



# The Board Reports

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## Highlights of the Regional Board Meeting – Jan. 13, 2003

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### January is Crime Stoppers Month

Bruce Baron and Bruce Smith gave a presentation to the Board outlining the Central Okanagan Crime Stoppers program. In 2002, Crime Stoppers received more than 730 anonymous tips on their TIP Line. Although the number of calls to Crime Stoppers was down slightly from previous years, the results of the tips were significantly improved:

- 50 suspects and wanted persons arrested, up 11%.
- 84 cases cleared, up 5%.
- Value of drugs seized - \$2.87 million, up 161%
- Value of stolen property recovered - \$222,600, up 188%.

Crime Stoppers offers cash rewards for anonymous tips leading to arrest and charges. The Crime Stoppers' Board raises funds through generous corporate donations and fundraisers. The 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Crime Stoppers Charity Dinner Auction is being held Saturday, Jan. 25 at the Coast Capri Hotel.

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### Building Statistics Summary for December and 2002

2002 was a record-breaking year for issuing residential and commercial building permits for the Regional District, with a 26% increase in permits issued over 2001. From January to December 2002, 894 permits were issued for a total construction value of \$61,351,756 and 840 projects were completed at a total value of \$59,593,239. In December 60 permits were issued with a total value of \$4,425,700 and 79 completions valued at \$5,587,570. The majority of the buildings were single family residential and other residential units.

The 2002 breakdown of the construction permits issued for the Districts and the City of Kelowna are:  
Peachland: 80 permits for a total value of \$6,841,386  
Lake Country: 271 permits for a total value of \$14,516,081.  
City of Kelowna: 1,728 for a total value of \$169,964,409.

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### Three Members Reappointed to Westside Parks and Recreation Commission

Martha Dagg, John Borsa and Alice Hargreaves were reappointed for a two-year term to the Westside Parks and Recreation Commission. The seven-person Commission is comprised of Westside residents who provide direction on services at the Johnson Bentley Aquatic Centre, the Westside Senior's Centre, and the Mount Boucherie Community Centre. The Commission also provides guidance for Westside Recreation

Services, Westside Activities for youth, and any new or expanded parks and recreation services and facilities on the Westside. Any recommendations provided by the Commission require approval from the Regional Board before implementation.

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### Economic Analysis of Toll Free Calling within Regional District to be Requested

The Board expressed interest in pursuing toll free calling within the boundaries of the Regional District. The Board gave approval to a request from the District of Peachland asking Telus to prepare an economic analysis of toll free calling within the Regional District. The analysis would also be accompanied by an estimate of costs for conducting a referendum, as per CRTC rules.

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### Board to Attend Green Sustainable Economic Development Workshop

The Board received an invitation from Senator Fitzpatrick to attend the Green Sustainable Economic Development Workshop being held in Penticton on January 22. Officials from the North Okanagan Regional District, Regional District of Okanagan-Similkameen, federal and provincial representatives, community development organizations, and First Nations have been working together to examine issues associated with economic development in the region. The goal is to identify ways of creating jobs and improving financial well-being of citizens and jurisdictions without harming the environment and social qualities of the region. The purpose of the workshop is to provide an opportunity to discuss the concepts and recommendations made in the *Draft Strategy for Green Sustainable Economic Development*, which was a document prepared by the Committee and which will be released at the workshop.

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### **Application for Federal/Provincial Infra - structure Funding Approved**

The Board approved a request from Engineering Services to submit two additional applications for Federal/Provincial Infrastructure Funding Assistance. The funding applications are for expansion of the Westside Regional Wastewater Treatment Plant and installation of a community water system for Green Bay. The Wastewater Treatment Plant expansion is anticipated to cost approximately \$10 million and the Green Bay community water system \$650,000.

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### **Liquid Waste Management Plan to be Revised**

The Regional Board supported a report that requested a \$10,000 application be submitted for a Provincial Infrastructure Study Grant to assist with the completion of a Liquid Waste Management Plan amendment. Recently, Urban Systems was hired to study storm water quality initiatives and policies for the Regional District. Urban System's report recommends amending the Liquid Waste Management Plan, which will require extensive public and stakeholder input. The additional funding will support this initiative.

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### **Westside Wastewater Treatment Plant Rate Increases**

The Regional Board adopted the required bylaws to increase the user rates for the Westside Wastewater Treatment Plant. Rate increases are required to offset increased operational costs, and to begin to set aside funds for future equipment repairs and replacement. Residential rates will increase from \$16 to \$18 per month. Commercial and Industrial user fees will increase proportionately.

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### **Killiney Beach and Westshore Estates Rate Increases**

Built in the early 70s, the Killiney Beach and Westshore Estates water systems are aging and improvements are needed to ensure adequate system capacity and safe drinking water. The Board adopted the bylaw amendments increasing water utility fees to help make the necessary improvements. Water utility fees will increase in the Killiney Beach area to \$50 per quarter from \$42.50 per quarter. The Westshore Utility maintenance fee, applicable to all lots, will increase to \$32.50 per quarter from \$27.50. Increases are effective January 1, 2003.

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