

HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE RDEK BOARD MEETING OF APRIL 4, 2014

Ten Year Service Award

Building Inspector Tony Luce was recognized by the Board for his 10 years of service. Tony joined the RDEK's Building & Protective Services Department in 2004 and continues to be a valued member of our team.

Contact: *Dan McNeill* 250-489-2791
Manager of Building & Protective Services

Volunteers of the Year Named

The 2014 RDEK Electoral Area Volunteers of the Year have been named. They are:

Electoral Area A	Cathy Broten
Electoral Area B	Sarann Press
Electoral Area C	Denis Petryshen
Electoral Area E	Barry and Greta Garland
Electoral Area F	Karen Taylor Brown
Electoral Area G	Shawn Murray

The Volunteers of the Year will be officially recognized during the upcoming Town Hall Meetings.

Contact: *Loree Duczek* 250-489-2791
Communications Manager

Long Time APC Member Thanked

The RDEK Board of Directors thanked Erin Gravelle for her 14 years of volunteer service on the Electoral Area B Advisory Planning Commission and Electoral Area Advisory Commission. Ms. Gravelle was formally recognized by the Board on Friday.

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

Application for DFA Funding to be Submitted

The RDEK will submit an application for Disaster Financial Assistance to replace the berm and rip rap near Hill Road. The construction, which is expected to cost about \$4500, will be paid from the Electoral Area A portion of the Elk Valley Mine Tax Sharing Funds. Kerr Wood Leidal has been awarded the tender.

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

Planning Underway for 2014 Elections

Local Government Elections will be held this November, and the RDEK Board has appointed Lee-Ann Crane as the Chief Election Officer and Shannon Moskal as the Deputy Chief Election Officer for conducting the 2014 General Local Elections.

Contact: *Lee-Ann Crane* 250-489-2791
CAO

Elk Valley Waste Disposal Location to be Part of Solid Waste Management Plan Review

The Directors for the Elk Valley Services Committee have agreed in principle to staff exploring the possibility of allowing the Elk Valley's solid waste to be brought to the Central Subregion Landfill for disposal as part of the Solid Waste Management Plan (SWMP) review process. The SWMP review will be held in summer/fall 2014. The process will include the establishment of a Technical Review Committee, use of our Plan Monitoring Advisory Committee and public consultation. Currently, the Elk Valley sends its waste to Alberta for disposal.

Contact: *Kevin Paterson* 250-489-2791
Environmental Services Manager

New Flood Control Service Contemplated for Area A

The RDEK is looking at the possibility of establishing a new Flood Control Service in Electoral Area A. Under the proposal, the RDEK would use revenue generated by user fees to reduce the taxes collected for the Solid Waste Service. This will offset the cost of the new Flood Control Service thereby keeping its taxation neutral. Funds would be collected through property taxation to cover the regular maintenance costs of flood control infrastructure and create a reserve fund. The reserve fund would allow the RDEK to have the matching funding required when grant programs are available from the Provincial and Federal governments, enabling larger projects to be undertaken in Area A. The Bylaw related to the proposed service has been given three readings by the RDEK Board and will now be forwarded for Ministry approval. An Alternative Approval Process will then be held to get elector assent from residents in Area A.

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

OCP and Zoning Bylaw Adopted

The Wasa and Area Official Community Plan and Electoral Area E Zoning Bylaw were adopted by the Board. The new OCP will provide direction on land use decisions and assist in implementing the community vision identified through the planning process. The new Zoning Bylaw is in effect for the Wasa and rural Kimberley areas and will continue to regulate land uses in these areas.

Contact: *Karen MacLeod* 250-489-2791
Acting Planning & Development Services Manager

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Request to Vary ALR Non-Farm Use Application Process

The Board considered requests from the Tobacco Plains Indian Band Development Corporation and FozzyFest organizing committee to vary the process for forthcoming ALR Non-Farm Use applications. An exemption from the requirement for the submission of a report from an Agrologist to be submitted with the applications was granted. The Regional District review process was also varied to remove the requirement for consideration by the Agricultural Advisory Committee. It is anticipated that the ALR Non-Farm Use applications will be considered by the Board in May.

Contact: *Karen MacLeod* 250-489-2791
Acting Planning & Development Services Manager

Utility Advisory Commission Reappointed

The Windermere Utility Advisory Commission has been reappointed for a two-year term. Members are Mick Eldstrom, Sherry Avery, Rod Turnbull, David Farrell and Gord Lazzarotto.

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Engineering Services Manager

Fuel Management Prescription Project Funding Application

The RDEK will apply for project funding for a fuel management prescription in the Westview and Gold Creek areas. Both areas have been identified by the RDEK Community Wildfire Protection Plan as high priority treatment areas. The Rocky Mountain Trench Society will also be requested to submit an application to the Union of BC Municipalities 2014 Strategic Wildfire Prevention Initiative Program to develop prescriptions for wildfire fuel management in the Westview Block (67.8 Hectares) and Gold Creek Block (50 Hectares). The goal of interface fuel treatment is to help reduce the threat of wildfire.

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Manager of Building & Protective Services

Board Supports Special Event Licence

A Special Event Licence has been granted for FozzyFest 2014. The music festival will be held at Lake Koochanusa September 18-22, 2014.

Contact: *Rob Gay* 250-489-4242
Board Chair

Discretionary Grant in Aid (DGIA) Funding

Fernie Youth Soccer will receive \$4000 from the Electoral Area A DGIA account for new soccer nets.

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

The Friends of Lake Koochanusa will receive \$1700 from the Electoral Area B DGIA account for signage at the Waldo Cove Public Recreation Area. In addition, the Fernie Falcons Senior Boys Basketball team will receive \$1250 from the Area B DGIA account to help offset expenses associated with their participation in Provincials.

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Electoral Area B Director

Amy Woodland Elementary School will receive \$1000 from the Electoral Area C DGIA account for a class trip to Blue Lake Camp.

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

The Kimberley Dynamiters will receive \$700 from the Electoral Area C DGIA account and \$1000 from the Area E DGIA account for the upcoming Bull A Rama.

Contact: *Rob Gay* 250-489-4242
Electoral Area C Director
Jane Walter 250-427-2577
Electoral Area E Director

The Columbia Mountains Institute Resource Management Conference will receive \$500 from the Electoral Area E DGIA account.

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Electoral Area E Director

The Hospice Society of the Columbia Valley will receive \$2000 from the Electoral Area F DGIA account and \$750 from the Electoral Area G DGIA account for operational costs. The Columbia Headwaters Community Forest will receive \$50 from the Area F DGIA account and \$50 from the Area G DGIA account for annual membership.

Contact: *Wendy Booth* 250-345-6155
Electoral Area F Director
Gerry Wilkie 250-347-9841
Electoral Area G Director

The Edgewater Recreation Society will receive \$500 from the Electoral Area G DGIA account for the Edgewater School Reunion.

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Electoral Area G Director

RDEK BOARD HIGHLIGHTS CONTINUED APRIL 4, 2014

NEXT BOARD MEETINGS

Thursday
Committee Meetings

May 1, 2014
TBA

Friday
RDEK Board Meeting

May 2, 2014
9:00am

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www.rdek.bc.ca

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Other RDEK Happenings

Public Meetings:

Columbia Valley Community Directed Funds Committee
April 14, 2014—10:30am
Windermere Fire Hall

Central East Kootenay Community Directed Funds Committee
May 8, 2014—3:00pm
RDEK Conference Room

Public Hearings:

Wednesday, April 23 2014—7:00pm
Edgewater Community Hall - 4818 Selkirk Avenue, Edgewater
Bylaw No. 2431 Regional District of East Kootenay—Upper Columbia Valley Zoning Bylaw No. 900, 1992 - Amendment Bylaw No. 279, 2013 (Dry Gulch/Kayhay Holdings Ltd.)

Other News and Notes:

Electoral Area F Director Wendy Booth continues to seek community feedback on the proposed Fairmont Flood & Landslide Service. The survey deadline is April 17, 2014. The electronic link to the survey is: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/FairmontFloodandLandslideService>

For more information, please contact the RDEK office at 250-489-2791 or 1-888-478-7335. For project details, ask for Jim Maletta and for financial details, ask for Shawn Tomlin.