

HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE RDEK BOARD MEETING OF NOVEMBER 1, 2013

Columbia Valley Recreation Service Boundary to be Expanded

The Columbia Valley Recreation Service Boundary will be extended to include Edgewater. The service provides funding for the Eddie Mountain Memorial Arena and Canal Flats Arena, and will be expanded to include operational funding for the Frank Shnyder Memorial Rink.

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Chief Financial Officer

Home Based Business Regulations Proceed, with Changes in Area C

Following the public hearing on proposed amendments to the regulation of home based businesses in Electoral Area C, the Board gave the regulatory bylaws third reading but decided not to proceed with any changes to planning policy that would support a new category of "major" home based businesses. With the removal of any references to "major" home based businesses the Board also decided to strike the word "minor" from the amendments. All of the other proposed regulations proceeded as presented.

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Acting Manager of Planning & Development Services

Wilmer and Dry Gulch OCP Bylaw Receives Initial Readings

A bylaw to amend the Steamboat – Jubilee Mountain Official Community Plan to include the communities of Wilmer and Dry Gulch received first and second reading by the Board. The planning process for Dry Gulch and Wilmer was initiated in the summer of 2012 and has included numerous meetings with areas residents and other stakeholders. The OCP articulates the communities' vision for land use conservation and change in the area and includes a number of community specific policies to help direct the future growth and development of Wilmer and Dry Gulch. A public hearing on the proposed bylaw will be held on November 25th at 7pm at the Columbia Valley Chamber of Commerce building.

Contact: *Karen MacLeod* 250-489-2791
Acting Manager of Planning & Development Services

Log Jam to be Removed

The 2013 Strategic Priorities will be amended to include undertaking the Thompson Road area log jam removal on the Elk River, subject to the approval of funding under the Disaster Financial Assistance Program and the Electoral Area A portion of the Elk Valley Mine Tax Sharing Funds. The log jam was created during the flooding this spring and re-directed the river, resulting in the erosion of a 100m section of bank.

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Electoral Area A Director

Requesting Renewal of Municipal Regional District Tax

The Ministry of Finance will be requested to renew the Invermere Municipal Regional District Tax (MRDT) while the RDEK considers options to proceed with a boundary expansion. RDEK staff will consult with the District of Invermere, Mountain and Valley Invermere/Panorama Destination Marketing Organization, Copper Point Resort and Panorama Resort on the possible expansion of the MRDT boundary. The MRDT applies a tax to all rental accommodations within a defined boundary in the Invermere/Panorama area. The funds collected through the tax are used by the Destination Marketing Organization to promote and encourage tourism in the Valley.

Contact: *Shannon Moskal* 250-489-2791
Community Services Manager

In Support of Postal Banking

A letter will be sent to the Minister responsible for Canada Post requesting that as part of the review of the Canadian Postal Service Charter, they consider postal banking as a service to be provided by Canada Post.

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

Kimberley Rural Zoning Bylaw Amendments to be Prepared

An amendment to the Kimberley Rural Zoning Bylaw will be prepared to regulate the production of medical marihuana.

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

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Draft Recommendations Supported

The RDEK Board of Directors has thrown its support behind the draft recommendations put forward by the Columbia River Treaty Local Government Committee. The Committee is seeking feedback on its draft recommendations over the next month and will consider the feedback received as it prepares the final report for submission to the Province in December.

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

Discretionary Grant in Aid (DGIA) Funding

The Sand Creek Senior's Drop In Centre will receive \$3500 from the Electoral Area B DGIA for the South Country bus garage.

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

The Grasmere Triangle Women's Institute will receive \$1600 from the Electoral Area B DGIA account to help with the cost of purchasing recreational equipment for the Grasmere Hall.

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The Canadian Mental Health Association will receive \$1500 from the Electoral Area C DGIA account to help offset costs associated with hosting the 34th Annual Community Christmas Dinner.

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

Discretionary Grant in Aid (DGIA) Funding-Continued

The Royal Canadian Legion (Windermere) will receive \$75 from the Electoral Area F DGIA account, while the Royal Canadian Legion (Edgewater) will receive \$75 from the Electoral Area G DGIA account for the annual Poppy Remembrance Campaign.

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NEXT BOARD MEETINGS

Thursday

Committee Meetings

December 5, 2013

TBA

Friday

RDEK Board Meeting

December 6, 2013

9:00am

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Other RDEK Happenings

Public Meetings:

Elk Valley Community Directed Funds Committee
December 3, 2013—2:00pm
Fernie City Hall

Elk Valley Official Community Plan Introductory Meetings

The same information will be presented at both meetings so participants only need to attend one of the two meetings.

November 5, 2013—7:00pm to 9:00pm

Hosmer Community Centre

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November 7, 2013—7:00pm to 9:00pm

Fernie Family Centre

Public Hearings:

Tuesday, November 19, 2013—4:00pm

Regional District of East Kootenay, 19 - 24th Avenue S, Cranbrook, BC

Bylaw 2500—Regional District of East Kootenay – Wycliffe Zoning and Floodplain Management Bylaw No. 2256, 2010 – Amendment Bylaw No. 6, 2013 (Wycliffe / 310613 BC Ltd.)

Monday, November 25, 2013—7:00pm

Columbia Valley Chamber of Commerce, 651 Highway 93/95, Invermere, BC

Bylaw 2499—Regional District of East Kootenay – Steamboat - Jubilee Mountain Official Community Plan Bylaw No. 1926, 2006 – Amendment Bylaw No. 8, 2013 (Wilmer - Dry Gulch/ RDEK)