June 1st, 2002, 9:30-3:30

While at the Mayor's Environmental Expo, check out the Go Green Extravaganza, an exciting event focusing on transportation and the environment.

Come out and participate in the How Slow Can You Go? Bike Race and the Bike Maintenance Clinic or sign up for the 2002 Commuter Challenge – everyone is eligible to WIN GREAT PRIZES!

5. Bike vs. Car Challenge Monday June 3, 2002

Cyclists and motorists from the media will demonstrate the impacts of both modes of transportation.

6. Clean Air Day Free Transit June 5th, 2002

Let's take back the air! Citizens in the Central Okanagan are invited to enjoy a FREE ride on transit if they are wearing a Go Green Button. Buttons are available at City Hall, Parkinson Recreation Centre, Orchard Park Shopping Centre, and the Westbank Pharmasave.

7. Clean Air Day Complimentary Breakfast Wednesday June 5th, 2002, 7:00-8:30 AM

Participants in the Go Green Commuter Challenge are invited to enjoy a delicious free continental style breakfast served off of three stationary 'Breakfast Buses' that will be stationed at Orchard Park Transit Station, Queensway Transit Station, and Stevens Road Exchange.

8. Immaculata High School Rely Race Thursday June 6th 2002, 12:12 PM

Students at Immaculata High School will celebrate Go Green Week by participating in a Cycle, Rollerblade and Run Relay Race.

9. Go Green Week Wrap-Up Friday June 7, 2002

Sponsored by Metro Materials Recovery Inc, the Go Green Wrap-Up is a lunchtime event to bring together businesses participating in the Commuter Challenge. A BBQ lunch will be provided and great prizes

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