

# The Board Reports

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## Highlights of the Regional Board and Governance and Services **Committee Meetings – October 10, 2019**

## **Regional Growth Strategy Monitoring**

The Regional Board has endorsed a program for monitoring the implementation of Regional Growth Strategy (RGS) initiatives. A five-year action plan identified priority projects to be undertaken in order to achieve objectives in the Regional Growth Strategy. The RGS monitoring and reporting program was developed in collaboration with stakeholders and other Central Okanagan local governments. Regional Growth Strategy is a coordinated longrange planning tool mandated by the Local Government Act that helps local governments plan for their communities while keeping regional decisions and issues in focus.

## **EDC 2020-2025 Strategy**

The Regional Board has endorsed the Moving Forward to 2025 Strategy for the Central Okanagan Economic Development Commission (EDC). It builds on the 2019 EDC Operational Plan and identifies priorities and recommended tactics for the EDC to foster economic growth and sustainability through 2025. The strategy provides a roadmap for building on past successes while leveraging the region's strengths and encouraging a strong economy in the future. The Global Affairs - Invest Canada Community Initiatives fund provided 50% funding toward development of the strategy.

### Audio of the Regional Board meeting at:

https://www.regionaldistrict.com/media/274679/Audio 19 10 10brd.mp3

#### **Regional Board Meetings**

Regional District office - 1450 KLO Road, Kelowna (Woodhaven Boardroom).

- Monday, October 28<sup>th</sup> 7:00 pm Thursday, November 14<sup>th</sup> Inaugural meeting after 8:30 am Governance & Services Committee meeting

### **Development Cost Charges Update**

The Governance and Services Committee has received information on the engagement process held in advance of proposed updates to the Development Cost Charges bylaws that would help fund future infrastructure needs of the East Trunk Sanitary Sewer and Westside Regional Wastewater Treatment Plant. It is anticipated new bylaws will be presented for Regional Board consideration at a future meeting.

## **Clean BC Plastics Submission**

The Governance and Services Committee received an update from staff regarding the submission from the RDCO to the Clean BC Plastics Action Plan consultation. The response includes favouring the elimination of waste at the source rather than disposal bans; work to phase out materials that cannot first be recycled or composted; encouraging and supporting the repair of products to keep them in use and requirements that repair manuals be published.

#### **BC Ambulance Service Presentation**

The Governance and Services Committee has received a presentation from the BC Ambulance Service explaining the clinical response model that is used by BC Emergency Health Services in 9-1-1 dispatching of paramedics, ambulances and other resources to patients. The presentation addressed concerns expressed in the past about delays in patient care without the dispatching of first medical responders.

## **Parks Visitor Services Update**

The Governance and Services Committee received a presentation from Parks Services about programs and visits. It's estimated that in 2018 more than 845,000 people visited regional parks in the Central Okanagan. So far this year over 43,000 have taken part in a park interpretive program or event. As well, over 350 people have volunteered in 2019 to assist programming or services.

#### Audio of the Committee meeting at:

https://www.regionaldistrict.com/media/274685/Audio GS 19 10 10.mp3

The Board Report is published monthly after each regular meeting of the Board of the Regional District of Central Okanagan. The Regional Board meets twice a month in regular session in the Woodhaven Boardroom at the Regional District office, 1450 KLO Road. The public is welcome to attend.

## **Central Okanagan Regional Hospital District**

The Central Okanagan Regional Hospital District (COHRD) Board has approved an amendment to the 2019-2022 Financial Plan to provide 40% funding (\$789,600) from reserves for renovations at the new Kelowna Urgent and Primary Care Centre. The amendment bylaw is subject to the facility receiving Designated Facility Status from the BC Health Ministry. Interior Health anticipates approval for that designation for new Centre will be given so that it would qualify for funding by the COHRD under the Hospital District Act.

## Thanksgiving Holiday Closures

All services and programs provided from offices in the Regional District of Central Okanagan on KLO Road in Kelowna will be closed for the Thanksgiving holiday on Monday, October 14<sup>th</sup>.

Emergency service requests for Regional District water systems should be made to 250-868-5299.

We look forward to serving you again at 8:00 am Tuesday, October 15<sup>th</sup>.

Regular curbside garbage collection will continue on the holiday Monday and the Westside Residential Waste Disposal and Recycling Centre on Asquith Road in West Kelowna will also be open its normal hours Friday through Monday. The North Westside Transfer Station will be open its regular hours over the holiday weekend on Saturday, Sunday and Monday. The Trader's Cove Transfer Station will be open Sunday on its winter hour schedule.

## **Bertram Creek Scavenger Hunt**



Agents of Discovery

Visit the Regional Parks tent at Bertram Creek Regional, at the south end of Lakeshore Rd., to participate in a virtual treasure hunt. Parks staff will be on hand to give you instructions to get started.

> You will need a smartphone and a sense of adventure.

The treasure hunt will take about 1 hour and there are prizes for those completing! Saturday Oct 12th 12pm-4pm Bertram Creek Regional Park

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## Spooktacular Pumpkin Walk



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