

## HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE RDEK BOARD MEETING OF JULY 9, 2010

### Recognitions and Awards

CAO Lee-Ann Crane was recently presented with the Presidents Award by the Local Government Management Association of BC. The RDEK Board of Directors congratulate Lee-Ann on this well deserved recognition. Bylaw Enforcement Officer Simon Senycz was presented with his 10 year service award.

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*Acting CAO*

### Transit Agreements Signed

The Chair and CAO have signed the Annual Operating Agreement with BC Transit and Olympus Stage Lines Ltd. for operation of the Columbia Valley transit system for a one-year term ending March 31, 2011. The Board is also encouraging BC Transit and Olympus Stages Lines to investigate relocating the bus to Invermere.

The Chair and CAO have also signed the Annual Operating Agreement with BC Transit and DSR Holdings Ltd. for operation of the Elk Valley transit system for a one year term ending March 31, 2011.

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*Community Services Manager*

### Consultant Given Deadline

A letter will be sent to AECOM expressing displeasure with the delays and lack of action on the Fernie Transfer Station design project and setting a deadline of August 31, 2010 for completion of the construction tendering process.

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*Environmental Services Manager*

### Clean Up of Crown Land in Baynes Lake Area

The Integrated Land Management Bureau will be requested to clean up the litter on the Crown land adjacent to the Baynes Lake Transfer Station. The RDEK will waive the tipping fees subject to ILMB hauling the waste directly to the Central Subregion Landfill for disposal.

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### Fairmont Hot Springs Area RV Park Development

The Board postponed further consideration of Bylaw 2221 pending further information from the applicant on a variety of environmental issues associated with the development. The property, located north of Columbia Lake, is known to host several endangered species and other environmentally sensitive lands. The owner is proposing a zoning amendment to permit a 1750 space RV Park and campsite.

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*Manager of Planning & Development Services*

### Sweetwater Rezoning Postponed

The Board further postponed consideration of Bylaw 2226. An amendment to the Sweetwater Zoning Bylaw is being sought by the developer in order to refine certain aspects of the development. The Board still has concerns related to the provision of seasonal camping opportunities on the property.

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### Commercial Loads No Longer Accepted at Wasa and Tie Lake Transfer Stations

The Central Subregion Waste Management Regulatory Bylaw has been amended to prohibit commercial haulers from disposing of materials at the Tie Lake and Wasa rural transfer stations. Commercial loads will be required to go to the Central Subregion Landfill.

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### Seeking an Extension from Transport Canada

A letter will be sent to Transport Canada expressing concern with the short amount of time given to upgrade heliports at health care facilities in the East Kootenay and requesting an extension to the suspensions to allow an appropriate amount of time to complete the upgrade.

In addition, Interior Health will be asked to provide assurance that the alternative arrangements for the heliports being closed for upgrades have been formalized and that any potential risks of service disruption at those sites have been addressed.

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*Board Chair*

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### Local Governance Workshop Planned

A workshop will be held for the Columbia Valley elected officials regarding the Columbia Valley Governance Study. The workshop is expected to be held in the fall.

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*Acting CAO*

### Local Conservation Fund Budget Approved

The 2010 budget for administration of the Columbia Valley Local Conservation Fund has been approved in the amount of \$21,250.

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*Acting CAO*

### Greenhouse Gas Reduction Targets

The Board is moving forward with amendments to the Lake Windermere, Fairmont Hot Springs Area and Panorama Mountain Village Official Community Plans to establish GHG reduction targets and additional polices for reducing water and energy consumption and greenhouse gases. Each plan will include a GHG reduction target of 17% below 2007 levels by 2020. Additional changes to the OCPs are:

#### Lake Windermere:

- All multi-family development will now be subject to two new development permit requirements: form and character; and, water and energy conservation.
- All commercial and industrial development will be subject to new development permit requirements for water and energy conservation.

#### Fairmont Hot Springs Area:

- All multi-family, commercial and industrial development will be subject to new development permit requirements for water and energy conservation.

#### Panorama Mountain Village:

- All multi-family, commercial and industrial development will be subject to new development permit requirements for water and energy conservation.

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### CBT Thanked

The Board has thrown its support behind changes to the Community Initiatives Program as proposed by CBT. The Board will also be formally thanking CBT for its contributions to the communities in the East Kootenay region.

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*Community Services Manager*

### ALR Delegation Agreement for Electoral Area A

The Board took an important step towards more local management of the Agricultural Land Reserve in Electoral Area A by signing a delegation agreement with the Agricultural Land Commission. The agreement authorizes the RDEK Board of Directors to make decisions on certain ALR non-farm use and subdivision applications in Electoral Area A. The agreement stems from the Elk Valley Agricultural Land Reserve Review Project report which was completed by the RDEK and endorsed by the Board in 2009. It is expected that the agreement will be signed by the Agricultural Land Commission quickly and come into effect in August.

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### Discretionary Grants in Aid Funding (DGIA)

The Cranbrook 2011 Hockey Team will receive \$2500 from the Electoral Area C DGIA account to help offset travel expenses to the 2011 Friendship Hockey Tournament in Hudson, Minnesota next June.

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*Electoral Area C Director*

### NEXT BOARD MEETINGS

**Thursday** August 5, 2010  
 Committee Meetings TBA

**Friday** August 6, 2010  
 Regional District of East Kootenay Board Meeting 9:00 am

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## *Other RDEK Happenings*

### **July 16, 2010**

#### **7:00pm**

Edgewater Community Engagement and Feasibility Study Surveys must be turned in to Pip's Country Store or the drop off in the lobby of the Edgewater Post Office by July 16, 2010.

### **July 27, 2010**

#### **4:00pm—Windermere Community Hall**

Public Hearing for Bylaw 2235 Lake Windermere Official Community Plan Bylaw No. 2061—Amendment Bylaw No. 9 (GHG Target/RDEK) Bylaw 2237 Panorama Mountain Village Official Community Plan Bylaw No. 1441—Amendment Bylaw No. 14 (GHG Target/RDEK)

#### **7:00pm—Fairmont Hot Springs Resort Birch Room**

Public Hearing for Bylaw 2236 Fairmont Hot Springs Area Official Community Plan Bylaw No. 1734—Amendment Bylaw No. 16 (GHG Target/RDEK)

#### **7:00pm—Baynes Lake Community Hall**

Public Hearing for Bylaw 2226 Sweetwater Zoning & Floodplain Management Bylaw No. 2127—Amendment Bylaw No. 1 (Sweetwater/Marcer Ranching Ltd.)

### **July 28, 2010**

#### **7:00pm—Elko Community Hall**

Meeting re: Elko Fire Protection. The RDEK will present information on the requirements and costs of establishing a fire service in Elko. Public input received at this meeting will be used to determine whether or not to proceed with fire service and hold a vote later this year.

### **July 29, 2010**

#### **7:00pm—Fernie Family Centre**

Public Hearing for Bylaw 2241 Elk Valley Zoning Bylaw No. 829—Amendment Bylaw No. 52 (Dicken Road/Vandenbogerd) and Bylaw 2242 Elk Valley Zoning Bylaw No. 829—Amendment Bylaw No. 53 (Cokato/Stamler)

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