

**PUBLIC MINUTES OF THE EIGHTH MEETING OF THE
KANANASKIS COUNTRY INTERDEPARTMENTAL
CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE**

**Tuesday, May 11, 2004, 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:	Jenny Palmer	Community Development
Members:	Ron Henderson	Community Development (Alternate for Ray Andrews)
	Bruce Atwell	Transportation
	Mike Benny	Kananaskis Improvement District
	Eldon Bruns	Sustainable Resource Development
	Sandy Fisher	Infrastructure
	Kevin Crockett	Economic Development
Guests:	Don Cockerton	Community Development
Absent:	Ray Andrews	Community Development
	Ian Dyson	Environment

- 1) Review Minutes of March 9, 2004, Meeting (All)
 - Minutes were approved as written.
- 2) Review of the Agenda (All)
 - Item 7: LKRUA Presentation – deleted
 - Item 8: Executive Resort at Kananaskis – deleted
 - New Item 7 Added: SES Task Force Update (K. Crockett)
- 3) Peter Lougheed/Spray Valley Provincial Park – Update (D. Nielsen)
 - Community Development is reviewing the issue of additional development proposed in the plan and will be discussing further with Economic Development.
 - **Decision:** Information only.
- 4) Fortress Mountain Closure (R. Blackwood)
 - Press release from Resorts of the Canadian Rockies regarding the closure of Fortress Mountain Ski Area was distributed for information.
 - Regarding the closure of Fortress Mountain for the 2004/05 season, RCR has advised SRD that the closure will provide the opportunity to look at various options, alternate uses, and interests regarding future use of the site.
 - **Decision:** R. Blackwood to check into this further.
- 5) Highway 40 Access for Construction Purposes (M. Benny)
 - M. Benny will work with Transportation to provide the contractor access to Highway 40 from the north gate for facility construction purposes.
 - **Decision:** M. Benny to work out details with ASRD-Fish & Wildlife and Transportation on timing of construction activity.
- 6) Trail Naming within Bow Valley Wildland Park “Ha Ling/Miners Peak Trail” Naming (D. Cockerton)
 - D. Cockerton provided a map to the committee members for their information showing the trail in question.
 - Would like the naming of the trail to Ha Ling/Miners Peak Trail endorsed by the committee.
 - Trail is already in place and is considered a “facility” and not a “geographical” location.
 - Committee has no concerns.
 - **Decision:** Committee endorsed the naming of the trail in question to Ha Ling/Miners Peak Trail with the following conditions added:
 - Check if the apostrophe is placed correctly in the word “Miner’s”.
 - Consult with CD’s Communication Division regarding protocol, notices to public, etc.

- 7) Southern East Task Force Update (K. Crockett)
- The SES Task Force is made up of representatives from the municipalities of Clearwater, Bighorn, Ranchlands and Pincer Creek.
 - The Task Force is supported by resource people from Sustainable Resource Development, Community Development, Environment, and Economic Development.
 - The municipalities are concerned about the impacts of random use in the Green Zone and the reduced enforcement presence by the Province. They are recommending that access fees be charged for trail use, random camping, etc. This requires further discussion from the respective departments involved.
 - K. Crockett provided results from a survey conducted of user numbers and attitude in the area covered by the four municipalities and Kananaskis Country. The highest use levels and levels of satisfaction occur in Kananaskis Country.
- 8) East Kananaskis Tourism Potential Study (K. Crockett)
- The tourism potential of a number of sites has been identified and will be used as input to Spray Lakes Sawmill's detailed forest management planning process.
 - **Decision:** Committee members to provide comments on the study recommendations to R. Blackwood by June 7/04 with a copy of the comments to K. Crockett. K. Crockett to ensure that members have a copy of the document if needed.

PUBLIC MEETING:

- 9) KCICC Open Houses (D. Nielsen/D. Cockerton)
- D. Cockerton provided a summary of number of participants for each venue as well as a summary of comments received from the public.
 - As last year, the numbers were very low. The Canmore Open House took place the same weekend as the Canmore Trade Show, May 1 and 2, 2004. Although there was a lot of traffic, there were very few stops and inquiries from the public.
 - The Kananaskis Village Open House was held in the Charlie Beil Room at the Kananaskis Village Centre on May 4, 2004. There were 11 attendees.
 - The Calgary Open House was held at the Crowchild Inn (as last year) on May 6, 2004.
 - Even though the numbers were low, all committee members who participated at the open houses felt that the quality of exchange from the members of the public was high.

- The following suggestions were made by committee members for next year's outreach activities:
 - KCICC could meet at a venue in Calgary, Canmore and at the Village once each throughout the year and extend the regular meeting into the evening so that the public and stakeholders could attend.
 - The web will be looked at as a forum for providing and gathering information on a regular basis. Questions could be asked and the public could submit their response, etc.
 - Input from other resources such as Visitor Services will be solicited for suggestions on ways of improving delivery of messages to the public.
- D. Nielsen thanked the committee members for their involvement in participating at the open houses.

10) Roundtable (All)

K. Crockett

- Bob Scott is the new ADM for the Tourism, Marketing, and Development Division for Economic Development

R. Blackwood

- LFD staff are fielding a large number of calls regarding the liquor ban scheduled for the May long weekend.
- It is imperative that the public be informed that at this time it affects only three parks and only for the May long weekend.

M. Benny

- Grazing leases are now exempt from municipal taxation. This will have a direct impact on Municipalities.
- A subcommittee of KID, headed by Darren Robinson has been formed to market Kananaskis Country as a tourist destination.

D. Cockerton

- Community Development is providing input to the FMA on the east side of Kananaskis Country concerning future recreational trails.
- A draft report will be circulated with a map of the area to the committee members.

D. Nielsen

- The Evan Thomas Management Plan is with the Minister of Community Development.
- The next management plan exercise is the Sheep River/Bluerock Wildland Park.

Minutes approved by: _____
Dave Nielsen, Co-Chair, KCICC

Rick Blackwood, Co-Chair, KCICC

Next Meeting
Tuesday, July 13, 2004, at 9:30 a.m.
Canmore Provincial Building
1st Floor Boardroom