



The Board Reports

Regional District of Central Okanagan
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Highlights of the Regional Board Meeting – November 26, 2012

[Building Inspection Services Tax Requisition](#)

The Regional Board has endorsed a plan to initiate a tax requisition for 2013 from property owners in the electoral areas to fund building inspection services. The additional tax requisition will provide funds needed to cover total expenditures for building inspection services in the two areas. Based on 2012 assessments, an average home valued at \$490,000 in Central Okanagan East will pay \$28.42 while the average home valued at \$462,000 in Central Okanagan West will pay \$26.80. With the downturn in construction experienced in the areas over the past few years, revenues from permits fees have not kept pace with expenditures even though there have been reductions in staffing and inspection days to try and reduce costs. In recent years, many local governments and regional districts have begun to rely on a tax requisition to maintain a consistent level of building inspection services.

[Bylaw Adjudication Participation](#)

The Regional Board has taken the first step in a process that will see the Regional District participate with other local governments in the Southern Interior Bylaw Adjudication program. Approval for RDCO participation is required by the Provincial Cabinet and may take up to three months before Board consideration of a formal Bylaw Notice Enforcement bylaw. The Bylaw Adjudication program is designed to provide a simpler, speedier and more cost effective resolution for minor bylaw infractions, rather than going through the court system. Once participating, staff expects most RDCO bylaws will be processed through the adjudication program at a cost to the RDCO of \$3,959.22 for 2013. Aggressive and Dangerous dog infractions will continue to be processed through the Community Charter and the Municipal Ticketing system as they are more complex, require a higher burden of proof and result in stricter measures of control.

[Agricultural Advisory Commission Members](#)

The Regional Board has reappointed two members of the Agricultural Advisory Commission. Serving an additional three year term are Bob Fugger and Lisa Cameron. The Commission serves in an advisory capacity to the Regional Board and reviews agricultural related applications and issues.

[Sunset Ranch Utilities Ownership](#)

The Regional Board has agreed to an agreement to take over ownership of the water and sanitary sewer utilities of the five strata corporations at the Sunset Ranch development. Before proceeding with a legal agreement, the transfer requires the support of at least 75% of the members of each strata corporation. The stratas have requested the Regional District take over ownership to provide a consistency and continuity in service as well as meeting long-term capital replacement requirements. In addition, water and sewer works constructed in future development phases would be transferred to the Regional District's ownership.

[New Sewer Systems Bylaws Adopted](#)

The Regional Board has adopted two new bylaws establishing regulations, fees and charges affecting sewer systems in the Central Okanagan East Electoral Area and for local governments served by the Westside Regional Wastewater Treatment Plant. The bylaws reflect the changes made in Regional District service responsibilities since West Kelowna incorporation and for properties in Sunset Ranch development receiving sewer services from the City of Kelowna.

[School Sites Acquisition Charge](#)

The Regional Board has received an update on collection of the School Sites Acquisition Charge on behalf of School District No. 23. Development Services and Finance staff are finalizing an internal tracking process for collecting and remitting fees to the School District and for retaining a portion of the fees for administration. While the majority of Regional District building permits will be exempt, the fee, based on the size of development will apply for new subdivisions and when construction increases the building by more than three self-contained dwelling units. The charge will see local governments collect fees from developers to assist the School District with the purchase of land for future school sites.

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The public is welcome to attend.

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Environmental Advisory Commission Members

The Regional Board has approved seven new appointments to the Environmental Advisory Commission. Serving a three year term are Wesley Miles, Peter Dill, Pete Spencer, Rose Gunoff, Melony Catana and Jacqueline Foley while Jenna Gall will serve a one year term. The independent Commission volunteers provide expert advice to the Regional Board on environmental issues related to land use and development applications.

October Building Statistics

During October, Development Services approved 22 building permits for a construction projects valued at \$1,657,939 in the Central Okanagan East and Central Okanagan West Electoral Areas. That compares with 19 permits issued in October 2011 for projects valued at \$1,763,325. During the first 10 months of 2012, 115 building permits have been approved in the electoral areas for projects valued at \$8.5-million. During the same period last year, 147 permits were approved for construction projects totalling more than \$11.1-million.

Regional Board Meetings

Regional District office – 1450 KLO Road, Kelowna (Woodhaven Board Room). Residents are welcome to attend.

- **Monday, December 10th – Inaugural Meeting** – 7:00 pm
- **Thursday, January 17th** – following 8:30 am Governance & Services Committee meeting
- **Monday, January 28th** – 7:00 pm



2013 Regional Board Regular Meetings

The Regional Board has approved its meeting schedule for 2013.

(Meetings at 7:00 pm unless noted and subject to change or cancellation)

January 28 th	February 25 th
March 25 th	Thursday, March 28 th Final Budget Approval 9:00 am
April 22 nd	May 27 th
June 24 th	July 29 th
August 26 th	September 23 rd
October 28 th	November 25 th
December 9 th Inaugural Meeting	

(Board meetings are also scheduled following monthly Governance and Services Committee meetings – 8:30 am on the following dates unless otherwise noted and are subject to change or cancellation)

January 17 th	February 14 th
February 28 th Preliminary Budget Review	March 14 th Morning meeting and Afternoon Budget Review
April 11 th	May 9 th
June 13 th	July 18 th
September 12 th	October 10 th
November 14 th	

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