

RDEK BOARD HIGHLIGHTS

Pedley Heights Crown Land Application Referral Receives Support

The Board supported a Crown land referral for a 60 berth moorage facility on Lake Windermere. The Crown land tenure application by the Pedley Heights Community Association is a reapplication for a proposal that was previously disallowed by the Province. In 2018, the RDEK rezoned the surface of Lake Windermere to permit the proposed moorage facility.

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

Funding Application to be Submitted for Cold Spring Creek Debris Flow Mitigation Project

An application for \$10 million will be submitted to the Adaptation, Resilience and Disaster Mitigation Program for the Cold Spring Creek Debris Flow Mitigation Phase 2 Project. Construction on Phase 1 of the project is slated to begin this year.

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

Seeking Funding to Address South Country Water Crisis

The RDEK will be submitting an application to the Investing in Canada Infrastructure - British Columbia - COVID-19 Resilience Infrastructure Stream to help offset costs of engineering, environmental and construction work near the sinkhole upstream of the Elko Dam, which is running dry and affecting water supply to the downstream aquifer.

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

Continued Funding for Community Energy Manager

The RDEK will continue to participate in the Community Energy Manager program and will provide up to \$20,000 for year eight of the program. In addition, \$30,000 has been allocated from the Climate Action Reserve Fund for the implementation of the Kootenay Clean Energy Transition Workplan.

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

Education Campaign Planned on Recycle BC Program

With challenges in the recycling markets and increased costs for the yellow bin collection system, there will be additional public education encouraging residents to use the Recycle BC system. In addition, there will be some changes to community depots in the Elk Valley later this year. There will be an education and information campaign prior to any changes.

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

Concerns over Ambulance Service Review, Impacts on Rural Areas

A letter will be sent to the Parliamentary Secretary of Rural Development, Minister of Health, Minister of Public Safety and Solicitor General and local MLAs requesting an update on the review of the BC Ambulance Service, specifically towards managing the Ambulance service more effectively for rural areas and expressing concern that changes and improvements have not been implemented.

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

New Representative for Radium Public Library Board

Ann Jardine has been appointed as the Electoral Area G representative on the Radium Public Library Board through December 31, 2022.

Contact: *Tina Hlushak* 250-489-2791
Acting Corporate Officer

Letter of Support for Caribou Conservation Breeding Foundation

A letter of support will be provided to the Caribou Conservation Breeding Foundation for its BC Caribou Conservation Breeding Program and development of a permanent conservation centre within the Columbia Valley.

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

Discretionary Grants in Aid (DGIA)

The following organizations will receive grants:

- Cranbrook Kimberley Hospice Society will receive \$750 from the Electoral Area B, \$2,500 from the Electoral Area C, and \$1,000 from the Electoral Area E DGIA accounts for a Rainbows Canada program for children in our area who've experienced loss or grief.
- The Sand Creek Lions Club will receive \$2,000 from the Electoral Area B DGIA account to offset COVID related costs.
- Reel Canadian Film Society will receive \$1,000 from the Electoral Area A DGIA for its upcoming Film Festival.
- Summit Community Services Society will receive \$1,300 from the Electoral Area C and \$1,000 from the Electoral Area E DGIA accounts for its Police Based Victims Services.

DGIA Contacts:

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<i>Rob Gay</i>	<i>Electoral Area C Director</i>	<i>250-489-4242</i>
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NEXT BOARD MEETINGS

Thursday Committee Meetings	February 4, 2021 TBA
Friday RDEK Board Meeting Kootenay East Regional Hospital District	February 5, 2021 9:00 AM 11:30 AM
Thursday RDEK Budget Meetings	February 11, 2021 TBA

PUBLIC HEARINGS

Bylaw No. 3020 “Regional District of East Kootenay – Fairmont Hot Springs & Columbia Lake Area Official Community Plan Bylaw No. 2779, 2017 – Amendment Bylaw No. 7, 2020 (Columbia Lake West / Bella Vista Properties Ltd) will amend the designation of part of Lot 1, District Lot 4596, Kootenay District, Plan NEP86504 from R-SF, Residential Low Density to R-MF, Residential Multi-Family.

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Bylaw No. 3021 “Regional District of East Kootenay – Upper Columbia Valley Zoning Bylaw No. 900, 1992 – Amendment Bylaw No. 366, 2020 (Columbia Lake West / Bella Vista Properties Ltd) will amend the designation of part of Lot 1, District Lot 4596, Kootenay District, Plan NEP86504 from A-2, Rural Residential (Country) Zone, to R-3, Multiple Family Residential – Medium Density Zone.

- **Date:** Tuesday, January 26, 2021 at 6:00 pm
- **Public Hearing Notice Link:** http://www.rdek.bc.ca/web/pdf/publichearings/BL_3020_3021.pdf
- **Contact:** Tracy Van de Wiel, Planning Technician 250-489-0306 / 1-888-478-7335 or email tvandewiel@rdek.bc.ca.

Bylaw No. 2855 “Regional District of East Kootenay – Jaffray, Tie Lake, Rosen Lake Land Use and Floodplain Management Bylaw No. 1414, 1999 – Amendment Bylaw No. 30, 2018 (Tie Lake Shore Rd N / Sunshine Bay Resort)” will; a) add a portion of property into the land use bylaw boundary, b) add a new designation and regulations for a recreational resort property and, c) amend the designation of Lot A, District Lot 4590, Kootenay District, Plan NEP77520 from undesignated and C-3, Recreation Commercial to RES-1, Resort Recreation.

- **Date:** Wednesday, January 27, 2021 at 7:00 pm
- **Public Hearing Notice Link:** http://www.rdek.bc.ca/web/pdf/publichearings/BL_2855.pdf
- **Contact:** Krista Gilbert, Planning Technician 250-489-0306 / 1-888-478-7335 or email kgilbert@rdek.bc.ca

MOYIE, PANORAMA AND WILMER - URGED TO COMPLETE INTERNET SPEED TEST



Columbia Basin Trust, in collaboration with the Southeastern BC Regional Connectivity Committee, is working to ensure residents have access to internet. Unfortunately, 16 communities/rural areas have been deemed ineligible according to the latest federal map data showing sufficient speeds - including Wilmer, Panorama and Moyie.

The Committee is urging all residents in Wilmer, Panorama and Moyie to complete an internet speed test by January 31st to provide current data.

Instructions and a link to the speed test and how to upload the results can be found here: <https://ourtrust.org/speedtest>

They need to get 20% of the residents in each community to participate - so please encourage your friends and neighbours to participate by January 31, 2021.