

## HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE RDEK BOARD MEETING OF APRIL 1, 2011

### **Water Meter Project Moves Forward**

The Universal Water Metering project for the community of Windermere will proceed later this year. Neptune Technology Group (Canada) Ltd. will supply and install the meters and related radio frequency technology at a cost of \$299,130 + HST. The radio frequency technology will allow the RDEK operators to gather water meter data while driving by, so they won't have to enter homes for routine meter reading. The water meter project is expected to begin later this summer and the community will receive information once timelines are determined.

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*Engineering Services Manager*

### **Rockyview Official Community Plan Adopted**

The Board adopted the Rockyview Official Community Plan at its April 1 meeting. The new plan covers the Cranbrook rural area, including Wycliffe, and provides a new framework for the RDEK to evaluate and consider development applications in the rural area surrounding the City. Some of the important new provisions of the plan include the creation of new development permit requirements for certain activities in environmentally sensitive and wildfire hazard areas. In order to ensure that development meets the objectives of the new plan, homeowners and developers in the rural area are encouraged to discuss their proposals with Planning and Development Services staff prior to submitting applications.

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*Manager of Planning & Development Services*

### **Application for Funding for West Fernie**

The RDEK will submit an application for funding for \$14.64 million to the General Strategic Priorities Fund (GSPF) for West Fernie infrastructure. The GSPF is intended for larger scale projects or those that are regional in nature. The funding application covers water system upgrades, installation of a sewage collection system, storm water management, and associated road improvements.

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### **Regional Fire and Emergency Dispatch Service**

The Vice Chair and CAO have been authorized to sign the Regional Fire and Emergency Dispatch Services Agreement with the City of Cranbrook for the term June 1, 2011 to December 31, 2015. The RDEK and the City of Cranbrook have endeavoured to find innovative ways to improve emergency communication services within the entire Regional District. Commitment to the enhancement of service delivery, through upgrades in technology, level of service and educational requirements will provide fire departments, local government and community residents with a far superior service. Under this new agreement, Cranbrook Fire & Emergency Services (CFES) will dispatch all emergency fire, rescue and medical first responder calls for the region. Previously, CFES forwarded basic information along to each fire department rather than having a dedicated dispatcher.

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*CAO*

### **Columbia Lake Foreshore and Zoning Development**

The Board adopted Bylaws 2245 and 2246 amending the Fairmont Hot Springs Area OCP and the Upper Columbia Valley Zoning Bylaw to address foreshore development issues on Columbia Lake. The bylaw amendments establish new criteria for developing lake access and private community moorage facilities, and add regulations concerning the placement of private mooring buoys.

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### **Development Application Fee Increases**

The RDEK is considering fee increases for development applications. The Board authorized staff to bring forward a new Development Applications Bylaw that includes fee increases for some types of development applications. The new fee structure will help ensure that the costs incurred by the RDEK in processing development applications are borne by the applicant and not the general public.

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### Edgewater Utility Advisory Commission Members Re-Appointed

Nancy Phair, Michael Hutchinson, Carolyn Thierbach, Scott Ivers and Randy Brown have been re-appointed as members of the Edgewater Utility Advisory Commission for a two-year term.

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### Updating Dry Gulch Cost Estimates

The RDEK continues to look at options for upgrading the Dry Gulch Water System. The most recent construction cost estimates for the project were done in 2007 and the Board has agreed to allocate \$3000 from the Community Works Funds to have those cost estimates updated.

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### Elk Valley Victim Assistance

The RDEK has signed the agreement with the Province of BC for the Elk Valley Victim Assistance Program for the term April 1, 2011 to March 31, 2012.

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### Discretionary Grants in Aid

The East Kootenay Zone 7 BC Seniors Games Society will receive \$300 from the Electoral Area C DGIA account to support their programs.

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*Electoral Area C Director*

### NEXT BOARD MEETINGS

**Thursday** May 5, 2011  
 Committee Meetings TBA

**Friday** May 6, 2011

Regional District of East Kootenay Board Meeting	9:00 am
Kootenay East Regional Hospital District Board Meeting	11:00 am

## Other RDEK Happenings

### Upcoming Meetings:

#### West Fernie Waterworks District—Annual General Meeting

April 19, 2011—6:30pm  
 Fernie Family Centre

#### Windermere Water System Upgrade Public Information Meeting

May 17, 2011—7:00pm

Windermere Community Hall

This important community meeting will provide information including project scope, costs and potential tax impacts for the proposed Windermere Water System upgrade. The vote will be held on June 25, 2011. For more information visit [www.rdek.bc.ca](http://www.rdek.bc.ca)—click on services, water systems, Windermere Water.

### CBT Public Input Meetings:

April 5 7:00 pm **Fernie - Council Chambers - 501 3rd Avenue**  
 Proposals Affecting: City of Fernie

April 7 7:00 pm **Wasa - Community Hall - Wasa School Road**  
 Proposals Affecting: Electoral Area E (rural Kimberley, Wasa, Ta Ta Creek, Skookumchuck, etc.)

April 11 7:00 pm **Sparwood - Council Chambers - 136 Spruce Avenue**  
 Proposals Affecting: District of Sparwood

April 11 7:00 pm **Wardner - Steeplesview Rec Centre - 6211 Cartwright St.**  
 Proposals Affecting: Electoral Area C (rural Cranbrook, Moyie, Fort Steele, Bull River, Wardner, etc.)

April 12 6:00 pm **Cranbrook - Cranbrook Library Manual Training School - 1212 2nd Street N.**  
 Proposals Affecting: City of Cranbrook.

April 18 6:00 pm **Elkford - Council Chambers - 816 Michel Road**  
 Proposals Affecting: District of Elkford

April 18 7:00 pm **Kimberley - Council Chambers - 340 Spokane Street**  
 Proposals Affecting: City of Kimberley

April 18 7:00 pm **Jaffray - Community Hall - 7375 Jaffray Village Loop Rd**  
 Proposals Affecting: Electoral Area B (South Country)

April 20 7:00 pm **Columbia Valley - Invermere Community Hall - 709 10th Street**  
 Proposals Affecting: District of Invermere, Village of Canal Flats, Village of Radium Hot Springs, Electoral Area F (rural Canal Flats to rural Invermere), and Electoral Area G (Wilmer to Spillimacheen)

April 20 7:00 pm **Hosmer - Community Hall - Front Street & 6th Avenue**  
 Proposals Affecting: Electoral Area A (rural Elk Valley)

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