

**FINAL MINUTES OF THE ELEVENTH MEETING OF THE
KANANASKIS COUNTRY INTERDEPARTMENTAL
CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE**

**Tuesday, March 08, 2005, 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: Paul Prout Transportation (for Bruce Atwell)
Ray Andrews Community Development
Mike Benny Community Development
Eldon Bruns Sustainable Resource Development
Kevin Crockett Economic Development

Absent: Sandy Fisher Infrastructure
Heather Sinton Environment

Guests: Don Cockerton Community Development

- 1) Review Minutes of November 9, 2004, Meeting (All)
 - #5 - remove third bullet point.
 - #7 - is a response expected from KCICC?? No, group will contact KCICC in the future if further support is required.

- 2) Review of the Agenda (All)
 - Approved with the following additions:
 - #7 – Sled Dog Operators in Spray Valley (K. Crockett)
 - #8 – Meth/amphetamine Lab at Didsbury (R. Blackwood)
 - #9 – Ghost/Waiparous Management Plan (R. Blackwood)

- 3) Canmore Nordic Centre Refurbishment - Update (D. Nielsen)
 - The Master Plan has been prepared and is a public document.
 - Four tender packages have been finalized for major development work for the fiscal year 2005/06. These packages encompass: 1 – Buildings (except maintenance); 2 – Maintenance buildings; 3 – Exterior work & landscaping; 4 – Snowmaking.
 - The packages will be signed off by the ADM of Infrastructure and out for review next week. The tenders will close after one month.
 - There are cost overruns on the buildings but the snowmaking system is under budget.
 - Site work will commence May 1, 2005 and continue until September 30, 2005. The site will be commissioned in October 2005.
 - R. Andrews added that fees have been discontinued for the remainder of the season. Some areas have been closed already due to public safety concerns.
 - **Decision:** Item received as information.

- 4) Sheep/Bluerock Management Plan – Summary of Comments (D. Nielsen)
 - A handout from D. Cockerton was distributed summarizing comments received thus far. The closing date for comments is March 31, 2005.
 - Comments will be forwarded to the Planning Team and addressed when preparing the Final Terms of Reference in early April 2005.
 - R. Blackwood suggested the biggest change would be to range use.
 - E. Bruns added that trap line issues would also need to be addressed. D. Nielsen asked for a contact name for trappers. E. Bruns stated he'd like J. Jorgenson to be part of the Planning Team.
 - **Decision:** Item received as information.

- 5) Barrier/Evan-Thomas Small Accommodation Proposal Call Process
(D. Nielsen)
 - The completed Management Plan for the Bow Corridor includes a development node at Barrier Lake. The Evan-Thomas Management Plan identifies up to three developments in the Evan-Thomas PRA on two sites.
 - The advantage of handling this process in this way is that the upper limit of development in the Kananaskis Valley will be “on the table”.
 - A proposal call will go out later in 2005.
 - **Decision:** Item received as information.

- 6) Street Sign Name Change Request Process (M. Benny)
 - A handout was provided which outlines the process for requesting a street sign name change.
 - Street names were required for E911 and because there was no public interest in the naming process, it was completed by CD staff.
 - Transportation does not have a process in place for handling name change requests.
 - Proposed name changes must have historical or geographical significance to the area.
 - **Decision:** KCICC accepts the Street Sign Name Change Request Process as proposed by KID Council.

- 7) Sled Dog Operators in Spray Valley (K. Crockett)
 - Problems have arisen among sled dog operators due to the poor snow coverage in the Spray Valley. There is snow in one area and not another, so one business has an advantage over the other.
 - One permittee has approached Parks Canada (Yoho and Lake Louise areas) to pursue operating in the National Park.
 - **Decision:** Item received as information.

- 8) Meth/amphetamine Lab at Didsbury (R. Blackwood)
 - This issue is being raised because of environmental waste being dumped on Public Lands.
 - “Labs” are popping up in small communities around Calgary and potential encounters with this type of waste is a growing concern.
 - Protocols are being established by SRD and Environment. A plan is being developed should staff encounter this type of waste on Public Lands.
 - **Decision:** Item received as information

- 9) Ghost/Waiparous Management Plan (R. Blackwood)
- This management plan will be available for public review in April 2005. The Minister of SRD has requested further public input.
 - The most contentious part of this plan is the “trail network” map.
 - Seven stakeholder groups will be involved in the process. There will be a one-week period to review the plan and submit comments. The map will be the starting point for further discussion.
 - The goal is to have the plan endorsed by stakeholders for the May long weekend, with the trails issues sorted out and the trail system endorsed by Fall 2005.
 - **Decision:** Item received as information.

PUBLIC MEETING:

- 10) Water System Upgrades in Kananaskis Country (M. Benny)
- a) Peter Lougheed Provincial Park Systems
 - PLPP Admin Compound & Pocaterra Housing; Canyon Campground; Boulton Creek Campground; Pocaterra Ski Hut
 - b) Fortress Junction Upgrade
- Systems a) & b) were discussed as a unit.
 - These system upgrades are at the design stage and currently with Alberta Environment (AE) for approval.
 - Current systems are 25+ years old and do not meet current standards. The new systems will meet both current and future AE standards.
 - Wells and pumps will not be affected and systems will tie into existing water lines. There is room for growth in the capacity levels. An approximate 20 percent increase in capacity is built into the system.
 - The new systems will adopt a multiple barrier approach, comprising filtration, UV disinfection and increased chlorine contact time. The new filters are three-stage cartridge filters. Two UV reactors will provide disinfection for Giardia cysts and Cryptosporidium oocysts. Chlorine contact time will reduce viruses. Water quality will be monitored using online turbidity and chlorine residual analyzers.
 - The operation of the system will be controlled using a small PLC. All major alarms will be sent through an auto-dialer to a 24 hr/day monitoring station. Alarms that will be communicated are: low chlorine residual, UV failure, pump failure, low building temperature, and unauthorized entry. A local alarm will indicate high turbidity.

- Contractor costs to operate the new system will increase because more time will be required to service the system. Filters are also a new operating expense of approximately \$1,000/year/pumphouse.
- AE approvals are expected by the end of April and tender packages will go out in May, with plans to commence work in June 2005.
- Impacts to public service are very limited. All work will be out of public view, except Boulton, which requires fencing. The line between Canyon and Pocaterra crosses the Kananaskis Lakes Trail and will impact traffic for a brief period. Alberta Transportation has agreed to an open-cut of the Kananaskis Lakes Trail and the inlay of a casing under the roadway, which prevents having to dig up the road in the future. Fortress Junction requires a phone line for remote monitoring and the line installation will cross the roadway, which will impact traffic.
- The systems are clones and complete systems will cost between \$300,000 and \$310,000 each. The total for these systems is between \$1.3 - \$1.5 million. One contractor providing a package with clone systems gives the benefit of volume purchasing.

c) WWL & Elkwood Systems

- The Elkwood Water Treatment Plant treats water from Lower Kananaskis Lake and supplies potable water to Elkwood Campground and William Watson Lodge.
- The current system has two raw water intakes and uses coagulation to separate particulates. Two inline sand pressure filters are used to filter off particulate matter that is sent to leach fields. The water then goes through a chlorination process to the filtered water reservoir to distribution.
- The new system will not use coagulation. Instead Ultrafiltration (UF) Membranes and Ultraviolet (UV) Disinfection will be added to chlorination and a waste system will also be added.
- Operating costs will increase due to increased utilities for increased heat and ventilation requirements.
- Can in-house personnel operate this system? M. Benny suggested having AquaTech look at this facility to see if remote monitoring/sensing and auto shutdown are options.
- What is the capacity for expansion? The capacity of the new system will be three-times current demand.

d) Ghost Reservoir System

- Currently, there are two residences, one store - boat repair - restaurant facility, and 50 campsites north of 1A and 15 campsites south of 1A Highway. The existing water source does not meet the needs of the domestic/commercial uses. There is no water available at the

campgrounds. The existing well was drilled in 2000 but had an inconsistent supply and wasn't used. The well has been rehabilitated and has enough water to supply the site. The project is now 65-70 percent complete and will be done by March 31, 2005.

- The new system will consist of raw water pumping from the existing well, three-stage cartridge filtration, disinfection using liquid chlorine addition, and finished water storage in underground concrete reservoirs (45 m³ capacity). Distribution via shallow water system for seasonal campground use and deep water distribution system for existing two residences and commercial outlets year-round.
- Will remote monitoring be possible? The site will be visited daily until Alberta Environment assesses the possibility of remote monitoring. Online monitoring would include raw water flow, finished water turbidity, finished water flow, reservoir level, chlorine residual, and alarm system which would call ACD's call centre in Edmonton, if problems arise.

e) KES Water Supply Pipeline & Sewage Collection Forcemain

- Currently Kananaskis Emergency Services (KES) has an independent water system and three sewer systems. The current water system is not being chlorinated and one suggestion is to tie into the Evan-Thomas water and sewage system.
- A sewage collection system for all buildings would be built as well as a sewage lift station and forced main to Boundary Ranch, which would eliminate the need for septic fields.
- This proposal encompasses enough of a water supply to incorporate fire suppression at the compound with two newly installed fire hydrants.
- At issue is the required water pipeline from Boundary Ranch to KES and whether it should be A) meandering, taking advantage of open natural clearings, or B) within the road allowance.
- **Decision:** Option A – meandering through the trees is the preferred route.

11) KCICC Open House (D. Nielsen)

- It is difficult to draw people out to the Open House sessions unless there are hot topics for discussion (ski fees and seniors).
- Last year an attempt was made to go to the people by participating in the Canmore Trade Show.
- This year a display will be set up at Parks Day, July 17, 2005, at Willowrock Campground in Bow Valley Provincial Park. Traditionally Parks Day draws around 2,000 people and provides a high profile location.
- There will also be a display at Fish Creek Provincial Park to catch the Calgary area folks.

- **Decision:** KCICC supports attendance at the Parks Day celebrations in Bow Valley and Fish Creek Provincial Parks.

12) Roundtable (All)

E. Bruns

- Grizzlies are waking up. Canmore veterinarian Tracey Henderson is working with “Bear Aware” a program supported by SRD to reduce bear attractants in communities that bears frequent. This program has been in place in Revelstoke (5 years) and Whistler (7 years) with success. A grant will be given out this year to assist this program in either Blairmore or Canmore, with the goal of expanding this program further in the future.
- A “Grizzly Bear Recovery Plan” is being developed. This Plan has potential to stop all hunting of grizzlies until a protocol is developed for reopening certain areas. There are 6-7 bear management areas where population assessments will take place to assist with developing the protocols for reopening certain areas.

R. Blackwood

- Spray Lakes Sawmills Detailed Forest Management Plan has a completion target of the end of March 2005.

Minutes approved by:

Dave Nielsen, Co-Chair, KCICC

Rick Blackwood, Co-Chair, KCICC

Next Meeting
Tuesday, May 10, 2005, at 9:30 a.m.
Canmore Provincial Building
1st Floor Boardroom