
Highlights of the Regional Board meeting – January 11, 2024

Westbank First Nation Comprehensive Community Plan

Westbank First Nation presented an overview of the Comprehensive Community Plan to the Regional Board, sharing their community vision as part of building a government to government relationship.

Reconciliation Framework consultation report

The Regional Board received an update on the primary findings from engagement undertaken to support the development of the RDCO Reconciliation Framework. In Spring 2023, the RDCO engaged the services of Alderhill Planning Inc., an Indigenous consulting firm with syilx / Okanagan representation, to facilitate an engagement process to determine priority reconciliation areas for the organization. Using the findings from the engagement, staff expect to have the Reconciliation Framework developed and presented back to the Board in late 2024.

Application to UBCM Regional Community to Community program

The Regional Board supported an application to the Union of BC Municipalities (UBCM) Community to Community grant. The application is for \$10,000 to support a forum for senior staff with a focus on government to government relationship building with Westbank First Nation.

Appointment of Deputy Corporate Officer

The Regional Board appointed Ms. Caitlyn Fleischmann as Deputy Corporate Officer.

New Chair of the Regional Hospital District

At the first meeting of the year for the Central Okanagan Regional Hospital District, Director Blair Ireland (Mayor of Lake Country) was acclaimed as the Chair of the Board and Director Gord Milsom (Mayor of West Kelowna) was acclaimed as the Vice-Chair for 2024.

Interior Health capital funding request

Staff from Interior Health (IH) presented their capital funding request for 2024-2025 to the Regional Hospital District Board. IH is requesting \$8.6 million to support capital projects in the region. The request from IH will become part of the Hospital District's budget process and five-year financial plan, which will be discussed at next month's meeting.

Regional Board meetings

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

- Thursday, January 25 – 8:30 a.m.
- Thursday, February 8 – 8:30 a.m.
- Thursday, February 22 – 8:30 a.m.

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