

# Regional district briefs

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The regional district will be applying to the Okanagan Basin Water Board for a \$15,000 grant to carry on their Water Conservation Ambassador program for another year. Several directors expressed a desire to see the program expanded, as it currently only operates in Naramata.

Naramata Director Karla Kozakevich told the board that Naramata had enjoyed great success with the program.

“Even repeat offenders (of excessive water use) were starting to come around after last year’s program,” she told the board.

## **Director’s notice of motion**

Area “C” Director Allan Patton introduced a notice of motion requesting “That the

RDOS board include in its governance policy a letter to be sent to all municipalities recommending mayors to be appointed director representatives to the RDOS board.”

“Maybe if we had done this as a proactive measure we could have prevented the ‘shmozzle’ in Princeton,” Patton explained of the motion.

(After last year’s Nov.19 civic elections and the election of Fred Thomas as mayor in Princeton, the town council appointed councillor Frank Armitage to represent the town on the RDOS board.)

Osoyoos Director Stu Wells agreed with Patton’s motion, commenting that “Only two people speak for the municipal corporation - the mayor and the CAO.”

Mayor Thomas, who, surprisingly, was present at the RDOS meeting, explained that the councillor’s appointment to the director’s chair was an interim one, subject to a review at an

upcoming governance meeting in Princeton.

## **No provincial West Nile funding**

The Chief Administrative Officer reported that there will be no West Nile Funding this year. The loss of the provincial funding of \$300,000 means there will be no West Nile Program in the regional district this year.

Area “C” Director Allan Patton noted that complaints regarding the issue should be passed on to the province, declaring himself “furious” about the funding loss and “Not happy about this downloading.”

## **Budget discussions consider communications officer**

Budget talk surrounding the prospect of hiring a Communications Officer for the regional district resulted in a budget of \$25,000 to be set aside for “project related work” on an as required basis, rather than spending \$67,000 to hire a full time position, which had been contemplated originally.

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