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REGIONAL BOARD MEETING HIGHLIGHTS - May 1, 2009 (Revised)

20 Year Service Award

Marie James has been recognized for her 20 years of service to the RDEK. James is a Planning Technician and has worked in the Planning and Development Services Department since 1989.

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

Elk Valley Secondary Suites

The Board gave third reading to a zoning bylaw amendment that will permit secondary suites to be located above detached garages on rural residential properties in the Elk Valley. The RDEK will not be able to issue building permits for detached secondary suites until the bylaw is formally adopted by the Board. It is expected that this will occur in early summer after the bylaw has received the necessary provincial approvals. The bylaw establishes a number of regulations around the design of detached suites and those considering building are urged to consult with Regional District staff.

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

Water Conservation Plan Approved

The RDEK has a new Water Conservation Plan. The Plan includes water conservation targets for the RDEK's water systems; an overview of the public education program; and information on existing water conservation efforts within RDEK operations. The Plan will be submitted with all future grant applications and is expected to evolve as conservation targets are identified and achieved.

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

Keeping Public Accesses Open

A letter will be sent to the Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure in support of maintaining public accesses to Lake Kooacanusa on existing road rights of way. The Ministry will also be requested to enforce against unauthorized structures blocking public access in the area.

Contact: *Heath Slee* 250-887-3483
Electoral Area B Director

Transit Commission Formed

A new Columbia Valley Transit Advisory Commission has been established. The Commission will provide advice to the Board and staff on the Columbia Valley Transit System. Commission members are expected to be appointed at the RDEK's next Board Meeting on May 29, 2009.

Contact: *Shannon Moskal* 250-489-2791
Deputy Manager of Administration

Province Thanked for Weed Control Funding

A letter will be sent to the Minister of Agriculture and Lands expressing appreciation for a \$69,000 grant for the RDEK Noxious Weed Control Program.

Contact: *Lee-Ann Crane* 250-489-2791
Chief Administrative Officer

Discretionary Grants in Aid (DGIA)

The Elk Valley Bear Aware Program will receive \$2000 from the Electoral Area A DGIA account and \$500 from the Electoral Area B DGIA account to go towards their 2009 Bear Aware education and awareness programs.

Contact: *Mike Sosnowski* 250-423-1029
Electoral Area A Director

Heath Slee 250-887-3483
Electoral Area B Director

The TM Roberts Blue Lake Education Committee will receive \$1,000 from the Electoral Area C DGIA to assist with costs related to sending students to Blue Lake's Education camp.

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

EK Citizens for Clean Air and Wildsight will receive \$1000 from the Electoral Area C DGIA account for the Cranbrook Community Air Quality Monitoring Program.

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Electoral Area C Director

As upgrades on the Idlewild Park Riding Ring continue, the Friends of Fort Steele will receive \$1000 from the Area C DGIA account for the Maverick Riding Club to assist with improvements to the footing of the arena. The Friends of Fort Steele are looking after administration of funds for the project.

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The Rocky Mountain Bandits will receive \$500 from the Electoral Area C DGIA to go toward the purchase of team shirts or hats.

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Electoral Area C Director

A total of \$2750 will be given to the Jim Smith Lake Community Association from the Electoral Area C DGIA account. The funds will be used to purchase a boat for their lake monitoring project. The Association will be monitoring water quality on both Jim Smith and New Lake throughout the summer and entering information gathered into a database.

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

The East Kootenay Zone 7 Seniors will receive \$500 from the Electoral Area C DGIA account to go toward their participation in the 2009 BC Seniors' Games in Richmond.

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Electoral Area C Director

The East Kootenay Woodstove Exchange Program will receive \$2000 from the Electoral Area C DGIA account for additional wood stove exchange rebates.

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

The Windermere Community Association will receive \$500 from the Electoral Area F DGIA account for upgrades to the Association's website.

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

NEXT MEETINGS

THURSDAY

Committee Meetings

May 28, 2009

TBA

FRIDAY

Regional District of East Kootenay
Board Meeting

MAY 29, 2009

9:00 am