



The Board Reports

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Highlights of the Regional Board Meeting – March 23, 2009

North Westside Water System

The Regional Board has given three readings to bylaws that would establish a new domestic water distribution system service for properties in the Upper Fintry, Shalal Road and Valley of the Sun areas of the Central Okanagan West Electoral Area. A successful petition was completed within the proposed service area receiving 56% support of the 341 property owners that represent 63% of the total assessment. Engineering staff will apply to the Building Canada Fund – Communities Component for a grant to help offset the estimated \$400,000 cost of designing the water system. Well site exploration and development will proceed once a consulting engineer is retained. Costs will be recovered through a proposed parcel tax for the proposed service area while individual property owners will be responsible for the costs to connect their homes to the line and for ongoing maintenance and use fees.

Regional Wastewater Treatment Plant Plan

The Regional Board has authorized staff to proceed with a Request for Proposals (RFP) for the next phase of expansion at the Westside Regional Wastewater Treatment Plant. With future growth in the District of Peachland, Westbank First Nation and District of West Kelowna and the expected addition of sewer service to approximately 1,400 homes within the District of West Kelowna over the next five years, planned expansion and upgrades at the plant must begin now in order to provide a buffer and keep the plant from reaching capacity and to ensure Okanagan Lake is protected. The Regional District will apply to the Building Canada Fund – Communities Component for grant assistance with the project.

Okanagan Water Stewardship Council

The Regional Board has accepted an offer from the Okanagan Basin Water Board for membership in the Okanagan Water Stewardship Council. The Infrastructure Coordinator will represent the Regional District as one of the proposed 28 organizations that make up the Council. It was established in the spring of 2006 and provides the Basin Water Board with diverse advice on water issues.

Proposed Killiney Beach Water Upgrade

The Regional Board has approved submission of an application for funding from the Building Canada Fund – Communities Component for upgrades to the Killiney Beach water system. It's anticipated the first phase of the upgrade would see capacity of the mid-level reservoir increase from 75,000-litres to 615,000-litres, flow metering and chlorine residual analyzers in each of the systems four zones. It is anticipated that funding for the project would come from a combination of reserves and senior government grant programs.

License of Occupation Referral Application

The Regional Board does not support a License of Occupation referral application from Front Counter BC. Canadian Wilderness Quad Tours Inc. wants to conduct guided adventure tours using all terrain vehicles on approximately 125 kilometres of existing roads and trails in an area between Blue Grouse Mountain and Terrace Mountain within the Bear Creek Resource Management Zone in the Central Okanagan West Electoral Area. The Board, Regional District staff and several agencies feel the application is premature as a sustainable trail management system has not yet been finalized in the zone which includes the Lakeview Irrigation District watershed.

Fund Transfer to West Kelowna

The Regional Board has approved transferring \$523,482 from the Regional District Insurance and Employee Reserve Fund to the District of West Kelowna. The amount was determined by an independent audit and represents the municipality's share of the insurance and employee benefit fund relating to services that were transferred to the municipality from the Regional District after incorporation.

Land Commission Notification Process

The Regional Board has directed staff to write the Agricultural Land Commission (ALC) asking for expanded public notification when it comes to ALC applications. At the present time, public notification is only required for exclusion applications. The Regional District would like that expanded to include applications for subdivision, non-farm use and to include land within the Agricultural Land Reserve

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Mountain Bike Strategy Supported

The Regional Board has received the Kelowna and Area Mountain Bike Strategy final report. The Regional District will be represented as a partner on the proposed Coordinating Committee to continue the multi-jurisdictional cooperative approach to mountain biking in the area. Among the priorities identified in the report for the Regional District are mountain bike trails within Rose Valley and Glen Canyon regional parks.

Earth Hour Participation

The Regional Board has accepted a challenge from the City of Kelowna to participate in Earth Hour 2009. On Saturday, March 28th from 8:30 pm to 9:30 pm, lights will be turned off in the Regional District administration building. The Regional District is encouraging Central Okanagan residents to participate by turning off their lights for the one hour period.

February Building Statistics

During February, the Inspections Section approved three building permits for projects worth \$290,500 in the Central Okanagan West Electoral Area. During the first two months of 2009, 16 building permits were issued in the Central Okanagan East and West Electoral Areas for construction projects totalling just over \$645,000.

2009 EDC Strategic Plan

The Regional Board has received a presentation from Economic Development Commission (EDC) Manager Robert Fine on the 2009 Strategic Plan. It was developed with the assistance of the Commission's Advisory Board of Directors and recognizes the rapidly changing economic environment. That combined with the tremendous growth in the region has contributed to a 'Back to Basics' approach in order to assist businesses that are challenged by the economic climate as well as those that are just starting out or continuing to grow. EDC activities during the year will focus on three areas: Business Enhancement, Business Attraction and Economic Development Facilitation.

Provincial Government Funding

The Regional Board has received a letter from Community Development Minister Kevin Kruger advising of some Federal-Provincial cost-sharing funds for the Central Okanagan.

- Town for Tomorrow - \$400,000 for development of wells for the North Westside Water System project.
- Strategic Community Investment Fund – first instalment of \$143,191
- Climate Action Revenue Incentive Program - \$3,373 for carbon taxes paid by the Regional District

Special Public Budget Meeting

The Regional Board will hold a special public meeting on Friday, March 27th, 2009 at 9:00 am in the Woodhaven Board Room at the Regional District office, 1450 KLO Road, Kelowna. Residents are welcome to attend and comment before the Board formally adopts the 2009-2013 Financial Plan.

Next Regional Board Meeting

The next scheduled regular meeting of the Regional Board will be Monday, April 27th, 2009 at 7:00 pm in the Woodhaven Board Room at the Regional District office, 1450 KLO Road, Kelowna. Residents are welcome to attend.

Governance and Services Committee

The next scheduled public meeting of the Governance and Services Committee will be Thursday, April 9th, 2009 at 9:00 am in the Woodhaven Board Room at the Regional District office, 1450 KLO Road, Kelowna.



COMMUNITY
20 minute
makeover

*It only takes 20 minutes
to make a difference!
Let's make our
community sparkle!*

Imagine the difference if everyone takes 20 minutes to get out and do a little spring cleaning.

Please join us to pick litter, sweep sidewalks, paint over graffiti everywhere in our community.

DATE: **April 1st, 2009**
TIME: **10:00a.m. - 10:20a.m.**
Location: **Anywhere, just step outside your doorway**

Sign up by **March 30th** through the Regional Waste Reduction Office: recycle@rcd.ca or **465-6752** to receive bags, gloves and collection of your letterboxed bags.

The Regional Waste Reduction Office is a program of the City of Kelowna, the Regional District of Central Okanagan and Districts of Westside, Lake Country and Peachland.



COMMUNITY
Clean-up
MONTH
April 2009

Make a difference! Volunteer to pick up litter during Community Clean-up month.

Be a part of cleaning our community during the month of April by participating in the clean-up the day in your area. To register your group or family, call the Waste Reduction Office at 465-6752. We supply the bags and gloves. For more information, visit our website: www.rcd.ca. Make a difference. Make a difference.

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