

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

**Tuesday, May 10, 2011, at 9:30 a.m.
Main Floor Boardroom
Canmore Provincial Building
800 Railway Avenue, Canmore, AB**

Present:

Co-chairs: Steve Donelon Tourism, Parks & Recreation
 Ross Spence Sustainable Resource Development

Secretary: Laurie Christiansen Tourism, Parks & Recreation

Members/
Alternates Shawn Polley CAO, Kananaskis Improvement District
 Perry Roberts Transportation (Alternate for Fred Lee)
 Param Sekhon Infrastructure
 Joey Young Tourism, Parks & Recreation

Absent: AJ Evenson Tourism, Parks & Recreation
 Dave Hanna Tourism, Parks & Recreation
 Loren Winnick Tourism, Parks & Recreation
 Louella Cronkhite Environment

Guests: Tracey Cove Sustainable Resource Development – Item #3
 Joe Tucker Mountain View Marksmen Assoc. – Item #4

- 1) Review of the Agenda (All)
 - “Legacy Trail/Bridge Crossing” was added to the agenda by S. Donelon
 - Updates on items from the November 9/10 meeting were requested.

- 2) Review of Minutes (All)
 - Minutes of the November 9, 2010, meeting were approved as written. Final minutes will be distributed with the May 10, 2011, draft minutes.

Updates from November 09, 2010

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

- Design work is complete and ready to move forward with bid/build
- All regulatory approvals have been received
- Treasury wants the option of a “P3” to be pursued, so preliminary work has been done
- Project did not make it to the March ’11 agenda of the Capital Projects Committee, but it is on the May 18/11 agenda. If approved, the next steps are:
 - Investigate P3 opportunities
 - 1st – RFQ
 - 2nd – RFP
 - September/October expected decision on proponent
- S. Donelon inquired whether there’d be an opportunity to provide input to the RFQ for the P3. Sewage from vault toilets cannot be accommodated by the municipalities, can this be factored in to the expansion of this site?
- P. Sekhon replied that this is a difficult situation because the sewage from the vault toilets is more concentrated than from water systems and is not easy to deal with.
- Vault toilet sewage has been transferred to WWL STP but the system doesn’t work well with this type of sewage.
- AB Environment is looking at a comprehensive plan to deal with vault toilets.
- INFRA is reluctant to accept vault toilet sewage at the ET facility. Should look at the Barrier STP as well.
- More discussion is required on this issue.
- **Decision: Item received for information.**

Voluntary Helicopter Guidelines (S. Donelon)

- The initial meeting with this group did not go well due to some mis-information being promoted prior to the meeting
- S. Donelon met with tour operators which went well
- Progress is being made
- **Decision: Item received for information.**

Delta Lodge at Kananaskis +15 (S. Donelon)

- This project is not going forward due to budget cuts
- Costs expected to reach \$900,000 to cover deficiencies at the KVC
- Begin negotiations with the Delta Lodge at Kananaskis to take over the operation of the facility, as they are still interested in the space
- **Decision: Update provided for information.**

3) “Calgary Land Use Allocation” Project (Tracey Cove for Roger Meyer)

- This project began two years ago due to the pressure from groups wanting to lease Public Lands in the Calgary area
- SRD staff in Calgary (Southern Rockies Area) prepared a briefing note for the Minister of SRD requesting that all applications for public land be held in abeyance, pending an inventory of leases and land uses in the Calgary area
- An inventory of all SRD leases was completed in 2009 and submitted to the Minister in September ‘09
- This review did not include day-use only facilities
- The economic turndown has decreased demand for public land, but that is starting to reverse again
- Three maps were presented:
 - Map 1 – Calgary land use area – area of discussion
 - Map 2 – Available public lands – with access, power, and within 1.5 hrs from Calgary
 - Map 3 – Available public lands within Kananaskis Country – very little land available
- The provincial ATRL process is a competitive process for assessing development applications and this process is also being considered to manage public lands
- The “first-come, first-served” approach of the past does not manage land use issues well
- In an updated briefing note to the Minister of SRD, SRD staff are requesting continued abeyance of lease applications until a formal, competitive process is in place to review/approve such applications.
- Existing planning documents and management plans need to be taken into account.
- KC PRA Management Plan is still pending, LUF and SSRP will also direct land use
- Outside of Kananaskis Country, SRD will work with local municipalities, but it is more difficult to reject proposals which are supported at the local level.
- Other areas in Alberta are experiencing similar pressures and the process should be transferrable from one area to another throughout the province
- **Decision: Item presented for information.**

- 4) Lower Kananaskis River Capital Redevelopment Project (Joey Young)
- The 60-day public consultation period has closed
 - Proposal has been presented to LKRUA
 - A meeting has taken place with CPAWS
 - Summary of all comments (+ one received late) are summarized in the handout.
 - 100 comments received
 - 2/3 of all comments are positive
 - 12% have a negative tone
 - Some concerns regarding the amount of development in a small area
 - Next KCICC meeting the final conceptual plan will be presented
 - Will seek conceptual approval by KCICC at the July 12, 2011, meeting
 - Minister Ady has met with TransAlta to discuss a partnership regarding the Barrier Dam site
 - Discussions included development of the parking lot and entry way and Hwy 40 upgrades including integrating access, on/off ramps
 - Consideration is being given to pursuing a “P3” public sector partnership with Widowmaker and Barrier campground developments: economic and feasible
 - Barrier VIC as a development site has been removed from the proposal at this time. In future there could be other development introduced there.
 - **Decision: Update provided for information.**

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

- 5) Mountain View Marksmen Association (Joe Tucker)
- R. Spence introduced this item. It has come before KCICC because of an application received by SRD for development of a new gun range on public lands.
 - The Mountain View Marksmen Association (MVMA) is looking for a new location after a recent bylaw enactment in Olds, AB created a circumstance where the Association cannot continue in its current location.
 - MVMA site is a pistol range. While there are lots of long-gun ranges in the area, the closest pistol range alternative for this club is the Alberta Provincial Rifle Association range in Kananaskis Country. They currently have one pistol range and are not interested in expanding that at this time.
 - Adjacent to the APRA range there is public land which would be suitable for the development of a new pistol range by the MVMA.
 - Questions were asked regarding the current MVMA site at Olds, AB

- Current site does not have water
 - Garbage is hauled out by the County for a fee
 - Storage at the site is three sea can containers: one 40' and two 20' – no food, arms, or ammunition is stored on site
 - Port-a-potties are used and pumped at a cost
 - Year round site but actually only used April through October
 - Special events do take place but are not publicly advertised, events are capped (60 – 100 participants), and there are typically monthly matches
 - Shells are picked up by members and disposed of off-site – site has dirt bottom with pea gravel on top; site is routinely cleaned and reclamation and lead clean-up is necessary if the site is vacated
 - Financial situation – MVMA is prepared to spend about \$100,000 to establish the new site, with approximately that generated each year by memberships and they have also received a CIP grant to assist with costs (matching grant)
 - Prepared to provide a bond
 - Fencing of the site will be required due to grazing leases in the area, planning barbed wire fencing with chain-link possible as well, with a locked gate.
 - Summer hours of operation are 8 am to 8 pm, 7 days per week. MVMA will look at key systems to maintain tight access controls
 - Other clubs available to partner with? No. Strathmore is at capacity; Airdrie moved from previous location and is now 2 hours NW of Airdrie; Calgary and District club is a rifle range with only one pistol bay; current Olds location is the only multi-bay pistol range between Lethbridge and Stoney Plain.
 - Looked at the possibility of private land, a land swap, and other options but none seem to be available within the desired hour from Calgary
- **Decision: Further discussion of the members only is necessary. A letter will be sent with the decision to Joe Tucker within the week. KCICC decided it could not support the proposal while SRD is requesting continued abeyance of all lease applications during its review of public land leases and until an allocation process is in place for available public land. Letter was sent to Joe Tucker May 25, 2011.**

6) Fortress Mountain - Update (Ross Spence)

- Interagency group is monitoring progress with the current lease
- Filming/scouting for film locations has taken place over the winter
- Some U of C courses have taken place on site
- Avalanche control is taking place
- Cat skiing has been on-hold

- Bridge has not been certified which is a lease requirement
- Monument site – location issues – satellite measurements of plate movement and cannot be moved
- Milestone – June 1, 2011 – status update required as part of the disposition
- 2012 is the deadline for an application for a development permit
- **Decision: Update for information.**

7) Legacy Trail (Steve Donelon)

- Trail alignment has been agreed to on the south side of the highway.
- Bridge into Harvie Heights from the west will be the interim solution. Bikers will be allowed to bike the wrong way on the overpass and the trail will be connected to the shoulder
- Parking will be directed either in to Harvie Heights or Canmore, but will be discouraged from the East Gate location or just off the highway

8) Roundtable

o Ross Spence

- MPB Update:
 - Only 60 trees have currently been surveyed with estimates that another 40+ will be surveyed by the end of June
 - Comparable numbers were 9,500 in 09/10 and 17,000 in 08/09
 - In-flights are impossible to predict and could increase numbers again
 - Red trees throughout the Bow and Kananaskis valleys are due to Red Belt and not MPB
- Forest Management:
 - Spray Lakes Sawmills will continue in Sibbald area
- Lands:
 - Closures in FLUZ – McLean Creek, Ghost, and Willow Creek to control use will continue beyond the May long weekend.

o Joey Young

- Update on the Bow River Project – report has been completed and the Minister of Environment has approved its release to the public and work is continuing with TransAlta Utilities
- Link to be added to the minutes:
http://www.albertawater.com/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=476&Itemid=95
- Next steps include more testing and additional public engagement down the road

- Shawn Polley
 - Notice of resignation has been received from one KID Council member in the role of Albertan at Large

- Perry Roberts
 - Spray Lakes Road safety audit has been completed following three fatalities when a car went off the road into Goat Pond. Additional signage and possible curbs are being recommended.

- Steve Donelon
 - Glenbow Ranch Provincial Park will open to the public in the coming weeks. The “soft” opening will be July 7, 2011, with the “grand” opening taking place in the fall. Road improvements to Hwy 1A are due to be completed by September and the grand opening will follow completion of the road upgrades including a turning centre lane and an egress for safety. Discussions are taking place with the Country regarding a north/south crossing.

9) Next Meeting:

Next Meeting
Tuesday, July 12, 2011, at 9:30 a.m.
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Minutes approved by:

Steve Donelon, Co-Chair, KCICC

Ross Spence, Co-Chair, KCICC