
Highlights of the Regional Board Meeting – December 7, 2020

Regional Board Committee Appointments

The Regional Board has approved the appointment of Directors to represent the RDCO during 2021 on several boards and committees. Directors Baker, Basran and Fortin will serve on the Okanagan Basin Water Board. Directors Sieben and Baker will serve on the Board for the Sterile Insect Release program. Director Carson is appointed to the Okanagan Library Board while Director Bartyik will serve on the Economic Development Commission Advisory Board. Director Milsom will Chair a new North Westside Provincial Restructure Planning Grant Committee along with Directors Bartyik, Carson and a representative of the North Westside Communities Association.

Falcon Ridge Water Area Expansion

The Regional Board has approved a bylaw amendment adding two new properties to an expanded Falcon Ridge Water System Service Area. After the Service Area bylaw was approved in September allowing nine additional properties to join the system, these property owners approached the RDCO in the fall requesting connection to the water system. Subject to Regional Board approval of the 2021 – 2022 Financial Plan, it's anticipated design and construction work to expand the water system will take begin next year.

Brent Road Service Area Withdrawal

The Regional Board has received a letter from the City of West Kelowna advising that it does not support withdrawing a portion of the Central Okanagan West Electoral Area from contributing annual funding for the Johnson Bentley Pool and Mount Boucherie Recreation Complex/Westside Senior Citizens Activity Centre. Property owners along Brent Road asked if they could be removed from funding these West Kelowna services which were transferred from the RDCO to the municipality during the 2007 incorporation.

FireSmart Planning and Activities

The Regional Board has approved submission of a grant application to help fund FireSmart planning and activities for the Joe Rich Fire Department. The application requests \$49,242.60 funding from the Union of BC Municipalities Community Resiliency Investment Program to assist the paid-on-call department in efforts to reduce the community's wildfire risk.

Green Vehicle and Equipment Policy

The Regional Board has approved a new policy to help support the Climate Action Charter goal of carbon neutrality and reducing Greenhouse Gas Emissions. When appropriate and financially and technically possible, alternate/green fuel vehicles and equipment will be considered for operations to assist in lowering polluting emissions.

January - March Spending Approved

The Regional Board has approved the carryover of some budgeted 2020 projects to the first three months of 2021. These projects were either not started or are in the process of completion. In addition, a number of 2020 - 2024 Financial Plan amendments were approved so that projects may proceed between January and March.

Electoral Area Directors Conferences

The Regional Board has authorized the registration and travel (if needed) of two electoral area representatives for training conferences and seminars in 2021. While many of the approved events will be held virtually, registration fees still apply for Central Okanagan East Director Mark Bartyik and Central Okanagan West Director Wayne Carson.

Video

- **Regular Regional Board Meeting**

When a meeting begins a Live Video link will be available for that meeting in the Upcoming Meeting agenda section. When available a link to the Video recording will be posted in the Past Meetings section for the individual meeting date. Links at rdco.com/agenda

Regional Board Meetings

Regional District office – 1450 KLO Road, Kelowna (Woodhaven Boardroom) – limited physically distanced seating available for public safety.

- **Thursday, January 14** – following 8:30 am Governance & Services Committee
- **Monday, January 25** - 7:00 pm



Even though things are looking different this year, there are still ways to connect and celebrate the season. Bake treats for family and friends, send a homemade card, meet up online and paint together or teach someone a new skill.

This season, celebrate with less waste

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Regional District of Central Okanagan

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Upcoming Holiday Office Closures

All programs and services provided from offices in the Regional District of Central Okanagan on KLO Road in Kelowna will be closed from Christmas Day Friday, December 25 through New Year's Day Friday, January 1.

Emergencies involving the six RDCO water systems should be directed to 250-868-5299. During the office closure, payments may be made online at rdco.com/payments.

We look forward to serving you again at 8:00 am, Monday, January 4, 2021.

There will not be any regular curbside garbage, recycling or yard waste collection on either the Friday, December 25 or Friday, January 1 holidays. Those who normally receive Friday curbside pickup should put their carts out for collection on Saturday, December 26 and January 2. Consult the Living Greener Calendar, Recycle Coach App or visit rdco.com/recycle for more information.

The Westside Residential Waste Disposal and Recycling Centre on Asquith Road in West Kelowna will be closed on Friday, December 25 and Friday, January 1 during the holiday season. The North Westside transfer station will be closed on Saturday, December 26. The Traders Cove transfer station will be open its regular winter days and hours.

The Environmental Education Centre for the Okanagan in Mission Creek Regional Park will be closed Thursday, December 24 through Saturday, December 26 and Friday, January 1.