



# KANANASKIS IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT

## March 2007



### ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The Kananaskis Improvement District Annual General Meeting was held in the Charlie Beil room on February 6, 2007. The Council attendees were Chairman Linda McNeely and Large Business Representative Darren Robinson, seventeen community members were also in attendance. Kananaskis Emergency Services, the Kananaskis RCMP and the Kananaskis Improvement District Infrastructure & Support Programs were reviewed for 2006.

### HIGHLIGHTS FROM 2006

- Dr. Louise Feddema from Canmore starts taking medical appointments in Village Center.
- KID received \$10,811 from Alberta Health and Wellness to help offset the costs incurred as a result of suspending the transfer of ground ambulance services.
- Foothills Regional Emergency Medical Services Commission takes over Ambulance Services.
- KID becomes an IDLE FREE ZONE, signs placed at KES, Village Centre, PLPP Visitor Information Center, Barrier Lake Visitor Information Centre and William Watson Lodge.
- KID received \$19,066.00 New Deals for Cities and Communities Infrastructure Grant, these funds are to be used towards building upgrades, energy efficiency and paving in KID.
- KID receives \$100,000.00 Municipal Infrastructure Funding Grant, these funds will be used to meet the challenging infrastructure needs of the Improvement District.
- Chairman Sandra Smyth resigns from Council – Small Business Representative and Council Member Rick Butler resigns – Alberta at Large Representative.
- Nomination Day held for Small Business Representative – position remains vacant.
- Final Medical Clinic held by Dr. Feddema, August 2006.
- Cpl. Tim Chmarney and Cst. Devon Hildebrand newest members to KID RCMP.
- KID donates \$600.00 to Bow Valley Victim Services.
- KID holds Hazardous Waste Round-up week of September 26, 2006.
- Community Development Minister Denis Ducharme tours Community with Council members.
- Council adopts a new Business and Strategic Plan for 2007-2011.
- New Mission statement; KID in collaboration with its service partners, will provide effective local government and municipal services to its residents and ratepayers in a fair and efficient manner. KID shares a commitment with the Province regarding the management of Kananaskis Country and works with and provides input to the Province with respect to the policies governing utilization of public lands and resources within Kananaskis Country.
- Vision Statement; Building a Strong Community that Shares Alberta's Jewel in Perfect Balance.
- KID receives \$10,000.00 from TDL group. This donation is the fourth payment of a five year commitment by Tim Horton's.

### FIRESMART COMMUNITY GRANT

KID is applying for a FireSmart Community Grant. The program goal is to assist municipalities and community groups to reduce the threat of wildfire to their communities. Grant funds are for FireSmart planning, vegetation management, public education, inter-agency cooperation & cross-training, and emergency planning. The grant application will be completed by mid-May. If you would like more information on the FireSmart Community Grant program please contact Stew Walkinshaw, R.P.F., (403) 678-7054.

### NEW MINISTER AND NEW DEPARTMENT NAME

Alberta Community Development now has a new title and new Minister, The Honourable Hector Goudreau, is the newly appointed Minister for the Department of Tourism, Parks, Recreation and Culture.

### NEW ADDITION TO KANANASKIS IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT COUNCIL

On December 12, 2006 the Minister of Community Development, The Honourable Denis Ducharme appointed Jerry Muelaner as the second Alberta At Large Representative.

### Kananaskis Emergency Services

#### STATISTICS

##### Dec. 1— Dec. 31/06

Parks/Dispatch Calls	73
EMS Transport Calls	26
EMS Non-Transport	6
Fire Response Calls	42

##### Jan. 1— Jan. 31/07

Parks/Dispatch Calls	93
EMS Transport Calls	31
EMS Non-Transport	6
Fire Response Calls	41

##### Feb. 1— Feb. 28/07

Parks/Dispatch Calls	81
EMS Transport Calls	34
EMS Non-Transport	12
Fire Response Calls	40

The Kananaskis Improvement District is a proud member of E911.

To report an emergency:

- Fire
- Ambulance
- Police
- Mountain Rescue

**Dial 911**

**AN ALBERTAN PERSPECTIVE ON KANANASKIS**

Winter in Kananaskis is beautiful and peaceful because of its remoteness and distance from urban centres. Driving to the valley on a clear day is great way to distance yourself from some of the unwanted distractions in life. I found myself doing that very thing in order to attend a meeting last month. Once in the meeting reality took place. Although the area is unique in its own way, what makes it that way is the people supplying the services. While at this same meeting in some side conversations, constituents brought up the issue again that due to the remoteness it is difficult to staff certain areas and keep people in the area especially families. Indeed – maintain a community. This is an area that I have always found disconcerting as a member of Kananaskis Improvement District Council because the very essence of the KID can only be maintained if we have strong community support. At this same meeting it was encouraged that members of the community should always feel free to bring up any matter that the Council should consider in order to better accommodate one of our best assets – our people. Shopping, banking, housing and other services that are not adequate for our very own community is not acceptable anywhere else in the province, we surely want to ensure that we have what we need in Kananaskis for our people. With this, please bring forth ideas and comments in order to help us as a council use our voice to get what the residents need.

Submitted by Councillor Joanne Taylor, Alberta-At-Large Representative

**WHAT'S HAPPENING IN 2007**

- The KID will be joining other communities in Alberta who are members of PITCH-IN. The 2007 Pitch-In week campaign takes place April 23-29, 2007. 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 KID will be hosting a Hazardous Waste Round-up in September 2007. Stay tuned to the KID newsletters for further information.
- Kananaskis Website – Working towards having Assessment and Tax Notices included on the KID Website and a Business License Registry.
- FireSmart Project – The Kananaskis Improvement District will be submitting a Grant application for FireSmart funding.
- Municipal Election October 2007 – The Kananaskis Improvement District will be looking for members of the community to represent Non-Commercial Residents, The Lower Kananaskis Lake Cabin Owners, Small & Large Business and two Alberta at Large representatives.
- Appointments to Boards and Committees—will also be taking place shortly after the appointment of the new Council. Please check the KID Website for a list of the Boards and Committees.

**THE KANANASKIS IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT'S NEW WEB SITE [www.kananaskisid.ca](http://www.kananaskisid.ca)**

Developed over the previous year with grant support from the Alberta's Municipal Sponsorship Program, the site's intent is to establish an internet presence for the Kananaskis Improvement District; facilitate access to the Improvement District's services, policies and initiatives; and to streamline Improvement District administration by enabling the exchange information between staff members, elected officials, and government agencies. The KID web site features more than a dozen sections on the Improvement District programs and services, business license information, public notices, development review and permits, and contact information for the KID. A special section of the site provides an extensive -- and growing -- list of documents, including reports, KID and Ministerial Orders, newsletters, and Council meeting minutes. Designed to be highly expandable, the web site is updated monthly and will certainly continue to evolve. Suggestions for additions and improvements are welcomed and can be submitted to the KID Administration office or via e-mail to "feedback@kananaskisid.ca".

Submitted by Fraser Shaw—Fraser Shaw is a Consultant involved in developing & maintaining the KID website.

**THE MOUNTAIN BEETLE IN KANANASKIS COUNTRY**

The mountain pine beetle has been tightening its grip in the southern east slopes of Alberta. Spray Lake Sawmills has conducted a pine beetle susceptibility modeling exercise to evaluate which areas within their Forest Management Agreement area should be given a priority for developing harvest plans. The intent is to reduce some of the most highly susceptible stands in the path of the advancing beetle. The Jumping Pound area of northern Kananaskis Country has been identified as one of these priority areas. Harvest activity is tentatively planned to commence in the summer of 2007.

Submitted by Gord Lehn, Woodlands Mgr. - Spray Lake Sawmills