



BOARD HIGHLIGHTS

For the Regional District Okanagan-Similkameen Corporate Board Meeting of November 16, 2006.

INFRASTRUCTURE PLANNING GRANTS RECEIVED

The Regional District received two infrastructure planning grants from the Province of BC. The East Princeton Waterworks District Water Feasibility Study project received \$5,000 and the West Bench Water Quality Improvement Feasibility Review project received \$7,500.

MOU BETWEEN THE REGIONAL DISTRICT, UPPER SIMILKAMEEN INDIAN BAND AND TOWN OF PRINCETON AUTHORIZED

The Regional Board authorized the signing of a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the Upper Similkameen Indian Band, Town of Princeton and Regional District Electoral Area 'H'. The MOU outlines 3 priority issues for collaboration:

- Communications Protocol;
- Cultural Heritage Resources Protection Protocol; and,
- Economic Opportunities

The MOU will be signed at an official ceremony at a date to be determined.

For more information, contact Jason Johnson, CAO.

NEW OKANAGAN FALLS RECREATION COMMISSION MEMBER

The Board appointed RoxAnn Dunford as a member of the Okanagan Falls Parks and Recreation Commission.

BUILDING INSPECTION REPORT FOR OCTOBER

Twenty-five (25) building permits were issued in the month of October, 2006 for works estimated at \$1,630,110.

For more information on Building Inspection, contact Susanne Theurer, Planning Services Manager.

SUBDIVISION SERVICING BYLAW AMENDMENTS

Bylaw No. 2000.02 Subdivision Servicing Amendment Bylaw was given three readings. The bylaw amends the subdivision fire flow requirements for single and two family residential zones to 60 litres per second. The current subdivision requirement is 75 litres per second in urban areas and 38 litres per second in rural areas.

For more information, contact Marty Willfong, General Manager of Development Services.

ELECTORAL AREA 'A' WASTE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE ESTABLISHED

The Board resolved to create a waste management public advisory committee for Electoral Area 'A'. The committee will advise and assist the Regional District in reviewing solid waste issues in Area 'A'.

The Board appointed Brian Lobb, Helen Godin, Alison Gilmour and Jean Wooten as public committee members.

For more information contact Marty Willfong, General Manager of Development Services.

WESTBENCH WATER ADVISORY COMMITTEE (WBWAC) APPOINTMENTS

The Board appointed Ron Johnston and Anne Hargrave to the WBWAC. This committee is a partnership between the RDOS and the West Bench Irrigation District to resolve issues surrounding the supply of water to the West Bench.

APEX CIRCLE PAC APPOINTMENTS

The Apex Circle Community Water System Public Advisory Committee has two new members. Bill Bobbitt and Ron Clark join Rob McIntosh, Allan Tweeter, Mike Windeler, and Murray Brown on the committee.

OLIVER SANITARY LANDFILL BYLAW CHANGES

Bylaw No. 2383.01, the Oliver Sanitary Landfill Regulatory Bylaw was amended. The bylaw amendments include a definition for Agricultural Organic Material and including Asphalt in the Recyclable Waste definition.

For more information, contact Marty Willfong, General Manager of Development Services.

PRESENTATIONS TO THE NOVEMBER BOARD

The Board heard presentations from the following groups:

OKANAGAN FILM COMMISSION

Russ Greaves, Chair and Sara Shaak, Film Commissioner provided an update on the Commission's 2006 objectives and its plans for 2007.

OKANAGAN RIVER RESTORATION INITIATIVE

Chris Bull, Project Coordinator provided the Board with information on the proposed restoration of a section of the Okanagan River Channel north of Oliver. The Board resolved to provide a letter of support in principle for the project.

PHH ARC ENVIRONMENTAL LTD.

Jim Badgley, Senior Project Manager provided information on air quality in the Okanagan-Similkameen.

BIG HORN SHEEP

Representatives from the Ministry of Agriculture and the Penticton Indian Band provided the Board with an update on the Big Horn Sheep. The Board resolved to have staff bring forward a work plan to implement the recommendations brought forward by the Ministry of Agriculture for consideration in the 2007 Board Goals and Objectives.

RDOS UBCM CONFERENCE UPDATE

At the 2006 UBCM Conference held in Victoria in October, Regional District Directors and staff attended thirteen meetings with Provincial Ministers and their staff. The meetings covered a variety of topics both regional and provincial in nature.

RDOS Staff will provide follow up to these meetings in the coming weeks.

NEXT MEETING DATES

Rural Land Use Matters Board Meeting –
November 30, 2006

Inaugural Corporate Board Meeting –
December 14, 2006

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For more information on meetings, contact Tracey Batten, General Manager of Administration Services.
