

## HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE RDEK BOARD MEETING OF DECEMBER 3, 2010

### **Manjak Continues on as Chair**

Cranbrook Mayor Scott Manjak has been re-elected as RDEK Board Chair for 2011. Electoral Area C Director Rob Gay has been re-elected Vice Chair for the coming year.

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

### **Timber Ridge Regulation and Fee Bylaw Adopted**

The RDEK Board has adopted a new fee schedule for the Timber Ridge Water System. Effective January 1, 2011, the new rate for water is \$75/month and will be billed quarterly.

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

### **Streamlining Land Use Bylaw Approvals**

The Ministry of Community, Sport and Cultural Development is offering Regional Districts the opportunity to participate in a two year trial project exempting land use and planning bylaws from the requirement of obtaining Ministerial approval. Since January 2008, the RDEK has processed about 149 OCP, zoning and land use bylaws of which 40 needed Ministerial approval. This requirement adds a minimum of one month to the bylaw adoption process. The Board agreed to participate in the project and noted that this will further streamline RDEK development approvals and save many applicants valuable time. The Ministry has not provided a date for when this exemption will come into effect.

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Manager of Planning & Development Services

### **Ministry Requested to Explore Property Taxation**

The Ministry of Finance will be requested to further explore property taxation of BC Hydro assets and implement a fair and equitable method of compensation for regional districts.

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CAO

### **Dry Hydrant Project Moves Forward**

The Chair and CAO have signed the Acceptance of Offer of Licence and the License of Occupation with the Ministry of Natural Resource Operations for dry hydrant purposes in the Baynes Lake area. The RDEK is working to install dry hydrants in Tie, Rosen and Baynes Lake. A dry hydrant is a 6" pipe that is buried below frost that extends 20' out into the lake. This piping allows the Fire Department the ability to draft water from the lake into a tanker truck to supply firefighters with water to fight fires.

Contact: *Dave Boreen* 250-429-3133  
Jaffray/Baynes Lake Fire Chief

### **Area C Rep Appointed to Public Library Board**

Roberta Rodgers has been appointed as the Electoral Area C representative on the Cranbrook Public Library Board for the term January 1, 2011 to December 31, 2013.

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

### **Application for Funding for Ice Rinks**

The RDEK will be submitting an application for funding under the Towns for Tomorrow Program for ice rinks in the communities of Wasa and Jaffray. The Program will fund projects at 80% to a maximum of \$400,000 for communities under 5,000 in population. Eligible projects are those that support healthy living, sustainable environmental management, and job creation.

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### **Transit Advisory Commission Appointment**

Cielle Cowles has been appointed to the Columbia Valley Transit Advisory Commission..

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CAO

### **Christmas Eve Fireworks in Fairmont**

The RDEK has granted a Special Event Licence to the Fairmont Hot Springs Resort for the Christmas Eve fireworks at the Fairmont Hot Springs ski hill, subject to the applicant ensuring all necessary precautions are taken to prevent fires.

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Manager of Building & Protective Services

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The Regional Board meets on the first Friday of each month (subject to periodic change) at the RDEK office in Cranbrook. Board Meetings are open to the public. For more information on this publication, contact Loree Duczek at [lduczek@rdek.bc.ca](mailto:lduczek@rdek.bc.ca) or visit [www.rdek.bc.ca](http://www.rdek.bc.ca)

## HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE RDEK BOARD MEETING OF DECEMBER 3, 2010

### Discretionary Grants in Aid

The Canadian Mental Health Association for the Kootenays will receive \$1500 from the Electoral Area C DGIA account to go toward their 31st Annual Community Christmas Dinner.

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

The Toby Creek Nordic Ski Club will receive \$4000 from the Electoral Area F DGIA and \$1000 from the Electoral Area G DGIA account to go toward Ski and Skate Trail Maintenance on the Lake Windermere Whiteway.

Contact: *Wendy Booth* 250-345-6155  
*Electoral Area F Director*  
*Gerry Wilkie*  
*Electoral Area G Director* 250-347-9841

The Columbia Wetlands Stewardship Partners will receive \$500 from the Electoral Area F DGIA and \$500 from the Electoral Area G DGIA account to go toward coordination and administration of the Columbia Wetlands Stewardship Partnership.

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*Electoral Area F Director*  
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The Columbia River Greenways Alliance will receive \$3000 from the Electoral Area F DGIA and \$804 from the Electoral Area G DGIA to go toward the Public Pedestrian and Cycling Trail between the bridge at Athalmer to the Cross Roads at Highway 93/95.

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### NEXT BOARD MEETINGS

**Thursday** January 6, 2010  
 Committee Meetings TBA

**Friday** January 7, 2010  
 Regional District of East Kootenay Board Meeting 9:00 am

## Other RDEK Happenings

### Public Hearings:

**December 8, 2010**

7:00pm—Windermere Community Hall

**Bylaw No. 2271**—Upper Columbia Valley Zoning Bylaw No. 900, 1992 – Amendment Bylaw No. 255, 2010 (Panorama / Marshall)  
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**Bylaw 2270**—Upper Columbia Valley Zoning Bylaw No. 900, 1992 – Amendment Bylaw No. 254, 2010 (Luxor Spur Valley / Mottram)

**December 13, 2010**

7:00pm—Jaffray Community Hall

**Bylaw No. 2269**—Jaffray, Tie Lake, Rosen Lake Land Use and Floodplain Management Bylaw No. 1414, 1999 – Amendment Bylaw No. 16, 2010 (Jaffray / Triple K Holdings)

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