



The Board Reports

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Highlights of the Regional Board Meeting—Jan. 27, 2003

Board Reviews Purchase of Fire Trucks for Joe Rich Area

After review of the Administrator's report on the purchase of fire trucks for the Joe Rich area, the Regional Board agreed to the following:

- improve/increase its oversight capabilities for the various fire protection services it operates
- late items at the Board table should only consist of those items that have previously been dealt with by the Board, or if it is an emergency or some extreme circumstance requiring Board action
- staff will be more diligent in screening requests to the Board
- a full review of the tendering policy is to be completed by staff.

In addition, the Board agreed to defer any further decisions regarding the purchase of the third truck until an independent review of the equipment is completed by a technical committee comprised of fire chiefs from the City of Kelowna, District of Lake Country, District of Peachland and the Westside Fire Protection District.

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Administrator

Support for a National Park in the South Okanagan

A resolution was adopted by the Regional Board to support Senator Ross Fitzpatrick in his efforts to have the Interior Dry Plateau region in the South Okanagan Similkameen declared a National Park. A letter of support will be forwarded to the Senator, as well as The Honourable Sheila Copps, Members of Parliament and Members of the Legislative Assembly representing the Okanagan Valley.

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Support Given for Water License

The Regional Board supported the Land and Water B.C. Inc. referral application for Westbank Irrigation District for a water license for additional storage purposes on Lambly (Bear) Lake subject to completion of an environmental assessment. The project will involve raising the level of Lambly Lake by approximately 7.2 metres.

A new dam will be constructed that will result in flooding of the existing fish-camp and the Bear Lake Main Forest Service Road.

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Agricultural Land Commission Exclusion Application Delayed

The Regional Board agreed the Agricultural Land Commission exclusion application for Winifred Hoyer (owner) located adjacent to Shannon Lake Road be *deferred* until the Agricultural Advisory Committee has an opportunity to review additional information on the application and report back to the Regional Board at a future meeting.

Exclusion applications are ultimately decided by the Agricultural Land Commission.

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Special Event Permit Granted

The Regional Board granted a special event permit for Mission Hill Family Estate and Vancouver's renowned Shakespeare Theatre Company, to stage a month long run of *A Midsummer Night's Dream* in the winery's outdoor amphitheatre, *Bard in the Vineyard*, from July 31 to August 31, 2003.

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Grants-in-Aid

Westside Citizens Patrol - \$3,700 - Westside Electoral Area

Bravo Westside Society - \$30,000 - Westside Electoral Area
