

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

**Tuesday, November 8, 2005, at 9:30 a.m.
Second Floor Boardroom
Canmore Nordic Centre Day Lodge
1988 Olympic Way, Canmore, AB**

Present:

Co-chair: Dave Nielsen Community Development

Secretary: Laurie Christiansen Community Development

Members: Bruce Atwell Infrastructure & Transportation
Ray Andrews Community Development
Mike Benny Community Development
Rick Blackwood Sustainable Resource Development
Kevin Crockett Economic Development
Russell Stashko Sustainable Resource Development

Absent: Sandy Fisher Infrastructure & Transportation
Heather Sinton Environment

Guests: Dan Chugg Alberta Film
Tina Alford Alberta Film
Jim Dennis Community Development
Steve Donelon Community Development

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

- 2) Review of the Agenda (All)
 - Approved as drafted.

- 3) Alberta Film Commissioner: Filming in Kananaskis Country (D. Chugg & T. Alford)
 - An introductory video of past productions filmed in Alberta was shown.
 - A PowerPoint presentation was shown as an overview to the film industry in Alberta, and copies were distributed.
 - The Film Commissioner indicated his goal of building the film industry in Alberta and the difficulty his office faces respecting competition from other provinces and incentives available elsewhere. To draw big productions to Alberta, costs have to be reduced in areas other than tax breaks.
 - Positive impacts of the film industry for Alberta were identified: economic spin offs to local businesses, increased tourism to film locations, and employment opportunities for local residents before, during, and after filming with construction, filming, and clean up.
 - Alberta Film is asking for the support and understanding of other key departments in making Alberta “Film Friendly”.
 - KCICC members identified issues encountered with film companies.
 - Alberta Film agreed to be the contact with the film companies, if issues arise, and to work at resolution on behalf of the government departments represented here.
 - Discussions regarding costs of filming on Parks and Protected Areas land are to be further investigated.
 - **Decision:** Item received as information.

- 4) Highwood Ranger Station: ATRL Pre-Application Meeting (R. Blackwood)
 - A proposal has been received regarding the future use of the Highwood Ranger Station.
 - This item was discussed from the perspective of the Kananaskis Country Recreation Policy, 1999, and whether or not a “pre-ATRL” meeting should take place.
 - **Decision:** The “pre-ATRL” meeting will take place. R. Blackwood will meet with the proponents and will report back to KCICC on the project.

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- 5) Gorge Creek Road (B. Atwell)
- It was discussed as to whether or not this road should be repaired to road standard, following June 2005 flooding, or utilized as a hiking area instead.
 - Existing trail heads would have to be relocated to either end of the existing road, signage changed, and the area of flood damage repaired to trail standards.
 - The required road repairs are extensive and very costly and similar flood damage could occur again in the future.
 - The primary uses in the area are hunting, hiking, and cattle grazing.
 - R. Blackwood will contact companies with timber and gas rights in the area to find out what impact this may have on them and future harvest/exploration plans.
 - **Decision:** R. Blackwood to contact companies and report impacts directly to B. Atwell by November 22, 2005.
- 6) KID 2006 Development Permits – Schedule of Rates (M. Benny)
- Kananaskis Improvement District Council approved the 2006 Schedule of Fees on November 1, 2005, by Council Motion #637/05.
 - Fees as follows:
 - Subdivision Application - \$50.00
 - Development Permit Application - \$50.00, plus \$5.00/\$1,000.00 construction value – maximum \$15,000.00
 - Copy of Land Use Order - \$50.00
 - Copy of Land Use Order Schedule A, Appendix B - \$20.00
 - KID Council is requesting KCICC endorsement of this Motion.
 - **Decision:** Motion endorsed by KCICC as written by KID Council.
- 7) CNC Refurbishment Update – Site Tour (D. Nielsen)
- The facility tour took place following all other business, with R. Henderson, CNC Manager, conducting the tour.
 - **Decision:** Item received as information.

8) Roundtable

R. Andrews

- The Friends of Kananaskis are hosting their first annual Open House at the Peter Lougheed Visitor Centre on November 19, 2005, 10:00 – 2:00 p.m.
- A brief update was provided on the refurbishment of CNC. There are some concerning delays, but the goal is to wrap up the critical items by November 30, 2005.
- An elk-aversion program is underway at the Kananaskis Golf Course. The goal is to reduce damage to the course by wintering elk. Aversion and intercept feeding are being used.
- Approximately 300 trees infested with Mountain Pine Beetle have been surveyed in the Spray Valley.

M. Benny

- KID Council is working on a Strategic Plan to work better with government and service providers.
- The KID Council AGM is February 7, 2006, in the Charlie Biel Room of the Village Centre.
- A multi-agency Transportation Strategy is being rolled out on November 22, 2005. This is a strategy developed by business and industry to address future transportation issues in the Bow Corridor.

R. Blackwood

- The opportunity to comment on the Ghost Access Management Plan closes November 10, 2005.
- D. Lutz will be coordinating Mountain Pine Beetle efforts province-wide. Christie Ward has been hired to replace Dan as the Forced Health Officer in Calgary. There will be other similar positions in Rocky Mountain House and Blairmore. Significant MPB damage has been surveyed in the Oldman Drainage and Crowsnest Pass areas.
- The Fortress lease is still held by Resorts of the Canadian Rockies. Banff Rail Company may be approved to run the facility for winter 2005/06 as a sub-lease. There are issues that must be sorted out before a re-assignment of the lease will be considered by SRD.

K. Crockett

- The feasibility of a province-wide web-based reservation system is still being looked at. The original call for proposals did not receive any bids.
- The Learning Enrichment program received one bid, but developers of the concept were not happy with the bid. The Terms of Reference for the program were restructured and tendered again. The new scope will see the tools developed for individual applications in parks and various facilities which could adapted for site-specific needs. One bid has been received under the new scope and will likely be awarded.

9) Next Meeting: January 10, 2006

Minutes approved by:

Dave Nielsen, Co-Chair, KCICC

Rick Blackwood, Co-Chair, KCICC

Next Meeting
Tuesday, January 10, 2006, at 9:30 a.m.
Main Floor Boardroom
Canmore Provincial Building
800 Railway Avenue, Canmore, Alberta