

RDEK BOARD HIGHLIGHTS

5-Year Financial Plan

The Regional District of East Kootenay Board of Directors has adopted the 2017-2021 5-Year Financial Plan. The 2017 operating budget is \$28.1 million, which represents an overall decrease of \$1,383 from last year. This includes a number of grant-funded items and items that are specific to certain service areas. When those items are set aside, the 2017 operating budget for services shared by most municipalities and electoral areas in the region, represents a 1.8% decrease from 2016. To view a copy of the plan or see the short two-page summary visit www.rdek.bc.ca.

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Chief Financial Officer

Wasa, Ta Ta Creek, Skookumchuck Mosquito Control Contract Update

The Board has rescinded a resolution made last month and has authorized the Chair and CAO to sign an agreement with Morrow BioScience Ltd. (Morrow) for mosquito control services in the Wasa, Ta Ta Creek and Skookumchuck areas for a five-year term. At its February Meeting, the Board authorized the signing of an agreement with Duka Environmental Services Ltd (Duka); however, before the agreement was signed, it was learned Duka was unable to fulfill the full scope of the contract as laid out in the Request for Qualifications. Morrow has been providing the mosquito control service for the area for 19 years and is expected to sign the agreement with the RDEK later this month.

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Environmental Services Manager

Planning Process for New Lake Windermere OCP to Begin

The Board authorized staff to proceed with a review and update of the 2008 Lake Windermere Official Community Plan. As part of the planning process, appointment of a public advisory group is anticipated. Public engagement with area residents and property owners will begin in May. The planning process is expected to take between 18 and 24 months to complete.

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Planning & Development Services Manager

EarthRite Bylaw Amendments Do Not Proceed

The Board considered the results of the public hearing held on February 22 for Bylaws 2672 and 2673 to amend the Steeples OCP and Zoning Bylaw to permit a light industrial development and commercial composting facility near Mayook and, after some debate, voted not to proceed with the bylaw amendments. In its discussion, the Board noted that the recently completed Steeples OCP did not contemplate new commercial or industrial development in this area and that the local residents were largely opposed to the proposal.

Contact: *Andrew McLeod*

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Planning & Development Services Manager

West Fernie Servicing & Restructure Construction Contract Awarded for Phase 2

The construction contract for Phase 2 of the West Fernie Servicing & Restructure Project has been awarded to Hazelwood Construction Services Inc. Construction of Phase 2 (located northwest of Highway 3) will include an upgraded water system, a new sanitary sewer system, a new storm water system in low areas and repaving of the roads affected by construction. There will be an opportunity for the community to meet representatives from Hazelwood Construction Services later this spring.

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Project Supervisor

Utility Advisory Commission Appointments

Ken MacRitchie, Ariste Bruemmer, Bruce Shand and Stewart Zarowny have been re-appointed to the Rushmere Utility Advisory Commission for a two-year term. In Windermere, Mick Eldstrom, Christine Kolanos, Sherry Avery, Rod Turnbull, and David Ferrell have been re-appointed to the Windermere Utility Advisory Commission for a two-year term. The Commissions provide the Director and staff with input on the operation and maintenance of their community water system.

Contact: *Brian Funke*

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Engineering Services Manager

Air Cadets to Use Elk Valley Regional Park

The 279 Elk Valley Squadron of the Royal Canadian Air Cadets have been given permission to use the Elk Valley Regional Park from May 5-7, 2017 for a training exercise.

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Environmental Services Manager

HIGHLIGHTS is a monthly publication of the Regional District of East Kootenay.

The Regional Board meets on the first Friday of each month (subject to periodic change) at the RDEK office in Cranbrook. Board Meetings are open to the public. For more information on this publication, contact Loree Duczek at lduczek@rdek.bc.ca or visit www.rdek.bc.ca

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Invermere Public Library Board Appointment

J.D. Jeffery has been appointed as an Electoral Area G representative on the Invermere Public Library Board for the term ending December 31, 2019.

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Corporate Services Manager

Discretionary Grants-in-Aid (DGIA)

The Lost Souls Society will receive \$500 from the Electoral Area A DGIA account for the Morrissey Cemetery Restoration Project.

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Alternate Electoral Area A Director

The BC Conservation Foundation will receive \$1,000 from the Electoral Area A DGIA account and \$500 from the Electoral Area B DGIA account for the 2017 WildSafeBC Program for Areas A and B.

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Alternate Electoral Area A Director
Stan Doehle 250-529-7000
Electoral Area B Director

The BC Conservation Foundation will receive \$1,000 from the Electoral Area C DGIA account for the 2017 WildSafeBC Program for Area C.

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

The Steeplesview Reading Centre will receive \$2,000 from the Electoral Area C DGIA account for the purchase of new books.

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

The Elk Valley Disc Golf Association will receive \$1,000 from the Electoral Area E DGIA account for the Wycliffe Disc Golf Park.

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

The East Kootenay Climbing Association will receive \$1,000 from the Electoral Area E DGIA account to help offset the costs of new website.

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Electoral Area E Director

The Lake Windermere Ambassadors will receive \$2,000 from the Electoral Area F DGIA account and \$500 from the Electoral Area G DGIA account to go toward the Green Shores for Homes project.

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Electoral Area F Director
Gerry Wilkie 250-347-9841
Electoral Area G Director

The Hospice Society of the Columbia Valley will receive \$4,000 from the Electoral Area F DGIA account and \$1,000 from the Electoral Area G DGIA account for Hospice Program support in Electoral Areas F and G.

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NEXT BOARD MEETINGS

Thursday	April 6, 2017
Committee Meetings	TBA
Friday	April 7, 2017
RDEK Board Meeting	9:00am

PUBLIC MEETINGS

Fairmont OCP Open House

- April 13 7:00 pm - 9:00 pm
Fairmont Hot Springs Resort

Presentation by RDEK staff at 7:30 pm.

Copies of the draft OCP and comment forms are available on the RDEK's website.

Jaffray & Elko Area OCP Open Houses

- Jaffray Community Hall - April 13 4:00 pm - 8:00 pm
- Elko Community Hall - April 18 4:00 pm - 8:00 pm

Presentations by RDEK staff at 4:30 pm and 7:00 pm

Copies of the draft OCP, Zoning Bylaw, comment forms and an on-demand webinar will be posted mid-April.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

Tuesday, March 7, 2017 - 4:00pm at RDEK Board Room

19 24th Avenue South, Cranbrook BC

[Bylaw No. 2758](#) cited as "Regional District of East Kootenay – Cranbrook Rural Zoning Bylaw No. 1402, 2001 – Amendment Bylaw No. 45, 2017 (Gold Creek / TerraLogic)

Wednesday, March 8, 2017 - 4:00pm at Fernie Family Centre

521 - 4th Avenue, Fernie BC

[Bylaw No. 2762](#) cited as Regional District of East Kootenay – Elk Valley Official Community Plan Bylaw No. 2532, 2014 – Amendment Bylaw No. 6, 2017 (Dicken Rd. / Kennedy)

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[Bylaw No. 2763](#) cited as Regional District of East Kootenay – Elk Valley Zoning Bylaw No. 829, 1990 – Amendment Bylaw No. 85, 2017 (Dicken Rd. / Kennedy)

Wednesday, March 8, 2017 - 7:00pm at Baynes Lake Community Hall

468 Jaffray-Baynes Lake Road, Baynes Lake BC

[Bylaw No. 2764](#) cited as Regional District of East Kootenay – Baynes Lake Official Community Plan Bylaw No. 2319, 2011 – Amendment Bylaw No. 6, 2017 (Palmer Rd. / Satink)

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[Bylaw No. 2765](#) cited as Regional District of East Kootenay – South Country Zoning and Floodplain Management Bylaw No. 2320, 2011 – Amendment Bylaw No. 10, 2017 (Palmer Rd. / Satink)

Tuesday, March 28, 2017 - 7:00pm at Kimberley Centennial Hall

100 - 4th Avenue, Kimberley BC

[Bylaw No. 2766](#) cited as Regional District of East Kootenay – Electoral Area E Zoning and Floodplain Management Bylaw No. 2502, 2014 – Amendment Bylaw No. 14, 2017 (Meadowbrook / Postnikoff)

Wednesday, March 29, 2017 - 4:00pm at Fairmont Hot Springs Resort (Birch Room)

5225 Fairmont Hot Springs Resort Road, Fairmont Hot Springs BC

[Bylaw No. 2768](#) cited as Regional District of East Kootenay – Fairmont Hot Springs Area Official Community Plan Bylaw No. 1734, 2004 – Amendment Bylaw No. 29, 2017 (Fairmont Hot Springs / Fairmont Hot Springs Resort Ltd.)

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[Bylaw No. 2769](#) cited as Regional District of East Kootenay – Upper Columbia Valley Zoning Bylaw No. 900, 1992 – Amendment Bylaw No. 326, 2017 (Fairmont Hot Springs / Fairmont Hot Springs Resort Ltd.)

Wednesday, March 29, 2017 - 7:00pm at Columbia Valley Chamber of Commerce

651 Highway 93/95

[Bylaw No. 2774](#) cited as Regional District of East Kootenay – Upper Columbia Valley Zoning Bylaw No. 900, 1992 – Amendment Bylaw No. 327, 2017 (Panorama / Panorama Mountain Resort)