



Council News, February 10, 2015

CanAus Coal Creek Project

CanAus is a young, Australia-based company that is working on a coking coal project near Coal Mountain Operations. The company provided an overview of their activities during the February 10, 2015 Committee of the Whole meeting. They reported that the project size will be comparable to Coal Mountain or Line Creek operations, averaging 2 million tonnes per year. Once the construction phase is completed, it is anticipated that the company will hire approximately 250-300 workers. During the next two years the company will be collecting environmental data, working on the mine design, conducting stakeholders' consultations and completing an Environmental Assessment.

Elk River Watershed Alliance (ERA), Flood Strategy

Elk River Watershed Alliance is working on a Flood Strategy and reported their progress on the project. The group's role is to facilitate and coordinate efforts of various stakeholders to increase awareness and understanding about the watershed. The group would like to provide further presentations and a field trip to Council members. They requested that the District share information with ERA, and assign one staff member to be a contact person.

Citizen of the Year Policy

The policy has been amended to reflect a timing change. The Citizen of the Year will now be introduced during the Volunteer Appreciation event in April.

Items for Display in District of Elkford Facilities

Council directed staff to create a policy that will deal with selection, storage, and maintenance of any items offered as donations to the District.

Aversive Conditioning of Urban Ungulates

The District of Elkford will submit a resolution to the Association of Kootenay Boundary Local Governments to lobby the Province of BC to develop a permitting provision that would allow communities with an urban ungulate/human interaction problem to apply for a permit for aversive conditioning of ungulates by trained dogs.

2015/2016 Policing Priorities

As in previous years the District of Elkford was approached by the Elk Valley RCMP Detachment to provide policing priorities for the upcoming year. Council identified the following priorities:

- Police presence in the community;
- School visits;
- Drugs and alcohol;
- Traffic violations:
 - Speeding in Elkford and on Highway 43;
 - Illegal use of all off-road vehicles;
 - Drinking and driving;
 - Monitoring of industrial traffic;

Elkford's input will be incorporated in the preparation of the Elk Valley Detachment's Annual Performance Plan.

