



# The Board Reports

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## Highlights of the Regional Board Meeting – January 14, 2016

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### Crown Foreshore License Renewals

The Regional Board has approved renewing the License of Occupation with the Province for several RDCO parks. The new licenses will last for 30 years affecting the foreshore Crown land associated with Kalamoir, Bertram Creek and Gellatly Nut Farm Regional Parks and Lakeshore Road Community Park. The License of Occupation allows the Regional District to operate swim areas in these waterfront parks. The Board also approved further License of Occupation renewals for 6 other licenses for terms between 10 and 30 years as determined by the Province.

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### Age-friendly Recreational Access Project

The Regional Board has received a letter from the Union of BC Municipalities (UBCM) advising a grant has been approved under the 2016 Age-friendly Community Planning and Projects program. The \$20,000 grant will be used to manage and promote hiking and walking opportunities for all residents in the Regional Park system.

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### Service Reviews Supported

The Regional Board has received a number of reports following scheduled reviews of eleven separate services. The Board supports the continued service delivery model for the following regional and sub-regional services: Solid Waste Collection, Crime Stoppers, Crime Prevention, False Alarm Reduction and Victim Services.

Two of the services reviewed that are funded by ratepayers in the two Electoral Areas are supported by the Electoral Area Directors for continued delivery: Business Licensing and Unsightly Premises Bylaw Enforcement. The two Directors support the continued delivery of Okanagan Regional Library Services in the Electoral Areas while staff pursues concerns about using the most accurate and reflective population figures to ensure a fair proration of funding requisitions. The Electoral Area Directors received the service reviews for Noise Control Bylaw Enforcement, Building Inspection and Electoral Area Fire Prevention and will meet with the Chief Administrative to discuss service delivery options including potential withdrawal from the service.

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### Independent Review of RDCO Fire Services

The Regional Board has given support in principle to the recommendations outlined in a third party review of RDCO Fire Services. The detailed and extensive independent review was conducted during a four and a half month period in 2015 by POMAX Consulting. The Board sees the recommendations as positive steps forward for the four paid-on-call fire services and their dedicated volunteers who serve as firefighters within the Ellison, Joe Rich, North Westside and Wilson's Landing communities. Most of the recommendations support continued coordination and administrative support by the Regional District to standardize bylaws, operating guidelines and policies providing increased consistency across the departments. The Board believes the report recommendations will create opportunities for financial efficiencies through the effective coordination and management of training, purchasing and operations of the four departments. The Board has asked staff to present a report outlining the implications and possible action for each of the 22 recommendations. One major theme from the report suggests reorganizing each of the four RDCO paid-on-call fire departments into one unified department under one fire chief (role of the Manager of Fire and Inspection Services), while the existing four fire departments would become four fire districts that could include deputy fire chiefs or divisional chiefs in each district.

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### Regional Board Meetings

Regional District office – 1450 KLO Road, Kelowna (Woodhaven Board Room). Residents are welcome to attend.

- **Monday, January 25<sup>th</sup>** – 7:00 pm
  - **Thursday, February 11<sup>th</sup>** – following 8:30am Governance and Services Committee meeting
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**Audio of the meeting is available at**  
[https://www.regionaldistrict.com/media/191938/Audio\\_16\\_01\\_14brd.mp3](https://www.regionaldistrict.com/media/191938/Audio_16_01_14brd.mp3)

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# Families in Parks!

Families in Parks programs get everyone active outside, with free seasonal activities.

## Winter Schedule

- Sunday Jan 24 - Unplug and Play at Mission Creek Regional Park
- Sunday Feb 21 - Frosty Fun in Ugly Sweaters at Gellatly Nut Farm
- Sunday Mar 20 - Spring Break for Families at Joe Rich Community Park.

Programs run from 10 am to 11:30 am.



Registration required: 250-469-6139  
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# Explore Your Parks!

An outdoor discovery program!



## Winter Schedule

Join a park interpreter to explore new Regional Parks. Enjoy the natural gifts the seasons offer and learn about the Okanagan.

Please make sure you are prepared with appropriate clothing, water, sturdy footwear and traction aides.

Date	Park	Program
Sat. Jan. 9 at 10am	Mill Creek	When Winter Comes
Thurs. Jan. 14 at 1pm	Mill Creek	When Winter Comes
Sat. Feb. 13 at 10am	Mission Creek	Winter Wonder in the Forest
Thurs. Feb. 18 at 1pm	Mission Creek	Winter Wonder in the Forest
Sat. Mar. 5 at 10am	Hardy Falls	Disaster? Slides, Fires & Bugs
Thurs. Mar. 10 at 1pm	Hardy Falls	Disaster? Slides, Fires & Bugs

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## Don't Forget My License!

### 2016 dog license renewals due by Feb. 29<sup>th</sup>

TO AVOID A LATE FEE AND POSSIBLE ZERO TOLERANCE FINE

**RENEW ONLINE:**

[www.regionaldistrict.com/doglicense](http://www.regionaldistrict.com/doglicense)



Licensed dog owners receive benefits of the **My Dog Matters Rewards program.**

## Going Wild at the EECO Afterschool Program





January 12	Ice Sculptures
January 28	Sleepy Animals
February 9	Animal Footprints
February 25	Animal Homes
March 8	Birds in your Backyard
March 31	Caterpillars & Butterflies

All programs run from 3 - 4 pm at the EECO. For school age children with their care giver.

Free, Drop in at the EECO, 2363A Springfield Road

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