



The Board Reports

Regional District of Central Okanagan
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Highlights of the Regional Board Meeting– December 8, 2003

Re-tender Fire-Damaged Timber

The Regional Board has rescinded an earlier resolution regarding the sale of fire-damaged pine from Bertram Creek Regional Park. Instead of selling the logs through a Keremeos broker to an American mill, the Board has directed staff to re-tender the sale of salvaged pine, as is in the park. A Kootenay company that didn't initially indicate an interest in the logs said it would block the export sale under the BC Forest Practises Code.

Bertram Park Debris Will Be Burned

The Regional Board approved a recommendation that will see wood debris burned in Bertram Creek Regional Park. While some of the fire recovery debris has been chipped and spread for erosion control, about 80 piles of wood waste are not currently accessible to the machinery. In order to protect the grass seeding and other erosion control work that's been done, the Board has given approval to burn the remaining wood waste. It will be done at the south end of the park, when burning conditions are appropriate with permission from the City of Kelowna through the Kelowna Fire Department. Neighbouring residents will be advised.

Public Access Along Casa Loma Foreshore

The Regional Board is recommending a public access route be required in any provincial foreshore lease renewal involving Casa Loma Resort. Land and Water B.C. has asked the Regional District for input on public foreshore access. The Board recommends the provincial agency require that a minimum three-meter wide access be provided above the high water mark along Okanagan Lake through the resort. The route would ensure public access between the Casa Loma area and Kalamoier Regional Park.

Bertram Creek Park Flood Mitigation Work

The Regional Board has approved a plan to try and reduce any potential impact from spring run-off through Bertram Creek Regional Park. In light of the damage caused by the Okanagan Mountain Provincial Park forest fire, two hydrology studies suggest the present creek bed won't be able to handle the possible run-off next spring and in years to come. Streamworks Unlimited will prepare designs for upgrading and reinforcing the existing creek corridor through the Regional Park to handle the anticipated higher than normal flows, while protecting the park. The cost of the design work is \$5,157.40.

Cedar Mountain Park Recovery Plan

The Regional Board has approved an initial recovery plan for a portion of Cedar Mountain Regional Park. Last summer's forest fire extensively damaged the park. The cost of the fire recovery program is estimated at just over \$17,000. Dangerous trees will be removed from about 1.4 hectares of the 2 hectares of the park owned by the Regional District. This area will also be replanted with native seeding trees. As well, a culvert running under the access road will be upgraded. The work is needed to ensure the safety of people using the park to access the Kelowna Crags recreational climbing area. The Board has also approved the burning of slash piles in order to reduce any future fire hazard.

Westside Recreation Appointments

The Regional Board has approved the appointment of three residents to the Westside Parks and Recreation Commission. Joining the body in January 2004 for two-year terms are: Lisa Thomson and Greg Murphy. Carl Zanon has been re-appointed for his second two-year term.

Next Regional Board Meeting

The next regular meeting of the Regional Board will be Monday January 12th, 2004 at 7 pm in the Woodhaven Room at the Regional District office, 1450 KLO Road, Kelowna.

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Priority Area Sewer Hookup Required

The Regional Board supports the idea of fining property owners who refuse a sewer connection order. The Inspection Services Department plans to bring an amended Ticket Information Utilization Bylaw back to the Board during the spring, to include a fine for anyone refusing an order to connect to the sewer. In the meantime, the Engineering Department will proceed with a plan to order approximately 84 property owners to hook up in high priority sewer connection areas. So far, 69 of 153 residents ordered to connect by the end of this year have done so. They live primarily along the lake in areas with sewer service between Whitworth Road and Sunnyside in Lakeview Heights.

Local Calling Expansion On Hold

Telus has been forced to put a plan to expand local calling in the Regional District of Central Okanagan on hold. As a result of an appeal by two telecom industry suppliers, Telus has written the Regional Board advising it cannot provide a service schedule quote, until all legal and regulatory issues have been resolved. The Board will send a letter to the CRTC and Telus advising it is still interested in expanding local calling throughout the region.

Subdivision Approved

The Regional Board has adopted a Zoning Amendment application from Victor Projects Ltd. The company will develop 39 single-family houses in the first phase of its project adjacent to Gregory Road and Menu Road in the South Mount Boucherie area. The developer has already received approval for an Environmentally Sensitive Development Permit to mitigate any disturbance to a ravine in the north end of Phase 1.

Central Okanagan Hospital District

The Directors of the Central Okanagan Hospital District have adopted the 2004 to 2008 Provisional Financial Plan. The budget is based on a two percent annual assessment increase. The residential tax rate will remain at 34.6 cents for every thousand dollars of assessed property value. For 2004, the budget calls for more than \$5.5 million in revenue and expenditures.

Regional Grants-In-Aid

The Regional Board will consider providing a grant-in-aid to 11 organizations next year. They would share a total of \$210,000. A final decision will be made in March, when the Board adopts its five-year financial plan. This year, seven organizations shared a total of \$130,000 in grant-in-aid funding.

Grants-In-Aid

Westside Electoral Area

- Royal Canadian Air Cadets-\$1,000 for rent, supplies and equipment
 - Okanagan Nation Basketball Tournament-\$200
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Board Chair and Vice-Chair Confirmed

Director Robert Hobson will serve once again as Chair of the Regional Board, while Director Aaron Dinwoodie will serve again as Vice-Chair. They were acclaimed during last night's inaugural Board meeting.

Special Regional Board Meeting

A special meeting of the Regional Board will be Wednesday December 17th, 2003 at 8:30am in the Woodhaven Room at the Regional District office, 1450 KLO Road, Kelowna. The agenda will include adoption of the borrowing Bylaw for the expansion of the Mount Boucherie Community Centre.

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