

## HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE RDEK BOARD MEETING OF JULY 8, 2011

### **Proposed Elko Fire Protection Service Update**

The RDEK continues to prepare for a referendum this fall on the proposed Elko Fire Protection Service Area. The Board of Directors has given three readings to the amended Elko Fire Protection Service Establishment Bylaw and Loan Authorization Bylaw and submitted them for required approvals. The vote will be held in conjunction with the 2011 local government elections in November.

Contact: *Shannon Moskal* 250-489-2791  
*Community Services Manager*

### **Baynes Lake Official Community Plan and Zoning Bylaw**

The Board gave third reading to the Baynes Lake Official Community Plan and the South Country Zoning and Floodplain Management Bylaw. The Bylaws are the result of nearly two years of work and community consultation. It is expected that final adoption of the bylaws will occur in August.

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*Manager of Planning & Development Services*

### **West Fernie Infrastructure and Servicing Goes to Petition**

The method of receiving community assent to the establishment of a service to upgrade and install infrastructure in West Fernie and incorporation into the City of Fernie will be by way of petition for services. More information will be provided to the residents and property owners in West Fernie in the coming weeks.

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

### **Seeking Funds for Regional Wildfire Protection Plan**

The Board has authorized B.A. Blackwell and Associates to submit an application to the Union of BC Municipalities for funding from the Strategic Wildfire Prevention Initiative for the Regional Community Wildfire Protection Plan.

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*Manager of Building & Protective Services*

### **Ministry Asked to Deal with Invasive Plants**

A letter will be sent to the Ministries of Transportation and Infrastructure; Environment; and Forests, Lands and Natural Resource Operations requesting that they immediately deal with the proliferation of blue weed in the Elko area and address the long standing problem of invasive plants on Crown land.

Contact: *Scott Manjak* 250-426-4211  
*Board Chair*

### **St. Mary Lake Development**

The Board gave first and second reading to Bylaws 2323 and 2324 to amend the Kimberley Rural OCP and Zoning Bylaw to facilitate a 15 lot rural residential development on St. Mary Lake. The land is currently owned by Tembec and included as part of the development proposal is the creation of a 15 acre park to be donated to the RDEK at the time of subdivision. A public hearing on the Bylaws will be held at 7:00pm, July 21<sup>st</sup> at Centennial Hall in Kimberley.

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*Manager of Planning & Development Services*

### **Funding Application to be Submitted**

An application will be submitted for funding through the Investment Agricultural Foundation of BC for preparation of a Farmed Animal Mass Carcass Disposal Emergency Plan. If funding is approved, Bremner Consulting will be commissioned to prepare the plan.

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*Manager of Building & Protective Services*

### **New APC Representative Appointed**

Stephanie Stevens has been appointed to the Advisory Planning Commission / Electoral Area Advisory Commission for Electoral Areas F and G

Contact: *Wendy Booth* 250-345-6155  
*Electoral Area F Director*

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

### **Rails to Trails Committee Has New Area C Rep**

June Vandenbergh has been appointed as an Electoral Area C representative on the Cranbrook Public Library Board for the term expiring December 31, 2013.

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*Electoral Area C Director*

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### Home Based Business Consultation To Begin

The RDEK will soon begin updating and revising its home based business regulations. As part of the revision process, staff will prepare two classifications of home based business and associated regulations for consideration by the Board. There will also be comprehensive public consultation.

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*Manager of Planning & Development Services*

### Discretionary Grants in Aid (DGIA)

The National Western Region Mine Rescue Competition Organizing Committee will receive \$1000 from the Electoral Area A DGIA account for sponsorship of the 10th Biennial Anniversary of the Surface and Underground Mine Rescue Competition, which will be held in Fernie in early September.

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*Electoral Area A Director*

The Windermere Valley Museum and Archives will receive \$1460 from the Electoral Area F DGIA account and \$380 from the Electoral Area G DGIA account for their Summer Children's Program. The Program is aimed at children ages 5-11 and includes activities and games designed around historical themes.

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*Electoral Area F Director*  
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*Electoral Area G Director*

The Canadian Red Cross will receive \$500 from the Electoral Area A, B, C, F and G Discretionary Grant in Aid accounts (for a total of \$2500) for its Health Equipment Loan Program (HELP). HELP provides medical equipment to those who need it and there are currently five client service locations in the East Kootenay.

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### NEXT BOARD MEETINGS

<b>Thursday</b>	<b>August 4, 2011</b>
Committee Meetings	TBA
<b>Friday</b>	<b>August 5, 2011</b>
Regional District of East Kootenay Board Meeting	9:00 am
Kootenay East Regional Hospital District Meeting	11:00am

### Public Hearings:

**Tuesday, July 19, 2011—7:00pm**

**RDEK Board Room, Cranbrook**

**Bylaw 2327**—Cranbrook Rural Zoning Bylaw No. 102, 2001—Amendment Bylaw No. 22, 2011 (Cranbrook North West / Malenfant)

**Thursday, July 21, 2011—7:00pm**

**Centennial Hall, Kimberley**

**Bylaw 2324**—Kimberley Rural Official Community Plan Bylaw No. 1924, 2006—Amendment Bylaw No. 6, 2011 (St. Mary Valley / Tembec Industries Inc.)

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**Bylaw 2325**—Kimberley Rural Zoning and Floodplain Management Bylaw No. 1925, 2006—Amendment Bylaw No. 10, 2011 (St. Mary Valley / Tembec Industries Inc)

**Wednesday, July 27, 2011—7:00pm**

**Fernie Family Centre**

**Bylaw 2307**—Elk Valley Zoning Bylaw No. 829, 1990—Amendment Bylaw No. 55, 2011 (Dicken / 0816595 BC Ltd.)

### Other Items of Interest:

#### RDEK Derelict Vehicle Round Up

The RDEK still has spaces in our old vehicle round up. NO buses, dump trucks or assorted auto parts. Deadline to get your name on the list is **September 2, 2011**. Call Lynne Newhouse at the RDEK at 250-489-6900 or 1-888-478-7335 for more information or to request a registration form. Forms can be downloaded at [www.rdek.bc.ca](http://www.rdek.bc.ca).

#### In Search of the 2011 Electoral Area Volunteers of the Year

The RDEK is looking for nominations for the 2011 Volunteer of the Year. If you know someone who lives in an Electoral Area and dedicates their time, energy or talents to better the community in which they live, nominate them today! Nomination forms are available on the RDEK's website, at the RDEK offices in Cranbrook and Invermere and from several Community Associations. **Nomination deadline is 4:30pm on Friday, July 29, 2011.**

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