

HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE RDEK BOARD MEETING OF OCTOBER 7, 2011

East Hill Proposal Receives First Reading

The Board gave first reading to Bylaws 2341 and 2342 to amend the Rockyview Official Community Plan and Cranbrook Rural Zoning Bylaw to facilitate a 78 lot rural residential subdivision east of Cranbrook. The Bylaws will be referred to the Advisory Planning Committee, appropriate Provincial Ministries and First Nations prior to consideration of second reading and authorization of a public hearing at the November Board meeting.

Contact: *Andrew McLeod* 250-489-2791
Manager of Planning & Development Services

Consideration of Lot 48 Rezoning Postponed

Further consideration of the rezoning of Lot 48 by the Board has been postponed until May 2012.

Contact: *Lee-Ann Crane* 250-489-2791
CAO

Application to be Made for Infrastructure Planning Grant

An application will be submitted to the Ministry of Community, Sport and Cultural Development for an Infrastructure Planning Grant to undertake an engineering study to determine if source water for the Wilmer Waterworks Improvement District is under the influence of ground water.

Contact: *Brian Funke* 250-489-2791
Engineering Services Manager

Columbia Valley Recreation Services Presentations Planned

Presentations will be made to Columbia Valley municipal councils, recreation groups and other invited parties regarding recreation services in the Columbia Valley and the proposed amalgamation of services. Though no dates have been set, the presentations are expected to be scheduled in December or January.

Contact: *Lee-Ann Crane* 250-489-2791
CAO

Agricultural Plan Steering Committee to be Formed

The Board approved a Terms of Reference to guide the creation of an Agricultural Plan Steering Committee. The Steering Committee will assist the RDEK in the development of an Agricultural Plan through assisting with the Agricultural Plan Terms of Reference, liaising with the agricultural community, and reviewing draft materials. Individuals interested in volunteering for the Steering Committee are requested to contact the RDEK.

Contact: *Karen MacLeod* 250-489-2791
Planner

New Member for Windermere Utility Advisory Commission

Rod Turnbull has been appointed to the Windermere Utility Advisory Commission for a two year term. The Commission provides recommendations to the Area Director and Board on matters related to the operation and maintenance of the Windermere Water System.

Contact: *Wendy Booth* 250-345-6155
Electoral Area F Director

New Agreement with Deputy/ESS Coordinator

The Chair and CAO have signed the Deputy/ESS Coordinator Agreement with Traci Langley to assist the coordinator of the Elk Valley and South Country Emergency Program for the term July 1, 2011 to December 31, 2011.

Contact: *Dan McNeill* 250-489-2791
Manager of Building & Protective Services

Elk Valley & South Country Emergency Program JEPP Grant Applications

The RDEK will submit applications for 2012/2013 Joint Emergency Preparedness Program funding for the Elk Valley and South Country Emergency Program. Applications will be submitted for a new computer and an uninterrupted power supply.

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Manager of Building & Protective Services

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Central Subregion Emergency Program JEPP Grant Applications

The RDEK will submit an application for 2012/2013 Joint Emergency Preparedness Program funding for a computer, generator and transfer switch, and uninterrupted power supply for the Central Subregion Emergency Program.

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Manager of Building & Protective Services

Columbia Valley Emergency Program JEPP Grant Applications

The RDEK will submit a 2012/2013 Joint Emergency Preparedness Program funding application for a new computer for the Columbia Valley Emergency Program.

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Manager of Building & Protective Services

Discretionary Grants in Aid (DGIA)

The Fernie Chamber of Commerce will receive \$2500 for the 2012 Griz Days Festival from the Electoral Area A DGIA account. The Royal Canadian Legions in Sparwood and Fernie will receive \$45 each from the Area A DGIA account to purchase wreaths for Remembrance Day Services.

Contact: *Mike Sosnowski* 250-423-1029
Electoral Area A Director

The Elko Volunteer Fire Department Society will receive \$3000 from the Electoral Area B DGIA account for the Elko School Renovation Project. In addition, the Sand Creek Community Club will receive a \$3000 Area B DGIA for its new Utility Room and the Triangle Women's Institute will receive \$3000 for a riding lawnmower.

Contact: *Heath Slee* 250-887-3483
Electoral Area B Director

The Wardner Community Association will receive \$657 to go towards the purchase of a new deep fryer for their concession.

Contact: *Rob Gay* 250-489-4242
Electoral Area C Director

Discretionary Grants in Aid (DGIA) - Continued

The Healthy Moms Healthy Babes outreach program will receive \$1520 from the Electoral Area E DGIA account. The funds will be used to purchase child car seats and fuel cards to be used by families in need throughout the year.

Contact: *Jane Walter* 250-427-2577
Electoral Area E Director

The Columbia Valley Nordic Club will receive \$1705 from the Electoral Area F DGIA account and \$3454 from the Electoral Area G DGIA account for the purchase of a Tracksetter and Groomer.

Contact: *Wendy Booth* 250-345-6155
Electoral Area F Director

Gerry Wilkie 250-347-9841
Electoral Area G Director

The Ktunaxa Nation will receive \$1000 from the Electoral Area F DGIA account to help offset the cost of interpretive signs and advertising for the Columbia Salmon Festival.

Contact: *Wendy Booth* 250-345-6155
Electoral Area F Director

NEXT BOARD MEETINGS

Thursday

Committee Meetings

November 3, 2011

TBA

Friday

RDEK Board Meeting

Kootenay East Regional Hospital

District Board

November 4, 2011

9:00am

11:00am

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Other RDEK Happenings

West Fernie Servicing and Restructure Project

INFORMATION MEETING October 13, 2011 7:00pm
Fernie Family Centre

OPEN HOUSE October 26, 2011 3:00pm—8:00pm
Fernie Family Centre

Public Hearings:

Monday, October 24, 2011—7:00pm

Jaffray Community Hall

Bylaw 2338—Jaffray, Tie Lake, Rosen Lake Land Use and Floodplain Management Bylaw No. 1414, 1999—Amendment Bylaw No. 57, 2011 (Cunliffe Road/710781 Alberta Ltd)

Tuesday, October 25, 2011—7:00pm

Fernie Family Centre

Bylaw 2339—Elk Valley Zoning Bylaw No 829, 1990—Amendment Bylaw No. 57, 2011 (Cunliffe Road/710781 Alberta Ltd)

Other Items of Interest:

Volunteer Opportunity—RDEK Agricultural Plan

The RDEK is seeking volunteers to participate on a Steering Committee to assist in the development of an Agricultural Plan. Upon completion, the Agricultural Plan will provide an overview of current agricultural activities in the RDEK, identify opportunities for the RDEK to support agriculture and make recommendations to amend existing policies and regulations.

As a member of the advisory group, you will have the opportunity to assist in developing the terms of reference, liaise with the agricultural community, review draft materials, contribute your expertise and help shape the plan.

We are looking for up to 10 individuals representing a diverse range of interests, expertise and areas to participate on the Steering Committee. If you are interested, please submit a letter of interest outlining your reason(s) for volunteering; any affiliation with agricultural organizations and associations; what you feel you could contribute to the group and your contact information (including daytime phone number and email address) **by October 25, 2011** to:

Regional District of East Kootenay
Attn: Karen MacLeod, Planner
19 – 24 Avenue South, Cranbrook BC V1C 3H8

For more information contact Karen MacLeod, Planner, at 250.489.0313, toll-free at 1.888.478.7335 (RDEK) or kmacleod@rdek.bc.ca.

2011 General Elections—Upcoming Dates:

October 14, 2011	4:00pm	Nomination Period Closes
November 9, 2011	8:00am-8:00pm	Advance Voting Opportunity
November 17, 2011	8:00am-8:00pm	Advance Voting Opportunity
November 19, 2011	8:00am-8:00pm	General Voting Day

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