



The Board Report

Regional District of Central Okanagan
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Highlights of the Regional Board Meeting - Mar 20, 2000

Regional Hospital District Meets

The Central Okanagan Regional Hospital District is a companion Board to the Regional Board for the Regional District. It is made up of the same members and meets in advance of the regular Regional Board meeting to govern on issues regarding capital expenditures for the Hospital District. At the meeting of March 20, the Regional Hospital District gave approval to the annual budget for the year 2000.

Contact: *Harold Reay* 763-4918
Treasurer

Annual Funding Granted for Kelowna and District Arts Council

The Kelowna and District Arts Council (KADAC) received approval from the Board for funding of \$37,500 as included in the year 2000 budget. The Arts Council mission is to promote and facilitate the awareness and appreciation of the arts in the Central Okanagan Regional District through education, action and advocacy.

Contact: *Elke Lange* 861-4123
Executive Director, KADAC

Funding for Arts Centre Considered

At the last Board meeting, the Regional Board had reviewed a request for a total of \$50,000 payable in five annual instalments of \$10,000 towards the Kelowna Performing Arts Centre. Close to \$6 million has been raised towards the goal of \$6.8 million. The Board has reviewed the information and left the decision to contribute to this regional project to the individual directors on behalf of their areas.

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Administrator

Funding Approved for Spay and Neuter Program

The Okanagan Humane Society has overseen the spaying or neutering of over 1500 animals with the support of the Regional District, SPCA and local veterinarians as well as other fund raising efforts. The Regional board gave approval for a grant of \$2,000 as accounted for in the year 2000 budget. The funds will assist with the continuation of this important program.

Contact: *Heather Snowdon* 548-9293
Treasurer, Okanagan Humane Society

SPCA Funding Request

The Regional Board gave approval to continued funding of \$40,000 TO the SPCA as included in the year 2000 budget. The SPCA assists the community in many ways such as the investigation of complaints relating to mistreatment of animals and providing shelter for homeless or unwanted animals. The SPCA also works proactively to educate the public about responsible pet ownership.

Contact: *Russ Forand* 868-2882
Manager, SPCA

Crime Stoppers Gets Help

The Board received a presentation by Crime Stoppers Board President, Tony Muresu and Past President, Catherine Comben. The purpose of the presentation was to seek approval for an assistant co-ordinator position to develop and implement a new Crime Stoppers Program aimed at seniors. The program will be designed to reduce the fear of crime and victimizations among our growing seniors population as well as working with the provisions of the new Adult Guardianship Act proclaimed on February 28, 2000.

The first year of the program will be funded by Crime Stoppers and grants from various agencies such as the Kiwanis High Noon Club. The Board approved future funding for the ongoing position to assist with the delivery of Seniors' Crime Stoppers and other related programs.

Contact: *Mike Guzzi* 470-6215
Crime Stoppers Coordinator

Year 2000 Annual Budget Approved
The Regional Board gave final approval to the year 2000 Annual Budget. The Board had previously adopted the provisional budget in December of 1999, however since then a number of changes have been incorporated into the 2000 annual budget. The year 2000 budget remains similar to other years with the addition of two new services: the Ellison Heritage Community and Fire Hall; and, the Curbside Recycling Collection Program. In looking at comparisons by area, here is the average tax impact based on a home valued at \$150,000:

- City of Kelowna – increase of \$.52
- District of Peachland – increase of \$3.55
- District of Lake Country – decrease of \$2.20
- Electoral Area “G” North – decrease of \$9.94
- Electoral Area “G” South – increase of \$1.09
- Electoral Area “Westbank” – decrease of \$3.87
- Electoral Area “I” – decrease of \$7.48

The tax impact varies according to the number of services the region provides to a particular area.

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Treasurer

Westside Parks and Recreation Master Plan

The Regional Board gave approval to Professional Environmental Recreational Consultants (PERC) to be awarded the contract to develop the Westside Parks and Recreation Master Plan for the fee of \$65,425.00. Earlier this year the Regional Board had given approval to the Request for Proposals and Terms of Reference for this Master Plan. The Master Plan will provide a frame work based on community aspirations and financial realities for decision making over the next 10 to 20 years. The Plan also provided direction for the creation of one local service area and one budget equalizing the amount of taxes to be paid toward the function by all residents. Funds for the study will be paid out of the Feasibility Study Fund.

Contact: *Bill Vos* 868-5230
Director of Parks and Recreation

Mountain Bike Trail in the Works

The Regional Board gave preliminary approval to the development of a youth mountain bike trail in Mission Creek Park developed in conjunction with the Kelowna Mountain Bike Club and the City of Kelowna. The Board gave approval to the development of a concept plan that would be developed with input from a wide range of interests involved in the parks, such as the Kelowna Dog Association, Friends of Mission Creek Greenway, Rutland Residents Association and local residents. The concept plan would be subject to public review and comments prior to final approval by the Board.

This project was initiated by Mr. Kevin Greenizan, a local Rutland youth resident who had presented a petition to develop a mountain bike trail inside Mission Creek Regional Park.

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Mount Boucherie Upgrade Underway

Earlier this year the Regional Board had given approval to the preparation of detailed design plans for Phase I of the Mount Boucherie Master Plan as developed by Renaissance Architecture Planning. At last night's meeting the Regional Board gave approval to the commencing of construction of phase I of the Mount Boucherie Arena upgrade as outlined in the Master Plan Study. For the past 4 to 5 years any renovations to the facility have been postponed pending the outcome of the study. During the study a complete review of the existing building was completed and it became apparent that some major equipment replacement and building upgrades are required. For example, it is doubtful that the current ice plant will operate for another year and that one of the dehumidifiers has already failed. \$875,000 of the project costs will be funded through a borrowing bylaw and the remainder of the cost will come from reserve.

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Director of Parks and Recreation

Marine Advisory Council Endorsed

The Regional Board gave approval to a Statement of Intent and Terms of Reference for the Okanagan Shuswap Local Marine Advisory Council. The Regional District is a member of this council and meetings are attended by Director Len Novakowski or in his place, Alternate Director, Jeff Harte. Advisory Council members have agreed to actively participate, share information, and represent the points of view and interests of the local marine community and the voting public on matters brought before the council. This multi-stakeholder group is organized by the Canadian Coast Guard.

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Administrator

Beverage Container Recycling Fee Questioned

The Regional Board has agreed to send letters to the Premier, Minister of Environment and local MLAs regarding new charges on non-alcoholic beverage containers. The Regional District does not support the imposition of a separate recycling fee on beverage containers as the cost of recycling should be included as the overall cost of manufacturing, distribution, sales and consumption of the product as outlined in the Ministry of Environment's Stewardship program. Further, the

Regional District is concerned that the extra recycling fee being imposed on beverage containers which runs anywhere from \$.01 to \$.07 is being presented like a government tax which it is not. Under the relatively new provincial program, over 74% of all non-alcoholic beverage containers are being returned for refund.

Contact: *Jan Enns* 868-5250
Waste Reduction Coordinator

911 to Expand North

The Regional District of Central Okanagan has entered into an agreement with the Columbia Shuswap Regional District to provide emergency 911 services to designated service areas of that Regional District. By joining together in the service, the Columbia Shuswap is able to take advantage of an established system while both parties are able to enjoy the benefit of economies of scales.

Contact: *Gary Leier* 868-5249
Director of Personnel

Grants-in-Aid

- Electoral Area "Westbank", Director Novakowski – Westbank District Chamber of Commerce to receive \$10,000 to complete a feasibility study for a business improvement area in Westbank.
- Electoral Area "G" and "Westbank", Directors Novakowski and Dinwoodie - \$3,500 towards the Westside Community Policing Office.
- Electoral Area "I", Director Graham - \$750 towards Joe Rich Water Shed Monitoring Committee.