

**MINUTES OF THE ONE HUNDRED and ELEVENTH MEETING
OF THE KANANASKIS IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT COUNCIL
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 6, 2007 – 1:00 P.M.
KANANASKIS VILLAGE CENTRE**

PRESENT:

Chairperson: Dan DeSantis

Councillors: Linda McNeely
Craig Reid
Ken Kelly
Jamie Tiessen

Absent: None

Recording Secretary: Cheryl Dubuc Municipal Administrator

Also Present: Mike Benny Chief Administrative Officer

I. STANDING AGENDA ITEMS

1. Consideration of the Agenda

a). Items to be struck

Item III.2 – KID Identification and Information Sign to be deferred to January 2008 agenda, pending receipt of additional information from Administration

Item IV.2 – Hotel Tax - Visitors to be moved to Pending Agenda. Linda McNeely to identify a Bring Forward date at the next meeting.

b). Items to be added

Chairman Dan DeSantis advised that in order to add items to the agenda, sufficient notice and information must be provided. Any future items to be added will be put on the Pending Agenda, with an identified Bring Forward date. Urgent decision items may be considered, if enough information and advice is provided at the meeting to allow for discussion and debate.

No items to be added.

2. Review of Pending Agenda

Staff Housing Study – Remains on Pending Agenda
KID Smoke Free Order (BF January 2008) – Remains on Pending Agenda
Councillors Portfolios (BF January 2008) – Remains on Pending Agenda
Council Laptop computers (BF January 2008) – Remains on Pending Agenda

3. Kananaskis Emergency Services Update

Fire/Ambulance

Chief Shawn Polley reports 324 calls for service for the month of September 2007. Call breakdown is as follows:

- 38 Fire Response calls
- 5 Emergency Medical Services Transport calls
- 6 Emergency Medical Services No Transport calls
- 298 Parks / Dispatch calls
- 370 Kananaskis Emergency Services Occurrences
- 31 Residents calls

There were 211 calls for service for the month October 2007. Call breakdown is as follows:

- 20 Fire Response calls
- 6 Emergency Medical Services Transport calls
- 5 Emergency Medical Services No Transport calls
- 191 Parks / Dispatch calls
- 233 Kananaskis Emergency Services Occurrences
- 28 Residents calls

Chief Shawn Polley reports that all five leases for Fortress Mountain have been cancelled effective October 26, 2007. Access to the road and facilities is still controlled by Sustainable Resource Development and the building access is controlled by the KID and the Alberta Fire Commissioners Office. The Banff Rail Co. has 30 days to remove all chattels and improvements before becoming assets of the Crown. Sustainable Resource Development is providing daily access for The Banff Rail Co. employees and The Banff Rail Co. is supposed to be following a permission system in order to access the properties. Sustainable Resource Development has requested a reclamation plan from The Banff Rail Co. but has not yet to date been successful in receiving a plan. Once The Banff Rail Co. has been removed from the site a plan will be set in motion to deal with the leftover properties. The interagency group will be engaged to solicit the move forward options.

Tourism, Parks, Recreation and Culture has funded a new permanent Emergency Communications Officer position for Kananaskis Dispatch. This new position will aid in the delivery of the combined KID 911 and Parks, Recreation and Sport Conservation Officer and Mountain Rescue programs. Anticipated start date is November 30, 2007.

KID is still in the recruitment process for the new KID fire position as previously presented. The anticipated start date is December 1, 2007.

Royal Canadian Mounted Police

Corporal Tim Chmarney reports 122 calls for service for the months of September and October 2007. 103 Violation tickets were issued during this time, the majority being speeding tickets. On September 12, 2007 the RCMP members attended at the Kananaskis Village along with KES staff to help out with the Tim Horton's Kid's Ranch and their Kids with Cancer Fishing day. Detachment members were also asked by Nakiska management to do two presentations to the new staff arriving for the upcoming ski season.

Councillor Ken Kelly offered condolences to Corporal Chmarney regarding the loss of an officer in Baffin Island yesterday.

4. Council Committee Reports/Updates

a) KCICC/KID Working Group

Chairman Dan DeSantis advised that the Kananaskis Country Interdepartmental Consultative Committee/Kananaskis Improvement District Working Group has not met since the appointment of the new Council.

b) Budget and Audit Committee

Councillor Craig Reid, Chairman of the Budget and Audit Committee advised that this morning's meeting dealt with a number of items. The following motions are being made following this morning's Budget and Audit Committee meeting:

MOTION: Craig Reid Move to accept and approve the recommendations contained in the November 6, 2007 Report to Council regarding the Municipal Sustainability Grant Program.

Second: Jamie Tiessen

#782/07 Carried

MOTION: Craig Reid Move to accept and approve the recommendations contained in the November 6, 2007 Report to Council regarding the FireSmart Grant Program.

Second: Linda McNeely

#783/07 Carried

MOTION: Craig Reid Move to approve the 2008 Operating and Capital expenditures budget as presented by Administration, and to approve an increase of 2% to the 2007 Municipal Mill rate, with a direction to Administration to report on projected revenues resulting from the 2008 Assessment Values and additional Grant Revenues at the March 2008 Budget and Audit Committee meeting. Consideration is to be given to using the Municipal Sustainability Initiative funding to make up any revenue shortfall needed to cover the approved increase in Ambulance expenditures.

Second: Ken Kelly

Councillor Linda McNeely identified a concern about not meeting with the Minister and not using the Municipal Sustainability Initiative grant funding for community purposes first. Council was reminded that Emergency Services are community services.

Councillors Ken Kelly and Jamie Tiessen identified a need to move forward, but encouraged discussion on how to utilize the MSI funds as we move forward. Chairman Dan DeSantis advised that a project list and priority list is to be prepared as approved in the previous motion approving the recommendations regarding the Municipal Sustainability Grant Program.

#784/07 Carried

Councillor Craig Reid advised that the agenda for future Budget and Audit Committee meetings will be broken down into Information items and Decision Required items. Councillor Craig Reid advised that Administration has been requested to submit a recommended motion to be made to the Council for Budget and Audit items requiring a decision.

c) Community Advisory Committee

Chairman Dan DeSantis advised that the Community Advisory Committee has not met since the appointment of the new Council.

d) Others

No other reports were submitted.

Chairman Dan DeSantis reminded members that Committee reports should be in writing and submitted to the Municipal Administrator prior to each Council meeting. Cheryl Dubuc to distribute Council packages one week prior to the Council meetings.

5. Kananaskis Country Interdepartmental Consultative Committee – Update

Mike Benny advised that the Kananaskis Country Interdepartmental Consultative Committee met on September 11, 2007 in Canmore. Discussions included the Sheep Valley Draft Management Plan and the Kananaskis Country Provincial Recreation Area Management Plan. Aboriginal consultations are ongoing for the Sheep Valley MP and once final comments are received the draft plan will be forwarded to Edmonton. Draft Terms of Reference for the KCPRA Management Plan were circulated for comments. Alberta Infrastructure provided an update on the Evan Thomas Water Treatment and Wastewater Treatment Plant upgrades for information. Mike Benny advised on the upcoming KID Council Orientation Session for November 7, 2007 and requested ATPRC, ASRD and AI&T to attend and advise on their roles. Mike Benny and Ryan Jackson (Rameco) presented the KID proposal for Wireless Internet service. Direction received from KCICC is provided with the Council package. Chief Shawn Polley advised on abandoned vehicle fires in the Elbow/Sheep area as information. ASRD has been requested to assist the KID with identification and removal of abandoned vehicles. Roundtable items discussed included the Mt. Nestor prescribed burn for Mountain Pine Beetle and the proposed Capital funding announcement for Kananaskis Country. The next meeting is scheduled for November 13, 2007 in Canmore.

Mike Benny advised that there is a binder in the Marigold Library and at the Municipal Office containing copies of approved minutes for public viewing.

Chairman Dan DeSantis advised that some businesses were not aware of the Mt. Nestor burn in September and asked Mike Benny to inform the committee of this oversight.

Chairman Dan DeSantis asked Mike Benny to provide a written Summary Report containing highlights of the KCICC meetings, along with the agenda in each Council package for future Council meetings.

6. Subdivision and Development Authority – Update

The Subdivision and Development Authority met September 11, 2007. The following applications were approved with conditions;

- Application 07-23-William Watson Lodge Society.-Lower Lake Trail Project. Widen and extend an existing trail.
- Application 07-24-Camp Cadicasu Association of Calgary. Redevelopment of the abandoned Jumpingpound Ranger Station to accommodate a children's camp.

The following application was received late and deferred to the next meeting. Referral of the application to the land manager was requested.

- Application 07-26-Fortress Mountain Resort. Renovate and convert the current ski rental building to a day lodge.

MOTION: Dan DeSantis Move that Councillor Craig Reid be appointed as Chair of the Budget and Audit Committee, Councillor Linda McNeely be appointed as the Chair of the Community FireSmart Committee and that Natalie Berthiaume be appointed as the KID representative on the Marigold Library Board.

Second: Ken Kelly

#787/07 Carried

Councillor Linda McNeely requested to bring a report to the next Council meeting with a recommendation for composition of the Community FireSmart Committee, along with a Draft Terms of reference for the Committee.

Councillor Linda McNeely requested that the Marigold Library Board to be notified by Administration about Council's appointment of Natalie Berthiaume to the Board.

3. Designation of Council Chambers – tab 9 Section 2.1

Chairman Dan DeSantis directed Council to tab 9 Section 2.1 in the Councillors Guidebook.

Councillor Jamie Tiessen asked for background and rationale for moving the Council meetings to the main level Charlie Beil ante room. Councillor Craig Reid advised that it was to make the Council more visible in the community. Councillor Craig Reid stated that individual Councillors need to be active in the community. Councillor Linda McNeely advised that the priority was visibility and accessibility. Councillor Linda McNeely referred to earlier Motion #744/07. Councillor Linda McNeely advised that the move to the main floor has had no impact on increasing attendance at Council meetings since holding the meetings on the main level.

Mike Benny informed the Council regarding exclusive use of the current Council chambers, visual aids and information available in the current Council chambers and the catering restrictions regarding use of the Charlie Beil room,

MOTION: Ken Kelly Move to continue to hold regularly scheduled Council meetings in the previously designated Council Chambers on the lower level of the Kananaskis Village Centre and that the lower level of the Kananaskis Village Centre remain the designated Council Chamber for the Kananaskis Improvement District Council and Council Committees.

Second: Craig Reid

#788/07 Carried

Councillor Linda McNeely requested her vote to be recorded as opposed.

Jamie Tiessen requested that a point of clarification to the preceding motion allow for a provision that if a Special need occurred, such as the Annual General Meeting, then the Council would have the option to relocate the meeting to a suitable venue. All agreed.

4. Designation of Meeting Dates and Times – tab 9 Section 2.2

IV. NEW BUSINESS

1. Elbow River Watershed Partnership - Overview

Gloria Wilkinson, Chair of the Elbow River Watershed Partnership provided the Council with an overview of the Elbow River Watershed Management Plan and the Bow River Watershed Management Plan.

Councillor Ken Kelly asked about the impacts of global warming, the results of over allocation by the Province, impacts to the watershed as a result of management techniques used to mitigate mountain pine beetle and the application of fertilizers and pesticides on golf courses in the watersheds.

Gloria Wilkinson advised that between 0.2% and 2% of water comes from glacier melt. Most is from rainfall and snow melt. The partnership is working with ASRD and Spray Lake Sawmills to mitigate impacts due to logging and burning, as well most golf courses are now Audubon certified.

Gloria Wilkinson advised that the main Giardia source in the Elbow is from the Bragg Creek area, but sources are being reduced.

Administration directed to provide a link to the partnership website from the KID website.

2. Hotel Tax - Visitors

Item struck and moved to Pending Agenda.

3. Redevelopment Plans – Village Centre and Emergency Centre

Mike Benny provided an overview of the conceptual redesign and space utilization for the Village Centre. Mike Benny advised that the government's consultants have concluded their meetings with the stakeholders and have moved to costing. Mike Benny anticipates that costing will be completed by the end of December 2007. The next step is to solicit a Request for Proposal for detailed design. Pending funding the earliest construction could start is September 2009.

Chief Shawn Polley provided an overview of the conceptual redesign and space utilization for the Kananaskis Emergency Services Centre. Chief Shawn Polley advised on priorities and logistics involved with construction. Funding for the project has not been identified and no dates have been identified for construction to occur. Mike Benny advised on the location for the KID Council Chambers and Administration in the new plan.

V. PUBLIC GALLERY – QUESTION PERIOD

No attendance in the public gallery

VI. NEXT MEETING

January 8, 2008 1:00 p.m.
Lower Level
Kananaskis Village Centre

VII. ADJOURNMENT

The one hundredth and eleventh meeting of the Kananaskis Improvement District Council adjourned at 4:30 p.m.