

**MINUTES OF THE THIRTY-SEVENTH MEETING OF THE
KANANASKIS COUNTRY INTERDEPARTMENTAL
CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE**

**Tuesday, January 17, 2012, at 9:30 a.m.
Main Floor Boardroom
Canmore Provincial Building
800 Railway Avenue, Canmore, AB**

Present:

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| Co-Chairs: | Steve Donelon Ross Spence | Tourism, Parks & Recreation - Absent Sustainable Resource Development |
| Recorder: | Jenny Palmer | Tourism, Parks & Recreation (for L. Christiansen) |
| Members/ Alternates | Dave Hanna Shawn Polley Ralph Rolsten Loren Winnick Joey Young Param Sekhon | Tourism, Parks & Recreation CAO, Kananaskis Improvement District Transportation (for F. Lee) Tourism, Parks & Recreation (via telephone) Tourism, Parks & Recreation Infrastructure |
| Absent: | Louella Cronkhite Fred Lee | Environment Transportation |

Guests:

- 1) Review of the Agenda (All)
 - “Canmore GOA Compound” was added to the agenda by D. Hanna

- 2) Review of Minutes (All)
 - Minutes of the December 13, 2011, meeting were deferred to the March 13, 2012 meeting for approval as they were not ready.

- 3) RCR Twin Creek Presentation (N. Jackson/J. Sekerak – RCR)
 - N. Jackson provided documents and maps to the committee members
 - N. Jackson made a PowerPoint presentation highlighting some key points in the documents provided.
 - RCR is asking for approval to expand the ski resort above the tree-line for open bowl skiing which would attract more clientele interested in that kind of skiing
 - RCR would like to start building within two years and be ready for the 2014/15 season.
 - **Decision: A chair will be appointed from Parks to form a subcommittee to review the documents, provide recommendations, rationale and justifications to KCICC at the March 13 meeting. Members of the subcommittee should include Loren Winnick, Joey Young, Melanie Percy and Jon Jorgenson.**

- 4) Sheep Ranger Station (J. Young)
 - Sheep Ranger Station is currently on the Forestry asset listing and was never transferred over to Parks.
 - This site has no historical value attached to it.
 - Recommendation is to decommission the site so as to remove potential situations such as unauthorized use, fires, etc.
 - **Decision: SRD to review the recommendation and work with J. Young from Parks to have an action plan in place to decommission the site.**

- 5) KID Updates (S. Polley)
 - KID Council has sent a letter requesting a meeting with the current TPR Minister to discuss issues of concern. Last meeting with a Minister occurred in 2006
 - KID Administrator resigned effective February 3/12. Vacant position will be recruited to.
 - An “Alberta Member At Large” is being recruited to via Executive Search to fill a vacancy from 2011. Currently there is only one Alberta Member At Large represented on council.
 - Fortress Mountain has been working on decommissioning several areas. Currently SRD has granted approval for cat ski operations. Several other approvals are on the go. Will need to put application through TODS to have signs erected.

- **Decision: Item received as information**

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

- 6) Bragg Creek Wildfire Mitigation Strategy (R. Arthur)
 - Rick Arthur provided a PowerPoint presentation regarding a wildfire mitigation strategy in the Bragg Creek area.
 - Concern is not one major fire could happen but several multi-fire events could happen such as what happened in the Slave Lake area.
 - Wildfire strategy will occur over a two year period. Approximately 700 hectares of land will be affected
 - Timber harvesting is a tool to use to reduce the impact of burning
 - Will be some conflicts, however, Spray Lakes will mitigate any concerns and rebuild if necessary. Open houses are slated for the public to attend.
 - Strong vocal opposition from the “Sustain Kananaskis” group
 - Spray Lakes will start timber harvesting in July 2012 once approvals are in place.
 - SRD is also looking at doing some prescribed burns in the Galatea area as part of the Kananaskis Vegetation Management Strategy.
 - **Decision: Update for information.**

- 7) Canmore GOA Compound (D. Hanna)
 - Concerns were expressed over who is responsible for the maintenance of the GOA compound in Canmore which is used by TPR and SRD.
 - The compound is not plowed/sanded and there have been several employees falling as a result of the icy conditions and the area is not plowed regularly.
 - Infrastructure has the lease agreement with SRD, which is the department responsible for the maintenance of the compound.
 - D. Hanna and R. Spence will discuss the situation and come up with a solution to the issue.

- 8) Roundtable
 - o Loren Winnick
 - Some reorganization is occurring in their section but nothing major is happening.

 - o Dave Hanna
 - Permanent Conservation Officers are being transferred from TPR to Solicitor General and Public Security.
 - Memorandum Of Understanding (MOU) to be signed sometime in February

- Joey Young
 - Public open houses regarding Phase II of the South Saskatchewan Regional Plan take place in February and March. Parks will have staff attend the local open houses to answer any questions the public may have. J. Young will send out dates of the meetings to the other committee members.
 - March 1, Canmore – Radisson Hotel
 - March 8, Calgary - Radisson Airport Hotel
 - March 14, Okotoks – Foothills Centennial Centre
 - March 27, Cochrane – Cochrane Ranche House
 - March 28, Airdrie – Best Western
 - There will be other sessions across southern Alberta, including one in Red Deer on March 15 and one in Edmonton on March 29.

- Param Sekhon
 - Evan Thomas water/sewage treatment plant will be funded as a P3 project
 - Proponents are to be selected by June 2012 with the project to be completed by summer of 2014
 - Mid Mountain Lodge treatment plant is a separate project to start summer of 2012

- S. Polley
 - There will be some upgrades/improvements to the Kananaskis Village Centre which has approval by all interest groups. TPR would like to divest the centre to Delta hotels and get out of the operations at the Village.
 - KID was successful in receiving \$50,000 in Community FireSmart funding to be applied at Easter Seals Camp Horizon. Work will commence in consultation with Easter Seals and after all approvals have been received.

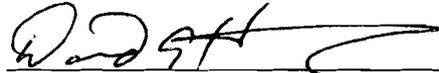
- R. Rolston
 - Transportation has hired a consultant to look at the overlay of Highway 40. Overlay is in better condition than originally thought. Project Manager has been instructed to keep in touch with both S. Polley and AJ Evenson.
 - One section of the Spray Lakes Road still needs to be fixed. Concrete barriers will be put in place as they seem to work best.
 - Sibbald Road will be completed this fiscal year.
 - “No Parking” signs to be erected on Hwy 68 as people are parking there and tobogganing.

o R. Spence

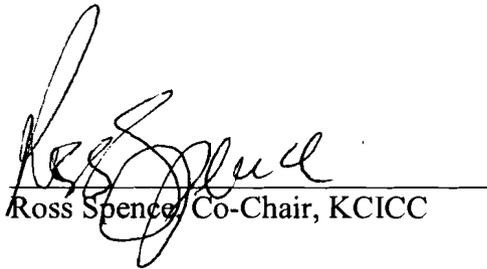
- F&W Enforcement Field Services officers are also transferring over to Solicitor General and Public Security
- Mountain Pine Beetles will hopefully be “taken care of” during this recent cold snap
- SRD is currently working with Spray Lakes Sawmill, Transportation, and TPR regarding access beyond closed gates.

9) Next Meeting: March 13, 2012

Minutes approved by:



Dave Hanna, Acting Director, Co-Chair, KCICC



Ross Spence, Co-Chair, KCICC