

Regional District of East Kootenay

Communication Memorandum of Understanding Final Report – Community to Community Forum September 21, 2005

FORUM OBJECTIVES

The main objective of the annual Forum is to more firmly establish a working relationship with, and to continue communication between First Nations and local governments in the East Kootenay region. This year's proposed topic is a workshop/break out session on the development and signing of a communication protocol (Memorandum of Understanding/MOU) between the RDEK and the KKTC.

The RDEK has made significant progress in working with our neighbors, the First Nations Communities and Local Governments.

We have made it a priority to create opportunities for communication and open dialogue with our First Nations neighbors – one example being the Community to Community Forum.

This year's Forum was a success for all of the governments involved. Each of the Band Councils, Regional District Boards and Municipal Councils worked together to develop a communications MOU for review and final approval, which culminated in an official "signing ceremony". Each of the Bands within the Ktunaxa Nation Council was present, as well as each of the Mayors from the Municipal Councils and the Chairs from the Regional District of East Kootenay and Regional District of Central Kootenay. This MOU will help to ensure the lines of communication are kept open; and will more firmly establish a commitment toward the principles of communication.

PARTICIPANTS

Please see attached participant list.

ISSUES DISCUSSED

The discussion at this year's Forum revolved around the draft MOU and the principles contained within. There were 7 break out groups at the Forum, comprised of representatives from each of the partner governments. Each group was assigned a specific section of the MOU to review and discuss amongst themselves. After the breakout session was complete, each group designated a spokesperson to report out to the larger group with comments, recommendations and suggestions. These comments were recorded and the MOU was re-drafted to address and to incorporate the suggestions where appropriate.

RECOMMENDATIONS/OUTCOMES

The next step will be consultation on more specific protocols at each government level. Further dialogue and communication generated from the underlying principles within the MOU will be a future measurable outcome. As this is a “motherhood” document, further protocols are expected to result from this document. For example, a communication/consultation protocol around land-use planning may be developed.

FINANCIAL SUMMARY

Please see attached summary.

ATTACHMENTS

Please see attached documentation (Letter of Invitation, Agenda, Letter of Invitation to the Media, Copy of Signed MOU, Summary of Even Expenditures, etc.)

COMMUNITY TO COMMUNITY FORUM 2005
Wednesday, Sept 21/05

Attending:

Greg Deck	Chair, RDEK & Mayor, Village of Radium Hot Springs
Klara Trescher	Director, RDEK
Mike Kartasheff	Director, RDEK
Peter Ross	Director, RDEK
Heath Slee	Director, RDEK
Lee-Ann Crane	CAO, RDEK
Raeleen Manjak	Deputy Manager of Administrative Services, RDEK
Steve McInnis	Manager of Engineering & Environmental Services, RDEK
Len Folkman	Councillor, Town of Creston
Tom Mann	Director, RDCK
Carol McGowan	CAO, Regional District of Central Kootenay
Roy Hales	Director of Corporate Services, City of Cranbrook
Will Pearce	City Administrator, City of Cranbrook
Ross Priest	Mayor, City of Cranbrook
Angus Davis	Councillor, City of Cranbrook
Scott Manjak	Chair, KKTAC
Emile Morin	Mayor, Village of Canal Flats
Tricia Doherty	Councillor, Village of Canal Flats
Allan Ackerman	Mayor, District of Elkford
Corien Speaker	CAO, District of Elkford
Randal Macnair	Mayor, City of Fernie
Bob Campsall	Councillor, District of Invermere
Ron McRae	Mayor, City of Kimberley
Mike Dodd	CAO, City of Kimberley
Jacki Rayman	Councillor, District of Sparwood
Kathryn Teneese	Chief Negotiator, Ktunaxa Kinbasket Treaty Council
Troy Sebastian	Director, Treaty Lands & Resources, Ktunaxa Kinbasket Treaty Council
Gwen Phillips	Governance Transition Coordinator, Ktunaxa Kinbasket Treaty Council
Garry Merkel	Negotiator, Ktunaxa Kinbasket Treaty Council
Dan Paradis	Manager, Lands & Resources, Ktunaxa Kinbasket Treaty Council
Craig Paskin	Researcher/Policy Analyst, Lands & Resources, Ktunaxa Kinbasket Treaty Council
Rob Louie	Legal Advisor, Ktunaxa Kinbasket Treaty Council
Donna Kraus-Hagerman	Communications Manager, Ktunaxa Kinbasket Treaty Council
Roberta Van Steinburg	Office Manager, Ktunaxa Kinbasket Treaty Council
Rosemary Nicholas	Chief Executive Officer, Ktunaxa Nation Council
Don Maki	Director, Traditional Knowledge & Language Sector, Ktunaxa Nation Council
Helder Ponte	Director, Economic Sector, Ktunaxa Nation Council
Brent Lucas	General Manager, Ktunaxa Kinbasket Development Corporation
Chief Mary Jimmy	?akisq'nuk First Nation
Nelson Phillip	Councillor, ?akisq'nuk First Nation
Chief Mary Mahseelah	Tobacco Plains Band
Joe Pierre Sr.	Band Manager, Lower Kootenay Band
Arlene Teasley	Councillor, Lower Kootenay Band
Cheryl Casimer	Negotiator, Ktunaxa Kinbasket Treaty Council and Councillor, St. Mary's Band
Marion Eunson	Manager, Employment Services, Ktunaxa Nation Council

Steven Wassink

Controller, Ktunaxa Nation Council

Not Attending:

Andrew McLeod

Manager of Planning & Development Services

Martin Cullen

Director, RDEK

Village of Silverton

Norm Walter

Director, RDEK

**REGIONAL DISTRICT OF EAST KOOTENAY,
REGIONAL DISTRICT OF CENTRAL KOOTENAY
AND THE
KTUNAXA NATION COUNCIL**

**REGIONAL
COMMUNITY TO COMMUNITY
FORUM 2005**

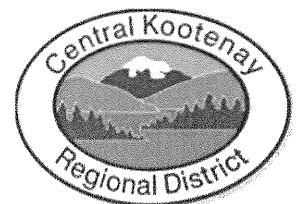
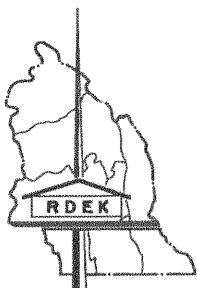
WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 21, 2005

at

FORT STEELE HERITAGE TOWN

AGENDA:

Ceremonial Welcome and Introduction	4:00 pm
Communications MOU - Working Group Session	4:15 pm
Dinner	5:30 pm
Report Out from Working Group Session	6:30 pm
Information Sharing Session	7:30 pm
Concluding Remarks	8:00 pm



COMMUNITY TO COMMUNITY FORUM 2005

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 21, 2005

DETAILED AGENDA

Ceremonial Welcome and Prayer 4:00 pm
Welcome – Rosemary Nicholas, CEO, Ktunaxa Nation Council
Prayer – Chief Mary Mahseelah

Introductions 4:10 pm
Lee-Ann Crane – leads group introductions

Communications MOU - Working Group Session 4:15 pm
Lee-Ann Crane – Introduce MOU and explain how the session will work

Dinner 5:30 pm

Report Out from Working Group Session 6:30 pm

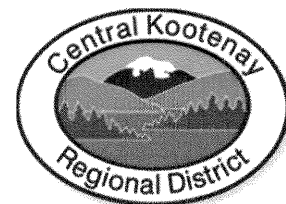
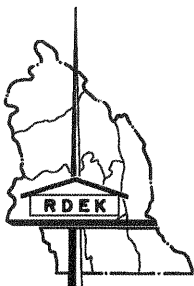
- Rosemary Nicholas – lead the reporting out and at the end of the session explain the next steps
- Raeleen Manjak – record comments

Information Sharing Session (each speaker has 10 mins) 7:30 pm

- Ktunaxa Nation Land Use Plan and Accommodation & Consultation Policy Framework
 - Troy Sebastian, Director, Treaty Lands & Resources, Ktunaxa Kinbasket Treaty Council (introduction – Rosemary Nicholas)
- Canadian Rockies International Airport Upgrade Project
 - Ross Priest, Mayor, City of Cranbrook (introduction – Lee-Ann Crane)
- Broadband Project Update
 - Don Maki, Director, Traditional Knowledge and Language Sector, Ktunaxa Nation Council (introduction – Rosemary Nicholas)

Concluding Remarks 8:00 pm

- Greg Deck, Chair, Regional District of East Kootenay (introduction – Lee-Ann Crane)



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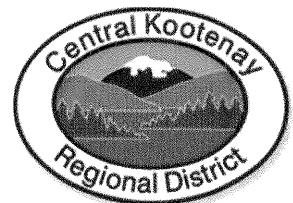
Re: Signing Ceremony – Memorandum of Understanding

The Ktunaxa Nation Council, Regional District of East Kootenay and Regional District of Central Kootenay cordially invite you to a ceremony for the signing of the Memorandum of Understanding on communication between local governments and the Ktunaxa Nation.

The Signing Ceremony will be held:

**Friday, November 4, 2005 at 11:00 am
Regional District of East Kootenay Board Room
19-24th Avenue South, Cranbrook**

Please confirm your attendance by phone to Merle Fellows, Executive Assistant, at (250) 489-2791 or by email to mfellows@rdek.bc.ca by November 2, 2005.





MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING ISSUE: COMMUNICATION

BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENTS OF:

Ktunaxa Nation Council
Akisq'nuk First Nation
Lower Kootenay Indian Band
St. Mary's Indian Band
Tobacco Plains Indian Band

(hereinafter referred to collectively as "the Ktunaxa Nation")

AND:

Regional District of East Kootenay
Regional District of Central Kootenay
City of Cranbrook
City of Kimberley
City of Fernie
District of Sparwood
District of Elkford
District of Invermere
Town of Creston
Village of Radium Hot Springs
Village of Canal Flats

(hereinafter referred to collectively as "the Local Governments")

WHEREAS:

- A. The Parties have mutual respect for each other's mandates, policies, values and areas of jurisdiction;
- B. The Parties share mutual interest in sound governance of the region and recognize that each have distinct authorities and responsibilities toward their members and residents and acknowledge that the interests of all persons living in the communities are best served by working together in a spirit of cooperation;
- C. The Parties wish to maintain respectful relations with each other and to deal fairly, openly and honestly in communication processes so that decisions with respect to their responsibilities are made with the best possible knowledge;
- D. The Parties wish to provide for consistent, meaningful and effective communication on all issues of mutual interest.

THEREFORE:

This Memorandum of Understanding represents commitment by the Local Governments and the Ktunaxa Nation to develop strong, committed and fair working relationships between their respective governments by ensuring respectful and open communication in accordance with the following principles:

PRINCIPLES:

1. Communication between the Parties will be based on mutual respect, recognition, and the reciprocal consideration of common interests.
2. Communication between the Parties will be meaningful, will enhance the relationships between the Ktunaxa Nation and the Local Governments, and will be open, frank, honest and straightforward.
3. The Parties will communicate in a transparent, proactive, flexible, and effective manner, recognizing that the nature and scope of communication may vary depending on circumstances.
4. The Parties will strive to achieve:
 - (a) a shared understanding of the purpose of the communication;
 - (b) an improved understanding of each other's mandates, policies, values, and areas of jurisdiction;
 - (c) timeliness in initiating and responding to communications;
 - (d) an appreciation of the need for workable approaches to solutions; and
 - (e) agreement on the appropriate method for the exchange, development, and distribution of information.
5. The Parties are committed to formal and informal communication at all levels of their organizations: elected, administrative, and operational.
6. When common interests including, but not limited to, planning for services, providing economic development opportunities, land use planning and developing infrastructure, are identified, the responsible party will initiate communication in a timely manner.
7. The Parties will foster mutual respect and understanding among individuals and organizations. The Parties will invite each other to participate in each other's events where appropriate, and provide opportunities for relationship building between leaders and among members of their respective communities.

AMENDMENT:

This Memorandum of Understanding may be amended by written agreement of the Parties.


IN WITNESS WHEREOF the parties have executed this Memorandum of Understanding
this 4th day of November 2005.

By the Ktunaxa Nation:


Ktunaxa Nation Council

Signatory: 


Akisq'nuk First Nation

Signatory: 

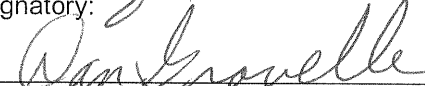
Lower Kootenay Indian Band

Signatory: 

St. Mary's Indian Band

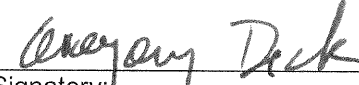
Signatory: 

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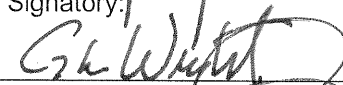
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By the Local Governments:


Regional District of East Kootenay

Signatory: 


Regional District of Central Kootenay

Signatory: 


City of Cranbrook

Signatory: 


City of Kimberley

Signatory: 

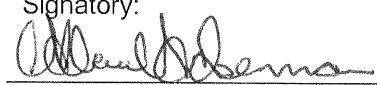
City of Fernie

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District of Sparwood

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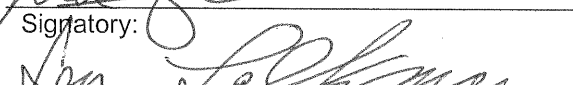
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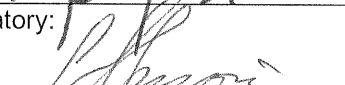
Town of Creston

Signatory: 

Village of Radium Hot Springs

Signatory: 

Village of Canal Flats

Signatory: 

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Financial Summary and Statement of Costs
Event Expenditures

Forum:

Dinner:

- Meals and Facility Rental 1,400.00

Preparation of materials:

- Invitations/Agenda – letterhead, copying & postage 50.00
 - RDEK Information Packages/Badges/TableTops 375.00
 - Delegate Working Packages for Event 350.00
- 775.00

Travel:

- RDEK Directors 625.00
 - RDCK Directors 319.00
- 944.00

Signing Ceremony:

Luncheon:

- Lunch 440.00

TOTAL for Facilities, Travel, Supplies and Meals 3559.00

In Kind Contributions (wages of RDEK staff) 2,320.00

TOTAL COST OF FORUM 5879.00

UBCM Funding Already Received 1872.00

Remaining 50% from UBCM ~~1872.00~~

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