

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

**Tuesday, July 7, 2009, at 9:30 a.m.  
Main Floor Boardroom  
Canmore Provincial Building  
800 Railway Avenue, Canmore, AB**

**Present:**

Co-chair: Rick Blackwood Sustainable Resource Development

Secretary: Laurie Christiansen Tourism, Parks & Recreation

Members/ Alternates: Dave Nielsen Tourism, Parks & Recreation  
Mike Benny Tourism, Parks & Recreation  
Steve Donelon Tourism, Parks & Recreation  
Loren Winnick Tourism, Parks & Recreation (via telephone)

Absent: Alan Pryor Environment  
Tas Kollias Transportation  
Param Sekhon Infrastructure  
Joey Young Tourism, Parks & Recreation

Guests: Dan DeSantis Delta Lodge at Kananaskis – Items #3 & #4  
Mary Townson Easter Seals Camp Horizon – Item #5  
Ron Choe Easter Seals Camp Horizon – Item #5  
Mike McCracken Kananaskis Skateboard & Bike Park – Item #6  
Matt Broddy Kananaskis Skateboard & Bike Park – Item #6  
George Graham Kananaskis Skateboard & Bike Park – Item #6

- 1) Review of the Agenda (All)
  - Agenda was approved as written.
  - Three Roundtable items will be addressed during the closed session of the meeting.
  - Updates on items from the May 12/09 meeting were requested.
  
- 2) Review of Minutes (All)
  - Minutes of the May 12, 2009, meeting were approved as written.

### **Updates from May 12, 2009**

#### Evan Thomas Water & Waste Water Facility Upgrades (M. Benny)

- M. Benny had requested that Alberta Infrastructure (AI) attend this meeting to update the committee on handling hauled septage at the new ET WWTP.
- In an e-mail to M. Benny AI indicates that hauling septage to the ET WWTP will not be considered.
- A wastewater collection system and treatment facility in Bow Valley Provincial Park, adjacent to the current RV dump station is being considered as an alternative to hauling septage from the BV Administration Area to the ET WWTP.
- **Decision: Update for information only.**

#### KID Land Use Order: Update (M. Benny)

- Final revisions are complete. Receipt of the revised map is pending.
- SRD and TPR staff need to meet to review the changes of the LUO and clarify processes to ensure everyone is up to date.
- **Decision: Update for information only.**

#### Boundary Ranch Proposal (Rick Guinn)

- There is no update on this item. Follow up prior to September 8, 2009, is required.
- **Decision: Item received for information.**

#### Junior Forest Wardens (M. Benny)

- M. Benny will be meeting with JFW Association executive on Friday, July 10, 2009, on site.
- A further update will be presented at the September 8, 2009, meeting.
- **Decision: Item received as information.**

#### 2009 KID FireSmart Grant Project (M. Benny)

- KID will not receive the \$50,000 FireSmart Grant in 2009.
- **Decision: Item received as information.**

## **Roundtable Items**

### **Mountain Pine Beetle Update** (R. Blackwood/S. Donelon)

- D. Nielsen requested an update on the MPB Strategy.
- R. Blackwood indicated there hasn't been much news regarding MPB in the past six weeks.
- S. Donelon stated that July 14/09, there will be a media conference call in which both SRD and TPR will participate.
- Current estimates are for 70-80 percent over-winter mortality in southern Alberta, which is better than earlier predicted, but still indicates a growth population. Numbers in northern Alberta have increased significantly.
- The Catastrophic Infestation Strategy is currently still a draft document and indicates that salvage is the primary method to be implemented. The areas affected have little impact on parks.
- Prescribed burning will be used where appropriate but watershed protection is the top priority.
- **Decision: Update for information only. R. Blackwood will follow up with D. Lux for further information.**

### **FRIAA Funding** (R. Blackwood)

- The "Forest Resource Improvement Association of Alberta" and is a stimulus package directed at the forest industry to keep companies and workers active, while producing meaningful outcomes.
- The program is a federal/provincial partnership with \$15 million from each government available for appropriate projects.
- Within Kananaskis Country there may be opportunities for receiving funding to implement the Kananaskis Vegetation Strategy, continuing with FireSmart initiatives, or prescribed burns (guarding and cutting).
- The program ends March 31, 2011.
- **Decision: R. Blackwood to obtain the most recent project guidelines from Rick Arthur and also send out the press release to committee members.**

### **Fortress Mountain** (R. Blackwood)

- SRD has issued a TFA (Temporary Field Authorization) to Fortress Mountain Holdings for the bridge and a second TFA to Warner Bros. for the Fortress site (including road access) for filming. Mark Manning has been hired by Warner Bros. as the site manager.
- Issues specific to the bridge need to be addressed with Fortress Mountain Holdings, and issues specific to the road or site need to be addressed with Warner Bros.
- SRD requires Fortress Mountain Holdings to produce a "master agreement" indicating long term plans and guaranteeing financial viability in order for SRD to revisit the issue of assigning dispositions.

- M. Benny suggested the Government of Alberta Interagency Group regarding Fortress needs to be resurrected and one point of contact needs to be identified with all inquiries from Fortress Mountain Holdings and Warner Bros. being directed to that one contact.
- Warner Bros. hopes the bridge work will be done by late July and then on-site construction can take place in preparation for filming, which is slated for Nov./Dec. '09
- SRD expects to have representation on-site for the entire project.
- Public access to the site will be closed through a Ministerial Order.
- **Decision: Update for information only.**

3) Delta Lodge at Kananaskis – Highway Signs (Dan DeSantis)

- The Delta Lodge at Kananaskis is seeking to change the highway signs both on the TransCanada Highway and Highway 40, which currently state distances to the “Kananaskis Village Hotels” to read “Delta Lodge at Kananaskis”.
- The signs are confusing to visitors, especially out-of-province and international visitors who don't realize that the “Delta Lodge at Kananaskis” is considered one of the “Kananaskis Village Hotels”
- The Delta will cover the costs to change the blue signs (TransCanada Highway) but are requesting the change be incorporated in the sign updates (brown to blue) already planned for the Highway 40 signs and these would be paid for by GoA.
- M. Benny indicated that these changes have been approved by Alberta Transportation (Tas Kollias), subject to KCICC endorsement. Email to be placed on file.
- Regarding refurbishment of the cedar sign, the Delta, Resorts of the Canadian Rockies and GoA have met to discuss. Plans for this update will be on the September 8/09 KCICC agenda.
- **Decision: KCICC membership approves of the sign changes as indicated on both the TransCanada Highway and Highway 40.**

4) Delta Lodge at Kananaskis – “Plus 15” (Dan DeSantis)

- The Delta is proposing an over-head enclosed walkway be constructed between the Delta and the Kananaskis Village Centre (KVC), and a second between the KVC and Mt. Kidd Manor.
- The proposed walkways will enhance guest services (i.e. room service), and will enable guests and staff to more easily move about.
- Concept approval is being sought so that more detailed investigation of options, budget, and architectural drawings/renderings can follow. Request for this concept approval in writing from the committee chair.
- **Decision: Concept approved by KCICC. R. Blackwood will draft the requested letter response.**

**PUBLIC SESSION:**

- 5) Easter Seals Camp Horizon (Mary Townson & Ron Choe)
- Mary Townson, Director, Revenue Development, with Easter Seals Camp Horizon and Ron Choe, Intern Architect with The Marc Boutin Architectural Collaborative Inc. reviewed a PowerPoint presentation with the committee.
  - Easter Seals Camp Horizon (ESCH) was established in 1965, and each year accommodates 7,500 campers annually, with 1,600 being children and adults with special needs.
  - ESCH and partner organizations offer unique opportunities to campers that are not offered by any other facility; there is no duplication of services.
  - For campers and their family, this facility is a life-altering experience which offers enormous personal growth.
  - The cost for camp is \$1,100 per week/camper and ESCH subsidizes campers with \$550 each to make it feasible to attend. Currently 40-70 campers are accommodated each week the summer camps operate, with each specialized camp being one week.
  - When not occupied by mandate-camps, the facilities are used by school groups, corporate retreats, and for team building exercises.
  - The camp season is short and there is a waiting list for addition camps (groups are being turned away).
  - Redevelopment of the camp would enable these groups access to the facilities by increasing from 120 beds to 240 beds, as well as repurposing the camp to make it function better for campers and staff and volunteers.
  - Concept approval is being sought in order for fund-raising initiatives to start and to move forward with this project.
  - **Decision: Concept approved by KCICC. M. Benny will be the contact for all KID business regarding this project.**
- 6) Kananaskis Valley Skateboard Facility (Mike McCracken, Matthew Broddy, George Graham)
- Interest has been expressed by residents of KID who work year round for businesses in and around the Kananaskis Village for a bike/skateboard park as an additional activity for residents and visitors.
  - The group spear-heading this venture would like to utilize the skating rink in the summer months for a mobile bike/skateboard park.
  - The park will be funding through a Rotary Club grant, fund raising within the community, and then constructed with volunteer labour.
  - A list of regulations for use of the facility has been drafted by the organizers. These will be posted on a large sign within the skating rink.

- The group was commended for taking initiative and following through with this idea.
- **Decision: Concept approved by KCICC. Conditions to be met prior to construction: address the issue of liability/insurance needs, seek out and adhere to any established standards for bike/skateboard parks, and secure a winter storage facility for the apparatuses. M. Benny designated liaison for insurance requirements.**

7) Roundtable

o Mike Benny

- Minister Ady has signed MO #43/09 appointing J. Bruce Lukey as the KID Council representative for Non-Commercial Residents and Ratepayers. The same MO also terminates the appointments of Craig Reid and Linda McNeely from KID Council. Two vacancies remain on Council and will not be filled until the 2010 election.
- 2CG Inc. will attend the September 8/09, KCICC meeting to present findings of the waste inventory currently underway in Kananaskis Country/KID. Options for a recycling program will be offered, following the inventory process.

9) Next Meeting:

**Next Meeting**  
**Tuesday, September 8, 2009, at 9:30 a.m.**  
**Main Floor Boardroom**  
**Canmore Provincial Building**  
**8800 Railway Avenue, Canmore, Alberta**

Minutes approved by:

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Dave Nielsen, Co-Chair, KCICC

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Rick Blackwood, Co-Chair, KCICC