



The Board Reports

Regional District of Central Okanagan
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Highlights of the Regional Board Meeting– August 18, 2003

Dog Control Regulations and Fines

The Regional Board has approved amendments to the bylaws governing dog control and the fines for violating the regulations. It's hoped the changes will make owners more responsible for controlling their canine pets. A new aggressive dog category has been created in addition to a revamping of the designation for dangerous dogs. The fine structure has been changed, providing substantial fines for owners of dangerous dogs who are repeat offenders. Fines now go from \$500 on a first offence to \$2,000 on a second offence and an additional \$1,000 for each subsequent impound.

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Director of Inspection Services

Two More Dog-Friendly Parks

Leashed dogs are now allowed on trails in two Regional Conservation Parks. The Regional Board has approved the addition of Rose Valley and Mount Boucherie Regional Parks to the list of parks and walkways involved in the pilot project for dogs on leash. However, dogs will still be restricted from sensitive habitat areas within the boundaries of the two parks. Signs will be posted advising where dogs are not allowed to go. Conservation parks were created to protect sensitive habitat areas in some Regional Parks and dogs had been banned from all areas of those parks. It's felt that since only small parts of the parks need habitat protection, leashed dogs could be allowed on trails in the non-sensitive areas.

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Director of Parks and Recreation

Joe Rich Counter Petition

A proposed bylaw to establish a Community Hall Service Area in Joe Rich has been rejected. The Regional Board has been told that 79 of 753 eligible electors signed counter petition documents. A minimum of 38 signatures was needed to prevent approval of the bylaw that would have allowed funds collected for the renovation, construction and operation of the Community Hall.

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Gellatly Nut Farm Plans Approved

The Regional Board has approved two plans regarding future development of the Gellatly Nut Farm Regional Park. After extensive public and stakeholder input, a concept plan and a site development plan have been prepared for the park. Recommendations would be used to help guide development of the park, maintaining its' historical character as a working nut farm, while recognizing the potential for passive recreational opportunities through the waterfront area and commercial involvement of the Gellatly Nut Farm Society. Development would be phased-in as funds are put aside in the Regional District budget.

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Canada-BC Infrastructure Grant Application

The Regional Board has approved submission of an application under the Canada-BC Infrastructure Grant Application for the expansion of the Mount Boucherie Community Centre Multiplex. The application will be made on behalf of the Regional District and the Mount Boucherie Expansion Society and asks the two senior levels of government to contribute one million dollars each toward the proposed expansion of the community recreational facility.

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Boaters Cooperation Required

The Regional Board urges boaters to stay safely away from aircraft involved in the firefighting effort in Okanagan Mountain Provincial Park. The Board motion supports the RCMP in its effort to keep boaters away from the lake area that's being used by water bombers and helicopters to fill up. Directors agreed while many boaters have stayed a safe distance away, some have not and have caused problems for pilots.

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Casa Loma Development Deferred

The Regional Board has deferred second and third readings of an Official Community Plan Amendment and Zoning Amendment Bylaw for a property in the Casa Loma area. The Board requires additional information with respect to the impacts the development will have on adjacent properties.

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Manager of Current Planning

Building Permit Pace

Last month, 87 building permits were issued for projects worth \$10.1 million. That compares with 107 permits for projects valued at \$5.3 million in July 2002. Between January and the end of last month, 579 building permits were approved for a total value of \$45.1 million. During the first seven months of 2002, 515 permits were issued for almost \$35 million. The Regional District handles building permits and inspections for projects in the Westside and Ellision/Joe Rich Electoral areas and in the District of Peachland.

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Grant-In -Aid

Westside Electoral Area

- Kinsmen Club of Westbank - \$500.00 to assist with costs of 25th anniversary event
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Next Regional Board Meeting

The next meeting of the Regional Board will be Monday September 8, 2003 at 7 pm in the Woodhaven Room at the Regional District office, 1450 KLO Road, Kelowna.

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