

**PUBLIC MINUTES OF THE SEVENTH MEETING OF THE
KANANASKIS COUNTRY INTERDEPARTMENTAL
CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE**

**Tuesday, March 09, 2004, at 9:30 a.m.
Main Floor Boardroom
Canmore Provincial Building
800 Railway Avenue, Canmore, AB**

Present:

Co-chair:	Dave Nielsen	Community Development
Co-chair:	Rick Blackwood	Sustainable Resource Development
Secretary:	Laurie Christiansen	Community Development
Members:	Ray Andrews	Community Development
	Sharla Griffiths	Transportation (Alternate for Bruce Atwell)
	Mike Benny	Kananaskis Improvement District
	Eldon Bruns	Sustainable Resource Development
	Sandy Fisher	Infrastructure
	Kevin Crockett	Economic Development
Guests:	Don Cockerton	Community Development
Absent:	Bruce Atwell	Transportation
	Ian Dyson	Environment

- 1) Review Minutes of November 12, 2003, Meeting (All)
 - Minutes were approved as written.
- 2) Review of the Agenda (All)
 - Item 5: LKRUA Presentation - cancelled
- 3) Peter Lougheed/Spray Valley Provincial Park – Update (D. Cockerton)
 - Planning team continues to review use of the old MS camp, zoning, trails management, fisheries management, and the degree of future development in the Spray Valley.
 - **Action:** D. Cockerton to send out a status report to the planning team.
 - **Decision:** Item presented for information/update.
- 4) Evan Thomas Management Plan Process - Update (D. Cockerton)
 - The committee was updated on the status of approval for the plan.
 - **Decision:** Item presented for information/update.
- 5) Lower Kananaskis River Users Association (LKRUA) (D. Nielsen)
 - This item was dropped from the agenda.
- 6) Canmore Nordic Centre (M. Benny)
 - A business case is being prepared for revitalizing the Nordic Centre.
 - **Decision:** Item presented for information/update.

PUBLIC MEETING:

- 7) Rocky Mountain YMCA Presentation 11:00 (M. Benny)
 - Presenters: Wayne Perkins – President & CEO, YMCA Calgary; Kathy McKay – Vice President Facility & Capital Development, YMCA Calgary; Jill Jamieson – General Manager, Rocky Mountain YMCA.
 - Goals of the presentation: 1. Provide an overview of YMCA Calgary; 2. Introduce the Rocky Mountain YMCA (RM YMCA); 3. Present development goals for the RM YMCA camp.
 - Each KCICC member received a presentation package with background information regarding the Calgary YMCA.
 - 2005 marks the 75th anniversary of the RM YMCA and they would like to mark the year with a grand reopening of the refurbished dining lodge. Other upgrades include the water and sewage systems, outtripping (progressive exploration from day trips to 5-day hikes, depending on the kids' ages) and the creation of a heritage centre.
 - W. Perkins asked for clarification of the role of KCICC in approving upgrades to the RM YMCA. D. Nielsen responded that KCICC would

address issues regarding a change of use or a change to an existing lease. The KID Subdivision & Development Authority (SDA) would address issues regarding the development permit such as meeting building codes, water and sewage, and fire issues, etc.

- W. Perkins asked about the possible extension of the existing lease, given that the RM YMCA is looking at a substantial investment. The current lease is a 20-year lease, due to expire in 2013. In response, the lease could be renegotiated early with a longer term, likely 25 years, if there is no change in use expected at the facility.
- M. Benny suggested that the same presentation should be made for the KID Council. W. Perkins was amenable to that suggestion.
- **Decision:** Item presented for information.

8) KCICC Open Houses (D. Nielsen/D. Cockerton)

- Three Open House sessions are planned, one each for Canmore, Kananaskis Village, and Calgary.
- Due to low visitation in 2003, particularly at Canmore, attempts will be made to coordinate the 2004 Open House dates in conjunction with other events.
- The Canmore Open House will take place as a component of the display booth at the Canmore Trade Show, May 1 and 2, 2004.
- The Kananaskis Village Open House will be held in the Charlie Beil Room at the Kananaskis Village Centre on May 4, 2004.
- The Calgary Open House will be held at the Crowchild Inn (as last year) on either May 3 or May 5, 2004.
- D. Cockerton will coordinate with each Department representative the displays for each venue.
- KCICC Member attendance at these sessions must still be coordinated.
- **Decision:** Item presented for information/update.

9) East Kananaskis Trail Planning Strategy (D. Cockerton)

- The Spray Lakes Sawmills (SLS) Forest Management Plan (FMP) will impact the Jumpingpound and Elbow areas in East Kananaskis.
- A coordinated plan must look at trails, camping, day use and all recreation in the area to address future needs and coordinate with the FMP.
- Key points are:
 1. Integrate trails with cut/haul sequence.
 2. Emphasis on minimum adverse visual impacts
 3. Ensure “habitat blend” by coordinating information from various sources and balancing the various needs/opportunities. Plan for movement of trails consistent with wildlife patterns.
- **Decision:** Item presented for information.

- 10) SRD (Forestry) Trail Responsibilities – McLean Creek FLUZ (R. Blackwood)
 - Greater enforcement of FLUZ regulations governing OHV use will be undertaken along with better communication of the regulations to users of the area.
 - SRD plans to implement better communication via signage to reduce environmental concerns and public complaints, revamp current brochures, and information kiosks.
 - Issues to be addressed: wildfire hazards, fisheries, watershed management, and grazing.
 - SRD will work with volunteers from user groups to maintain designated trails on public lands.
 - **Action:** R. Blackwood to attend March 10/04 Kananaskis Country Trail Users' Group meeting to share this information with stakeholders.
 - **Decision:** Item presented for information.

- 11) KID Governance Review Report (M. Benny)
 - M. Benny summarized finding of the KID Governance Review conducted by T. Forgrave for the KID Council.
 - **Action:** M. Benny asked that committee members submit any comments regarding the review to him, as well as any suggestions for enhancing communication between KCICC and KID Council.
 - **Decision:** Item presented for information/update.

- 12) Village Trading Post – Assignment of Lease (M. Benny)
 - K. Okabe, a business owner within the Delta Lodge, has purchased the Trading Post in the Kananaskis Village Centre, and will be taking over the lease. The Trading Post will continue to operate as it does now. The only additional service will be a photo-processing drop off box. The actual processing will be done at the shop in the Delta Lodge.
 - **Decision:** Item presented for information.

- 13) Kananaskis Resort and Conference Centre (D. Nielsen)
 - The Kananaskis Resort and Conference Centre, which was owned by Proprietary Industries has been sold (as of March 22/04) to Remail Korpach Ventures Inc.
 - A name change is pending and the hotel will become “Executive Resort at Kananaskis”.
 - **Decision:** Item presented for information.

14) Roundtable (All)

D. Nielsen

- \$21 million in funding has been allocated to Parks province-wide for 2004-05. Of that funding, \$16M has been dedicated to upgrading water and sewage infrastructure within Parks and another \$5M has been allocated to upgrading infrastructure that currently poses public safety risks (i.e. boardwalks, bridges, playgrounds, etc.) The funding will be spread over three years: Year 1 - \$6M, Year 2 - \$10M, and Year 3 - \$5M.

S. Griffiths

- Update on the G8 Legacy wildlife crossing at Dead Man's Flats (DMF). The tender will close on March 19/04 with the contract being awarded by March 31/04. Construction will start as soon as possible with a completion date of October 15/04. There will be a detour on Hwy #1 for the early part of the project but the goal is be rid of the detour by August 01/04. All of the construction work will be completed by September 15/04 and the last month of the project will be dedicated to landscaping the fenced area of DMF.

R. Blackwood

- A current assessment of the Mountain Pine Beetle infestation estimates the area affected as less than 1/3 of the area at this time last year. The beetle has now been found in the Oldman River Drainage but the situation is much better than last year.

Minutes approved by:

Dave Nielsen, Co-Chair, KCICC

Rick Blackwood, Co-Chair, KCICC

Next Meeting
Tuesday, May 11, 2004, at 9:30 a.m.
Canmore Provincial Building
1st Floor Boardroom