



The Board Reports

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Highlights of the Regional Board Meeting – June 22, 2009

Heartland Temporary Commercial Use Permit

The Regional Board does not support an application for a Temporary Commercial Use Permit that would have allowed outdoor concerts and special events for 2009 at 'Heartland' along Highway 33 in the Central Okanagan East Electoral Area. The Board expressed concerns over the impact such events on the 72-hectare site would have on rural policing, traffic safety and control and public safety. The Board was also concerned about potential noise bylaw violations from concert events and the impact on the surrounding community.

Reservoir Lakes Zoning Bylaw Amendments

The Regional Board has adopted amendments to the Regional District Zoning Bylaw No. 871 to limit residential development on Crown Land lease lots around reservoir lakes in order to protect water sources. As well, reservoir lakes and buffer lands around the lakes are rezoned to the new Conservation Lands designation and a new RU7 Cottage Lot zone has been created allowing a principle building that doesn't exceed 150 square meters gross floor area and two stories or six meters in height.

Front Counter BC Referral Application

The Regional Board has given conditional support to a Crown Land referral application from FrontCounter BC. The applicant wishes to redevelop the Ponderosa Golf Course in the District of Peachland, including 59.66-hectares of Crown land in the Central Okanagan West Electoral Area adjacent to Pincushion Mountain. If the Crown grant application is approved, the Regional District has asked for the opportunity to comment during the annexation phase of the redevelopment proposal.

2008 Financial Statements

The Regional Board has received the 2008 Financial Statements and Reports. The Regional District of Central Okanagan had total revenues of \$49.4 million and expenditures of \$55.8 million during the fiscal year. After debt repayments, new debt and fund transfers the Regional District ended the 2008 fiscal year with an operating surplus of \$3.2 million.

Hardy Falls Regional Park

The Regional Board has approved a program to mitigate rock fall hazards adjacent to the waterfall viewing area of Hardy Falls Regional Park. The park near the south end of Peachland off Highway 97 has been closed since a rock fall occurred in late March. Geo-technical reports suggest that to ensure public safety the existing bench in the falls viewing area should be moved 20-metres back along the trail; fencing should be extended to prevent public access and that there be ongoing monitoring of rock faces at the site. It's anticipated the work will be finished and the park open again by Monday, July 13th.

Reserve Expansion Application

The Regional Board will advise Indian and Northern Affairs Canada that it is opposed to an application from the Okanagan Indian Band to extend its reserve. The application requests the addition of approximately 1,088-hectares of land including 84-hectares on four parcels within the Central Okanagan West Electoral Area. The Regional Board has a number of concerns including the loss of bylaw protection and the potential loss of Agricultural Land Commission jurisdiction for the subject properties. It also supports concerns raised by the Ministry of Forests and Range and Ministry of Transportation that public access on roads within the proposed area should be retained and unrestricted.

Transit Contract Agreements

The Regional Board has given approval in principle to a request to designate the District of West Kelowna as the provider of transit and related services within its municipal boundaries. The approval is subject to revision of the Letters Patent as well as BC Transit providing a report on the service implications on Peachland and Westbank First Nation. If the transfer is formally approved, the Regional District will transfer the remaining funds it budgeted for transit services within the District of West Kelowna.

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Fiscal 2008 Management Report

The Regional Board has received the financial report outlining remuneration and expenses for elected officials and their alternates along with 17 present and former staff whose remuneration was greater than \$75,000. During 2008, five former managers received between 12 and 16 months severance compensation totalling just over \$578,000. The report also outlines the schedule of payments during 2008 for goods and services exceeding \$25,000.

May Building Statistics

During May, the Inspections Section approved 14 building permits for projects worth \$2,198,000 in the Central Okanagan East and West Electoral Areas. During the first five months of 2009, 53 building permits were issued in the two Electoral Areas for construction projects totalling just over \$4.1 million.

Electoral Area Grant-in-Aid

The Regional Board has approved the following Central Okanagan East Electoral Area grant-in-aid:

- Joe Rich Fire Department - \$500 for advertising fire fighter recruitment event.
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Christmas-New Years Office Closure

The Regional Board has approved closing Regional District offices starting on Christmas Day Friday, December 25th and through the week of December 28th through January 1st. This has traditionally been a slow period with few customers. Regular services will resume at 8:00 am Monday, January 4th.

Next Regional Board Meeting

The next scheduled regular meeting of the Regional Board will be Monday, July 27th, 2009 at 7:00 pm in the Woodhaven Board Room at the Regional District office, 1450 KLO Road, Kelowna. Residents are welcome to attend.

Governance and Services Committee

The next scheduled public meeting of the Governance and Services Committee will be Thursday, July 9th, 2009 at 9:00 am in the Woodhaven Board Room at the Regional District office, 1450 KLO Road, Kelowna.

Regional District Art Wall

A selection of scenic photographs by Gordon Hartley is on display through August on the Art Wall at the Regional District of Central Okanagan office, 1450 KLO Road. The office is open weekdays, excluding statutory holidays from 8:00 am to 4:00 pm.

Regional Hospital District

The Board of the Central Okanagan Regional Hospital District has received the 2008 Financial Statements and Reports. The Regional Hospital District had total revenues of \$11.1million and expenditures of \$10.1 million during the fiscal year. The Regional Hospital District ended the 2008 fiscal year with an operating surplus of \$5.3 million.

The Regional Hospital District Board has approved nine expenditure bylaws providing 40 per cent of the funding or just over \$2.6 million towards for capital projects and equipment requested by Interior Health for the Central Okanagan. Among the projects approved: expansion of the TeleHomeCare Monitoring program, a Cardiology Picture Archiving System, a Chemistry Analyzer and a Single Photon Emission Computed Tomography CT.

Drug Policy Coordinator Presents Report

The Central Okanagan Drug Policy Coordinator has presented a report card on the Four Pillars Approach to Problematic Substance Use. Christene Walsh told the Regional Hospital District Board that over the past two years many improvements have been made in the area of community support and reaction to substance abuse. She says there has been greater cooperation and coordination between public and non-profit agencies that deal with clients suffering addictions. As well, she says effective prevention, treatment and harm reduction activities are addressing drug-related health issues. While she provides a 'B' grade overall, Walsh says the community is more engaged and willing to seek positive solutions in those areas that require more attention such as improving service and treatment capacity.

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