

## Rhiannon Chippett

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**Subject:** FW: Request to Appear as a Delegation at the April 13, 2023 Planning and Development Services Committee Meeting  
**Attachments:** Lizard Creek Fact Sheet.docx.pdf

Hi Rhiannon and Karen:

As per instructions from Rhiannon Chippett, Planning Assistant, RDEK, please accept this email as a request to appear as a delegation at the **April 13, 2023 Planning & Development Services Committee Meeting**.

1. The topic I wish to speak on is: **The implications of the proposed Galloway Lands Development on the Lizard Creek ecosystem.**
2. The executive summary/outline of my presentation is:
  - **Lizard Creek provides a unique habitat for aquatic life in the Elk Valley.**
  - **Supporting data for this claim comes from ERA's monitoring of Lizard Creek for 11 years, as well as Provincial and Teck reports.**
  - **Lizard Creek provides some of the highest-value habitat for Westslope cutthroat trout in the Elk River system.**
  - **ERA's data shows Lizard Creek is in declining health due to current pressures on Lizard Creek; Galloway will exacerbate this decline.**
3. The presenter is **Lee-Anne Walker, MA Environment and Management, Elk River Alliance founder/current Board of Director & 40 year resident of the RDEK Area A (Fernie Alpine Resort and Dicken Road)**
4. The specific action which is being requested of the RDEK Planning & Development Services Committee and RDEK Board of Directors:
  - **Decline Handshake Holdings Ltd. application to the RDEK for land use approval (zoning and OCP amendments) and instead update the 2014 Elk Valley OCP content reflecting the many changes in the Elk Valley over the past decade and to clarify its regional, Valley-wide vision.**
  - **This affirmative action will 'pause this critical decision with generational implications to future Elk Valley generations' in favour of 'certainty for community values and sustainable development'.**
5. **Lee-Anne Walker will be attending in person to present.**
6. **Lee-Anne Walker will have a powerpoint presentation** that will be submitted to the RDEK by noon April 12, 2023.
7. Please find attached the **Lizard Creek Fact Sheet to be included with the RDEK package to Directors** preceding the April 13 Planning & Development Services Committee Meeting and the April 14 RDEK Board of Directors Monthly Meeting.

Thank you for the opportunity to present to the RDEK. Please inform me of any errors or omissions in this application if there are any.

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