



KANANASKIS IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT

Summer 2010



From L to R: Shawn Polley, Chief of Emergency Services - Kananaskis Improvement District; Dan DeSantis, Chair - Kananaskis Improvement District; Dave Newnham, Executive Director - Tim Hortons Children's Foundation; Heather Bates, Kananaskis Camp Director - Tim Hortons Children's Foundation

A big thank you to TDL Group Ltd.—Tim Hortons Children's Foundation for their very generous donation of \$15,150 to the Kananaskis Improvement District.

This donation will assist in addressing the operational needs of the emergency services program at the Kananaskis Emergency Services Centre. The KID is very proud to have the opportunity to work alongside corporate partners to build relationships that provide the best service possible for our community.

We proudly display the Tim Horton's logo on many of our apparatus and continue to answer many questions about our formal recognition program and particularly the commitment and dedication to community programs by our partners. Look for us at events we attend throughout the Kananaskis area.

On behalf of our community, our residents and ratepayers, and the many visitors and guests coming to Kananaskis, we thank TDL Group Ltd. for the continued support to our Municipal Fire and Rescue Response Program.



Kananaskis Emergency Services

STATISTICS	
May 2010	
Parks/Dispatch Calls	260
EMS Transport Calls	2
EMS Non-Transport	7
Fire Response Calls	15
April 2010	
Parks/Dispatch Calls	190
EMS Transport Calls	2
EMS Non-Transport	5
Fire Response Calls	25

Kananaskis Lakes Association Upcoming Events

JUNE 12 ~ BEAR AWARENESS PRESENTATION

Over the past few years, the Kananaskis Lakes Association has sponsored several important programs and helped purchase equipment to assist in bear management in our community. Randy Ramsden and Jay Honeyman will be presenting information on bears and the various programs that are underway to help in the safe management of humans and bears who share the same area. Please plan to join us for the afternoon and bring along friends and family who might also be interested.

When: June 12, 2010 from 1 pm to 4 pm
Where: Peter Loughheed Visitor Center (main theatre)
Refreshments and snacks will be provided.

JUNE 15 to AUGUST 15 FISHING DERBY

The derby is open to cabin owners and visiting relatives. Catches from the Upper and Lower Lakes will be eligible. Trophies will be awarded at the AGM/Pot Luck Dinner. Small trophies (to be kept) will be awarded to each of the winning girl and boy, and to the winners of the large trophies.

2010 HAZARDOUS ROUND UP / FIRESMART EVENT

The annual KLA hazardous round up / firesmart event for 2010 will be held on September 4th. The event will be held at the end of the season to allow everyone to round up any hazardous materials left over from summer projects and still have a chance to meet with key members of EMS, RCMP, and fire protection. Additional details on the event will be available in August.

The Kananaskis Improvement District is a proud member of E911.

To report an emergency:

- Fire
- Ambulance
- Police
- Mountain Rescue

Dial 911



Highwood Gate will open June 15th!

2010 Mill Rates

Based on the approved 2010 Municipal Budget and 2010 Requisitions from Alberta Education and Bow Valley Lodge; the 2010 mill rates have been set by Council as follows (per \$1,000 of assessed value):

- Municipal: 5.3337
- School Requisition - Non Residential: 4.1281
- School Requisition - Residential: 2.5211
- Senior Citizens Requisition: 0.1285

Combined Assessment and Tax Notices will be mailed out on June 25, 2010 with the payment due date of August 31, 2010. A 12% penalty on outstanding current taxes will be imposed on September 1, 2010 and an additional 12% penalty will be added to all outstanding taxes on January 1st of each subsequent year.

The 2010 Tax Roll Assessment information for the Kananaskis Improvement District is available on our website at: www.kananaskisid.ca.

Prescribed fire resumes in Kananaskis Country

The prescribed fires are located in the Evan-Thomas Valley in the Elbow-Sheep Wildland Provincial Park, and in the Buller Creek / Mt. Nestor area of Bow Valley Wildland / Spray Valley provincial parks. The construction of fire guards has commenced on these projects, and operations will include the use of heavy equipment. The Buller Creek (949 ha.) and mt. Nestor (605 ha.) prescribed fires will take place in stages between May 1 and September 30, 2010. The Evan-Thomas (408 ha.) prescribed fire will commend in the 2010 season, but will not take place during long weekends or during the months of July and August.

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 6, 2010 has been rescheduled for June 23, 2010 at 3:00 p.m. in Council Chambers.