

RDEK BOARD HIGHLIGHTS

Five Year Financial Plan Adopted

The Regional District of East Kootenay Board of Directors has adopted the 2018-2022 Financial Plan. The 2018 operating budget totals \$30,543,324, which represents a 7% increase over last year. With many projects already funded, this results in a 1.3% increase in taxation. It is important to remember in the RDEK model, municipalities and electoral areas are all affected differently depending which RDEK services they receive. For more information on how the Financial Plan may affect you, contact the Financial Services Department.

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Board Chair

Speculation Tax Causes Concern

Although the Province's recently announced Speculation Tax currently does not apply to the East Kootenay, the RDEK Board of Directors believes it is already having an impact here. The lack of consultation and impact in other areas of the Province are seen to be creating a feeling of uncertainty for second homeowners in this region. As a result, the Board will be sending a letter to the Premier and Minister of Finance explaining the negative impact the announcement. The letter will request local governments be consulted prior to any further changes to, or expansion of, the tax; acknowledge that our second homeowners are valued members of our communities and don't fit the title of "speculators;" and, seek assurance that the Tax will not be implemented in the East Kootenay. In addition, the Board will be submitting a resolution to the Association of Kootenay and Boundary Local Governments 2018 Annual General Meeting calling on the Union of BC Municipalities to urge the Province to consult with communities prior to implementing the Tax, provide an opportunity for local governments to opt in or out.

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Board Chair

Funding Application for Hill Road Erosion Mitigation

An application will be submitted to the Community Emergency Preparedness Fund Structural Flood Mitigation Funding Stream for erosion mitigation works on the Elk River in the Hill Road area.

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Engineering Services Manager

Fire Protection Service Agreement Reached for Cranbrook Rural Fire Protection

The Board approved a new 10-year agreement with the City of Cranbrook for the Cranbrook Rural Fire Protection Service. The agreement establishes a fixed price for the service with a stipulated increase of 3.75% year to year. The agreement, which expires December 31, 2027 will ensure the residents in the Fire Protection Area will continue to receive the excellent services they are accustomed to while supporting the City's ongoing costs of operating a full-time staffed fire department.

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Building & Protective Services Manager

Akisiq'nuk First Nation Recreation Facility Gets Financial Boost

The RDEK will contribute up to \$300,000 in capital funding for the Akisiq'nuk First Nation Recreation Facility. The indoor sports complex is under construction and is expected to open later this year.

Contact: *Wendy Booth* 250-345-6155
RDEK Vice Chair

Bylaw Amended to Extend Service Area Boundary

The Board has amended the East Side Lake Windermere Water System Service Establishment Bylaw to expand the Service Area boundary to include Calberly Beach and a number of other properties. The properties had recently been approved by Parr Utilities Ltd. to connect to the Parr Water System and the boundary expansion was required for the Board to provide water services to these properties after it takes over ownership of the water system on May 31st.

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Engineering Services Manager

Valley Visitor Services Grant Approved

The RDEK Board has approved a \$100,000 grant to fund the 2018 Valley Visitor Services. The funds come from the Columbia Valley Economic Development Service and a contribution agreement will be entered into with the Radium Hot Springs Chamber of Commerce

Contact: *Ute Juras* 250-489-9070
Columbia Valley Services Committee Chair

RDEK BOARD HIGHLIGHTS - CONTINUED

Library Board Appointment

Lee-Ann Crane has been appointed to the Cranbrook Public Library Board to represent Electoral Area C as a Trustee.

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Electoral Area C Director

Victims Services Contract Extended

The agreement with Jennifer Asselin for delivery of the Elk Valley Victim Assistance Program will be extended to March 31, 2019.

Contact: *Shannon Moskal* 250-489-2791
Corporate Officer

New ESS Director for Central Subregion Emergency Program

Melody Munro will be taking on the role of Emergency Social Services Director for the Central Subregion Emergency Program. Munro's contract runs through December 31, 2019.

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Building & Protective Services Manager

Discretionary Grants-in-Aid (DGIA)

Wildsight Elk Valley will receive \$2,500 from the Electoral Area A DGIA account for the 2018 Fernie Fall Fair.

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

The BC Conservation Foundation will receive \$1,000 from the Electoral Area A DGIA account and \$1,000 from the Electoral Area B DGIA account for the WildSafe program in the Elk Valley and South Country.

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Electoral Area A Director
Stan Doehle 250-529-7500
Electoral Area B Director

The BC Conservation Foundation will receive \$1,000 from the Electoral Area C DGIA account for the WildSafe program in the Cranbrook/Kimberley area.

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

The Columbia Lake Stewardship Society will receive \$1,000 from the Electoral Area F DGIA account to go toward promotional materials for community events and education programs.

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

Discretionary Grants-in-Aid (DGIA) - Continued

The Windermere Valley Child Care Society will receive \$2,500 from the Electoral Area F DGIA account and \$1,000 from the Electoral Area G DGIA account for the final phase of the 2018 Youth Playground Project.

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

The Windermere Valley Minor Hockey Association will receive \$500 from the Electoral Area F DGIA account and \$250 from the Electoral Area G DGIA account to help offset travel costs for attending the BC Hockey Bantam Tier 4 Provincial Championships in Kitimat.

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Electoral Area G Director

The Columbia Valley Community Foundation will receive \$2,000 from the Electoral Area F DGIA account and \$500 from the Electoral Area G DGIA account for the Columbia Valley Vital Signs 2018 report.

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The Columbia Valley Youth Soccer Association will receive \$1,000 from the Electoral Area F DGIA account and \$500 from the Electoral Area G DGIA account to support youth soccer in the Valley.

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The Steamboat Mountain Music Society will receive \$1,000 from the Electoral Area G DGIA account for the 7th Annual Steamboat Mountain Music Festival.

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Electoral Area G Director

PUBLIC HEARINGS

Tuesday, March 6, 2018 - 7:00pm

Moyie Community Hall - 9322 Tavistock Street, Moyie

[Bylaw No. 2816](#) cited as "Moyie & Area Land Use Bylaw No. 2070, 2008 – Amendment Bylaw No. 15, 2017 (Moyie / Moyie Community Association)" will amend the text of the Bylaw to permit a wireless communication facility on Lots 2, 3 & 4, Block 5, District Lot 756, Kootenay District, Plan 681.

Monday, March 26, 2018 - 7:00pm

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

[Bylaw No. 2829](#) cited as "Regional District of East Kootenay – Upper Columbia Valley Zoning Bylaw No. 900, 1992 – Amendment Bylaw No. 335, 2018 (Windermere / Holland Creek Homes Ltd.)"

Monday, March 26, 2018 - 4:00pm

Fairmont Hot Springs Resort, Pine Room - 5225 Fairmont Resort Road, Fairmont Hot Springs

[Bylaw No. 2835](#) cited as "Regional District of East Kootenay – Upper Columbia Valley Zoning Bylaw No. 900, 1992 – Amendment Bylaw No. 337, 2018 (Fairmont / Gould & Callaghan)"

Tuesday, March 27, 2018 - 7:00pm

Edgewater Community Hall - 4818 Selkirk Avenue, Edgewater

[Bylaw No. 2830](#) cited as "Regional District of East Kootenay – Steamboat-Jubilee Mountain Official Community Plan Bylaw 1926, 2006 – Amendment Bylaw No. 12, 2018 (Edgewater / Smith)"

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[Bylaw No. 2831](#) cited as "Regional District of East Kootenay – Upper Columbia Valley Zoning Bylaw No. 900, 1992 – Amendment Bylaw No. 336, 2018 (Edgewater / Smith)"

NEXT BOARD MEETINGS

Thursday

Committee Meetings

April 5, 2018

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Friday

RDEK Board Meeting

April 6, 2018

9:00 AM