



Highlights

NOVEMBER 2009

HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE RDEK BOARD MEETING OF NOVEMBER 6, 2009

20-Year Service Award

Building Inspector Brock Smith was recognized for his 20 years of service to the RDEK. Brock is based out of the Cranbrook office.

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District Lot 48

After hearing from a delegation of the Wilder family, the Board decided to postpone for one year further action on Bylaws 1880 and 1881 to amend the Fairmont OCP and rezone District Lot 48. The Board also authorized the Chair and the Area F Director to enter into negotiations with the appropriate Provincial Ministries to try and find a solution for the preservation of Lot 48 that addresses concerns of First Nations and the new land owners.

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Manager of Planning & Development Services

Island Lake Resort

The Board gave third reading to a new Official Community Plan for the Island Lake land holdings. Bylaw 2170 provides long range strategic guidance for future conservation and land use changes on the properties. Included in the OCP are provisions for public access, employee accommodation, and conservation management principles for the property. In addition, the Board gave third reading to Bylaw 2171 to amend the Elk Valley Zoning Bylaw to implement the proposed development plans as outlined in the OCP. The Bylaws will be forwarded to the respective Provincial Ministries for approval and are expected to be returned for adoption early in the new year.

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Columbia Valley Scale House Tender Awarded

The contract for the operation of the Scale House at the Columbia Valley Landfill has been awarded to Sparkling Creek (Robert & Jennifer Speta) for five years.

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Environmental Services Manager

Upper Elk Valley Fire Service Proceeds

The petition for a new fire service in the Upper Elk Valley was successful and the Board has given three readings to the service establishment Bylaw. The Bylaw will be forwarded to the Ministry of Community and Rural Development before coming back to the RDEK for approval.

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Provincial and Federal Governments Thanked for Funding

The Provincial and Federal governments will be thanked for the Building Canada grant in the amount of \$2,060,666 for the Windermere/Timber Ridge Water Project. Petitions have now gone out to property owners in Timber Ridge to receive assent for the Timber Ridge portion of the project.

Contact: *Brian Funke* 250-489-2791
Engineering Services Manager

Ecological Area Assessment Supported

The RDEK Board has thrown its support behind the Grasslands Conservation Council's proposed Ecological Area Assessment of the RDEK. Planning & Development Services staff will assist the Council as needed in 2010.

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HST Effect on Social Programs Considered

The existing social service tax will be eliminated with the introduction of the Harmonized Sales Tax next year. This effectively means that tax on items like alcohol would be reduced. The Board expressed concern that such a tax reduction could have a negative impact on the funding of social programs. For this reason, the Board resolved to request that upon implementation of the HST, the Provincial Government create a new tax on alcohol to ensure funding for supporting social programs is maintained.

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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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New Member of Transit Advisory Commission

Bernie Macala has been appointed to the Columbia Valley Transit Advisory Commission. The RDEK is still looking for additional members for the Commission and will be accepting expressions of interest until 4:30pm on December 15th.

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Objecting to First Responder Cuts

A letter will be sent to the Minister of Health Services strongly objecting to any funding cuts to the First Responder training program and requesting clarification on whether or not such cuts are being contemplated.

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Discretionary Grants in Aid Funding (DGIA)

The Grasmere Reading Centre and Jaffray Library Committee will each receive \$1000 from the Electoral Area B DGIA account to go toward the purchase of books for their libraries.

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Electoral Area B Director

The Steeplesview Reading Centre in Wardner will receive \$2000 from the Electoral Area C DGIA account to go toward the purchase of books and other operational expenses for the Centre.

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

Summit Community Services Society will receive \$2000 from the Electoral Area C DGIA and \$1000 from the Electoral Area E DGIA account to go toward the Police-Based Victim Service Program. The Program works closely with the RCMP to provide assistance and support to individuals who've been victimized by crime and trauma.

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Electoral Area C Director

Norman Walter 250-427-2577
Electoral Area E Director

DGIA—Continued

The Fairmont Business Association will receive \$2000 from the Electoral Area F DGIA account to go towards the community's two-day Olympic Torch Relay celebration on January 22 and 23, 2010.

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Electoral Area F Director

NEXT MEETINGS

Thursday December 3, 2009
Committee Meetings TBA

Friday December 4, 2009
Regional District of East Kootenay Board Meeting 9:00 am

Other RDEK Happenings

November 17, 2009

Edgewater Water Meter Project Open House
4:00pm-7:00pm—Edgewater Community Hall
7:00pm—Formal presentation by RDEK & Neptune

November 24, 2009

Public Hearing for Bylaw 2188 (Upper Columbia Valley Zoning Bylaw Amendment No. 238, 2009 (Athlmer/Quatro Properties (Invermere) Ltd.))
4:00pm—Windermere Community Hall

December 15, 2009

4:30pm is the deadline to have expressions of interest submitted to the RDEK for the Columbia Valley Transit Advisory Commission. Letters can be addressed to Shannon Moskal, Deputy Manager of Administration.

December 17, 2009

4:30pm is the deadline to have petitions on the Timber Ridge Water Upgrade Project returned to the RDEK office in Cranbrook. For more information, click on the Timber Ridge link on the RDEK website main page.

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