



# The Board Reports

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## Highlights of the Inaugural & Regional Board Meeting – November 14, 2019

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### 2019 - 2020 Regional Board

At the Inaugural Statutory meeting of the Regional District Board, Kelowna Councillor Gail Given was acclaimed as Chair and will serve for a sixth year. West Kelowna Mayor Gord Milsom was also acclaimed as Vice-Chair serving for a second year. The Regional District Board consists of 13 voting members representing the Central Okanagan East and Central Okanagan West Electoral Areas, the City of Kelowna, District of Lake Country, District of Peachland and the City of West Kelowna. Westbank First Nation is represented with a non-voting member.

### Regional Board Directors

Chair Gail Given - Councillor, City of Kelowna  
Vice-Chair Gord Milsom - Mayor, City of West Kelowna  
Mark Bartyik - Central Okanagan East Electoral Area  
Wayne Carson - Central Okanagan West Electoral Area  
Colin Basran - Mayor, City of Kelowna  
James Baker - Mayor, District of Lake Country  
Cindy Fortin - Mayor, District of Peachland  
Maxine DeHart - Councillor, City of Kelowna  
Charlie Hodge - Councillor, City of Kelowna  
Brad Sieben - Councillor, City of Kelowna  
Luke Stack - Councillor, City of Kelowna  
Loyal Wooldridge - Councillor, City of Kelowna  
Stephen Johnston - Councillor, City of West Kelowna  
Jordan Coble, Councillor - Westbank First Nation

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### Financial Plan Update

The Regional Board received a fiscal update on period from July through September. Operational revenue and expenses during the third quarter are on target and expected to be within budget for most programs and services. Financial Services staff is closely monitoring three functions which may see deficits being carried forward and incorporated into the budget for next year.

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### Emergency Management MOU

The Regional Board approved a new agreement with the City of Kelowna which provides the intra-regional Emergency Management Program. The new Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) provides the framework for both organizations to better plan, monitor and manage the program for local governments in the Central Okanagan.

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### Emergency Preparedness Grant Application

The Regional Board has approved submitting a grant application for \$100,000 to the Union of BC Municipalities Community Emergency Preparedness Fund, which administers Provincial Government funding. The RDCO fire departments in Ellison, Joe Rich, North Westside and Wilson's Landing are each requesting \$25,000 to assist with purchasing new or replacement equipment and to provide training that will support disaster response and recovery.

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### Mutual Aid Agreement Renewal

The Regional Board has approved renewing a Mutual Aid Agreement between the RDCO Joe Rich Fire Department and Regional District of Kootenay Boundary Big White Fire Department. The renewal for an additional five years will continue, as required, to provide each department service area with additional equipment and fire fighting resources at no additional cost.

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### Regional GIS Service Renewal

The Regional Board has approved renewal of a five year regional Geographic Information Systems (GIS) Memorandum of Understanding (MOU). The RDCO provides GIS services for the District of Peachland and Westbank First Nation through the agreement with each local government.

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### Advisory Commission Appointments

The Regional Board has approved two appointments to its Central Okanagan West Advisory Planning Commission. Dave Cousins and Barb Hayden will serve four year terms through November 2023. The Commission reviews land-use applications, proposed planning bylaws and permits, and provides advice to the Regional Board.

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## Dark Sky Preserve Application

The Regional Board supports nominating [Johns Family Nature Conservancy Regional Park](#) for designation as a Dark Sky Preserve. The Royal Astronomical Society of Canada administers the program which promotes a reduction of light pollution to improve the night-time environment for animals and plants and to protect observing sites for astronomy. The Central Okanagan Land Trust has a long-term lease with the RDCO to protect and manage the more than 400-hectare Regional Park supports the Dark Sky Preserve application.

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## 2020 Regional Board Meeting Schedule

*(Meetings start at 7:00 pm unless noted - \* indicates Board meeting follows 8:30 am Governance & Services Committee meeting)*

January 16 *	January 27
February 13 *	February 20 Preliminary Budget Review
February 24	March 12 * Budget Review
March 23 Budget Adoption	April 9 *
April 27	May 14 *
May 25	June 11 *
June 22	July 9 *
July 27	August 24
September 10 *	September 28
October 8 *	October 26
November 12 * Inaugural Statutory Meeting	November 23
December 7	

## Program and Service Highlights

The Regional Board viewed a video update highlighting various service and program accomplishments from July through September this year aligning with the [Strategic Priorities 2019 - 2022](#). The video can be viewed on the RDCO YouTube channel: [youtube.com/user/regionaldistrict](https://youtube.com/user/regionaldistrict).

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## Regional Board Meetings

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

- **Monday, December 9<sup>th</sup> – 7:00 pm**
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## Joe Rich Community Christmas Food Drive



Residents of the Joe Rich area are encouraged to support the **15<sup>th</sup> annual Joe Rich Fire Rescue Community Food Drive**.

**Sunday, November 17<sup>th</sup> between 9:00 am and 5:00 pm**, members of **Joe Rich Fire Rescue** will be going **door-to-door** throughout the community **collecting food and cash donations** for the Central Okanagan Community Food Bank.

On the morning of the event residents may leave donations at the entrance of their driveway or drop off donations on the day of the drive at either:

- Station 51 (11481 Highway 33 East) or
- Station 52 (6550 Goudie Road)

Both facilities will be open to accept donations during the community food drive.

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