



KANANASKIS IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT

FEBRUARY 2005

2004 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The Kananaskis Improvement District's Annual General Meeting was held in the Village Center Charlie Beil room on the evening of February 1, 2005. There were about twenty Kananaskis residents in attendance. Council provided an overview of the year along with some highlights. Ian Britton, Program Support Coordinator for KID provided a review on the Infrastructure and Public Works Programs for 2004. Chief Shawn Polley and Corporal Keith Blake provided Fire, EMS and Policing Service reviews for 2004.

GROUND AMBULANCE TRANSFER

On April 1, 2005 governance and funding for Ground Ambulance Service will be provided by the Calgary Health Region. The Guiding Principles are emergency operations will be 100% advanced life support, no degradation of current service levels or response times, system improvement will be realized across all operations during all phases.

Issues Specific to Kananaskis:

- Advanced Life Support will continue to be delivered in the district.
- Current treatment room in the Kananaskis Emergency Services Center will be maintained.
- Discussions are underway with the current operator, Kananaskis Improvement District and Calgary Health Region.
- Dispatch services will continue to be provided by Kananaskis Emergency Services, cost for Emergency Medical Service dispatch borne by Calgary Health Region.
- Calgary Health Region will continue to support community programs – CPR/First Aid training, Medical First Responder Programs, Community Development.

HIGHLIGHTS FROM 2004

- The Council completed the Governance Review of the KID. The conclusions reached were as follows: KID is functioning as well as an Improvement District can possibly function, the significant issue is not how well things are done but is communications; there is a need for an orientation program for Councilors following the 2004 elections; Council is to reach a consensus with the Alberta Community Development on the purpose of an Improvement District or Incorporated Municipality in Kananaskis Country; and if Council wants to address the housing issue it will need to develop partnerships with local businesses.
- The Council presented the Governance Review to the Minister in June. The Minister advised the KID that a very significant and compelling case would need to be put forward for the Province to even consider changing the May 1999 - Kananaskis Country Recreation Policy. The Minister also confirmed the Kananaskis Country Interdepartmental Consultative Committee/Kananaskis Improvement District Working Group as the forum to bring forward and discuss emerging issues. The Minister also confirmed that that administration of the KID is the responsibility of the CAO and not that of the Council, and that the current form of local government would be 'status quo', with a few 'tweaks'.
- TDL Ltd. provided a \$10,000 donation to be applied to the annual payment for our Aerial Fire Apparatus.
- Kananaskis Improvement District donated a framed photograph of Mt. Kidd to the Bow Valley Seniors Lodge to commemorate the opening of the new units in Canmore.
- KID provided \$300 to support Bow Valley Victim Services.
- A \$3,000 Centennial Grant was received. The grant will be used to purchase and install a new safety net for the ends of the Community Skating Rink at the Village.

Kananaskis Emergency Services

STATISTICS

Nov 1— Nov 30/04

Parks/Dispatch Calls	51
EMS Transport Calls	1
EMS Non-Transport	9
Fire Response Calls	13

Dec 1— Dec 31/04

Parks/Dispatch Calls	51
EMS Transport Calls	18
EMS Non-Transport	13
Fire Response Calls	16

Jan 1— Jan 31/05

Parks/Dispatch Calls	49
EMS Transport Calls	15
EMS Non-Transport	2
Fire Response Calls	20

The Kananaskis Improvement District is a proud member of E911.

To report an emergency:

- ▣ Fire
- ▣ Ambulance
- ▣ Police
- ▣ Mountain Rescue

Dial 911

- Alberta Sustainable Resource Development advised that a Wildland/Urban Interface plan was being done for the KID.
- Bel-MK Engineering completed the Natural Gas Feasibility Study. This study evaluated the feasibility of providing natural gas servicing to the KID area south of Highway 40 and Highway 1 interchange to the Mt. Kidd RV Park. A copy of the report is available for viewing at the Village Library.
- CH2M Hill completed the feasibility study in regards to providing water and sewer at the Lower Kananaskis Lake Cottage Subdivision. A copy of the report is available for viewing at the Village Library.
- On Oct 18, 2004 the Minister appointed the 2004-2007 KID Council.
- Huw Jeffries joined the Kananaskis Emergency Services Team as a Fire Officer.
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- Becky Webb joined the Kananaskis Emergency Services Team as a Radio Operator.
- The 2004 Highwood Community Excellence Award was presented to the Kananaskis Emergency Services Center.
- Kananaskis Emergency Service played host to a mock disaster in the Evan Thomas Provincial Recreation Area. The incident was planned to exercise the Municipal Emergency Plan. In total 31 participants simulated a sour gas well explosion. This exercise was hailed a success by all involved.
- Kananaskis Improvement District joined the 2004 Pitch In Campaign
- Resorts of the Canadian Rockies advised that Fortress Mountain Ski area will be closed for the 2004-2005 Ski Season.

KANANASKIS EMERGENCY SERVICES—EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS

Hot Water Burns Like Fire.

Is your hot water at a safe temperature? Few people realize that hot water burns like fire. In most Canadian homes, hot water heaters are set at 60°C (140°F). At this temperature, human skin burns severely in just 1 to 6 seconds. The water at your hot water taps should be no hotter than 49°C (120°F). At this safer temperature, it takes at least 2 minutes to cause a severe burn, allowing more time to escape serious injury.

Young children, elderly people, and people with disabilities are most vulnerable to these serious burns. This is because their skin is thinner, or they cannot react quickly to escape the hot water, or they lack skin sensitivity due to other medical conditions (such as diabetes), or a combination of these factors.

Hot Water Burns Can Be Prevented

The good news is that hot water burns can be prevented. Research conducted in 1947 has shown that small reductions in temperature dramatically reduce the risk of burn injury from hot water. But turning this knowledge into action has been a slow process. While people can learn how to lower their water temperatures at home, it is more effective in the long run if we can make changes to building codes that govern the construction of homes and the standards that govern the design of hot water systems. In this way, safety can be "built in" to our homes.

Injury prevention organizations have been advocating for these changes for many years, and progress is closer than ever. Proposed changes to the National Building and Plumbing Codes, which are typically adopted by the provinces and territories to govern new construction, would require that hot water in new homes must be no hotter than 49°C at the tap. Spearheaded by Safe Kids Canada, these changes have been through several steps in the approval process and, when finally approved, are expected to take effect in 2005. In addition, several committees of the Canadian Standards Association are considering changes to improve standards for hot water heaters and plumbing devices which control water temperature.

To learn more about options for testing and lowering your hot water temperature and about what's being done to change codes and standards in Canada to prevent tap water scalds, visit Safe Kids Canada at: www.safekidscanada.ca.

Further information on proposed new codes can also be obtained from the National Research Council Canada. You may contact them through their website, at http://www.nationalcodes.ca/general_contact_e.shtml.

What You Can Do To Protect Your Family

There are several methods available to comply with these new codes and standards when they are enacted. To protect your family now, you can apply one of these methods to ensure safe water temperature in your home. Also, remember to routinely monitor hot water temperature at the tap.

- The thermostat of **single-family** hot water heaters can be set to deliver water at around 49°C. Depending on the type of tank you have, you might need to consult an electrician. When lowering hot water temperatures it is also important to consider hot water availability. If thermostats are readjusted to a higher temperature, tempering devices as described below are needed to protect your family.

- Devices, called **mixing valves or tempering valves**, can be installed in the plumbing lines. These devices ensure that water is delivered at 49°C by mixing in cooler water as needed.
- Devices, known as **anti-scald devices**, can be installed at individual taps or faucets. If the water gets too hot, a valve inside these devices slows the water to a trickle. You then restart the water by mixing more cold water into the tap. If you live in a multi-unit building and do not have access to your hot water tank, lowering your hot water temperature will probably require installation of tempering valves or anti-scald devices. To install these devices, it is recommended you contact your local plumber.
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Make Sure Your Water Temperature Isn't Too Low Either

It is important to note that potentially harmful bacteria can grow in water heaters set too low. Do not lower the temperature of your household water heater **below** 49°C.

Of particular concern is the bacteria that causes Legionnaire's Disease. People with certain medical conditions should check with their doctors before reducing the temperature of the water in their homes. These conditions include a weak immune system, lung and respiratory problems, or organ transplants. Most families, however, can safely lower their water temperature to 49°C without concern for other health risks.

In multi-unit buildings served by complex water systems the hot water thermostat should remain high to ensure public health protection and a sufficient supply of hot water throughout the building. Scald protection can be achieved by installing the safety devices described above.

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PITCH-IN Campaign

The Kananaskis Improvement District will be joining other communities in Alberta who are members of PITCH-IN. PITCH-IN week cannot take place without support from its members and volunteers. The 2005 Pitch-In week campaign takes place April 18-24, 2005. Since 1967 Pitch-In's goals of promoting the three Rs (reduce-reuse-recycle) 'adopt' programs and encouraging community pride has captured the enthusiastic support of millions of volunteers.

The Kananaskis Emergency Services Centre will be collecting used cell phones as part of PITCH-IN CANADA's National Cell Phone Recycling Program. The ongoing program will divert old cell phones from going to the dump while providing funds for local charities. All cell phones, regardless of age or condition, will be accepted. "Please make certain to deactivate your phone before giving it to our program," comments Polley. Used cell phone can be dropped off at the Kananaskis Emergency Services Centre anytime between February 1 and April 30, 2005.

Cell phone handsets collected will be refurbished or remanufactured to "as new" condition. They will be sent to emerging countries where the price of a "new" cell phone is unaffordable for most people. The phones are also provided, at no cost, to other Canadians in situations where there is an economic necessity for both safety and communications. Phones and batteries that cannot be reused are recycled to recover metals and plastics.

"Cell phones contain many toxins and are very hazardous to our environment and they should not end up in landfills," says Chief of Emergency Services Shawn Polley, adding "we are very excited about this opportunity to promote re-use and recycling."

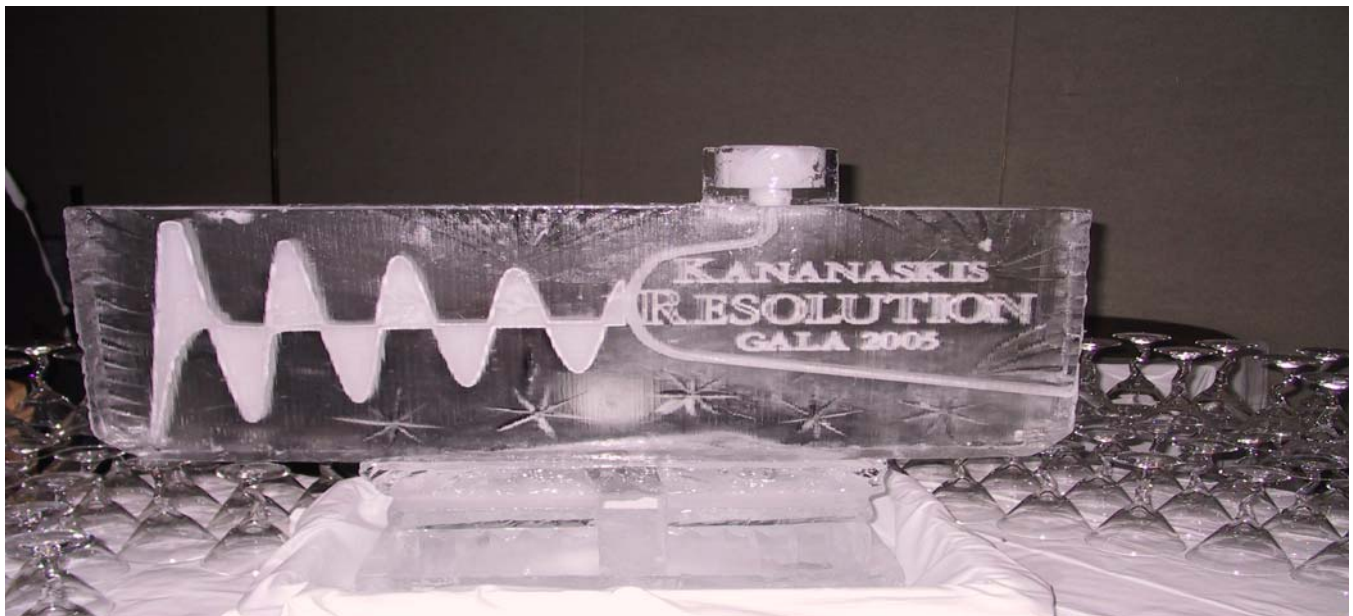
To learn more about recycling cell phones and The National Cell Phone Recycling Program, visit www.pitch-in.ca or contact Shawn Polley at (403) 591-7755.

WOW!!!!!!!

That pretty much sums up the evening of Friday, January 21st, 2005 at the Delta Lodge at Kananaskis Gold/Silver Room for the Kananaskis Resolution Gala 2005. The whole evening was a huge success with almost \$ 7,000.00 being raised for Juvenile Diabetes research. Attended by over 100 people, the event featured a silent auction with over 50 items up for grabs, plus 2 items set aside to raise money for the Red Cross Tsunami Relief. Door prizes, live music and great food and beverages rounded out the evening.

SPECIAL THANKS TO ALL THAT ATTENDED TO HELP MAKE THE EVENT SUCH A SUCCESS!!!

Gala Committee (from L to R)
 Judy Webb, Duncan McQuiston, Lindsay Hunko, Judy Nichol,
 Tracy Paley (chairperson), Jill Novak and Linda McNeely.
 Entertainer Leela Aheer in background



The Kananaskis Resolution Gala 2005 Committee would like to thank all of our sponsors, including:

The Delta Lodge at Kananaskis
 Kananaskis Emergency Services
 Boundary Ranch
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 Mount Kidd RV Park

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