

HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE RDEK BOARD MEETING OF JANUARY 9, 2015

10-Year Service Award

RDEK Planning Technician Jean Terpsma was recognized for her 10-years of service in the Planning and Development Services Department.

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

New OCP Process to Begin for Toby Benches

The Board has authorized staff to proceed with the preparation of a new Official Community Plan for the Toby Benches area west of Invermere. The planning process is expected to take about one year to complete and will include a variety of opportunities for residents and landowners to share and discuss their ideas for the future of the area.

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

Seeking Funding for West Fernie Project—Phase 2

The RDEK will be submitting two separate applications for funding for the West Fernie Servicing and Restructure Project—Phase 2. Applications will be submitted under the Building Canada Fund Program and the Federal Gas Tax Fund Strategic Priorities Fund.

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

Applications to be Submitted for Fairmont Area

The RDEK will support the Fairmont Hot Springs (FHS) Utilities application for funding through the Building Canada Fund for a groundwater source development program for the benefit of their private community water system subject to there being no requirement for the RDEK to take over the water system or any component of the system should the application be successful. If the conditions of the FHS Utilities application cannot be met, the RDEK will make application to the Fund for the Fairmont Creek Upstream Mitigation Phase 2 and 3 project.

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Engineering Services Manager

New Representative on Invermere Library Board

Daneve McAffer has been appointed as the Village of Canal Flats representative on the Invermere Public Library Board for the term January 9, 2015 to December 31, 2015.

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

ESS Coordinator for Central Subregion Emergency Program

An Agreement has been signed with Bev Middlebrook for coordination of the Emergency Social Services Program for the Central Subregion Emergency Program for the term January 12, 2015 to December 31, 2016.

Contact: *Sanford Brown* 250-489-2791
Manager of Building & Protective Services

In Support of Broadband

A letter will be sent to FlexiNET, Tough Country Communications, Wink Wireless, and Yahk Area Communications Society for their applications to the Connecting Canadians program, indicating an intent to provide a contribution of up to 17.5% towards their proposed broadband infrastructure projects, subject to:

- Written commitment to provide 15% of the capital costs of the project;
- Receipt of confirmation of commitments from Industry Canada to provide 50% of the capital as requested from the Connecting Canadians program;
- Establishment of a regional district service, which will require approval of the electors within the area(s) affected by the project; and,
- The Regional District and ISP entering into a partnering agreement which will set out the terms and conditions of the funding.

In addition, the RDEK will send a letter to the Columbia Basin Broadband Corporation indicating that the RDEK has unused strands of fibre optic cable available in its Columbia Valley fibre optic backbone and is interested in making them available for the provision of improved internet connectivity in the Columbia Valley; and further that the RDEK supports the CBBC application for funding to the Connecting Canadians component of the Digital Canada 150 Strategy.

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

New Member Appointed to APC

Roberta Hall has been appointed to the Advisory Planning Commission for Electoral Area G.

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

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ALR Delegation Agreements

The RDEK will be asking the Agricultural Land Commission (ALC) to negotiate new delegated decision making agreements for Electoral Areas A and E, as the existing agreements for these areas both expired in 2014. Under delegated decision making agreements, the RDEK assumes the role of the ALC to make decisions on certain types of ALR development applications. The ALC did not want to renew the previous agreements in consideration of the recent amendments to the *Agricultural Land Commission Act* and the RDEK's new Official Community Plans for both areas.

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Planning & Development Services Manager

Discretionary Grants in Aid (DGIA)

WildSafeBC will receive \$2000 from the Electoral Area A DGIA account and \$200 from the Electoral Area B DGIA account to go toward program costs for the coming year.

Contact: *Mike Sosnowski* 250-423-1029
Electoral Area A Director
Stan Doehle 250-529-7500
Electoral Area B Director

The Fernie Secondary School Senior Boys Volleyball Team will receive \$600 and the Jaffray Elementary Junior Secondary School will receive \$600 from the Electoral Area B DGIA account to help offset the costs of each team's participation in Volleyball Provincials.

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

Cranbrook Women's Recreational Hockey League will receive \$1000 from the Electoral Area C DGIA account to go towards Tournament Ice Rental and Referees for their upcoming home tournament.

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

The Columbia Valley Rockies will receive \$10,000 from the Electoral Area F DGIA account and \$500 from the Electoral Area G DGIA account to go towards the purchase of a new team bus.

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

Discretionary Grants in Aid (DGIA)-Continued

The District of Invermere will receive \$500 from the Electoral Area F DGIA and \$250 from the Electoral Area G DGIA account to go toward hiring a Multiuse Facility Grant Writer.

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Electoral Area F Director
Gerry Wilkie 250-347-9841
Electoral Area G Director

The Columbia Valley Chamber of Commerce will receive \$2500 from the Electoral Area F DGIA account and \$500 from the Electoral Area G DGIA account for the Columbia Valley Winter in Motion Film Festival.

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NEXT BOARD MEETINGS

Thursday

Committee Meetings

February 5, 2014

TBA

Friday

RDEK Board Meeting

February 6, 2014

9:00am

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 other RDEK happenings*

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Other RDEK Happenings

Public Meetings:

Columbia Valley Community Directed Funds Committee
January 19, 2015—10:30am
Windermere Fire Hall

Public Hearings:

Tuesday, January 27, 2015—7:00pm
Columbia Valley Chamber of Commerce—651 Hwy. 93/95, Windermere

Bylaw No. 2582—Regional District of East Kootenay – Upper Columbia Valley Zoning Bylaw No. 900, 1992 – Amendment Bylaw No. 299, 2015 (Windermere / Sinneave)

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Bylaw No. 2579—Regional District of East Kootenay – Lake Windermere Official Community Plan Bylaw No. 2061, 2008 – Amendment Bylaw No. 19, 2015 (Windermere / Goertzen Holdings Ltd.)

Bylaw No. 2580—Regional District of East Kootenay – Upper Columbia Valley Zoning Bylaw No. 900, 1992 – Amendment Bylaw No. 298, 2015 (Windermere / Goertzen Holdings Ltd.)

Monday, February 2, 2015—7:00pm
Columbia Ridge Community Centre—6890 Columbia Lake Road, Fairmont

Bylaw No. 2559—Regional District of East Kootenay – Upper Columbia Valley Zoning Bylaw No. 900, 1992 – Amendment Bylaw No. 296, 2014 (Density Averaging/RDEK)