

RDEK BOARD HIGHLIGHTS

10-Year Service Award

Building Inspector John Blakley was recognized by the board for his 10 years of service at the RDEK. John works out of our Columbia Valley office and is known for his friendly and dedicated service. Congratulations John, and thank you for all you do.

Contact: *Shawn Tomlin*
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Windermere Water Project Continues to Move Forward

With the purchase of the Parr Utilities water treatment plant continuing to move forward, the Board has approved amending the purchase agreement and entering into three agreements with Windermere Water and Sewer Company (WWSC). The agreements include a 99-year lease of the land and building, a 12-year lease-back of office space to WWSC and an agreement for the disposal of backwash. The long-term lease agreement is required following the recent Agricultural Land Commission (ALC) decision denying the subdivision of the property, which prohibits the RDEK from outright purchasing the land/building. The lease will provide a secure option that is as close to a purchase as possible. The next step in the process is to finalize the three agreements with WWSC/Parr, and obtain necessary approvals from the ALC and Ministry of Transportation. The RDEK is still aiming to take over ownership of the water treatment plant at the end of May.

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Meeting to be Requested Regarding Requested Study in the Elko / Baynes Lake Area

A meeting will be organized with the Minister of Energy, Mines and Petroleum Resources, RDEK Chair Rob Gay, and RDEK Electoral Area B Director Stan Doehle to discuss the Board's request that the Ministry require BC Hydro to undertake a study to conclusively determine the relationship between the Elko Dam pondage and the lakes and ponds in the Baynes Lake area.

Contact: *Stan Doehle*
Electoral Area B Director

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Household Hazardous Waste Facility to be Established at Cranbrook Transfer Station

The RDEK will establish a household hazardous waste facility at the Cranbrook Transfer Station for the collection of those household hazardous wastes that are not accepted through Provincial Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR) programs. Once established, the facility will accept household hazardous waste from anyone in the East Kootenay and provide a year-round option for disposal.

Contact: *Kevin Paterson*

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Environmental Services Manager

Moyie Utility Advisory Commission Appointments

Brian Conrad and Steve Brunell have been re-appointed and Robert (Jim) Duff and Dave Richard have been appointed to the Moyie Utility Advisory Commission for a two-year term. The Advisory Commission provides the Area C Director and RDEK staff with input on the operation and maintenance of the Moyie Water System.

Contact: *Brian Funke*

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Engineering Services Manager

Funding Contribution Reaffirmed for RDI

The Board has reaffirmed its funding contribution of \$20,000 per year in 2018 and 2019 to partner with the Columbia Basin Rural Development Institute (RDI) subject to similar funding commitments from the Regional Districts of Central Kootenay and Kootenay Boundary.

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Financial Support for 55+ BC Games

\$5,000 in sponsorship has been approved for the Kimberley/Cranbrook 2018 55+ BC Games. The funding will come from the Electoral Area C Economic Development Service.

Contact: *Rob Gay*

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Electoral Area C Director

Elk Valley Air Cadets to Run Training Exercise

The 279 Elk Valley Squadron of the Royal Canadian Air Cadets has been approved to use the Elk Valley Regional Park for a training exercise from June 15-17, 2018.

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Environmental Services Manager

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Discretionary Grants-in-Aid (DGIA)

Wildsight Elk Valley will receive \$500 from each of the DGIA accounts for Electoral Areas A, B and C for its "Keeping Food Real" initiative.

The Rocky Mountain Wakesurfing Association will receive \$1,000 from the Electoral Area B DGIA account for the 2018 Kooconusa Wakesurf Challenge.

Ƴaq'am will receive \$1,000 from the Electoral Area C DGIA account for its 2018 Cultural Trek.

The Wasa Recreation Society will receive \$3,000 from the Electoral Area E DGIA account to help cover the costs of insurance on the Wasa Community Hall.

The Wasa & District Lions Club will receive \$2,500 from the Electoral Area E DGIA account to go towards covering costs for utilities for their grounds and facilities.

Director Contacts:

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NEXT BOARD MEETINGS

Thursday	June 7, 2018
Committee Meetings	TBA
Friday	June 8, 2018
RDEK Board Meeting	9:00 AM

PUBLIC HEARINGS

Wednesday, May 30, 2018 - 7:00pm

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

[Bylaw 2846](#) cited as "Regional District of East Kootenay – Upper Columbia Valley Zoning Bylaw No. 900, 1992 – Amendment Bylaw No. 338, 2018 (Dry Gulch / McIntosh)" will amend the designation of Lot C, District Lot 288, Kootenay District, Plan 8210 from SH-3, Small Holding Rural Zone to SH-2, Small Holding Semi-Rural Zone.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Public Information Meeting - Moyie & Area OCP / Preservation of the Narrows

Saturday, May 26, 2018 - 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm

Eaglesnest RV Resort Hall - 9267 Lake Street, Moyie

This meeting is open to the public and will include presentations from representatives of Transport Canada, Ministry of Forests, Lands, Natural Resource Operations & Rural Development, and Kootenay East MLA Tom Shypitka. The presentations will be followed by a question and answer period. The purpose of this meeting is to provide the community with information regarding the various options that are available in preserving the Narrows.

Public Information Session for Buyers, Sellers, Renovators
Tuesday, May 15, 2018 - 6:30 pm

Vantage Point Show Home - 2104 Whiskey Jack Dr, Sparwood

This free presentation will connect you to locally relevant resources and services that prioritize energy efficiency, cost savings, and comfort. The evening will also feature a presentation and tour of a local show home to highlight home energy efficiency opportunities. No registration is required. There will be a demonstration at 7 pm along with dessert and refreshments.

This public event is part of the "Building A Legacy" initiative facilitated by the Regional District of East Kootenay Community Energy Manager. It's sponsored by BC Hydro, FortisBC, The Real Estate Foundation and supported by the Community Energy Association. For more info, see the East Kootenay Energy Hub website: <http://ekenergyhub.ca/>