

## HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE RDEK BOARD MEETING OF AUGUST 2, 2013

### Aerial Assessment Funding Requested

The RDEK has submitted a request to Emergency Management BC (EMBC) for an aerial assessment of at least 20 sites along the Elk River and its tributaries to assist with determining future actions required for flood protection. EMBC has approved the request and the flight is expected to take place within the next two weeks.

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### Concerns Raised Regarding Activities on Crown Land

A letter will be sent to Kootenay Columbia MP David Wilks and Kootenay East MLA Bill Bennett regarding the Board's concerns regarding uncontrolled parties being held on Crown land in the region. An example is recent raves and parties held in the Koocanusa area, resulting in objectionable noise issues, littering, vandalism and injuries. The letter requests action be taken to address the situation in the region, with copies going to Columbia River Revelstoke MLA Norm MacDonald, the RCMP and Interior Health.

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### Coal Discovery Trail

The Board has moved to decommission the Coal Discovery Trail as of January 31, 2014 and transfer the tenure for the Fernie to Hosmer portion of the Trail to the Fernie Trails Alliance. It is hoped that between now and January, another group may come forward to take over the Hosmer to Sparwood portion of the Trail.

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Environmental Services Manager

### Home Based Business Regulations

The Board is moving ahead with a number of changes to the regulation of Home Based Businesses in the RDEK. The proposed regulatory changes are different in different areas of the region. The most significant changes are proposed in Electoral Area A where a new category of "major" home based business is being proposed for rural properties 2.0ha and larger south of the community of Hosmer. It is anticipated that amending bylaws will be considered by the Board for initial readings in October.

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Manager of Planning & Development Services

### Area A ALC Delegation of Authority Agreement Extended

The RDEK's delegation agreement with the Agricultural Land Commission that allows the Board to make decisions with respect to certain types of ALR non-farm use and subdivision applications in Electoral Area A has been extended for one year to August 2014.

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### Board Supports Policy Changes Regarding Wildfire Hazards

The RDEK Board has thrown its support behind policy changes presented by Fire Ecologist Robert Gray aimed at reducing the fire hazard risks in the wildland-urban interface. Gray's report outlines six key recommendations including creating and managing Community Wildfire Management Zones for wildfire hazard reduction. The City of Cranbrook has drafted a resolution regarding the proposed changes that will be presented at the upcoming Union of BC Municipalities.

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### Discretionary Grant in Aid (DGIA) Funding

The Wasa Lake Land Improvement District (WLLID) will receive \$1500 from the Electoral Area E DGIA account for water sampling at Wasa Lake.

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Electoral Area E Director

### NEXT BOARD MEETINGS

**Thursday**  
Committee Meetings

**September 5, 2013**  
TBA

**Friday**  
RDEK Board Meeting

**September 6, 2013**  
9:00am

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## *Other RDEK Happenings*

### **Public Meetings:**

**Area G Town Hall Meeting & Volunteer of the Year Celebration for Barb Neraasen**  
**Monday, August 12, 2013—7:00pm**  
Edgewater Legion Hall

**Columbia Valley Community Directed Funds Committee**  
**August 27, 2013—10:30am**  
Windermere Fire Hall—1627 Highway 93, Invermere, BC

### **Public Hearings:**

**Monday, August 19, 2013—4:00pm**  
**Fernie Family Centre, 521 - 4th Avenue, Fernie BC**  
**Bylaw 2482**—Regional District of East Kootenay—Elk Valley Zoning Bylaw No. 829, 1990 – Amendment Bylaw No. 67, 2013 (Timberline Crescent / RCR)

**Thursday, August 22, 2013—4:00pm**  
**Regional District of East Kootenay, 19 - 24th Avenue South, Cranbrook BC**  
**Bylaw 2479**—Regional District of East Kootenay—Fort Steele—Bull River Land Use Bylaw No. 1804, 2005 – Amendment Bylaw No. 14, 2013 (Mayook / May Haslam)

**Tuesday, August 27, 2013—7:00pm**  
**Windermere Community Hall, 4726 North Street, Windermere BC**  
**Bylaw 2483**—Regional District of East Kootenay—Upper Columbia Valley Bylaw No. 900, 1992 – Amendment Bylaw No. 288, 2013 (Windermere / Williams & Streicek)