



The Board Reports

Regional District of Central Okanagan
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Highlights of the Regional Board Meeting– July 21, 2003

Mount Boucherie Expansion Referendum

Qualified Westside Electoral Area voters will be going to the polls Saturday December 6th, in a referendum on the proposed expansion of the Mt. Boucherie Community Centre. The Regional Board approved the referendum after receiving a report from the Westside Parks and Recreation Commission. It's proposed residents be asked to approve a bylaw authorizing the borrowing of no more than \$3,288,631 to add year-round indoor multi-purpose space for ice and dry-floor recreation activities. The final wording of the question will be completed over the next few months. The Board also received a business plan and value analysis into the expansion that would see another ice sheet with seating for 525 people. Another 525 seats could be added in the future. The documents were prepared over the past four months by the Mt. Boucherie Multiplex Project Review Committee and the Mt. Boucherie Expansion Society.

Contact: *Bill Vos* 868-5232
Director of Parks and Recreation

Hotel Room Tax Supported

The Regional Board has given its support to the proposed two per cent Hotel Room Tax in the City of Kelowna. A letter outlining the Regional District's support will be provided to the City, which must apply to the Provincial Government for approval of its proposed Bylaw. The City would like the Bylaw to take effect January 1st, 2004. The funds that are raised from the tax on hotel and motel rooms in the City of Kelowna will be used specifically for destination marketing programs to be developed and administered by Tourism Kelowna.

Contact: *Wayne d'Easum* 763-4918
Chief Administrative Officer

Environmental Advisory Committee Grows

Six new members have been appointed to the Regional Environmental Advisory Committee for a three-year term. Rick Bitcon, Glen Deacoff, Don Guild, Kyle Hawes, Sabine Maxwell and Jillian Tamblin will join ten other members on the Committee, which advises the Board and its Planning and Environment Committee on a range of complex and difficult environmental matters.

Contact: *Ken Arcuri* 868-5227
Director of Planning Services

Development Permit Approved

The Regional Board has approved a Development Permits for the second phase of a housing project on Gellatly Road. First Island Financial Services Ltd proposes to build a clubhouse, 22 duplexes and 19 single family houses on the 2.5 hectare property, part of the "Kirkstone" development.

Contact: *Jason Johnson* 868-5227
Manager of Current Planning

Grants-In-Aid

Westside Electoral Area

- Westbank Museum - \$3,000 to assist in hiring staff
 - Westside Response Society - \$750 for purchasing training supplies
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Next Regional Board Meeting

The next meeting of the Regional Board will be Monday August 18, 2003 at 7 pm in the Woodhaven Room at the Regional District office, 1450 KLO Road, Kelowna.

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