

## HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE RDEK BOARD MEETING OF SEPTEMBER 4, 2015

### **Board Continues its Support of Community Energy Manager**

The RDEK will participate in year three of the Community Energy Manager program and will contribute up to \$15,000 subject to the following conditions:

1. BC Hydro hiring the contractor; and,
2. Funding is for one year only subject to renewal for an additional year with agreement of the funding partners.

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*Manager of Planning & Development Services*

### **New OCP Planning Process for Jaffray Area**

The Board has authorized the preparation of a new Official Community Plan (OCP) and an updated South Country Zoning Bylaw for the Jaffray, Tie Lake and Rosen Lake communities. The existing Land Use Bylaw for the area was adopted in 1999 and has not been comprehensively revisited since. Updating the land use policies and zoning regulations for the area is an opportunity for the communities to refresh their vision for future community development and address current issues such as interface fire hazards, shoreline development and the form and location of future subdivision. The communities of Galloway and Elko may also be included as part of the new OCP. A newsletter outlining the planning process and identifying opportunities on how to get involved will be mailed to area residents and landowners in early October.

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### **Planning for Elko and Galloway**

As part of the OCP process for the Jaffray area, the communities of Elko and Galloway will also be consulted to gauge their interest in being included in the new OCP and an updated South Country Zoning Bylaw. Planning and zoning allows communities to identify for themselves a common vision about future growth and development and provides the regulations necessary to achieve that vision along with more predictability and certainty regarding new development. Residents should watch their mailbox for a newsletter concerning the planning process and an announcement about an upcoming meeting in October to introduce the planning proposal.

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### **Trucking Contract Awarded**

Southeast Contracting Ltd. has been awarded the five-year trucking contract for the hauling of Central Subregion rural refuse.

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

### **Community Works Funding Approved**

The RDEK Board has approved \$10,000 in Community Works Funds for the construction of cattle fencing at Tie Lake, and \$6,000 for concrete bases for picnic tables and benches at Cherry Creek Falls Regional Park.

Contact: *Shawn Tomlin* 250-489-2791  
*CFO*

### **Windermere Water System Intake Tenure**

The RDEK and CAO have signed the Agreement with the Province of BC for a Tenure over Crown Land for the Windermere Water System intake for the term ending August 1, 2045.

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

### **Directors Appointed to CBT Advisory Committee**

With the recent expiration of the three-year contribution agreement between the RDEK and Columbia Basin Trust for the Columbia Valley Community Directed Funds Program, CBT is transitioning to a new program model. CBT will continue to work with the former Committee in an advisory capacity, and the RDEK Board has now appointed Directors Wilkie, Taft, Booth, Juras and Reinhardt to CBT's newly established Columbia Valley Advisory Committee.

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### **Backyard Agriculture in the Columbia Valley**

The Board directed staff to undertake public consultation in the Columbia Valley to gauge opinions regarding backyard agriculture. While the keeping of farm animals is already widely permitted in the Columbia Valley, it is not allowed on smaller residential parcels such as those found in the communities of Edgewater, Wilmer, Windermere and Fairmont. The issues surrounding the raising of chickens and bees and the subject of animal exclusion fencing are all up for discussion. Further information about backyard agriculture and how to engage in the conversation will be announced in the coming months.

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## RDEK BOARD HIGHLIGHTS CONTINUED SEPTEMBER 4, 2015

### Board Remuneration to be Reviewed

An independent committee will be assembled to review Board remuneration rates and staff have been asked to prepare a comparison of Board remuneration rates paid by other regional districts for consideration as part of the review.

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

### Discretionary Grants in Aid (DGIA)

Fort Steele Heritage Town will receive \$10,000 from the Electoral Area C DGIA account for an event tent.

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

The Kimberley Curling Club will receive \$1,000 from the Electoral Area E DGIA account for lighting upgrades.

Contact: *Jane Walter* 250-427-2577  
Electoral Area E Director

The Windermere Community Association will receive \$6,000 from the Electoral Area F DGIA account to landscaping and fencing upgrades at the Windermere Community Hall.

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

Wildsight Golden will receive \$3,500 from the Electoral Area G DGIA account for its Columbia Wetlands Waterbird Survey.

Contact: *Gerry Wilkie* 250-347-9841  
Electoral Area G Director

### NEXT BOARD MEETINGS

#### Thursday

Committee Meetings

**October 1, 2015**

TBA

#### Friday

RDEK Board Meeting

**October 2, 2015**

9:00am

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## Other RDEK Happenings

### Public Hearings:

**Thursday, September 17, 2015—4:00pm**

**Regional District of East Kootenay Board Room  
19 24th Avenue South, Cranbrook**

**Bylaw No. 2626**—Regional District of East Kootenay – Moyie and Area Land Use Bylaw No. 2070, 2008 – Amendment Bylaw No. 10, 2015 (Lumberton Rd. / Palmer Bar Holdings Inc.)

**Thursday, September 17, 2015—4:00pm**

**Regional District of East Kootenay Board Room  
19 24th Avenue South, Cranbrook**

**Bylaw No. 2635**—Regional District of East Kootenay – Moyie and Area Land Use Bylaw No. 2070, 2008 – Amendment Bylaw No. 11, 2015 (Highway 3/95 / Scriver)

**Monday, September 28, 2015—4:00pm**

**Jaffray Community Hall  
7375 Jaffray Village Loop Road, Jaffray**

**Bylaw No. 2629**—Regional District of East Kootenay – Jaffray, Tie Lake, Rosen Lake Land Use and Floodplain Management Bylaw No. 1414, 1999 – Amendment Bylaw No. 25, 2015 (Highway 3/93 / Lightburn)