



# News Release

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## **Annual Review Highlights 2011 and Outlines 2012 Initiatives**

Completion of several large construction projects along with adoption of two new Official Community Plans are among the initiatives planned for the Regional District of Central Okanagan this year.

Information about these and many other projects and programs is available in the 2011 Annual Review. It's available online anytime at [regionaldistrict.com](http://regionaldistrict.com) or you can pick up a copy at the Regional District office, 1450 KLO Road in Kelowna.

The 31-page publication highlights the accomplishments of each Regional District department and program during 2011 while providing insight into some of the goals and initiatives planned through 2012.

2011 Highlights include:

- Activation of the Regional Emergency Program and Emergency Operation Centre due to spring flood potential and the Bear Creek Wildfire.
- Completion of foreshore and Kokanee spawning habitat restoration in Bertram Creek Regional Park; installation of new trail stairs in Mission Creek Regional Park and reconstruction of a new boat launch in Okanagan Centre Safe Harbour Regional Park.
- Increase in court support and accompaniment for crime victims through the Regional District police-based Victim Services program.
- Calculation of the first Living Wage information for the Central Okanagan.

2012 Initiatives include:

- Completion of Stage 3 construction of the Westside Regional Wastewater Treatment Plant to service anticipated future growth and demand within West Kelowna, Peachland and Westbank First Nation lands.
- Commissioning of the first water system to service more than 350 properties in the Upper Fintry, Shalal Road and Valley of the Sun subdivisions.
- Delivery of a new mobile marine water supply fireboat for North Westside Fire-Rescue.
- Adoption of Official Community Plan bylaws for the June Springs/south Lakeshore Road (South Slopes) and Brent Road/Trepanier areas.

Communications Officer Bruce Smith says "The annual review is an excellent overview of the activities, programs and services provided by Regional District for Central Okanagan residents. Some people might be surprised by the depth and variety of programs that we offer across the entire region and as the local government for our two electoral areas."

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