

HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE RDEK BOARD MEETING OF AUGUST 3, 2012

Cherry Creek Falls

The RDEK will be making application for Crown land in the vicinity of Cherry Creek Falls to create a new Electoral Area E Regional Park. The Cherry Creek Falls area is a popular day use recreation site that has been the subject of a number of development proposals over the past few years. Presently, there is a rock quarry proposal being considered by the Ministry of Energy and Mines for the area. By making the application for Crown land the Board wants to demonstrate that the RDEK is committed to preserving this natural amenity for the enjoyment of area residents and visitors.

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Manager of Planning & Development Services

No Second Petition for Dry Gulch Water

A second petition process for the proposed Dry Gulch Water System will not be undertaken. RDEK staff have now been authorized by the Board to meet with the communities of Wilmer and Spur Valley to discuss the feasibility of water system upgrade projects in those communities proceeding if the BC Water Improvement Program funding was reallocated to assist with the projects.

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Engineering Services Manager

Recycling Contract Extension

South Sky Recycling Ltd. will continue on as the RDEK's contractor for the collection and processing of recyclable materials. The RDEK's contract with South Sky has been extended through September 30, 2014.

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Solid Waste Superintendent

Columbia Valley Directed Funds Community Development Program Moves Forward

The Chair and CAO have been authorized to sign the Contribution Agreement with Columbia Basin Trust for the Columbia Valley Directed Funds Community Development Program. The Columbia Valley Directors have been appointed to the Committee that will oversee the administration of the Program. Their first official meeting will be held August 16th.

Contact: *Gerry Taft* 250-342-9281
RDEK Columbia Valley Directors Chair

Wasa Area—Use of RVs on Residential Property

The Board gave first and second reading to Bylaw 2381 to amend the Wasa and Area Land Use Bylaw to permit the placement and seasonal occupancy of up to two recreational vehicles on R-1 and R-1(A) zoned property. Bylaw 2381 reverses a decision made in 2004 to prohibit RVs in the R-1 and R-1(A) zones and is based on the comments and feedback received from area residents and landowners over the past 6 months. The public hearing on Bylaw 2381 will be held at the Wasa Community Hall on Wednesday August 22.

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Manager of Planning & Development Services

Elk Valley Solid Waste Continues to be Hauled to Alberta

The agreement with the Crowsnest Pincher Creek Landfill Authority for disposal of the Elk Valley Subregion solid waste will be extended to August 31, 2013 at the rate of \$65.28 per tonne.

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Solid Waste Superintendent

Applications to be Submitted for Infrastructure Improvement Program

Applications will be submitted to the 2012 Community Infrastructure Improvement Fund for the following projects:

- Edgewater Community Ballpark
- Crossroads Community Ballpark
- Wycliffe Regional Park

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Recreation & Control Services Supervisor

Access Guardian

A funding application will be submitted to the Columbia Basin Trust Community Development Program for the 2013 and 2014 Access Guardian Program. CBT funded the Access Guardian in 2012 and, based on the Program's success this year, the funding application will be submitted for the coming two years.

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Community Services Manager

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Ministry Support Requested for Columbia Valley Recreation Access Coalition

A letter will be sent to the Minister of Forests, Lands and Natural Resource Operations requesting an explanation of as to why Ministry staff are no longer permitted to attend meetings of the Columbia Valley Recreation Access Coalition. In addition, the Minister will be requested to reconfirm support for the Coalition's consensus based process; and, confirm that recommendations arising from the Coalition will be considered for recreational access planning in the Invermere Timber Supply Area.

Contact: *Rob Gay* 250-489-4242
Board Chair

New Park in the Works for Electoral Area C

The RDEK will make an application to the Ministry of Forests, Lands and Natural Resource Operations and Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure for the required tenure agreements; and, will make an amendment to the Regional Parks Plan to designate an area identified by the Aldridge Community Association as an Electoral Area C Park.

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Manager of Planning & Development Services

In Support of Rural Post Offices

Letters will be sent to Canada Post and MP David Wilks stating that local government must be consulted prior to changes to mail delivery methods or post office closures in rural communities.

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RDEK Board Chair

Discretionary Grants In Aid (DGIA)

The Rocky Mountain Riders will receive \$1000 from the Electoral Area E DGIA account for the construction of an equine obstacle course.

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

The Tretheway Beach Society will receive \$5000 from the Electoral Area F DGIA account to go toward an engineering assessment to prevent future flooding of Windermere Creek.

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

NEXT BOARD MEETINGS

<u>Thursday</u> Committee Meetings	September 6, 2012 TBA
<u>Friday</u> RDEK Board Meeting	September 7, 2012 9:00am

Other RDEK Happenings

Public Hearings:

Wednesday, August 22, 2012—7:00pm

Wasa Community Hall
 6145 Wasa School Road

Bylaw 2381—Wasa—Ta Ta Creek—Skookumchuck—Sheep Creek Land Use Bylaw No. 1625, 2002—Amendment Bylaw No. 19, 2012 (Miscellaneous Amendments / RDEK)

Thursday, August 23, 2012—7:00pm

Fairmont Hot Springs Resort—Spruce Room
 5225 Fairmont Resort Road

Bylaw 2376—Upper Columbia Valley Zoning Bylaw No. 900, 1992—Amendment Bylaw No. 271, 2012 (Columbia Lake/ Columere Park Developments Ltd.)

Committee Meetings:

Columbia Valley Community Directed Funds Committee Meeting

Thursday, August 16, 2012—11:30am
 Windermere Fire Hall