

RDEK BOARD HIGHLIGHTS

Priority Projects

The Board has approved the list of 2017-2018 project priorities. The approved list provides staff with direction on the Board's priority projects. Staff will take the priorities and assign time lines to each project for the Board's further review.

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Community Initiatives and Affected Areas Program Applications Available

The RDEK will continue to administer the Columbia Basin Trust Community Initiatives and Affected Areas Programs for 2017/2018. Application forms for the 2017/2018 program are now available and will be accepted until 9:00am on February 14, 2017. For more information, visit www.rdek.bc.ca or contact the RDEK.

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 Corporate Officer

Voicing Concern Over Winter Road Maintenance

Letters will be sent to the Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure and Mainroad Contracting with copies to MLA Bill Bennett and MLA Norm Macdonald expressing concern with the lack of adequate winter maintenance of roads and highways in the East Kootenay and requesting increased public education on the process for reporting changing road conditions and emergency situations.

West Fernie Servicing Project - Phase 2 Moving Forward

Engineering design for Phase 2 of the West Fernie Servicing & Infrastructure Project is nearly complete. In preparation for spring 2017 construction, nine contractors have been prequalified to submit tenders for Phase 2 construction. Tender documents are now being prepared and it is hoped that the contract will be awarded at the March RDEK Board meeting.

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 Engineering Services Manager

New Public Hearing Scheduled – Wasa Commercial

A public hearing has been authorized for a new proposal for a 20 hectare property fronting Highway 93/95 in Wasa. The Bylaws that went to public hearing in August 2016 and proposed to amend the property to C-4, Service Commercial Zone will not proceed. The Board gave first and second reading to two new bylaws that propose to amend the property to C-1, Highway Commercial Zone. The proposed C-1 zone will permit a variety of commercial uses, including a campground and future subdivision. The applicant has offered a development agreement to provide certainty to the future land use. The public hearing for Bylaws 2755 and 2756 will be held at 7 pm on Tuesday, January 24 at the Wasa Community Hall.

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 Planning & Development Services Manager

Columbia Valley Local Conservation Fund Program

The following projects have been approved for \$87,600 in funding under the Columbia Valley Local Conservation Fund for 2017:

- Reintroduction of Northern Leopard Frogs to Columbia Marshes \$28,000
- Lake Windermere Community-Based Water Monitoring \$11,000
- Abel Creek Culvert Rehabilitation \$3,000
- Columbia Wetlands Waterbird Survey \$6,500
- Strategic Invasive Plant Control of Leafy Spurge \$6,500
- Columbia Valley Farmland Advantage Stewardship \$10,700
- Columbia Lake Ecosystem Monitoring & Education \$11,900
- Kootenay Community Bat Project \$10,000

In addition, the Board adopted a bylaw amendment to remove the Program's expiry clause.

Contact: *Ute Juras* 250-489-9070
 Chair, Columbia Valley Services Committee

Renewed Servicing Agreements

The Board has renewed its master water and sewer servicing agreements with the Kinbasket Water and Sewer Company Ltd. (Kinbasket) for the provision of water and sewer services to the Holland Creek service areas.

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Area G Backyard Agriculture

The Backyard Agriculture Project has now concluded with the adoption of bylaws to regulate fencing, chickens and bees within Electoral Area G. The zoning bylaw now permits the keeping of backyard chickens and bees and wildlife exclusion fencing for gardens within identified zones. The bylaws were the result of extensive consultation with the Columbia Valley communities.

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Planning & Development Services Manager

New Member for Area B Commissions

John Todd has been appointed to the Electoral Area B Advisory Planning Commission and Electoral Area Advisory Commission.

Contact: *Stan Doehle* 250-529-7300
Electoral Area B Director

Continued Participation in Imagine Kootenay Partnership

The Chair has signed the Memorandum of Understanding for continued participation in the Imagine Kootenay partnership under the Columbia Valley Economic Development Service subject to confirmation that CBT will continue funding the program for the five-year term.

Contact: *Shannon Moskal* 250-489-2791
Corporate Officer

Truck Donated to Search and Rescue

Columbia Valley Rural Fire & Rescue is donating its 2003 Silverado truck to Columbia Valley Search and Rescue for use in its operations and training programs. The Fire Department replaced the Silverado in 2016.

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Building & Protective Services Manager

Application to be Submitted for WildSafeBC Community Coordinator

An application will be submitted to the 2017 WildSafeBC Program to provide a part time Community Coordinator in Electoral Areas F and G from May to November. The RDEK has participated in the Program since 2015 and will pay a \$3000 contribution fee from the Discretionary Grants-in-Aid Service.

Contact: *Shannon Moskal* 250-489-2791
Corporate Officer

In Support of Continued Hotel Room Tax

The Province will be requested to continue to levy a 2% tax under the Municipal and Regional District Tax program on accommodation purchased within the Village of Radium Hot Springs and a portion of Electoral Area G for another five-year term. In addition, the RDEK has stated its support for the implementation of a business plan.

Contact: *Shannon Moskal* 250-489-2791
Corporate Officer

Letter of Support for Edgewater Rink Resurfacing

The RDEK will provide a letter of support to the Edgewater Recreation Society to accompany its funding application to Columbia Basin Trust to resurface the Frank Schnider Memorial Rink.

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

Emergency Program Agreements Signed

A number of agreements have been signed in relation to our Emergency Programs. Gary Burford will continue on as the Emergency Program Coordinator (EPC) for the Columbia Valley Emergency Program, while Sharon Pasowisty will continue on as the Deputy EPC/Emergency Social Services Director. Marianne Stone will continue in her role as the EPC for the Elk Valley and South Country Emergency Program, Scott Robinson will serve as Deputy EPC and Gordon Bunston will be the Emergency Social Services Director. Gerry Smith will be the Deputy Coordinator of the Central Emergency Program and William Barger will be the Emergency Social Services Director. All seven agreements cover the term January 1, 2017 to December 31, 2018.

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Discretionary Grants-in-Aid (DGIA)

The South Country Housing Project Society will receive \$600 from the Electoral Area B DGIA account for a new laptop and hardware.

Contact: *Stan Doehle* 250-529-7500
Electoral Area B Director

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Discretionary Grants-in-Aid (DGIA) - Continued

The Fernie Secondary School Senior Boys will receive \$1000 from the Electoral Area B DGIA account to help offset the costs associated with their attendance at the Senior Boys "A" Volleyball Provincials in Terrace.

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Electoral Area B Director

Cranbrook Kimberley Hospice Society will receive \$830 from the Electoral Area B DGIA account, \$840 from the Electoral Area C DGIA account and \$830 from the Electoral Area E DGIA account for operational support.

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Electoral Area B Director
Rob Gay 250-489-4242
Electoral Area C Director
Jane Walter 250-427-2577
Electoral Area E Director

The Rotary Club of Cranbrook will receive \$3,200.40 to offset the cost of tipping fees associated with demolition of the old washroom facility at Rotary Park.

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

The Windermere Valley Child Care Society will receive \$1000 from the Electoral Area F DGIA account and \$1000 from the Electoral Area G DGIA account for new playground equipment.

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

The Columbia Valley Community Foundation will receive \$2500 from the Electoral Area F DGIA account and \$500 from the Electoral Area G DGIA account for the Volunteer Columbia Valley website.

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NEXT BOARD MEETINGS

Thursday	February 9, 2016
Committee Meetings	TBA
Friday	February 10, 2016
RDEK Board Meeting	9:00am
KERHD Board Meeting	11:15am

PUBLIC HEARINGS

Thursday, January 19, 2017 - 7:00pm at Fernie Family Centre (521 4th Avenue, Fernie BC)

Bylaw No. 2741 cited as "Regional District of East Kootenay – Elk Valley Official Community Plan Bylaw No. 2532, 2014 – Amendment Bylaw No. 5, 2016 (Dicken Rd. / Foothills Silva Culture Inc.)

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Bylaw No. 2742 cited as "Regional District of East Kootenay – Elk Valley Zoning Bylaw No. 829, 1990 – Amendment Bylaw No. 84, 2016 (Dicken Rd. / Foothills Silva Culture Inc.)

Tuesday, January 24, 2017 - 4:00pm at Jaffray Community Hall (7375 Jaffray Village Loop Road, Jaffray BC)

Bylaw No. 2749 cited as "Regional District of East Kootenay – Jaffray, Tie Lake, Rosen Lake Land Use and Floodplain Management Bylaw No. 1414, 1999 – Amendment Bylaw No. 29, 2016 (Rosen Lake / Hall)

Tuesday, January 24, 2017 - 7:00pm at Wasa Community Hall (6145 Wasa School Road)

Bylaw No. 2755 cited as "Regional District of East Kootenay – Wasa and Area Official Community Plan Bylaw No. 2501, 2014 – Amendment Bylaw No. 4, 2017 (Wasa / Kiy & Swan)" will repeal section 5.3 (2)(f);

-and-

Bylaw No. 2756 cited as "Regional District of East Kootenay – Electoral Area E Zoning and Floodplain Management Bylaw No. 2502, 2014 – Amendment Bylaw No. 12, 2017 (Wasa / Kiy & Swan)"

PUBLIC HEARINGS - Continued

Wednesday, January 25, 2017 - 4:00pm at Fernie Family Centre (521 4th Avenue South, Fernie BC)

Bylaw No. 2737 cited as "Regional District of East Kootenay – Elk Valley Zoning Bylaw No. 829, 1990 – Amendment Bylaw No. 82, 2016 (Coal Creek / 1005231 BC Ltd.)

Wednesday, January 25, 2017 - 7:00pm at Columbia Valley Chamber of Commerce (651 Highway 93/95)

Bylaw No. 2744 cited as "Regional District of East Kootenay – Lake Windermere Official Community Plan Bylaw No. 2061, 2008 – Amendment Bylaw No. 20, 2016 (Rushmere / 1129759 Alberta Ltd.)

-and-

Bylaw No. 2745 cited as "Regional District of East Kootenay – Upper Columbia Valley Zoning Bylaw No. 900, 1992 – Amendment Bylaw No. 325, 2016 (Rushmere / 1129759 Alberta Ltd.)

ITEMS OF INTEREST



Apply now

COMMUNITY INITIATIVES AND AFFECTED AREAS PROGRAM

Wish to apply for project funding? The Community Initiatives & Affected Areas Program is now accepting applications for:

- City of Cranbrook
- City of Fernie
- City of Kimberley
- District of Elkford
- District of Invermere
- District of Sparwood
- Village of Canal Flats
- Village of Radium Hot Springs
- Electoral Area A
- Electoral Area B
- Electoral Area C
- Electoral Area E
- Electoral Area F
- Electoral Area G

Learn more at:

- www.rdek.bc.ca; or
- contact Tina Hlushak or Shannon Moskal at: 250-489-2791 or 888-478-7335 (toll-free) or CIPApplications@rdek.bc.ca

**Apply by 9:00 a.m.
Tuesday, February 14, 2017**

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**The RDEK is on the hunt for the
2017 Electoral Area Volunteers
of the Year.**

**Nomination deadline is
Wednesday, February 15, 2017**

If you know an outstanding volunteer in one of the rural areas in the region, the RDEK wants to hear from YOU! Nominees must be a resident of an Electoral Area and make voluntary contributions to the spirit, culture or people of the community.

**Nomination forms are now available at our
Cranbrook & Columbia Valley RDEK
offices and on our website at
www.rdek.bc.ca.**

