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Highlights of the Regular Regional Board Meeting – April 28, 2014

**Regional Board Remuneration**

The Regional Board has approved a report that recommends no change in the current remuneration for members of the Regional Board. A three person independent committee reviewed the current Board remuneration structure, received input from existing Board Directors and reviewed Board remuneration in other regional districts. The committee believes the current Board Remuneration and Expenses Bylaw and Policy are adequate and reasonable in light of the important civic duties and responsibilities of Regional Board Directors.

**Zoning Bylaw Amendment**

The Regional Board has given second and third readings to proposed amendments to the Zoning Bylaw No. 871. These changes would restrict Health Canada regulated medical marijuana production facilities in the electoral areas to agricultural or larger rural zoned lands. The intent of the amendments is to treat such facilities similar to intensive agricultural operations available in the RU1, RU2 and A1 zones with a minimum parcel size of eight hectares, providing sufficient setbacks to reduce potential negative impacts with other neighbouring properties. Final consideration will be given by the Board once approval has been received from the Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure.

**Short-term Borrowing Approved**

The Regional Board has approved a resolution to allow short-term borrowing from the Municipal Finance Authority of no more than $10,770,035 in order to fund and service debt payments for the Regional Parks Land Acquisition Strategy program. Repayment will be made over the next five years in accordance with the current Five Year Financial Plan.

**Regional Rescue Service Negotiations**

The Regional Board has authorized negotiations with the District of West Kelowna with the goal of reaching a contract with the municipality to provide non-core Regional Rescue Program services on the west side of Okanagan Lake. Services such as low-angle, ice, and road rescues are currently provided by West Kelowna Fire Rescue and with a new agreement confined space, swift water and high angle rescues will also be provided. These latter services are currently provided by the City of Kelowna Fire Department through the Regional Rescue Program.

**Joe Rich Rural Land Use Bylaw Amendment**

The Regional Board has given second and third readings to proposed amendments to the Joe Rich Rural Land Use Bylaw. These changes would restrict Health Canada regulated medical marijuana production facilities in the Rural Land Use bylaw area to agricultural or larger rural designated lands. The intent is to provide sufficient setbacks to reduce potential negative impacts from other neighbouring properties. Final consideration will be given by the Board once approval has been received from the Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure.

**Regional Growth Strategy Bylaw**

The Regional Board has given second reading to the new Regional Growth Strategy Bylaw No. 1336. It updates and responds to changes that have occurred within the Central Okanagan since the current bylaw was adopted in 2000 while addressing issues for the future sustainability of the region. The bylaw will be forwarded for approval of each member municipality and adjacent regional districts prior to final consideration and adoption.

**Regional Board Meetings**

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

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