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## Highlights of the Regional Board meeting – April 17, 2025

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### Midterm committee review update

The Regional Board approved consolidating the Agricultural Advisory Committee, Planning Advisory Committee and Environment & Climate Advisory Committee into the Electoral Area Services Standing Committee. The decision follows a midterm review led by external consultant Martin Bell, which included feedback from committee members. Staff will return to the Board with updated Terms of Reference. The consolidation aims to improve the efficiency and value of advisory committee work while maintaining focus on key priorities.

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### Deputy Corporate Officer appointment rescindment

The Regional Board rescinded the appointment of Caitlyn Fleischmann as Deputy Corporate Officer for the Regional District of Central Okanagan effective April 17, 2025.

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### Purchase commitments over \$100K during 1Q 2025

The Regional Board received an update on purchase commitments which exceeded \$100,000 made between January 1 and March 31, 2025.

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### Bylaw 1315 Amendment - Sewer Use Bylaw

The Regional Board gave first, second and third readings and adopted Bylaw No. 1565, Amendment No. 1 to the Westside Sewer System Bylaw No. 1315. The amendment aligns enforcement language and fine

structures with the Local Government Act, allowing the RDCO to levy maximum legislated fines directly to non-compliant businesses. This strengthens protections for the Westside Regional Wastewater Treatment Plant by ensuring high-strength discharges from commercial and industrial sources—such as wineries and breweries—do not compromise treatment processes.

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### Ticket Information Utilization Bylaw No. 1537, Amendment to Schedule B Appendix 24

The Regional Board gave first, second and third readings and adopted Bylaw No. 1566, Amendment No. 3 to the Ticket Information Utilization Bylaw No. 1537. This amendment updates Appendix 24 to reflect recent changes to provincial statutes, allowing for increased fines aligned with updated legislation. The bylaw supports enhanced enforcement tools while maintaining the RDCO's education-first approach to encourage voluntary bylaw compliance.

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### Amendment to Noxious Weed Control Bylaw No. 1544

The Regional Board gave first, second and third readings and adopted Bylaw No. 1567, Amendment No. 1 to the Noxious Weed Control Bylaw No. 1544. The amendment includes general housekeeping changes and updates related to the invasive Tree of Heaven. These changes support improved compliance and the effectiveness of the noxious weed control program, aligning with regional environmental and health priorities.

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### **Mission Creek Playground budget increase request**

The Regional Board approved the use of \$150,000 from the Growing Communities Fund, allocated for regional park accessibility improvements, to support accessibility upgrades in the Mission Creek playground project. In response to public feedback, the playground design was revised to include inclusive play structures and accessible pour-in-place rubber surfacing. The improvements address a significant community need and ensure the playground is welcoming for children of all abilities.

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### **Regional Board meetings**

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

- May 15 – 9:30 a.m.
- June 19 – 8:30 a.m. (Committee of the Whole)
- June 19 – 10:30 a.m.

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