

## HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE RDEK BOARD MEETING OF MAY 28, 2015

### 30-Year Service Award

RDEK Board Chair presented Ed Saffin with a 30-Year Service Award. Ed started working for the RDEK in 1985 as a Draftsman in the Planning Department. This was in the era of pen-and-ink drafting on mylar and describing geographic areas in metes and bounds – no computers, no Geographic Information System, no GPS – just a steady hand, and good eyes. In 1988 Ed was promoted to the position of Planning Technician and then in 1998 he was promoted to his current position of GIS Database Technician.

Contact: *Lee-Ann Crane* 250-489-2791  
CAO

### 2015/2016 CBT Community Initiatives & Affected Areas Programs Funding Approved

The Regional District of East Kootenay Board of Directors has approved funding for 140 projects through Columbia Basin Trust's Community Initiatives and Affected Areas Programs, which are administered by the RDEK. A total of \$1,063,163 was approved for 2015/2016. A full list of the approved projects is available on the RDEK's website: [www.rdek.bc.ca](http://www.rdek.bc.ca).

Contact: *Shannon Moskal* 250-489-2791  
Corporate Officer

### Engineering Services Contract for Phase 1 of West Fernie Servicing and Restructure Project Awarded

The engineering services contract for Phase 1 of the West Fernie Servicing & Restructure Project has been awarded to Kerr Wood Leidal / MPE Engineering team for an amount not to exceed \$847,713.

Contact: *Brian Funke* 250-489-2791  
Engineering Services Manager

### Community to Community Forum Applications to be Submitted

Applications will be submitted to the Union of BC Municipalities for grants to host Regional Community to Community Forums with the Ktunaxa Nation and Shuswap Band prior to March 31, 2016.

Contact: *Lee-Ann Crane* 250-489-2791  
CAO

### EMMA Roof Replacement & Canal Flats Zamboni Funding

An application will be submitted to the Canada 150 Community Infrastructure Program to support the roof replacement project at the Eddie Mountain Memorial Arena (EMMA). In addition, the portion of the 2015 capital grant for the Canal Flats Arena no longer required for the elevator lift will be used to fund the PST on the new Zamboni and the remainder will go towards the EMMA roof replacement costs.

Contact: *Kevin Paterson* 250-489-2791  
Environmental Services Manager

### Fuel Management Prescription Funding

An application will be submitted to the Union of BC Municipalities for funding under the Strategic Wildfire Prevention Initiative Program for a fuel management prescription and operational fuel treatment activities at Panorama Mountain Resort. A second application will be submitted to the same program for additional funds required to complete the Baynes Lake fuel treatment project.

Contact: *Sanford Brown* 250-489-2791  
Building & Protective Services Manager

### Looking for Higher Water Levels at Elko Dam Head Pond

Letters will be sent to BC Hydro and Columbia Power requesting a meeting to discuss solutions to ensure higher head pond levels at the Elko Dam to increase water levels in the Baynes Lake and surrounding areas.

Contact: *Stan Doehle* 250-529-7500  
Electoral Area B Director

### Working on Purchase of Land for Reservoir

The Chair and CAO have signed the agreement with the BC Transportation Financing Authority for purchase and sale of land for the expansion of the Windermere reservoir.

Contact: *Brian Funke* 250-489-2791  
Engineering Services Manager

### Discretionary Grants in Aid (DGIA)

Elkford Secondary, Isabella Dicken, Rocky Mountain Elementary and Sparwood Secondary will each receive \$1000 from the Electoral Area A DGIA account for their Parent Advisory Councils.

Contact: *Mike Sosnowski* 250-423-1029  
Electoral Area A Director

## RDEK BOARD HIGHLIGHTS CONTINUED MAY 28, 2015

The City of Fernie will receive \$1000 from the Electoral Area A DGIA account to go towards the 2015 Canada Day celebrations.

Contact: *Mike Sosnowski* 250-423-1029  
*Electoral Area A Director*

The Cranbrook Kimberley Hospice Society will receive \$2500 from the Electoral Area C DGIA account and \$1000 from the Electoral Area E DGIA account to help offset operational costs.

Contact: *Rob Gay* 250-489-4242  
*Electoral Area C Director*  
*Jane Walter* 250-427-2577  
*Electoral Area E Director*

The Meadowbrook Community Association will receive \$500 from the Electoral Area E DGIA account to help cover food costs for their community weed pull.

Contact: *Jane Walter* 250-427-2577  
*Electoral Area E Director*

The Fairmont Community Association will receive \$400 from the Electoral Area F DGIA account for Fireworks Ban signs.

Contact: *Wendy Booth* 250-345-6155  
*Electoral Area F Director*

The District of Invermere will receive \$4000 from the Electoral Area F DGIA account and \$1000 from the Electoral Area G DGIA account for a three dimensional model of the Valley Community Facility.

Contact: *Wendy Booth* 250-345-6155  
*Electoral Area F Director*  
*Gerry Wilkie* 250-347-9841  
*Electoral Area G Director*

### NEXT BOARD MEETINGS

#### Thursday

Committee Meetings

**July 2, 2015**

TBA

#### Friday

RDEK Board Meeting

**July 3, 2015**

9:00am

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## Other RDEK Happenings

### Public Meetings:

**Area B Town Hall & Volunteer of the Year Celebration**

**June 10, 2015—7:00pm**

**Jaffray Community Hall**

7:00pm—Volunteer of the Year Celebration

7:30pm—Area B Town Hall Meeting

**Elk Valley Community Directed Funds Committee**

**June 12, 2015—9:00am**

Fernie City Hall

**Columbia Valley Community Directed Funds Committee**

**July 20, 2015—10:30am**

Windermere Fire Hall

**Central East Kootenay Community Directed Funds Committee**

**August 13, 2015—3:00pm**

RDEK Board Room (Cranbrook)

### Public Hearings:

**Tuesday, June 23, 2015—4:00pm**

**Fernie Family Centre**

**521 4th Avenue, Fernie**

**Bylaw No. 2569** cited as "Regional District of East Kootenay – Elk Valley Zoning Bylaw No. 829, 1990 – Amendment Bylaw No. 75, 2015 (Savage/Rohn)