

**MINUTES OF THE
KANANASKIS IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT
FIRESMART COMMITTEE**

Meeting Number 20

**December 4, 2014
9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.**

Kananaskis Emergency Services Centre

Present:

Chair:	Jamie Tiessen	KID Council – Chair
Recorder:	Craig Halifax	Kananaskis Emergency Services
Members:	Mike Norton	KID Council
	Rod Gow	ESRD – Parks Division
	Derek Small	Kananaskis Lower Lakes Cabin/ Pocaterra Residents (via phone)
	Richard Pettit	Chief Camp Hector – YMCA (KID Camps)
	Stew Walkinshaw	Montane Forest Management
	Richard Paton	ESRD – Forestry
	Josh Hoddinott	ESRD – Forestry
Regrets:	<i>Kevin Topolnicki</i>	<i>ESRD – Forestry</i>
	<i>Jon Jorgenson</i>	<i>ESRD – Fish and Wildlife</i>
	<i>Connie Neilson</i>	<i>Bow Valley/Evan Thomas Resident</i>

Agenda Item	Committee Discussion	Action Assigned To	Due Date	Action Completed (Yes/No)
1. Call to Order/ Introductions/ Site Orientation	Jamie Tiessen welcomed the committee Start time 09:38			
2. Review of Agenda	Approved with no additions.			
3. Previous Minutes	Approved with no changes.			
4. Review of Action Items	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) South-Winds Wildfire Exercise 2) FireSmart Canada Community Recognition Program <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Community Achievement Certificate - Lower Kananaskis Lakes FireSmart Board update 3) FireSmart Community Grant Program <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Use of remaining 2012-13 grant funding - Use of 2013-14 grant funding - Status of 2014-15 grant funding 4) FRIAA Grant Projects update 5) Wildfire Mitigation Strategy review 	Walkinshaw Walkinshaw Small Committee Committee ESRD Walkinshaw Committee		
South-Winds Wildfire Exercise	New date: June 11, 2015 S. Walkinshaw to provide Exercise Overview document to Committee via email Overview/basic description of exercise provided	Walkinshaw		Yes
FireSmart Canada Community Recognition Program	Kananaskis Improvement District has been recognized for the continued commitment to the FireSmart program and principles. M. Norton and C. Halifax accepted the <i>FireSmart Canada Community Protection certificate</i> from T. Price-ESRD at the FireSmart - Local Representative workshop in Canmore on October 23, 2014.	Walkinshaw		Yes

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	<p>D. Small has recruited Allan Montaine to create the Lower Kananaskis Lakes FireSmart Board. They will continue to try to recruit at least one more member. The Board has met with S. Walkinshaw to develop Community Plan and are going to schedule a FireSmart event in the spring to meet all the requirements of the FS Community Recognition program.</p> <p>May 2/2015 is National FireSmart Action Day. To be considered for Lower Lakes event.</p>	Small/ Walkinshaw	ongoing	No
FireSmart Community Grant Program	<p>Committee discussed use of the remaining 2012-13 FS Community Grant funding which has been earmarked to the costs of the South-Winds Wildfire Exercise</p> <p>With the successful FRIAA Grant applications, the KID has \$50,000 in FS Community Grant funding from the 2013-14 program. Committee discussed the options for use. Recommendation accepted to utilize a portion to the South-Winds Wildfire Exercise based on budget forecast for the exercise (\$15,000). The remaining funds (\$35,000) will be allocated to continue with various vegetation management projects within the municipality.</p> <p>Update from R. Paton with respect to status of the KID 2014-15 FS Community Grant application. Decisions have been made and ESRD is awaiting word to send out the letters to the various applicants.</p>	Halifax Committee ESRD	ongoing	Yes Yes No
FRIAA Grant Projects	<p>Review of current vegetation management projects that are being done through the FRIAA Grant Program.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - PLPP contract for William Watson Lodge and the LKL fireguard (projected completion late Jan/15) - Kananaskis North contract for the U. of C. Field Station and Camp Adventure (projected completion late Jan/15 as well) <p>Provided information on the KID request to use the excess FRIAA Grant funds towards further veg mgmt. priority projects in the area. This is being coordinated by C. Halifax and S. Walkinshaw in communication with S. Polley.</p>	Walkinshaw	ongoing	No

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	Substantial discussion with respect to other priorities of the Committee outside of veg mgmt. that fall within FS principles. (municipal addressing or evacuation route/safe refuge signage to be considered for future)			
Wildfire Mitigation Strategy	<p>S. Walkinshaw had provided the draft Wildfire Mitigation Strategy to all Committee members in advance of the FS Committee meeting.</p> <p>Any grammatical, spelling, etc. errors to be forwarded separately to S. Walkinshaw to allow adequate time to review priority areas of the WMS. Plan was thoroughly discussed with all stakeholders present at the Committee meeting. S. Walkinshaw maintained list of changes to incorporate in final draft of WMS.</p> <p>Individual approval requested to document formal community support for the WMS, incorporating the suggested changes by the Committee.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - D. Small (Lower Kananaskis Lakes Cabin Assoc) – Yes, supports - M. Norton (KID Council) – Yes, supports - C. Halifax (KID Fire) – Yes, supports with feedback from S. Polley, CAO - R. Pettit (Camps) – Yes, supports - J. Hoddinott (ESRD) – Yes, supports - R. Paton (ESRD) – Yes, supports - R. Gow (Parks) – Supports in principle but requires approval of Parks mgmt. - J. Tiessen (KID Council) – Yes, supports 	Walkinshaw/ Committee	Jan/15	No
5. ROUNDTABLE				
6. Next Meeting Date & Time	<p>Date: February XX, 2015 (tentative)</p> <p>Time: 9:30 a.m.</p> <p>Location: Kananaskis Emergency Services Centre</p> <p>Meeting adjourned at 11:27</p>			

 JAMIE TIESSEN
 CHAIR, KID FIRESMART COMMITTEE

 DATE