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Morning RDKB

BCTS—Strawberry Pass area, with onsite discussion including- forest management practices, BCTS roles, and ensuing professional reliance. BCTS has a bit over 40% of the AAC in the Boundary Region. There is an interest expressed by BCTS to assist the city of GF to work with us to examine our forest interface to determine wildfire threats and possible activities that could reduce potential future or imminent threats. There was an acknowledgement that climate change has impacted forest health and the impacts of forest practices upon habitat and watersheds. There was no interest or indication that forest practices will change in terms of how much BCTS intends to continue to cut I

Evening RDKB

Open Meeting: Pertinent Items

Flood Update to RDKB – Resolutions passed at last board meeting have been acted upon: NOREx was not hired, and other flood recovery actions were taken without hiring a 3rd party firm presenting the recovery plan—cost and time saving with current plan; Tipping Fees and extended hours were enacted; Recovery Coordinator was temporarily hired with provincial funding – Steve Newton. Graham Watt will become the Recovery Manager once Steve leaves; Resiliency Centre was opened in association with Red Cross and other service providers; *Motion that landfill return to original hours as of July 1st.*

Recycling Collection Services: Different levels of service throughout the region have been identified. Need to determine reasonable levels of service for businesses throughout the region. The Solid Waste Management Committee will review the policy and make recommendations.

City: Kettle River Watershed Management Plan—reviewed work plan and revised priorities based on recent flood activity. Flood mapping was underway prior to flood and should be complete by mid July, with recommendations on what options are for future flood mitigation. Comprehensive flood plain mapping, dikes and other management features will be presented to council.

July 13: Flood Mitigation Workshop, 0900—1430

Included entire technical team, city and Area D management staff and support staff. Council and mayor were observers to listen to results of engineering and hydrological studies, and consider options for each affected area. The flood plain is a part of the actual river, and needs to be treated as such. We can continue to augment the river, or allow the river to flow as naturally as possible.

Housing: This remains the number one need in our community. Many families and individuals continue to live in substandard, temporary housing--- including trailers, basements, suites and

motel rooms. A request for new housing, which will require new neighborhoods is being requested by community members who desire to remain in GF. Many of these people work at local industries, and need these jobs. Also, local businesses that support our community need access to employees in order to remain in GF.

Funding for business recovery, as well as housing and infrastructure remains a priority and focus for council, staff and the recovery team.