



KANANASKIS IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT

MAY 2005 Newsletter

KANANASKIS IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT COUNCIL MEMBERS — UPDATE

The Kananaskis Improvement District Council has reached its full complement with the recent appointment of Rick Butler and Joanne Taylor. Rick and Joanne were appointed by the Honourable Gary Mar, Minister of Community Development, to represent Alberta-at-Large as Citizen's Representatives. WELCOME RICK and JOANNE.

Rick has worked as a Senior Manager for various Governments, Municipalities, First Nations and the private sector in Alberta, British Columbia, Nunavut and the Yukon. Rick now runs a management consulting business specializing in municipal affairs. Rick's main client is the Calgary Regional Partnership – a company of fifteen Calgary area communities that manage regional municipal service projects. Rick acts as Executive Director for the Partnership. In his spare time, Rick and his wife Gwynneth, and their two teen-age daughters, Corrie and Marni enjoy running their hobby farm in the foothills near Cochrane.

Joanne has been re-appointed for another three-year term as Citizen's representative to the Kananaskis Improvement District. Joanne's past experiences include almost two decades of administrative services in the areas of Health, Social Services, Corrections, Policing and quasi-judicial Boards. Joanne's last official employment was with the Government of Alberta as the Executive Director of the Alberta Environmental Appeal Board. Joanne currently volunteers on a number of non-profit boards such as Easter Seals and the Alberta Adolescent Recovery Centre. Joanne has recently been appointed to the Alberta Law Enforcement Review Board.

GROUND AMBULANCE GOVERNANCE AND FUNDING — UPDATE

On March 3rd, 2005, the Honourable Iris Evans, Minister of Alberta Health and Wellness advised that the Government of Alberta made a policy decision to delay the transfer of ground ambulance governance and funding to the Calgary Health Region. As we heard at the February 3rd, 2005 Kananaskis Improvement District Annual General Meeting, this transfer was to have occurred on April 1st, 2005.

Alberta Health and Wellness has indicated in a March 9th, 2005 letter to the Kananaskis Improvement District, that it will be providing an ambulance grant on a one-time basis in the amount of \$10,811 to help offset the financial pressures that the Kananaskis Improvement District may experience due to the change in government policy to delay the transfer of ground ambulance governance and funding. Alberta Health and Wellness is proceeding on pilot projects in the Palliser and Peace Country health regions, with a one-year implementation and evaluation period to determine whether the transfer is both operationally and financially feasible. The Council has requested a meeting with the Minister to discuss trust issues and financial impacts to the Kananaskis Improvement District ratepayers.

PARKING ISSUES AT THE VILLAGE CENTRE

As spring and summer are fast approaching, there are a few issues with parking up at the Village Centre. Be advised that anywhere the curb is marked with yellow paint indicates that there is no long term parking allowed in this area ie: fire lane. If there happens to be an emergency, this would prevent emergency services vehicles gaining access to the emergency to perform their duties effectively. To prevent your vehicle from being ticketed and towed away please refrain from parking in these areas.

There are several short term parking spots in and around the Village Centre area where there is 15 minutes short term parking. This area is **NOT FOR ALL DAY** parking. This area is for someone to stop for a short period of time and then leave. If vehicles are there for an extended period of time, the vehicle will be ticketed and if this problem persists, the vehicle will then be towed.

There are several parking lot areas around the Village Centre, please utilize them. The fine for illegal parking is \$57.00 plus you may incur the additional cost of having had your vehicle towed.

If you have any questions regarding this matter please do not hesitate to contact me at 591-7708.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Cst. AJ Mand
Kananaskis RCMP

VILLAGE SKATING RINK UPGRADES — CENTENNIAL PROJECT

The Kananaskis Improvement District is using our \$3,000 Centennial Grant Funding in partnership with Alberta Community Development, the Kananaskis Rotary Club, the Kananaskis Community Recreational Association, KanAlta Golf Management Ltd. the Delta Lodge at Kananaskis, and the Executive Resort at Kananaskis to proceed with upgrades and refurbishment of the Village skating rink. New chain link mesh will be installed above the boards at both ends of the rink. A "COMMUNITY WORK DAY" is being proposed in June to do repairs to the boards, this includes carpentry work and painting for all you wanna be artists. Alberta Community Development will be providing all tools and safety equipment. Please contact Tracy Paley at 591.7944 for more details or to volunteer.

Kananaskis Emergency Services

STATISTICS

Feb 1— Feb 28/05

Parks/Dispatch Calls	33
EMS Transport Calls	23
EMS Non-Transport	14
Fire Response Calls	16

Mar 1— Mar 31/05

Parks/Dispatch Calls	38
EMS Transport Calls	32
EMS Non-Transport	8
Fire Response Calls	12

Apr 1— Apr 30/05

Parks/Dispatch Calls	51
EMS Transport Calls	6
EMS Non-Transport	6
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

ASSESSMENT VALUES USED FOR 2005 TAXATION OF NON-RESIDENTIAL LAND WITHIN PROVINCIAL PARKS AND RECREATION AREAS — UPDATE

In the June 2004 Newsletter, it was reported that as a result of Municipal Government Board Order: MGB 020/04, the Assessor for the Kananaskis Improvement District removed all attributable assessment values from the assessment roll for non-residential lands within Provincial Parks and Recreation Areas within the Kananaskis Improvement District.

The Kananaskis Improvement District has been working with Alberta Municipal Affairs to correct the legislation as a result of this decision. On May 10, 2005, Bill 28 – Municipal Government Amendment Act 2005 received Royal Assent and came into force on various dates. As a result of portions of Bill 28 being retroactive to January 1, 2005, all attributable assessment values from the assessment roll for non-residential lands within Provincial Parks and Recreation Areas within the Kananaskis Improvement District that were removed for the 2004 Taxation year have been reinstated for the 2005 Taxation year. The KID Assessor has made this adjustment in accordance with section 305 of the Municipal Government Act.

This represents an increase in the assessment values for taxation purposes of approximately \$9 million. As a result of this increase in assessment values, the Kananaskis Improvement District Council is reducing its Mill Rates for General Municipal and School Foundation (Non-Residential) while maintaining its 2005 approved budget.

COUNCIL SETS MILL RATES FOR 2005

Based on the approved 2005 Budget, the 2005 Mill rates have been set as follows: (per \$1,000 of assessed value)

General Municipal:	5.9710
School Foundation (Residential and Farmland):	5.0700
School Foundation (Non-Residential):	6.5560
Senior Citizens Lodge:	0.0926

Combined Assessment and Tax Notices will be mailed out on June 24, 2005 with the payment due date set for August 31, 2005. A 12% penalty on outstanding current taxes will be imposed on September 1, 2005 and an additional 12% penalty will be added to all outstanding taxes on January 1st of each subsequent year.

MARIGOLD LIBRARY SYSTEM

The Marigold Library System is a cooperative public library system with 38 participating municipalities. Since 1981 the philosophy of the Board has been to pool and to share the resources. Revenue for the Marigold System is received from participating municipalities and library boards (64%), provincial operating grants (33%), and other grants and sources (3%).

Disbursement of revenues through grants, materials and services to member libraries, plus system wide programs is determined by Marigold Board policy. In 2004, Board policy continued to provide the services on a per capita basis, therefore giving all residents equitable access. In 2004 the Kananaskis Village Centre paperback deposit received 284 paperbacks at an average cost of \$6.69. The Kananaskis Improvement District paid \$3118.50 to the Marigold Library in 2004 to provide this service for its residents and ratepayers.

The Marigold Annual General Meeting took place in Strathmore on April 19, 2005. After all the grants, donations, transfers and adjustments, Marigold had a surplus of just over \$3,100. Revenues for 2004 were \$1,752,666.00. The Annual Report 2004 highlights “growth”; with Wheatland County signing on as the 38th municipality. Copies of the Annual Report are in the Village Library for public viewing.

Dr. Garth Benson was appointed by the Council, to the Board in November 2004 as the Kananaskis Improvement District representative.

As a member of the Marigold Library System, all Kananaskis Improvement District residents can access library services free of charge. Just call Marigold Headquarters at 1-800-332-1077 to sign up for your Alberta Library card. Check out your library services at www.marigold.ab.ca and be sure to visit the library in the Village Centre.

KANANASKIS IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT COUNCIL MEETINGS

Kananaskis Improvement District Council meetings are held the first Tuesday of every odd month. The next meeting is scheduled for July 5, 2005 starting at 1:00 pm in the Council Chambers located on the lower level of the Village Center and are open to the public. Anyone wishing to make a presentation to Council are asked to provide a written request to Administration two weeks prior to the meeting with any handouts to be submitted at least one week prior for inclusion in Council Packages.