



The Board Reports

Regional District of Central Okanagan
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Highlights of the Inaugural and Regular Regional Board Meetings – December 7, 2015

2015-2016 Regional Board and Central Okanagan Hospital District

At the Inaugural meeting of the Regional District Board and Central Okanagan Regional Hospital District Board, Kelowna Councillor Gail Given was acclaimed as Chair. West Kelowna Councillor Duane Ophus was acclaimed as Vice-Chair of both boards. The Regional District Board consists of 12 voting members representing the Central Okanagan East and Central Okanagan West Electoral Areas, the City of Kelowna, District of Lake Country, District of Peachland and the City of West Kelowna. The Westbank First Nation is represented with a non-voting member.

Regional Board Members

Chair Gail Given	Councillor, City of Kelowna
Vice-Chair Duane Ophus	Councillor, City of West Kelowna
Wayne Carson	Central Okanagan West Electoral Area
Patty Hanson	Central Okanagan East Electoral Area
Colin Basran	Mayor, City of Kelowna
Maxine DeHart	Councillor, City of Kelowna
Tracy Gray	Councillor, City of Kelowna
Brad Sieben	Councillor, City of Kelowna
Luke Stack	Councillor, City of Kelowna
James Baker	Mayor, District of Lake Country
Cindy Fortin	Mayor, District of Peachland
Doug Findlater	Mayor, City of West Kelowna
Chris Derickson	Councillor, Westbank First Nation (Non-Voting Member)

Community to Community Forum Funding

The Regional District has received a Union of BC Municipalities (UBCM) grant to host a Community to Community Forum next March. The UBCM program is providing 50% of the estimated \$7,900 cost of holding the half day Sylix Cultural Sites Protection Forum with the Westbank First Nation. It's hoped with the participation of both the Westbank First Nation Council and Regional Board in the Forum there will be an understanding of options for a joint management strategy to protect Sylix or Okanagan cultural features/sites within RDCO Regional Parks.

Wildfire Prevention Fuel Treatment Grants

The Regional Board has received letters from the Union of BC Municipalities (UBCM) which has approved two grants under the Strategic Wildfire Prevention Initiative program, providing 90% of the eligible costs of operational wildfire hazard reduction and fuel treatments. The program is providing up to \$64,638 to reduce the fire hazard on just over 7.5-hectares in Mill Creek Regional Park. As well, a grant of up to \$73,305 has been approved for fuel modification on just over five hectares in Black Mountain / sntsk'il'ntən Regional Park. Since the inception of the funding program, the Regional District has received more than one million dollars for a variety of fuel modification projects including creation of a region-wide Community Wildfire Protection Plan and Operational Wildfire Protection Plan for Regional Parks.

New False Alarm Reduction Program Bylaw

The Regional Board has adopted a new Security Alarm Systems Bylaw, replacing the bylaw created ten years ago for the [False Alarm Reduction program](#). The new bylaw is more user-friendly and readable and simplifies definitions in order to improve compliance and registration of business and residential alarm systems. Annual fees for renewing or registering a new alarm system remain \$10 for residential systems and \$15 for commercial alarms although some penalties are increasing for unregistered alarm systems. All alarm systems in the Central Okanagan including non-monitored, must be registered.

Regional Board Meetings

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

- **Tuesday, December 15th – Special Meeting**
– **10:00 am** (Consideration of censure/sanctions – Regional Board Director)
 - **Thursday, January 14th** – following 8:30 am Governance & Services Committee meeting
 - **Monday, January 25th** – 7:00 pm
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Christmas-New Year's Office Closure

Regional District offices will be closed from Friday, December 25th to Sunday, January 3rd. Offices will reopen at 8:00 am on Monday, January 4th, 2016. During the closure payments may be made online at <https://ww3.regionaldistrict.com>. Emergencies involving RDCO water systems should be directed to 250-868-5299 during the holiday closure.



Lena's not saying what she's giving her dad this Christmas, but it involves a bridge and a long springy cord.

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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
November 3rd to June 28th
No programs on Dec 22nd or Dec 29th.

EECO (Environmental Education Centre for the Okanagan)
2363A Springfield Road (at Durain Road) in Kelowna

regionaldistrict.com/parksevents
250-469-6140



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