



RDEK Board Highlights

September 2023

20 YEAR SERVICE AWARD

Karen MacLeod was formally recognized for her 20 years of service at the RDEK. Karen started her career with the RDEK as a Planner 1 and has served as a Planner 2 and Planning Coordinator prior to taking on her current role as Planning Supervisor in 2022. Congratulations Karen and thank you for your dedication and service to our region.

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HOSMER FIRE ASSESSMENT PROCEEDS

The Board has approved up to \$20,000 in funding from the Electoral Area A portion of the Elk Valley Mine Tax Sharing funds for a building assessment of the current Hosmer Fire Hall. The assessment will determine the condition and any deficiencies with the existing hall.

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SHORT TERM RENTAL TEMPORARY USE PERMITS

The Board adopted two Bylaws that implement required guidance to advance the implementation of the Temporary Use Permit requirements for Short Term Rentals. The fee structure and application process have now been set. Applications will be accepted starting in October. For more information visit engage.rdek.bc.ca/rentals.

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EAST KOOTENAY ACCESSIBILITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE NAMED

11 individuals have been appointed for two-year terms to the newly-formed East Kootenay Accessibility Advisory Committee: Sarah Oates, Steven Parker, Dani McIntosh, Suzanne Thompson, Kate Lambert-Gibbs, River Woods, Louise Walters, Megan Routledge, Debra Murray, Gail Mercer, and Terry Horton. The Committee will help guide the creation of an EK Accessibility Plan. To learn more, visit:

engage.rdek.bc.ca/accessibility

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KOOTENAY BOUNDARY FARM ADVISORS PROGRAM CONTINUES

The Board authorized the continuance of the RDEK's participation in the Kootenay Boundary Farm Advisors Program for another 5 years. The funding will be allocated in the upcoming Financial Plan process to continue to be paid from the Planning service. The Program provides extension and support for the region's agricultural sector.

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APPLICATIONS TO BE SUBMITTED FOR EMERGENCY-RELATED FUNDING

Applications will be submitted to the Community Emergency Preparedness Fund, Disaster Risk Reduction - Climate Adaptation Stream for:

- Hosmer & Mine Creek Flood Mitigation Options and Design; and,
- Cold Spring Creek Debris Flow Mitigation Project Expansion /Cost Overruns

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AREA C ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT SERVICE FUNDING FOR TWO INITIATIVES

A grant of \$22,000 has been approved from the Electoral Area C Economic Development Service to the City of Cranbrook for its Cranbrook Recreation Study. The study will review culture and recreation opportunities in the City of Cranbrook and surrounding area to look at the potential for shared opportunities and review existing, waning and emerging recreation trends. In addition, \$20,000 in funding has been approved from the Area C Economic Development Service for the establishment of Cranbrook Tourism's Cranbrook Event Strategy, which is intended to create a shared vision of the future of events in Cranbrook, identify stakeholders and their roles, and develop tools for success

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PUBLIC HEARINGS

- **BYLAW 3247 - WEST FERNIE** - cited as "Regional District of East Kootenay – Elk Valley Zoning Bylaw No. 829, 1990 – Amendment Bylaw No. 109, 2023 (West Fernie / Martin)" will amend the zone designation of that portion of Lot 28, District Lot 5237, Kootenay District, Plan 1280 from RR-2, Rural Residential (Small Holding) to RR-1, Rural Residential (Estate) zone.
 - **Wednesday, October 4, 2023 at 7:00 pm**
 - **Fernie Family Centre 521 – 4th Ave, Fernie**

For more information, contact Anita Charest, Planning Technician at 250-489-6903 or 1-888-478-7335 or email acharest@rdek.bc.ca

LOCAL GOVERNMENT INITIATED ALR EXCLUSION APPLICATIONS:

- **ROSEN LAKE** - The public hearing for 7124 Rosen Lake Road will be held via Zoom on:
 - **Tuesday, September 26, 2023 at 4:00 pm**
 - **Register in advance for this webinar:** https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_LJda3pJMQK2phNCOOTSwsQ
 - [View ALR Exclusion Application here](#)
- **ELKO** - The public hearing for 8891 Burton Lake Road will be held:
 - **Tuesday, September 26, 2023 at 7:00 pm**
 - **At Elko Community Hall - Bate Avenue, Elko**
 - [View ALR Exclusion Application here](#)

For more information on these two ALR Exclusion applications, contact Tracy Van de Wiel, Planning Technician at 250-489-0311 or 1-888-478-7335 or email tvandewiel@rdek.bc.ca

NEXT BOARD MEETINGS

October 12, 2023

RDEK Committee Meetings

TBA

October 13, 2023

RDEK Board Meeting

9:00 AM

HIGHLIGHTS is a monthly publication. The Regional Board meets 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, contact Loree Duczek at lduczek@rdek.bc.ca or visit www.rdek.bc.ca