

RDEK BOARD HIGHLIGHTS

Windermere Treated Water Project Updates

The proposal to purchase Parr Utilities will include the purchase of the building which houses the Water Treatment Plant. The Board has given direction that if an agreement is reached on the sale of Parr Utilities and the building, the method of community assent will be by referendum (vote). There will be detailed information coming out to both the Windermere Water Service Area and existing Parr customers once an agreement has been reached and more details are known.

The Board has also authorized staff to submit an application to the Gas Tax Strategic Priorities Fund for the Windermere Treated Water Project. The RDEK application will be for \$6,000,000, which is the maximum that can be applied for through this grant program.

Contact: *Brian Funke*

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Engineering Services Manager

Meadowbrook Home Based Business Variance Approved

The Board approved a development variance permit for Gwinner's Country Butcher in Meadowbrook. The variance will allow the enclosed area used for the home based business to expand beyond the present limit of 150m² to 296m² to bring an existing micro-abattoir and butcher shop business into conformity with the bylaw and allow for an expansion to the building.

Contact: *Andrew McLeod*

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Planning & Development Services Manager

Petition to be Held on Jaffray Fire Expansion Proposal

The proposal to expand the Jaffray Fire Protection Service Area to include Wardner and portions of Mayook and Bull River will be presented to the community for approval. There will be an information meeting on June 1, 2017 at 7:00 PM at the Wardner Community Hall where Director Gay and RDEK staff will provide specifics on the proposal and review the elector assent process, which will be a petition. In addition to the public meeting, an information package will be prepared and sent to property owners within the proposed expanded service area.

Contact: *Sanford Brown*

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Building & Protective Services Manager

Tie Lake Water Level Control Bylaw Amendment Given Three Readings

The Board has given three readings to an amendment to the Tie Lake Water Level Control Local Service Establishment Bylaw. The amendment increases the maximum requisition for the Service Area to cover the cost of the Tie Lake Dam Upgrade Project. The Project has received approximately 80% funding through the Community Works Fund. The Bylaw Amendment will now be sent to the Inspector of Municipalities for review and approval. If approved, it will come back before the RDEK Board for adoption. The dam must be upgraded to meet regulatory requirements.

Contact: *Holly Ronnquist*

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Chief Financial Officer

Application to be Submitted for Feasibility Study

A grant application will be submitted to the BC Rural Dividend Program for \$10,000 to do a feasibility study for proposed public boat accesses and toilet facilities along the Columbia River from Fairmont to Spillimacheen.

Contact: *Kevin Paterson*

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Environmental Services Manager

Kimberley Rural OCP and Public Hearing

The Board gave Bylaw No. 2760 – Kimberley Rural Official Community Plan first and second reading and authorized a public hearing for 7 PM, Wednesday May 24 at the Kimberley Centennial Hall. The OCP was over a year in the making and takes into consideration the input and advice of area residents and other stakeholders in the plan area. Rural OCPs provide long range and strategic guidance for land use conservation and change in the area covered by the plan, and are usually reviewed by the RDEK every five to fifteen years. If adopted, the new OCP will replace the previous OCP for the area which was completed in 2006.

Contact: *Andrew McLeod*

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Planning & Development Services Manager

Funding Approved from Clean Water and Wastewater Fund

The Moyie Water Main Replacement Project has been approved for \$174,220 and the Lake Baptiste Dam Upgrade Project has been approved for \$417,330 from the Clean Water and Wastewater Fund. The RDEK has amended the Five-Year Financial Plan to reflect the approval of these funds.

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Chief Financial Officer

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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Booth Nominated as RDEK Representative to CBT Board

Director Wendy Booth has been nominated as the RDEK representative to the Columbia Basin Trust Board of Directors. Director Booth is the RDEK's current representative on the Board. The nomination is required as her current term soon expires.

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

Fairmont Path to be Designated as Area F Regional Trail

Subject to the RDEK's acceptance of each phase of the completed trail, the Fairmont Path will be designated as an Electoral Area F Regional Trail. The Fairmont Community Association has raised approximately \$87,000 of the estimated \$115,000 required to construct phase one of a two-phase trail project which will connect the Fairmont Hot Springs commercial area to Fairmont Creek Road near the Fairmont Fire Hall.

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

Elk Valley Victims Assistance

The agreement with Jennifer Asselin for the delivery of the Elk Valley Victim Assistance Program has been extended to March 31, 2018.

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

Funding for EK Division of Family Practice

A \$20,000 General Administration grant has been approved for the EK Division of Family Practice to support recruitment and retention of family physicians for the years 2017 and 2018.

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Corporate Officer

Discretionary Grants-in-Aid (DGIA)

The Horse Association of Central Kootenay will receive \$500 from the Electoral Area B DGIA account for shows and youth clinics in the Baynes Lake area.

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

Discretionary Grants-in-Aid (DGIA) Continued

The Rocky Mountain Wakesurfing Association will receive \$1,000 from the Electoral Area B DGIA account for the Kooacanusa Wakesurf Challenge this summer.

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

The Moyie Community Association will receive \$1,000 from the Electoral Area C DGIA account to purchase new books for the Moyie Reading Centre.

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

The Cranbrook Lions Club will receive \$1,000 from the Electoral Area C DGIA account for its Seniors Tour and Tea at the Cranbrook History Centre in June.

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

The Wardner Community Association will receive \$5,000 from the Electoral Area C DGIA account for the Trans Canada Trail/ Great Trail Celebration that will kick off in Wardner June 30 and July 1.

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

The Columbia Lake Stewardship Society will receive \$1,540 from the Electoral Area F DGIA account for workshop and website development.

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

NEXT BOARD MEETINGS

Thursday	June 8, 2017
Committee Meetings	TBA
Friday	June 9, 2017
RDEK Board Meeting	9:00am

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

PUBLIC MEETINGS & REMINDERS

Baynes Lake Information Meeting re: Changes to the South Country Zoning & Floodplain Management Bylaw May 24, 2017 - 7:30 PM - 8:30 PM at the Baynes Lake Community Hall

There will be information posters, along with a brief presentation by staff to review proposed changes to the South Country Zoning & Floodplain Management Bylaw including changes related to home-based business regulations and secondary suites.

Jaffray & Elko Area OCP Comment Period Deadline Approaching

May 31, 2017 - 11:59 PM

The comment period deadline for the draft of the Jaffray & Elko Area Official Community Plan is **May 31, 2017**. We need to hear your feedback. If we don't know the issues, we can't address them. Get your comments in to Karen Macleod by May 31. For a link to the comment form and more information, [click here](#).

Jaffray Fire Expansion: Wardner and portions of Bull River and Mayook

June 1, 2017 - 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM at Wardner Community Hall

This public meeting will provide information on the proposal to expand the Jaffray Fire Protection Service Area to include Wardner and portions of Mayook and Bull River. Staff will provide a detailed overview of the proposal and the community assent process.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

Wednesday, May 24, 2017 - 7:00pm at Fernie Family Centre

521 4th Avenue, Fernie BC

Bylaw No. 2738 - Regional District of East Kootenay – Elk Valley Official Community Plan Bylaw No. 2532, 2014 – Amendment Bylaw No. 4, 2016 (Lizard Creek / 0819038 BC Ltd. & Knauf)

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Bylaw No. 2739 - Regional District of East Kootenay – Elk Valley Zoning Bylaw No. 829, 1990 – Amendment Bylaw No. 83, 2016 (Lizard Creek / 0819038 BC Ltd. & Knauf)

Wednesday, May 24, 2017 - 7:00pm at Kimberley Centennial Hall

100 - 4th Avenue, Kimberley, BC

Bylaw No. 2754 - Regional District of East Kootenay – Electoral Area E Zoning and Floodplain Management Bylaw No. 2502, 2014 – Amendment Bylaw No. 11, 2017 (Text Amendment / RDEK)

-and-

Bylaw No. 2760 - Regional District of East Kootenay – Kimberley Rural Official Community Plan Bylaw No. 2760, 2017

-and-

Bylaw No. 2761 - Regional District of East Kootenay – Electoral Area E Zoning and Floodplain Management Bylaw No. 2502, 2014 – Amendment Bylaw No. 13, 2017 (Miscellaneous / RDEK)

Wednesday, May 24, 2017 - 7:00pm at Baynes Lake Community Hall

468 Jaffray-Baynes Lake Road, Baynes Lake, BC

Bylaw No. 2780 - cited as "Regional District of East Kootenay – South Country Zoning and Floodplain Management Bylaw No. 2320, 2011 – Amendment Bylaw No. 12, 2017 (Baynes Lake / Crown)

Thursday, May 25, 2017 - 4:00pm at Regional District of East Kootenay - Board Room

19 - 24th Avenue South, Cranbrook, BC

Bylaw No. 2746 - Regional District of East Kootenay – Wycliffe Zoning and Floodplain Management Bylaw No. 2256, 2010 – Amendment Bylaw No. 12, 2016 (Wycliffe / Three Bars Ranch)

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES



ELECTORAL AREA B and ELECTORAL AREA C

Advisory Planning Commission (APC) &
Electoral Area Advisory Commission (EAAC)

Are you a resident of Electoral Area B including Grasmere, Elko, Jaffray or surrounding areas?

Are you a resident of Electoral Area C including Gold Creek, Moyie, Wardner, Wycliffe, Mayook or the surrounding areas?

Are you interested in having input on what happens in your community?

The Regional District of East Kootenay (RDEK) is looking for new members for the:

- Electoral Area B Advisory Planning Commission (APC) and the Electoral Area Advisory Commission (EAAC)
- Electoral Area C Advisory Planning Commission (APC) and the Electoral Area Advisory Commission (EAAC)

As a member of the commissions you will have an opportunity to provide advice and recommendations on:

- Development applications, such as rezoning and development variance permits;
- Provincial referrals, such as tenure applications and road closure applications;
- Requests for funding through the Discretionary Grants-in-Aid Program;
- Recognizing Community Volunteers; and,
- Other matters that affect the specific Electoral Area (either Area B or Area C)

The Commissions meet once per month. Commission members are reimbursed for personal vehicle travel between their place of residence and the location of a Commission meeting at a rate established by Board policy.

Any person, except a corporation, residing or owning property within the Electoral Area may be appointed to the Commission. At least two-thirds of the Commission must be residents of the Electoral Area. Appointments are made by the RDEK Board of Directors. Appointees are members of both the APC and EAAC.

If you are interested in applying for the position, please submit a letter indicating your experience and which electoral area you wish to represent by June 1, 2017 to:

- By hand at the RDEK Office - 19-24th Avenue South, Cranbrook
- Via email in PDF format to planningdept@rdek.bc.ca
- By mail to Andrew McLeod, RDEK, 19-24th Avenue South, Cranbrook BC V1C 3H8

**Applications must be received by 4:30 pm on
Thursday, June 1, 2017**

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY Lake Windermere OCP Advisory Group

**Are you passionate and knowledgeable
about the Lake Windermere area?**

**Can you represent a unique community or geographic area
and communicate the challenges and values of living or
owning property there?**

**Are you passionate about a particular sector such as
commercial business, the environment, agriculture or
recreation?**

**Do you have a knack for working collaboratively
in groups?**

The RDEK is seeking volunteers to participate in an Advisory Group as part of the review and update of the Lake Windermere Official Community Plan (OCP). Upon completion, the OCP will guide decision making about land use conservation and change in the Lake Windermere area. As a member of the advisory group you will provide advice and feedback to RDEK staff and Area Director and act as a liaison with the public throughout the planning process.

We are looking for up to 10 individuals representing a diverse range of interests and expertise to participate in the advisory group. If you are interested in participating, please submit a letter of interest outlining your reason(s) for volunteering; any affiliation with community groups, organizations and associations; what you feel you could contribute to the group and your contact information (including daytime phone number and email address) to Kris Belanger by:

- Email in PDF format to kbelanger@rdek.bc.ca
- Deliver to the RDEK Office at 19-24th Avenue South, Cranbrook or 4956 Athalmer Road, Invermere
- Mail to Kris Belanger, RDEK, 19-24th Avenue South, Cranbrook BC V1C 3H8

Applications must be received by 4:30 pm on Friday, June 2, 2017