

**MINUTES OF THE 44th MEETING OF THE
KANANASKIS COUNTRY INTERDEPARTMENTAL
CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE**

**Tuesday, May 14, 2013, at 9:30 a.m.
Main Floor Boardroom
Canmore Provincial Building
800 Railway Avenue, Canmore, AB**

Present:

Co-Chairs: Mark Storie Tourism, Parks & Recreation
 Ross Spence Environment & Sustainable Resource Development

Recorder: Laurie Christiansen Tourism, Parks & Recreation

Members/
Alternates Dave Hanna Tourism, Parks & Recreation
 Shawn Polley CAO, Kananaskis Improvement District
 Ross Dickson Transportation – Alternate for Fred Lee
 Laura Lee Billings Environment & Sustainable Resource Development
 Loren Winnick Tourism, Parks & Recreation (via telephone)
 Joey Young Tourism, Parks & Recreation

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

Guests:

- 1) Review of the Agenda (All)
 - The Agenda was accepted as drafted
- 2) Review of Minutes (All)
 - The March 12, 2013, minutes were approved as written.
- 3) Recreational Corridor Planning Process (J. Young)
 - This process was initiated to address:
 - the proliferation of trails in the valley
 - Wildlife/user conflicts
 - Erosion, safety, liability issues
 - Lack of consistency and collaboration between Ministries and jurisdictions
 - Disjointed processes between jurisdictions.
 - Establish planning standards of maintenance, stewardship, and usage
 - Work towards a sustainable trail system
 - Have the correct people involved - planners, trail maintenance staff from ESRD and TPR
 - The Recreational Corridors Planning process has worked to establishing a step-by-step means of assessing trails projects for review/approval.
 - There are over 3,000 km of trails in the area
 - Process developed a trail inventory and classification system based on a provincial matrix
 - Trails vary from 4 m wide paved trails to game trails
 - Connect to “Alberta Trail Standards”
 - Useful process for both Alberta Parks and ESRD
 - If feasible in Kananaskis Country it is feasible province-wide
 - The local Trails Advisory Group supports the classification system
 - There is a classification range (A to F) for front country trails and then back-country trails are a different classification. Backcountry trails will have safety markers but will not be signed
 - Looking at trail design as well as inventory in relation to liability
 - Trails coded A - C: not considered a liability risk
 - Trails coded D – F: inventory of rustic trails, with potentially increased liability; people expect certain trail standards
 - Differentiation between ‘recognized’ trails (on the landscape but not necessarily tied to Legislation) and ‘designated’ trails (tied to Legislation)
 - The trail planning process will apply to:
 - New pathway or trail
 - Trail improvement/corrective action for a trail problem
 - Immediate issue/emergency response, i.e. blow down
 - Stage 1 – Initial Proposal Screening Checklist
 - The checklist responses will be: yes/no, with an area for details and notes

- M. Storie stated that First Nations Consultation, which is separate from the “Public Consultation” question, needs to be added on a form to be addressed at the initial proposal stage
- Stage 2 – Conceptual Plan Consent Checklist
 - Again, this is a checklist with yes/no, plus space for details and notes
- Stage 3 – Detailed Design Approval Checklist
 - Addresses the issue of sustainability
 - If approved, new proposals will receive sign-off by land manager
- Process makes it possible to track where the proposal is in the review
- Land management agency takes on ‘ownership’ of the process
- ESRD does not use the same process but the goal is to develop a generic process that could be adopted by other departments and in other areas of the province.
- The process aligns with the “Trails Act”, designated trail authority
- There is stakeholder ‘buy-in’ and communications are on-going with ESRD to keep the momentum strong to implement this process
- Buy-in has helped with trail users where there are trail issues or trail decommissioning is planned
- ESRD has developed a “Code of Practice” and it is moving up the line for approval
- What is the role of KCICC in this process?
 - KCICC endorsement of the process is sought
 - KCICC will review future proposals that are multi-jurisdictional or have an impact on Transportation, i.e. trail requires development trail head pull off
 - Recommend that twice a year the group reports to KCICC on completed and pending trail proposals under review
- Process being used in the development of the TransCanada Trail through the Spray Valley. Aboriginal consultation pending as is confirmation of funding and then construction.
- **Decision: KCICC endorses the process.**
- **J. Young to forward attachments to all, including maps.**

4) KID FireSmart Tree Flagging Process – KCICC Decision (S. Polley)

- ESRD is the lead agency.
- Looking at Mt. Kidd, Kananaskis Country golf course – residential nodes.
- Expected to be 160 – 200 cyclists plus support and media.
- Projects geared to residential areas.
- 2008 KID FireSmart funding of \$2 million completed 275 hectares of FireSmart work around kids’ camps and facility nodes.
- F. Kerr and R Gow presented to KID Council which subsequently approved the next phase. Recommendations here to KCICC.

- Approved provider is Montane Forest Management Ltd., Stew Walkinshaw.
- Application has been prepared and forwarded to both TPR and ESRD for approval and processed. Flagging has been done.
- KID Council is seeking KCICC endorsement of the process.
- **Decision: KCICC endorses the process put forth for FireSmart work.**

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

- 5) Status of Widowmaker and Canoc Meadows (D. Hanna)
 - The agreement for operation of these sites with the Alberta Whitewater Association has not yet been signed.
 - Expectation is early June for the Facility Operating Agreement to be in place and signed.
 - **Decision: Update for information.**

- 6) Paving of Kananaskis Lakes Trail (D. Hanna/Transportation)
 - Transportation has been able to incorporate this project into a larger paving project between the Banff Park Gate and Kananaskis River.
 - The KLT will have 12.5 km of new overlay.
 - Anticipated timelines – Highway 1 work will begin June 15 with paving underway July 15th, KLT work will be done after Labour Day weekend and is anticipated to take five days.
 - **Decision: Update for information.**

- 7) Black Prince (D. Hanna)
 - This area is still under a closure due to sow with cubs denning in the area.
 - This will be the end of the skiing for this season.
 - **Decision: Update for information.**

- 8) Alberta Parks Capital List for Kananaskis Country (D. Hanna)
 - Elbow Sewage Dump Station - planned for this year
 - William Watson Lodge water treatment plant requires major upgrade; septic field
 - Canmore Nordic Centre – compressor replacement
 - Boulton Creek Campground – water plant
 - Mount Lady MacDonald tea house – reclamation planned
 - Kananaskis Village Centre – interior renovations
 - Bow Valley sewage dump station – upgrade
 - Sheep Ranger Station – corrals – to be installed
 - **Decision: Update for information.**

- 9) Bow Valley Diner – Request for Proposal Update (D. Hanna)
- The selection of the group has been completed
 - Goal is to sign-off the agreement by May 31/13
 - Official event hoped for Parks Day (July 21/13) with the Minister announcing
 - Similar to “Palisades” in Jasper: environmental education, outreach, and leadership
 - **Decision: Update for information.**

10) Roundtable (All)

o R. Spence

- 2013 enforcement strategy
 - ESRD funding one seasonal to be supervised by TPR, who will focus on enforcement on weekends
 - Will import four seasonal staff for May long weekend to focus on Ghost/West Bragg Creek/McLean Creek
- ESRD to Single regulator
 - Moving forward
 - ERCB taking over upstream oil/gas
 - CEO in place
 - Will follow up with KCICC regarding authorities
 - November '13 people on the ground
- Reorganization
 - Regional Director interviews last week – soon someone in position
- West Bragg Creek
 - Lands – work on reroute
 - Forestry – M. Kerr contact – continuation of clean up; Station Flats – approval going out for work there; WBC debris burn late fall
- Spray Lakes Sawmills
 - Additional blocks have been identified but require additional consultation

o M. Storie

- South Saskatchewan Regional Plan – work being done on conservation areas
- Regional plan – ADMs group reviewing draft and will be releasing Phase 2 for public input – no decisions made on drafting phase 1 & 2 of process

- S. Polley
 - Fortress Mountain -- no development permit application received yet
 - KID – enhanced policing
 - Council – renaming of “Small Business” to “Not for Profit” representative
 - Fall ’13 municipal elections
 - Bear Aversion Program – letter from KID Council to Ministers of TPR/ESRD and Banff Cochrane MLA indicating strong support/value for program

- L. Winnick
 - Legacy Trail announcement was very successful
 - Canmore VIC redesign will start after Labour Day

- J. Young
 - Provincial Planning Team – link regional needs to provincial plans – management plans, provincial processes, and approvals

- D. Hanna
 - New water signage – to be placed on all hand pumps in all campgrounds and recreation areas – rather than “boil water” it will read “do not drink”
 - Direction from Alberta Health Services in response to new regulations leading to a provincial-wide directive – local Health Unit is not voicing the same message
 - Ensure messaging is posted on the RAP and AlbertaParks.ca websites

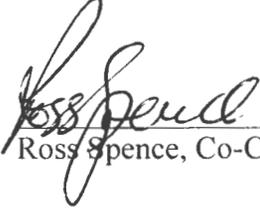
Meeting adjourned at 12:07 pm.

- 11) Next Meeting: July 16, 2013, ~~July 9, 2013~~, 9:30 start
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Minutes approved by:



Mark Storie, Co-Chair, KCICC



Ross Spence, Co-Chair, KCICC