

**MINUTES OF THE TWENTY-SECOND MEETING OF THE  
KANANASKIS COUNTRY INTERDEPARTMENTAL  
CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE**

**Tuesday, September 11, 2007, at 9:30 a.m.  
Main Floor Boardroom  
Canmore Provincial Building  
800 Railway Avenue, Canmore, AB**

**Present:**

Co-chair: Dave Nielsen Tourism, Parks, Recreation & Culture

Secretary: Laurie Christiansen Tourism, Parks, Recreation & Culture

Members: Ray Andrews Tourism, Parks, Recreation & Culture  
Kevin Crockett Tourism, Parks, Recreation & Culture  
Mike Benny Tourism, Parks, Recreation & Culture  
Tas Kollias Infrastructure & Transportation  
Param Sekhon Infrastructure & Transportation

Absent: Rick Blackwood Sustainable Resource Development

Guests: Don Cockerton Tourism, Parks, Recreation & Culture – Items 3 & 4  
Ryan Jackson Rameco – Item 7

- 1) Review Minutes of July 10, 2007, Meeting (All)
  - Minutes were approved as written.

Updates on Old Business

- D. Nielsen asked T. Kollias about paving. The Minister of AIT responded to the MD of Bighorn that there will be increased maintenance and dust abatement on Highway 68 until paving is an option. The Turner Valley road, Highway 546, is also being looked at for paving.
- D. Nielsen asked M. Benny about Fortress Mountain Ski Area. Several outstanding issues remain to be worked out.
- D. Nielsen asked R. Andrews about the Barrier Lake Facility Node. The Call for Proposal is posted on the website and site visits have been scheduled.

- 2) Review of the Agenda (All)
  - The agenda was approved as written.

- 3) Sheep Valley Protected Areas Draft Management Plan (D. Cockerton)
  - The management plan has been held up by differing expectations of “consultations” between First Nations’ and the government.
  - In wanting to move this management plan forward, a disclaimer has been added to the Preface and consultations will continue between the Treaty 7 First Nations and International, Intergovernmental and Aboriginal Relations (IIAR).
  - The only change since last reviewed by KCICC in November 2006 is the sentence added in the Preface regarding the above.
  - The Plan has been sent to all Planning Team members for last comments.
  - The Plan will be forwarded to Edmonton and a draft proposal will be developed for moving ahead with both the Plan and discussions with First Nations.
  - Any final comments must be received by September 25, 2007.
  - **Decision: Final comments to Don Cockerton by September 25, 2007. The draft management plan will be forwarded to Edmonton following that date.**

- 4) Kananaskis Country Provincial Recreation Areas Management Plan (D. Cockerton)
- The preliminary Terms of Reference were drafted in August 2006, for all provincial recreation areas outside provincial parks and wildland provincial parks. This comes to approximately 40 small land areas.
  - Since August 2006, gaps in the Terms of Reference have been identified and addressed.
  - The Draft Terms of Reference have been circulated for further revisions. The Final Terms of Reference will be presented to KCICC at the November 13, 2007, meeting, with the hope of approval for distribution.
  - Two open houses are planned for late November to launch the management plan process in the public forum.
  - **Decision: Information provided as an update.**
- 5) Evan Thomas Water Treatment & Waste Water Treatment Plant Upgrades – Status Report (P. Sekhon)
- The current treatment facilities were built in 1982-83 and the technology that was utilized at that time is now obsolete.
  - The treatment still being uses no longer meets the current standards.
  - Increased visitation has increased demand for water and sewage treatment.
  - A consulting company, EarthTech, has been hired by Alberta Infrastructure to study options for water and sewage treatment upgrades to the Evan Thomas plant.
  - The report to Infrastructure is approximately 80 percent complete.
  - The main issues are:
    1. Water – the need for increased capacity, including new wells and a new building to house the new system
    2. Sewage – A new biological system is being recommended and a new building may be required to house the new system. The old system includes equipment that is obsolete and replacement parts are no longer even available.
    3. Water storage – Having enough supply on hand for fire suppression is crucial. Two locations are being looked at: One at the Kananaskis Village, Kananaskis Country Golf Course, and Mt. Kidd; the second area being looked at is Nakiska.
    4. Regional system – the consultant is looking at the feasibility for two major systems with one at Evan Thomas and the second at Nakiska.
  - The report will be finalized by the end of September 2007, and will be reviewed at the November 2007 KCICC meeting.
  - **Decision: An update on this project and report is requested for November 13, 2007.**

6) KID Council Orientation Session

- Minister of Tourism, Parks, Recreation and Culture will be approving the new KID Council on October 16, 2007.
- Nominations for council members open September 17, 2007.
- Two council members, representing Alberta-at-Large, are appointed by the Minister.
- November 7, 2007, KID will host an orientation session for the new council members and government departments involved with KID will outline the services provided that department to KID.
- The orientation will take place at Boundary Ranch and delegates are requested to represent departments around the table.
- D. Nielsen to represent TPRC; R. Blackwood to represent SRD; T. Kollias to represent Transportation; M. Benny to present the role of MA and Justice.
- A representative from Infrastructure is required.
- **Decision: Presented for information. Representatives confirmed as noted above, with Infrastructure to be determined.**

7) KID Wireless Internet Proposal (R. Jackson - Rameco)

- KID and the council want to bring in wireless internet services for residents and businesses.
- Open houses were conducted to determine the interest and a cost analysis was done to determine feasibility.
- Rameco was contracted to look at feasibility of wireless for non-GOA KID facilities and residents.
- Wireless internet is used to serve remote and small communities where cable companies won't put in cables.
- Cable companies can provide the necessary equipment but cannot supply the necessary towers.
- Bell Canada does have two towers in the area, which they will allow KID to use, but two or three additional towers are necessary for coverage.
- Tower height of 100 feet is recommended, not less than and maybe even more depending on tower location.
- Recommended locations are: William Watson Lodge – 150 foot tower (est.) and Mt. Kidd RV Park – 96 foot tower (est.).
- The next step is to proceed to Request for Proposal.
- **Decision: Prepared to approve service to the Kananaskis Village, but not prepared to approve a 150 foot tower at William Watson Lodge. Must look at other options to provide service to the Lower Kananaskis Lake Cottage Area. Add cellular service to the Request for Proposal.**

8) Abandoned Vehicle Fires – Elbow/Sheep Area (S. Polley)

- The issue is that abandoned vehicles are being lit on fire in the OHV area of East Kananaskis. These vehicles need to be removed from the area prior to being ignited, due to all the potential impacts of a wildland fire.
- Many of these vehicles are abandoned on SRD land.
- There is a cost associated with responding to these fire calls and unless the owner of the vehicle can be traced there is no means to be reimbursed.
- Often these are stolen vehicles that are driven to the area, smashed up and burned and abandoned.
- Recommendation that SRD remove these vehicles from the area before they are burned.
- Promotion of the “Report Green Crime” program affiliated with Crime Stoppers.
- Build a rapport with OHV clubs to assist with removal of vehicles before they are burned.
- SRD may be able to track the registered owner through the VIN, and return the responsibility to the vehicle’s owner.
- Issue needs to be raised with SRD as part of the McLean Creek OHV Zone management.
- **Decision: Item presented for information.**

9) Roundtable

R. Andrews

- o Another attempt may be made at the Mt. Nestor prescribed burn, if the weather is dry the third week of September, otherwise it will be spring 2008.

D. Nielsen

- o September 26, 2007, the Minister of TPRC will be in Kananaskis Country at Allan Bill day use to announce capital dollars for Parks. The announcement is scheduled for 2:00 p.m.
- o The Kananaskis Country Regional Staff Meeting will take place on September 19/07 and all are invited.
- o P. Sekhon asked for an update on the Nakiska Business Case. D. Nielsen responded that it has yet to be presented to Treasury Board. The recommendation is Alternative 1 – to return the venue to International Events and Sport Function.

10) Next Meeting: November 13, 2007

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Minutes approved by:

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Rick Blackwood, Co-Chair, KCICC