

RDEK BOARD HIGHLIGHTS

CBT Community Initiatives and Affected Areas Program Funding Approved for 2017/2018

The Regional District of East Kootenay Board of Directors has approved funding \$1,235,971 in funding for 138 projects around the region. The funding comes from Columbia Basin Trust's Community Initiatives and Affected Areas Programs, which are administered by the RDEK. After considering public input and recommendations from the municipalities and Electoral Area Directors, the Board approved the funding at its June Board Meeting. A complete list of the approved projects is available on the RDEK's website (www.rdek.bc.ca).

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Deputy Corporate Officer

Windermere Treated Water Project Updates

The Board has approved \$1.2 million in Community Works funding for the Windermere Water Upgrade Project, which includes a proposal to purchase Parr Utilities and its building. While details of the purchase are still being negotiated, the RDEK has given three readings to the required bylaw amendment, loan authorization and service establishment bylaws in preparation for an elector assent process later this year.

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Engineering Services Manager

Construction Contract Awarded - Fairmont Debris Flow Mitigation Phase 2 and 3

The construction contract for Phases 2 and 3 of the Fairmont Debris Flow Mitigation Project has been awarded to Ironclad Earthworks. These phases of the project have been 100% funded by Emergency Management BC to a total of \$1,473,880.

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Kimberley Rural Official Community Plan Adopted

A new Official Community Plan (OCP) for the Kimberley rural area was adopted by the Board. The plan area covers the rural communities spanning from Meadowbrook to the St. Mary Valley to Porteous Road. The OCP provides policy direction to the Board regarding future land use changes, and articulates the communities' vision and preferences regarding a range of other issues important to area residents. The plan replaces the previous OCP for the area which was enacted in 2006.

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Planning & Development Services Manager

New Septage Disposal Ponds Move Ahead for Area B

The Chair and CAO have signed a Licence of Occupation with the Ministry of Forests, Lands and Natural Resource Operations for 0.95 hectares of land in the Elko / Baynes Lake area for the construction of new septage disposal ponds. The 30-year agreement ends March 13, 2047.

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Environmental Services Manager

Regional Agricultural Liaison Services (RALS) Contract Awarded

Keefer Ecological Services Ltd. has been awarded the contract to provide technical extension services for the region's agricultural producers. The RALS project is a partnership between the Regional Districts of Central Kootenay, Kootenay Boundary and East Kootenay and the Columbia Basin Trust to provide technical agricultural advice to producers with the goal of helping them increase their knowledge to improve the efficiency and viability of their farming or ranching operations. The need for this service was identified by agricultural producers during the development of the agricultural plans that have been adopted by each of the project partners over the past few years.

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Columbia Valley Landfill Operations Contract

The Board Chair and CAO have signed a five-year agreement with Southeast Contracting Ltd. for operations of the Columbia Valley Landfill.

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Booth Appointed to Arena Upgrade Committee

Electoral Area F Director Wendy Booth has been appointed as the Columbia Valley Recreation Service Area representative on the Canal Flats Arena Upgrade Advisory Committee for the term July 1, 2017 to December 31, 2017. The committee will oversee the upgrade project at the arena.

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Electoral Area F Director

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Mayook School House Tenure Application Approved

The RDEK has signed a Licence of Occupation with the Ministry of Forests, Lands and Natural Resource Operations for the Mayook School House. The next step in the process will be negotiating an agreement with the Wardner Community Association for the ongoing operation and maintenance of the school house and grounds.

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Special Event Licence Granted for Cranbrook Pro Rodeo

A special event licence has been issued for the Cranbrook Pro Rodeo August 18-20, 2017 being held at the Wycliffe Exhibition Grounds.

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Deputy Corporate Officer

Discretionary Grants-in-Aid (DGIA)

The City of Fernie will receive \$3000 from the Electoral Area A DGIA account for its Canada Day celebrations.

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Electoral Area A Director

The Mount Baker Secondary School will receive \$1000 from the Electoral Area C DGIA account for food and beverages at the 2017 Dry Grad and Prom Night.

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

The Cranbrook and District 4H Council will receive \$1,000 from each of the Electoral Area A, B and C DGIA accounts to help offset expenses related to the Cranbrook and District Show and Sale.

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The East Kootenay Medieval Society will receive \$500 from the Electoral Area E DGIA account for the Kimberley City Bakery Medieval Festival.

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

The Fairmont Community Association will receive \$6,700 from the Electoral Area F DGIA account for the Fairmont Bike and Walking Path.

Contact: *Wendy Booth* 250-345-6177
Electoral Area F Director

Discretionary Grants-in-Aid (DGIA) Continued

The Caregivers Network for East Kootenay Seniors will receive a total of \$7,750 for Caregiver Resource Kits, Resource Library materials, and new projectors and screens. The funding will come from the following Electoral Area DGIA accounts:

- Area A \$1,550
- Area C \$2,350
- Area E \$750
- Area F \$1,550
- Area G \$1,550

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NEXT BOARD MEETINGS

Thursday	July 6, 2017
Committee Meetings	TBA
Friday	July 7, 2017
RDEK Board Meeting	9:00am

**See Page 3 for meetings,
public hearings
and more .**

PUBLIC MEETINGS & REMINDERS

Area E Town Hall Meeting and Volunteer of the Year Celebration

June 27, 2017 - at the Wasa Community Hall

7:00 PM - Volunteer of the Year celebration honouring Naomi Miller. Cake and refreshments will be served.

7:30 PM - Area E Town Hall Meeting. Agenda topics include: Mosquito Control Program Update, 5-Year Financial Plan, Directors report and more.

Introductory Meeting - Lake Windermere Land Use Planning Process

July 4, 2017 - at the Columbia Valley Chamber of Commerce

7:00 PM - This new planning process is intended to replace the existing Lake Windermere Official Community Plan (OCP) with a new OCP. Having strong community engagement and involvement throughout the process is critical to the success of this planning process. Your input is important and will help shape the future of your community.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

There are no public hearings scheduled this month.