



HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE RDEK BOARD MEETING OF DECEMBER 4, 2009

Wilks Elected Board Chair for 2010

Director David Wilks has been elected as Board Chair for 2010. This is the Sparwood Mayor's first term as Board Chair. Electoral Area C Director Rob Gay was re-elected Vice Chair.

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New Logo Unveiled

The Regional District of East Kootenay has a new logo. Earlier this summer, the RDEK held a staff logo design competition. The team of Lori Engler, Barbara Malloff and Jim Penson submitted the winning design and Director Dee Conklin, who has a professional background in design and publishing, offered to put the finishing touches on the logo. The new logo features the iconic image of Mount Fisher in a beautiful mountain blue and a single swoop that brings energy and motion, invoking not only the waterways of the East Kootenay, but also the enthusiasm and forward thinking of the people within in it. It will be phased in beginning on January 1st, 2010. See Page 3 for new logo design.

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2010 Board Meeting Dates

The 2010 RDEK Board Meetings will be held as follows:

January 8
February 5
March 5
April 9
May 7
June 4
July 9
August 6
September 3
October 8
November 5
December 3

Board Meetings begin at 9am in the RDEK Board Room.

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Steamboat-Jubilee Mountain OCP & Zoning Bylaw Amendments

The Board gave first and second reading to two OCP amendments and one zoning amendment affecting Electoral Area G. Bylaw 2189 will amend the Steamboat-Jubilee Mountain OCP to add a policy concerning priority connections to the Edgewater water system. Bylaws 2190 and 2191 will amend the OCP and zoning bylaw to recognize an existing commercial cabin rental business located in Brisco. A public hearing for the three bylaws will be held in Edgewater on December 22.

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Manager of Planning & Development Services

Ministers Thanked

A letter will be sent to the Minister of Tourism, Culture and the Arts and the Minister of Community and Rural Development thanking them for instituting the new framework for managing off-road vehicles.

Contact: *David Wilks* 250-425-2522
Board Chair

Fairmont OCP and Zoning Bylaw Amendments

The Board gave first and second reading to Bylaws 2186 and 2187 to amend the Fairmont Hot Springs OCP and the Upper Columbia Valley Zoning Bylaw designations for the Fairmont Mountain Bungalows property. The owner is proposing to subdivide off an existing residence and develop an RV Park on a 4.0ha portion of the property. The public hearing for Bylaws 2186 and 2187 will be held on December 21 at Fairmont Hot Springs Resort.

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RDEK to Maintain Ownership of Old Fire Hall

The RDEK will retain ownership of the current Windermere Fire Hall property once the new Fire Hall is open. RDEK staff will work with interested parties to lease portions of the current building once the Fire Department has settled into its new Fire Hall. Construction on the new fire hall is expected to be complete in the summer of 2010.

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Manager of Building & Protective Services

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Lake Windermere OCP and Zoning Bylaw Amendments

The Board gave first and second reading to one OCP amendment and two zoning bylaw amendments affecting the Lake Windermere area. Bylaws 2192 and 2193 will amend the OCP and zoning designations of a portion of Shadybrook Resort in order to permit an interior boundary adjustment and create a separate parcel for an existing residence on the property. Bylaw 2174 will rezone approximately 8.0ha of land adjacent to the Copper Point Estates development to facilitate a 40 lot single family residential subdivision. The public hearing for the three bylaws will be held December 21 in Windermere.

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Manager of Planning & Development Services

Board Supports Intersection Improvements

The RDEK will send a letter to the Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure in support of the District of Invermere's call for improvements to the Highway 93/95 intersection from Westside Road in the Hoodoo area.

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Manager of Planning & Development Services

Parks Plan Amended to Include Dawson's Path

The RDEK Regional Parks Plan has been amended to include Dawson's Path as a new Electoral Area B park. The 2.4km trail along the Jaffray-Baynes Lake Road has been constructed in memory of a young Jaffray boy killed earlier this year in a tragic collision. The RDEK will oversee the ongoing maintenance of the trail.

Contact: Kevin Paterson 250-489-2791
Environmental Services Manager

Wood Stove Exchange Program Supported

The Board has thrown its support behind the 2010 Wood Stove Exchange Program. In 2009, 78 old wood stoves were exchanged for high efficiency alternatives. The contractor overseeing the program is hoping to secure Provincial program funding and additional local funding for 2010.

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Discretionary Grants in Aid Funding (DGIA)

The Fernie & District Historical Society's Museum Project will receive a financial boost with \$2500 in funding from the Electoral Area A DGIA account. The Historical Society is restoring the old BC Hydro building to house the new Fernie Museum and Information Centre.

Contact: Mike Sosnowski 250-423-1029
Electoral Area A Director

The Baynes Lake Volunteer Fire Department will receive \$1000 from the Electoral Area B DGIA account to help purchase a new air compressor.

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

The Cranbrook and District Arts Council will receive \$1000 from the Electoral Area C DGIA account for ongoing program expenses in 2010.

Contact: Rob Gay 250-489-4242
Electoral Area C Director

The 30th annual Community Christmas Dinner is set to go Thursday, December 17th at the Eagles Hall in Cranbrook and organizers will receive \$500 from the Area C DGIA account to help offset costs for the evening. The dinner is put on by the Canadian Mental Health Association and 500 people are expected to attend.

Contact: Rob Gay 250-489-4242
Electoral Area C Director

The TM Roberts Education Group will receive a grant of \$1000 from the Area C DGIA account. The funds will be used to help send students from the school to Blue Lake Forestry Camp next June.

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NEXT MEETINGS

Thursday January 7, 2009
Committee Meetings TBA

Friday January 8, 2009
Regional District of East Kootenay Board Meeting 9:00 am

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Pictured above: the new RDEK logo, which will be phased into use January 1, 2010

Other RDEK Happenings

December 15, 2009

4:30pm is the deadline to have expressions of interest submitted to the RDEK for the Columbia Valley Transit Advisory Commission. Letters can be addressed to Shannon Moskal, Deputy Manager of Administration.

December 17, 2009

4:30pm is the deadline to have petitions on the Timber Ridge Water Upgrade Project returned to the RDEK office in Cranbrook. For more information, click on the Timber Ridge link on the RDEK website main page.

December 21, 2009

Public Hearing for Bylaw 2186/2187 (Fairmont Hot Springs Area OCP Bylaw Amendment No. 14 (Fairmont/626989 Alberta Ltd.) and Upper Columbia Valley Zoning Bylaw Amendment No. 237))
4:00pm—Fairmont Hot Springs Resort, Birch Room

Public Hearing for Bylaw 2174 (Upper Columbia Valley Zoning Bylaw Amendment No. 234 (Windermere—Windermere Water & Sewer Company Inc and Point Developments))
7:00pm—Windermere Community Hall

December 22, 2009

Public Hearing for Bylaw 2189 (Steamboat Jubilee Mountain OCP Bylaw Amendment No. 4 (Water Servicing/RDEK))
7:00pm—Edgewater Community Hall

Public Hearing for Bylaw 2190/2191 (Steamboat Jubilee Mountain OCP Bylaw Amendment No. 5 (Brisco/Reid) and Upper Columbia Valley Zoning Bylaw No. 239)
7:00pm—Edgewater Community Hall

Public Hearing for Bylaw 2196 (Upper Columbia Valley Zoning Bylaw No. 239 Bylaw Amendment No. 241 (Dry Gulch/Dehart))
7:00pm—Edgewater Community Hall

Public Hearing for Bylaw 2192/2193 (Lake Windermere OCP Bylaw Amendment No. 6 (Windermere/Dubois) and Upper Columbia Valley Zoning Bylaw Amendment No. 240)
7:00pm—Windermere Community Hall

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