

**MINUTES OF THE THIRTY-NINETH MEETING OF THE
KANANASKIS COUNTRY INTERDEPARTMENTAL
CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE**

**Tuesday, July 10, 2012, at 9:30 a.m.
Main Floor Boardroom
Canmore Provincial Building
800 Railway Avenue, Canmore, AB**

Present:

Co-Chairs: Dave Hanna Tourism, Parks & Recreation
 Ross Spence Environment & Sustainable Resource Development

Recorder: Laurie Christiansen Tourism, Parks & Recreation

Members/: Shawn Polley CAO, Kananaskis Improvement District
Alternates Ralph Rolsten Transportation (for F. Lee)
 Param Sekhon Infrastructure
 Loren Winnick Tourism, Parks & Recreation (via telephone)
 Joey Young Tourism, Parks & Recreation

Absent: Rob Simieritsch Environment & Sustainable Resource Development
 Fred Lee Transportation

Guests: AJ Evenson Tourism, Parks & Recreation (Item #3, #4)

- 1) Review of the Agenda (All)
 - Approved
- 2) Review of Minutes (All)
 - The March 13, 2012, minutes were approved as written and signed off
- 3) Boulton Creek Campground – Potential Expansion – Loop E (AJ Evenson)
 - Expansion design took place in 2005
 - Management Plan proposed the closure of Mt. Sarrail campground
 - Bear issues at the walk-in tent sites at Lower Lake campground are becoming an issue
 - Expansion of Boulton Creek could offset the sites closed at these two campgrounds
 - There is a demonstrated need to develop more camp sites in this area
 - Due to changes in design to retrofit campground loops with power and water, it is more cost effective to build a new loop with these services incorporated in the design
 - Project will require IRA and EIA assessments
 - Proceeding with the detailed design
 - Construction could start after the September long weekend
 - **Decision: Item presented for information**
 - **NOTE: R. Spence indicated that Spray Lakes Sawmills has an FMA in the area and Appendix B must be reviewed.**
- 4) Elbow Valley Dump Station (AJ Evenson)
 - Design for construction of a regional dump station in Elbow Valley is underway
 - Current dump station is 1 km west of Elbow Valley Visitor Information Centre (EVIC)
 - Those leaving the valley on a Sunday must make a left turn across the highway to access the dump station. This is creating a hazardous situation as often there area up to 12 vehicles on the highway waiting to turn left.
 - Capacity of the current dump station is leading to tanks being full two to three times per week. Over flow and closure of the site on Sunday afternoons is common.
 - The proposed new site already has a well certified by Environment and it is on the right side of the road, so easily accessible leaving the Elbow Valley
 - The proposed new site:
 - Will have four lanes versus two, and all going the same direction, rather than from each direction, and will be able to accommodate 16 vehicles
 - There should not be vehicles on the highway in a queue

- Will require modifications on the highway – deceleration lane expansion
- Once the new dump station is constructed the EVIC dump station will provide water only
- Spray Lakes Sawmills will be logging in this area and the timing of this needs to be factored in to the planning. R. Spence provided a contact name with ESRD – Forester in charge of SLS (Robert Mueller).
- **Decision: Item presented for information.**
- **Follow up:**
 - **McElhanney – firm contracted to do design work**
 - **Transportation – type 3 intersection will be required**
 - **ESRD – licensing; SLS and logging schedule**

PUBLIC SESSION: Start at 10:30 a.m.

- 5) KCICC and KID – TOR – Clarify Relationship (S. Polley/All)
- A package of documents were distributed to all for reference
 - A PowerPoint presentation was reviewed (attached)
 - Review of Membership:
 - With new departmental structures, it is possible to end up with several members from the same department
 - P. Sekon stressed that department structures change, it is the expertise that is required on the committee
 - Structure membership by position rather than by person/name
 - **Decision: Each member will determine a designated alternate for the September 11, 2012, meeting**
 - Review of the Terms of Reference:
 - Discussion regarding the commitment to facilitate an Annual General Meeting (AGM).
 - In the past there were open houses held in both Calgary and Kananaskis – both poorly attended
 - This commitment was then combined with the Kananaskis Improvement District AGM, where the Co-Chairs and other available members attended the KID AGM to address KCICC issues
 - **Decision: January 8, 2013, KCICC agenda, to determine details for the AGM in spring 2013.**
 - On-going departmental reorganizations, vacant positions, various planning initiatives, and regional boundaries all impact KCICC. Fall 2012 it is expected that some of these issues will be resolved, which will assist with finalizing membership and alternates.

6) Barrier Boat Launch – Kananaskis Outfitters – Info Item (D. Hanna)

- Kananaskis Outfitters has been approved to offer boat rental at the Barrier Lake boat launch, on a temporary basis for this season only.
- The company would like to offer rentals at several boat launches. This may or may not be feasible due to some of the boat launches being part of the Facility Operating Agreement for the area, but this is not the case at Barrier Lake.
- A summary of the season/success will be provided to KCICC in the fall.
- A decision will be required regarding proceeding with this opportunity in future years.
- **Decision: Item presented for information.**

7) Roundtable

o Param Sekhon

- Evan-Thomas Water and Waste Water Treatment Plant – going ahead as a P3 project. The proponent is looking for street addresses
 - S. Polley indicated that when 911 service was brought to the Kananaskis Valley, street numbers/names were required for mapping of all locations.
 - **S. Polley to provide street numbers/names to P. Sekhon from KESC**

o S. Polley

- KID Council has completed the first draft 2013 – 2017 Business and Strategic Plan and will re-convene in September
- Mandate/focus of Council in the coming year will be tourism
- Ms Susan Billington has been announced as the new Alberta At Large – Citizens Representative by the TPR Minister. Ms Billington replaces Mr. Kenneth Kelly who resigned in March 2011. Recruitment through Executive Search went very well. Working with this group through Corporate Human Resources is highly recommended.

o Loren Winnick

- Development of the Travel Alberta Visitor Information Centre as an expanded site – trail head, expanded parking and related infrastructure will go ahead in 2013. It is very exciting for Canmore and the Bow Valley.

o R. Spence

- The new department name is Environment & Sustainable Resource Development (ESRD) and a new structure is being developed, currently:
 - Strategic Development, Policy, Operations, Corporate, and Integrated Resource Management Planning
 - Forestry will not see any reorganization during the summer (fire season) but it may be looked at down the road
- R. Blackwood is now the ADM of “Transformation and Integration”
- Regulatory Enhancement Program is removing oil and gas from the program
- Sheep Ranger Station – M. Thompson is looking after the decommissioning of the site and will work with TPR on a plan for removal
- Fortress Mountain – KID and ESRD are monitoring; surveying the site refurbishment as required by the disposition; B. McAnally is the filming contact and monitors as required
- Suncor – Sullivan and Savannah projects on hold due to the closure of the processing gas plant.
 - D. Hanna has concerns regarding Plateau Mountain – Suncor was to be “in”, drain wells as soon as possible, and then reclaim the area
 - Delays in this area are cause for concern, especially in terms of reclamation of the site
- Enforcement – May long weekend was the last ESRD staff were involved in enforcement
 - Seasonal staff work Monday to Friday versus weekends
 - Relying on other Peace Officers to handle enforcement issues
 - D. Hanna expressed an issue regarding the limited role
 - 32 prosecutions launched from reports by SRD
 - Long form summons used and cost of processing exceed the fine amount
 - Statute of limitations only months and processing may not happen before the time runs out
 - A prioritized list of which issues are most crucial to process would be helpful; manpower support, or manpower dollars to assist; forward prosecutions to another department for processing.
- Spray Lakes Sawmills (SLS) – Jumpingpound hauling approved
- West Bragg Creek (WBC) harvest plans are being developed ESRD, the MD, and SLS. M. Kerr is the ESRD contact. SLS is developing a mitigation strategy and will facilitate two open

houses to address public concerns at the end of July and again in late August/September. Presentations will be done by representatives from the Slave Lake area on the 2011 fire.

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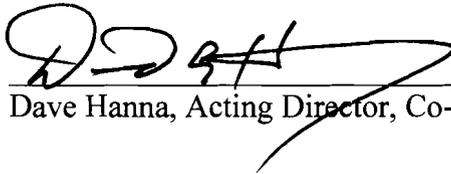
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