



The Board Reports

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Highlights of the Regional Board Meeting – October 25, 2010

Regional Growth Strategy Process Approved

The Regional Board has approved initiating a review of the Regional Growth Strategy (RGS). The present Regional Growth Strategy was adopted in 2000 and must be updated to reflect anticipated growth in the region over the next 25 years. The Regional District will work with local municipalities and First Nations, the provincial government and other stakeholders in developing an updated strategy. Public consultation and involvement will be included in the process, which is expected to be complete by 2013, with the adoption of a new Regional Growth Strategy bylaw. The Regional Growth Strategy is a vision of growth management and sustainability for the region establishing economic, social and environmental objectives that promote healthy communities. It helps guide member municipalities and the Regional District in the consistent development of local Official Community Plans and other bylaws that support the overall regional vision for managing growth.

Joe Rich Rural Land Use Bylaw Amendments

The Regional Board has left a Public Hearing open into proposed amendments to the Joe Rich Rural Land Use Bylaw. The changes would see the addition of a new Greenhouse Gas Emission Reduction Strategy as required by the provincial government; a new section allowing consideration of secondary suites on rural residential lots and an amendment restricting development of small Recreational Vehicle parks on rural designated properties within the Agricultural Land Reserve. Staff will provide further information requested by the Board for consideration when the Public Hearing reconvenes November 22nd.

Ellison Official Community Plan Amendment

The Regional Board has given first reading to a proposed amendment to the Ellison Official Community Plan. The change would see the addition of a new Greenhouse Gas Emission Reduction Strategy to the existing bylaw, which governs development and planning applications in the Ellison area of the Central Okanagan East Electoral Area. A Public Hearing will be scheduled and advertised for a later date.

Lakeshore Road South Property Rezoning

The Regional Board has adopted a rezoning application for a 50-hectare parcel along the south end of Lakeshore Road in the Central Okanagan East Electoral Area. The applicant requested the zoning change to allow creation of four rural residential lots, two of them on Okanagan Lake while the other two front Lakeshore Road with a total of six residential dwellings planned. The applicant also will dedicate approximately 21-hectares of park land to the adjacent Okanagan Mountain Provincial Park.

Proposed Agricultural Subdivision

The Regional Board does not support an application to the Agricultural Land Commission that would permit subdivision of a 7.28-hectare property along Booth Road in the Central Okanagan East Electoral Area. The applicant proposes splitting the parcel into two lots: one of 2.88-hectares, the other 4.4-hectares. The Board and several other agencies commenting on the application believe the proposed subdivision would set a precedent and is contrary to the Agricultural designation of the Ellison Official Community Plan (OCP). The Ellison OCP discourages farmland fragmentation by supporting the retention of large continuous blocks of agricultural land.

Crown Land License Application

The Regional Board has given conditional support to a referral application from FrontCounter BC for a proposed commercial guiding adventure tour operation. Hoodoo Adventure Company Limited is seeking a 30-year License of Occupation from the Province for the use of Crown Land in the south slopes area of the Central Okanagan East Electoral Area so that it can operate guided eco-adventure tours. The Board support is subject to the applicant meeting several conditions including providing information to the Regional District about the potential impact of its operation on McCulloch Station Regional Park and lands near Hydraulic Lake, receiving comments from Friends of the South Slopes and Kootenay Boundary Regional District and that identified environmental concerns are addressed.

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Winery Special Event Area Endorsement

The Regional Board has given conditional support to a Liquor Control and Licensing Branch (LCLB) application. Ancient Hills Vineyards Limited has applied to the LCLB for a Winery Special Events Endorsement that would allow it to hold events such as wedding receptions and small parties at its 8.09-hectare property adjacent to Anderson Road in the Central Okanagan East Electoral Area. The Board support is subject to the applicant receiving a business license from the Regional District as well as confirmation from Interior Health and Kelowna Rural RCMP and that special events end by 1:00 am.

Water System Study Grant

The Regional Board has received a letter outlining a successful infrastructure planning grant from the Provincial Government. A total of \$10,000 will be provided for a characterization study to assist in determining future water treatment needs for the Killiney and Westshore Water Systems in order to comply with the Drinking Water Objectives outlined by Interior Health.

September Building Statistics

During September, the Inspections Section approved 21 building permits for projects worth more than \$1.7-million in the Central Okanagan East and Central Okanagan West Electoral Areas. During the first nine months of 2010, a total of 127 building permits were issued for construction projects in the electoral areas totalling just over \$17-million.

Regional Board Meeting Schedule

The next regular meeting of the Regional Board will be Monday, November 22nd, 2010 at 7:00 pm in the Woodhaven Room at the Regional District office, 1450 KLO Road, Kelowna. Residents are welcome to attend.

Governance and Services Meeting

The Governance and Services Committee will meet Thursday, November 4th, 2010 at 8:30 am in the Woodhaven Board Room at the Regional District office, 1450 KLO Road, Kelowna. Residents are welcome to attend.



SPOOKTACULAR
HALLOWEEN PUMPKIN WALK
AT
GELLATLY NUT FARM REGIONAL PARK
OCTOBER 30

- The Spooktacular Pumpkin Walk is a festive family event hosted by Regional District Parks Services in partnership with the Cove Lakeside Resort.
- Special guest: West Kelowna Fire-Rescue
- Come dressed up. Place your carved pumpkin in the 100 year old nut orchard.
- Take a stroll along the paths and look at the display of carved, lighted pumpkins.
- Children's Monster Mash with magic, music and munchies!
- Prizes for winning pumpkins!
- Categories: Most Funny, Most Scary, Cutest and Most Original!
- Also: Best School Pumpkin, Best Sport Team Pumpkin and Best Business Pumpkin!

Pumpkin drop off: 5-6 pm
Pumpkin Walk: 6-8 pm
Vote for the best pumpkins.
Treats and hot drinks will be available.

This is an outdoor event, please dress for the weather. Bring a flashlight, and don't forget your donation to the West Kelowna Food Bank.



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