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REGIONAL BOARD MEETING HIGHLIGHTS - April 3, 2009

RDEK Volunteers of the Year Named

The following people have been named as the RDEK's Volunteers of the Year:

- Craig and Cathy Follett (Electoral Area A)
- Fanny Hall (Electoral Area B)
- Jim Roberts (Electoral Area C)
- Ida Cale (Electoral Area E)
- Paul Stewart (Electoral Area F)
- Warner Einer (Electoral Area G)

The Award recipients will be honoured at ceremonies in May.

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

Governance Study Supported

A letter will be sent to the Ministry of Community Development reaffirming the RDEK's support for a governance study including Electoral Area F, District of Invermere, and Village of Canal Flats. The Ministry will also be thanked for its ongoing assistance with the project.

Contact: *Andrew McLeod* 250-489-2791
Acting CAO

SweetWater Zoning Bylaw

The Board adopted the Sweetwater Zoning and Floodplain Management Bylaw No. 2127. The new zoning bylaw will provide direction to the future land uses within the proposed SweetWater development on Lake Koocanusa.

Contact: *Karen MacLeod* 250-489-2791
Planner

Integrated Land Management Bureau Referral

The Board received a referral from ILMB for a License of Occupation for a lodge site for a Guided Adventure Tourism Tenure in the Ta Ta Creek area. The Board resolved that at this time they cannot support the application due to continued concerns related to the social and environmental impacts of the proposal. ILMB was encouraged to consult with residents of the Meadowbrook and Ta Ta Creek communities to find a more acceptable location for the proposed lodge.

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Planner

New Summer Hours at Elkford Transfer Station

Starting on Monday, April 13, 2009 the Elkford Transfer Station will be open to the public 6 days a week from Monday to Saturday (closed Sundays and statutory holidays). The extended summer schedule will remain in effect until October.

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

New Members for Edgewater Utility Advisory Commission

Two new members have been appointed to the Edgewater Utility Advisory Commission. Scott Ivers and Carolyn Thierbach will serve two year terms. Nancy Phair, Michael Hutchinson, and Randy Brown have been re-appointed to the Commission, also for two year terms.

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

Secondary Suites

The Board gave 1st and 2nd reading to a Bylaw to amend the regulations of the Elk Valley Zoning Bylaw pertaining to secondary suites. The proposed amendment establishes new regulations and will allow the option of placing a secondary suite in a detached garage. A public hearing on Bylaw 2146 will be held on Wednesday April 22 at 7:00 pm at the Fernie Family Centre.

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Planner

Let's Play Ball

The sounds of baseball will continue to fill the air in Windermere. The RDEK and the Windermere District Lions Club have signed an agreement for the lease of the Crossroads Ball Park. Under terms of the 10-year lease, the RDEK will continue to operate the ball diamond facility.

Contact: *Wendy Booth* 250-345-4550
Electoral Area F Director

Flood Protection Funding Sought

The RDEK will submit an application for funding under Emergency Management BC's Flood Protection Program for flood protection work at the Hosmer/Mine Creek confluence.

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Telus Asked to Improve Cell Coverage

Telus will be requested to improve cell phone service for Skookumchuck, Wasa Lake, Ta Ta Creek and the St. Mary Valley. A large portion of Electoral Area E currently does not have cell phone coverage.

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

Seeking Funds for Community Directory

An application for \$2430.16 of Electoral Area B's Community Tourism Funds will be submitted. The Triangle Women's Institute is hoping to develop a community directory, website and community services sign for Grasmere.

Contact: *Heath Slee* 250-887-3483
Electoral Area B Director

New Fire Truck Coming

The Windermere/Fairmont Volunteer Fire Department will soon be receiving a new fire truck at a cost not to exceed \$379,850.

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

Discretionary Grants in Aid (DGIA)

The Windermere District Historical Society will receive a total of \$3000 for its summer program and activities. \$2500 will come from the Electoral Area F DGIA, with the remaining \$500 coming from the Electoral Area G DGIA.

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Electoral Area F Director

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Electoral Area G Director

The Lake Windermere District Lions Foundation's Road to Rescue fundraising campaign for a new rescue vehicle will be getting a \$12,000 boost. The Foundation will receive a total of \$10,000 from the Electoral Area F DGIA and \$2000 from the Electoral Area G DGIA account.

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NEXT MEETINGS

THURSDAY

Committee Meetings

APRIL 30, 2009

TBA

FRIDAY

Regional District of East Kootenay
Board Meeting

MAY 1, 2009

9:00 am

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. The public is welcome to attend.

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Lee-Ann Crane

Chief Administrative Officer