

HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE RDEK BOARD MEETING OF JANUARY 7, 2011

Proposed Windermere Water Upgrade to go to Vote

The RDEK Board has determined that the method of assent for the proposed upgrade of the Windermere Water System to receive bulk treated water will be by vote. The RDEK will be providing more information regarding the referendum to the community at the upcoming Town Hall Meeting in Windermere on February 10, 2011.

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Engineering Services Manager

Elk Valley ALR Block Exclusion

Continuing with the implementation of the Elk Valley ALR Review Project report, the Board authorized the submission of an ALR block exclusion application to the Agricultural Land Commission. The exclusion application was the subject of a public hearing held in Hosmer in October, and includes those properties in Area A that were identified for potential exclusion in the project report and who advised the RDEK in writing that they wished to participate in the application process. The application is now with the ALC and it is likely that a final decision on the block exclusion could be expected in the Spring.

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Manager of Planning & Development Services

Canadian Tire Development Permit

Subject to the submission of revised drawings to finalize a few design details, the Board authorized the approval of a Development Permit for a new Canadian Tire store on Athalmer Road near Invermere. It is anticipated that the 3100 square meter retail outlet could open in the Spring of 2012.

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Columbia Valley Hauling Contract

The Chair and CAO have been authorized to sign an amendment to the agreement with Gregory Whitman Heavy Hauling Ltd. for hauling of Columbia Valley solid waste, including a reduction in rates for 2011-2013 and a contract extension to 2016.

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Environmental Services Manager

Proposed Elko Fire Service Update

The Board has postponed consideration of the Elko Fire Service Establishment and Loan Authorization Bylaws until June 2011. The postponement will allow time for the newly established Elko Fire Society to undertake fundraising for capital associated with establishing a fire department and to further examine the financial impact to industry in Elko.

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CAO

Board of Variance Vacancies

The RDEK will be advertising for two vacant positions on the RDEK's Board of Variance. The vacancies include one position representing the Central Subregion and one position representing the Elk Valley Subregion. The Board of Variance is empowered under the *Local Government Act* to make certain types of development decisions including minor variances due to hardship and extending the non-conforming use of land. Interested candidates should contact the Planning & Development Services Department.

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Amending the Definition of Public Library

The RDEK will prepare a bylaw to amend the definition of public libraries contained in Bylaw No. 931 to include rural reading centres. There are rural reading centres in Grasmere, Jaffray, Moyie, Wardner, Wasa and Edgewater.

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CAO

Permission Granted for New Girl Guide Construction

The RDEK has granted permission to the Girl Guides of Canada to construct a modular building; two storage shelters; and a septic system on their leased portion of Wycliffe Regional Park lands. The permission is subject to compliance with building permit requirements and receipt of approval from the Ministry of Health for the proposed septic system.

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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 or visit www.rdek.bc.ca

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Deputy/Training Coordinator Agreements Signed

The Chair and CAO have signed the Deputy/Training Coordinator Agreements with Murray Bertram and Jennifer House for the Central Subregion and Elk Valley & South Country Emergency Programs respectively for the term January 1, 2011 to December 31, 2011.

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Discretionary Grants in Aid

The Cranbrook and District Arts Council will receive \$1000 from the Electoral Area C DGIA account for operational funding.

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

The Moyie Community Association will receive \$1000 from the Electoral Area C DGIA account to go toward operational funding for the Moyie Reading Centre.

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Electoral Area C Director

The Wilmer Community Club will receive \$900 from the Electoral Area F DGIA account and \$2000 from the Electoral Area G DGIA account. The \$2900 will be used to purchase materials for facility upgrades and other expenses.

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NEXT BOARD MEETINGS

Thursday February 3, 2011
 Committee Meetings TBA

Friday February 4, 2011
 Regional District of East Kootenay Board Meeting 9:00 am

Other RDEK Happenings

Meetings and Open Houses:

January 13, 2011

7:00pm—Windermere Community Hall

Lake Windermere Management Plan Open House—A new version of the Lake Windermere Management Plan has been released. The public meeting will provide an opportunity to become acquainted with the revised plan, hear a presentation about the changes, and provide comments to elected officials and staff.

The RDEK's annual Town Hall Meetings start on January 18, 2011.

The complete schedule is as follows:

Tuesday, January 18, 2011 - 7:00pm

Area B Town Hall Jaffray Community Hall

Thursday, January 20, 2011 - 7:00pm

Area C Town Hall Cranbrook Public Library - Manual Training Room

Monday, January 31, 2011 - 7:00pm

Area E Town Hall Wasa Community Hall

Tuesday, February 1, 2011 - 7:00pm

Area A Town Hall Fernie Family Centre

Thursday, February 10, 2011 - 7:00pm

Area F Town Hall Windermere Community Hall

Tuesday, February 22, 2011 - 7:00pm

Area G Town Hall Edgewater Community Hall

Thursday, February 24, 2011 - 7:00pm

Area F Town Hall Fairmont Hot Springs Resort - Pine Room

Public Hearings:

January 24, 2011

4:00pm—Brisco Community Hall

Bylaw No. 2283—Steamboat Jubilee Mountain Official Community Plan Bylaw No. 1926, 2006 – Amendment Bylaw No. 7, 2011 (Spillimacheen/Rollins)

- and -

Bylaw No. 2284—Upper Columbia Valley Zoning Bylaw No. 900, 1992 – Amendment Bylaw No. 257, 2011 (Spillimacheen/Rollins)

January 27, 2011

7:00pm—Fairmont Hot Springs Resort, Birch Room

Bylaw No. 2275—Fairmont Hot Springs Area Official Community Plan Bylaw No. 1734, 2004—Amendment Bylaw No. 19 (Columbia Lake/Ruault-Elliott-Coy)

- and -

Bylaw No. 2276—Upper Columbia Valley Zoning Bylaw No. 900, 1992 – Amendment Bylaw No. 256, 2011 (Columbia Lake/Ruault-Elliott-Coy)

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