



The Board Reports

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Highlights of the Regional Board Meeting– November 3, 2003

Bertram Creek Park Timber Sale

The Regional Board has approved the sale of fire-damaged yellow pine from Bertram Creek Regional Park. A Keremeos brokerage firm, Can International Enterprises, is offering the highest dollar per cubic meter of burned pine timber from the park. The company plans to sell the logs to a fire recovery mill in the United States. Merchantable fir in the park that was damaged in the Okanagan Mountain Provincial Park forest fire has been contracted to Riverside Forest Products mill in Kelowna. The first phase of fire recovery and erosion control in Bertram Creek Park is expected to cost approximately \$93,000.

Shannon Lake Development Permit

The Regional Board has approved a Development Permit for low-density compact and multiple family housing project in the Shannon Lake area. Shannon Highlands Properties Limited plans to develop 82 strata lots on 13.6 hectares adjacent to Shannon Lake Road and Shannon View Drive.

Winery Rezoning

The Regional Board has given first reading to a zoning amendment bylaw for Mark Anthony Properties Limited on land it owns near Mission Hill Winery. It's proposing five single detached and three duplex residential housing units along with a gatehouse on the 1.14-hectare site adjacent to Mission Hill Road and Chardonnay Place in Lakeview Heights. The units will be used to house guests of the winery. After consulting with adjacent residents, the development has been scaled back from an earlier proposed 22 units and has been designed to reduce any visual impacts on neighbours. A public hearing will be scheduled at a later date.

Okanagan Film Commission Report

Representatives of the Okanagan Film Commission have outlined achievements of the past year and plans for the future. In a presentation to the Regional Board, Chair Jack Peters and Film Commissioner Sara Shaak say from April to October this year, there have been ten productions including a feature film, three commercials, two television series and a music video shot in the valley. They collectively spent \$2.2 million during the 87 shooting days in the region. The Commission has asked the Regional Board to contribute \$85,000 in 2004, up from \$55,000 this year, to help aggressively market the region internationally.

Proclamation

The Regional Board has proclaimed the week of November 5th to 11th as Veterans' Week in the Central Okanagan. It honours past veterans and those Canadians serving as members of peacekeeping operations around the world.

Art Wall

The works of Westbank nature artist and photographer Rick Varjassy are featured on the Art Wall through the end of November.

Next Regional Board Meeting

The next regular meeting of the Regional Board will be Monday November 17, 2003 at 7 pm in the Woodhaven Room at the Regional District office, 1450 KLO Road, Kelowna.

The Board Report is a bi-weekly publication of the Regional District of Central Okanagan. The Regional Board meets every second Monday night at the RDCO at 1450 KLO Road. The public is welcome to attend.

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