

HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE RDEK BOARD MEETING OF DECEMBER 4, 2015

2016 Board Chair and Vice Chair Elected

The Board has re-elected Area C Director Rob Gay as Chair for 2016. This will be his fifth term as Chair. Area F Director Wendy Booth was re-elected as Vice Chair for a fourth term.

Contact: *Lee-Ann Crane* 250-489-2791
CAO

RDEK Celebrates Anniversary

The RDEK celebrated its 50th anniversary last week. In honour of the landmark milestone, the Board, staff, former Chairs and dignitaries gathered for a special dinner Thursday night, which included presentations that highlighted moments and memories over the past half century. In addition, the RDEK Board of Directors has approved an updated logo for the organization. The new logo includes the addition of a sun over the mountain and will be gradually transitioned into use over the next few months.

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Community Works Funds

The Board has approved Community Works Fund grants to Fairmont Hot Springs Utility Ltd. in the amount of \$39,000 for its extension of service to Ogilvy Wills, \$145,000 for its extension of service to the Dutch Creek community and \$555,000 for the Utility's Groundwater Source Development Program. The approvals are all subject to receiving confirmation from the Comptroller of Water Rights that the Utility is restricted from paying any profits to shareholders.

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CFO

Wasa & Area OCP Development Permit Guidelines

The Board referred proposed environmentally sensitive area (ESA) development permit guidelines for the Wasa and Area OCP back to staff to consult further with residents and consider some minor amendments. The development permit area was originally supported by area residents during consultation on the 2014 Wasa and Area Official Community Plan as a tool to help protect regionally significant environmental values on private land, but was not included in the original plan at that time due to resource constraints.

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Planning & Development Services Manager

Funding Approved for Development Initiative

A grant of \$5,000 will be paid to the Cranbrook Kimberley Development Initiative from the Electoral Area C Economic Development Service in 2016. An additional \$2,500 will be paid to the Development Initiative from the Area E Economic Development Service.

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CFO

Operational Funding Approved for Lake Windermere Ambassadors

The Lake Windermere Ambassadors requested Board consideration to providing an annual grant of \$10,000 to assist with operations. The Board supported such a grant; however, more work is required before the grant is final. To help with the decision, RDEK staff will be outlining options for providing the funding.

Contact: *Shawn Tomlin* 250-489-2791
CFO

Director Appointed to Advisory Group for Coal Project

Area A Director Mike Sosnowski has been appointed to represent the RDEK on the environmental assessment advisory group for the Michel Creek Coking Coal Project.

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

Funding for Surgeon Recruitment

A grant in the amount of \$10,000 from the Electoral Area A portion of the Elk Valley Mine Tax Sharing Funds will be paid to the City of Fernie for recruitment of a surgeon to the Elk Valley.

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CFO

Library Board Appointments

June Vandenberg and Fred Stevens have been appointed as the Electoral Area C representatives on the Cranbrook Public Library Board. Gerriann Donahue has been appointed as the Electoral Area F representative and Daneve McAffer as the Canal Flats representative on the Invermere Public Library Board. All four appointments are for the term January 1, 2016 to December 31, 2017.

Contact: *Shannon Moskal* 250-489-2791
Corporate Services Manager

RDEK BOARD HIGHLIGHTS CONTINUED DECEMBER 4, 2015

Concern Expressed over Laundry Service Changes

A letter will be sent to the President and CEO for Interior Health expressing concern with the potential transfer and centralization of laundry services.

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

Holiday Fireworks Approved for Fairmont

The RDEK Board approved two special event licences for Fairmont Hot Springs Resort for the Resort's annual Christmas Eve and New Year's Eve fireworks. The Resort is required to ensure all necessary precautions are taken to prevent fires.

Contact: *Shawn Tomlin* 250-489-2791
Chief Financial Officer

Discretionary Grants in Aid (DGIA)

The Fernie Chamber of Commerce will receive \$3,000 from the Electoral Area A DGIA account for the 2016 Griz Days Festival. The Fernie Alpine Ski Team will receive \$1,000 from the Area A DGIA account for its New Year's Eve Fireworks event at the Fernie Alpine Resort.

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

Summit Community Service Society will receive \$1,000 from the Electoral Area C DGIA account and \$1,000 from the Electoral Area E DGIA account for its Police Based Victim Services Program.

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Electoral Area C Director
Jane Walter 250-427-2577
Electoral Area E Director

The Columbia Valley Community Foundation will receive \$2,500 from the Electoral Area F DGIA account and \$2,500 from the Electoral Area G DGIA account for its Vital Signs Community Initiative.

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

Discretionary Grants in Aid (DGIA)

Recreation Sites and Trails BC will receive \$1,000 from the Electoral Area F DGIA account and \$1,000 from the Electoral Area G DGIA account for the Foster Creek Trail Host for the upcoming winter season.

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Electoral Area F Director

NEXT BOARD MEETINGS

<u>Thursday</u>	January 7, 2016
Committee Meetings	TBA
<u>Friday</u>	January 8, 2016
RDEK Board Meeting	9:00am

RDEK Happenings

Public Meetings:

Central Community Directed Funds Committee
Thursday, February 25, 2016—3:00pm
RDEK Board Room (Cranbrook)

Public Hearings:

Monday, December 21, 2015—7:00pm
Fernie Family Centre
521—4th Avenue, Fernie

Bylaw No. 2649—Regional District of East Kootenay
– Elk Valley Zoning Bylaw No. 829, 1990 –
Amendment Bylaw No. 78, 2015 (Cunliffe Rd. /
Canning)

- and -

Bylaw No. 2661—Regional District of East Kootenay
– Elk Valley Zoning Bylaw No. 829, 1990 –
Amendment Bylaw No. 80, 2015 (McDonald Ave. /
Botrakoff)

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other RDEK happenings*

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More RDEK Happenings

Public Hearings:

Tuesday, December 29, 2015—7:00pm
Columbia Valley Chamber of Commerce
651 Highway 93/95, Invermere

Bylaw No. 2662—Regional District of East Kootenay – Upper Columbia Valley Zoning Bylaw No. 900, 1992 – Amendment Bylaw No. 308, 2015
(Panorama / Marshall)



RDEK Holiday Hours

CRANBROOK RDEK OFFICE		ELKFORD TRANSFER STATION		FERNIE TRANSFER STATION	
December 24	8:30am-3:00pm	December 24	9:30am-3:00pm	December 24	9:00am-3:00pm
December 25 & 28	Closed	December 25	Closed	December 25	Closed
December 29	Regular Hours (8:30am-4:30pm)	December 26	10:00am-5:00pm	December 26	10:00am-4:00pm
December 31	8:30am-3:00pm	December 31	9:00am-3:00pm	December 31	9:00am-3:00pm
January 1	Closed	January 1	Closed	January 1	Closed
January 4	Regular Hours (8:30am-4:30pm)	January 2	10:00am-4:00pm	January 2	9:00am-5:00pm
		All other days through the holiday season, the transfer station will be open Tues to Sat 9:30am to 3:30pm and Sat 10:00am-5:00pm.		All other days through the holiday season, the transfer station will be open Mon to Fri 9:00am-5:00pm and Sat & Sun 10:00am-4:00pm.	
COLUMBIA VALLEY RDEK OFFICE		CENTRAL LANDFILL		SPARWOOD TRANSFER STATION	
December 24	8:30am-3:00pm (closed 12pm-1pm)	December 24	9:00am-3:00pm	December 24	9:00am-3:00pm
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January 4	8:30am-4:30pm (closed 12pm-1pm)	January 2	9:00am-6:00pm	January 2	9:00am-5:00pm
		All other days through the holiday season, the Landfill will be open from 9:00am to 5:00pm.		Mon to Sat 9:00am-5:00pm Closed Sun & Stat Holidays	
CRANBROOK TRANSFER STATION		COLUMBIA VALLEY LANDFILL		KIMBERLEY TRANSFER STATION	
December 24	8:30am-3:00pm	December 24	9:00am-3:00pm	December 24	8:30am-3:00pm
December 25	Closed	December 25	Closed	December 25	Closed
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For more information, contact the RDEK at 250-489-2791 or 1-888-478-7335