

**MINUTES OF THE 47th MEETING OF THE
KANANASKIS COUNTRY INTERDEPARTMENTAL
CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE**

**Tuesday, January 14, 2014, at 9:30 a.m.
Main Floor Boardroom
Canmore Provincial Building
800 Railway Avenue, Canmore, AB**

Present:

Co-Chairs: Mark Storie Tourism, Parks & Recreation
Ross Spence Environment & Sustainable Resource Development

Recorder: Laurie Christiansen Tourism, Parks & Recreation

Members/: Dave Hanna Tourism, Parks & Recreation
Alternates Shawn Polley CAO, Kananaskis Improvement District
Darryl Johnson Environment & Sustainable Resource Development
(via telephone)
Fred Lee Transportation (via telephone)
Param Sekhon Infrastructure (via telephone)
Rob Simieritch Environment & Sustainable Resource Development
Loren Winnick Tourism, Parks & Recreation (via telephone)
Joey Young Tourism, Parks & Recreation

Absent: JoAnn Kirkland Tourism, Parks & Recreation

Guests: Cathy Maniego Executive Director of Flood Mitigation
(via telephone)
Bill Alles Flood Recovery Task Force
Arthur Anderson Flood Recovery Task Force
Stan VanderHelm Tourism, Parks & Recreation

- 1) Review of the Agenda (All)
 - The Agenda was accepted as written.

- 2) Review of Minutes (All)
 - The July 16, 2013, minutes need to be distributed.
 - The September 10, 2013, minutes were approved as written.

- 3) Overview of KCICC for Guests (S. Polley)
 - M. Storie touched on the meeting plan for today. S. Polley will provide a brief summary of KCICC for guests, and then C. Maniego will go through her presentation on flood mitigation. At 10:30 the meeting becomes open to the public, so there will be a brief break to check the lobby for people wishing to join the public session, then the meeting will resume. At 11:00 M. Storie must leave for another commitment and R. Spence will take over as Chair for the remainder of the meeting.

 - The authority for KCICC resides in the Minister of Community Development's Ministerial Order #07/02 respecting the Kananaskis Improvement District (KID) Land Use Order and Ministerial Order #08/02 respecting the Kananaskis Country Interdepartmental Consultative Committee. (Since transferred to Minister of Tourism, Parks and Recreation).

 - KCICC is established for the purposes of overseeing and coordinating interdepartmental activities and initiatives, which impact Kananaskis Country and overseeing and coordinating land use within Kananaskis Improvement District.

 - Roles and Responsibilities
 - 1) To oversee and coordinate land use in KID;
 - 2) Review and advise on policies governing land use in KID;
 - 3) Review and advise on proposals affecting land use in KID, including without limitation, developments as defined in the KID Land Use Order, resource allocation agreements, management plans and land and water policies;
 - 4) Seek public input regarding policy on development issues as deemed appropriate;
 - 5) Develop a long-term land use plan for KID;
 - 6) Provide advice and recommendations to the Minister with respect to matters which may affect Kananaskis Country and KID;
 - 7) Perform such other tasks as the Minister may request from time to time.

- The membership includes Employees from the departments responsible for parks, fish and wildlife, forests, public lands, environment, infrastructure, transportation, and tourism who are selected by the Minister after receiving recommendations from each such department. These employees shall include at least:
 - One Director with responsibilities under the *Provincial Parks Act* in KID (Mark Storie)
 - One Manager with responsibilities under the *Provincial Parks Act* in KID (Dave Hanna)
 - Two Managers with responsibilities under the *Public Lands Act* in KID (Ross Spence, plus one vacancy)
 - One Manager from Economic Development (now TPR, Tourism Division) (Formerly Loren Winnick, now Paul Radchenko)
 - Chief Administrative Officer of KID (Shawn Polley)
 - Other department representatives include:
 - Rob Simieritch – ESRD
 - Param Sekhon – Infrastructure
 - Fred Lee - Transportation
 - Such other employees of the Province as the Minister may determine from time to time.
- KCICC reviews large-scale development proposals for consistency with the “Kananaskis Country Recreation Policy”, May 1999, and any applicable management plans. Proposals which fit within these management guidelines are then referred to KID Subdivision and Development Authority (KID SDA) for application review/approval. KID SDA reports annually to KCICC the developments for the year.
- KCICC provides an opportunity for information sharing between member agencies and is especially important regarding land management issues.
- In response to the June 2013 flood these relationships have enhanced communication and responsiveness to issues.
- Kananaskis Improvement District is the municipal side of Kananaskis Country reporting to Municipal Affairs. S. Polley is the CAO of KID; there is also KID Council, with four elected representatives and two appointed by the Minister of TPR. KID looks after community programs, public works, business licenses, emergency services, and municipal taxation. KID has very little private land, with approximately 98 percent of the land base public land. It is a very unique circumstance within municipal government.
- **Decision: Provided for information.**

8) Executive Director of Flood Mitigation (C. Maniego)

- Cathy Maniego is the Executive Director of Flood Mitigation within the Flood Recovery Task Force (FRTF).
- There are 48 municipalities identified that were impacted by June '13 floods, not including GoA facilities or KID.

- Proposals for \$2.5B in mitigation work have already been received, with only 7/48 jurisdictions heard from, so there will be substantially more to come.
- Initial project reviews will be assessed by a cross-government team for approval with the decision based on what is healthiest for the river.
- Seek to keep people and improvements away from the water.
- Elbow River projects are EC1 and EQ1; others are on the Sheep-Highwood and Bow rivers
- Most likely to go ahead is EQ1, which is Elbow Quirk 1
 - No land slide issues but there are species at risk
 - The dry dam would hold water for approximately 6 weeks/yr.
 - There are debris concerns
 - Cost estimates vary from \$35-95M, which is considered low as this does not take into account land acquisition, road construction, environmental costs, design issues to address debris
 - 50 metre high banks with 400-500 metre long canals are proposed. FRTF is talking with people in Ohio where a similar construction has taken place
 - This won't happen quickly; it may take up to 3 yrs. to obtain the necessary approvals
 - M. Storie asked about water storage and this has not been addressed yet.
- Proposals received to date include: berms, diversion tunnels or canals (High River and Calgary), relocation, Canmore has proposed debris nets as well as relocation, non-structural work including tree planting, return areas to natural state
- Timeline – March 31, 2014, deadline for proposals
- Discussion:
 - Deadline for facilities that require relocation? March 31, 2014
 - Timeline for stakeholder consultation? On-going with stakeholders. Public consultation to follow. Feasibility deadline of March 31, 2014.
 - Who to contact to ensure that you are included in the stakeholder consultation? AMEC.
 - Contact for ESRD on the stakeholder list should be Martin Foy.
 - Proponent for EQ1? Currently C. Maniego but will eventually be ESRD.
 - Initial feedback on this proposed work? Downstream feedback is positive. Dams/water – feedback is negative. A large area will be impacted with significant impacts to fishing, wildlife, camping. ESRD also has concerns regarding the operation of this system. Culture has concerns regarding anthropological sites, especially First Nations traditional sites.
 - Overlap between ESRD and TPR stakeholders
 - Roads – if there are no roads into the proposed area, then roads will have to be built or rerouted to service the area

- Energy should be on the stakeholder list regarding subsurface mineral rights
- Federal government trigger with Fisheries (DFO) and Species at Risk is acknowledged but not consulting yet
- Consultation will be important regarding private lands and First Nations
- Political decision expected sometime in May 2014.
- **Decision: Presentation for update and information purposes.**

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

9) KID Council/KCICC Invitation (S. Polley)

- KID Council would like the opportunity to meet with KCICC membership and build a stronger connection.
- Upcoming opportunities:
 - February 4, 2014, KID AGM
 - March 4, 2014, KID Council Meeting
 - Business and Strategic Planning Session – two days in July 2014
- Potential topics for update:
 - SSRP
 - Flood mitigation
 - 1-year of flood recovery
 - ESRD – fisheries, backcountry
 - INFRA – water/wastewater treatment plant
 - TRANS – upcoming projects
- **Decision: KCICC membership to attend ½ day in July 2014 as a delegation.**

10) KCICC Membership (M. Storie)

- M. Storie requested an update on ESRD representation on KCICC
- R. Spence responded with information regarding the reorganization within ESRD
 - Martin Foy is the Regional Director
 - Level 4 Managers in Acting roles pending interviews
 - Level 5 Managers are R. Spence and R. Simieritch; program roles will be reviewed in the next go-around
 - Decision on KCICC membership will have to be confirmed
 - M. Storie noted that two members from ESRD (1 - Fish & Wildlife, 1 – Environment) are required
 - D. Johnson will discuss at the Regional Management Team meeting and advise of the decision
- M. Storie suggested a review of the KCICC Terms of Reference is warranted as there have been lots of organizational changes since 2010

- **Decision: Confirm ESRD membership on KCICC – D. Johnson to advise; L. Christiansen to follow up.**
- **Decision: Terms of Reference to be added to March 11, 2014, agenda**

- ESRD discussion on back-country remediation required due to flooding
- Approximately \$10M in work is required to rebuild trails on Public Lands
- Most of the damage is in the Southern Rockies and Clearwater areas
- A framework is being developed for trail projects and R. Myer is working with TPR due by the end of January or early February, with work commencing in May/June on trails in the Ghost (restore/reclaim).
- Work is expected to take about three years.
- Inventories will be completed in 2014 and that will be put into 2015 plans
- Collaborate with TPR/KR to ensure there is consistency in trail redevelopment
- Parks flood recovery fund is \$81M which has been ear-marked for audit on expenditures
- R. Simieritch stated TPR and ESRD will be sharing plans and project information back and forth. Some of ESRD work will be contracted out.
- Both departments will be utilizing volunteers through volunteer coordinators who will facilitate as much work as possible.
- D. Hanna suggested that contractors will be used for front-country work as the cost of contracting out back-country work is just too expensive. Utilized volunteers and staff for b-c trail work. Contracting crew will be housed in the Sheep.

- Fisheries work will also commence soon, for in stream habitat restoration
- \$10M allocated to flood recovery work
- DFO will need to approve work
- ESRD is partnering with Trout Unlimited for inventory work, assessments, and planning and design of projects in Calgary and area
- Only watercourses with flood impacts to fisheries habitat will be addressed
- D. Johnson indicated a February workshop will allow for large-group review and more details of projects to be addressed by the \$10M will be available soon

11) Roundtable (All)

- o R. Simieritch
 - SSRP is a priority
 - Provide clarity for Eastern Slopes areas land management

- o F. Lee
 - Transportation focusing on bridge recovery projects
 - Elbow River bridge at Hwy 66 will have permanent concrete poured in spring. The temporary bridge is now out.

- Powderface Trail – bridge group is working on priorities but this one will be years away
- P. Sekhon
 - Evan Thomas Water Waste-water Treatment Plant – work is 60 percent complete
 - Sewer outflow was damaged with work scheduled for April to repair
- D. Hanna
 - Thanks to F. Lee and R. Spence, Etherington is opening
 - Evan Thomas Creek berm work RFP will be posted soon
 - King Creek – mitigation work will be done for facility protection
 - Projects will be reprioritized based on mitigation plans
- S. Vander Helm
 - Bow Valley water well issue – aquifer is drying out
 - May have to draw from the Kananaskis River
 - Kananaskis Region water treatment plants – operating licenses are up for renewal in 2015 and 2016, and all may require upgrades to meet new provincial standards
 - 5 with 2015 renewal dates; 3-4 with 2016 renewal dates
 - Increased costs associated with maintenance after upgrades
 - Will work with ESRD on upgrade requirements
- A. Anderson
 - The Flood Recovery Task Force will wrap up at the end of March '14, with individuals returning to their prior positions as of April 1, 2014
 - The 'name' of the FRTF will change but on-going support regarding flood recovery will continue
- S. Polley
 - October 21, 2013, was the municipal election. Outcome for KID: five representatives were acclaimed, one new member; two Alberta-at-Large members were re-appointed for a second term
 - Council meetings are continuing as per the regular schedule
- R. Spence
 - Forestry
 - Burning of debris piles from logging in West Bragg Creek begins this week and will continue for the remainder of the winter
 - Lands
 - Flood work is the focus and they are working through approvals processes

- MOU with SolGen is picking up where it left off
- Seasonal staff housing will be an issue this year – working with TPR to sort out. A. Anderson suggested trailers from Slave Lake – check with INFRA
- Hoping to keep some wage staff on to backfill other positions

Meeting adjourned at 12:15 pm.

12) Next Meeting: March 11, 2014, 9:30 start
 Meeting Room A
 Canmore Nordic Centre Day Lodge
 1988 Olympic Way
 Canmore, AB

Minutes approved by:



Mark Storie, Co-Chair, KCICC



Ross Spence, Co-Chair, KCICC