



The Board Reports

Regional District of Central Okanagan
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Highlights of the Regional Board Meeting – May 1, 2000

KGH Generator Approved

The Regional Hospital District Board gave approval to replace the 1968 generator for the Kelowna General Hospital. The \$1.4 million generator is required for emergency power purposes. The Board also approved a project to update the wiring to accommodate data transmissions. Both the costs of the generator replacement and the rewiring required are included with the current tax rate amounts. Approval for the projects has previously been granted by the Ministry of Health. 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 the capital funding of the Regional Hospital District.

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Treasurer

Partnership Proposal Approved

The Regional Board gave approval to supporting the development of a proposal for a submission to Environment Canada and Ministry of Environment Lands and Parks for the advancement of broader based water management in the Okanagan Valley to the tune of \$15,000. Funds for the project are currently identified in the year 2000 Budget. The submission will be made by the Okanagan Basin Water Board

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Big White Fire Department Seeks Assistance

While the Regional Board did not approve entering into a Mutual Aid Agreement with Big White, they will provide back up assistance in the event of life threatening circumstances as well as give consideration to providing contractual services. Entering into a Mutual Aid Agreement with the Big White Fire Department would have two consequences. First, as Big White has limited resources, the Big White Fire Department would be unable to leave their territory to provide mutual aid assistance to the Joe Rich area without leaving their own area unprotected. Secondly, the Provincial Emergency program which pays for assistance in certain cases would likely nullify any payment that could be received through this program if a Mutual Aid agreement was put in place.

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"Jaws of Life" Strategically Placed

The Board gave approval to consolidate extrication equipment such as the "Jaws of Life" to six strategic locations throughout the Central Okanagan Regional District. With increasing liability, maintenance of aging equipment, and the need to set aside replacement funds as well as provide specialized training for this costly equipment, it was felt that adequate coverage could be provided by restricting the equipment to 6 strategic locations. In reviewing the current locations and frequency of use of this type of equipment, the six locations have been selected as follows: Lake Country, City of Kelowna, Joe Rich, North Westside Road, Westside, and Peachland.

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Rural Garbage Collection Under Review

The Regional Board gave approval to developing alternatives to the current transfer station located at Traders Cove as well as providing garbage collection and waste reduction programs for residents in the remote Rose Valley area. The Traders Cove transfer station area, servicing approximately 180 houses along Westside Road, was not originally included in the garbage collection program as the transfer station had been built just prior to implementation of this new program. The Regional District will review alternatives to the current transfer station that will provide incentives for area residents to reduce waste generated as well as provide opportunities for yard waste and recycling programs.

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Curbside Recycling Bylaw Gets Readings

The Regional Board gave the first three of four readings to the Amendments to the Solid Waste Bylaw that will allow for regulations for the collection of curbside recycling in depot operations. The new Curbside Recycling Program is slated to begin in July of this year. The combination of curbside recycling and four recycling depots replaces the depot only system currently operated by the Regional District.

Amendments to the regulations include requirements for residents to place out their recycling for collection as part of the Curbside Recycling Program.

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Board considers Westbank First Nation Self Government Agreement

In 1998, the Regional Board had reviewed the Proposed Westbank First Nation Self-Government Agreement and noted there were several issues which needed further discussion as follows:

- Representation of non-members living on Band lands;
- Fairness in service and financial arrangements;
- Land use.

The Westbank First Nation has asked the Regional District for their support of the Self-Government Agreement, however, to date the Regional District has not taken a position. Since that time, the issue of future additions to reserve lands has also been mentioned as a possible area of interest. The latest draft includes some changes in the area of representation including the development of a new Westbank law to provide for the interest of non-Westbank First Nation members. The law can not be changed without the consent of non-members. The new agreement does not address the Board's concern about non-Westbank First Nation Members voting for Electoral Area Directors. Additions to Reserve Lands will be considered subject to Canada's policy as opposed to an agreement between Westbank and the Federal Government. In regards to relationships with local governments, there is no language to support or encourage that Westbank First Nation work with other local government jurisdictions. There is, however, the ability of Westbank to enter into agreements with other local government agencies regarding the delivery of services and programs on Westbank lands. The issue of land use has not been addressed.

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New Policy for Sewer Hook-ups

Homeowners fronting a sanitary sewer trunk/collector main may be permitted to connect if sufficient security is posted with the Regional District. This policy allows homeowners to connect prior to completion of the overall community sewer in their neighborhood. Once the community sewer is completed the security can be used to pay for the homeowner's contribution to the sewer system or have the security returned and have their share of the costs of sewer placed on their taxes. The security amount of \$8,000 will be reviewed based on the estimated cost of the local service area.

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Proclamation

June 3 – Access Awareness Day. A day of individual and group action to reduce the barriers facing people with disabilities in the Regional District of Central Okanagan.

Regional News

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