

VILLAGE OF RADIUM HOT SPRINGS

AGENDA

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING OF OCTOBER 26<sup>TH</sup>, 2011.

**PRESENT:**

**1. ORDER:**

**2. ADDITIONS TO AGENDA:**

**3. MINUTES:**

- (a) Regular meeting minutes from October 12<sup>th</sup>, 2011.

**4. DELEGATIONS:**

- (a) Marko Shehovac – policing report.
- (b) Adrian Bergles – biking trail proposal.

**5. COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**6. UNFINISHED BUSINESS / BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES:**

**7. BYLAWS:**

**8. MISCELLANEOUS CORRESPONDENCE & REPORTS:**

- (a) Windermere Valley Early Childhood Development Team sponsorship request.

**9. NEW BUSINESS:**

- (a) RDEK Invasive Plant Management Program.

**10. SUNDRY MATTERS & QUESTIONS:**

**11. NOTICE OF COMMITTEE, SPECIAL & CLOSED MEETINGS:**

**12. ADJOURNMENT:**

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REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES FROM OCTOBER 12<sup>TH</sup>, 2011.

**PRESENT:** Mayor Dee Conklin, Councillors Devlin, Reinhardt and Verboom, Andrea Klassen, Dave Dixon, Karen Sharp and Mark Read.

**1. ORDER:** Mayor Conklin brought the meeting to order at 7:31 p.m.

**2. ADDITIONS TO AGENDA:**

Resolved, that we add 'Tourism Radium' and 'Carbon Smart Tool software' to the 'New Business' portion of the agenda.  
(Moved by Councillor Reinhardt) Carried.

**3. MINUTES:**

Resolved, that we approve the regular meeting minutes from September 14<sup>th</sup>, 2011, as circulated.  
(Moved by Councillor Devlin) Carried.

**4. COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

Mayor Conklin provided highlights of the 2011 UBCM conference. Of note was the CanFor commitment to reopen the mill, largely dependent upon the US housing market and Provincial support for the formation of a Columbia Valley Community Forest.

Mayor Conklin also advised that the RDEK Board has decided to postpone a decision on Lot 48 until May 2012.

**5. UNFINISHED BUSINESS / BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES:**

Staff will OCP organize a workshop to review the first draft for the revised Official Community plan.

Council tabled the decision regarding a final member for the Tourism Radium 'marketing committee' until after the upcoming municipal election.

**6. BYLAWS:**

Resolved, that we provide third reading, reconsideration and adoption to OCP Amendment Bylaw No. 381, 2011.  
(Moved by Councillor Verboom) Carried.

Resolved, that we provide third reading, reconsideration and adoption Zoning Amendment Bylaw No. 382, 2011.  
(Moved by Councillor Devlin) Carried.

**7. MISCELLANEOUS CORRESPONDENCE & REPORTS:**

Staff advised that the sewer treatment plant upgrade project will proceed in the spring primarily due to delays in the shipping of major equipment components.

Staff will circulate the CBT Community Directed Youth funding program information to local groups who might have an interest in developing a project.

**8. NEW BUSINESS:**

Resolved, that we accept the September cheque register in the amount of \$407,589.94.  
(Moved by Councillor Reinhardt) Carried.

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**8. NEW BUSINESS continued:**

Council members were advised of the results of the 'Tourism Radium' Association Board of Directors election.

Staff will express our concerns to the Province regarding the cost structure for the carbon 'Smart Tool' software.

**9. SUNDRY MATTERS & QUESTIONS:**

Councillor Verboom noted that the Headbanger's Trail Run was a success and thanked the people who volunteered to help out with the event.

**10. NOTICE OF COMMITTEE, SPECIAL & CLOSED MEETINGS:**

Resolved, that we go 'in camera' to discuss employee relations under Section 90 of the Community Charter.

(Moved by Councillor Reinhardt) Carried.

**11. ADJOURNMENT:**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:29 p.m.

HEREBY CERTIFIED CORRECT:

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Mayor Dee Conklin

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Clerk Mark Read

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The Windermere Valley Early Childhood Development (WV ECD) Team is a not-for-profit collaborative table of early childhood service providers in the Windermere Valley that operates as an information network. The WV ECD Team has been in existence since 2005. One of the goals of the team is to provide families with information to support the healthy development of children from birth to age six in the Windermere Valley.

The team is working on the reprint of the Windermere Valley Community Services Guide a compilation of information about the wide variety of services and opportunities available to young children and families in the valley. Listings will include sports and recreation organizations, service agencies such as the Columbia Basin Alliance for Literacy and the Infant Development Program, child care and preschool providers, and other groups who provide opportunities and services for children under six. The guide will be distributed free of charge and will be available at various contact points such as the Family Resource Centre, MCFD, the local libraries, as well as medical, public health, dental and municipal offices throughout the Windermere Valley and through programs such as Books for Babies and Books for Toddlers.

The WV ECD Team will be producing 1200 guides that will be distributed over the next 12 months. The listings in the guides are being provided free of charge to community organizations who provide services for young children. In order to offset the cost of production, the WV ECD Team is inviting businesses to sponsor a listing in the guide. In return, each business will have their contact information listed at the bottom of their sponsored listing as well as in a business card sized ad that will appear in the middle page spread of the guide. The sponsorships are being sold at \$50 each.

Enclosed is a sample of what the listings will look like in the guide as well as an order form and a return envelope. If your business is interested in purchasing a sponsorship, please return the form by October 30, 2011. Please feel free to contact Lisa Lehr, WV ECD Team Coordinator at (250) 342-3952 or [wvecd@live.ca](mailto:wvecd@live.ca) if you have any additional questions about this project. Your support for this project is greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

Lisa Lehr  
WV ECD Team Coordinator

## Windermere Valley Early Childhood Development Team

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The WV ECD Team was formed in 2005. It is a collaborative table of service providers, agencies, and parents who deliver services to and care about the healthy development of children from birth to age six in the Windermere Valley. The team meets on a monthly basis to share information about the work that the various agencies are carrying out as well as to discuss current issues related to early childhood development.

The WV ECD Team is also an access point for parents and families who are looking for information about ECD services. The WV ECD Team employs a part-time coordinator in part through funds from the provincial initiatives Success By 6 and Children First as well as through project grants from various local and regional agencies. Families are invited to contact the coordinator who can provide them with contact information for the array of programs and services that are available.

Since 2006, the WV ECD Team has been involved in several community projects including hosting a parenting workshop, bringing a children's author and storyteller to the area, organizing a Cinema Circus event, and taking part in the Columbia Valley Arts Council's children's festival.

Sponsored by: ABC Electric, Invermere, BC  
"Servicing the Windermere Valley's Electrical Needs"  
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## Growing Together Program Series

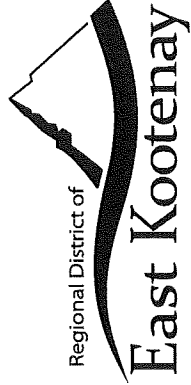
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The Growing Together Program Series is a collection of family and literacy programs that are available to families in locations throughout the Windermere Valley at no charge. The programs are offered through a partnership of the Columbia Basin Alliance for Literacy, the Family Resource Centre, and CAPC-Windermere Valley. Programs are offered at three main locations: the Edgewater Community Hall in Edgewater, Valley Connections in Invermere, and Headwaters in Canal Flats. There are several different programs that are offered including Play & Learn, Parent Time-Family Time, Baby Goose/Baby Talk, Mother Goose, and Preschool Indoor Playgroup. The types of programs that are offered varies by session as well as location.

There are three sessions of programs offered each year. The fall session runs from mid-September to December, the winter session runs from January to mid-March, and the spring session runs from April to mid-May. There is no cost to participate in a program but, because of demand, pre-registration is required for some of the programs. Please contact the Family Resource Centre for an up to date schedule of the Growing Together programs.

Sponsored by: CV Child Care, Canal Flats, BC  
"A happy place for kids!"  
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October 17, 2011

Mark Read, CAO  
 Village of Radium Hot Springs  
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Dear Mr. Read:

**Re: Invasive Plant Management Program**

Since its establishment in 1996, the RDEK's Noxious Weed Control Enforcement Service (now referred to as the Invasive Plant Management Program) has proven to be an effective service that is well regarded throughout the Province. Unfortunately, the threats that invasive plants pose have not diminished since the service was put in place. It is now widely recognized that invasive species are the second greatest global threat to native species, behind habitat loss. On a regional level, we are facing challenges at our border from new and damaging species, while competing land uses in the East Kootenay complicate invasive plant management efforts.

Fortunately, in large part due to the Invasive Plant Management Program, many residents of the East Kootenay are well aware of the threats that invasive plants pose and are compelled to do something. Private landowners in municipalities and rural communities are taking an interest in controlling invasive plants on their property. Many are also reporting infestations on private and Crown land, knowing that the RDEK is responsible for enforcement of the *Weed Control Act* and associated regulations.

The current Invasive Plant Management Program is set to expire on December 31, 2011. On October 7, 2011, the RDEK Board of Directors gave three readings to Bylaw No. 2343 cited as "Regional District of East Kootenay – Invasive Plant Management Service Establishment Bylaw No. 2343, 2011" which will establish a permanent Invasive Plant Management Service in the East Kootenay region. The Board believes that our leadership in invasive plant management and the benefits our program has historically provided demonstrate its need as a permanent Service.

While the core activities of the Program will remain unchanged in the future (education/awareness, coordination and partnership building, compliance and enforcement), there is a need to provide enhanced levels of service. Many municipal and rural residents have benefitted from personalized site visits, weed management plans, financial rebates for treatments and local government support of private land interests at the Provincial level, to name just a few. Due to the demand for these and other functions as well as the probable elimination of provincial funding that the Program has relied on, the Board is also proposing to change from a requisition limit based on a fixed dollar amount to a maximum tax rate.

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Historically, the RDEK Invasive Plant Management Program was the recipient of Provincial grants provided by the Ministry of Agriculture in an effort to provide regional government programs with base funding for operations. These annual grants supported over 30% of Program costs and may be eliminated in the near future. The 2011 budget for the Program is about \$71,000, which is being funded by taxation of \$40,000 (the current bylaw maximum), the Provincial grant of \$23,000, and surpluses from prior years. To fund the same level of service into the future, the tax requisition limit needs to be increased to cover the full cost. Bylaw No. 2343 includes a maximum tax rate of \$0.008/\$1,000 of taxable assessed value of land and improvements which would generate \$104,000 based on 2011 assessments. The actual amount to be taxed each year would continue to be set by the Board during the annual financial plan process.

The increase in requisition will allow for quicker responses to public inquiries, greater public education and outreach efforts and increased personalized service, likely through the hiring of a seasonal invasive plant technician. The RDEK would also be in a better position to support municipalities in their invasive plant control and bylaw enforcement activities, for example. Finally, financial rebates and equipment provided through the RDEK and the East Kootenay Invasive Plant Council's (EKIPC) jointly administered Neighbourhood Invasive Plant Program (NIPP), would be more accessible to municipal residents.

Controlling invasive plants is an enormous challenge and one that is essential for the protection of ecological, economic and social values of the East Kootenay. The RDEK Invasive Plant Management Program is well situated to remain a leader in this respect. However, for invasive plant management efforts to be successful across the region, it requires the support of both rural areas and municipalities.

In order for the Bylaw to proceed, the consent of all municipal councils and electoral area directors is required; therefore, we respectfully request Council's consideration of Bylaw No. 2343 (copy enclosed). If Council does provide their consent, please forward a certified copy of the consent resolution (sample enclosed) by **November 7, 2011** to meet *Local Government Act* requirements.

Sincerely,



Lee-Ann Crane  
CAO

LC/SM/ct

Enclosures

ec: Shannon Moskal, Community Services Manager  
Kevin Paterson, Environmental Services Manager  
Jennifer MacDonald, Administrative Assistant

Resolution 42673

REGIONAL DISTRICT OF EAST KOOTENAY

BYLAW NO. 2343

A bylaw to establish a service to provide an invasive plant management program.

WHEREAS a regional district may, by bylaw, establish and operate a service under the provisions of the *Local Government Act*;

AND WHEREAS the Board of the Regional District of East Kootenay considers it necessary and deems it appropriate to establish a service to provide an invasive plant management program;

AND WHEREAS the Councils of the City of Cranbrook, City of Kimberley, City of Fernie, District of Sparwood, District of Elkford, District of Invermere, Village of Radium Hot Springs, and Village of Canal Flats, have given consent on behalf of the electors within the municipal participating areas to adoption of this Bylaw;

AND WHEREAS the Directors of Electoral Areas A, B, C, E, F, and G, have given consent on behalf of the electors within the electoral participating areas to adoption of this Bylaw;

NOW THEREFORE, the Board of the Regional District of East Kootenay, in open meeting assembled, enacts as follows:

1. This Bylaw may be cited as "Regional District of East Kootenay - Invasive Plant Management Service Establishment Bylaw No. 2343, 2011".
2. The Regional Board hereby establishes a service to provide an invasive plant management program within the whole of the Regional District of East Kootenay including all member municipalities and electoral areas.
3. The boundaries of the Service Area are the boundaries of the Regional District of East Kootenay including all member municipalities.
4. The participants in the service established under Section 2 of this Bylaw are Electoral Areas A, B, C, E, F, and G, and the City of Cranbrook, City of Kimberley, City of Fernie, District of Sparwood, District of Elkford, District of Invermere, Village of Radium Hot Springs, and Village of Canal Flats.
5. The Regional District of East Kootenay may enter into contracts to provide invasive plant management programs within the Service Area.
6. The maximum amount of money that may be requisitioned annually for the service provided under section 2 of this Bylaw shall be \$0.008 per \$1,000 of taxable assessed value of land and improvements in the Service Area.
7. The annual costs to provide the service under Section 2 of this Bylaw shall be recovered by requisition of money to be collected by a property value tax.
8. The costs to provide the service under Section 2 of this Bylaw shall be apportioned among the municipal and electoral participating areas on the basis of converted value of land and improvements in those areas.
9. This Bylaw shall come into force and effect on January 1, 2012.

READ A FIRST TIME the 7<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2011.

READ A SECOND TIME the 7<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2011.

READ A THIRD TIME the 7<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2011.

APPROVED BY THE INSPECTOR OF MUNICIPALITIES the        day of        , 2011.

ADOPTED the        day of        , 2011.

CHAIR

CORPORATE OFFICER

## SAMPLE CONSENT RESOLUTION

**WHEREAS** the Board of the Regional District of East Kootenay proposes to adopt Bylaw No. 2343 cited as "Regional District of East Kootenay – Invasive Plant Management Service Establishment Bylaw No. 2343, 2011";

**NOW THEREFORE**, pursuant to sections 801 and 801.4 of the *Local Government Act*,

**BE IT RESOLVED** that Council:

- (a) Waives the assent of the electors of the City of \_\_\_\_\_ regarding proposed Regional District of East Kootenay Bylaw No. 2343; and
- (b) Consents to the adoption of this proposed Bylaw.

(NOTE: Please forward a **certified copy** of the Council resolution.)