

Highlights of the Regional Board Meeting – February 13, 2020

Wellness & Poverty Reduction Strategy

The Regional Board has given approval for staff to work with a local committee in developing a regional poverty reduction strategy. In addition, the Board supports the RDCO submitting an application for a grant of up to \$150,000 from the Union of BC Municipalities Poverty and Action Program in order to create the regional strategy.

Regional Parks Agreements

The Regional Board has approved a number of agreements affecting several regional parks:

- The first renewal is for a [Crown land License of Occupation tenure agreement](#) for up to 30 years affecting four portions of land along the Mission Creek Greenway.
- The second renews an agreement with the City of Kelowna that sees the regional district [manage, operate and maintain the Mission Creek Greenway](#) which includes in part, 46 City tenured lands.
- The third is renewal of the [Glen Canyon Regional Park Joint Management agreement](#) with the City of West Kelowna allowing the RDCO to manage and operate the park on civic property adjacent to the regional park.
- The fourth agreement is a new [License of Occupation with the City of Kelowna](#) allowing the RDCO to establish parking and trailhead areas at Joe Rich and Swainson Roads to provide access to Black Mountain-sntsk'il'nten Regional Park.

Okanagan Biomass Inventory Partnership

The Regional Board has approved two efforts to complete a comprehensive Biomass Inventory, Waste Composition and Organics study. The Regional District would partner with the non-profit Okanagan Sustainability Leadership Council in the comprehensive study of the entire waste stream in order to help identify possible solid waste management options. The Board also approves submitting applications to assist with funding this project.

Protecting Okanagan Lake and Foreshore

The Regional Board has approved submitting two separate funding applications with the goal of protecting Okanagan Lake, its shoreline and source water. One application from the RDCO and a group of environmental partners requests funding from the Vancouver Foundation Systems Change Grants Program to further the work in developing a strategy to enhance protection of the Okanagan Lake foreshore and tributaries within the watershed. A second application for this project will be made to the Okanagan Basin Water Board Water Conservation and Quality Improvement Grant program on behalf of the Okanagan Collaborative Conservation Program and Okanagan Nation Alliance.

Regional Board Meetings

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

- **Thursday, February 20 – Public Preliminary Budget Review – 8:30 am**
- **Monday, February 24 – 7:00 pm**

Audio of the Regional Board meeting at:

rdco.com/media/279701/Audio_20_02_13brd.mp3

BC Family Day Office Closure

All services and programs provided from the Regional District of Central Okanagan office on KLO Road in Kelowna will be closed on Monday, February 17 for the BC Family Day holiday.

During this time any emergencies involving Regional District water systems should be directed to 250-868-5299.

Our offices reopen at 8:00 am Tuesday, February 18.

The Westside Residential Waste Disposal and Recycling Centre on Asquith Road in West Kelowna will be open its normal hours Friday through Monday. The North Westside Road Transfer Station will be open its normal hours Saturday, Sunday and Monday. The Traders Cove Transfer Station will be open its regular winter hours on Sunday.

Building Community Resilience in a Changing Climate

An evening with Sheila Watt-Cloutier and guests



Keynote speaker Sheila Watt-Cloutier, Environmental, Cultural and Human Rights Advocate and Nobel Peace Prize nominee will provide a global perspective on climate change and a shared vision for the future.

The event will feature a public launch of the *Climate Projections Report for the Okanagan*. Hear from a panel of local experts on how we're adapting to climate change.

For more information contact 250-469-6227 or planning@rdco.com

**Wednesday
February 26, 2020**

The Commons Lecture Hall
(COM 201)
UBC Okanagan Campus

6:30 pm Registration
7:00 pm Event

Tickets \$15
through Eventbrite



Supporting Partners: Okanagan Basin Water Board – Okanagan Water Wise, UBC Okanagan Institute for Biodiversity, Resilience and Ecosystem Services (BRAES), Okanagan Nation Alliance, and the Planning Institute of British Columbia - Okanagan Interior Chapter



Let's Hear From You

The Regional District of Central Okanagan is preparing the **2020 – 2024 Financial Plan**.

You have several opportunities to learn about and comment on the budget priorities during these public meetings.

You are welcome to attend the meetings on Thursday, Feb. 20 and Thursday, Mar. 12 at 8:30 am in the Woodhaven Boardroom at the RDCO office, 1450 KLO Road in Kelowna.

When available, detailed budget documents, presentations and feedback can be provided to the Regional Board at rdco.com/budgets.

The Regional Board will give final consideration and adoption to the 2020-2024 Financial Plan at its public meeting starting at 7:00 pm Monday, March 23.



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