



# The Board Reports

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## Highlights of the Regional Board Meeting - June 12, 2000

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### Update on SIR

Delegates representing the Sterile Insect Release program gave the Regional Board an overview of past activities and plans for the year 2000. This program is designed to prevent the spread of the destructive codling moth mainly through release of sterile moths and other mating disruption methods. In southern areas, where the program has been in effect for several years, codling moth populations are virtually undetectable and use of pesticides for its control have been reduced by 51%. In 2000, the focus for the Central Okanagan will shift from tree removal and insecticide driven clean up to an area-wide mating disruption program.

Contact: *Howard Thistlewood,* 491-3016  
*Program Director SIR*

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### May Building Statistics

There were 59 permits issued during the month of May for a total construction value of \$5,481,311. There were also 81 permits completed during the month of May for a total construction value of \$5,910,419.

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*Director of Inspections*

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### Bylaws Updated

The Regional Board gave first reading to two bylaws in order to bring them up to date. The Animal Control Bylaw is being updated to make the animal control regulations consistent with the new Zoning Bylaw and the Provincial Farm Practises Protection Act. Changes to the Insect and Pest Infestation Control Bylaw will allow the property owner and inspector a variety of options to resolve issues.

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### Ellison Heritage Renovations to Start

The Regional Board gave approval to awarding the contract for the site work for the Ellison Heritage School Center to Bennett Contracting for \$162,995.19. In November of 1999 residents of the Ellison area gave approval to the renovation and operation of the Ellison Heritage Community Center and was a recipient of a millennium grant from the Federal Government in the amount of \$214,000. towards this project. Due to the large amount of volunteer help and community contributions to this project, the Regional District is acting as general contractor to oversee the coordination and completion of the tasks of the construction project. The site work awarded to Bennett Contracting includes septic, water connections, parking access, gradework and landscaping. Work to commence immediately.

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*Director of Parks and Recreation*

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### Regional District Butts Out

The Regional Board adopted a no smoking policy to include all Regional District facilities. At public buildings, smoking has not been permitted inside for some time with the exception of community halls. Due to the increased cost of clean up and health consideration, community halls will now fall under the non smoking policy of the Regional District.

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### Regional Park Trees Get a Check Up

The Regional Board received the Regional Parks Forest Help Assessment Interim Report at last night's meeting. The Report provides recommendations on short term requirements for Mission Creek, Bertram Creek and Scenic Canyon Regional Parks. The Report is part of an overall Forest Health Management Plan designed to manage Urban Forests for forest health risks such as pine beetle, fire hazards and the impacts on the surrounding neighbourhoods.

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### Jonagold Park Plan Approved

The Regional Board gave approval to the conceptual design for Jonagold Park. This unique park on the Westside is being developed by community members and a partnership with Emil Anderson Construction. Jonagold Park will form a small active recreation area with only 900 square meters of park being developed while the majority of the park will remain in the natural state.

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### Fuel for Fuel Policy

The Regional Board gave approval to a recommendation from the Air Quality Committee to develop a policy regarding purchasing future fleet vehicles that use alternative fuels, such as natural gas. Recent recordings in Kelowna show an increase in the ground level ozone that is the result of vehicle exhaust combined with sunshine. Alternative fuel such as natural gas can reduce harmful emissions up to 95% and greenhouse gas by 25%. Currently only 8 of the Regional District fleet of 69 vehicles are dedicated as natural gas.

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### New Face on Advisory Commission

Vern Bigelow was appointed to the North Westside Advisory Commission. This Commission provides input to the Regional District on various issues pertaining to their area.

Contact: *Wayne d'Easum* 763-4918  
*Administrator*

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### Peters Appointed to Film Commission

The Regional Board gave approval to the appointment of Mr. Jack Peters as the Regional District's representative on the Okanagan-Similkameen Film Commission Board.

Contact: *Mark Flett* 868-5280  
*Film Commissioner*

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### Art Wall

Enjoy the art work of Kelowna artist Joan Needham for the months of June and July.

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### Grants-in-Aid

Westside Youth Sailing Association - \$400, Electoral Area 'G' Director Aaron Dinwoodie, and \$400, Electoral Area Westbank, Director Len Novakowski

Westside Citizen's Patrol - \$250 Electoral Area 'G' Director Aaron Dinwoodie, and \$250, Electoral Area Westbank, Director Len Novakowski

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## Blue Bag Curbside Recycling is Coming



- Curbside recycling collection begins for most Central Okanagan homes in July.
- Collection of recyclables will be collected once every other week on your regular garbage day.
- Watch for your schedule in the mail.
- Simply place all your recyclables in see-thru blue or clear bags.
- No need to sort! Just put in all the same materials currently collected at the depots.
- Unlimited number of bags will be collected. The bags will be recycled after use.
- Four depots will also be available: Kirschner Rd., Westside and Glenmore Landfills and Crown Packaging (144 Cambro Road). Materials delivered to the recycling depots must be separated.
- Reduce garbage, conserve natural resources, protect air quality and save future tax dollars – it's easier than ever!

**For more info call the Waste Reduction Office at 868-5250 or Canadian Waste Services at 861-8788**

