

RDEK BOARD HIGHLIGHTS

10-Year Service Award

Michele Bates has been recognized for her ten years of exemplary service with the RDEK. Michele is a key member of our Planning & Development Services Department and is currently one of our Planners.

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

SE Fire Centre Urged to Implement Backcountry Closure

With tinder dry conditions in the East Kootenay, the Board of Directors is requesting the BC Wildfire Service and SE Fire Centre implement an immediate closure of recreational activities on Crown land and logging activities on Crown and private lands in the East Kootenay.

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

Fairmont Hot Springs & Columbia Lake Area Official Community Plan Adopted

The Board adopted a new OCP for the Fairmont and Columbia Lake portion of Electoral Area F. The plan, which replaces the previous OCP for the area adopted in 2004, lay out a 10 to 15 year vision for land use conservation and change, as well as other local priorities for the communities covered by the plan.

Contact: *Andrew McLeod* 250-489-2791
Planning & Development Services Manager

Statesman Group Requested to Remove References to RDEK

A letter will be sent to the Statesman Group BC Ltd. advising that the Board has no knowledge of a proposed recreation centre to be located in the Pine Ridge area and has not agreed to take over ownership of the facility as assumed by the Statesman Group in its promotional material. The Board is asking that all references inferring the facility will or may be owned by the RDEK be immediately removed.

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

Elk River Alliance Contribution Approved

The Chair and CAO have signed an agreement with the Elk River Alliance to provide a contribution towards secretarial services for the Elk River Watershed Flood Management Committee for the term April 1, 2017-April 30, 2018.

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

Board Supports Taft's Insurance Coverage Evaluation

A letter of support will be sent in support of Director Gerry Taft's Neutral Coverage Evaluation application requesting that Municipal Insurance Association of BC liability coverage be extended to Director Taft in the Kazakoff v. Taft defamation suit. In its letter of support, the Board notes it believes Taft was acting in his function of Mayor of the District of Invermere when the remarks were made and that it believes Taft made an error in legal terminology but was not acting maliciously.

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

Columbia Valley Chamber Receives Funding for DMO Project

The Columbia Valley Chamber of Commerce will receive \$4,000 from the Electoral Area F Economic Development Service and \$4,000 from the Columbia Valley Economic Development Service for the completion of a 5-year strategic business plan for a regional Destination Marketing Organization in the Columbia Valley.

Contact: *Wendy Booth* 250-345-6155
Electoral Area F Director
Ute Juras 250-489-9070
Columbia Valley Services Committee Chair

Transit Agreements Signed

The Chair and CAO have been authorized to sign the Transit Service Agreements and Annual Operating Agreements with BC Transit for the operation of the Columbia Valley and Elk Valley Transit Systems as well as the Columbia Valley and Elk Valley Health Connections Service.

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

Moyie & Area OCP Advisory Group Named

Harvey Bombadier, Brian Conrad, Murray Evenson, Joan Poweska, Alec Rogers and Steve Rogers have been named to the Moyie & Area Official Community Plan Advisory Group. The advisory group will act as liaisons with the community and provide input on the Moyie and Area Official Community Plan.

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Planning & Development Services Manager

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HIGHLIGHTS is a monthly publication of the Regional District of East Kootenay.

The Regional Board meets on the first Friday of each month (subject to periodic change) at the RDEK office in Cranbrook. Board Meetings are open to the public. For more information on this publication, contact Loree Duczek at lduczek@rdek.bc.ca or visit www.rdek.bc.ca

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PUBLIC HEARINGS

Funding Approved for Mine Rescue Competition

The City of Fernie will receive \$5,000 from the Electoral Area A portion of the Elk Valley Mine Tax Sharing Fund for a contribution toward the costs associated with hosting the 13th Biennial National Western Region Mine Rescue Competition.

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

Discretionary Grants-in-Aid (DGIA)

Columbia Basin Environmental Education Network will receive \$700 from the Electoral Area A DGIA account, \$700 from the Electoral Area B DGIA account, \$1,700 from the Electoral Area C DGIA, \$500 from the Electoral Area E DGIA, \$700 from the Electoral Area F DGIA and \$700 from the Electoral Area G DGIA (for a total of \$5,000) for the 2017 Wild Voices for Kids program.

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

Kootenay CARP Chapter #23 will receive \$1,500 from the Electoral Area C DGIA account for the 2017 Seniors' Expo.

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

Freshwater Fisheries Society of BC will receive \$3,000 from the Electoral Area D DGIA account for a roof for the Kootenay Trout Hatchery Pond Shelter.

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

The Wasa Lake Land Improvement District will receive \$1,000 from the Electoral Area E DGIA account for the Wasa Area Advocates Buoys and Signs Initiative.

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

Windermere Elementary School will receive \$1,000 from the Electoral Area F DGIA account for its Carnival Fair.

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

Wednesday, August 23, 2017 - 4:00pm

Regional District of East Kootenay - Board Room

19 - 24th Ave S, Cranbrook BC

Bylaw No. 2793 - Regional District of East Kootenay – Rockyview Official Community Plan Bylaw No. 2255, 2010 – Amendment Bylaw No. 20, 2017 (Cranbrook West / TJF Investments Ltd.)

-and-

Bylaw No. 2794 - Regional District of East Kootenay – Cranbrook Rural Zoning Bylaw No. 1402, 2001 – Amendment Bylaw No. 46, 2017 (Cranbrook West / TJF Investments)

Monday, August 28, 2017 - 7:00pm

Columbia Valley Chamber of Commerce

651 Highway 93/95, Invermere BC

Bylaw No. 2795 - Regional District of East Kootenay – Upper Columbia Valley Zoning Bylaw No. 900, 1992 – Amendment Bylaw No. 330, 2017 (Toby Benches / Burns)

PUBLIC MEETINGS

Windermere Treated Water Project & New East Side Service Area Open House

Wednesday, August 23, 2017

Columbia Valley Chamber of Commerce

651 Highway 93/95, Invermere BC

3:00pm - 5:00pm (Presentation 3:30pm)

OR

7:00pm - 9:00pm (Presentation 7:30pm)

The RDEK will be hosting two sets of open houses, with displays and a presentation, in preparation for two referendums to be held in October.

If you are a water customer or own property in any of the following:

- RDEK's Windermere Water Service Area
- RDEK's Timber Ridge Water Service Area
- Windermere Water & Sewer Company

Join us to find out more about the project and upcoming voting process.

NEXT BOARD MEETINGS

Thursday

Committee Meetings

August 31, 2017

TBA

Friday

RDEK Board Meeting

September 1, 2017

9:00 AM