

- 1) Review of the Agenda (All)
 - The Agenda was accepted as written.

- 2) Review of Minutes (All)
 - The July 16, 2013, minutes were approved as written.
 - The January 14, 2014, minutes were approved as written.

- 3) Evan Thomas PRA Vegetation Management Strategy (S. Jevons)
 - Fire and vegetation management strategy for the Evan Thomas PRA is being developed to return the area to its more natural state. Due to fire suppression efforts, it is 78 years since the last fire in the area.
 - The valley floor was aspen-grass-open areas when fire was allowed to occur naturally.
 - Currently losing wildlife habitat with social and economic impacts to the area.
 - Old forests are prone to severe wildfire, insects, flood, and drought.
 - Goal is to protect key recreational, tourism, ecological values and ensure the activities area sustainable in the ET PRA.
 - Main objectives are to restore the natural ecosystem, mitigate human-wildlife conflicts. With fewer cleared areas, bears are becoming habituated to areas around facilities and trails; bears like cleared areas.
 - The goal is to have the draft Management Strategy completed by June 2014, for internal review.
 - KID FireSmart committee available to utilize as a communications conduit, as it has access to various stakeholder groups within the ET PRA.
 - TPR will lead the public consultation. Education and communication will be very important. Gaps in information can create issues with stakeholder groups.
 - Important to communicate directly with KID Council and ensure business representative are contacted directly and are fully aware of activities well in advance to notify their own clients.
 - Photo presentations are very powerful and clarify the issues more easily for some. Recommendation to use photos as much as possible when communicating both issues and describing activities to take place.
 - **Decision: Provided for information.**

- 4) Alberta Transportation Long Term Consultation (R. Ralston)
 - This is a high level consultation plan to address transportation issues in the next 50 years.
 - Current consultations are at the ADM level.
 - Development of a provincial plan taking into account various modes of transportation, including highways, railways, helicopter, and other air transport.

- Two routes which are proposed by stakeholders periodically are: roadway from BC into Alberta via Elk Pass; the second is joining Highways 66 and 40. Currently, neither of these routes are being raised in the context of this consultation plan. This consultation is not project-specific.
- If roadways within KR/KC are discussed, R. Ralston will inform KCICC of this.
- **Decision: Presentation for information purposes.**

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

5) Gruel Events Ltd. – Mountain Bike Park – Pigeon Mtn. (C. Kent)

- Chris Kent presented his proposal for a mountain bike park at the site of the former Pigeon Mountain ski resort.
- As background, Mr. Kent is a former National Ski Team member, coach, and in the 90s was involved in organizing mountain bike events at Whistler, BC.
- 1998 he became involved in downhill mountain biking and started his own bike park.
- He envisions more than just a downhill mountain bike area, with a lift, sightseeing opportunities, and the bike park.
- Mr. Kent presented a PowerPoint presentation touching on the history of Pigeon Mountain, existing infrastructure at the Banff Gate Mountain Resort and the former ski lodge, taking note of the quarry and gun range in the area and noting the multi-jurisdictional management of the area.
- Proposed attractions: sightseeing, zip lines, tree top tours, bungee tramp, mini golf, lift-assisted mountain biking.
- The Whistler Mountain Bike Park was established in 1998 with steady growth since. Albertans travel into BC for this sport.
- Studies indicate people involved in this sport typically travel and stay overnight to participate, spending approximately \$250/day.
- Squamish, BC has seen an economic impact of \$3M/year with this activity.
- Benefits to Bow Valley/Canmore: boost local economy, no direct competition, athlete development, outside of BNP, host downhill events.
- Site specific benefits: comparable to Whistler, BC, proximity to growing populations of Calgary, Edmonton, Lethbridge, Red Deer, and there is existing infrastructure to work with.
- Constraints: ETPRA indicates no mountain biking at Nakiska, if this were to change, then this project couldn't sustain. Regulations and conflicting jurisdiction rules, ownership/leases.
- Trail building techniques could mitigate for erosion, user conflict, and minimize impacts with phased construction.
- Necessary to mitigate for wildlife issues through resort and trail design, rider education, and strict policies.

- Lift construction would be designed to minimize impacts to forest and wildlife. BC will allow its first lift construction this year.
- Winter non-downhill activities: winter biking, Nordic skiing, snow shoeing, snow tubing, zip lines, sightseeing, spa.
- In summary – it is an untapped market in the area, a new sport to promote with new opportunities and is very successful in other areas.
- Comments: it is a very challenging piece of land to work with due to the multiple jurisdictions involved in land management.
- Could these issues be mitigated? Is it worth pursuing? The proposal will be reviewed by staff and advice will be forwarded.
- **Decision: Proposal review with advice to KCICC membership at the May 13, 2014, meeting.**
- **Action: Mr. Kent to forward his PowerPoint presentation to R. Spence.**
- **Action: L. Christiansen to forward BCEAG guidelines to Mr. Kent.**

6) Roundtable (All)

o R. Spence

- Forestry
 - Burning of mulch in West Bragg Creek ongoing and hope to be done before the end of the summer
 - SLS had a good season and has extended its haul

o M. Storie

- Water course mitigation is on-going at Ribbon Creek, Evan Thomas Creek, and King Creek.
- Working towards posting of the Flood Recovery Plan on the website. Announcement is pending regarding where work will take place, where it's concluded, etc. Hiring is on-going for the flood recovery effort.

o S. Polley

- FRIIA grant received to conduct \$725K in FireSmart work: William Watson Lodge, Highway 40 North, and U of C Research Station are the projects for this year.
- An additional \$50K community grant will provide additional FireSmart work for William Watson Lodge.
- Approximately \$3M in 10 years has been spent on FireSmart projects.

o R. Ralston

- Update to flood recovery projects:
- Hwy 40 work will be done by June 15th, grading but paving may not be done then. D. Hanna noted the K100 may be impacted by work and asked R. Ralston to keep them informed of work.

- Hwy 66 – road opened last fall. Bridge is currently a timber deck but they will be pouring concrete – one lane, then the other. There may be one 24-hour closure.
 - Powderface Trail – working with a bridge consultant. It won't be ready for May 15th.
 - Smith Dorrien – work is ongoing, clearing ditches of debris.
 - Forestry Trunk Road/532 – work is ongoing
 - Sheep River Road/Gorge Creek – project going to tender, work will include cutting into the bank and some rerouting. D. Hanna asked to be included in discussion, especially regarding Sandy McNabb day use area.
 - M. Storie asked that TPR be kept in the loop regarding opening/closures.
 - All opening dates will be accommodated other than Powderface Trail.
 - D. Hanna expressed thanks for the gate installation at Mt. Engadine used for avalanche control. This has been a low year with one more control action in March. MOU is now for 2 years at a time versus annually negotiated.
- o D. Johnson
- AESERT – issued high melt advisories
 - Backcountry trails recovery - \$10M in projects. Coordinating projects with TPR, currently hiring staff.
 - Fisheries - \$10M in project. Currently conducting assessments and hiring staff.
 - Ministries of ESRD and TPR - joint provincial trails project. D. Johnson is the ESRD rep on this project. Ten areas for work have been identified and one is in this area (KC). Updates will be provided to the group.
 - ESRD – Jim Stelfox is retiring. They will be recruiting to this position and the incumbent will work from Cochrane.
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- o D. Hanna
- ESRD – Roger Meyer is retiring. Restructuring of the trails group in East Kananaskis is underway. Pat Ronald will be the trails lead with Kyle Jacobson and Joe Dick working on trails projects. D. Johnson will be forwarding a note regarding Roger's retirement.
- o J. Young
- SSRP – will be working on implementation details after consultation wraps up.
 - Flood Recovery Plan – there will be on-line connections between ESRD and TPR regarding trails, mapping, and some merged communications strategies.

- Flood Recovery Communications Consultant – over 60 applicants for this position, interviews will take place early April, worksite will be either Cochrane or Canmore, and he/she will work closely with ESRD.
- o P. Sekhon
 - Evan Thomas Water Waste-water Treatment Plant – work is 70 percent complete and anticipate it being complete in July. Pipeline in Nakiska area to main compound was not completed last year and will be done asap.

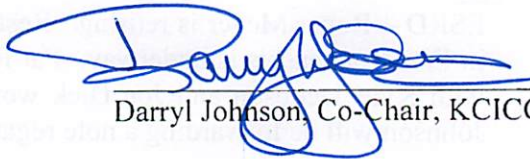
Meeting adjourned at 12:35 pm.

- 7) Next Meeting: July 8, 2014, 9:30 start – Chair, Darryl Johnson
Main Floor Boardroom
Canmore Provincial Building
800 Railway Avenue
Canmore, AB

Minutes approved by:



Mark Storie, Co-Chair, KCICC



Darryl Johnson, Co-Chair, KCICC