Highlights of the Regular Regional Board Meeting – October 9, 2014

Okanagan Centre Harbour Walkway
The Regional Board has approved amending the 2014-2018 Financial Plan to add an additional $58,710 from the Regional Parks Capital Reserve Fund to pay for the higher than expected costs associated with installing a walkway at the Okanagan Centre Safe Harbour Regional Park North Breakwater. Construction of the 56-meter walkway will involve installing six aluminium gangways. Burton Marine Pile Driving Inc. submitted a bid to build the walkway this fall at a cost of $158,000.

Park Management Plan Adopted
The Regional Board has adopted a Management Plan for the Johns Family Nature Conservancy Regional Park. The plan will help guide the Regional District over the next ten years as it develops and manages the 406-hectare Regional Park while preserving the area along the south slopes as a nature conservancy. That’s in keeping with the wishes of the estate of Alfred and Nancy Johns, who bequeathed 324-hectares of land to the Central Okanagan Land Trust. These lands have been leased to the Regional District to manage through a partnership agreement with COLT.

Land Use Contract Discharge Priorities
The Regional Board has endorsed a list of priorities in order to discharge nine Land Use Contracts (LUC) located in the two electoral areas. The Provincial Government has indicated that under the Local Government Act, all Land Use Contracts will be terminated by the end of June 2024 unless otherwise discharged by the regional districts. The Regional District proactively intends to move forward with bylaws to discharge the remaining nine LUC’s well ahead of any Provincial termination deadline. The bylaws will apply the equivalent land use designation or zone to the parcels.

Bylaw Officer Appointment
The Regional Board has appointed Kim Mussenden as a Bylaw Enforcement Officer within the Regional District.

Student Members Added to Commission
The Regional Board has appointed two student members for a one year term to the Environmental Advisory Commission. Sarah Bird and Austin Cronkite are pursuing environment degrees at the University of BC Okanagan campus. Their appointments will complement their academic work and will assist the work of the Commission in reviewing environmental issues.

Regional Board Meetings
Regional District office – 1450 KLO Road, Kelowna (Woodhaven Board Room). Residents are welcome to attend.
- Monday, October 27th – 7:00 pm
- Thursday, November 13th - following 8:30 am Governance & Services Committee meeting
- Monday, November 24th – 7:00 pm
- Monday, December 8th – 7:00 pm – Inaugural Meeting

Deputy Chief Election Office Appointment
The Regional Board has appointed Hazel Christy as a Deputy Chief Election Officer for the November 15th Local Government Elections. She will assist Chief Election Officer Mary Jane Drouin and Deputy Chief Election Officer Deneen McArthur.
The Board Report is published monthly after each regular meeting of the Board of the Regional District of Central Okanagan. The Regional Board meets once a month in regular session in the Woodhaven Board Room at the Regional District office, 1450 KLO Road. The public is welcome to attend.

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