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REGIONAL BOARD MEETING HIGHLIGHTS – August 10, 2009

Jumbo Motion Carries

Following an 8-7 vote, the Board adopted a resolution related to the proposed Jumbo Glacier Resort project requesting that upon signing of a Master Development Agreement between the Province and Glacier Resorts Ltd, the Minister responsible designate the Jumbo Glacier Resort a Mountain Resort Municipality and that such a governance arrangement provides for the Resort to be governed by a council of local citizens, supported by a locally based advisory group that includes First Nations. The resolution will be forwarded to the Minister of Community and Rural Development.

Contact: *Norm Walter* 250-427-2577
Board Chair

Windermere Fire Hall Construction Contract Awarded

MDG Development Corp. has been awarded the contract for the construction of the new Windermere Fire Hall at a total cost of \$2,230,000 plus GST.

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Manager of Building & Protective Services

EKCP to Administer Local Conservation Fund

The BC Hydro Fish and Wildlife Compensation Program - East Kootenay Conservation Fund will administer the Columbia Valley Local Conservation Fund on behalf of the RDEK for the term August 11, 2009 – December 31, 2018. Under the agreement, a maximum budget has been set for annual program delivery expenses. For 2009-2010, that amount will be \$21,250. The agreement is strictly for the administration of the Fund. The RDEK has final approval on all projects, grant payments and documents related to the Fund.

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Development Information Requirements for the Lake Windermere OCP Area

The Board adopted Bylaws 2122 and 2141 establishing new development approval information areas and review processes for certain types of development proposals in the Lake Windermere OCP area. Applications for zoning amendments, development permits, temporary commercial and industrial use permits that impact certain types of flood hazards, agricultural issues or environmentally sensitive areas may be subject to the requirement for a report from a qualified professional. These reports are meant to assess the potential impact of a project on identified issues of concern and help the RDEK recommend appropriate conditions or mitigations as part of the development approval process.

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Manager of Planning & Development Services

Cranbrook Rural Fire Expansion Moves Forward

The Board has given 3 readings to an Amendment Bylaw, which would see the Cranbrook Rural Fire Protection Service Area expand from its current 8km radius to a 13km coverage radius. The expanded service area would provide fire protection in the currently unprotected areas of Westview Estates, Booth Creek, and a portion of Wycliffe. The Bylaw will be forwarded to the Province for approval before coming back to the Board for adoption. The RDEK hopes to have the expanded service implemented by January 1, 2010.

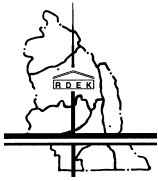
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Electoral Area C Director

Fire Service for Upper Elk Valley Goes to Petition

A new fire service area is being considered in the Upper Elk Valley area. The proposed fire service area would cover a 13km radius from the District of Sparwood's North Hall toward Elkford. There will be a public meeting/open house and formal petition process once negotiations with the District of Sparwood have concluded.

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Southeast to Truck Elk Valley Waste

Southeast Contracting Ltd. has been awarded a 3-year contract for the trucking of the Elk Valley's garbage to the Crowsnest /Pincher Creek Landfill at a rate of \$25.48/tonne.

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Manager of Environmental Services

Board Does Not Support Glacier-Howser

A letter will be sent to the Environmental Assessment office advising that the RDEK does not support the Glacier-Howser Project for the following reasons: the proposed transmission line will impact high value forests; the environmental impacts outweigh the economic benefits; and, the power that would be generated is not required in the Upper Columbia Valley.

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Elk Valley Secondary Suites

There is a new opportunity available for property owners in the Elk Valley to provide a secondary suite on their land. The Board adopted Bylaw 2146 which permits many rural and residentially zoned parcels to have a secondary suite located in a detached garage. Previously, secondary suites had to be contained within a single family dwelling.

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RDEK Continues to Provide Dog Control Services in Radium

The RDEK will continue to provide dog control services and dog pound facilities for the Village of Radium Hot Springs for a 3-year term ending September 14, 2012. The RDEK's Dog Control Officer Sam Fiddler provides the services in Radium and Electoral Areas F and G.

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Columbia River Boating Regulations

In response to Transport Canada's request for comments on the latest round of public consultation on the proposed seasonal restriction on motorized use in the main channel of the Columbia River, the Board will be sending a letter indicating that the RDEK's interests continue to be represented by the Columbia Wetland Stewardship Partners (CWSP). The CWSP is a multi-stakeholder group, including local government, that has worked diligently with Transport Canada and other interests to develop the proposed regulation.

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RDEK Stresses Importance of Library Funding

A letter will be sent to the Minister of Education and the Premier stressing the importance of maintaining provincial support for public libraries. The letter is in response to concerns raised by the BC Library Trustees Association regarding the current freeze on provincial grants to public libraries and potential cuts to library funding.

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Infrastructure Planning Grants – Wilmer/Spur Valley

The Board has ratified the application to the Ministry of Community and Rural Development under the Infrastructure Planning Grant Program to assess the Spur Valley water system at a cost not to exceed \$7,000. The Board has also prioritized two water system assessment grant applications; giving the Wilmer Water Study higher priority than the Spur Valley application.

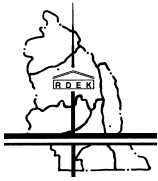
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Discretionary Grants in Aid (DGIA)

The City of Cranbrook will receive \$1,000 from the Electoral Area C DGIA account to go towards its Mosquito Control Program.

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Electoral Area C Director

The Cranbrook Public Library will receive \$1000 from the Area C DGIA to help cover the costs for the 4th Annual Idlewild Music Festival.

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The Society to Enhance Fairmont will receive \$10,000 from the Electoral Area F DGIA account to cover the cost of the Provincial Land Transfer Tax required to complete the transfer of 10 acres of donated land from Fairmont Hot Springs Resort. The Society is working to develop a sports and recreation field, and possibly a community hall, in Fairmont.

Contact: *Wendy Booth* 250-345-4550
Electoral Area F Director

NEXT MEETINGS

Thursday September 3rd, 2009
Committee Meetings TBA

Friday September 4^h, 2009
Regional District of East Kootenay
Board Meeting 9:00 am