

HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE RDEK BOARD MEETING OF OCTOBER 8, 2010

20 Year Service

Barb Malloff received a 20-year service award. Barb started working for the RDEK on September 5, 1990 as Secretary to the Building and Planning Departments and is currently the Executive Secretary (Planning).

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CAO

Fernie Transfer Station Construction Nears

The CAO and Chair have signed an agreement with BPR Construction Ltd. for the construction of the Fernie Transfer Station in the amount of \$1,999,100.00 plus HST. Construction will likely begin by Spring 2011.

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Environmental Services Manager

Rockyview OCP and Wycliffe Zoning Bylaw Public Hearing Scheduled

The Board gave first and second reading to the proposed new Rockyview Official Community Plan and Wycliffe Zoning Bylaw. The new bylaws will replace the old 1982 Cranbrook Rural Official Settlement Plan and the 1989 Wycliffe Land Use Bylaw. A public hearing will be held Tuesday, October 26 at the Manual Training Centre in Cranbrook.

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Planner

Elko Fire Protection Postponed

The referendum on the proposed Elko Fire Protection Service has been postponed. The postponement comes after Industry in Elko lodged a complaint with the Ministry of Community and Rural Development and formally requested to be withdrawn from the proposed service area. A letter will be sent to the Ministry outlining the notification process thus far. The RDEK will await a decision from the Ministry on the Bylaws prior to determining next steps in the process.

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Sweetwater Rezoning Given Third Reading

The Board gave third reading to Bylaw 2226 rezoning portions of the Sweetwater development at Kooconusa to amend the location of some proposed land uses and prohibit the placement of park model trailers. The Bylaw will be forwarded for the required Provincial approvals before it is considered for adoption by the RDEK Board.

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Refuse Bins Requested for Sweetwater

The owners of Sweetwater will be required to place waste transfer bins at the site during all phases of development at the cost of the developer. Once the development is complete, the developer will also be responsible for locating and paying for permanent waste transfer bins.

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Central Rural Hauling Contract Awarded

Southeast Contracting Ltd. will haul the Central Subregion rural refuse for the next five years. The hauling contract covers the hauling of waste from the RDEK's rural transfer stations to the Central Subregion Landfill.

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Environmental Services Manager

RDEK Appointed as Receiver of West Fernie Waterworks District

Responding to a request from the Minister of Community and Rural Development, the Board supported the appointment of the RDEK as receiver for the West Fernie Waterworks District. Staff will investigate the cost and availability of a contractor to undertake the administrative work associated with the WFWD operations.

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CAO

Community Wildfire Protection Plan Moves Ahead

B.A. Blackwell & Associates Ltd. will develop a Regional Community Wildfire Protection Plan. The plan will cover all unincorporated areas of the RDEK and will include specific community action plans and priorities. These action plans will be used in future as work begins to reduce fuel load and associated hazards in and around our rural communities.

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Elk Valley ALR Block Exclusion Application

The Board is considering moving forward with an Agricultural Land Reserve (ALR) block exclusion application for rural properties in the Elk Valley. The exclusion application may include those lands identified for ALR exclusion or boundary adjustment in the Elk Valley Agricultural Land Reserve Review Project Report. As part of the process, the Board has authorized a public hearing in order to gather the views of residents and property owners. The public hearing will be held Monday, October 25 in Hosmer.

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Planner

Ranches at Elk Park Water System

RDEK staff will begin the process for establishing a service to operate the proposed Ranches at Elk Park Water System. The method of receiving assent for the operation of the system will be by way of petition.

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Community Services Manager

Deck to Represent RDEK on CBT Board

The RDEK Board of Directors has nominated Greg Deck as the RDEK representative to Columbia Basin Trust for another year. Deck has been the RDEK's representative for several years and his current term expires March 31, 2011.

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RDEK Board Chair

Discretionary Grants in Aid Funding (DGIA)

The Jaffray Library Committee will receive \$1000 from the Electoral Area B DGIA account to help purchase some new books for the library.

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Electoral Area B Director

The Steeplesview Reading Centre will receive \$2000 from the Electoral Area C DGIA account to help offset costs of the community library service.

Contact: *Rob Gay* 250-489-4242

Electoral Area C Director

Discretionary Grants in Aid – Continued

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

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Norm Walter 250-427-2577
Electoral Area E Director

NEXT BOARD MEETINGS

Thursday November 4, 2010
Committee Meetings TBA

Friday November 5, 2010
Regional District of East Kootenay
Board Meeting 9:00 am

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other happenings in the RDEK*

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Other RDEK Happenings

October 14, 2010

7:00pm— Kimberley Rural Fire Protection Service Meeting, Marysville Community Church (730-302nd Street, Marysville)
Public meeting to discuss establishing a fire protection service area to the Wycliffe, St. Mary Lake Road, Meadowbrook, and rural Kimberley area

October 18, 2010

8:00am—4:30pm Full Scale Emergency Exercise (Elk Valley)

The Elk Valley and South Country Emergency Program is holding an emergency exercise October 18th. There will be a mock evacuation in Hosmer, volunteers made up to simulate actual accident victims, barricades and involvement from all of the emergency services, including police, ambulance and fire. The hospital and all emergency services will be available as per normal.

October 21, 2010

10:30am—Baynes Lake Seniors Housing Complex Groundbreaking Ceremony

The community is invited to attend an official groundbreaking ceremony for the new Senior's Housing Complex in Baynes Lake. A number of dignitaries will also be on hand.

Public Hearings:

October 21, 2010

4:00pm—RDEK Board Room

Bylaw 2267—Cranbrook (Rural) Official Settlement Plan Bylaw Amendment Bylaw No. 49 (Jim Smith/Thompson)

- and -

Bylaw 2268—Cranbrook Rural Zoning Bylaw Amendment Bylaw No. 19 (Jim Smith/Thompson)

October 25, 2010

7:00pm—Hosmer Community Centre, Hosmer

Elk Valley ALR Review Block Exclusion—The RDEK is proposing to submit an application for a block exclusion of properties to the ALC. The Elk Valley ALR Review Project Report (and properties affected by this proposal) can be viewed on the RDEK website at www.rdek.bc.ca.

October 26, 2010

7:00pm—Manual Training Room, Cranbrook Public Library

Bylaw 2255—Rockyview Official Community Plan Bylaw No. 2255, 2010

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Bylaw 2256—Wycliffe Zoning & Floodplain Management Bylaw No. 2256, 2010

October 27, 2010

7:00pm—Birch Room, Fairmont Hot Springs Resort

Bylaw 2261—Fairmont Hot Springs Area Official Community Plan Bylaw Amendment Bylaw No. 18 (Columere/Coy)

- and -

Bylaw 2262—Upper Columbia Valley Zoning Bylaw Amendment Bylaw No. 253 (Columere/Coy)

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