

**FINAL MINUTES OF THE FOURTH MEETING OF THE
KANANASKIS COUNTRY INTERDEPARTMENTAL
CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE**

**Tuesday, March 11, 2003, at 9:30 a.m.
Main Floor, Canmore Provincial Building
800 Railway Avenue, Canmore, AB**

Present:

Co-chair:	Dave Nielsen	Community Development
Co-chair:	Rick Blackwood	Sustainable Resource Development
Secretary:	Laurie Christiansen	Community Development
Members:	Ray Andrews	Community Development
	Bruce Atwell	Transportation
	Mike Benny	Kananaskis Improvement District
	Eldon Bruns	Sustainable Resource Development
	Kevin Crockett	Economic Development
	Sandy Fisher	Infrastructure
	Ted Flanders	Environment
Guests:	Don Cockerton	Community Development
	Param Sekhon	Infrastructure
	Mark Chambers	Consulting Architect
	Steven Dold	Community Development

- 1) Review Minutes of January 14, 2003, Meeting (All)
 - T. Flanders requested one change regarding information shared during roundtable.
 - Minutes were approved with the requested change, will be signed off, sent out, and posted on the website.

- 2) Terms of Reference/Operating Procedures for KCICC (D. Nielsen/R. Blackwood)
 - Review of the November 19, 2002, Terms of Reference.
 - “Kananaskis Village Centre library” to be added to #7 under Procedures/Issue Resolution.
 - If there are comments/revisions to the Terms of Reference, they may be addressed at future meetings.
 - Decision: The revised Terms of Reference, (with the above noted change made), dated March 11, 2003, are endorsed and will be distributed.

- 3) Kananaskis Emergency Services Centre Redevelopment Plan (9:45)
(M. Benny, S. Dold, M. Chambers)
 - M. Benny explained the shortfalls with the KESC facility in terms of accommodation, training facilities, and office space. Operations Support has been tasked with investigating the need to upgrade the facility to meet the needs of CD, LFS, and KID.
 - Mark Chambers (Architect), Param Sekhon, and Steve Dold presented the options available for redevelopment.
 - Option #1: To build a new building, which would house three apparatus bays on the lower level, as well as a hose tower and training area/climbing wall. The second floor would house staff dorms, staff offices, resource/library (SAIT) room, storage, and 911/emergency call/dispatch centre. Once the new building was fully functional, the existing building would be renovated and would ultimately house the KID office, KID Council, and public first aid walk-in area. This option would enable the call/dispatch centre to move quickly from the existing building to the new building without any interruption of service or the need for a temporary office.
 - Option #2: To completely renovate the existing facility into office space, build a new apparatus building, and utilize all existing outbuildings. This option would present challenges regarding staff accommodation and transition. As each area of the building was renovated, office space, dispatch, dorms, etc. would have to move into temporary locations, while the “new” location was being renovated. This option is more cost-effective but would not have a seamless transition.

- Option #3: To build a new apparatus building, similar to the facility described in Option #1, but with a drive-through set up. The building would be higher at the back, due to the grade of the land, but would also provide a seamless transition option. The three existing apparatus bays would remain functional during the renovation/upgrade.
 - Decision: Further investigation of Options #1 and #3 is warranted. KCICC to review further once construction cost estimates have been developed.
- 4) Barrier Lake Development Node Proposal Call (K. Crockett, D. Cockerton)
- The Historical Resources Impact Assessment (HIRA) for the area is underway.
 - Staff are preparing a draft proposal call package which is now 90 percent complete.
 - Discussion ensued on the contents of the proposal package and the appropriate role of KCICC in the proposal call process.
 - Once the package is complete and reviewed a communications plan will be developed and Ministerial approval to proceed will be sought.
 - Decision: A draft proposal call package will be further reviewed at the May meeting.
- 5) Evan Thomas Management Plan – Summary of Public Feedback
(D. Cockerton)
- The draft management plan was sent out to interest groups and individuals in November 2002, with comments due by February 14, 2003. In summary the comments comprised of: 26 groups, 1200 individuals (including 900+ form responses), 66 school children and 1 petition.
 - The planning team will review all comments.
 - The revised final plan will be presented at the May 13, 2003, meeting.
 - Decision: Item presented for update/information.

PUBLIC MEETING:

- 6) CPAWS – Evan Thomas Management Plan (10:30) (G. Thompson)
 - Gareth Thompson, Education Director, for CPAWS presented regarding the Evan Thomas Management Plan.
 - CPAWS would like to see the Evan Thomas area re-designated provincial park and provincial wildland park. CPAWS believes this will guarantee protection of the area into the future. CPAWS fears if the area remains a Provincial Recreation Area (PRA), the focus will be on recreational opportunities (development and maintenance of) and not on protection and management of a sensitive area. Specific concerns included proposed expansion of Nakiska and the sewage treatment plant capacity and the feeling that any costs to expand should be covered by potential developers.
 - CPAWS supports the zoning concept proposed in the draft management plan, but does not support the designation of PRA.
 - CPAWS would support some expansion of existing facilities as part of the plan if stronger protection were offered in other areas. Some expansion is necessary to draw more business into the area to ensure economic viability of existing businesses.
 - Decision: The committee received Mr. Thompson's presentation as information and thanked him for his attendance.

- 7) KID Subdivision & Development Authority (SDA) – 2002 Review (11:30) (I. Britton)
 - I. Britton distributed a report for the calendar year January 1 – December 31, 2002.
 - Decision: Received for information.

- 8) Annual Public Outreach Forum (All)
 - A proposal, drafted by D. Cockerton, was sent to all committee members in preparation for this meeting.
 - D. Nielsen asked if members are in favour of the concept. A concern was raised regarding the time and dollar commitment necessary to prepare, but all were in favour of a grouping/theme concept.
 - Themes: Evan Thomas Management Plan; KID Land Use Order; Kananaskis Country 25th Anniversary
 - Venues to be determined. Locations are Calgary, Canmore, and Kananaskis Village. The open houses will be consecutive days mid-week (Tues – Thurs.).

- D. Cockerton designated as Chair of the organizing committee. Other organizing committee reps designated:
 - CD - Communications– Cheryl Robb
 - SRD - Communications – Terry Cunha
 - KC Operations – E. Kuhn, J. Christensen, S. Jevons
 - KC Operations Support – S. Dold, I. Britton
 - F&W – J. Jorgenson
 - ENV – Brian Chinery
 - ED, Transportation, Infrastructure
 - LFD – D. Lutz, R. Meyer
- Decision: D. Cockerton to work with department representatives and coordinate displays, book venues, and facilitate the open houses.

9) Roundtable (All)

Ray Andrews

- A decision has been made as to the final structure of Parks Division. It is now possible to recruit to vacancies that may be filled.

Bruce Atwell

- Nothing.

Mike Benny

- The KID Subdivision & Development Authority (SDA) should consider delegating authority to the Development Officer (I. Britton) for small projects, rather than having to review all projects.
- D. Nielsen directed that this be reviewed after one year of SDA operation. This item should be placed on the September 2003 agenda for review.
- A newsletter for Operations Support is being developed.
- Operations Support staff will move from EP Building to Monenco Place on March 31, 2003. The address changes, but all telephone/fax numbers remain the same.

Rick Blackwood

- Public Lands and Lands & Forest Division will soon share an Assistant Deputy Minister.
- The Pine Beetle Control project on provincial land in the Bow Corridor is complete. The program went well with great cooperation among participating agencies.

- Spray Lakes Sawmills (SLS) is in discussions with Lands and Forests concerning its forest management plan. This item will be reviewed at the May KCICC meeting.

Eldon Bruns

- There is ongoing concern surrounding local wolf populations. There is both a growing demand for wolf pelts as well as a call for greater protection of wolves that leave the Banff National Park and wander onto adjacent provincial lands where hunting and trapping are permitted.
- The provincial grizzly bear hunt starts April 1.

Kevin Crockett

- Nothing.

Sandy Fisher

- Nothing.

Ted Flanders

- A replacement is still being sought for P. Watson. J. Litke will continue as Acting Director, Southern Region, in the interim. Further interviews should take place within the next month.

Dave Nielsen

- Both of the G8 Legacy wildlife crossing structures (Rundle Forebay and Dead Man's Flats) are going ahead.
- Construction will begin on Rundle Forebay in spring 2003. Construction of the Dead Man's Flat crossing structure would commence late summer/early fall 2003.
- The G8 legacy office will hold public information sessions in Exshaw and Canmore on the Dead Man's Flat crossing structure.

Minutes approved by:

Dave Nielsen, Co-Chair, KCICC

Rick Blackwood, Co-Chair, KCICC

Next Meeting
Tuesday, May 13, 2003, at 9:30 a.m.
Canmore Provincial Building
1st Floor Boardroom