



# The Board Reports

Regional District of Central Okanagan  
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## Highlights of the Regional Board Meeting – February 22, 2016

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### **Strategic Priorities Plan Adopted**

The Regional Board has adopted its 2015-2018 Strategic Priorities Plan. It's the framework that guides the Board and provides direction for staff in six strategic priority areas: Providing Proactive and Responsive Governance; Ensuring Asset, Service and Financial Sustainability; Nurturing Responsible Growth and Development; Protecting and Promoting Our Environment and Lifestyle; Championing Communications and Engagement and Empowering RDCO employees. The plan also outlines Strategic Initiatives in each of the priority areas.

### **Responsible Dog Ownership Bylaw Updated**

The Regional Board has adopted the first amendments to the Responsible Dog Ownership Bylaw since it was introduced in early 2014. The bylaw encourages and supports dog owners to be responsible by licensing each year and controlling their dog at all times in order to reduce potential conflicts with people and other animals. Among the changes: increasing the number of dogs allowed from two to three; opportunities for owners of nuisance and aggressive dogs to have a second chance and have their designations removed after a period of time without further incidents; increased license fees for dogs deemed nuisance, aggressive and dangerous; and increased fines for dogs at large/fail to leash in public places and in parks that are not designated off-leash. As well, fines and impound maintenance fees have been increased for violations affecting owners of dangerous dogs.

### **2015 Program and Service Update**

The Regional Board has received an update on program and service accomplishments during the final quarter of 2015. These include successful Repair Café and old Tire Collection events and the start of fuel modification to reduce the fire hazard in a section of Glen Canyon Regional Park. The Central Okanagan Economic Development Commission's well attended 'Business Walk' focussed on the hospitality and tourism sector. Deficits have been identified and steps are being taken to address the shortfalls in the areas of the Dietrich/Trepanier and Falcon Ridge water systems and the Westside Residential Waste Disposal and Recycling Centre.

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### **Water Grant Applications**

The Regional Board has endorsed submitting eight funding applications to the Okanagan Basin Water Board (OBWB) Water Conservation and Quality Improvement Grant program. Three applications are from the Regional District while five others are on behalf of various public and non-profit community organizations. Individual projects that address water issues, knowledge sharing and enhance sustainable water use may qualify for OBWB program grants between \$3,000 and \$30,000 with a total of \$180,660 available for projects within the Central Okanagan.

### **25 Years of Fire Service Recognized**

The Regional Board has recognized a quarter century of firefighting service provided by two residents of the Wilson's Landing community. Both Dale Zeich and Stan Rotinsky have been presented with certificates and medals from the Provincial Government for providing 25 years of fire service. Zeich served 28 years with the paid-on-call fire department as a firefighter, Captain, Training Officer and Deputy Chief before retiring in 2012. Rotinsky has been a member of the department since 2001, but began as a firefighter in 1972 with Fording Coal and as a volunteer with the Town of Elkford.

### **Regional Board Meetings**

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

- **Thursday, February 25<sup>th</sup>** – 8:30 am – Preliminary 2016-2020 Financial Plan review – opportunity for public comments and input.
- **Thursday, March 10<sup>th</sup>** – following 8:30 am Governance and Services Committee meeting – 2<sup>nd</sup> Public opportunity for comments on 2016-2020 Financial Plan
- **Monday, March 21<sup>st</sup>** – 7:00 pm

**Audio of the meeting is available at:**

[https://www.regionaldistrict.com/media/194437/Audio\\_16\\_02\\_22brd.mp3](https://www.regionaldistrict.com/media/194437/Audio_16_02_22brd.mp3)

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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.**

## 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)



## Nature Detectives Spring Break Camp

Children will be engaged in nature play, crafts and games, bring out their inner naturalist at Mission Creek Regional Park.



March 15, 16, 17  
or  
March 22, 23, 24  
9:00am - 12noon  
ages 5 - 7

\$75 per week.  
Registration  
required.



To register please call 250-469-6139  
or email [eeeco@cord.bc.ca](mailto:eeeco@cord.bc.ca)

For more information about these and other  
Regional Park programs please visit:  
[www.regionaldistrict.com/parksevents](http://www.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

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