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Mussel trailer hits the road

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Regional District of Okanagan Similkameen board members have toured a new educational trailer, focused on invasive mussels.

"The purpose of the trailer is to show people how the Okanagan would change if invasive species were to arrive," said Lisa Scott, program manager of the Okanagan Similkameen Invasive Species Society (OASISS).

The trailer, a visual addition to the existing aquatic invaders prevention program, was set up from RBC grant money.

RDOS and OASISS worked to design and customize the mobile unit. The Okanagan Basin Water Board is also a partner on the project.

The mobile unit will be used at local events, boat launches, yacht clubs, beaches and markets.

People are asked to look for the hash tags emblazoned trailer #DontMoveaMussel, #StopAquaticHitchhikers, and #CleanDrainDry.

The trailer tour was offered at the RDOS office as part of RBC Blue Water Day.

The district has also received a \$40,000 RBC grant for "protecting our natural assets riparian workshops," to be put on in the late summer and fall.

"It's to acknowledge the quarter of a million that (the Royal Bank) has provided to the regional district over the past five years in their commitment to water quality and conservation in the Okanagan," said Zoe Kirk, RDOS public works projects coordinator.