

**MINUTES OF THE TWENTIETH MEETING OF THE  
KANANASKIS COUNTRY INTERDEPARTMENTAL  
CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE**

**Tuesday, May 8, 2007, at 10:15 a.m.  
Main Floor Boardroom  
Canmore Provincial Building  
800 Railway Avenue, Canmore, AB**

**Present:**

Co-chair: Ray Andrews Tourism, Parks, Recreation & Culture

Secretary: Laurie Christiansen Tourism, Parks, Recreation & Culture

Members: Mike Benny Tourism, Parks, Recreation & Culture  
Rick Blackwood Sustainable Resource Development  
Kevin Crockett Tourism, Parks, Recreation & Culture  
Tas Kollias Infrastructure & Transportation

Absent: Dave Nielsen Tourism, Parks, Recreation & Culture

Guests: Steve Donelon Tourism, Parks, Recreation & Culture

- 1) Review Minutes of January 9, 2007, Meeting (All)
  - Minutes were approved as written.
  
- 2) Review of the Agenda (All)
  - The agenda was approved as written.

**PUBLIC MEETING:**

- 3) Elbow River Water Management Plan (Gloria Wilkinson)
  - Gloria Wilkinson, Chair of the Steering Committee regarding the Elbow River Water Management Plan presented the current picture to KCICC.
  - The Elbow River Water Management Plan Terms of Reference have been completed, and a copy will be attached with the minutes. The TOR document is currently with Alberta Environment for approval.
  - This first step has focused on water quality, not quantity, as “no new licenses” is the status regarding this watershed.
  - D. Cockerton represents TPRC and Jean Lussier represents SRD on the Steering Committee.
  - The “Outcomes” are: (first three are from *Water for Life Strategy*)
    1. Safe, secure drinking water supply
    2. Healthy aquatic ecosystems
    3. Reliable, quality water supplies for a sustainable economy
    4. Inclusive, integrated, and committed stewardship of the river and watershed.
  - The “Objectives” are:
    1. Recommend water quality objectives, including: point and non-point source pollution; discharges into the river; stormwater quality/quantity; issues surrounding oil/gas and forestry; off-stream storage; riparian management
    2. Provide advice to decision makers
  - This is a living document and will develop as issues arise.
  - This is not an enforceable document – it is tool which jurisdictions agree to use as a target when making decisions
  - The draft plan is expected for public release summer 2007, and a final version after public review expected fall 2007
  - Discussion Points:
    - Technical advice? There is a technical committee and once the Steering Committee develops parameters, the technical people plug the science into the process.

- Riparian management strategy needs to address the impacts of OHV use and cattle/grazing leases (moving in/out of river, fencing, solar panels on watering stations, etc.)
  - SRD needs to work with the group – timber management and controlled burns are two issues that need to be addressed
  - Highway 8 expansion – this road will be developed to eight lanes and consultants will require the plan to work within its parameters. G. Wilkinson responded that she has already met with the three consultants on this project and has a meeting scheduled for the following week with this group.
  - Public involvement? G. Wilkinson responded that the final will be September 2007. There have been three meetings with stakeholder groups, with the last being March 18/07. This fall there will be open houses in the Springbank area to hear from stakeholders in that area.
  - There should be a link between the Elbow and Bow River groups. The groups are working together.
  - The KC PRA management planning process will work through watersheds. D. Cockerton is one link between these two planning processes.
- **Decision: R. Blackwood will contact R. Wolfe and H. Sinton (Environment) to ensure they are involved with this management plan. Item presented for information.**

4) Gorge Creek Trail (T. Kollias)

- A review of the history of the Gorge Creek Trail closure was reviewed.
- Following the flooding of June 2005, and the road washout, it was decided that the washout portion of the road would remain closed and that there was adequate access from the trail head facilities at either end of the road.
- There have been complaints from some users regarding the state of the road. Options to remedy this are: repair and reopen the road, or relocate the closure gate from Gorge Creek Day Use Area to Volcano Day Use Area.
- There were some comments received regarding this issue during the public consultation phase of the Sheep River Provincial Park and Bluerock Wildland Park Management Plan. As the plan is still a draft, there has not been a firm message relayed to the public regarding the status of this road and day use sites.
- **Decision: Background information provided and history discussed.**

5) Roundtable

M. Benny

- A request has been made to install waste management bins in McLean Creek. Operations Support will arrange for two bins to be installed.
- Infrastructure has put together a four-person planning team to work on the planning and design of the Evan Thomas water treatment and waste water treatment plant upgrades. The pre-development plans should be prepared by July 2007, so an update on this can be expected at the July meeting.

R. Blackwood

- The Minister of SRD will be taking a helicopter flight over the McLean Creek, Willow Creek, and Indian Graves areas during the May long weekend.
- Spray Lakes Sawmills Forest Management Plan is under review with the Minister of SRD.
- SRD fine structure has been revamped. The new fee/fine schedule will take effect May 1, 2007.

K. Crockett

- Requested an update regarding the development nodes at Barrier Lake and in the Evan Thomas and the status of improvements in the Evan Thomas.
- M. Benny responded that a steering committee decision was to have an engineering consultant develop a business case for refurbishment of the Evan Thomas water treatment plant, the reservoir, and the waste water treatment plant. The goal is to have a business case developed by September 07 and then pursue funding to go ahead with the upgrades.
- The Barrier Lake Facility Node proposal call will go out independently of the other sites. The development in Evan Thomas will be made clear when the Barrier site is promoted.

S. Donelon

- Wondering if SRD has any updates regarding Camp Cadicasu. R. Blackwood suggested T. Cove would be the best person to provide an update. S. Donelon to contact T. Cove.

T. Kollias

- Inquired of the status of Allen Bill Pond day use area. The refurbishment is complete and the site reopened.

6) Next Meeting: July 10, 2007

**Next Meeting**  
**Tuesday, July 10, 2007, at 9:30 a.m.**  
**Main Floor Boardroom**  
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Minutes approved by:

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Ray Andrews, Co-Chair, KCICC

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Rick Blackwood, Co-Chair, KCICC