Rescue Interagency Framework

The Regional Board has approved a new framework for cooperation between Central Okanagan Search and Rescue and the Regional District. The agreement sets out a common understanding of the roles and responsibilities during search and rescue emergencies. This will help with effective deployment of resources and help minimize duplication of services between Regional fire departments and the non-profit Central Okanagan Search and Rescue Society.

Energy Efficient Ellison Facilities

The Regional Board has approved a project that will see improved energy efficiency by converting two Ellison facilities to natural gas from propane. The natural gas line is being extended to the area of the Ellison Heritage School Community Hall and Ellison fire hall along Old Vernon Road. Switching to natural gas furnaces and water heaters in each building will reduce energy costs and result in lower greenhouse gas emissions. The project is expected to cost $26,760 and will be covered through the Federal Community Works – Gas Tax Fund.

Advisory Planning Commission Members

The Regional Board has appointed two new members to the Central Okanagan West Electoral Area Advisory Planning Commission. George Lensen and Edward McLean will serve a three year term until May 2017. The Commission acts in an advisory capacity reviewing land-use applications and providing recommendations for consideration of the Regional Board.

Joe Rich Rural Land Use Bylaw Amendment

The Regional Board has adopted amendments to the Joe Rich Rural Land Use Bylaw. These changes restrict Health Canada regulated medical marijuana production facilities in the Rural Land Use bylaw area to agricultural or larger rural designated lands with a minimum parcel size of eight hectares. The intent is to provide sufficient setbacks to reduce potential negative impacts from other neighbouring properties.

Zoning Bylaw Amendment

The Regional Board has adopted amendments to the Zoning Bylaw No. 871. Health Canada regulated medical marijuana production facilities in the electoral areas will be restricted to agricultural or larger rural zoned lands. These facilities will be treated 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.

Regional Board Meetings

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

- Thursday, June 12th - following 8:30 am Governance & Services Committee meeting
- Monday, June 23rd – 7:00 pm

Mosquito – West Nile Virus Risk Reduction

The Regional District Mosquito Control/West Nile Virus Risk Reduction Program, monitors and treats known mosquito-breeding locations on Public Land and catch basins throughout the Central Okanagan on behalf of its local government partners. You can also help by removing potential breeding sites on your property by:

- Removing standing water from low lying areas;
- Draining standing water from pool covers, garbage cans and old tires;
- Change water at least twice a week in outdoor wading pools, bird baths and pet bowls.

To report nuisance mosquito breeding sites on public lands only, please call 1-866-697-8473.

For more information about the Mosquito Control – West Nile Virus Risk Reduction program and how you can help reduce mosquito-breeding sites, visit regionaldistrict.com/mosquitoes.
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