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The Central Okanagan Regional District has re-appointed West Kelowna Mayor Doug Findlater and Peachland Mayor Keith Fielding and appointed Kelowna Councillor Gerry Zimmerman. Current OBWB chairman and Osoyoos Mayor Stu Wells was re-appointed representing the Okanagan-Similkameen, along with rural area director Michael Brydon and newly elected rural area director Tom Siddon. In the north, rural area director Rick Fairbairn was re-appointed along with Coldstream Councillor Doug Dirk and Vernon Councillor Juliette Cunningham. In addition, Toby Pike represents the Water Supply Association of B.C. OWSC chairman Bernie Bauer will represent that council on the board. James Pepper of the Okanagan Nation Alliance continues as a member of the OBWB. A chairman will be elected on February 7.

January is Crime Stoppers Month. Since inception, the Central Okanagan Crime Stoppers, which is a non-profit society and relies on support from their sponsors and donations from the public, has recorded the following statistics since inception in 1987: 18,729 (tips received); 2,320 (arrests); \$253,648 (rewards approved); \$68,023,256 (drugs seized) and \$3,522,737 (property recovered). www.crimestoppers.net; 10800-222-TIPS (8477) or by texting to crimes (274637) using the keyword "ktown" in the subject line.

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