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REGIONAL BOARD MEETING HIGHLIGHTS – July 6, 2009

30 Year Service Award

CAO Lee-Ann Crane was recognized for her 30 years of service to the RDEK during a special presentation by the Board. Crane, who has been CAO since 1998, has worked for three Board Chairs during her time as CAO. All three were on hand to present her with her Service Award on Friday.

Contact: *Norm Walter* 250-427-2577
Board Chair

Elk Valley Garbage to go to Pincher Creek

All of the solid waste collected at Elk Valley Transfer Stations will soon be hauled to the Crowsnest/Pincher Creek Landfill. An Agreement has been reached between the RDEK and Crowsnest/Pincher Creek Landfill Association for a 3 year term. Previously, the Elk Valley garbage was hauled to Lethbridge.

Contact: *Eric Sharpe* 250-489-2791
Environmental Services Manager

Sparwood Transfer Station Operations Agreement Signed

An agreement has been signed with the District of Sparwood for the operation of the Sparwood Transfer Station and dry landfill for a five year term ending December 31, 2013.

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Environmental Services Manager

Local Conservation Terms of Reference Approved

The Terms of Reference (TOR) for the Columbia Valley Local Conservation Fund have been approved. Under the TOR, the RDEK will have the final approval on all projects, grant payments and documents related to the Fund; and, the East Kootenay Conservation Program, (EKCP), under agreement with the RDEK, will manage the fund. The TOR also lays out guiding principles, themes, classification and project timelines. The next step in the process will be the agreement with the EKCP, which is expected to be reached this summer.

Contact: *Lee-Ann Crane* 250-489-2791
CAO

Baynes Lake Planning Process

After considering the potential timing to develop an overall land use plan for the Kooocanusa area, the Board instead decided to proceed with a smaller planning process for the Baynes Lake area in 2009. It is expected that the Board will approve a work plan and timeline for the project later this summer, with the first community meeting likely to be scheduled shortly thereafter.

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Manager of Planning & Development Services

Election Officials Named for Parks and Trails Referendum

Shannon Moskal has been appointed Chief Election Officer and Natalie Garbay has been appointed Deputy Chief Election Officer for the Fairmont Area Parks and Trails referendum. General voting on the proposed service will be held September 19th, 2009 with advance voting opportunities on September 9th and 17th, 2009. Visit www.rdek.bc.ca for more information on the proposed service and voting process.

Contact: *Shannon Moskal* 250-489-2791
Chief Election Officer

Edgewater Credit Union Purchase Agreement Signed

The Chair and CAO have signed the agreement of purchase and sale with Kootenay Savings Credit Union for the Edgewater Credit Union property for a purchase price of \$1.00. The RDEK will be working with the community to create a vision for the community's use of the building. The RDEK has expressed its appreciation to Kootenay Savings Credit Union for this generous donation.

Contact: *Gerry Wilkie* 250-347-9841
Electoral Area G Director

Mountain Shadows Resort

The Board gave first and second reading to a zoning amendment for the Mountain Shadows Resort RV Park. The proposed bylaw will rezone approximately 2 ha of land at the edges of the RV park to recognize the existing land use. A public hearing has been scheduled for July 21st, 2009 in Windermere.

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Edgewater ALR Exclusion

An application to exclude 2.25 ha of land from the Agricultural Land Reserve was not supported by the Board. In its discussion, the Board noted that the proposal to develop 26 single family lots on Glenmore Drive in Edgewater was not consistent with the development policies of the Steamboat – Jubilee Mountain Official Community Plan.

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Investigating Possibilities for Waste to Energy

Konrad Fichtner will undertake a high level feasibility assessment of a waste to energy facility in the Elk Valley subject to the costs of the study being shared equally between Electoral Area A, City of Fernie, District of Sparwood and District of Elkford. The study will include an inventory of waste volumes, feedstock inventories, review of technologies and projected costs.

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Environmental Services Manager

Appointments Made to Columbia Valley Transit Advisory Commission

Five people have been appointed to the newly formed Columbia Valley Transit Advisory Commission. David Pacey, Pat Cope, Walter Woodske, Ken Wilder, and Glenys Snow-Diamond will provide advice on the matters related to the Columbia Valley Transit System

Contact: *Shannon Moskal* 250-489-2791
Deputy Manager of Administration

Wasa School Property

The RDEK will be notifying School District #6 (Rocky Mountain) that it is interested in acquiring the Wasa School property for community use.

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

Water Report Received

The Board has received the Timber Ridge Bulk Water Assessment from the MMM Group. The results of the report will be presented to the community in the near future.

Contact: *Brian Funke* 250-489-2791
Engineering Services Manager

Seeking Funds for Wilmer Water Study

An application will be submitted for an Infrastructure Planning Grant to update the engineering study of the Wilmer Water System.

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New Emergency Program Coordinator

The Central Subregion Emergency Program has a new Coordinator. Richard Banks will fill the position for the term July 3, 2009 to December 31, 2010.

Contact: *Dan McNeill* 250-489-2791
Manager of Building & Protective Services

Special Event Licences Granted

Special Event Licences have been granted for two upcoming events. The Cranbrook Pro Rodeo will be held at the Wycliffe Exhibition Grounds August 14th–16th, 2009 and the Hoodstock & Stampede Wrestling family event is scheduled for July 10th–11th, 2009 at Hoodoo Mountain Resort

Contact: *Rob Gay* 250-489-4242
Electoral Area C Director
Wendy Booth 250-345-6155
Electoral Area F Director

Fiddler Stays on as Dog Officer

Sam Fiddler will continue to provide Dog Officer Services and the Dog Pound for the RDEK for the next three years.

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Discretionary Grants in Aid (DGIA)

The Cranbrook Hospice Society will receive \$2,000 from the Electoral Area C DGIA account to go toward volunteer training costs.

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Electoral Area C Director

The Wasa Recreation Society will receive \$2,000 from the Electoral Area E DGIA Account to help cover the costs of upgrades to the fire exits at the Community Hall.

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NEXT MEETINGS

Thursday **August 6th, 2009**
Committee Meetings TBA

Friday **August 7th, 2009**
Regional District of East Kootenay
Board Meeting 9:00 am