

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

**Tuesday, May 12, 2009, at 9:30 a.m.
Main Floor Boardroom
Canmore Provincial Building
800 Railway Avenue, Canmore, AB**

Present:

Co-chair: Dave Nielsen Tourism, Parks & Recreation

Secretary: Laurie Christiansen Tourism, Parks & Recreation

Members/
Alternates Mike Benny Tourism, Parks & Recreation
Rick Blackwood Sustainable Resource Development
Kevin Crockett Tourism, Parks & Recreation
Tas Kollias Transportation
Param Sekhon Infrastructure
Joey Young Tourism, Parks & Recreation

Absent: Steve Donelon Tourism, Parks & Recreation
Alan Pryor Environment

Guests: Leah Schmidek Tourism, Parks & Recreation – Items #4 & #7
Patrick Burke KID Land Use Order – Item #5

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

- 2) Review of Minutes (All)
 - There were no minutes for review, as the March 10, 2009 meeting was cancelled.

- 3) Evan Thomas Water & Waste Water Facility Upgrades (P. Sekhon & AECOM)
 - There are three components to this project: water treatment and distribution, waste water treatment, and addressing fire suppression needs.
 - The proposed upgrades will regionalize the system in Evan Thomas and include the Kananaskis Village, Mt. Kidd RV Park, Boundary Ranch, Kananaskis Emergency Services (KES), and Nakiska base facilities (not Mid-Mountain Lodge). The existing water system at Nakiska Base will be decommissioned. The water system at Mid-Mountain Lodge is adequate but UV filtration will be added to the treatment process.
 - Funding approval has been received for the design phase of this project. Funding has not yet been approved for the construction phase.
 - The current systems have outdated mechanical parts and repair/replacements are nearly impossible to facilitate.
 - P. Sekhon introduced the AECOM presenters. PowerPoint was used to detail each component of the project proposal.
 - The design of the project seeks a twenty-year life for the proposed systems.
 - **Decision: KCICC endorses the conceptual plans as proposed; endorses the addition of Nakiska Base into the regional system; endorses the alignment of piping, subject to the findings of the geotechnical studies; and requests an information session by way of an “open house” at the Kananaskis Village.**

- 4) KID Land Use Order: Update (Patrick Burke, Leah Schmidek, M. Benny)
 - P. Burke presented the revisions to the KID Land Use Order, in follow up to comments received in discussions with Lower Kananaskis Lake Cottage Area cabin owners.
 - Revisions were made to the sections regarding Direct Control Districts, Non-conforming/Grandfathered Developments, and the timelines for reviewing/approving Development Permit Applications.
 - Currently forms are being reviewed and modified to streamline the process
 - Some requirements have been moved to appendices, which will allow for easier revisions/updates on items such as maps and definitions, without having to revise the entire LUO.

- Both the FireSmart and Dark Sky initiatives are being added to the LUO as part of this revision.
- A Direct Control District of Seasonal Residential District has been defined for Lower Kananaskis Lake cottage area and the Bow Valley cabins, under Appendix A.
- KCICC MO establishing the KID SDA and the LUO requires modification.
- A second MO must be drafted to independently establish the LUO.
- **Decision: Revisions to the LUO are approved by KCICC. Direction from KCICC is to go ahead with the MO revisions required and move the LUO forward for Ministerial approval.**

PUBLIC SESSION:

- 5) Boundary Ranch Proposal (Rick Guinn)
 - The current lease for Boundary Ranch expires in three years.
 - Boundary Ranch would like to expand the leased area in order to expand parking and add one building to house a wildlife museum and gift shop.
 - Lease conditions require amendment in order to correctly reflect the activities taking place at the ranch.
 - Rocky Mountaineer Vacations are still bringing train travelers to the Ranch for a stop and lunch. The numbers are down from the estimated 8-10,000 to 6,000, realistically for this season.
 - The helicopter tours are taking place but with a different partner.
 - R. Blackwood requested that R. Guinn work with SRD (Mike Thompson and Jon Jorgenson) on wildlife issues regarding the lease expansion.
 - **Decision: Item received for information. SRD to contact R. Guinn regarding wildlife issues. R. Guinn to develop a plan for what the site will look like once these expansions have been made. Bring the final plan package back to KCICC for decision.**

- 6) Junior Forest Wardens (M. Benny)
 - The JFWs of Calgary are applying to lease the old “man-up” Forestry site in Jumpingpound as the hub of its summer programming.
 - While the JFW program has been linked to SRD in the past, with SRD even providing some funding, the program is now arms-length to SRD and is not considered core business for SRD.
 - If a lease is signed the JFW of Calgary plan to move in buildings from other areas to this site. They would have to ensure all safety codes are met.
 - **Decision: Item received as information.**

- 7) 2009 KID FireSmart Grant Project (M. Benny, Leah Schmidek)
 - KID is seeking approval to follow through with the application for the 2009 FireSmart Community Grant Program.

- If received, the \$50,000 grant will fund FireSmart initiative in the Mt. Kidd Residential Subdivision in fall 2009 and winter 2010.
- Last years' grant will allow continuation of work in the Lower Kananaskis Lake Cottage Area during the summer 2009.
- **Decision: KCICC endorses submission of the grant application.**

8) Roundtable

- o Mike Benny
 - KID SDA will use the Rocky Mountain Outlook as the paper for posting decisions.
 - Camp Easter Seals has submitted a plan for a significant expansion of facilities at the camp. M. Benny will invite them to present at KCICC.
 - KID Council Chair/Member Craig Reid passed away. KID Council made a donation in his honour. Requesting a letter of condolences from Minister Ady to Mrs. Reid. **D. Nielsen to action.**
- o Tas Kollias
 - For the current fiscal year there won't be any extras from Transportation – maintaining status-quo only.
- o Kevin Crockett
 - Festival of Events planning guide available on-line
 - Retiring at the end of May '09. His position will be filled at some point, but in the interim, Loren Winnick will be acting in his place.
- o Joey Young
 - Introduction to the group as the new Planner for Kananaskis Country, including Fish Creek Provincial Park.
- o Rick Blackwood
 - MPB work has been scaled back until the budget is finalized. Work will likely pick up again in June.
 - Fortress Mountain Ski Resort – a new group is now involved but several issues continue.

9) Next Meeting:

Next Meeting
~~**Tuesday, July 14, 2009, at 9:30 a.m.**~~
Tuesday, July 7, 2009, at 9:30 a.m.
Main Floor Boardroom
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8800 Railway Avenue, Canmore, Alberta

NOTE: Next meeting date was changed at the June 15/09, KID SDA meeting due to several meeting conflicts on July 14/09. An e-mail was sent to all KCICC and SDA members on June 17/09, advising of the date change.

Minutes approved by:

Dave Nielsen, Co-Chair, KCICC

Rick Blackwood, Co-Chair, KCICC