

**MINUTES OF THE THIRTY-FIRST MEETING OF THE
KANANASKIS COUNTRY INTERDEPARTMENTAL
CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE**

**Tuesday, November 10, 2009, at 9:30 a.m.
Main Floor Boardroom
Canmore Provincial Building
800 Railway Avenue, Canmore, AB**

Present:

Co-chair: Dave Nielsen Tourism, Parks & Recreation

Secretary: Laurie Christiansen Tourism, Parks & Recreation

Members/
Alternates Dave Nielsen Tourism, Parks & Recreation
Mike Benny Tourism, Parks & Recreation
Ralph Rolston Transportation
Param Sekhon Infrastructure
Joey Young Tourism, Parks & Recreation

Absent: Rick Blackwood Sustainable Resource Development
Steve Donelon Tourism, Parks & Recreation
Tas Kollias Transportation
Loren Winnick Tourism, Parks & Recreation
LauraLee Billings Environment

Guests: Leah Schmidek KID Development Officer – Item #6
Stew Walkinshaw Montane Forest Management Ltd. – Item #5

- 1) Review of the Agenda (All)
 - Agenda was approved as written.
 - Updates on items from the September 9/09 meeting were requested.
- 2) Review of Minutes (All)
 - Minutes of the September 9, 2009, meeting were approved as written.

Updates from September 9, 2009

KID Land Use Order: Update (M. Benny)

- Once a decision is made regarding the Junior Forest Wardens Adventure Camp, the LUO can move forward for finalization.
- **Decision: Update for information only.**

Boundary Ranch Proposal

- Boundary Ranch is waiting on SRD to discuss wildlife issues regarding the proposed long term plan and lease amendment.
- **Decision: Item received for information.**

Evan Thomas Water & Waste Water Facility Upgrades (P. Sekhon)

- Item #4 on the agenda

Junior Forest Wardens (M. Benny)

- No update available.
- **Decision: Update expected at January 12, 2010, meeting.**

Fortress Mountain (M. Benny)

- Site construction is well underway for a temporary project by a third party.
- Temporary access will be allowed until June/July 2010, when the bridge will be closed again to all access.
- There have been media reports regarding this project.
- **Decision: Item received as information.**

Easter Seals Camp Horizon (M. Benny)

- Lottery grant funding has been received for the pool replacement project.
- The camp is currently preparing its Development Permit Application, which will then be submitted to the KID Subdivision Development Authority for review.
- **Decision: Item received as information.**

Kananaskis Village Skateboard Facility (M. Benny)

- This proposal was reviewed by the Buildings & Grounds Committee on September 10, 2009, and did not receive support to go ahead.
- **Decision: Item received as information.**

Lower Kananaskis Lake Site Servicing Project (Mike Benny)

- The cottage owners do not support proceeding with this project.
- The grant funding for this project has been returned.
- **Decision: Item received as information.**

Highway 40 & Mt. Allan Drive Sign (Mike Benny)

- The sign replacement is on hold until spring.
- **Decision: This project will be completed in May 2010.**

3) Tim Horton's Children's Ranch (THCR) Project (M. Benny)

- The draft water license has been prepared and is waiting for signatures.
- Kate Vasicek, Municipal Approvals Engineer, AENV, is waiting for a letter from KID indicating that the local government will address any complaints from local residents regarding odor from the sewage treatment plant, as a variance was approved by KID Council
- Once this letter is received, AENV will issue the water license to THCR
- The contractor for this project is ready to start, pending a signed document from GOA that all approvals have been attained
- **Decision: M. Benny will circulate updated documents/drawings for information.**

4) Evan Thomas Waste Water Facility Design Update (P. Sekhon)

- Budget Status:
 - Detailed design has been funded and is underway with completion required by March 31, 2010
 - Approval of construction funding is expected.
 - This project is crucial due to public health and safety requirements for such a facility
 - AENV has ordered that upgrades are required to the water treatment plant by 2012 to meet licensing requirements
- Consultant Work:
 - Treatment plants – 50% complete
 - Reservoirs – 40% complete
 - Water lines – 60% complete
- Environmental Screening:
 - A few environmental concerns have been identified by the consultant.
 - INFRAS is working with TPR, Heritage Protection staff to address these concerns.
 - The only new disturbance to the area will be due to the new reservoir proposed to be built adjacent to the existing water reservoir near the village.
- Project Open House:

- A commitment was previously made to have an information session for the public
- Recommendation is to tie-in with the KID AGM on February 2, 2010, at the Kananaskis Village. The AGM commences at 7:00 p.m., so an information table will be set up 4:00 – 7:00 p.m. at the same location
- **Decision: Update provided for information only.**

PUBLIC SESSION: Start at 10:30 a.m.

- 5) KID FRIAA Fire Hazard Reduction Grant Applications (Stew Walkinshaw)
- In 2009 KID received \$50,000 from SRD towards FireSmart programs. Work included:
 - Lower Kananaskis Lake Cottage Area – fuels reduction with hand crews – “light on the land” approach
 - Delta Lodge – fuels reduction around the residence property
 - Mt. Kidd RV Park housing loop – cooperative effort with residents, SRD and KID to reduce fuel
 - Public education component – added information to the KID website under a “FireSmart” tab
 - Cross-training – all KID fire department staff have participated in the wildland fire training course
 - Pre-attack plan prepared for PLPP Facility Zone – due Dec. ‘09
 - Grant applications to FRIAA (Forest Resource Improvement Association of Alberta) to continue the KID fuels reduction program and to develop the KID Pre-Attack Plan were reviewed.
 - A fuels reduction project plan – grant application for \$455,000 – was submitted for:
 - Lower Kananaskis Lake cottage area which has 21.5 hectares remaining
 - Mt. Kidd RV Park housing loop which has 5.0 hectares remaining
 - Bow Valley housing area – to start this project with 8.1 hectares of fuel reduction
 - A second grant application was also submitted to FRIAA for \$20,000 to develop a Pre-attack Plan for the Evan Thomas Provincial Recreation Area
 - It is expected that the decision will be made mid-December with funding available in January 2010. The project deadline is December 31, 2010.
 - M. Benny added that these projects have been reviewed by the KID FireSmart Committee and have been endorsed by KID Council.
 - KID administration requires formal support from KCICC membership for these projects.
 - Grant money is paying 100 percent of the cost of these projects.
 - **Decision: KCICC endorses the applications and project plans as presented.**

- 6) KC Recycling Inventory & Systems Report (L. Schmidek)
- The consultant presented the recycling project plan at the September 8, 2008, meeting.
 - KID Council has approved this project and is prepared to provide the capital funds if TPR will take on the marketing of the project throughout Kananaskis Country
 - E. Kuhn and team will work with available resources to create a marketing strategy encompassing:
 - Public messaging – clear and concise – i.e. “Kananaskis Recycles”
 - Consistent messaging is also being coordinated within Fish Creek Provincial Park
 - “Explore” magazine ads
 - Information about recycling on the Kananaskis Country and KID websites
 - Information will be added to Parks’ kiosks
 - Public education through interpretive programming – summer 2010
 - Alberta Beverage Container Recycling Corporation will provide beverage recycling bins for free if KID/KC will participate in a profit-sharing program whereby 50 percent of profit is returned to a designated non-profit agency
 - City of Calgary has used recycling bins available for sale due to its new curbside recycling program – KID is looking at purchasing used bins
 - Used bins will be refurbished, painted, and placed at the desired locations
 - Recycling stations will be established at Pocaterra and Kananaskis Village behind Manor 88
 - The current recycling station at the Kananaskis Village will be closed and repurposed
 - The term of the current garbage contract for KID expires in 2011, so at that time a new tender will encompass all waste removal, including recycling
 - **Decision: Update prepared for information purposes.**

- 7) KID Development Permit Fees - 2010 (M. Benny)
- KID Council Motion #878/09 regarding 2010 Development Permit Schedule of Rates – Recommendation to KCICC, states:

“Move that the 2010 Development Permits – Schedule of Rates remain unchanged from the previously approved 2009 Development Permit – Schedule of Rates (Refer to Motion #831/08), and that Mike Benny take forward to KCICC on November 10, 2009 for final endorsement from the Committee.”

- **Decision: KCICC membership endorses the KID Development Permit Fees for 2010, as per KID Council Motion #878/09.**

8) Roundtable

o Param Sekhon

- Regarding recycling in Kananaskis Country and environmental stewardship, has it been discussed with the resident/commercial users within Kananaskis Country/KID to minimize use of phosphate based laundry detergent? Phosphate removal, as required by Alberta Environment, is an expensive process in the treatment of sewage. Could this be pursued with residents/businesses within KID?
- M. Benny responded that KID is addressing water conservation issues. Installation of water meters is almost complete and water monitoring incentives will be in place in 2011. Education is a priority and getting the commercial users (i.e. Delta) on board would have an impact.

o Joey Young

- There are currently boundary amendments underway:
 - Silvertip land exchange – about to enter the 60-day public comment period.
 - Yamnuska Natural Area/Deadman's Flats – involves SRD, TPR, and MD of Bighorn – exchange intended to finalize the wildlife corridor in the hamlet of DMF. Information has been sent to First Nations for review. Focused stakeholder letters will be going out shortly.
- Land Use Framework Open House - December 3/09, 4:00 – 7:00 p.m. at the Quality Inn in Canmore. The Land Use Secretariat will have people there to address questions, as well Environment and Municipal Affairs will have representatives present. Stakeholder and municipal issues will also be discussed. There will be 18 similar sessions throughout S. Alberta.

o Mike Benny

- Nakiska Gold Chair – A \$5 million upgrade has been completed. Nakiska is now open to the public on weekends until early December, when it will be open to the public full days. Ski teams started training November 5/09. Athletes competing at the 2010 Olympic Games at Whistler will train at Nakiska up to the day prior to racing.
- Barrier Lake Transmission Lines – AltaLink will be hosting an information session regarding significant power upgrades from the Trans Canada Highway along Barrier Lake to the Kananaskis Village.

- Ralph Rolston
 - Gravel crushing at Goat Creek and along Highway 68 will take place in 2010
 - No further resurfacing planned for Hwys 40 & 68 in 2010
 - M. Benny requested that relocation of cattle guards be communicated to TPR prior to work being done. An issue with grazing cattle has been created in the Sibbald Area due to the recent move of a cattle guard.

9) Next Meeting:

Next Meeting
Tuesday, January 12, 2010, at 9:30 a.m.
Main Floor Boardroom
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8800 Railway Avenue, Canmore, Alberta

Minutes approved by:

Dave Nielsen, Co-Chair, KCICC

Rick Blackwood, Co-Chair, KCICC