



The Board Reports

Regional District of Central Okanagan
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Highlights of the Regional Board Meeting – Sept. 11, 2000

Film Commission Update

Robert Fine, Executive Director of the Economic Development Commission and Mark Flett, Film Commissioner, gave an update of the activities of the Okanagan Film Commission. The Film Commission is a marketing agency promoting the Okanagan as the perfect destination for film productions. Activities of the Commission include developing an inventory of locations, people, accommodations, and other resources to provide to production companies. Benefits to the community include increased job opportunities and spending at local businesses. For more information on the Okanagan Film Commission visit their web site at www.okfilm.bc.ca

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Film Commissioner

Funding Bylaws Approved

The Regional Board gave final approval to the bylaws that authorize loans to fund three separate projects. The three projects being funded are the Mount Boucherie Sewer, the West Kelowna Estates Sewer Extension, and street lighting for the Shamrock Ensign Road area. The costs to provide these services will be paid by the residents in the specified areas. The Regional District is now authorized to borrow the money from the Municipal Finance Authority for these projects. The Board also adopted a security issuing bylaw on behalf of the District of Lake Country in the amount of \$1,043,000 to finance sewer works.

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Director of Finance

August Building Statistics

During the month of August, 72 permits were issued for a total construction value of \$6,957,370. There were also 58 permits completed during the month of August for a total construction value of \$2,333,911.

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Director of Inspection Services

New Environmental Advisory Committee Appointed

The Board gave approval to adding new members to the Environmental Advisory Committee, as well as reappointing several existing members. Members reappointed are: Ian Pooley as Chair, Mike Ladd as Vice Chair, Jennifer French, Deborah Greaves, and Kerry Rouck. New members are; Scott Bezner, Ken Campbell, Denis Davis, Les Gyug, Greg Henderson, Evelyn Holley, Rob O'Brien, Karla Ryan, Fred Schaad, Dave Smith, Jake Thiessen, and Catherine Wilson. Each of the members was chosen based on consideration of the qualifications and relevant experience that they will bring to the Committee. The Advisory Committee reviews issues related to the Land and Resource Management Plan and Growth Management Initiatives pertaining to water management and environmental protection.

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New First Responders

The Regional Board gave approval to establishing the North Westside Road Fire Department as providers of the Medical First Responders Program. The Medical First Responders program operates in conjunction with the BC Ambulance Service. When the ambulance service cannot respond as quickly as necessary, due to constraints such as distance, the First Responders will be paged to assist. In the remote North Westside Road area, the volunteer fire department members will be paged to assist in such cases.

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Grant-in-Aid

Both Area Directors Novakowski (Area Westbank) and Dinwoodie (Area 'G') granted \$1000 each to the Gellatly Nut Farm Society.
