MINUTES OF THE 50th MEETING OF THE KANANASKIS COUNTRY INTERDEPARTMENTAL CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE

Tuesday, September 9, 2014, at 9:30 a.m. Main Floor Boardroom Canmore Provincial Building 800 Railway Avenue, Canmore, AB

Present:

Co-Chairs:

Mark Storie

TPR - Parks

Darryl Johnson

ESRD

Recorder:

Laurie Christiansen

TPR - Parks

Members/:

Dave Hanna

TPR - Parks

Alternates

Fred Lee

Transportation

Shawn Polley

CAO, Kananaskis Improvement District

Param Sekhon

Infrastructure

Ross Spence Joey Young ESRD TPR

Tele conf:

Param Sekhon

Infrastructure

Paul Radchenko

TPR - Tourism

Absent:

Darryl Johnson

ESRD

Rob Simieritsch

ESRD

Ross Spence

ESRD

Guests:

Manon Miller – Municipal Administrator, Kananaskis Improvement

District

ESRD = Environment and Sustainable Resource Development

1) Review of the Agenda (All)

- The agenda was accepted as written.
Request to discuss Item #4 earlier than scheduled, as Param Sekhon must leave early.

2) Review of Minutes (All)

- The May 13, 2014, minutes were approved as written.
- The July 8, 2014, meeting was cancelled.
- Request for final approved minutes to be scanned and sent to Shawn Polley for KID Council

3) Proposed Winter Closure of Highway 532 and south end of Forestry Trunk Road (F. Lee)

- Transportation is proposing an additional winter road closure in Kananaskis Country of Highway 532. Suncor was the primary user of this road and conducted winter maintenance until 2012. In 2013 road maintenance was contracted to Volker Stevin via the MD of Ranchlands. MD of Ranchlands views this winter maintenance as a safety hazard, expensive, and not necessary based on use and would like the road closed.
- Closure period would be December 1 June 15, annually.
- TRANS will work with non-public users to maintain access research, trappers, SLS hauling, etc., but would like to close to public access.
- Closure may create a snowmobiling opportunity.
- ESRD review of proposal is needed to approve. ESRD has recreational guides, outfitters, hunters, trappers, etc. who use this area.
- Item was presented to KID Council September 8/14, and it concurs. KID Council would like this to be a one-year pilot and then will evaluate any feedback/complaints from the public and potential impacts on recreation.
- Closure approval will require an amendment to the current TRANS Ministerial Order approving winter road closures in Kananaskis Country.
- TRANS website, Kananaskis Country website, and Alberta 5-1-1 will require updates, if this closure is approved.
- Decision: All departments represented are in favour of closure. INFRA representation was absent.
- Action: F. Lee to check with R. Spence and D. Johnson regarding the impacts to ESRD clients and either approve or reject the proposal. Forward proposal via email and request a response within two weeks.
- Action: F. Lee to check with MD of Ranchlands to confirm this recommended closure is still its preference.

4) Evan Thomas Water Wastewater Treatment Plant updates (S. Polley)

- Draft letter regarding the establishment of the ETWWwTP as a septage receiving station requires redraft. Estimate provided by Stantec to make this change to the treatment plant (TP) is \$60 - \$100K. KID has set aside

- \$150K for this work \$50K went to planning/site assessments and now \$100K is available towards the actual plant modifications.
- P. Sekhon has concerns regarding Stantec understanding the scope of work required to adapt this TP to add the septage receiving station.
- S. Polley will share the report, draft Minister to Minister letter in order to move this project forward. KID is accessing federal gas tax funding for this adaptation and this funding has an expiration date.
- P. Sekhon indicated that approval from ESRD for this plant modification is required and an amendment to the P3 contract with EPCOR is also required.
- The success of this change to the TP has a huge impact for Parks as dealing with campground septage is a concern. The cost of hauling and dumping is huge and receiving stations are at capacity and no longer accepting trucked septage. Bighorn is no longer accepting septage from KID.
- This issue will impact expansion/future development of sites within Kananaskis Country.
- The official opening ceremony of the ETWWwTP is September 12/14.
- Decision: Move forward with briefing note for decision. S. Polley to send prepared draft to P. Sekhon, M. Storie, D. Johnson for review/approval to move forward via ARTS.

5) SSRP Development Update (J. Young)

- Implementing the South Saskatchewan Regional Plan will have impacts on Kananaskis Country/KID with changes to Parks and Public lands.
- A steering committee is being developed with representation from both TPR and ESRD to work on implementation of the SSRP in the area.
- At a regional level, TPR staff will be working with ESRD staff on priorities and projects.
- Recommended that this become a standing agenda item for discussion/update each meeting.
- Decision: Item presented for information/update.

PUBLIC SESSION: Start at 10:30 a.m.

6) Roundtable (All)

o S. Polley

 KID Council met Sept. 8/14, and are working on 2015 budget, as well as finalizing the Business and Strategic plans and will then forward to the Minister for endorsement. Copies will be provided to KCICC membership once completed.

o P. Radchenko

- New ADM for Tourism as of June 2, 2014.
- New Division of Policy & Strategy Land Use Unit, with the same portfolio. Hiring of Executive Director and Director as well as some staff is pending. Moving from two Divisions to three. There may be some implications to KID/KCICC down the road.

M. Storie

- Flood Recovery Trail work is in full swing as is planning for upcoming projects.
- An Open House was held in Fish Creek Provincial Park to keep the public informed on flood recovery initiatives and was an opportunity to hear public feedback.
- Jill Sawyer, Regional Communications Coordinator for flood recovery will be attending the Canmore Market on September 11/14 and updating people on flood recovery. Jill will also be in Bow Valley Provincial Park for Parks Day on Sunday, July 20/14. Plans are in the works for an Open House in Kananaskis as well.
- Mitigation work is underway on Evan Thomas and King Creeks, along with bridge repairs/replacements.
- Golf course cleanup will continue through the fall until weather prohibits continuing.

o J. Young

- Has accepted a two-year secondment with the Alberta Recreational Trails Partnership. The work has elements which feel into Kananaskis Country trails issues. The Partnership is looking at strategic planning and policy regarding trails, provincially.
- Will continue to work on the Regional Trails Plan as part of SSRP.
- M. Storie indicated that an "Expression of Interest" has been sought for those interested in applying for Joey's Regional Planner position. Interviews will take place in the coming days with a decision hoped for by the end of the week.

o F. Lee

- Sheep River Road restoration is underway.
- Gorge Creek road is open culvert work completed.
- Work on Hwy 532 has been completed.
- Forestry trunk road to Carrot Creek has work ongoing.
- Gorge Creek culverts will be replaced with larger sizes
- Lineham Creek tender out for bridge replacement
- Powderface Trail tender out for 2015 work on five creek crossings and embankment restoration.

ACTION: Update on bridges – repairs/replacements requested for the November 18/14, meeting.

ACTION: Flood recovery updates from each department requested at the November 18/14, meeting.

o D. Hanna

- MOA with Transportation regarding the Spray Road avalanche control is being reviewed. A summary and final numbers is being prepared. In 2012, TPR spent \$30K, in 2013, TPR spent \$8K. Report will be forwarded to KCICC. Transportation is supportive of continuing to share the cost of this public safety program.
- On the November 18/14, agenda as an info item.

Meeting adjourned at 12:15 pm.

7) Next Meeting:

November 18, 2014, 9:30 start

Main Floor Boardroom 'A'

Canmore Nordic Centre, Day Lodge
1988 Olympic Way

Canmore, AB

Minutes approved by:

Mark Storie, Co Chair, KCICC

Darryl Johnson, Co-Chair, KCICC