

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

**MEETING 7**

**February 17, 2010  
@ 9:30 a.m. to 12 noon**

**Kananaskis Improvement District Council Chambers**

**Present:**

Chair: Jamie Tiessen Chair

Recorder: Shawn Polley Kananaskis Emergency Services

**Members:**

Connie Nielson	Bow Valley/Evan Thomas Resident
Stew Walkinshaw	Montane Forest Management
Rod Gow	TPR- Parks Kananaskis Country
Colin Perry	KID Business
Sean McNeil	SRD – Forestry
Jason McAleenan	SRD - Forestry

**Regrets:**

Kevin Topolnicki	SRD – Forestry
Derek Small	Kananaskis Lower Lakes Cabin/Pocaterra Residents
Stephan Best	SRD – Forestry
Jon Jorgenson	SRD – Fish and Wildlife

Guests: NONE

Agenda Item	Committee Discussion	Action Assigned To	Due Date	Action Completed (Yes/No)
<b>Call to Order/Site Introduction/ Orientation</b>	Jamie Tiessen welcomed the committee, conducted a round table of introductions for new and replacement member. Start time 09:45 hours			
<b>Review of Agenda</b>	The agenda was approved as presented			
<b>Previous Minutes</b>	Approved			
<b>Review of Action Items</b>	Due dates reassigned or noted as completed			
<b>Outstanding Action Items</b>	Establish a system that allows for a consistent approach to receive an approval from TPR for residents living on TPR leases to conduct FireSmart fuel modifications. FireSmart Committee to establish a consistent process to allow interested owners / residents to conduct FireSmart activities in zone 1 areas on TPR controlled leased lands. The approval process will be similar to the current structure the stakeholders have agreed upon in the Lower Lakes Cabin Association leases.	<b>POLLEY, WALKINSHAW, NIELSEN, GOW</b>	<b>Updated May 9, 2010</b>	
<b>FireSmart Community Grant</b>	<p>The PLPP Facility Pre-Attack Plan is complete and waiting for delivery from the printers and once it has arrived a stakeholder meeting and training session will be established.</p> <p>2009 Grant application was not successful, KID Council submitted a letter to the Minister of SRD to request feedback. Shawn Polley contacted Tracey Price with the SRD FireSmart unit and she reported that the grant was not successful due to;  <i>“The areas where Kananaskis Improvement District scored lower than average was the following:  Community Contribution – this category is calculated based on the financial contribution from the applicant plus the number of hours staff estimated on the project divided by the grant requested”</i></p> <p>The KID was recommended to continue to submit applications for FireSmart Grant funding.</p>	<b>Walkinshaw</b>	<b>May 9, 2010</b>	

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	Sean McNeil informed the committee that the 2010 SRD Community FireSmart Grant Program has been suspended until further notice.			
<b>Community Involvement Program</b>	Kananaskis Village Residents would like to plan a FireSmart Community Clean Up Day for August 25, 2010. Colin Perry and Shawn Polley to organize.	<b>C. Perry, S. Polley</b>	<b>August 25-10</b>	
<b>Forest Resource Improvement Association of Alberta (FRIAA)</b>	<p>KID Council approved two grant submissions for fuel modification and emergency pre-planning projects with both projects being successfully awarded in December 2009. An RPF process awarded three Alberta Companies fuel modification work at the Lower Kananaskis Lakes Cabin Area, Mt. Kidd mobile home loop and the Bow Valley Provincial Park residential area.</p> <p>The Evan Thomas Facility Zone Community Wildfire Pre-Emergency Plan will be completed by Montane Forest Management and delivered by April 30, 2010.</p> <p>FRIAA has announced that applications are able to be submitted until March 31, 2010 for qualifying projects. The committee discussed the next steps and decided that the following vegetation management and pre-emergency planning projects would be the next set of priorities. A set of projects would be chosen once Stew had estimates some costs with a grant submission goal of approximately \$750,000.00.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Complete BVPP (if not completed within current grant allocation)</li> <li>2. Kananaskis Village</li> <li>3. Pocaterra Housing subdivision</li> <li>4. Rocky Mountain YMCA</li> <li>5. Tim Horton Children Ranch</li> <li>6. University of Calgary Field Research Station – Residential area.</li> </ol> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Completion of the Kananaskis Valley Northern Community Wildfire Pre-Emergency Plan</li> <li>2. Completion of the Elbow Valley Community Wildfire Pre-Emergency Plan</li> </ol> <p>Stew Walkinshaw was tasked with establishing the estimated costs of the top 6 vegetation management and the pre-emergency plans and distributing to the FireSmart</p>	<b>Polley</b>	<b>August 31, 10</b>  <b>April 30, 10</b>	
		<b>Walkinshaw</b>	<b>Feb 28, 2010</b>	

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	<p>Committee. A letter from KID Business, SRD, TPR, KID Council and FireSmart Committee was discussed to provide support from the key stakeholders in the projects.</p> <p>KID Council will be provided with the recommendations for project approval prior to the submission deadline.</p>	<b>POLLEY</b>	<b>March 2, 10</b>	
<b>Evan Thomas Fuel Modification and Proposed Prescribed Burn</b>	Jason McAleenan and Sean McNeil provided an update to the Evan Thomas project that started on February 16, 2010 and the proposed prescribed fire that may occur in 2010.			
<b>Next Meeting Date &amp; Time</b>	<p>Date: May 9, 2010 Time: 9:30 a.m. Location: Kananaskis Improvement District Council Chambers</p>			

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JAMIE TIESSEN  
CHAIR KID FIRESMART COMMITTEE

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