



KANANASKIS IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT

Summer 2009

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Are you looking for a high Speed internet Connection?

MyCanopy is very pleased to provide High Speed Internet services to the businesses and residences of the Kananaskis Improvement District.

MyCanopy will be providing internet services in the Kananaskis Valley starting June 8 2009. Wireless "WiFi" services will be available in the staff residences at the village. Price plans for WiFi start at \$35.95/month.

If you live at the golf course residences or the Mount Kid trailer park we will need to attach an antenna to the building. Monthly price plans for these internet services starts at \$43.00/month.

We have started the preparation for the expansion into Peter Lougheed Provincial Park as well as the system for the Lower Lakes area.

For further information please call 1-866-609-5588 ext 105 or visit us at www.mycanopy.ca

Kananaskis Emergency Services

STATISTICS

May 2009

Parks/Dispatch Calls	215
EMS Transport Calls	6
EMS Non-Transport	30
Fire Response Calls	30

April 2009

Parks/Dispatch Calls	63
EMS Transport Calls	11
EMS Non-Transport	19
Fire Response Calls	19

FireSmart and Toxic Roundup BBQ

On Saturday, May 16th, the KID FireSmart Committee hosted a FireSmart and Toxic Roundup BBQ and Information Day. The event held in the Kananaskis Lakes cabin area provided everyone with an opportunity to meet with Rick



Arthurs of SRD to hear more about FireSmart programs underway in the valley, get an update on pine beetle and to hear about fuel reduction programs schedule for the coming season. Stew Walkinshaw was also on hand to show off the KID Emergency Command Centre and arrange for cabin owners to have their leases FireSmart flagged of which 8 more cabin owners signed up. Stew also provided an update on the fuel modification program started on May 19th and gave everyone an opportunity to view the emergency plans for the Lower Lakes area.

Martin Corriveau was on hand with Duncan and Michael to educate all on hand on the effective use of fire extinguishers and to collect and haul any toxic materials brought in by residents. Martin and his team gave everyone an opportunity to put out a real fire with a fire extinguisher using the KID's latest equipment for training with fire extinguishers.

In total, over 90 people attended event and we managed to haul away the better part of a pick-up truck of toxic and hazardous materials. Many thanks to all who

The Kananaskis Improvement District is a proud member of E911.

To report an emergency:

- Fire
- Ambulance
- Police
- Mountain Rescue

Dial 911



Highwood Gate is set to open June 15th!

2009 Mill Rates

Based on the approved 2009 Municipal Budget and 2009 Requisitions from Alberta Education and Bow Valley Lodge; the 2009 mill rates have been set by Council as follows (per \$1,000 of assessed value):

- Municipal: 5.3175
- School Requisition - Non Residential: 4.3224
- School Requisition - Residential: 2.9301
- Senior Citizens Requisition: 0.2085

Combined Assessment and Tax Notices will be mailed out on June 26, 2009 with the payment due date of August 31, 2009. A 12% penalty on outstanding current taxes will be imposed on September 1, 2009 and an additional 12% penalty will be added to all outstanding taxes on January 1st of each subsequent year.

The 2009 Tax Roll Assessment information for the Kananaskis Improvement District is available on our website at: www.kananaskisid.ca.

Prescribed fire resumes in Kananaskis Country

Burning operations have started at the Mount Nestor prescribed fire located in Spray Valley Provincial Park and Banff National Park. This operation will help restore the landscape to a more natural state, restore diversity of vegetation and key wildlife habitats, reduce the spread of mountain pine beetle and reduce the threat of large wildfires to communities within the lower Bow Valley and surrounding area.

Backcountry users and nearby communities may be impacted by temporary trail and campground/shelter closures. Smoke may be visible during burning operations and may settle into nearby valleys during overnight and early morning periods. Every effort will be made to minimize smoke impacts by choosing the best atmospheric conditions for burning.

To keep the public informed about the prescribed fire, signs will be posted throughout affected communities and current information will be available at www.Kananaskis-Country.ca or by calling 1-866-916-INFO

Wildfire Danger Class Ratings

Low 1: Low wildfire danger ♦ New wildfire starts highly unlikely due to moist conditions ♦ If wildfires do start, they generally do not spread ♦ Easy control

Low 2: Ignition and burning fairly easy. ♦ Fire activity slowly spreading along ground; low flame (creeping). ♦ Easy control ♦ Fires can become costly if not attended to immediately ♦ Light helicopters with buckets are very effective

Moderate 3: Highly vigorous surface fires ♦ Intermittent fires in treetops (crowning) ♦ Moderately difficult to control ♦ Heavy machinery generally required for control

High 4: Burning conditions become critical ♦ Intermittent crowning common ♦ Very difficult to control ♦ Attempt to attack fire limited to helicopters with buckets or airtankers bombing

Very High 5: Intermittent crown (tops of trees) fires common ♦ Continuous crowning possible ♦ Control extremely difficult ♦ Safe control restricted to sides and back of fire

Extreme: Situation considered critical ♦ Extreme wildfire behaviour ♦ Escaped wildfire a very strong possibility ♦ Safe control limited to sides and back of fire

Hazard Rating	HFI (Head Fire Intensity)
Low	1
Low	2
Moderate	3
High	4
Very High	5
Extreme	6

Notice of date change for Council Meeting

Please note that the Kananaskis Improvement District Council meeting scheduled for July 7, 2009 has been rescheduled for June 30, 2009 at 3:00 p.m. in Council Chambers.