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Retired school superintendent joining UBCO as project manager

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Former school superintendent Hugh Gloster's retirement was short.

Gloster, who retired as top employee at the Central Okanagan School District on Dec. 31, is now working at UBC Okanagan.

He started Jan. 4 as project manager for the renewal of the Faculty of Education program at UBC's Okanagan campus.

Gloster was a teacher principal and administrator for 36 years. As superintendent, he focused on developing a culture of collabora-

tion, which he sees as an emphasis in a renewed Bachelor of Education program being implemented at UBC.

"Two heads are better than one," said Gloster. "We must work in teams and networks to best meet the students' needs."

During his career, Gloster has seen many changes to the B.C. education agenda.

"When I began teaching, it used to be acceptable for teachers to go



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into their classrooms and work in isolation," he said.

"But we've learned that collaboration is the key. We must work in teams and networks to continually improve our practice and learn from each other."

Susan Chrichton, director of the Faculty of Education, said she is thrilled Gloster is joining UBC.

"We are very pleased to welcome Mr. Gloster to the educa-

tion team," said Chrichton.

"He brings a wealth of understanding and an outside perspective that ultimately benefits our students and the next generation of learners. He is a proven friend of education and learning, and we look forward to working together."

The renewed BEd program, which launches in 2017, aims equip student teachers with the ability to teach at all levels. The new program will merge existing elementary and secondary teacher training into one program.

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New building replacing old depot

KELOWNA — An unsightly delivery depot has been demolished to make way for a new industrial building at a main corner in the downtown north end.

The squat concrete depot that formerly stood at the southwest corner of Ellis Street and Manhattan Drive will be replaced by a two-storey office, engineering, and technical support centre to be used by Telus.

"The office use is low impact and non-polluting, staffed by engineers, technicians, and support staff," reads part of a city report on the project going to council on Monday.

Staff recommend the necessary permits for the new building be approved, saying the project is an "ideal transitional use" between residential properties to the west and the industrial area.

"The development will enhance both the site and the neighboring park interface along Brandt's Creek," the report says.

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Water board urges MPs to join mussel fight

By ANDREA PEACOCK

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The Okanagan Basin Water Board is rallying federal politicians to get involved in the fight against invasive mussels.

"We are extremely concerned about the need for action to prevent invasive zebra and quagga mussels from entering the Pacific Northwest, B.C. and the Okanagan in particular, which is considered to be at high-risk and is a primary destination for tourism and most in-land watercraft travel in Western Canada," said Doug Findlater, chairman of the water board, in a letter to several politicians.

Decisive action is needed from the federal government to help protect Western Canada from the spread of these mussels, said Findlater.

These actions include providing training and re-

sources to Canada Border Services Agency to ensure agents can inspect and stop mussel-infested watercraft from entering Canada, establishing seasonal inspection stations in Banff and Jasper, and providing funding to provinces to assist in the implementation of co-ordinated inspection plans.

"The cost of necessary future investments in retrofitting and maintenance can be greatly reduced by preventing the spread of invasive zebra and quagga mussels," said Findlater.

Kelowna-Lake Country MP Stephen Fuhr has begun communicating with the board to discuss his involvement, but no plans or agreements have been made yet.

"We are just starting the discussion now; the conversation is the first step," said Fuhr.

"It's something we need to work together at resolving, and I'm totally open to the conversation to see how I can help."

Family skating party at SOEC tomorrow

A family skating party is being held at the South Okanagan Events Centre Sunday, as a fundraiser for a Tanzania humanitarian trip that involves 24 students from Summerland, Penticton and Princess Margaret secondary schools.

The students will travel to Tanzania in July where they will help build an orphanage. This is the sixth annual trip for Penticton students.

The skating party is a family event and will be held from 5 to 8 p.m. on the main ice surface of the SOEC. The cost is by donation (preferably a minimum of \$5) and skate rentals are available for \$2. Hamburgers and hotdogs will be on sale.

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Student looking into attitudes to idling and air quality

Regional anti-idling bylaw being considered, says City of Kelowna's air quality co-ordinator

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An Okanagan College business student is conducting a study to uncover the perception of idling and air quality in the Central Okanagan.

Alex Fullerton is in his fourth year of the business of administration program, and this study is part of a requirement in completing his honours program.

"My study is called the Central Okanagan Idling and Air Quality Attitudinal Study, and its purpose is to research Central Okanagan citizens' perceptions and attitudes towards idling and air quality within the Central Okanagan," said Fullerton.

He will present the survey results to Nancy Mora, regional air quality co-ordinator with the City of Kelowna, who will then use the information as part of a regional anti-idling bylaw proposal.

"We are working on a regional anti-idling proposal to bring to the Regional District of Central Okanagan," said Mora.

One of the goals in creating a regional anti-idling bylaw is to increase awareness of the adverse effects of idling, said Mora.

"The main source of local air pollution comes from personal and commercial vehicles."

By completing the survey, residents will also be able to reflect on their personal experiences with idling and potential effects on air quality.

"No matter the outcome of the survey, it will bring awareness to themselves about their own idling habits," said Fullerton.

The survey is open to residents in the Central Okanagan and is available at: surveymonkey.com/r/centralokanaganidlingairqualitysurvey.

For more information, go online to facebook.com/centralokanaganidlingairqualitysurvey — or kelowna.ca/cm/page438.aspx.