

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

**Tuesday, July 13, 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 Community Development

Guests: Don Cockerton Community Development
 AJ Evenson Community Development

Absent: Eldon Bruns Sustainable Resource Development
 Kevin Crockett Economic Development
 Ian Dyson Environment
 Sandy Fisher Infrastructure

- 1) Review Minutes of May 11, 2004, Meeting (All)
 - Minutes were approved with revisions.
 - Note from May 11, 2004, construction project discussed in #5, did not take place.

- 2) Review of the Agenda (All)
 - Approved as written

- 3) KC Dark Sky Initiative (AJ Evenson)
 - This initiative is being spear-headed to remove light pollution, reduce operational costs, improve the nocturnal environment and would be implemented via an amendment to the Kananaskis Country Architectural Guidelines.
 - Kananaskis Country would be a pilot project for certification with the Royal Astrological Society of Canada
 - The presentation touched on the broad benefits of this program: economic, health, and environmental.
 - Small modifications to many lighting fixtures will reduce the sky glow.
 - An overnight curfew (11 pm – 6 am) would be implemented on any lighting sources not associated with public safety and security.
 - Implementation over two years, with no “grandfathering” and this initiative will be added to the Kananaskis Country Architectural Guidelines as an Appendix, to ensure compliance.
 - Currently looking at the KID Land Use Order with assistance from Alberta Justice to ensure all is in order.
 - Exceptions are: portable buildings (logging) and events (Scout Jamboree) and the Transportation shops – would require lighting during curfew hours for winter snow clearing and early am start-up.
 - The project team will seek out funding/partnership opportunities that could be relayed to residents/ratepayers.
 - **Decision:** Proceed with the concept. Suggested that the project team involve the RCMP to address security concerns.

- 4) KC Water Systems Audit (D. McKenna)
 - M. Benny provided an introduction by explaining that the Parks and Protected Areas Division received \$21 million to address public safety concerns over three years starting in 2004/05. Of this amount \$15 million has been identified for water/sewer upgrades at public facilities.
 - Dave McKenna of CH2M Hill presented information on a water system audit conducted throughout Kananaskis Country on 24 water treatment facilities.

- The purpose of the audit was to establish what was present at each site, compare it to existing AENV regulations governing potable water treatment within Alberta and recommend upgrades when necessary to meet current standards.
 - Audits were completed by March 31, 2004.
 - D. McKenna reviewed the finding of the audits and recommendations.
 - The next step is to obtain AENV endorsement of the plans, some immediate upgrades, detailed engineering designs for construction, and develop a construction schedule.
 - **Decision:** Item received for information.
- 5) Final Peter Lougheed/Spray Management Plan for Endorsement (D. Cockerton)
- The Planning Team has a June 24, 2004, version of the Plan. The July 12, 2004, version includes some revisions regarding fisheries management.
 - D. Cockerton is requesting any final comments be received by July 31, 2004. He is not requesting endorsement of the final Plan today, but will seek endorsement at the September 14, 2004, KCICC meeting
 - **Decision:** Item presented for information.

PUBLIC MEETING:

- 6) Executive Resort at Kananaskis (D. Korpach, W. Shaw, A. Ahluwalia)
- Following introductions of the KCICC, the group from Executive Resort at Kananaskis presented information about its company, Remail Ventures Inc.
 - The owners view this property as a long term acquisition and look forward to being part of the Kananaskis Country/KID community.
 - The hotels in the Kananaskis Village are already working together to increase visitation to the area, with the belief that everyone benefits.
 - The currently slower “shoulder seasons” will be promoted to corporate business clients.
 - A presentation of the proposed sign changes was made to KCICC for endorsement and will be reviewed by the Subdivision and Development Authority later today.
 - Both the Executive Resort at Kananaskis management team and government representatives want to work closely together to ensure information reaching the public is accurate and timely. It was suggested that if the hotel has information it would like to fan out, it could contact the Visitor Information Centres (VIC) for assistance and to ensure accuracy of the information. Alternately, the VICs will ensure information reaches the hotels for distribution to guests.
 - **Decision:** Item presented for information.

- 7) CNC Upgrading (M. Benny)
- The tenders for construction and upgrades will be out for bid in January/February 2005.
 - The facility may close for all uses starting in March 2005. The upgrading project is scheduled to be completed by September 30, 2005, with system testing in October 2005. Snowmaking will commence November 2005 and the first event will be a World Cup Cross-country event in December 2005.
 - The Infrastructure communications contact is Mark Cooper.
 - **Decision:** Item presented for information.
- 8) East Kananaskis Country Trails Review (D. Cockerton)
- This trails review is in response to the Spray Lakes Sawmills (SLS) Detailed Forest Management Plan (DFMA) and the opportunity to identify possible new trails in conjunction with SLS's work.
 - This Review is at the conceptual level at this point.
 - ACD can work closely with SLS in both the Elbow and Jumpingpound areas during timber harvesting.
 - **Decision:** Deadline for comments to D. Cockerton by July 31, 2004.
- 9) Spray Lakes Sawmills Forest Management Plan (FMP) (R. Blackwood)
- The opportunity for the public to comment on this Plan closed June 30, 2004. Comments may still be submitted via the internet site.
 - Comments and feedback will be incorporated into the working document, if possible.
 - The final submission to PLFD is due October 2004, with a goal of approval in February 2005.
 - **Decision:** Item presented for information.
- 10) Roundtable (All)
- D. Nielsen
- The formal dedication program for the G8 Legacy projects will be September 24, 2004.
- M. Benny
- Asked about the Ghost Management Plan status. R. Blackwood responded that it is in Edmonton now for review. The Plan will be released in July/August for one more round of public review.

Roundtable (continued)

S. Griffiths

- Regarding the Deadman's Flats wildlife crossing construction project, the TransCanada Highway will reopen on July 16, 2004. The original goal was July 1, 2004, but wet weather and some problems with pilings delayed this opening.

R. Andrews

- ACD is working with SRD Forest Protection with clearing at the west-end of the Canmore Nordic Centre Provincial Park. A site meeting will be held July 19, 2004, with bidders to award the contract, within 10 days. There will be daily transport of logs out of the area. This is Phase II of five planned phases for reducing forest fuel loads.
- There is a proactive strategy in place to address human:bear conflicts. Currently "sheperdia" plants are being removed because the berries attract bears. A pilot project is being conducted in Spray Lakes West campground with a hormone treatment that causes the plants to drop berries before they ripen.

R. Blackwood

- Pleased to announce Roy Campbell is coming from Grande Prairie to replace Stew Walkinshaw as the Manager of the Calgary Fire Centre.

Minutes approved by:

Dave Nielsen, Co-Chair, KCICC

Rick Blackwood, Co-Chair, KCICC

Next Meeting
Tuesday, September 14, 2004, at 9:30 a.m.
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1st Floor Boardroom