

RDEK BOARD HIGHLIGHTS

RDEK to Provide Grant for Curbside Recycling Carts in Kimberley

The RDEK has approved a grant to the City of Kimberley of up to \$281,600 to purchase 3200 curbside recycling carts. The City is aiming to have its curbside recycling program up and running later this year.

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Environmental Services Manager

Three Resolutions to be Taken to AKBLG AGM

The RDEK will be submitting three resolutions for consideration by the Association of Kootenay and Boundary Local Governments at its upcoming AGM regarding the BC Ambulance Rural Service Review, BC Hydro Pole Fees and inclusion of the ICI sector in the Recycle BC program.

Contact: *Rob Gay* 250-489-2791
Board Chair

Community Works Funds Approved for Broadband

Community Works Funds in the amount of \$678,372 have been approved for Columbia Basin Broadband Corporation (CBBC) to undertake broadband connectivity projects in Electoral Areas B, C and E, provided CBBC receives required approvals and additional grants. The RDEK will also provide a letter of support to the CBBC for its grant application to the Universal Broadband Fund.

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In Support of Upcoming Census

The RDEK will be encouraging all residents to complete their Statistics Canada census questionnaire this May. Local governments rely on the information obtained through the census for everything from infrastructure planning to grant applications, so having strong participation in the census process is important.

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

Elk Valley Tax Sharing Agreement Signed

The Chair and Area A Director have signed the Elk Valley Property Tax Sharing Agreement Cost Sharing Memorandum. This document provides needed updates to the previous agreement and was reached in consultation with the RDEK, City of Fernie and Districts of Sparwood and Elkford.

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

Local Conservation Fund Projects Approved

The RDEK Board has approved a total of 10 projects for funding through the Columbia Valley Local Conservation Fund. The following projects have been approved for 2021 funding:

- Columbia River Headwater Lakes Monitoring/Education:
Lake Windermere \$14,350
- Columbia River Headwater Lakes Monitoring/Education:
Columbia Lake \$13,000
- Conservation of Biodiversity in the Columbia Valley \$20,000
- Upper Columbia Swallow Habitat Enhancement Project \$19,300
- Columbia Valley Farmland Advantage Stewardship \$17,985
- Kootenay River Ranch Land Stewardship Activities \$14,000
- Strategic Invasive Plant Control of Leafy Spurge \$6,500
- Windermere Creek Restoration - Friends of Windermere Creek \$5,000

In addition, two projects were approved for multi-year funding through the Fund:

- Columbia River Headwater Lakes Monitoring/Education Lake Windermere
 - 2021: \$14,350
 - 2022: \$11,415
 - 2023: \$13,255
- Upper Columbia Swallow Habitat Enhancement Project
 - 2021: \$19,300
 - 2022: \$15,000
 - 2023: \$13,000

CVLCF is administered by the Kootenay Conservation Program on behalf of the RDEK and information on the fund and its projects can be found at the KCP website at:

<https://kootenayconservation.ca/conservation-funds/>

Contact: *Fiona Dercole* 250-489-2791
Protective Services Manager

Fire Protection Agreement Renewed

The Fire Protection Services Agreement with the District of Invermere for fire protection service in the Invermere Rural, Wilmer and lower Toby Benches areas has been renewed through 2025.

Contact: *Fiona Dercole* 250-489-2791
Protective Services Manager

New Member for Spur Valley Utility Advisory Commission

Vaughn Taylor has been appointed to the Spur Valley Utility Advisory Commission for a one-year term. The Commission provides the Area Director, Board and staff with input on the operation and maintenance of the community water system.

Contact: *Clara Reinhardt* 250-341-8644
Columbia Valley Services Committee Chair

Application to be Submitted for WildSafe BC Coordinator

An application will be submitted to the 2021 WildSafeBC Program to provide a Community Coordinator in Electoral Areas F and G. A contribution fee of \$4,000 will be paid from the Discretionary Grants-In-Aid Service (\$3,500 from Electoral Area F and \$500 from Electoral Area G).

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Columbia Valley Services Committee Chair

Discretionary Grants in Aid (DGIA)

The following organizations will receive grants:

- Valley Fitness Centre will receive \$1,500 from the Electoral Area F DGIA account and \$567 from the Electoral Area G DGIA account to go towards the costs of an exterior fire exit stair system at the Centre.

The following organizations will receive a multi-year DGIA grant:

- The City of Kimberley will receive \$18,000 from the Electoral Area C and \$2,000 from the Electoral Area E DGIA accounts for a period of five years (2021-2025).

DGIA Contacts:

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<i>Susan Clovechok</i>	<i>Electoral Area F Director</i>	<i>250-270-9314</i>
<i>Gerry Wilkie</i>	<i>Electoral Area G Director</i>	<i>250-347-9841</i>

PUBLIC HEARINGS

BYLAWS 3025 & 3026 - LUMBERTON

[Bylaw No. 3025](#) cited as “Regional District of East Kootenay – Moyie & Area Official Community Plan Bylaw No. 2912, 2019 – Amendment Bylaw No. 3, 2020 (Lumberton / Mazurek)” will amend the OCP designation of Lot 1, District Lot 2305, Kootenay District, Plan 5093 from RR, Rural Resource to SH, Small Holdings.

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[Bylaw No. 3026](#) cited as “Regional District of East Kootenay – Electoral Area C South Zoning & Floodplain Management Bylaw No. 2913, 2019 – Amendment Bylaw No. 8, 2020 (Lumberton / Mazurek)” will amend the zone designation of Lot 1, District Lot 2305, Kootenay District, Plan 5093 from RR-60 Rural Resource Zone to RR-2, Rural Residential (Small Holding) Zone.

The public hearing will be held via Zoom and you must register in advance to participate in this hearing.

- Hearing Date:** Wednesday, February 24, 2021 - 6:00pm
- Deadline to Register:** Monday, February 22, 2021 - 4:30 pm
- Registration Link:** https://zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_THUEaCNyRw-dzwa4CncnfA
- Link to Public Hearing Notice:** [http://www.rdek.bc.ca/web/EmergencyInfo/BL_3025_3026 - Mazurek.pdf](http://www.rdek.bc.ca/web/EmergencyInfo/BL_3025_3026_-_Mazurek.pdf)
- Contact:** Krista Gilbert, Planning Technician 250-489-0306 / 1-888-478-7335 or email kgilbert@rdek.bc.ca

NEXT BOARD MEETINGS

February 11, 2021	
RDEK Budget Meetings	12:30pm
March 4, 2021	
RDEK Committee Meetings	TBA
March 5, 2021	
RDEK Board Meeting	9:00 AM