



The Board Reports

Regional District of Central Okanagan
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Highlights of the Regional Board Meeting—March 24, 2003

Central Okanagan Regional Hospital District Meets

The Regional Hospital District Board is made up of the same members as the Regional District Board and meets as required on decisions relating to the capital expenditures for hospital facility construction and the purchase of major equipment.

Under the Board's 40% capital construction and equipment funding policy, capital expenditures for three pieces of equipment were approved. An Ultrasound Machine, an Immunohistochemical Stainer and a Gamma Camera will be purchased to a total investment of \$504,369 for the Regional Hospital District.

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Regional Board Supports Okanagan IFPA

A delegation from the Okanagan Innovative Forestry Society (OIFS) asked the Regional Board for a letter of support in their proposal to the Province to increase the allowable annual timber harvest. The Board asked the OIFPA to consult with local water purveyors directly to ensure watershed concerns are addressed and to request their support. The board will send a letter to the Ministry of Forests supporting the request by the lumber industry coalition.

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Chief Administrative Officer

Transportation and Mobility Discussion Paper Endorsed

Under the auspices of the Regional Growth Strategy a focus report on stakeholder feedback to the Transportation and Mobility Discussion Paper was recently completed. The Regional Board received the discussion paper and the companion stakeholder feedback report. The Discussion Paper will be forwarded to Central Okanagan municipalities and First Nation Councils and to the Ministry of Transportation for further information.

The Discussion Paper promotes the establishment of a transportation task force comprised of Central Okanagan municipalities, Westbank First Nation and the Regional District. The goal of the task force will be to secure funding from the Province that would be used to improve transportation infrastructure, highway maintenance and upgrading services, and investments supporting economic development through the Okanagan Corridor.

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Joe Rich Community Hall Agreement

The Regional Board approved a one-year lease agreement with the Joe Rich Ratepayers and Tenants Society to provide services for the community portion of the Joe Rich Community Centre. The Regional Board also agreed to seek voter assent by counter-petition to establish a new service area to ensure the long-term provision of community services at the Joe Rich Community Hall. The operation and funding requirements will remain part of the Fire Department budget.

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Expansion of Water Treatment Plant Gets Temporary Funding

The Regional Board authorized temporary borrowing, pending the sale of debentures, for \$10,580,000 to start work on the expansion of the Westside water treatment plant. \$250,000 of that amount will be applied to improving capacity on the existing facility and the balance will be used for the plant expansion, which is scheduled to start construction in 2004.

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Intercoast Utilities Awarded Contract

The Regional Board gave approval to award a contract to Intercoast Utilities to construct Phase 1 of the Casa Loma/Lakeview Sewer Collection System. Intercoast Utilities provided the lowest bid amongst the six contractors who submitted bids on the project. The \$1,726,655.79, including GST, contract fell within budgeted estimates.

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**Exotic/Prohibited Animals Draft
Bylaw Public Meeting
Wednesday April 9, 2003**

Members of the public living in Lake Country, Peachland, Kelowna and Regional District of Central Okanagan Electoral Areas are invited to attend a public meeting regarding the Draft Bylaw for Exotic/Prohibited Animals. The meeting will be held on Wednesday, April 9, 2003 at 7:00 pm at the Offices of the Regional District of Central Okanagan, 1450 KLO Road, Kelowna, B.C.

The meeting is being held to present a draft of the proposed Prohibited Animal Bylaw and to obtain any comments from the public regarding the keeping of rare, potentially dangerous or exotic animals. The views expressed will not be discussed or debated at this meeting but will be collected and considered by the Committee. Recommendations will then be presented to the Regional District's Governance Committee.

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