

## REGIONAL DISTRICT OF OKANAGAN-SIMILKAMEEN

### INFORMATION RELEASE

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#### Naramata Parkland Acquisition

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The Regional District of Okanagan-Similkameen is pleased to announce the purchase of three properties within the community of Naramata. Two parcels of land totaling .76 acres are located adjacent to Wharf waterfront Park and a 1.5 acre parcel is located adjacent to the Naramata Elementary School.

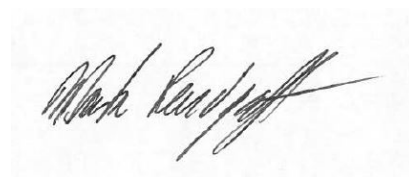
The Regional District entered into negotiations with the BC Tree Fruit Cooperative in November of 2015 to acquire property located at 3950 and 3955 1st Street in Naramata, for parkland use. After completing an Alternate Approval Process in July and adopting Electoral Area "E" Parkland Acquisition Loan Authorization Bylaw No. 2729, the \$1,150,000 sale finalized in September.

Also, In November of 2015, the Regional District began negotiations with School District No.67 to acquire property at 860 Robinson Avenue in Naramata, also for parkland use. The specific parcel is located adjacent to the Naramata Elementary School and includes tennis and sports courts. On March 24, 2016 the Board authorized the purchase amount of \$451,000.00 for the property using Parkland Acquisition funds. A facility use agreement was also completed between the Regional District and the School District as part of the sale. The agreement allows for the use of the land and School building for community recreation programs.

"The Regional District would like to thank Electoral Area "E" Director, Karla Kozakevich and the Naramata Parks and Recreation Commission for their leadership and support during the parkland acquisition process" said RDOS Chair Mark Pendergraft.

The Regional District believes that a healthy built environment promotes healthy living in our communities. The recent land purchases and facility use agreement will provide new opportunities to enjoy the outdoor spaces and planned recreation programming in the community.

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