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## Highlights of the Regional Board meeting – March 29, 2021

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### 2021-2025 Financial Plan adopted

The Regional Board has adopted its 2021 - 2025 Financial Plan bylaw. The budget bylaw was drafted considering the realities of COVID-19 and addresses the ongoing challenges presented by the pandemic. It also advances projects based on the four Strategic priority areas of the Regional Board: Environment, Economic Development, Sustainable Communities, Transportation and Infrastructure. The 2021 operating budget totals just over \$56.8-million compared with \$57-million in 2020. This year an estimated \$18.7-million will be spent on important capital and infrastructure projects. The details may be viewed online at: [rdco.com/budgets](http://rdco.com/budgets).

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### Community Works Fund approval

The Regional Board has approved the use of Canada Gas Tax Community Works Funds for new projects totalling \$394,646 in the Electoral Areas this year. In the Central Okanagan West Electoral Area \$224,646 will be used for projects including foreshore protection reinforcement in Killiney Beach Community Park, a connecting trail from Star Place Community Park and improvements to the Traders Cove and North Westside transfer stations. In the Central Okanagan East Electoral Area, \$170,000 is allocated for projects including exterior upgrades at the Ellison Heritage and Joe Rich Community Halls, improvements at Three Forks Community Park and for a water supply intake and intake restoration at the Falcon Ridge water system.

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### Okanagan Regional Library borrowing

The Regional Board has given three readings to bylaws to establish a new service and a Loan Authorization to enable the RDCO to borrow a maximum of \$8-million from the Municipal Finance Authority on behalf of the Okanagan Regional Library (ORL) to build a new branch in West Kelowna. Final adoption of the bylaws will only proceed following approval by the Province, formal agreements between the RDCO and ORL and successful completion of an Alternative Approval Process. The ORL has agreed to pay all debt and costs associated with this process and will not have any impact on the RDCO budget.

### Planning Applications Considered

The Regional Board has considered the following planning applications:

- Support for [Agricultural Land Commission Application \(A-21-01\)](#) at 2570 Old Vernon Road (A & J Wright, owners) – to obtain Land Commission approval for a Non-Adhering Residential Use to construct a second accessory home on land within the Agricultural Land Reserve.
- First reading for [Zoning Amendment Bylaw No. 871-266 \(Application Z21/01\)](#) for 5060 Whelan Road (L & D Ketler, owners) to consider a site-specific amendment to permit an accessory home that does not meet the minimum parcel area for use. A Public Hearing will be scheduled and advertised pending the applicant meeting a number of conditions.
- First reading for [Zoning Amendment Bylaw No. 871-267 \(Application Z21/02\)](#) for 7155 Dunwaters Road (J & S White, owners) to add a secondary suite within an existing single detached house. A Public Hearing will be scheduled and advertised.

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### Community Emergency Fund Applications

The Regional Board has approved submission of two applications for funding under the Community Emergency Preparedness Fund administered by the Union of BC Municipalities.

- \$125,000 on behalf of the RDCO and local governments for modernization of the [regional Emergency Operations Centre](#).
- \$39,730 to complete further flood risk assessments and mitigation planning for the [Falcon Ridge water system intake site](#).

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### Regional Board meetings

Regional District office – 1450 KLO Road, Kelowna (Woodhaven Boardroom) – No public attendance allowed with health orders on public gatherings

- **Thursday, April 8** – 8:30 a.m. following Governance & Services Committee meeting
- **Monday, April 26** – 7:00 p.m.

## Live/Recorded meeting video

When a meeting begins, a Live Stream Video link will be available for that meeting in the Upcoming Meeting agenda section of the [rdco.com](http://rdco.com) website. 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](http://rdco.com/agenda)

## Regional Hospital District Budget approved

The Central Okanagan Regional Hospital District Board has adopted its 2021 – 2025 Financial Plan. It is based on priorities identified by Interior Health and in light of the challenges presented by the pandemic, underscores the importance of health care across the region. In order to build financial reserves and reduce the potential need for debt financing for several potential capital projects over the next ten years, the Board has agreed to annual four per cent increases over the next five years. In 2021, the average residential home assessed at \$751,500 will contribute \$196.49 towards capital improvements and new health equipment in the Central Okanagan. The 2021 budget includes \$10.2-million for new health-related capital project funding.

## April is Community Clean-up Month



Things might look a bit different this year, but we can still make a positive impact and make a difference.

Volunteer to pick up litter during Community Clean-up Month

Please follow all public health guidelines, keep to your current bubble and wear a mask.

We supply the bags and collect them when you're done!

Register by calling the Waste Reduction Office at 250-469-6250

## Yard Waste Collection is back on!



No flower pots, bags of any kind, pet waste, kitchen scraps, rocks, soil, or sod



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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