



## OBWB talk to Steve Thomson about zebra mussel threat at UBCM

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WHISTLER - The Regional District of Okanagan-Similkameen in collaboration with Okanagan Basin Water Board, as well as the Central and North Okanagan Regional Districts met with Steve Thomson, Minister of Forests, Lands and Natural Resource Operations to discuss Zebra and Quagga Mussels at UBCM.

“The Minister informed us of the steps the Province is taking to ensure that zebra and quagga mussels do not reach BC waters,” RDOS Chair Pendergraft said in a press release. Regular updates from the Ministers office on these efforts are expected.

Another topic of conversation with Minister Thomson was the Sage Mesa water system in Electoral Area “F”. Since 2010 the Sage Mesa community has persevered with an ongoing boil water notice, a result of high turbidity levels and aging infrastructure; and residents have expressed a desire for an improved system.

“Minister Thomson recommended that the RDOS make a grant application for funding through the Small Communities Grant Fund program, which the Province announced this week,” reported Chair Pendergraft.

The RDOS group also met with Todd Stone, Minister of Transportation and Infrastructure to discuss the high level visioning study which was completed recently to identify ways of revitalizing Okanagan Falls town centre. The study highlights the need for various upgrades to

Highway 97 running through the town centre, which includes upgrades to highway crossings and intersections.

These improvements would facilitate responsible development and encourage investment in new development along the highway.

“Minister Stone committed MOTI technical involvement to explore options for changes to the Okanagan Falls intersections”, RDOS Chair Pendergraft said.

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