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REGIONAL BOARD MEETING HIGHLIGHTS - March 6, 2009

Infrastructure Funding Pursued

The Ministry of Community Development has informed the RDEK that the Windermere, Timber Ridge and Edgewater Meter Building Canada Fund grant was unsuccessful. Further intakes for the Fund are available. An application will now be submitted for the Windermere and Timber Ridge Bulk Water Supply and Water Meter Installation Project. If funding is approved through the program, the project will still require community assent.

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Chief Administrative Officer

Fairmont Parks and Trails Service Establishment

Work is to begin on the process to establish a parks and trails service in the Fairmont Hot Springs area. Once information has been gathered and presented to the public, eligible electors within the proposed service area will vote on the proposed service.

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Proposed Horsepower Motor Restriction on Whitetail Lake

At the request of the St. Mary Fly Fishers, the Board agreed to act as applicant to have a 15 horsepower motor restriction placed on Whitetail Lake. The St. Mary Fly Fishers have agreed to undertake all the costs and work associated with an application to Transport Canada's Office of Boating Safety to establish the motor use restriction, but require a government agency to formally sponsor the application process. Whitetail Lake is a popular fishing spot located in Electoral Area F west of Canal Flats.

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Manager of Planning & Development Services

New Deputy Emergency Program Coordinator Named

Robert Mitchell will fulfill the role of Deputy Coordinator for the Central Subregion Rural Emergency Program for the term March 6, 2009 to December 31, 2010.

Contact: Carol Lind 250-489-2791
Emergency Services Coordinator

Amendment to Recreational Vehicle Regulations in the Jaffray Area

The Board gave first and second reading to a bylaw to amend the regulations pertaining to the placement of recreational vehicles in the Jaffray, Tie Lake, Rosen Lake Land Use Bylaw area. The proposed amendment will permit a maximum of two RVs on residential properties in the area. A newsletter explaining the proposed bylaw was distributed to property owners earlier this winter. A public hearing on Bylaw 2140 has been scheduled for Monday March 23 at 7:00p.m. in the Jaffray Community Hall.

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Agricultural Advisory Committee Appointments

The following have been appointed to Electoral Areas A, B and C Agricultural Advisory Commissions for a three-year term from March 2009 to March 2012:

Area A	Craig Nicolson Darryl Sword
Area B	Andy McDonald Marjorie Reay Noreen Thielen
Area C	Lonnie Jones Tony Pighin Rod Savage

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

Heath Slee 250-887-3483
Electoral Area B Director

Rob Gay 250-489-4242
Electoral Area C Director

Service Recognition Awards

George Munro (Electoral Area B), Saran Press (Electoral Area B) and Patrick Bavin (Electoral Area F) will be presented with recognition awards for their service as members of the Advisory Planning Commission and Electoral Area Advisory Commission for their respective areas.

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

Wendy Booth 250-345-4550
Electoral Area F Director

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. The public is welcome to attend.

For information on this publication contact Merle Fellows: Email mfellows@rdek.bc.ca

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Discretionary Grants in Aid (DGIA)

The Fernie Secondary School Alpine Teams will receive \$2000 from the Electoral Area A DGIA account to go toward costs associated with attending the Provincial Championships in Whistler BC.

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

The Sand Creek Community Club will receive a \$1000 financial boost from the Electoral Area B DGIA account for its new community newsletter.

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

Mount Baker Dry Grad and Prom will receive \$500 from the Electoral Area DGIA account to assist the Food Committee with food and beverages for the Prom.

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

The Moyie Community Association is in the process of setting up an emergency response group for the area and will receive \$2500 from the Electoral Area C DGIA account to go toward the purchase of a trailer. The trailer will be used to store equipment that can be mobilized in the event of an emergency.

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Electoral Area C Director

The Kinsmen Club of Windermere Valley will receive \$750 for its annual Canada Day Fireworks Display, while the Fairmont Business Association will receive \$1500 for its Canada Day celebrations. Both contributions will come from the Electoral Area F DGIA account.

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

ACE (Access in the Community for Equality) will receive \$1000 from the Electoral Area F DGIA account and \$700 from the Electoral Area G DGIA account to help offset expenses incurred to bring facilitators to the Columbia Valley for a one-day Universal Design workshop.

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

Gerry Wilkie 250-347-9841
Electoral Area G Director

KOOTENAY EAST REGIONAL HOSPITAL DISTRICT

The Kootenay East Regional Hospital District has adopted its annual budget for 2009. The total budget is \$7,862,488, which includes just over \$3.76 million in capital expenditures. Some of the larger capital projects for the coming year include a contribution of \$299,000 to the Interior Health wide CONNEX system, a new ultrasound machine for the Golden Hospital, two new seclusion rooms at the East Kootenay Regional Hospital and a sewer line replacement at the Creston Hospital.

Contact: *Shawn Tomlin* 250-489-2791
Chief Financial Officer

Invermere Emergency Room Upgrade Remains a Priority for Hospital District

The upgrade of the Invermere Hospital Emergency Room remains a priority for the KERHD. Although the Ministry of Health has not yet committed to the project, the Hospital District Board gave its agreement in principle to the upgrade by including potential borrowing of \$1.76 million in its 2009 Financial Plan.

Contact: *John Kettle* 250-428-5497
KERHD Board Chair

NEXT MEETINGS

THURSDAY
Committee Meetings

APRIL 2, 2009
TBA

FRIDAY
Regional District of East Kootenay
Board Meeting

APRIL 3, 2009
9:00 am