

RDEK BOARD HIGHLIGHTS

Lake Windermere Ambassadors to Receive Annual Funding

The Lake Windermere Ambassadors will receive \$10,000 per year for a 5-year term to help offset the Society's operational costs. The funding will be provided through the Columbia Valley Economic Development Service.

Contact: Susan Clovechok 250-270-9314
Columbia Valley Services Committee Chair

Fireworks Sales to be Prohibited April to November

Starting this spring, the sale of Fireworks will be prohibited in the RDEK between April and November of each year. A bylaw amendment prohibiting the sale and disposition of fireworks between April 1 and November 30 was adopted at the Board's December meeting and will apply to any person or business within Electoral Areas A, B, C, E, F and G.

Contact: Rob Gay 250-489-4242
Board Chair

Application to be Submitted for Evacuation Route Planning

A Community Emergency Preparedness Fund grant application will be submitted to the Union of BC Municipalities (UBCM) for regional evacuation route planning for the rural areas, municipalities and First Nations within the RDEK. If the application is successful, the RDEK will provide the overall grant management for the project.

Contact: Fiona Dercole 250-489-2791
Protective Services Manager

FireSmart Funding Sought

The RDEK will make application to the UBCM Community Resiliency Investment Program - FireSmart Community Funding and Supports program for \$446,535 for FireSmart education and training, inter-agency cooperation, emergency planning and FireSmart activities for residential areas within the RDEK.

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Protective Services Manager

In Support of Rural Broadband

As the Board continues to advocate for improved internet connectivity in the region, letters of support will be provided to Internet Service Providers applying for funding to upgrade internet services in the RDEK.

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Board Chair

Seeking Licence of Occupation for Boat Launch

The RDEK will apply for a Licence of Occupation through the Province's Community Institutional Program for the Yaqaxqaxlamki Boat Launch. The site is currently operated and maintained under a Provincial Partnership Agreement which expires on July 1, 2021. The Licence of Occupation would provide the RDEK with more operational independence.

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

Rural Fire Protection Area Agreements Renewed

The Chair and CAO have been authorized to sign renewal agreements with the City of Fernie for Fernie Rural Fire Protection Services and the Village of Radium Hot Springs for the Radium Rural Fire Protection Service in the Radium Golf Resort, Dry Gulch and Brownsville areas.

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Protective Services Manager

Letter of Support for Community Energy Association

The Community Energy Association will receive a letter of support for its application to the Zero Emission Vehicle Infrastructure Program for electric vehicle charging stations.

Contact: Andrew McLeod 250-489-2791
Development Services Manager

Discretionary Grants in Aid (DGIA)

The following organizations will receive grants:

- Baynes Lake Community Society - \$1,471 from the Electoral Area B DGIA for COVID-19 hall cleaning and sanitization enhancements.
- Triangle Women's Institute - \$1,915.57 for Pioneer Hall Lighting & Heating
- Fernie Chamber of Commerce - \$4,000 from the Electoral Area A DGIA account for Griz Days 2021.
- Fernie & District Historical Society - \$10,000 from the Electoral Area A DGIA account for organizational renewal.
- Wasa Lake Land Improvement District - \$700 for Safe Boating Sign
- Invermere Companion Animal Network - \$2,500 from the Electoral Area F and \$1,500 from the Electoral Area G DGIA accounts for a roof replacement.
- Toby Creek Nordic Ski Club - \$2,500 from Electoral Area F and \$500 from Electoral Area G DGIA accounts for the Youth Nordic Ski programs.

NEXT BOARD MEETINGS

Thursday	January 7, 2021
Committee Meetings	TBA
Friday	January 8, 2021
RDEK Board Meeting	9:00 AM

PUBLIC HEARINGS

Bylaw No. 3024 “Regional District of East Kootenay – Upper Columbia Valley Zoning Bylaw No. 900, 1992 – Amendment Bylaw No. 367, 2020 (Fairmont / RHS Hot Springs Holdings)” will amend the text of the zoning bylaw to permit a cannabis retail store on Parcel A (See KN12503), District Lot 138, Kootenay District, Plan NEP18181.

- **Date: Monday, December 21, 2020 at 6:00 pm**
- **Location:** A public hearing will be held via Zoom webinar conference. Deadline for registration is December 17, 2020 at 4:30pm.
- **Registration Link:** https://zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_xX2c1yyQRD2BXebfkFtxew
- **Public Hearing Notice Link:** <http://www.rdek.bc.ca/web/pdf/publichearings/UpdatedBylaw3024.pdf>
- **Contact:** Tracy Van de Wiel, Planning Technician, 250-489-0306 / 1-888-478-7335 or email tvandewiel@rdek.bc.ca

Bylaw No. 2999 “Regional District of East Kootenay – Electoral Area C South Zoning and Floodplain Management Bylaw No. 2913, 2019 – Amendment Bylaw No. 5, 2020 (Cranbrook South / MacIntyre)” will amend the zone designation of a portion of Lot A, District Lot 4836, Kootenay District, Plan NEP19359 from RR-4 Rural Residential (Hobby Farm) Zone to RR-2, Rural Residential (Small Holding) Zone.

- **Date: Monday, December 21, 2020 at 6:45 pm**
- **Location:** A public hearing will be held via Zoom webinar conference. Deadline for registration is December 17, 2020 at 4:30pm.
- **Registration Link:** https://zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_vQm8bPRkRkCDBL0nHHryqQ
- **Public Hearing Notice Link:** <http://www.rdek.bc.ca/web/pdf/publichearings/Bylaw2999.pdf>
- **Contact:** Krista Gilbert, Planning Technician, 250-489-2791 / 1-888-478-7335 or email kgilbert@rdek.bc.ca

Bylaw No. 3017 “Regional District of East Kootenay – Baynes Lake Official Community Plan No. 2319, 2011 – Amendment Bylaw No. 12, 2020 (Kragmont / Williamson)” will amend the OCP designation of a portion of Lot 4, Block 74, District Lot 132, Kootenay District, Plan 1181 from LH, Large Holdings to SH, Small Holdings.

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Bylaw No. 3018 “Regional District of East Kootenay – South Country Zoning and Floodplain Management Bylaw No. 2320, 2011 – Amendment Bylaw No. 22, 2020 (Kragmont / Williamson)” will amend the zone designation of a portion of Lot 4, Block 74, District Lot 132, Kootenay District, Plan 1181 from RR-4 Rural Residential (Hobby Farm) Zone to RR-2, Rural Residential (Small Holding) Zone and RR-1, Rural Residential (Estate) Zone.

- **Date: Tuesday, December 22, 2020 at 6:45 pm**
- **Location:** A public hearing will be held via Zoom webinar conference. Deadline for registration is December 18, 2020 at 4:30pm.
- **Registration Link:** https://zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_XS6_oRNR_KfYE246o7GTQ
- **Public Hearing Notice Link:** <http://www.rdek.bc.ca/web/pdf/publichearings/UpdatedBylaw30173018.pdf>
- **Contact:** Krista Gilbert, Planning Technician, 250-489-2791 / 1-888-478-7335 or email kgilbert@rdek.bc.ca

Bylaw No. 3019 “Regional District of East Kootenay – Jaffray, Tie Lake, Rosen Lake Land Use and Floodplain Management Bylaw No. 1414, 1999 – Amendment Bylaw No. 34, 2020 (Tie Lake / Buzanko, Stewart & Tremblay)” will amend the designation of Lot 23, District Lot 4590, Kootenay District, Plan 4883 from RS-1, Single Family Residential Zone to RS-1(A), Single Family Residential (A) Zone and permit a minimum parcel size of 0.125 ha.

- **Date: Tuesday, December 22, 2020 at 7:30 pm**
- **Location:** A public hearing will be held via Zoom webinar conference. Deadline for registration is December 18, 2020 at 4:30pm.
- **Registration Link:** https://zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_kUxMpDgQRsWrfYVOjK- kA
- **Link:** <http://www.rdek.bc.ca/web/pdf/publichearings/UpdatedBylaw3019.pdf>
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