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## Highlights of the Regional Board meeting – May 13, 2021

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### 2020 Audited Financial Statements

The Regional Board has approved the 2020 Audited Financial Statements for the [Regional District of Central Okanagan](#) and [Central Okanagan Regional Hospital District](#). Copies along with a Guide to Understanding Financial Statements are available for viewing online at [rdco.com/budgets](http://rdco.com/budgets).

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### Okanagan Regional Library bylaws

The Regional Board has given third reading to amended bylaws for establishing a service and authorizing a loan on behalf of the Okanagan Regional Library (ORL). The Board rescinded a previous third reading after the Province requested minor changes to each bylaw. The new service proposes construction of a new library facility and the loan authorization bylaw would allow the RDCO to borrow funds from the Municipal Finance Authority on behalf of the ORL for a new West Kelowna branch. A report on a proposed Alternative Approval Process to register public support of the bylaws will be presented for Board consideration.

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### Building Inspections Service update

The Regional Board has received a report reviewing the Building Inspection service and supports the current delivery model for the program. The Board also gave two readings to new Building and Development Application Fees and Charges bylaws. The proposed bylaws will be referred to the development community for comments before the Board considers final adoption.

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### Grant applications supported

The Regional Board supports a request from staff to apply for two grants to help complete a Regional Agricultural Strategy. The strategy for agriculture is one of the important projects identified in the Regional Growth Strategy Priority Projects plan and would help with knowledge sharing, data collection and consistent regional policies for the region's agricultural food system.

- [BC Healthy Communities PlanH program](#) - \$15,000
- [Investment Agriculture Foundation – Local Government Partnership program](#) - \$40,000

### Planning application extension request

The Regional Board has approved a one-year extension for a [zoning amendment bylaw application](#) (Z20-04 – Owners D. Leask/S. Macdonald) at 4345 Maxwell Road in the Central Okanagan West Electoral Area. The applicant continues efforts to resolve a number of outstanding Board requirements identified in May 2020 when the application was initially considered.

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### Regional Air Quality program update

The Regional Board has received a detailed update on all the programs and services provided through the Regional Air Quality program. The Board directs staff to bring forward strategies to reduce fine particles (PM2.5) not visible to the naked eye but are the most serious air pollutant in BC and prepare an updated Smoke Control bylaw (No. 773) for Board consideration. The 2021-2025 Financial Plan also increased the Air Quality budget by \$40,000 a year to help meet demand for the Agricultural Chipping program. The Board also supports sending a letter to the two other valley regional districts offering a presentation by Air Quality program staff on the benefits of a valley-wide air shed approach.

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### Program and service highlights

A video is available highlighting various service and program accomplishments from January through March in the four key areas of the Regional Board Strategic Priorities. The video and previous highlight videos can be [viewed online](#).

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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

- **Monday, May 31** – 7 p.m.
- **Thursday, June 10** – 8:30 a.m. following Governance & Services Committee meeting

### **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)

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### **Victoria Day office closure**

All services provided from the RDCO office on KLO Road in Kelowna will be closed on Monday, May 24 for the Victoria Day holiday.

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

We look forward to serving you at 8 a.m. Tuesday, May 25.

The Westside Residential Waste Disposal and Recycling Centre on Asquith Road in West Kelowna and the North Westside Road Transfer Station will be open their normal hours. The Traders Cove Transfer Station will be open for its summer hour schedule on Sunday.

The Environmental Education Centre for the Okanagan in Mission Creek Regional Park will be closed on the holiday Monday.