



The Board Reports

Regional District of Central Okanagan
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Highlights of the Regional Board Meeting – October 28, 2013

Regional Growth Strategy Bylaw Introduced

The Regional Board has given first and second readings to the Regional Growth Strategy (RGS) Bylaw No. 1336. The RGS update has been underway since 2010 after consulting several times with the public, stakeholders, local governments, the Westbank First Nation and Okanagan Indian Band and many provincial and senior government agencies. The RGS review updates the existing Regional Growth Strategy that was adopted in 2000 by responding to changes that have occurred and addressing issues and future sustainability for the region. As required by the *Local Government Act*, the bylaw will now be referred to all member municipalities and adjacent regional districts for acceptance, before it is considered for adoption by the Regional Board.

Aggregate Study Adopted

The Regional Board has endorsed the updated Aggregate Supply and Demand Study. While the original study was prepared in 2000, the update is a component of the Regional Growth Strategy and predicts the supply and demand for aggregate materials over the next 100 years. It also provides a Site Suitability Assessment Checklist that can be used by local governments to help them evaluate referral applications from the Province for potential new aggregate sites or proposed expansion of existing operations.

Revised Regional Grant-in-Aid Policy

The Regional Board has approved a revised policy for considering Regional Grant-in-Aid requests. Among the updates, organizations must submit financial statements and a program budget with their applications and organizations that receive funding from a Regional District service will not be eligible for Regional Grant-in-Aid funds. The Board requested the review of the policy as it was concerned about the increasing number of applications and the growth in the amount of funds requested.

Starling Control Program Bylaw

The Regional Board has given three readings to a new bylaw to provide funding for continuation of a Starling Control Program. The Regional District has provided apportioned funding totalling \$25,000 to the program coordinated by the BC Grapergrowers Association. The City of Kelowna, District of Peachland and District of Lake Country contribute proportionately toward the program, while the two electoral areas contribute their share through Electoral Area Grants-in-Aid. The District of West Kelowna does not participate in the bylaw, but has committed to provide its proportioned contribution directly to the Association. Final adoption will be considered once approval of the bylaw is received from the Provincial Government.

September Building Statistics Report

During September, the Regional District approved 13 building permits for construction projects valued at \$191,000 in the Central Okanagan East and Central Okanagan West Electoral Areas. That compares with nine permits issued during the same month last year for projects worth a total of \$641,113. During the first nine months this year 116 building permits have been approved for projects worth an estimated \$6.4-million. From January through September 2012, 93 building permits were approved for projects valued at just over \$6.8-million.

Electoral Area Grant-in-Aid

The Regional Board has approved the following Central Okanagan West Electoral Area Grant-in-Aid:

- Westside Road Improvement Committee - \$1,500 in 2013 and \$3,500 in 2014 for Historic Westside Road theme route community marking-naming signs
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Regional Board Meetings

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

- **Thursday, November 14th** – following 8:30 am Governance and Services Committee meeting
- **Monday, November 25th** – 7:00 pm
- **Monday, December 9th** – Inaugural meeting – 7:00 pm

Are You Harboring a Fugitive?

LAST CHANCE

If your dog is not licensed, get a 2013 tag for **FREE – only until this Thursday, October 31st**

Only available at RDCO - 1450 KLO Rd. & Dog Pound - 890 Weddell Pl.

Starting in January 2014, there will be ZERO TOLERANCE for unlicensed dogs across the Central Okanagan.

Don't Harbour a fugitive! A license is the law!

Visit regionaldistrict.com/dogs for details



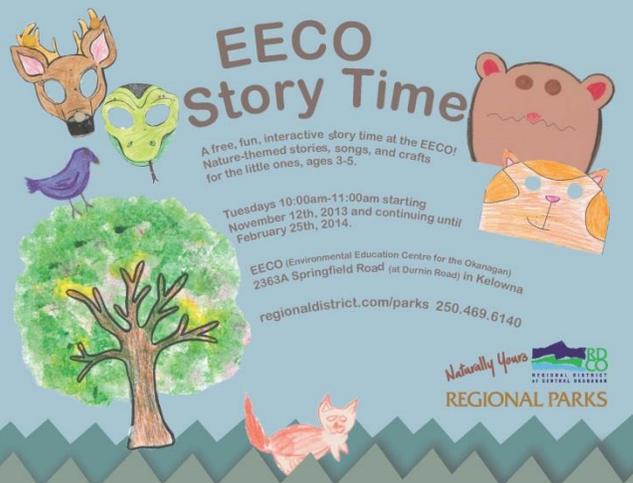

EECO story Time

A free, fun, interactive story time at the EECO! Nature-themed stories, songs, and crafts for the little ones, ages 3-5.

Tuesdays 10:00am-11:00am starting November 12th, 2013 and continuing until February 25th, 2014.

EECO (Environmental Education Centre for the Okanagan)
2363A Springfield Road (at Durbin Road) in Kelowna
regionaldistrict.com/parks 250.469.6140

Naturally Yours REGIONAL PARKS



Central Okanagan Dog Owners

If you have 2013 Dog License tags that look like these shapes



Then drop into the Regional District of Central Okanagan, 1450 KLO Road or the Regional Dog Pound, 890 Weddell Place in Kelowna and we'll swap it at no charge for a new Permanent License tag like this:



Having a Permanent tag for your dog is more convenient! You don't have to replace it each year and may pay future license renewal fees online!

By law, all dogs in the Central Okanagan must be licensed. Starting January 2014, there will be Zero Tolerance for dogs that are not licensed.

For more information visit regionaldistrict.com/dogs



Join Tracks and walk with nature!

A free 7-week beginner walking program.

Join us! Let us help you get started on a new walking program and a healthier you!

District of Peachland
Tuesdays and Thursdays
October 15th to November 28th

Walks start at 9 a.m. at Cenotaph Park (Beach Ave. and 2nd St.)

Registration required: 250-469-6139
regionaldistrict.com/parks

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Licensed Dog Owners are Getting Rewards!

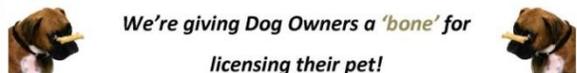
My Dog Matters

The Responsible Dog Owner Rewards Program

We're giving Dog Owners a 'bone' for licensing their pet!

Only dog owners with valid 2013 licenses have the opportunity to reap the rewards.

Get your Dog License here or visit mydogmatters.ca for details



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