
Highlights of the Regional Board Meeting – March 23, 2020

2020-2024 Financial Plan Adopted

The Regional Board has adopted its 2020 - 2024 Financial Plan bylaw. The budget was drafted prior to the current public health response to the COVID-19 virus and its approval will ensure delivery of RDCO services. In light of the evolving response to the challenges ahead, there may be a time in the coming year that will require the Board to revisit and adapt the Financial Plan to best respond to the needs of the region. The 2020 operating budget totals \$55.99-million compared with \$48.92-million in 2019. This year \$12.5-million will be spent on important capital and infrastructure projects. The details may be viewed online at: rdco.com/budgets.

Community Works Fund Approval

The Regional Board has approved the use of Gas Tax Community Works Funds for new projects totalling \$301,700 in the electoral areas this year. \$203,000 will be used in the Central Okanagan West Electoral Area for a new picnic shelter in Killiney Beach Community Park, dog beach fencing, a comfort station at Fintry Access #2 and a Community Trail in Traders Cove. In the Central Okanagan East Electoral Area, \$98,700 will be used for signage and roof replacement at the Ellison Heritage Community Hall and for signage at the Joe Rich Community Hall.

Wastewater Treatment Plant Budget Update

The Regional Board has approved an increase in the budget for a major infrastructure project at the Westside Regional Wastewater Treatment Plant. Following a public tender request, submitted bids exceeded pretender estimates of \$1.4-million for construction of a new Thickened Waste Activated Sludge Vault. The Board has approved a new project budget of \$1.9-million which has been included in the 2020-2024 Financial Plan. Funds from the Development Cost Charge and Reserve accounts will be used to pay for the increased project costs.

Non-farm Use ALC Application Supported

The Regional Board supports an application for a non-farm use to the Agricultural Land Commission (ALC) for an Ellison-area property within the Agricultural Land Reserve. The applicant is asking the ALC to allow construction of an additional cold storage building at 4381 Old Vernon Road in order to expand its existing cherry and apply production line. If the application is approved by the ALC, the owners would be required to apply for a RDCO building permit.

Regional Board Meetings

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

- **Thursday, April 9** – following 8:30 am Governance and Services Committee
- **Monday, April 27** – 7:00 pm

Audio of the Regional Board meeting at:

rdco.com/media/281856/Audio_20_03_23brd.mp3

Regional Hospital District Budget Approved

The Central Okanagan Regional Hospital District Board has adopted its 2020 – 2024 Financial Plan. It was drafted before the current public health emergency on priorities identified by Interior Health. Depending on how the response unfolds, these priorities may require some flexibility and adjustments in the Financial Plan to meet the needs of Central Okanagan residents. In order to build financial reserves and reduce the potential need for debt financing for a possible \$55-65-million in capital projects over the next ten years, the Board has agreed to annual three per cent increases over the next five years. In 2020, the average residential home assessed at \$734,500 will pay \$188.86 towards capital improvements and new health equipment in the Central Okanagan. The 2020 budget includes \$10.5-million for health-related capital project funding.

KLO Road Building Closure



The health and safety of the public and staff is our top priority.

In-person services at the RDCO office have been suspended in support of health authorities efforts to reduce the spread of the COVID-19 virus.

Staff are available weekdays 8:00am - 4:00pm by phone or by email. Responses will be provided as quickly as possible during regular hours of operation. During this health emergency, the RDCO will continue to provide essential services such as garbage and recycling, water and fire services, dog control and the Westside Regional Wastewater Treatment Plant.

Courier and Canada Post deliveries are being accepted – please call our reception **250-763-4918**.

Here's how to reach the following agencies located in the KLO Road office:

Regional District of Central Okanagan		
Phone: 250-763-4918	email: info@rdco.com	website: rdco.com
City of Kelowna KLO Community Policing Office		
Phone: 250-470-0600		
Okanagan Basin Water Board		
Phone: 250-469-6270		
website: obwb.ca/contact		
Okanagan Collaborative Conservation Program		
Phone: 250-718-4096	email: occp123@gmail.com	website: okcp.ca
Okanagan Film Commission		
Phone: 250-717-0087	email: info@okanaganfilm.com	website: okanaganfilm.com
Sterile Insect Release Program		
Phone: 800-363-6684	email: sirinfo@oksir.org	website: oksir.org

The Regional District continues to follow the direction of public health experts for the safety of its staff and residents to reduce the impact on our community and our health system.

For updates on the RDCO response to COVID-19 visit rdco.com/covid-19.

Composter & Rain Barrel Sale



To place your order visit
rdco.com/compostersale
or call the Regional Waste
Reduction Office at
250-469-6250.



Rain Barrels \$78
Only 200 available
Limit two per household
Collect naturally soft rain water for use
in your garden
Green Cone Food Digester \$100
Limited quantity available
Handles all kitchen and food waste
Pet waste too!

Backyard Composter \$35
Only 300 available Make your own great soil Reduce your waste

Yard Waste Collection is back on!



Pick up
every
2 weeks
March 2 to the end
of December



Please check your cart to
ensure it's only yard waste,
no plastic or foreign matter.

Accepted Items:

- Leaves
- Branches
- Prunings
- Needles
- Grass Clippings
- Fruit Droppings
- Size limitations apply

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.

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