



The Board Reports

Regional District of Central Okanagan
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Highlights of the Regional Board Meeting– October 6, 2003

Referendum Question Approved

The Regional Board has approved the wording of the question that will be asked of voters in the Referendum on Saturday December 6th. The vote is being held into a proposal to expand the Mount Boucherie Community Centre. Qualified voters living in the Westside Electoral area from Traders Cove south will be asked to vote "Yes" or "No" to the following question: Are you in support of expanding the Mt. Boucherie Community Centre, authorizing the Regional District of Central Okanagan to borrow up to \$3,288,631 under Bylaw No. 1029 to provide for planned building improvements to serve the needs of the Westside? Specific Referendum details such as advance polling dates, locations and elector qualifications will be released over the next month.

SPCA Letter Clarifies Services

The Regional Board has received a letter from the Kelowna Branch of the SPCA. The letter from Interior Regional Manager Robert Busch responds to a request from the Board for clarification in the wake of three staff layoffs earlier this summer at the Kelowna SPCA Shelter. Busch says the changes won't effect either the direction or goals of the local facility and that the funds provided by the Regional District will only be spent on activities in this region. This year the Regional District approved a grant-in-aid to the Kelowna SPCA of over \$47,000 along with \$12,000 from the dog control budget.

Proclamation

The Regional Board has proclaimed October 13 – 19 as Canada's Citizenship Week.

Brent Road Fire Protection

Pending approval of Peachland Council residents of an area south of Peachland will have fire protection services. The Regional Board has adopted a Bylaw establishing the Brent Road Fire Protection Service Area. Over two-thirds of the property owners signed a petition requesting fire services, which will be provided by the Peachland Fire and Rescue Service. A water storage tank and hydrant system will be designed and built at a cost of \$56,000. Residents will have the option of paying a one time capital cost of \$1,350 per unit, or \$325 a year over 5 years. The annual cost of providing fire protection will be approximately \$80 a year for every \$100,000 of assessed value.

Beaver Lake Lodge Application Supported

The Regional Board supports a request to Land and Water BC from Beaver Lake Lodge for a license to build a sewer effluent line and sewage disposal field. The field would be located on a Forestry Recreation site that the Ministry of Forests plans to relinquish as a result of ongoing problems with vandalism and maintenance. The proposal should benefit both water quality and the environment, since the new field would be an engineered system, located further away from the Lake, which is a reservoir for the District of Lake Country.

Next Regional Board Meeting

The next meeting of the Regional Board will be Monday October 20, 2003 at 7 pm in the Woodhaven Room at the Regional District office, 1450 KLO Road, Kelowna.

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The Regional Board meets every second Monday night at the RDCO at 1450 KLO Road.
The public is welcome to attend.

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