

# The Board Reports

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## Highlights of the Regional Board Meeting – January 25, 2016

### Proposed Regional Trails Program

The Regional Board received a proposal from the Central Okanagan Trails Alliance, which represents 15 non-profit recreational trail organizations in the region. The group has proposed that the Regional District consider coordinating and managing the extensive trail network throughout the region in order to further the potential for increased destination and recreational trail tourism. The Regional Board has directed Parks Services staff to prepare a report outlining the proposed scope of work and projected costs of a feasibility study for a Regional Trails Program.

### Board Policies and RDCO Bylaws Reviews

The Regional Board has directed staff to review all [policies of the Regional Board](#) and [RDCO bylaws](#) with the goal of ensuring all documents reflect the culture, vision and strategic objectives of the Board and are consistent with legislative requirements. It's envisioned the work will be done over the next 18 months and the Board will consider updates and amendments to relevant policies and bylaws while potentially deleting those that are no longer needed.

### Floodplain Exemption/Variance Applications

The Regional Board has approved two separate applications for a waterfront property owner in the 2300 block of Westside Place. The applicant wants to demolish an existing cabin on the property and build a new single detached house which will be situated on a geographically unique parcel with siting redevelopment challenges. The application for [Floodplain Exemption](#) is subject to registration of a Floodplain Covenant with setbacks for the proposed new dwelling from Okanagan Lake. The second application for a [Development Variance Permit](#) also relates to the siting of the new house.

Audio of the meeting is available at:

[https://www.regionaldistrict.com/media/192444/Audio\\_16\\_01\\_25brd.mp3](https://www.regionaldistrict.com/media/192444/Audio_16_01_25brd.mp3)

### FrontCounter BC Referral Application

The Regional Board has given conditional support to an application to FrontCounter BC referred to the Board for comment. The Okanagan Bouldering Society is working with Recreation Sites and Trails BC to formalize existing uses on Crown land in an area south and outside of the City of Kelowna known as 'Bouldering Fields', which is near Myra-Bellevue Provincial Park, Gillard Creek and Bellevue Creek. The Society wants to improve the existing access road, parking area and provide a designated camping area. The Board asks that FrontCounter BC requires the applicant to address several conditions including development of a management plan and environmental assessment and that the applicant meet with RDCO planning staff to discuss zoning requirements for the proposed campsites.

### Regional Board Meetings

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

- **Thursday, February 11<sup>th</sup>** – following 8:30am Governance and Services Committee meeting
- **Monday, February 22<sup>nd</sup>** – 7:00 pm
- **Thursday, February 25<sup>th</sup>** – 8:30 am – Preliminary 2016-2020 Financial Plan review – opportunity for public comments and input.

Licensed Dog Owners   
get **Rewards!**

*The 'My Dog Matters' Responsible Dog Owner Rewards program is ONLY available to licensed dog owners.*

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# Going Wild at the EECO Afterschool Program

ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION CENTRE for the OKANAGAN

January 12	Ice Sculptures
January 28	Sleepy Animals
February 9	Animal Footprints
February 25	Animal Homes
March 8	Birds in your Backyard
March 31	Caterpillars & Butterflies

All programs run from 3 - 4 pm at the EECO. For school age children with their care giver.

Free, Drop in at the EECO, 2363A Springfield Road  
 For more information call 250-469-6140  
[regionaldistrict.com/parksevents](http://regionaldistrict.com/parksevents)



# Explore Your Parks!

An outdoor discovery program!

## Winter Schedule

Join a park interpreter to explore new Regional Parks. Enjoy the natural gifts the seasons offer and learn about the Okanagan.

Please make sure you are prepared with appropriate clothing, water, sturdy footwear and traction aides.

Date	Park	Program
Sat. Jan. 9 at 10am	Mill Creek	When Winter Comes
Thurs. Jan. 14 at 1pm	Mill Creek	When Winter Comes
Sat. Feb. 13 at 10am	Mission Creek	Winter Wonder in the Forest
Thurs. Feb. 18 at 1pm	Mission Creek	Winter Wonder in the Forest
Sat. Mar. 5 at 10am	Hardy Falls	Disaster? Slides, Fires & Bugs
Thurs. Mar. 10 at 1pm	Hardy Falls	Disaster? Slides, Fires & Bugs

Registration required: 250-469-6139  
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## Don't Forget My License!

### 2016 dog license renewals due by Feb. 29<sup>th</sup>

**TO AVOID A LATE FEE AND POSSIBLE ZERO TOLERANCE FINE**

**RENEW ONLINE:**  
[www.regionaldistrict.com/doglicense](http://www.regionaldistrict.com/doglicense)

Licensed dog owners receive benefits of the **My Dog Matters Rewards program.**

# Families in Parks!

Families in Parks programs get everyone active outside, with free seasonal activities.

## Winter Schedule

- Sunday Jan 24 - Unplug and Play at Mission Creek Regional Park
- Sunday Feb 21 - Frosty Fun in Ugly Sweaters at Gellatly Nut Farm
- Sunday Mar 20 - Spring Break for Families at Joe Rich Community Park.

Programs run from 10 am to 11:30 am.

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