

RDEK BOARD HIGHLIGHTS

10-Year Service Award

The Board presented Development Clerk Anita Charest with a 10-year service award. Anita started with the RDEK in the Community Services Department as an Administrative Assistant and has been with the Planning & Protective Services Department since 2009. Congratulations Anita on your ten years of service and thank you for everything you do!

Contact: *Shawn Tomlin* 250-489-2791
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New Plan For The Moyie Area

The Board authorized the preparation of a new community plan for the Moyie Lake area. The existing Moyie Area Land Use Bylaw is one of the RDEK's oldest land use planning documents and the upcoming planning process will allow residents and landowners to consider new and emerging issues and refresh their vision for land use in the area and the future of their lake and community. Moyie area residents can expect to hear more about this process and how to get involved later in the spring.

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Planning & Development Services Manager

2017 Volunteers Of The Year Named

The 2017 RDEK Electoral Area Volunteers of the Year have been announced. They are as follows:

Electoral Area A	Johnny Shaw
Electoral Area B	Gary Dixon
Electoral Area E	Naomi Miller
Electoral Area F	George & Stella Gray
Electoral Area G	Hermann Mauthner

They will be formally recognized at Volunteer of the Year celebrations later this spring. No nominations were received for Electoral Area C.

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Board Chair

Broadband Funding Approved

The Board has approved Community Works Funds of up to \$420,000 for projects included in the Columbia Basin Broadband Corporation's application to the Innovation, Science and Economic Development (ISED) Canada's Connect to Innovate Program. The funding is subject to receipt of confirmation from ISED Canada to provide the capital requested in support of the Broadband Corporation's application.

Contact: *Holly Ronnquist* 250-489-2791
Chief Financial Officer

Letter To Be Sent To Competition Bureau

A letter will be sent to the Competition Bureau expressing concern that the proposed purchase of Canwest Propane by Superior Plus Corp would result in a limited number of propane suppliers in the Columbia Valley.

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

Clarification Requested

A letter will be sent to the Ministry of Forests, Lands and Natural Resource Operations requesting clarification on the proposed form and responsibilities of the stand-alone agency being created to oversee wildlife management in BC.

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Board Chair

Weed Control Officers Appointed

The Board has appointed Kevin Paterson and Jamie Davies as Weed Control Officers for the RDEK. The appointment of Weed Control Officers is a requirement of the *Weed Control Act*, and gives the Officers authority to enter private lands within the RDEK's Invasive Plant Management Service Area to inspect for invasive plants, issue warnings and notices to comply with the Act and Regulation Bylaw, and to proceed with remedial action, if necessary.

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

Application To Be Submitted for Community to Community Forum

The Board has authorized staff to submit an application to the Union of BC Municipalities Regional Community to Community Forum (Spring) for a Forum with the Ktunaxa Nation Council and a Forum with the Shuswap Band.

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Board Chair

Advisory Commission Appointment

Diana Cote has been appointed to the Advisory Planning Commission and Electoral Area Advisory Commission for Electoral Areas F and G.

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Columbia Valley Transit Advisory Commission Appointments

Anita Leskie, Cielle Cowles, Ken Wilder and Bernie Macala have been appointed to the Columbia Valley Advisory Commission for a two-year term.

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

Edgewater Utility Advisory Commission Appointments

Barbara Neraasen, Michael Hutchinson, Roberta Hall and Scott Ivers have been re-appointed and George Thierbach has been appointed to the Edgewater Utility Advisory Commission for a two-year term.

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

Discretionary Grants-in-Aid (DGIA)

Elkford Secondary School will receive \$1,000 from the Electoral Area A DGIA account to help purchase a Dell Mobile Computing Cart.

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

The Baynes Lake Community Society will receive \$2,000 from the Electoral Area B DGIA account for the South Country Homecoming.

Contact: *Stan Doehle* 250-529-7000
Electoral Area B Director

The Wings over the Rockies Committee will receive \$700 from the Electoral Area F DGIA account and \$500 from the Electoral Area G DGIA account to help offset expenses for the Wings Over the Rockies Festival

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

NEXT BOARD MEETINGS

Thursday	May 4, 2017
Committee Meetings	TBA
Friday	May 5, 2017
RDEK Board Meeting	9:00am

PUBLIC MEETINGS

Fairmont OCP Open House

- April 13 7:00 pm - 9:00 pm
Fairmont Hot Springs Resort

Presentation by RDEK staff at 7:30 pm.

Copies of the draft OCP and comment forms are available on the RDEK's website.

Jaffray & Elko Area OCP Open Houses

- Jaffray Community Hall - April 13 4:00 pm - 8:00 pm
- Elko Community Hall - April 18 4:00 pm - 8:00 pm

Presentations by RDEK staff at 4:30 pm and 7:00 pm

Copies of the draft OCP, Zoning Bylaw, comment forms and an on-demand webinar will be posted mid-April.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

Monday, April 24, 2017 - 4:00pm at Fernie Family Centre

521 4th Avenue, Fernie BC

Bylaw No. 2773 - Regional District of East Kootenay – Elk Valley Zoning Bylaw No. 829, 1990 – Amendment Bylaw No. 86, 2017 (Cokato / Young)

Monday, April 24, 2017 - 7:00pm at Baynes Lake Community Hall

468 Jaffray-Baynes Lake Road, Baynes Lake, BC

Bylaw No. 2771 - Regional District of East Kootenay – Lake Koocanusa Official Community Plan Bylaw No. 2432, 2013 – Amendment Bylaw No. 2, 2017 (Koocanusa West / Wentzell)

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Bylaw No. 2772 is cited as "Regional District of East Kootenay – South Country Zoning and Floodplain Management Bylaw No. 2320, 2011 – Amendment Bylaw No. 11, 2017 (Koocanusa West / Wentzell)

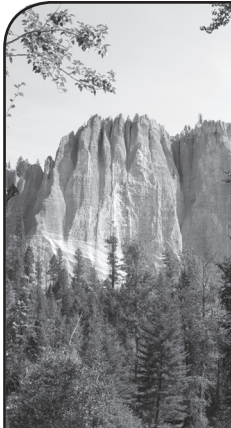
Monday, May 1, 2017 - 7:00pm at Fairmont Hot Springs Resort

5225 Fairmont Resort Road, Fairmont Hot Springs, BC

Bylaw No. 2777 - Regional District of East Kootenay – Upper Columbia Valley Zoning Bylaw No. 900, 1992 – Amendment Bylaw No. 328, 2017 (Fairmont Hot Springs / Carthew Registry Services Ltd.)



OTHER HAPPENINGS



Community involvement meetings

COMMUNITY INITIATIVES AND AFFECTED AREAS PROGRAMS

Come learn about the projects applying for funding:

- Cranbrook:** April 11, 4:00 PM
Cranbrook Library Manual Training School
1212 2nd Street North, Cranbrook
Proposals Affecting:
City of Cranbrook

- Area C:** April 12, 7:00 PM
Regional District of East Kootenay Board Room
19 24th Avenue South, Cranbrook
Proposals Affecting: Electoral Area C (rural Cranbrook, Moyie, Fort Steele, Bull River, Wardner, etc.)

- Kimberley:** April 12, 6:00 PM
Council Chambers
340 Spokane Street, Kimberley
Proposals Affecting:
City of Kimberley

- Columbia Valley:** April 18, 6:00 PM
Columbia Valley Chamber of Commerce in the Lions Hall
651 Highway 93/95, Invermere
Proposals Affecting: District of Invermere, Village of Canal Flats, Village of Radium Hot Springs, Electoral Area F (rural Canal Flats to rural Invermere), and Electoral Area G (Wilmer to Spillimacheen)

- Sparwood:** April 19, 7:00 PM
Council Chambers
136 Spruce Avenue, Sparwood
Proposals Affecting:
District of Sparwood

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