

**MINUTES OF THE ONE HUNDREDTH and SIXTH MEETING
OF THE KANANASKIS IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT COUNCIL
TUESDAY, JANUARY 15, 2007 – 1:00 P.M.
KANANASKIS VILLAGE CENTRE**

PRESENT:

Chairperson: Linda McNeely

Councillors: Darren Robinson
Joanne Taylor
Craig Reid
Jerry Muelaner

Absent: Nil

Recording Secretary: Cheryl Dubuc Municipal Administrator

Also Present: Mike Benny Chief Administrative Officer

Jerry Muelaner, new Council member representing Alberta-at-Large sworn in.

I. STANDING AGENDA ITEMS

1. Consideration of the Agenda

a). Items to be struck

Nil

b). Items to be added

NAFTA meeting January 18, 2006 – add under Item IV. New Business, Linda McNeely

Elbow River Watershed Partnership – add under Item I.4.c) Council Committee Reports, Joanne Taylor

Royal Canadian Mounted Police Community Advisory Committee – add under Item I.4.c) Council Committee Reports, Joanne Taylor

2. Review of Pending Agenda

Smoke Free – Improvement District Order – Remains on Pending Agenda
Staff Housing Study – Remains on Pending Agenda

3. Kananaskis Emergency Services Update

Fire/Ambulance

Fire Officer Terry Truchan reported 148 calls for service for the month of November 2006. Call breakdown is as follows:

25 Fire Response calls
9 Emergency Medical Services Transport calls

- 5 Emergency Medical Services No Transport calls
- 68 Parks / Dispatch calls
- 117 Kananaskis Emergency Services Occurrences
- 16 Residents calls

There were 123 calls for service for the month December 2006. Call breakdown is as follows:

- 42 Fire Response calls
- 26 Emergency Medical Services Transport calls
- 6 Emergency Medical Services No Transport calls
- 62 Parks / Dispatch calls
- 123 Kananaskis Emergency Services Occurrences
- 15 Residents calls

Councillor Joanne Taylor asked how Stars is reimbursed for the calls that they attend. Fire Officer Terry Truchan reports that Stars does not bill the patient directly, and that Stars has provided grants to the Kananaskis Improvement District to purchase specific life saving equipment. Councillor Joanne Taylor suggests that Councillor's start to attend Stars fund raising events. Administration directed to look into upcoming dates for Stars fund raising events and to bring forward at the February 6, 2007 Budget and Audit Committee meeting.

Royal Canadian Mounted Police

Corporal Tim Chmarney reported 115 calls for service for the months of November and December 2006.

Detachment members attended and participated in the Remembrance Day Ceremony at Exshaw and at ceremonies held at the Veteran's Guard Cairn near the University of Calgary Research Center. Employee orientation talks were conducted at Nakiska at the beginning of December. Members conducted two Check Stops in the month of December.

The Kananaskis Royal Canadian Mounted Police Community Advisory Committee will be meeting February 15, 2007. Councillor Joanne Taylor is to teleconference with Corporal Tim Chmarney at 8:30 a.m. January 16, 2007.

Superintendent Peter Clark who is responsible for the Southern Alberta District would like to meet with any of the Council members and the community leaders on March 12, 2007 at 11:30 a.m.

Constable AJ Mand advises that the Detachment is just starting to receive information regarding a possible NAFTA meeting in Kananaskis this year.

4. Council Committee Reports/ Updates

Chairman Linda McNeely reported that the Kananaskis Country Interdepartmental Consultative Committee/Kananaskis Improvement District Working Group met December 12, 2006. Discussion ensued regarding the Kananaskis Improvement District website. Chairman Linda McNeely would like to see a link between the Community Development website and the Kananaskis Improvement District web site, this matter is to be looked into. Forestry would like to see the Kananaskis Improvement District apply for the FireSmart Community Planning Grant. This grant money would cover the planning and possibly some contractor costs in the follow-through of the plan. The issue of police housing was addressed, following some comments that were made regarding the police housing in Peter Lougheed Provincial Park. In follow-up would like to ask that the Royal Canadian Mounted Police support keeping officers living in the Valley, Councillor Linda McNeely wanted clarification on the support of Tourism, Parks, Recreation and Culture in also keeping the Royal Canadian Mounted Police housed in Kananaskis Country. With the 5 year lease that is in place with the Royal Canadian Mounted Police and as long as they are willing to continue to pay for the house through transfers, there is no foreseeable problem in keeping these houses for the Royal Canadian Mounted Police.

Chairman Linda McNeely reports that the Bow Valley Regional Housing held their Annual General Meeting on December 14, 2006, and that all is going well.

Chairman Linda McNeely reported on Pandemic Planning, she would like to initiate a meeting with the Calgary Health Region. Administration directed to schedule a meeting for the March 6, 2007 council meeting.

Councillor Joanne Taylor provided information to Council on the Elbow River Watershed Partnership. Information regarding the Alberta Stewardship Network Grant Program was provided to Council, the early submission deadline is January 26, 2007.

Councillor Joanne Taylor advised that the Kananaskis Royal Canadian Mounted Police Community Advisory Committee discussion was covered during the Royal Canadian Mounted Police update.

5. Kananaskis Country Interdepartmental Consultative Committee – Update

Kananaskis Country Interdepartmental Consultative Committee meeting agenda for November 21, 2006 was provided as part of the Council package. Andrew Kyle from Mount Engadine Lodge provided copies of the Mount Engadine redevelopment plan. Currently the Mount Engadine site has 28 beds and will expand to 36 beds with the proposed plan. Approximately 1,000 square feet is to be added to the main lodge. Construction is proposed to take place during the summer and fall of 2007. The redevelopment is to proceed to the development process stage. Fortress Mountain update provided. William Watson Lodge Business Case was finalized in November 2006. The Business Case has been done and submitted to the Deputy Minister. This item was presented for information. Don Cockerton provided an update on the Sheep Valley Management Plan. Comments had been received with the drafts being re-circulated. A few outstanding issues were noted, Gorge Creek Road comments indicate people want access to Volcano Ridge but do not necessarily want the whole road reopened. Writing campaign received from the Grazing Association, comments were relayed to the planning team. The Kananaskis Improvement District 2007 Development Permit Fees were approved. East Kananaskis was recently hit by a wind storm which caused extensive blow down. The affected areas are presently being worked on by government staff. Alberta Municipal Affairs will be approached regarding disaster funding availability.

Kananaskis Country Interdepartmental Consultative Committee meeting agenda for January 9, 2007 was provided as part of the Council package. Fortress Mountain has hired their own Consultant to address the bridge concerns. The report suggests that a significant amount of work will be required before traffic would be allowed over the bridge. There is no change from the December Council meeting status report. Special Events 2007 is the proposed NAFTA meeting in 2007. The final draft of the Sheep/Blue Rock Management Plan was presented and it is expected that the Plan will be finalized in the next few months. Discussions to occur with Aboriginal Communities and meetings have been scheduled with the three Nations. Spray Lake Sawmills discussed their Pine Beetle Logging Plan for 2007. The next meeting is scheduled for March 13, 2007.

6. Subdivision and Development Authority - Update

The Subdivision and Development Authority did not meet in November or December. The January 2007 meeting had been cancelled.

7. March 2007 Newsletter

Councillors Joanne Taylor and Darren Robinson are to submit articles by February 1, 2007 for the March 2007 Kananaskis Improvement District Newsletter.

II. ADMINISTRATIVE

1. **Approval of Minutes**

MOTION: **Joanne Taylor** Move that the minutes of November 7, 2006 be approved.

Second: **Craig Reid**

#714/07 **Carried**

MOTION: **Darren Robinson** Move that the minutes of December 5, 2006 be approved.

Second: **Joanne Taylor**

#715/07 **Carried**

2. **Correspondence**

a). None

3. **QUESTION PERIOD**

Councillor Darren Robinson asked if we fall under the City of Calgary Bylaw regarding the Smoking Ban. Mike Benny advises that we do not fall under the City of Calgary Bylaw. Councillor Darren Robinson asks if anything has been heard regarding the casino located on Highway 40. Mike Benny advises that the Kananaskis Improvement District has not received any information or been contacted regarding the Casino construction.

Chairman Linda McNeely asked if we have received any information about the proposed Horseshoe Lands development at Seebe. Mike Benny advised that Alberta Tourism, Parks, Recreation and Culture has provided some feedback to the Municipal District of Bighorn on the project. Chairman Linda McNeely will contact Reeve Dene Cooper at the Municipal District.

Chairman Linda McNeely feels that the Emergency Plans regarding G8 were missing a community component and that there needs to be a real community focus on the plans for NAFTA.

III. **BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES**

1. **Review of Action Items from Previous Meetings**

Review of list;

- Highwood Business Development Corporation Assistance for Housing Study – matter to be brought forward to the March 6, 2007 Council meeting. Councillor Craig Reid to obtain more information and report back to Council.
- Filming Fees – An e-mail was received from Dave Nielsen dated January 2, 2007 stating that the fees collected by PPA cover the costs of administering and supervising filming activity in Kananaskis Country. The fee is based on cost recovery.
- Development Permit Fees – The Kananaskis Country Interdepartmental Consultative Committee approved the 2007 Kananaskis Improvement District Development Permit Fees.
- Business License Renewal – Renewal letters sent out November 10, 2006.

- Kananaskis Improvement District Newsletter – Articles submitted December 4, 2006 by Chairman Linda McNeely and Councillor Joanne Taylor.
- Response to Minister's Letter of October 10, 2006 – Letter was prepared and mailed out December 6, 2006.
- Candidates Forum – This matter to be removed from the Agenda.
- Sampling of Tax Rates – Rick Butler no longer able to provide the information, so matter to be removed from the Agenda.
- Wireless Internet – Matter has been deferred to the Budget and Audit meeting February 6, 2007.
- Improving Communications – This matter to be removed from Agenda.

2. HBDC Assistance with the Staff Housing Study

Councillor Craig Reid has nothing to report. This matter is to be brought forward to the March 6, 2007 Council meeting.

3. Filming Fees

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4. Sampling of Tax Rates for Improvements Districts (Bf from July 4, 2006)

Councillor Darren Robinson advises that Rick Butler was no longer able to provide the information. This matter is to be removed from the Agenda.

5. Wireless Internet Update

Ian Britton provided to Council information he had just received from Rameco and advises Comptek has withdrawn their interest in the project. This matter is to be deferred to Budget and Audit Committee meeting February 6, 2007 at 2:00 p.m.

6. Improving Communications

Chairman Linda McNeely asks that this item be covered under New Business, Succession Planning. This item is to be removed from the Agenda.

IV. NEW BUSINESS

1. Pine Beetle Logging Plan 2007 – Spray Lakes Sawmills

Gord Lehn Woodlands Manager from Spray Lake Sawmills provided an information package and a power point presentation to Council regarding the Mountain Pine Beetle, a CD was also provided to Council.

2. Wildland Urban Interface Committee-Update

Rick Arthur, Forest Officer and Roy Campbell, Manager from Alberta Sustainable Resource Development presented to Council information on the Mountain Pine Beetle Program and Wildland Urban Interface. These programs are now being combined to combat the problems and to meet more than one objective.

Calgary Health Region - Liaison – Craig Reid, Jerry Muelaner (Alternate); Emergency Services Committee (Municipal Emergency Preparedness Plan) -Linda McNeely; Highwood Business Development Corporation – Craig Reid; Kananaskis Country Interdepartmental Consultative Committee/Kananaskis Improvement District Working Group - Darren Robinson, Linda McNeely, Craig Reid (Alternate); Kananaskis Improvement District Council – Linda McNeely (Chair), Craig Reid (Vice Chair); Kananaskis Improvement District - Land Use Order Subdivision and Development Authority – Darren Robinson, Craig Reid (Alternate); Marigold Library Board - Garth Benson; Royal Canadian Mounted Police Community Advisory Committee - Joanne Taylor, Linda McNeely (Alternate); Bow Valley Community Health Council – Jerry Meulaner, Linda McNeely (Alternate); Elbow River Watershed Partnership - Joanne Taylor, Craig Reid (Alternate); and Wildland/Urban Interface Committee – Darren Robinson, Linda McNeely.

Second: Linda McNeely

#717/07 Carried

V. PUBLIC GALLERY – QUESTION PERIOD

Bruce Lukey from the Kananaskis Lower Lake Cabin Association area was in attendance. Bruce Lukey advised that his employer is sponsoring a Stay In School Day at Nakiska on March 2, 2007.

VI. NEXT MEETING

Tuesday, March 6, 2007 – 1:00 p.m.
Lower Level Council Chambers, Kananaskis Village Center

VII. ADJOURNMENT

The one hundredth and sixth meeting of the Kananaskis Improvement District Council adjourned at 5:30 p.m.