

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

**Tuesday, November 18, 2008, at 9:15 a.m.
Main Floor Boardroom
Canmore Provincial Building
800 Railway Avenue, Canmore, AB**

Present:

Co-chair: Rick Blackwood Sustainable Resource Development

Secretary: Jenny Palmer Tourism, Parks & Recreation

Members/
Alternates Ray Andrews Tourism, Parks & Recreation
Dave Nielsen Tourism, Parks & Recreation
Mike Benny Tourism, Parks & Recreation
Param Sekhon Infrastructure
Alan Pryor Environment
Tas Kollias Transportation
Kevin Crockett Tourism, Parks & Recreation

Absent:

Guests: Don Cockerton Tourism, Parks & Recreation – Item #3
Leah Schmidek Tourism, Parks & Recreation
Dan Lux MPB Status Update – Item #4
Jeneane Grundberg KID Land Use Order – Item #5
Patrick Burke KID Land Use Order – Item #5
Alf Skrastins Sheep River Complaint – Item #6
Gillean Daffern Sheep River Complaint – Item #6
Carl von Mirbach Sheep River Complaint – Item #6

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

- 2) Review Minutes of July 15, 2008, Meeting (All)
 - Minutes were approved as written.

- 3) Request for Endorsement: Final Management Plan for Kananaskis Country Provincial Recreation Areas (D. Cockerton)
 - Draft documents circulated to members for review
 - Some discussion occurred regarding the Elbow River Basin Water Management (section 6.3, page 41 & 42 of PRA plan)
 - Suggestion was made that the Bragg Creek Plan be rolled into the PRA plan as a separate chapter. All members agreed.
 - The need to provide a consistent package of amenities at similar sites was proposed. Kananaskis Country will undertake to do this while conveying a consistent message of what amenities, infrastructure, etc. are available at each site via Explore, website, information centers.
 - **Decision: Final comments to Don by November 25, 2008.**

- 4) Mountain Pine Beetle Update (Dan Lux)
 - Status update communicated via a power point presentation.
 - Projections for MBP trends in the Southern Rockies were presented and discussion followed on potential impacts in recreational experiences.
 - **Decision: Received as information.**

- 5) KID Land Use Order (J. Grundberg/P. Burke)
 - Mike Benny provided some history/background information on the Land Use Order (LUO)
 - J. Grundberg/P. Burke made a power point presentation and highlighted some of the changes that will occur in the LUO.
 - The presentation was made to the KID Council on November 14 and received some positive feedback.
 - The issue of “grandfathering” existing developments was identified as needing further clarification both by KID Council and KCICC.
 - Will be meeting with Lower Lake Cottage Owners Association for their comments and review within the next week or so.
 - The intent is to have a final version completed sometime in the New Year with a roll-out of the LUO by early spring.
 - **Decision: Received as information.**

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- 6) Sheep River PP/Bluerock Wildland PP Complaint (Gillean Daffern, Alf Skrastins, Carl von Mirbach)
- “Hikers’ Reaction to the Sheep River Provincial Park and Bluerock Wildland Provincial Park Management Plan” document distributed for reference and information.
 - A brief question and answer period followed the presentation of the document.
 - Comments will be taken under advisement and will be discussed further.
 - **Decision: Table the document to the January 13/09 KCICC meeting for further review and discussion and follow-up with a formal response back to Gillean Daffern and copy Alf Skrastins, Carl von Mirbach and Dorothy-Ann Reimer.**
- 7) KID Land Use Order – 2009 Schedule of Rates (Mike Benny)
- M. Benny presented the KID 2009 Fee Schedule and requested endorsement by KCICC.
 - KID Council Motion #831/08 was distributed to the committee for review.
 - KCICC is requested to endorse the fee schedule for the Development Permit Application process for KID.
 - **Decision: KCICC endorses the KID Development Permit Fees for 2009, as per KID Council Motion #831/08.**
- 8) Roundtable
- o Param Sekhon
 - Information needs to be communicated regularly to stakeholders regarding pine beetle issues so that they are aware of what’s going on and how it may effect their businesses.
 - o Mike Benny
 - KID Wildland/Urban Interface Plan Communication Strategy document handed out as information. Comments are to be sent to Mike Benny. Document will be presented for adoption at the January 9, 2009 KID FireSmart Committee meeting.
 - Cheryl Dubuc, KID Municipal Administrator has terminated her position to train as a Calgary City Police Officer. Tammi Pretty has been hired to replace Cheryl and will commence her duties on December 2, 2008.

- Rick Blackwood
 - Issued two MOs regarding gravel pit operations as per the Auditor General's audits.
 - Proceeding with grizzly bear recovery program.
 - The Land Use Framework should be endorsed end of November/early December and will have a new title.
 - With the current MPB situation, the Kananaskis vegetation strategy needs to be revisited.

- Dave Nielsen
 - The Ombudsman has sent a letter stating that it is formally ceasing the investigation regarding the Fortress situation as they are unable to contact Mr. Amerl. However, if in the future, Mr. Amerl decides to provide information, the investigation may be resurrected.
 - Dave and Rick are committed to reviewing and updating the MOU between SRD and Parks as it affects Kananaskis Country.
 - On behalf of the KCICC members, thanks were conveyed to both Don Cockerton and Ray Andrews for the many years of service and dedication to their positions as they will both be retiring as of November 28, 2008.
 - Steve Donelon has accepted the position of Operations Manager and will replace Ray as of December 1.
 - A position swap will occur on January 15/09 in that Joey Young, planner for the SW area of Parks will transfer over to Kananaskis Country and the vacant position will transfer over to the SE/SW.

- Ray Andrews
 - World Junior Biathlon event will happen at the Canmore Nordic Centre sometime end of January 2009. An Alberta Cup event will occur the weekend prior as a "dry run" for the volunteers.
 - On Friday, November 21/08, the Canmore Nordic Centre will be hosting a number of 20th anniversary events for the 1988 Olympics.
 - Ray expressed his thanks to the committee upon his retirement.

- Kevin Crockett
 - Kevin asked for an update on the Central Reservation System, which Ray Andrews provided. 26 sites will be on board next year with four of the sites in Kananaskis Country (Boulton, McLean Creek, Mt. Kidd and Bow Valley) with other sites added in the following years.

9) Next Meeting:

Next Meeting
Tuesday, January 13, 2009, at 9:30 a.m.
Main Floor Boardroom
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8800 Railway Avenue, Canmore, Alberta

Minutes approved by:

Dave Nielsen, Co-Chair, KCICC

Rick Blackwood, Co-Chair, KCICC