TOWN OF OLIVER & REGIONAL DISTRICT OF OKANAGAN-SIMILKAMEEN

INFORMATION RELEASE

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Town of Oliver and RDOS Acknowledge Passing of Bill Ross

The Town of Oliver and the Regional District of Okanagan-Similkameen (RDOS) wish to express condolences to the family and friends of Bill Ross. His sudden passing on May 10 is a loss for the South Okanagan. Bill was a long-time resident of Oliver and served his community for many years.

He was alderman with the Town of Oliver from 1990 to 1992. He later served as councillor with the Town of Oliver from 1993 to 1999. Bill was appointed as an Alternate Director on the RDOS board in 1996, and then as a Director later that year. He continued to serve on the board until 1999. Bill served as RDOS Vice-Chair in 1998 and Okanagan-Similkameen Regional Hospital District (OSRHD) Chair in 1999.

In addition to his many years of public service, Bill worked for Southern Okanagan Lands Irrigation District (SOLID) as the manager from December 1981 until it dissolved in 1989. His many contributions to the South Okanagan are appreciated by all who knew him.

“Bill always took time to speak with everyone and had lots of great stories to share,” says RDOS Chair Karla Kozakevich. “He was well-loved in the community, and respected by his fellow board members.”

“I was lucky to have spent some time with Bill a couple of months ago,” says Oliver Mayor Martin Johansen. “We spent the afternoon going for lunch and touring some of the farms South of Oliver. We spoke about politics, business, and the history of the South Okanagan. During our visits with residents, it was clear to me Bill was respected for being a loyal, reliable and hardworking individual. I was very saddened to hear the news of Bill’s passing. Bill was a good friend and he will be missed in this community.”

For further information, please call 250-492-0237 or email info@rdos.bc.ca

Karla Kozakevich, Chair
Regional District of Okanagan-Similkameen

Martin Johansen, Mayor
Town of Oliver
Bill Ross

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