

RDEK BOARD HIGHLIGHTS

10-Year Service Award

Operations Maintenance Worker Dave Berger was recognized by the board for his 10 years of service at the RDEK. Dave works in our Environmental and Engineering Services departments and is known for his strong work ethic, great sense of humour and compassion for those around him. Congratulations Dave. We are grateful to have you as part of our team.

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CAO

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CBT Community Initiatives and Affected Areas Program Funding Approved for 2018/2019

The Regional District of East Kootenay Board of Directors has approved \$1,084,126 in funding for 156 projects around the region. The funding comes from Columbia Basin Trust's Community Initiatives and Affected Areas Programs, which are administered by the RDEK. After considering public input and recommendations from the municipalities and Electoral Area Directors, the Board approved the funding at its June Board Meeting. A complete list of the approved projects is available on the RDEK's website (www.rdek.bc.ca).

Contact: *Tina Hlushak*
Deputy Corporate Officer

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Service Agreements Signed by RDEK and Akisqnuq First Nation

The RDEK and Akisqnuq First Nation have signed 5-year agreements for fire protection and RDEK services. In recognition of the services received by those on the reserve, including non-First Nation leased land interests, the Akisqnuq Band will make an annual contribution to the RDEK. These agreements are a good example of how the two parties are continuing to build upon their working relationship.

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CFO

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Partnering on Rural Dividend Fund Application

Staff from the RDEK, Akisqnuq Recreation Facility Advisory Group and Akisqnuq First Nation will look into partnering on an application to the Rural Dividend Fund for the Akisqnuq Recreation Facility as part of the ongoing efforts to secure additional funding for the project.

Contact: *Holly Ronnquist*
Chief Financial Officer

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Billboards and Off-Premise Signs

The Board approved a development variance permit application to allow two signs located on Highway 95A, in Wycliffe and Meadowbrook, that advertise a business located in the Kimberley Platzl. RDEK sign regulations currently prohibit off-premise advertising (i.e. signs that advertise a business that is not located on the same parcel as the sign). In its discussion, the Board noted that there are a large number of illegal signs in the RDEK and that a strategy to manage highway corridor advertising in a manner that meets the needs of the local business community, highway travelers and rural residents is required.

Contact: *Andrew McLeod*
Planning & Development Services Manager

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Kootenay and Boundary Farm Advisors Contract Extended

The contract with Keefer Ecological Services Ltd. for the Kootenay and Boundary Farm Advisors (KBFA) has been extended for two years. The KBFA is a partnership between the RDEK, Regional Districts of Central Kootenay and Kootenay Boundary, and Columbia Basin Trust and provides training, education, resources and one-on-one support to local agricultural producers.

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Planning & Development Services Manager

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McCormick Nominated as Representative to CBT Board

The RDEK Board has voted to nominate Kimberley Mayor and RDEK Director Don McCormick as the RDEK's representative to the Columbia Basin Trust Board of Directors for the term January 1, 2019 to December 31, 2021. The RDEK's current representative on the Board is Area F Director Wendy Booth, whose term expires at the end of this year.

Contact: *Rob Gay*
Board Chair

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Transit Service Agreements Signed

The RDEK has signed an amended Transit Service Agreement and Annual Operating Agreement with BC Transit for the operation of the Columbia Valley and Elk Valley Transit Systems. In addition, the RDEK has approved the completion of Service Plans for each transit system, which will identify current service challenges and provide options for potential changes.

Contact: *Shannon Moskal*
Corporate Officer

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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

RDEK BOARD HIGHLIGHTS - CONTINUED

Special Event Licence

A Special Event Licence has been issued to the Wycliffe Exhibition Association for the Cranbrook Pro Rodeo August 17-19, 2018 at Wycliffe Exhibition Grounds.

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Corporate Officer

APC/EAAC Appointments for Area C

The following individuals have been appointed to the Electoral Area C Advisory Planning and Electoral Area Advisory Commissions:

Bob Bjorn	Herb Janzen	Wayne Stone
Richard Wake	Ilene Lowing	Chris Caron
Lee-Ann Crane	Roger Mitchell	

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

Discretionary Grants-in-Aid (DGIA)

The City of Fernie will receive \$1,000 from the Electoral Area A DGIA account for the 2018 Canada Day celebrations.

The Kimberley / Cranbrook 55+ Games will receive \$3,000 from the Electoral Area C DGIA account for an equestrian event at Wycliffe Exhibition Grounds as part of the upcoming Games September 11-15.

The Sam Steele Society will receive \$2,000 from the Electoral Area C DGIA account to go towards filming costs for the national broadcast of the Strongman Classic during Sam Steele Days.

The Key City Theatre Society will receive \$10,000 from the Electoral Area C DGIA account to go toward Phase 1 of structural renovations at the Theatre.

Mount Baker Secondary School will receive \$200 from the Electoral Area C DGIA for the 2018 Prom.

The Friends of Fort Steele Society will receive \$5,000 from the Electoral Area C DGIA account for Emergency Response Planning at the Heritage Town.

The Columbia Valley Arts Council will receive \$1,000 from the Electoral Area F DGIA account and \$500 from the Electoral Area G DGIA account for the 2018 Mountain Mosaic Festival of the Arts.

Discretionary Grants-in-Aid (DGIA) - Continued

The Hospice Society of Columbia Valley will receive total of \$28,570 in funding over five years from the Electoral Areas F and G DGIA accounts.

The Columbia Outdoor School will receive \$5,000 from the Electoral Area C DGIA for the Joseph Creek Bio Blitz and Community Day.

Director Contacts:

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Wendy Booth	Electoral Area F Director	250-345-6155
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UPCOMING EVENTS

Town Hall Meetings & Volunteer of the Year Celebrations

Area C - June 13, 2018 at the Days Inn, Cranbrook

- **7:00 pm Volunteer of the Year Celebration** for Mike Matejka
- **7:30 pm Town Hall Meeting** - Director's Report by from Area C Director Rob Gay, Solid Waste Management Plan Review, learning how to FireSmart your property, the 5-Year Financial Plan and how it affects Area C.

Area E - June 18, 2018 at the Wasa Community Hall

- **7:00 pm Volunteer of the Year Celebration** for Pat Walkey
- **7:30 pm Town Hall Meeting** - Director's Report by from Area E Director Jane Walter, Solid Waste Management Plan Review, Mosquito Control Program update, Invasive Plants presentation, 5-Year Financial Plan and how it affects Area E.

Area A - June 20, 2018 at the Fernie Family Centre

- **7:00 pm Volunteer of the Year Celebration** for Jeri Mitchell
- **7:30 pm Town Hall Meeting** - Director's Report by from Area A Director Mike Sosnowski, Solid Waste Management Plan Review, Hosmer Fire update and new benefits program for firefighters, the 5-Year Financial Plan and how it affects Area A.

Columbia River Treaty Community Meeting Tuesday, June 12, 2018 - 6:00 pm to 9:00 pm

Jaffray Community Hall

Get Treaty negotiations updates, discuss key community interests and learn more. A light meal will be served at 6:00 pm. Learn more at engage.gov.bc.ca/columbiarivertreaty

NEXT BOARD MEETINGS

Thursday	July 5, 2018
Committee Meetings	TBA
Friday	July 6, 2018
RDEK Board Meeting	9:00 AM

See Page 3 for Public Hearing Info

PUBLIC HEARINGS

PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE ALR Block Inclusion Application

The Regional District of East Kootenay (RDEK) is preparing to make a Block Inclusion Application under section 17 (2) of the Agricultural Land Commission Act. The RDEK is acting as Agent on behalf of consenting landowners within Electoral Area A. The intent of the application is the inclusion of the 37 properties equaling 73.1 ha (180.6 ac) within the Agricultural Land Reserve.

The properties subject to the Block Inclusion Application are:

GENERAL AREA	CIVIC ADDRESS	PARCEL SIZE	GENERAL AREA	CIVIC ADDRESS	PARCEL SIZE	
Dicken Road:	1738 Dicken Road	0.2 ha	South Fernie:	3715 Zwaryck Road	0.4 ha	
	1744 Dicken Road	0.2 ha		3729 Zwaryck Road	0.4 ha	
	1750 Dicken Road	0.2 ha		5570 Vanlerberg Road	0.4 ha	
	1756 Dicken Road	0.2 ha		5601 Vanlerberg Road	0.5 ha	
	1764 Dicken Road	0.2 ha		5614 Vanlerberg Road	0.4 ha	
	1782 Dicken Road	0.6 ha		5618 Vanlerberg Road	0.4 ha	
	1867 Dicken Road	1.9 ha		2383 Highway 3	16.5 ha	
	1690 Mckenzie Road	0.2 ha		2509 Lizard Creek Road	1.9 ha	
	1694 Mckenzie Road	0.2 ha		Hosmer:	7471 1 Avenue	0.2 ha
	1698 Mckenzie Road	0.2 ha			9843 Main Street	0.2 ha
	1706 Mckenzie Road	0.2 ha		Anderson Road:	3125 Anderson Road	2.0 ha
	1710 Mckenzie Road	0.2 ha			3186 Anderson Road	2.0 ha
	1712 Mckenzie Road	0.2 ha			3292 Anderson Road	2.0 ha
	971 Hartley Creek Road	23.5 ha			3421 Anderson Road	2.0 ha
6212 Fernie Shop Road	1.4 ha	3422 Anderson Road	2.0 ha			
Cunliffe Road:	6128 Cunliffe Road	0.3 ha	3443 Anderson Road		2.0 ha	
	6051 Cunliffe Road	2.7 ha	3487 Anderson Road		2.0 ha	
	Lot 6 DL 4139 Plan NEP71592	1.4 ha				
	6225 Cunliffe Road	1.8 ha				
	Lot 42 DL 4129 Plan 802	1.8 ha				

The public hearing will be held at: **Fernie Family Centre**
521 4th Avenue
Tuesday, June 26th 2018 at 7:00 pm

Prior to the public hearing you may:

- inspect the ALR Block Inclusion application at the RDEK office in Cranbrook from June 5, 2018 to June 26, 2018 between the hours of 8:30 am to 4:30 pm Monday through Friday, excluding statutory holidays;
- mail, fax or email written submissions to the RDEK: 19-24 Ave S., Cranbrook BC V1C 3H8; 250-489-3489; info@rdek.bc.ca; or
- present written and/or verbal submissions at the hearing.

Submissions cannot be accepted by the RDEK after the public hearing, all correspondence following the public hearing can be directed to the ALC quoting Application ID 57297

For more information, contact Karen MacLeod, Planner at 250-489-0313 or toll free at 1-888-478-7335 or email kmacleod@rdek.bc.ca