



The Board Reports

Regional District of Central Okanagan
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Highlights of the Regional Board Meeting— July 7, 2003

Nut Farm Infrastructure Grant Application

An application will be made for funds under the Federal-Provincial Infrastructure program to help develop the Gellatly Nut Farm as a Regional Park. The Regional Board approved the proposal from the Parks Department, which will make a joint application with the Gellatly Nut Farm Society. If successful, the two senior governments would provide \$200,000 each, matching the \$200,000 contribution from the 2005 Parks budget to complete development of the park. A master plan is currently being prepared for the Gellatly Nut Farm Regional Park.

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Revised Liquor Licensing Policies

The Regional Board has approved revisions to its policies and procedures regarding liquor-licensing applications. The revisions are needed in light of changes made by the Provincial Government to liquor control and licensing regulations. The Regional District Zoning Bylaw will be amended to reflect the two provincial licensing categories of Liquor-Primary and Food-Primary, as well as Wineries and Special Occasion licenses. In order to control the location of new retail Liquor stores, all existing Cold Beer and Wine Stores and BC Liquor stores will be put into a new zoning category, Retail Liquor Stores.

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Extended Liquor Operating Hours Supported

The Regional Board has supported the proposed extension of operating hours for a Westbank pub. Whiski-Jack's has asked the Provincial Liquor Control and Licensing Branch for permission to stay open one hour later (10 am to 1 am) from Sunday to Thursday and open an hour earlier and operate an hour later (10 am to 2 am) Friday and Saturday. There haven't been any comments from the community on the proposed changes and the Planning Department says the extended hours are consistent with those Liquor-Primary establishments in the City of Kelowna.

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Bird Control Initiatives

The Regional Board has been asked to participate in some initiatives to control birds and reduce the damage they cause to fruit crops. The BC Fruit Growers Association along with the Grape Growers Association and Cherry Growers Association is working on a pilot project for the control of starlings. They are also developing voluntary bird control guidelines and plan to establish a three-year Advisory Group to address conflicts arising from the use of noisemaking devices to protect crops from birds.

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Surplus Parkland Sales

The Regional Board has accepted offers to purchase two Westside properties that have been deemed surplus parkland. The parcels were identified by the Parks Advisory Committee as being candidates for sale, with revenue going towards the purchase of the Gellatly Nut Farm. The Board has accepted an offer of \$207,000 for one property on Angus Drive and \$73,000 for a surplus piece of land on Shanon Place.

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Building Permit Boost during June

The number and total value of building permits approved in the Central Okanagan remains ahead of last year. From January through the end of June this year, 492 permits have been approved on projects worth just over \$35 million. That compares with 412 permits approved in the first six months of 2002, worth a total of \$29.6 million. Last month there were 78 permits approved for \$4.7 million. That's nine fewer permits than were taken out in June 2003, when the value of permits topped \$5.6 million.

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