



HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE RDEK BOARD MEETING OF OCTOBER 9, 2009

Timber Ridge Water System Upgrade Goes to Petition

A proposal to upgrade the Timber Ridge Water System to receive treated water and to implement water meters will go to petition. Petitions and information packages will be mailed out later this Fall.

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

Island Lake Official Community Plan

The Board gave first and second reading to the Island Lake Official Community Plan Bylaw No. 2170. The OCP will establish a long term strategic vision for future resort development, recreation and conservation on the private land holdings in the Island Lake area. A companion amendment to the Elk Valley Zoning Bylaw to implement the land uses identified in the OCP was also given first and second reading. A public hearing on the Island Lake OCP and zoning bylaw amendments will be held October 28, 2009 at 7:00pm at the Best Western in Fernie.

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Manager of Planning & Development Services

Water Metering Coming to Edgewater

A water metering program will be implemented in Edgewater next year. An Open House will be scheduled in the near future to discuss the program with the community.

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Engineering Services Manager

Central Landfill Operation Contract Signed

Fiorentino Brothers Contracting Ltd. will oversee the operations of the Central Subregion Landfill for the next five years.

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

Moyie Utility Advisory Commission Re-appointed

Brian Conrad, Gary Banks, Doug Maki and Steve Brunell have been re-appointed to the Moyie Utility Advisory Commission for a two year term.

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Engineering Services Manager

Former Elko School Property to be Used by Community

The Chair and CAO have signed the Licence of Occupation with the Ministry of Agriculture and Lands for a tenure over Crown Land for the former Elko School property for utilization as a community facility by the Elko Parks and Recreation Commission. The community hopes to establish a satellite fire hall on the property.

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

Iron Grizzly Comes to Central Landfill

A new type of landfill cover system will soon be implemented at the Central Subregion Landfill. The Revelstoke Iron Grizzly utilizes large steel plates as an alternative daily cover and is expected to reduce the soil used on site and extend the life of the landfill. A similar system is already in place at the Columbia Valley Landfill.

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

Several Volunteer Fire Departments to Provide First Responder Service

Agreements have been signed with the Emergency and Health Services Commission for the provision of First Responder service by the Edgewater, Panorama, Windermere, Fairmont, Baynes Lake, and Jaffray Fire Departments.

Contact: *Carol Lind* 250-489-2791
Emergency Services Coordinator

Cranbrook Rural Fire Boundary Expansion

The Board has adopted a Bylaw that expands the Cranbrook Rural Fire Protection Service Area from its current 8km radius to a 13km coverage radius to include the currently unprotected areas of Westview Estates, Booth Creek, and a portion of Wycliffe. The RDEK hopes to have the expanded service implemented by January 1, 2010.

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Board Affirms Support for Arena Project

The Board has affirmed its support for the Eddie Mountain Arena upgrades. The project, which will include replacement of the ice surface and installation of a wheelchair lift to the upstairs viewing area, will be included in the 2010-2014 financial plan. The RDEK is still waiting to hear whether its application for \$215,000 through the Recreation Infrastructure Canada Grant Program will be successful. The project already received \$375,000 from the Provincial Government under the Towns for Tomorrow program.

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Recreation & Control Services Supervisor

Continued Support for Coalition

The RDEK will be giving \$5000 per year in each of the years 2010, 2011, and 2012 to the Southern Interior Beetle Action Coalition (SIBAC) to assist with its ongoing efforts to identify solutions and support communities impacted by the mountain pine beetle.

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Electoral Area C Director

Request for Increased RCMP Presence in the South Country

Letters will be sent to the Elk Valley and Cranbrook RCMP detachments requesting a response to concerns raised by the South Country Rural Crime Watch and requesting the RCMP consider setting up an office presence in the Jaffray area.

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Electoral Area B Director

Discretionary Grants in Aid Funding (DGIA)

Sand Creek Recreation will receive \$2,000 from the Electoral Area B DGIA to go towards the purchase of benches and trees for the new playground at the Jaffray School.

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Electoral Area B Director

The Kootenay Association for Science & Technology will receive \$500 from the Electoral Area B DGIA account to sponsor a resource building conference on mentorship.

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Discretionary Grants in Aid (DGIA) - Continued

The Highway 3 Coalition, a group of Mayors and Chairs from the Highway 3 corridor aimed at coordinating efforts and identifying priorities for Highway 3, will receive funding from the following DGIA accounts:

Table with 2 columns: Electoral Area and Amount. Rows include Electoral Area A (\$561.90), B (\$545.70), C (\$1500.00), E (\$519.30), and F (\$881.70).

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The RDEK will have a duck competing in the Vermilion Flume Duck Race next August. \$150 from the Electoral Area F DGIA account and \$100 from the Electoral Area G DGIA account will make up the \$250 entry fee. The Duck Race will raise funds for the Columbia River Greenways Alliance and other non-profit societies in the Columbia Valley and helps preserve the Vermilion Irrigation Flume.

Contact: Wendy Booth 250-345-6155
Electoral Area F Director

The Windermere and District Farmers Institute will receive \$2500 from the Electoral Area F DGIA account and \$1500 from the Electoral Area G DGIA account to go towards an Abattoir Feasibility Study. The study will examine the feasibility of building and operating an abattoir to service local producers and consumers.

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NEXT MEETINGS

Thursday

Committee Meetings

November 5, 2009

TBA

Friday

Regional District of East Kootenay
Board Meeting

November 6, 2009

9:00 am

Other RDEK Happenings

October 14, 2009

Baynes Lake Land Use Planning Information Meeting
7:00pm—Baynes Lake Community Hall

October 15, 2009

Rockyview Official Community Plan Workshop
7:00pm-9:00pm
Manual Training Centre—Cranbrook Public Library

October 27, 2009

Public Hearing for Bylaws: 2162 (Wasa/Ta Ta Ck/
Skookumchuck) and 2176, 2179 (Ft. Steele/Bull
River)
4:00pm—RDEK Board Room, Cranbrook

October 28, 2009

Public Hearing: Island Lake Official Community Plan
and Elk Valley Zoning Bylaw
7:00pm—Best Western Fernie Mountain Lodge
Fernie

October 19-23, 2009

National Waste Reduction Week. Take a moment to
think about the 3R's and the impact you're having on
the earth. Reduce, reuse, recycle—it all adds up!

*For more information on these
meetings & events, please visit.*

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