The Board Reports
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Highlights of the Regional Board Meeting – October 26, 2015

**Proposed Water Rates and System Bylaws**
The Regional Board has given first reading to individual bylaws for each of its six water systems and proposed increases for basic fees and consumption rates. Water customers provided feedback on the new rates during open houses last spring. The new rates, if approved, would take effect January 1st and are designed to encourage conservation and be more equitable for low and medium water users. They will also generate sufficient revenues to cover the full operating costs of providing service and will help keep each system financially sustainable.

**Proposed Sunset Ranch Sewer Rate**
The Regional Board has given first reading to an amended Central Okanagan East Sewer Systems Bylaw which provides sanitary sewer service to properties in the Sunset Ranch strata community. In order to offset the costs from the City of Kelowna and to cover additional operational expenses the bylaw would adjust the annual rate for service by approximately 12% ($38.52 increase) for each household. The proposed bylaw includes a late payment penalty to encourage customers to keep their accounts paid and up to date.

**New Westshore Water Reservoirs Proposed**
The Regional Board has received a report proposing a capital budget increase to allow construction of two new replacement reservoirs for the Westshore water system. The new reservoirs would be easier to maintain while ensuring fire flows and peak flow capacity. By constructing both reservoirs at the same time as the Killiney Beach water system upgrade project is done, the project size and value will be maximized and should result in more competitive pricing and possible cost savings. Community Works Funding will be considered for this project in 2016.

**Proposed Solid Waste Bylaw Amendment**
The Regional Board has given first reading to an amendment to the Solid Waste Management Regulation Bylaw. If approved, it would add a four per cent late payment penalty.

**2016 – 2020 Budget Timeline / Public Input**
The Regional Board has received a report outlining the timeline for consideration and discussion on the proposed 2016 – 2020 Financial Plan. Two additional opportunities for public comment and feedback have been added to the process. The first will take place February 25th during the Governance and Services Committee Preliminary First Draft Budget Review. The second opportunity to hear from the public takes place during the March 10th Governance and Services Committee meeting. The final opportunity for public input will be provided during the March 31st Board meeting for final consideration and adoption of the budget bylaw.

**Wildfire Prevention Initiative Funding**
The Regional Board has adopted a resolution supporting an application to the Union of BC Municipalities (UBCM) for grants to support two wildfire prevention projects. The first project would involve fuel modification treatment on just over 7.5-hectares in Mill Creek Regional Park. The second fuel modification project would involve just over five hectares in Black Mountain / snı̨ł̱’į̨ł’en 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.

**FrontCounter BC Referral Application**
The Regional Board has given conditional support to a Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure application to FrontCounter BC. The referral application requests the withdrawal of 37.46-hectares of Crown land along Trepanier Road with the purpose of transferring the land as an addition to the Westbank First Nation reserves. The Board requests the concerns identified by the District of Peachland, Ministry of Forests, Lands and Natural Resource Operations and RDCO Parks Services and any issues identified by the City of West Kelowna be addressed or applied as conditions to the application.
Two Secondary Suite Applications Approved

The Regional Board has adopted two separate zoning amendment bylaws that approve two individual secondary suites. The first will legalize an existing suite within a single detached dwelling on Anderson Road in the Central Okanagan East Electoral Area. The second bylaw approves a legal secondary suite to be included within a proposed single detached house along Trepanier Road in the Central Okanagan West Electoral Area.

Age-friendly Grant Application Supported

The Regional Board supports an application from the Parks Services department to the Union of BC Municipalities (UBCM) Age-friendly Community Planning and Project Grant program. If approved, the $20,000 grant request will be used by RDCO Parks to manage and promote age-friendly hiking and walking opportunities in Regional Parks.

Regional Board Meetings

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

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

Remembrance Day Holiday Office Closure

The Regional District of Central Okanagan office will be closed for Remembrance Day, Wednesday, November 11th. We look forward to serving you again at 8:00 am on Thursday, October 12th.