

HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE RDEK BOARD MEETING OF MAY 6, 2011

Community Works Funding for Dry Gulch

A Community Works Fund grant of \$500,000 has been approved for the installation of a water system in Dry Gulch. A meeting is being planned with the community in early June to discuss possible options and potential costs for a new water system and to get the community's feedback on a preferred option. The final decision on whether to move forward with a new water system will be the community's. The RDEK Board has approved using a petition as the method for receiving elector assent. The meeting will be held on Wednesday, June 1, 2011 at 7:00pm at the Radium Senior's Hall.

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Engineering Services Manager

Development Application Fees and Procedures

The Board adopted a new Development Applications Bylaw. The bylaw establishes procedures and fees for the processing of a variety of RDEK development applications such as zoning amendments and development variance permits. The RDEK has not reviewed its fee structure since 2005 and most application fees have been adjusted to cover the increased costs being incurred by the RDEK in processing development applications. Additional information about application procedures and fees can be obtained from the Planning & Development Services Department.

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Manager of Planning & Development Services

Transit Service News

Sun City Coachlines will take over the management of the Elk Valley Transit Service for the period of May 16, 2011 to March 31, 2012. In other transit news, the Chair and CAO have signed the Annual Operating Agreement with BC Transit and Olympus Stage Lines Ltd. for the operation of the Columbia Valley transit system for a one-year term ending March 31, 2012.

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Community Services Manager

Columbia Valley Zoning Bylaw Amendments

The Board gave first and second reading and authorized public hearings for two development applications in the Columbia Valley. Mountain Shadows Resort has applied to amend the Upper Columbia Valley Zoning Bylaw to recognize the existing use of portions of their properties in Dry Gulch as an RV Park. In Windermere, Brewer Ridge Holdings has applied to amend the Lake Windermere OCP and the Upper Columbia Valley Zoning Bylaw to permit a single family residential development for land located at Rocky Mountain Avenue. The public hearing for all of the bylaws will be held May 24 in Windermere and additional information can be obtained by contacting the Planning & Development Services Department.

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Elkford Transfer Station Operations

Waste Management is the successful bidder on the operation of the Elkford Transfer Station. The term of the agreement is five years.

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Environmental Services Manager

Area A to Cover Increased Garbage Costs

Following an increase in illegal dumping of garbage at the Fernie Visitor Centre garbage bins, funds from the Electoral Area A solid waste fund will be used to cover the cost of additional pick-up and tips of the bin. Residents are reminded that household garbage is to be taken to the Fernie Transfer Station and not left at commercial bins.

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Community to Community Forum

An application will be submitted to the Union of BC Municipalities for funding to host a Community to Community Forum subject to review of the work plan and consultation with the Ktunaxa Nation Council and Shuswap First Nation. The goal of a C2C Forum is to increase understanding and improve overall relations between First Nations and local governments and encourage dialogue on issues of common responsibility or interest.

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Requesting Reduced Speed Limit

To address safety concerns raised by the community, the Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure will be requested to move the 70km/hr speed limit sign at the east approach to Jaffray one kilometer further east.

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Electoral Area B Director

RDEK to Talk Water with Wilmer

The Wilmer Waterworks District Water System Assessment Report has been completed. RDEK Staff will soon be scheduling a meeting with the community to discuss the results of the study.

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Engineering Services Manager

Seeking Funds for Boulder Creek Project

The RDEK will submit an application for a \$30,000 grant to the BC Hydro Community Funding Program for the Boulder Creek Diversion Project. The Project will provide a long term, stable supply of irrigation water for farmers in the Toby Benches and Wilmer.

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Grant for BC SPCA

The RDEK has approved a \$5850 grant to the BC SPCA. The funds will be used to support the ongoing operations of the shelter.

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RDEK Vice Chair

Discretionary Grants in Aid (DGIA)

Three grants were approved from the Electoral Area C DGIA account, including: \$1000 to the Cranbrook Canada Cup of Curling event later this year, \$1000 toward the TM Roberts Education Group for their annual Blue Lake Forestry Camp; and, \$500 for the Mount Baker Senior Secondary Dry Grad.

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Discretionary Grants in Aid—Continued

The East Kootenay Conservation Program will receive a total of \$1200 (\$200 from each of the six RDEK Electoral Area DGIA accounts) for its upcoming 2011 Conference.

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NEXT BOARD MEETINGS

Thursday

Committee Meetings

June 9, 2011
 TBA

Friday

Regional District of East Kootenay
 Board Meeting

June 10, 2011
 9:00 am

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Other RDEK Happenings

Upcoming Meetings:

Windermere Water System Upgrade Public Information Meeting
May 17, 2011—7:00pm
Windermere Community Hall

Dry Gulch Water System Information Meeting
June 1, 2011—7:00pm
Radium Senior's Hall

Public Hearings:

Tuesday, May 17, 2011—4:00pm
RDEK Board Room
Bylaw 2309—Wycliffe Zoning & Floodplain Management Bylaw No. 2256, 2010—Amendment Bylaw No. 1, 2011 (Wycliffe/Lye)

Tuesday, May 24, 2011—7:00pm
Windermere Community Hall
Bylaw 2310—Upper Columbia Valley Zoning Bylaw No. 900, 1992—Amendment Bylaw No. 260, 2011 (Dry Gulch/Mountain Shadows Resort)

Tuesday, May 24, 2011—7:00pm
Windermere Community Hall
Bylaw 2312—Lake Windermere Official Community Plan Bylaw No. 2061, 2008—Amendment Bylaw No. 10, 2011 (Windermere/Brewer Ridge Holdings Ltd).
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Bylaw 2313—Upper Columbia Valley Zoning Bylaw No. 900, 1992—Amendment Bylaw No. 261, 2011 (Windermere/Brewer Ridge Holdings Ltd).



Pictured above: newly elected Electoral Area E Director Jane Walter was officially sworn in on Friday, May 6, 2011 by RDEK Solicitor Don Paolini.

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