



The Board Reports

Regional District of Central Okanagan
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Highlights of the Regional Board Meeting – January 23, 2012

Brent Road/Trepanier Official Community Plan

The Regional Board has given first reading to the proposed Official Community Plan (OCP) Bylaw No. 1303 for the Brent Road – Trepanier area of the Central Okanagan West Electoral Area. The OCP will be used to guide land use decisions and applications in the area, which isn't currently covered by an Official Community Plan and as a result is not subject to Development Permit requirements which protect important environmental values and areas. The bylaw has been developed after an extensive public consultation process over the past 12 months. A Public Hearing will be scheduled in February and advertised to provide further input into the proposed bylaw.

South Slopes Official Community Plan

The Regional Board has deferred first reading of the proposed South Slopes Official Community Plan (OCP) Bylaw No. 1304 for the June Springs Road and south Lakeshore Road areas of the Central Okanagan East Electoral Area. The OCP would guide land use decisions and applications in the area, which isn't currently covered by an Official Community Plan and as a result is not subject to Development Permit requirements which protect important environmental values and areas. The deferral will allow further consultation for the new area Director as well as with the City of Kelowna regarding a letter from an area landowner outlining potential development possibilities at the 'Kelowna Mountain' property. Staff will provide a further report outlining possible options for Board consideration on the Kelowna Mountain proposal at its February 9th meeting.

Funding Upgrades for Water Systems

The Regional Board has approved the use of Community Works Fund Gas Tax Funding for various upgrades to four community water systems to improve water quality, system operations and reduce greenhouse gas emissions. More than \$439,000 will be used for projects on the Killiney, Westshore, Upper Fintry, Shalal Road and Valley of the Sun and Trepanier/Star Place water systems from Central Okanagan West Electoral Area and over \$82,000 will be used for work on the Falcon Ridge system in the Central Okanagan East Electoral Area.

SILGA Resolution

The Regional Board has approved submitting a resolution for consideration at the Southern Interior Local Government Association (SILGA) annual conference in Revelstoke this April. The resolution asks the Provincial Government to provide the resources needed for more speedy prosecutions of dangerous dog destruction orders. The Regional Board believes shortages of Crown prosecutors and Provincial Court Judges have led to court delays for trials on destruction orders. In addition, since 2009 the Crown has stopped prosecuting these cases and that's resulted in increased legal costs for local governments as well as increased expenses to confine dangerous dogs awaiting court trails.

2011 Building Statistics

During 2011, the Development Services Inspection Section approved 170 building permits for construction projects valued at more than \$13.3-million in the Central Okanagan East and Central Okanagan West Electoral Areas. That compares with 163 permits issued during 2010 for projects valued at over \$19.8-million.

Regional Board Meetings

Regional District office – 1450 KLO Road, Kelowna (Woodhaven Board Room). Residents are welcome to attend.

- **Thursday, February 9th** – following 8:30 am Governance and Services Committee meeting.
- **Monday, February 20th** – 7:00 pm

Public Budget Meetings

The Regional District is preparing its 2012-2016 Five Year Financial Plan. The following meetings will be held in the Woodhaven Board Room - 1450 KLO Road, Kelowna. Residents are welcome to attend.

- **Friday, February 10th** – 8:30am – Regional Grant-in-Aid requests
- **Friday, February 17th** – 8:30 am – Preliminary Budget Review
- **Thursday, March 8th** – 12:30 pm – Budget Review
- **Friday, March 30th** – 9:00 am – Final Budget approval and adoption.

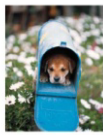
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