



The Board Reports

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Highlights of the Regional Board Meeting—Sept 9, 2002

Rescue Boat Ready 24/7

The Regional Board gave approval to the purchase of a new boat lift for the Regional Rescue Boat in the amount of \$30,761.50 taxes included. The funds for the project will come from the Equipment Reserve Fund and does not impact the operational budget. Two years ago, the Regional District Rescue Program purchased a Boston Whaler rescue/fire boat and the operation of the boat and performance has exceeded expectations. However, in order to have the boat accessible throughout the winter months, it needs to be lifted out of the water. The boat lift will make the emergency rescue boat accessible 24 hours a day 7 days a week twelve months of the year and will also reduce maintenance costs resulting from the freezing weather.

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Director of Financial Services

August Building Statistics

There were 54 building permits issued during the month of August for a total construction value of \$5,065,402.00. During the month there were also 61 permits completed for a total construction value of \$5,278,115.00. The majority of the permits issued were for single-family dwellings.

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Director of Inspection Services

Gellatly Bay Trail Extended

Gellatly Bay Trails & Park Society will have their work cut out for them now that the Regional Board has given approval to extend an additional kilometre to the Gellatly Waterfront Park and Walkway. The Society is responsible for fund raising as well as the design of the layout and construction of the walkway. Once construction is complete, the walkway will be administered, maintained and operated under a permit from the Ministry of Highways by the Regional District Parks and Recreation Department. The extension adds to the current waterfront walkway that runs along Boucherie and Gellatly Roads and takes in the Westbank Yacht Club, Willow Beach, Gellatly Bay Walkway, the reconstructed CNR wharf and the Gellatly Dog Beach and Rotary Beach. It is anticipated that construction will begin this year.

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Planning & Design Manager

Response to Paper on Safer Community Strategies

In response to a report tabled at a previous meeting, the Regional Board will send a letter to the Province voicing concerns over cuts to funding to community based programs, such as the Elizabeth Fry Society. The report, prepared by Monica Penner was written in response to a Discussion Paper on Safer Community Strategies put forth by the Province. The Board is concerned about cuts to community programs that provide support to victims of violence, especially issues of violence against women. These programs, such as Elizabeth Fry Society, are completely separate from the existing RCMP and Regional District funded Victim and Witness Services, which provides support to all victims and witnesses of crime or trauma.

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Chief Administrative Officer

Upcoming Events:

- Webber Road Community Centre Official Grand Opening at Webber Road Community Centre. Saturday September 21, 2002. Hours: 11:00 am to 2:00 pm.
- BC Rivers & Fisheries Awareness Day Sunday, September 29, 2002 at Mission Creek Regional Park. Hours: 11:00 am to 3:00 pm
- Household Hazardous Waste Round Up Saturday, October 5, 2002 at Crown Packaging Parking Lot (corner of Enterprise & Cooper) Hours: 9:00 am – 3:00 pm