

HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE RDEK BOARD MEETING OF JUNE 4, 2010

New Chair Elected

There is a new Chair at the helm of the RDEK. Cranbrook Mayor Scott Manjak was elected to the Chair on Friday. The election came following the resignation of the previous Chair, Sparwood Mayor David Wilks, who stepped down to pursue a federal political nomination. This will be Manjak's first term as RDEK Board Chair.

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

2010/2011 Columbia Basin Trust Project Funding Approved

The RDEK Board of Directors has approved over \$900,000 in funding for various projects around the region over the coming year. The funding comes from the Columbia Basin Trust's Community Initiatives and Affected Areas Programs, which are administered by the RDEK. A complete list of approved projects will be available on the RDEK website at www.rdek.bc.ca

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

Ministry Invited to Discuss Lake Access

District Highways Manager Jack Bennetto, with the Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure, will be invited to attend the next Board Meeting to discuss access to St. Mary Lake.

Contact: *Norm Walter* 250-427-2577
Electoral Area E Director

Wycliffe Exhibition Grounds Open for Business

In April, the Board of Directors decided the RDEK would operate the Wycliffe Exhibition Grounds for the next year while a long term management plan was devised. The Board has now adopted the Regulation Bylaw that regulates and sets the fees for the use of the grounds. Anyone interested in renting the grounds or facilities can contact the RDEK.

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

Elkhorn Ranch Wildlife Exclusion Fence

The Board did not approve an application by Elkhorn Ranch to vary the height of a residential fence in the Windermere Loop Road area. Elkhorn Ranch is in the process of erecting a wildlife exclusion fence around the perimeter of the property. However, because a portion of the subject land is zoned for residential development and not agriculture, a section of the 2.45m fence is in violation of the Upper Columbia Valley Zoning Bylaw. The Board rejected the applicant's request to vary the zoning regulations to allow the over height fence and instead requested that the land owner relocate the offending portion of the fence in order to avoid further conflicts with wildlife.

Contact: *Andrew McLeod* 250-489-2791
Manager of Planning & Development Services

Koocanusa Official Community Plan

The Board authorized staff to commence the preparation of an Official Community Plan and a Zoning Bylaw for the Koocanusa area. The project will be undertaken in collaboration with the Province, represented by the Integrated Land Management Bureau, and the Ktunaxa Nation Council. An introductory public meeting will be scheduled for early July. Further information about the project will be available on the RDEK website.

Contact: *Andrew McLeod* 250-489-2791
Manager of Planning & Development Services

Sweetwater Rezoning

The Board postponed consideration of Bylaw 2226. A rezoning application for the Sweetwater development on Lake Koocanusa has been submitted by the developer in order to refine certain aspects of the development. However, a change to the zoning of the property that would have deleted the identification of a specific area for Recreational Vehicle (RV) park development was a concern for the Board. The applicant was provided with additional time to work with staff to identify a specific area on the property for an RV park.

Contact: *Andrew McLeod* 250-489-2791
Manager of Planning & Development Services

HIGHLIGHTS

is a monthly publication of the Regional District of East Kootenay.

HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE RDEK BOARD MEETING OF JUNE 4, 2010

Whitetail Lake Development

An application to rezone land in the vicinity of Whitetail Lake was refused by the Board. The rezoning application by the Whitetail Lake Land Corporation would have permitted approximately 48 rural residential parcels to be created around the lake. In its discussion, the Board noted that the remoteness of the area from other communities and the lake's semi-wilderness characteristics did not lend itself to such a development.

Contact: *Andrew McLeod* 250-489-2791
Manager of Planning & Development Services

Special Events Planned Region Wide

A number of special event licenses have been granted for festivities around the RDEK over the next few months. A country music festival will be held at the Wycliffe Exhibition Grounds on July 23 and July 24; the Wycliffe Exhibition Association Pro Rodeo is set to go at the Grounds August 20 to 22; a music and arts festival will be held July 15 to 19 at the Horsethief Hideout North of Invermere; and Fairmont Hot Springs Resort will once again host the Canada Day Fireworks celebration on July 1st.

Contact: *Natalie Garbay* 250-489-2791
Executive Assistant

New Fire Truck for Upper Elk Valley Fire

The Board has accepted the bid from Rocky Mountain Phoenix for a new tanker Fire Truck to service the Upper Elk Valley Fire Protection Service Area.

Contact: *Dan McNeill* 250-489-2791
Manager of Building & Protective Services

Discretionary Grants in Aid Funding (DGIA)

The Fort Steele Cemetery Society will receive \$2000 from the Electoral Area C DGIA account. The funds will be used to purchase grave markers for several unmarked sites in the historic Cemetery.

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

The Invermere Veterinary Hospital will receive \$1000 from the Electoral Area F DGIA account to go towards its "Take Flight" Program.

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

NEXT BOARD MEETINGS

Thursday July 8, 2010
Committee Meetings TBA

Friday July 9, 2010
Regional District of East Kootenay Board Meeting 9:00 am

See Page 3 for other RDEK happenings!

HIGHLIGHTS

is a monthly publication of the Regional District of East Kootenay.

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

Other RDEK Happenings



Memorial Arena Referendum

On Saturday June 12th eligible electors in Area C will be asked whether they support contributing \$1.25 million to the upgrade of Cranbrook Memorial Arena. If Area C votes yes, the City of Cranbrook will remove the two tier user fee system at all of its recreation facilities. The election will be held from 8am to 8pm Saturday, June 12th. Advance voting will also be held Thursday, June 10th from 8am-8pm. Contact the RDEK for information and voting place locations.

Lake Windermere Management Plan Open Houses

June 14, 2010

There are two open houses planned on **Monday, June 14, 2010** to review the draft Lake Windermere Management Plan. The open house will provide an opportunity to review and pick up a copy of the draft plan.

The open houses will be held at the following locations:

Windermere Community Hall

4726 North Street
Windermere BC
2:30 pm to 4:30 pm
(with a presentation at 3:00 pm)

-and-

Best Western Hotel

1310 – 7th Avenue
Invermere BC
7:00 pm to 9:00 pm
(with a presentation at 7:30 pm)

If you are unable to attend an open house, the draft Lake Windermere Management Plan, with an opportunity to comment, will be available on the RDEK website at www.rdek.bc.ca. For further information contact Andrew McLeod, Manager of Planning & Development Services, at 250-489-2791, toll free at 1-888-478-7335 or amcleod@rdek.bc.ca.

June 14, 2010

7:00pm-9:00pm

Rockyview OCP and Wycliffe Zoning Bylaw Open House
Manual Training Centre
Cranbrook Public Library

June 17, 2010

7:00pm—Centennial Hall, Kimberley

Public Hearing for Bylaw 2231 Kimberley Rural Zoning and Floodplain Management Bylaw No. 1925—Amendment Bylaw No. 9 (Lone Pine/Jeske)

June 21, 2010

7:00pm—RDEK Board Room

Public Hearing for Bylaw 2230 Cranbrook Rural Official Settlement Bylaw No. 320—Amendment Bylaw No. 47 (Gold Creek/Dhillon) and Bylaw 2232 Cranbrook Rural Zoning Bylaw No. 1402—Amendment Bylaw No. 17 (Gold Creek/Dhillon)

June 21, 2010

4:00pm—Windermere Community Hall

Public Hearing for Bylaw 2227 Lake Windermere Official Community Plan Bylaw No. 2061—Amendment Bylaw No. 8 (Windermere/Holland Creek Homes) and Bylaw 2228 Upper Columbia Valley Zoning Bylaw No. 900—Amendment Bylaw No. 249 (Windermere/Holland Creek Homes Ltd.)

June 21, 2010

7:00pm—Fairmont Hot Springs Resort Birch Room

Public Hearing for Bylaw 2221 Upper Columbia Valley Zoning Bylaw No. 900—Amendment Bylaw No. 248 (Fairmont/Columbia Golf Resort Ltd.)

HIGHLIGHTS

is a monthly publication of the Regional District of East Kootenay.