Highlights of the Regional Board Meeting – October 22, 2012

Regional Dog Control Service Review
The Regional Board has received a report from the consultant that has thoroughly reviewed the Regional Dog Control Service. The Board has directed staff to provide it with an implementation plan including opportunity for public comment with the goal of rolling out changes within the next year. Consultant Allan Neilson recommends many actions to shift to a new model for Dog Service delivery, similar to one developed over the past 20 years in Calgary. It would see more focus on incentives and rewards for responsible dog owners, while providing zero tolerance for those not supporting their responsibilities to their dogs and the community at large. The model encourages a more positive public education and compliance function, while increasing the number of dog licenses purchased to both reduce taxpayer funding of the service and bylaw violations. He also recommends steps designed to increase public education and awareness about responsible dog ownership, while encouraging and enlist the support of volunteers to help in a region-wide effort to improve compliance.

Proposed Greyhound Route Reductions
The Regional Board will send a letter to the BC Passenger Transportation Board expressing disappointment over proposed route frequency reductions by Greyhound Canada. The Board believes the decrease in bus service will further erode transportation services for rural communities. In light of these proposed changes and past Greyhound service reductions, the Board will send a letter to the Province requesting a review of the monopoly on bus transportation with a focus on local solutions.

Regionally Significant Projects Approved
The Regional Board has received a letter from the Union of BC Municipalities outlining approval of Federal Gas Tax funding for several Regionally Significant Projects totalling more than $3.5-million. Among the projects approved for Gas Tax funding:

- Regional Active Transportation Project - $2,247,315
- Septic Treatment Upgrades Project - $780,000
- Upgrade and provide backup Centrifuge at Regional Septage Treatment facility - $317,900
- Regional Household Travel Survey - $150,000
- Review and update Regional Air Quality Management Plan - $38,000

September Building Statistics
During September, Development Services approved nine building permits for a construction projects valued at $641,113 in the Central Okanagan East and Central Okanagan West Electoral Areas. That compares with 12 permits issued in August 2011 for projects valued at $749,400. During the first nine months of 2012, 93 building permits have been approved in the electoral areas for projects valued at $6.8-million. During the same period last year, 128 permits were approved for construction projects totalling more than $9.3-million.

Local Transit Service Bylaw
The Regional Board has given three readings to a proposed bylaw that would amend the Local Transit Service Area Establishment Bylaw No. 376. The amendment removes the Regional District from providing transit services on behalf of the District of Peachland and Westbank First Nation. Both local governments have indicated to the Regional District that they wish to form their own transit operation agreements with BC Transit.

Water Rate Petition Received
The Regional Board has received a letter and petition from the North Westside Ratepayers Association. The petition was signed by people concerned about the water rate structure introduced earlier this year. The new rates introduced an asset renewal fee and marked the first time that a water consumption based rate was charged to customers of the six water systems operated and maintained by the Regional District.
Regional Board Meetings
Regional District office – 1450 KLO Road, Kelowna (Woodhaven Board Room). Residents are welcome to attend.

- **Thursday, November 8th** – following 8:30 am Governance & Services Committee meeting
- **Monday, November 26th** – 7:00 pm

The Board Report is published after each regular meeting of the Board of the Regional District of Central Okanagan. The Regional Board meets at least once a month in regular session in the Woodhaven Board Room at the Regional District office, 1450 KLO Road. The public is welcome to attend.

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**Spooktacular Halloween Pumpkin Walk**

**Sunday, Oct. 28, 2012**

Pumpkin drop-off: 3-5 pm
Pumpkin walk: 5-6 pm

A festive family event hosted by Regional District Parks Services!
- Place your carved pumpkin in a 100 year old nut orchard.
- Stroll along paths of jack-o-lanterns come alive!
- Prizes for winning pumpkins!
- Please bring a food bank donation.
- Wear your Halloween costume!
- Bring a flashlight for you & a LED candle for your pumpkin.

**GELLATLY NUT FARM REGIONAL PARK**

1320 Whitworth Road, West Kelowna

**ROYAL ASTRONOMICAL SOCIETY**

**WEST KELOWNA FIRE RESCUE**

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