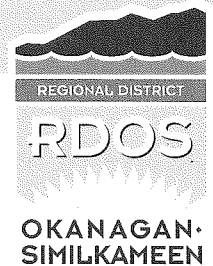


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The Honourable Shirley Bond
Ministry on Transportation and Infrastructure
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Victoria BC V8W 9E2

Dear Minister Bond:

Re: Garbage Receptacles along Highway 3

Highway 3 is the main thoroughfare to the Kootenay and Okanagan Valley and thousands of tourists pass through this area daily. The Regional District of Okanagan-Similkameen feels the lack of garbage receptacles along Highway 3 has been an ongoing problem for many years.

At the June 16, 2005 Corporate Issues Board Meeting Directors endorsed the recommendation to waive the fees "for the disposal of regular municipal solid waste collection from roadside litter barrel sites and the Adopt a Highway Program". The Regional District currently has an Agreement with Argo Road Maintenance (South Okanagan) Inc. until December 31, 2010, which includes a commitment on their part to "Endeavor to locate, where appropriate, additional roadside litter barrels and accompanying service."

It was noted that the tourism season is upon us and to accommodate the additional garbage that is being generated the Board respectfully requests that garbage receptacles be located at all highway rest stops and pull offs within the regional district. The Board would also request that the Ministry increase the amount of signage that is displayed along highways which indicate littering is illegal.

Thank you for your consideration of this matter.

Respectfully,

Dan Ashton
RDOS Board Chair

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