

Highlights of the Regional Board Meeting – September 10, 2020

Regional Parks Service Review

The Regional Board has received a report from a scheduled review of the Regional Parks service. The report makes a number of recommendations to increase operational efficiencies and ensure continued provision of cost-effective services in the regional park system including:

- updating the Regional Parkland Acquisition Strategy
- targeting fundraising partnerships to assist or offset the operating and capital development costs associated with future park amenity/infrastructure

The Board also agreed to phase in a reduction of the \$39,000 annual grant to the Friends of Fintry Provincial Park by one third in 2021 and again in 2022 with no grant in 2023 or after. The funds would be reallocated and used to enhance regional parks programs and services for residents and visitors. The Board also directed that a letter be sent to the Provincial Government advising of the funding adjustments to the Society and allowing time to explore alternate sources.

Environmental Advisory Commission

The Regional Board has appointed a new member to the Environmental Advisory Commission. Leah Schurian will join the volunteer Commission in October and will serve through September 2023. The Commission members represent a diverse background of environmental professions, practice and experience and provide expert advice to the Regional Board on environmental issues relating to land use and development applications.

Audio of the Regional Board meeting at:

rdco.com/media/290994/Audio_20_09_10brd.mp3

Falcon Ridge Water System Expansion

The Regional Board has adopted a bylaw expanding the service area for the Falcon Ridge water system. Following a successful petition of area property owners, nine new properties will be added to the system service area. The owners of these properties will fund the expansion and will be responsible for the cost of connecting their property to the water system. It's anticipated construction will take place in 2021.

Regional Board Meetings

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

- **Monday, September 28** – 7:00 pm
- **Thursday, October 8** – following 8:30 am Governance & Services Committee meeting
- **Monday, October 26** – 7:00 pm



Volunteer Stewardship Opportunity

Invasive Weed Management

Many of the natural areas in parks are at risk due to invasive species. Volunteers are integral to invasive plant management and improving the ecological health of our parks!

Working together, while maintaining physical distancing, volunteers will pull weeds on the southern slope on a section of the Greenway. No experience is necessary! Training provided!

For COVID-19 safety this program is limited to 8 participants. To participate in this project please register on-line at: rdco.com/parksvip

**Saturday
September 19**

**9:00 a.m. –
11:00 p.m.**

Check in 8:45