

**MINUTES OF THE ONE HUNDRED AND EIGHTEENTH MEETING  
OF THE KANANASKIS IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT COUNCIL  
TUESDAY, MARCH 24, 2009 – 1:00 P.M.  
KANANASKIS VILLAGE CENTRE**

**MINUTES**

**PRESENT:**

Chairperson: Dan DeSantis

Councillors: Ken Kelly  
Jamie Tiessen

Absent: Craig Reid

Recording Secretary: Tammi Pretty, Municipal Administrator

Also Present: Mike Benny, Chief Administrative Officer

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**I. STANDING AGENDA ITEMS**

**1. Consideration of the Agenda**

**a) Items to be struck**

Nil

**b) Items to be added**

Nil

**2. Review of Pending Agenda**

Nil

**3. Kananaskis Emergency Services Update**

**Fire/Ambulance**

Chief Shawn Polley reported on the statistics for February 2009. Overall there is a 38% increase from this time last year and 7% from January. This is more on the Parks side of Dispatch not on either the Fire or EMS side.

Chief Shawn Polley noted he has been working on the transfer of the Ambulance Service and attending meetings in order to enact a smooth transition. Effective April 1, 2009 the KID will not be responsible for funding ground ambulance. The KID has been approached by Alberta Health Services to sign an interim dispatch service agreement until September 2009 for the dispatch portion of this. There was discussion regarding the future and potential opportunities and challenges. It will be difficult to determine what the impacts may be until after the new system is in place.

Mike Benny noted that Kananaskis Dispatch staff are all TPR employees so, unless it is a large amount, then this service will not be charged back to the Province.

Mike Benny queried if Council should recognize the partnership that we have had with FREMS as this will now be discontinued with the new transfer. Councillor Jamie Tiessen noted that although this transfer is taking place, for the time being things won't significantly change but he will be able to provide a more detailed update at the next meeting. Ken Kelly suggested that after this change has been in place and working then perhaps that would be a time to send a thank you letter.

#### **Royal Canadian Mounted Police**

In attendance were Corporal Tim Chmarney accompanied by Canmore detachment members S/Sgt Shannon Johnson and Sgt Blaine Smuck.

Corporal Chmarney reported total occurrences of 205 for January 1- February 28, 2009. He noted that he is currently working on the Annual Performance Plan for the detachment for the new fiscal year. Priorities for this year are traffic enforcement (particularly speeding), drug enforcement and motor vehicle theft as discussed previously. He invited Council to put forward suggestions of any items they may like to see addressed and he would like to bring a sign-off sheet to the next meeting stating he has discussed this Plan with Council.

S/Sgt Shannon Johnson noted that the Canmore detachment does up statistics quarterly and they will be breaking out the stats for KID. Mike Benny requested contact information at Cochrane and Turner Valley to see if they would be willing to provide us with those statistics that tie in to our area.

#### **4. Council Committee Reports/ Updates**

##### **a) KCICC/KID Working Group**

Councillor Jamie Tiessen reported on the meeting of February 10. There was a discussion at the meeting on the need to reside issue with KID and individuals with concerns were told to talk to Mike Benny. Mike Benny has had no contact in this regard since the AGM.

There was also discussion regarding follow up on setting a meeting with Minister Cindy Ady in her constituency office. Mike Benny agreed to follow up on this item. Chairman Dan DeSantis suggested we could invite her to an event attended by media and public that is happening, perhaps around FireSmart.

##### **b) Budget and Audit Committee**

Chairman Dan DeSantis reported to Council that as a result of this mornings' Budget and Audit Committee meeting two motions are required.

**MOTION:** Ken Kelly

Move that a contract in the amount of \$300,000, including a \$50,000 Extra Work allowance for emergency repair if needed, be entered into with Corix Utilities Inc. to provide operation and maintenance services on the water distribution and wastewater collection systems within the Evan Thomas Provincial Recreation Area on behalf of the Kananaskis Improvement District for a 5 year period commencing April 1, 2009 and ending March 31, 2014.

Second: Jamie Tiessen

**#853/09 Carried Unanimously**

**MOTION:** Jamie Tiessen Move that Council approve a contract in the amount of \$55,000 be entered into with CH2M Hill Canada Ltd. to provide Detailed Design, Tendering and Construction Management Services on behalf of the Kananaskis Improvement District for the Water Meter Project. This amount includes a \$2,000 contingency allowance for scope change or additional work.

Second: Ken Kelly

**#854/09 Carried Unanimously**

The field audit has been completed and we are waiting for feedback from the Auditors. The Exit meeting is scheduled on April 20<sup>th</sup> for the final presentation.

**c) Community Advisory Committee**

Chairman Dan DeSantis reported this meeting was cancelled and has been rescheduled for May 21, 2009 at 1:00 p.m.

**d) Bow Valley Regional Housing Board**

Councillor Jamie Tiessen was unable to attend this meeting but will be attending the meeting set for March 26, 2009.

**e) Community Futures – Highwood**

Councillor Jamie Tiessen reported the meeting was rescheduled to April 23, 2009 and requested Councillor Ken Kelly attend on his behalf as he is unable to attend.

**f) KID Fire Smart Committee**

Councillor Jamie Tiessen reported the 2009 FireSmart grant has been completed. Chief Shawn Polley reported key components include education and a streamlined process for members of the public have a positive experience.

**MOTION:** Jamie Tiessen Move to submit a 2009 FireSmart Community Grant program application, as presented.

Second: Ken Kelly

**#855/09 Carried Unanimously**

This will be brought forward by Mike Benny at the next KCICC meeting.

There was discussion regarding the involvement of the community partners in these projects whether as monetary donations or contributed services as the SRD looks favourably on applications that demonstrate stakeholder support.

**5. Kananaskis Country Interdepartmental Consultative Committee – Update**

Mike Benny reported the last meeting was cancelled.

## **6. Subdivision and Development Authority - Update**

Mike Benny reported that the last meeting was cancelled. Next meeting is April 14, 2009.

## **II. ADMINISTRATIVE**

### **1. Excuse Craig Reid**

**MOTION:** Ken Kelly                      Move to excuse Councillor Craig Reid from the Council meeting for medical reasons.

Second: Jamie Tiessen

**#856/09 Carried Unanimously**

### **2. Approval of the Minutes**

**MOTION:** Ken Kelly                      Move that the Minutes of February 3, 2009 be approved.

Second: Jamie Tiessen

**#857/09 Carried Unanimously**

### **3. Correspondence**

Chairman Dan DeSantis informed Council of the following correspondence:

- Thank you letter from BVVSA for donation of \$1,100;
- Notice of AGM for Alberta Municipal Health and Safety Association April 1, 2009.
- Marigold Public Library AGM.

### **4. Question Period**

There were no questions.

## **III. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES**

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

- The Building Canada Plan grant application for the Lower Kananaskis Lake Site Servicing project was submitted on March 13, 2009;
- A cheque has been sent and received by BVVSA;
- Wireless Internet Project submission to Municipal Affairs has been withdrawn.

## **IV. NEW BUSINESS**

### **1. 2008 AGM Post Mortem**

Councillor Jamie Tiessen thought it went very smoothly and the PowerPoint presentation was a good addition. Chairman Dan DeSantis thought it was a good start to moving forward and thinks that last year is a pretty good template for this year. There was discussion whether a different time and/or day might encourage more community representation but it is doubtful.

## **2. Vacant Council Positions**

Chairman Dan DeSantis expressed concern that, with present numbers, Council is spread quite thin and the representation at various meetings is not ideal. In addition, he is concerned about the perception that the KID is being run by three people. Mike Benny noted that Council is demonstrating due diligence. Councillor Ken Kelly suggested this may be one of the key topics to discuss with the Minister.

Councillor Jamie Tiessen recommended that this item be put on the Agenda for May 5<sup>th</sup> in order to come up with solutions to the ongoing recruitment issue for Council positions. These recommendations can be forwarded to the Minister. It was agreed that they are doing the best they can with the numbers they have and are being transparent with Council meetings through documentation and accessibility.

Chairman Dan DeSantis identified that the current structure does not demonstrate longevity due to the transient nature of many of the community members. Mike Benny noted that there have historically been difficulties recruiting certain positions.

## **V. PUBLIC GALLERY – QUESTION PERIOD**

There were no questions.

## **VI. NEXT MEETING**

The 119<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Kananaskis Improvement District Council is set May 5, 2009 at 1:00 p.m. in Council Chambers

## **VII. PENDING AGENDA**

No items were noted.

## **VIII. ADJOURNMENT**

The one hundred and eighteenth meeting of the Kananaskis Improvement District Council adjourned at 3:55 p.m.