



The Board Reports

Regional District of Central Okanagan
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Highlights of the Regional Board Meeting - Apr 17, 2000

Gord Ockenden Remembered

The Regional Board paid their respects to past Director for Area 'Westbank', Gordon Ockenden. Mr. Ockenden served as a Director for the Regional Board from 1993 to 1996. He was fondly remembered for his diligence to his constituents, his active participation in many committees, and his caring nature.

New Generator for KGH

The Regional Hospital District Board has asked for further information before considering a request to replace an 800 K Generator for the Kelowna General Hospital. The \$1.4 million generator is required for emergency power purposes. The Regional Hospital District Board is made up of the same members as the Regional District Board and meets as required on decisions pertaining to capital funding of the Hospital Regional District. The Regional Hospital District Board also received correspondence from the Comox-Strathcona Regional Hospital District requesting additional adequate funding for health care services from the Province.

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Treasurer

Bylaw Certificate Awarded

William Price of the Inspections Department was officially presented with the Certificate of Achievement for successful completion of the Bylaw Enforcement Level 1 Course.

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Update on CATCH

The Board gave approval to a number of items put forth in a report presented by Dr. Gene Krupa and Penny Lane of Community Action Towards Children's Health (CATCH). CATCH brings together a diverse group of agencies, governments, communities and individuals, working together to optimize the health and development of children ages 0-5 years. Director Mary-Ann Graham, Electoral Area 'I' was designated as the Regional District representative. In addition, the Board gave a grant of \$5,000 on behalf of the electoral areas and member municipalities.

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Administrator

March Building Statistics

During the month of March there were 60 permits issued for a total construction value of \$3,586,403.16. There were also 33 permits completed during this period with a total construction value of \$2,087,342.26. For information on building statistics for the last five years, be sure to check out the Inspection Department's section on the new Regional District Website at www.regionaldistrict.com.

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Thompson Nicola Strategy Supported

In accordance with the Municipal Act, the Thompson Nicola Regional District prepared their Regional Growth Strategy and forwarded it to the Central Okanagan Regional District for support of neighbouring Regional Districts. The Regional Board lent its support to the Growth Strategy Bylaw for the Kamloops and area Regional District.

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Westside Growth Issues Identified

The Regional Board received a report that identifies servicing issues and potential costs within the Electoral Area 'Westbank' and Electoral Area 'G' - south. The report looks at taxation for services delivered in 1999 and future possible impacts for new or increased services. The purpose of the report is to assist in understanding the potential financial impact these various services could have, based on 1999 assessment values. Several projects that were looked at have not been approved or even considered. Rather, they were included to look at what they would cost, if they were to go ahead.

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New Zoning Bylaw Introduced

The Regional Board gave first reading to the new Zoning Bylaw #871 for the Central Okanagan Regional District. This comprehensive bylaw will provide regulations to guide the development of properties within the electoral areas of the Regional District excluding the Joe Rich area, which has its own Rural Land Use Bylaw. The Zoning Bylaw covers not only residential but also commercial and industrial development. Copies of the Draft Bylaw are available for review at the Planning Department counter.

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Request for OMMA Nominations

The Okanagan Mainline Municipal Association (OMMA) is requesting that local governments fax their nominations to the attention of Aaron Dinwoodie, President at 250-763-0606 prior to May 1, 2000. OMMA is an association made up of elected local government representatives throughout the Okanagan.

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Grant-in-Aid for Community Meeting
Electoral Area Directors Dinwoodie and Novakowski each gave a grant-in-aid of \$400 to assist with the promotion of the 4th Annual Westside Community Information Open House. The Open House will be held on Wednesday May 17th, from 5:00pm to 9:00pm at the Lion's Community Hall in Westbank. Over 20 groups and local government departments will be on hand to provide information on topics such as sewers, fire protection, recycling, crime prevention, as well as, neighbourhood associations and community groups.

Regional District Goes Dot.Com

The new website for the Regional District of Central Okanagan is officially up and running!

The website, www.regionaldistrict.com, is designed to provide easier access to information on all departments within the Regional District and the functions and services they provide. For example, you can look under the Inspections Department section and find out where to buy dog tags or how to call for a building inspection. Under Waste Reduction, you can find yard waste collection dates or information on the landfill hours. In the Parks and Recreation section, you can click on a community park to get a picture of the park, along with details on hours and type of facilities provided.

The website hosts a Calendar of Events noting dates for Board meetings, public hearings and special events, such as March for Parks or composting workshops. The Regional News section features regular news items that will change weekly, along with *The Board Reports*, the bi-weekly newsletter that recaps the highlights of the Regional Board Meetings. The local firm of Acromedia Inc. developed the site and will continue to host its presence on the Internet.

And best of all, the information is as close as your nearest connection to the Internet, at home, office or your local library, at www.regionaldistrict.com

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