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## ADMINISTRATION MEMO

**TO:** Electoral Area Advisory Commissions  
**FROM:** Shannon Moskal, Deputy Manager of Administration  
**DATE:** November 18, 2008  
**SUBJECT:** Discretionary Grant In Aid – Bernice Notenboom Lecture Series

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Attached is a letter from Megan Walsh, Climate Solutions for the Kootenay, explaining that a series of lectures are being held throughout the East Kootenay region by local explorer Bernice Notenboom on climate change in the polar regions and how this affects the indigenous people who live in the Arctic. These presentations are being delivered in partnership with Wildsight and will focus on information and inspiring people with picture and video about the climate challenges happening at the poles. Costs for speaking fees and promotion of the event is estimated at \$8,000. They are requesting that the RDEK contribute 50% of the costs.

At their November 7, 2008 meeting, the RDEK Board resolved that this request be referred to the Electoral Area Advisory Commissions for consideration under the discretionary grants in aid program. Accordingly, please review this grant request. Since the presentations are scheduled for November and December 2008, we would appreciate hearing from you in time to have the final Board consideration on January 9, 2009.

Thank you for your attention to this request.

Shannon Moskal  
Deputy Manager of Administration

Enclosure

Received by EAAC All areas - Dec 08  
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**Lee-Ann Crane**

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**From:** Megan Walsh [walsh.megan@gmail.com]  
**Sent:** Thursday, October 30, 2008 4:29 PM  
**To:** Lee-Ann Crane  
**Subject:** Arctic Explorer presenting in Fernie and East Kootenay  
**Attachments:** CC Lecture Series\_description.doc



Hi Lee-Anne,

I am writing with an opportunity for sponsorship for a really exciting event we've got coming to our region - and it is a great way to kick off some of the climate change commitments made by the RDEK under the Climate Action Charter. The event would be a natural fit to start educating our East Kootenay communities about climate change.

For the last couple of weeks, I've been working with a local explorer, Bernice Notenboom, who last year skied to the North, South and Cold Poles, as well as across the Greenlandic Icecap. We (myself, Wildsight branches and Bernice) are coordinating a series of lectures and slideshows for her in Fernie, Kimberley, Creston, Invermere and hopefully a couple more communities. Bernice is an internationally recognized explorer, and therefore her fees are considerable for speaking events like this. We are looking for some sponsorship from organizations in the area, and hope that RDEK would be willing to contribute.

These presentations will be delivered in partnership with Wildsight, and will focus on information and inspiring people with picture and video about the climate challenges happening at the poles. It is really a unique opportunity to let people see first hand some of the dramatic changes taking place at some of the most remote areas of our planet.

We are estimating that total costs for her speaking fees and promotion of the event will be about \$8000, and we are asking that RDEK contribute 50% of the costs. We are also working with Elk Valley Coal (now Teck Cominco) as another partner for this event.

I have attached some more information for you - please have a look, and pass on to whoever else may be involved in deciding on funding allocations. Please note that communities with question marks are not yet confirmed.

I'd appreciate hearing from you as soon as possible, as we would like to print our posters with sponsors names included!

Thanks,

Megan

Megan Walsh  
Climate Solutions for the Kootenay Program Manager