



The Board Reports

Regional District of Central Okanagan
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Highlights of the Regional Board Meeting—March 10, 2003

Economic Development Commission Presents 2003 Strategic Plan Update

The Regional Board received the Economic Development Commission's (EDC) 2003 Strategic Plan update. The Plan for 2003 builds upon work activities and projects the EDC has undertaken in the past two years. Three primary areas have been identified and related activities have been developed through a Strategic Planning meeting held in January 2003. Business retention, business attraction and business facilitation will be the focus of this year's strategy and tactics.

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Executive Director, EDC

Board Receives Energy Deregulation Report

The Regional Board received a report from the City of Burnaby expressing its concern over the prospect of a deregulated energy sector in BC and opposing any privatisation of BC Hydro. The Deregulation Report also supports the UBCM resolution that calls for the halt to the joint venture approach between BC Hydro and Accenture Inc. The report is being sent to all Burnaby MLAs, the Premier and Cabinet, the BC Utilities Commission and the Citizens for Public Power, as well as the regional districts and municipalities within the UBCM.

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Chief Administrative Officer

Board Accepts Recommendations for Joe Rich Area Fire Trucks

In follow up to a Regional Board request, the Regional District's Administrator and representatives of the technical committee, comprised of the regional fire chiefs, met with the fire truck manufacturer American LaFrance to determine the most suitable fire truck options for the Joe Rich area. The report recommends: 1) that the February 17th report, which recommended the retirement of three units from the fleet to be replaced with more suitable vehicles, be implemented as soon as possible; 2) that the minor retrofit changes to the trucks be completed prior to the delivery of the trucks and; 3) that a snuffer/compressed air foam system fire truck replace the original tendered vehicle. This vehicle could be used for urban interface situations as well as fire fighting.

The Board adopted the Technical Committee's recommendations in principle and agreed to send an explanatory letter to residents as well as hold a public

meeting prior to confirming the order with American LaFrance.

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Administrator

Summit Environmental Consultants Awarded Contract

The Regional Board gave approval to award a contract to Summit Environmental Consultants to undertake a water resource management plan for the "Trepanier Landscape Unit" (Peachland to Shorts Creek Community Watersheds). The \$115,265 contract will provide strategic direction to provincial water managers and to provincial and local government land use approving agencies.

The Westbank and Lakeview Irrigation Districts, District of Peachland and Okanagan Basin Water Board will contribute technical expertise to the consulting team.

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Director of Planning Services

Parks Services Enters into Five-Year Contract with Ministry to Manage Local Campgrounds

The Regional Board gave approval to Regional District Parks Services to enter into a contract with the Ministry of Forests to manage Hydraulic Lake, McCulloch Reservoir and Okanagan Lake Forestry Campsites. The five-year contract will reduce administration costs and help Parks Services to better forecast and manage future budgets.

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Regional Parks Manager

RFP for Westside Transit Services Advertising

The Regional Board approved that a Request for Proposals be issued, with Ministry of Highways agreement, to sell advertising space on bus benches and shelters on the Westside. Any revenues received from this proposal will reduce the tax levy for Transit Services.

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Director of Finance

Grant-in-aid

Westside Electoral Area, \$2000 – Westside Daze Celebration.
