

HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE RDEK BOARD MEETING OF JANUARY 8, 2010

Board Continues to Support Local Governance Study

The Board has reiterated its support for a local governance study in the Columbia Valley. The Ministry of Community and Rural Development will be thanked for a meeting in November and advised that the RDEK is prepared to continue participation in the governance study process with a focus on exploring a subregional commission.

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Timber Ridge Water Upgrade to Proceed

The Timber Ridge water upgrade project will proceed after the petition was signed by 67% (245 of 366) of the property owners representing 68% of the assessed value of land and improvements within the service area. The RDEK Board has given the amendment and loan authorization bylaws three readings and will now send them to the Ministry for approval.

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 Engineering Services Manager

Terms of Reference Approved

The Board approved the Terms of Reference between the RDEK, Ktunaxa Nation Council and Province for the Lake Koochanusa Planning Process and Joint Steering Committee. The Terms of Reference establish a more detailed framework for moving ahead with a tri-party planning process for the Koochanusa area. It is expected that following the formation of the Joint Steering Committee, a detailed work plan and public consultation strategy will be developed. The planning process could formally begin in the Spring of 2010.

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 Manager of Planning & Development Services

Community Works Funding Allocations Approved

The following Community Works funding allocations have been approved:

Baltac Sewer Collection System	\$429,500
Rushmere Water System Upgrade	\$145,000
Windermere Water Bulk Water Retrofit & Connection and Water Meters	\$440,000
Trails Development Reserve	\$30,000

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Licence of Occupation Supported for Fairy Creek Reservoir

The RDEK supported the City's of Fernie's application for a 10 year licence of occupation to develop a water reservoir on Crown land in the Fairy Creek drainage. The proposal is consistent with RDEK zoning regulations and planning policies and will enable the City to move ahead with planned improvements to the municipal water supply and distribution system.

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Windermere Area Zoning Amendments

The Board gave first and second reading and authorized public hearings for two rezoning applications in the Windermere area. Bylaw 2197 will rezone a one hectare parcel on Lake Road to facilitate a one lot residential subdivision. Bylaw 2198 will rezone a 1.74ha property on Athalmer Road to permit a variety of service and regional commercial uses. The public hearing for both bylaws will be held at 7pm on January 25 at the Windermere Community Hall.

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Additional Hotel Room Tax Irreplaceable

The Ministers of Finance; Tourism, Culture and the Arts; and Community and Rural Development will be advised that the RDEK strongly supports the Additional Hotel Room Tax and the Resort Municipality Tax Transfer Program as irreplaceable sources of revenue for tourism marketing and that the voice of local governments must be retained in the decision-making process related to tourism destination marketing.

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 Board Chair

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Kootenay Booth Headed to the Olympics

There will be a booth profiling the Kootenays at the Olympics next month. The RDEK has approved contributing \$15,000 to the Kootenay Booth, which will be located on BC Street in the O-Zone in Richmond.

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

Director Wilkie to Sit on Steering Committee

Electoral Area G Director Gerry Wilkie will represent the RDEK on the Columbia Valley Community Forest Steering Committee.

Contact: *Gerry Wilkie* 250-347-9841
Electoral Area G Director

Wildfire Protection Plan

\$25,000 has been included in the 2010 Financial Plan for the preparation of a Regional Community Wildfire Protection Plan.

Contact: *Carol Lind* 250-489-2791
Emergency Services Coordinator

Discretionary Grants in Aid Funding (DGIA)

The Windermere Community Association will receive \$2000 from the Electoral Area F DGIA account to go towards the Windermere Winter Games. The Games are being organized as part of the 2010 Olympic/Para-Olympic Torch Relay and will be held on Friday, January 22, 2010.

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Electoral Area F Director

NEXT MEETINGS

Thursday

Committee Meetings

February 4, 2010

TBA

Friday

Regional District of East Kootenay
 Board Meeting

February 5, 2010

9:00 am

Other RDEK Happenings

January 19, 2010

Electoral Area G Town Hall Meeting
 7:00pm—Brisco Community Hall

January 20, 2010

Electoral Area F Town Hall Meeting
 7:00pm—Fairmont Hot Springs Resort

January 25, 2010

7:00pm—Windermere Community Hall
 Public Hearing for Bylaw 2197 Upper Columbia Valley
 Zoning Bylaw Amendment (Windermere/Graham)

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Public Hearing for Bylaw 2198 Upper Columbia Valley
 Zoning Bylaw Amendment (Athalmer/Quatro Properties)

January 27, 2010

Electoral Area G Town Hall Meeting
 7:00pm—Edgewater Community Hall

January 28, 2010

Electoral Area F Town Hall Meeting
 7:00pm—Windermere Community Hall

February 1, 2010

Electoral Area C Town Hall Meeting
 7:00pm—Cranbrook Library (Manual Training School)

February 2, 2010

Electoral Area A Town Hall Meeting
 7:00pm—Fernie Family Centre

February 8, 2010

Electoral Area C Town Hall Meeting
 7:00pm—Steelesview Community Hall

February 9, 2010

Electoral Area B Town Hall Meeting
 7:00pm—Elko Community Hall

February 11, 2010

Electoral Area C Town Hall Meeting
 7:00pm—Moyie Community Hall

February 17, 2010

Electoral Area B Town Hall Meeting
 7:00pm—Jaffray Community Hall

February 22, 2010

Electoral Area E Town Hall Meeting
 7:00pm—Wasa Community Hall

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