

**FINAL MINUTES OF THE THIRTEENTH MEETING OF THE
KANANASKIS COUNTRY INTERDEPARTMENTAL
CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE**

**Tuesday, September 13, 2005, at 9:30 a.m.
Main Floor Boardroom
Canmore Provincial Building
800 Railway Avenue, Canmore, AB**

Present:

Co-chair: Dave Nielsen Community Development

Secretary: Laurie Christiansen Community Development

Members: Perry Roberts Infrastructure & Transportation (B. Atwell)
Ray Andrews Community Development
Mike Benny Community Development
Rick Blackwood Sustainable Resource Development
Jim Allan Sustainable Resource Development (E. Bruns)
Kevin Crockett Economic Development

Absent: Sandy Fisher Infrastructure & Transportation
Heather Sinton Environment

Guests: Don Cockerton Community Development
Doug Olson & Jason Jones, O2 Planning & Design Inc. – KC Facilities –
Item #8

- 1) Review Minutes of July 12, 2005, Meeting (All)
 - K. Crockett to provide edits for Roundtable item.

- 2) Review of the Agenda (All)
 - Add: 3B – Rafter Six Guest Ranch – M. Benny
 - Add: 3C – Evan Thomas Proposal Call – K. Crockett

- 3) a) SuperNet Tower at Fortress Mountain (R. Blackwood)
 - There is still about 3 – 6 weeks time before the tower will be completed.
 - **Decision:** Item received as information.

- 3) b) Rafter Six Guest Ranch (M. Benny)
 - As history, annexation of Rafter Six leased lands by the MD of Bighorn from Kananaskis Improvement District (KID) took place in 2002. Rafter Six has proposed a significant redevelopment to its property. The MD of Bighorn had requested that the proponents develop an Area Structure Plan (ASP) for the proposed development.
 - On September 12, 2005, a public hearing was held in Exshaw to review the Area Structure Plan.
 - Submissions: 21 in support; six opposed
 - KID is neutral towards the ASP but wants to ensure infrastructure issues, weed management, sewage treatment and FireSmart issues are addressed.
 - Alberta Community Development is opposed to the development due to the size of the development and cumulative effects when existing development is factored in. There will be significant impact on public lands and wildlife corridors. With a potential for 500 guest rooms, investigation as to whether an Environmental Impact Assessment is required should be conducted.
 - There is a lack of clarity regarding the scale of the project and what is being approved at this time, as the development would take place in phases. No impact assessments have taken place, FireSmart has not been taken into account, and neighbouring land owners have not been consulted.
 - **Decision:** Item received as information.

- 3) c) Evan Thomas Proposal Call (K. Crockett)
 - A proposal call for fixed roof accommodation developments in accordance with approved management plans is being considered.
 - **Decision:** Item received as information.

PUBLIC MEETING:

- 4) Tim Horton Children's Foundation – Site Upgrades in Kananaskis Country (10:30) (D. Newnham & G. Fraser)
- A proposal regarding the expansion and modernization of Tim Horton Children's Ranch in Kananaskis Country was presented and complete packages were distributed to the membership.
 - The goal of the camp(s) is to provide camp access to economically disadvantaged kids who otherwise would not have the opportunity to attend camp.
 - There are now six camps in total, five in Canada and one in Kentucky, USA.
 - The Foundation attempts to keep up with the growth of the Tim Horton's chain of stores as each store can recommend two children for camp each year, so as the number of stores increases, the number of kids attending camps each year also increase.
 - In 2004 10,000 children attended camp.
 - Currently the Foundation is mid-way through a five-year plan to upgrade camp facilities. There are no plans for new camps in the five-year plan.
 - Currently the Kananaskis Country camp can accommodate 96 kids x 7 camps per year. The expansion would enable the camp to accommodate 128 kids x 7 camps per year.
 - The proposed expansion would take place over two years and include the renovation of existing bunk houses to fill the need for permanent staff housing (vs. trailers) and office space, new camper bunk houses to accommodate 128 campers vs. 96 per camp, and renovations to the existing main lodge would accommodate a new dining hall.
 - This project will be completed over two years with all work being completed for camp in 2007.
 - THCF will work with M. Benny to address issues around water, sewage treatment, and FireSmart when plans are developed.
 - **Decision:** The committee needs to know the percentage of increased use this will expansion will mean and the impacts of this. Are the proposed upgrades in keeping with the lease? F. Kerr, S. Donelon, and J. Jorgenson to look at the site and report back.
- 5) KC Facility Site Assessments and Conceptual/Functional Plans (11:00) (D. Olson & J. Jones of O2 Planning & Design Inc.)
- A detailed PowerPoint presentation was viewed and CD copies of the presentation were distributed to each member. A one-page summary sheet for each site was distributed (this information is also included on the CD).

- A complete inventory, analysis and GPS mapping for each site has taken place, the data has been compiled and conceptual design plans have been developed.
- This presentation will provide preliminary opinions regarding site redevelopment.
- The design intent is to improve/enhance the facility, enhance the visual impact of the site to reflect the natural characteristics, improve vehicle circulation and site access, and redevelop the site for long term use.
- Issues for consideration: 1- Identify priority sites within the package; 2 – Refurbishment, not significant expansion; 3 – McLean Creek expansion???
- **Decision:** Comments to D. Nielsen by September 23, 2005. Consolidation of comments to O2 Planning & Design Inc. by September 26, 2005.

6) Sheep/Bluerock Management Plan – Final TOR (D. Cockerton)

- D. Cockerton is seeking approval of the July 25, 2005, version as the Final Terms of Reference.
- Schedule for the draft management plan is mid-October 2005, with a completed draft plan available to KCICC at the November 8, 2005, meeting.
- **Decision:** July 25, 2005, version accepted as the Final Terms of Reference for the Sheep/Bluerock Management Plan.

7) Roundtable (All)

R. Andrews

- Canmore Nordic Centre snowmaking and associated infrastructure is on schedule. The building contracts are slowly progressing. The event is December 15 & 18, 2005. Teams will arrive one week earlier and mid-November completion is the target. Buildings need to be completed by October 30, 2005.

Minutes approved by:

Dave Nielsen, Co-Chair, KCICC

Rick Blackwood, Co-Chair, KCICC

Next Meeting
Tuesday, November 8, 2005, at 9:30 a.m.
Canmore Nordic Centre Day Lodge
2nd Floor Boardroom