

HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE RDEK BOARD MEETING OF FEBRUARY 3, 2012

Application to be Submitted to General Strategic Priorities Fund

An application for funding will be submitted to the General Strategic Priorities Fund for the West Fernie Servicing & Restructure Project. A previous funding application was denied; however, since that time the RDEK has acquired additional information and the support of both the MP and MLA. \$2 million in funding has already been secured for the \$14.6 million project.

Contact: *Shawn Tomlin* 250-489-2791
 CFO

West Fernie Dike Upgrade Receives Funding

The Provincial and Federal Governments will be thanked for the \$1.5 million Building Canada grant for the West Fernie Dike Upgrade. The project will include 1200m of dike and will take two to three years to complete.

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 Engineering Services Manager

2012 Columbia Valley Local Conservation Fund Projects Approved

A total of \$116,194 in funding has been approved for 2012 projects through the Columbia Valley Local Conservation Fund. The projects are as follows:

• Boulder Creek Diversion	\$10,000
• Hoodoo Conservation Property Management Project	\$33,500
• Dutch-Findlay Private Conservation Land Open Forest Restoration Project	\$18,950
• Reintroducing the Northern Leopard Frog to the Upper Columbia Marshes	\$15,620
• Neighbourhood Invasive Plant Program	\$16,000
• Strategic Invasive Plant Control-Leafy Spurge	\$7,500
• Ecological Goods and Services Project	\$4,000
• Lake Windermere Ambassadors—Water Quality Attainment Monitoring	\$10,624
Contact: <i>Shannon Moskal</i> 250-489-2791 Community Services Manager	

Consideration of Dry Gulch Water Petition Postponed

Consideration of undertaking a second formal petition process for the proposed Dry Gulch Water System Service has been postponed for six months pending receipt of further information on a new water system proposal.

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 CAO

Lake Windermere Management Plan Implementation

After considering the recommendations of the Management Plan and the public input that was received at three open house presentations in 2011, the Board directed staff to proceed with drafting new regulations for the Lake Windermere shoreline and to further consult with the public. Specifically, the RDEK will prepare a more focused version of the environmental protection guidelines than was recommended in the management plan, as well as general regulations for the siting and size of foreshore structures. Once prepared, the draft regulations will be presented to the public and other Lake Windermere stakeholders for further input and comment. A newsletter detailing the next steps in the process will be sent to area residents in the coming weeks.

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 Manager of Planning & Development Services

RDEK to Act as Sponsor for Organizations Not Registered as Charities

The Cranbrook & District Community Foundation will be advised that for grant applications to the Foundation, the RDEK will act as a sponsor for organizations that are not registered charities but will carry out charitable activities within Electoral Areas B and C.

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RDEK Supports East Kootenay Homeless Coalition Efforts to Build Homeless Shelter

A General Administration grant in the amount of \$130,000 in each of the years 2012 and 2013 will be directed to the East Kootenay Homeless Coalition for construction of the homeless shelter in Cranbrook.

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 RDEK Board Chair

HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE RDEK BOARD MEETING OF FEBRUARY 3, 2012—Continued

NEXT BOARD MEETINGS

Thursday

Committee Meetings

March 1, 2012

TBA

Friday

RDEK Board Meeting

March 2, 2012

9:00am

Town Hall Meeting Schedule

The 2012 RDEK Town Hall Meetings will wrap up this month. You are invited to join us for an evening of information and conversation.

AREA E:

February 6 7pm Wasa Community Hall

Topics: Director's Report, Agricultural Plan, Zoning and placement of RV's in Wasa, Mosquito Program Update, Five Year Financial Plan

AREA F:

February 23 7pm Windermere Community Hall

Topics: Director's Report, Agricultural Plan, Lake Windermere Management Implementation, Columbia Valley Secondary Suites, Five Year Financial Plan, Conservation Fund Project Profile, Windermere Fire Update

AREA G:

February 16 7pm Edgewater Community Hall

Topics: Director's Report, Agricultural Plan, Water Conservation, Columbia Valley Secondary Suites, Five Year Financial Plan, Conservation Fund Project Profile, Edgewater Fire Update

Other RDEK Happenings

Public Hearings:

Monday, February 20, 2012—7:00pm

Wasa Community Hall

Bylaw 2354—Wasa—Ta Ta Creek—Skookumchuck—Sheep Creek Land Use Bylaw No. 1625, 2002—Amendment Bylaw No. 18, 2012 (Wasa/Stahl)

Thursday, February 23, 2012—7:00pm

Fernie Family Centre

Bylaw 2357—Elk Valley Zoning Bylaw No. 829, 1990—Amendment Bylaw No. 58, 2012 (Cunliffe Road / Brown)

Open Houses:

You are invited to attend an open house to review the draft of the Fernie Alpine Resort Official Community Plan:

Monday, February 20, 2012

2:00pm-4:00pm and 7:00pm-9:00pm

Best Western Fernie Mountain Lodge

There will be presentations at 2:30pm and 7:30pm. As the presentations will be identical, you only need attend once.

Other:

Applications for the 2012/2013 Columbia Basin Trust Community Initiatives and Affected Areas Programs are now available at the RDEK's Cranbrook and Columbia Valley Offices and online at www.rdek.bc.ca. Deadline to apply is **Monday, February 20, 2012 at 4:30pm**.

Electoral Area Volunteer of the Year Nomination Forms are now available. Do you know an outstanding volunteer in your Electoral Area? If so, consider nominating them for the 2012 RDEK Volunteer of the Year Awards. Nomination forms are easy to fill out and will be accepted at the RDEK office in Cranbrook until **4:30pm on Friday, March 16, 2012**. Nomination forms are available at www.rdek.bc.ca or by contacting the RDEK at 250-489-2791 or 1-888-478-7335.