



# The Board Reports

Regional District of Central Okanagan  
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## Highlights of the Regional Board Meeting– May 26, 2003

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### **Dog Friendly Parks Pilot Project**

The Regional Board has agreed to a pilot project opening more of its parks to dogs on leash. From June 16<sup>th</sup> this year through April 30<sup>th</sup>, 2004, leashed dogs will be allowed along trails and pathways in two Eastside parks, nine Regional Parks and 49 parks and walkways on the Westside. That's in addition to the six parks that already allow dogs on leash. During the trial period, Parks staff will monitor such things as the impact on each park, enforcement costs and public opinion. Four Conservation parks will remain off limits for dogs, as will public beach areas.

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*Director of Parks and Recreation*

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### **Prohibited Animals Bylaw Proposed**

The Regional Board has given approval in principle to a plan to control exotic and wild animals. The draft bylaw includes provisions for owners of existing animals to keep them, providing they are kept secure, not used for commercial, educational or entertainment purposes and not allowed to reproduce. The Exotic Animal Committee drafted the proposed bylaw after several meetings and one public session. It believes the bylaw addresses public safety concerns regarding exotic animals, while reinforcing federal laws on endangered species and provincial regulations on keeping of wildlife. The Committee will seek input from Local governments and citizens before bringing the proposed bylaw back to the Regional Board.

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### **Mission Creek Greenway Growth Supported**

The Regional Board has thrown its support behind expansion of the Mission Creek Greenway. The Friends of Mission Creek plan to begin a public campaign to raise \$1 million to complete the final 8.4 kilometers of the popular trail, taking it upstream to Scenic Canyon Regional Park. The Board has already approved funds for detailed bridge design work this year, along with funding in 2005 to help complete the project. The Greenway expansion will be the Regional District's project to celebrate the City of Kelowna Centennial in 2005.

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### **Westside Treatment Plant Expansion**

A contract has approved by the Regional Board for the second phase expansion at the Westside Regional Wastewater Treatment Plant. Earth Tech Canada Inc. will handle the preliminary and detailed design work and tendering to increase the capacity of the plant. The Earth Tech proposal was the lowest of four bids received at a cost of \$290,568. The plant is already overcapacity because of rapid growth on the Westside and must be expanded to meet future wastewater treatment demands.

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### **Regional Air Quality Coalition**

The Okanagan's three Regional Districts have agreed to work together to improve the air quality of the Valley. The Regional Board has approved a Memorandum of Understanding with the Regional District of Okanagan Similkameen and the Regional District of North Okanagan to form an Airshed Coalition. It's hoped that by working together, the three will see common policy and program development and increased leverage when applying for funds from senior levels of government.

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### **Memorandum for Recreation Site Work**

The Regional Board has approved a Memorandum of Understanding with the North Westside Road Firefighter's Society. The fire department volunteers will help this year with improvements to the day use area at the Okanagan Lake Recreation Site near Killiney Beach.

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### **Next Regional Board Meeting**

The next meeting of the Regional Board will be Monday June 16, 2003 at 7:00 pm in the Woodhaven Room at the Regional District office, 1450 KLO Road.

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