



Board Highlights

September 17, 2020

Castlegar and District Community Complex Arena Upgrade/Repair

The Board will submit an application for the Castlegar and District Community Complex Arena Upgrade/Repair and Fitness Centre Expansion project to the Community, Recreation, and Culture stream of the Investing in Canada Infrastructure grant program for 73% of the total cost of the \$5,576,300 and that the Board commit its share of \$1,505,601 from reserves.

New Access Road for Crawford Bay Regional Park

The Board approves the construction of a new access road into Crawford Bay Regional Park. The existing road is no longer accessible due to a freshet event in spring 2020. This road access is less than ideal due to high ecological sensitivity and consistent spring flooding. As a result, access to the park and beach have been limited to walk in only. The Board has approved an amendment to the 2020 Financial Plan from Regional Facility – Area A Service S205 by reallocating \$100,000 of existing operational funds to Capital for the purpose of creating a new access road into the Crawford Bay Regional Park. The Board also authorizes staff to communicate project details to potential grant funders. The goal is to complete the project this fall.

Regional Housing Needs Assessment Report

The RDCK and its partner communities – Creston, Kaslo, Nakusp, Nelson, New Denver, Salmo, Silvertown and Slocan have recently completed a Housing Needs Assessment and will be sharing regional and locals findings through two community webinars.

A Housing Needs Assessment is a report that describes current and anticipated housing needs in a community by collecting data, analyzing trends and speaking with community members. Under the Local Government Statutes Amendment Act, 2018 a Housing Needs Report must be done every five years.

The two community webinars will be on Thursday, September 24th, 2020 at 2:30 pm – 4:00 pm or Monday, September 25th, 2020 at 6:00 pm – 7:30 pm. Both events will be held remotely via the Zoom platform and are open to the public. To attend a webinar visit www.rdck.ca/housing.

For a copy of the Regional Housing Needs Assessment Report, [click here](#).

RDCK to Apply for Grant for Erickson Water System Universal Metering Project

The Board direct staff to prepare an application under the Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program – Rural and Northern Communities for the Erickson Water System Universal Metering Project. Universal metering would help support staff in achieving Drinking Water Conservation Plan established goals and equitability by reducing water demand, improving water demand management, as well as potentially reducing operating costs. The Board supports

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the project and commits to a potential cost share of \$809,478 for the project, as well as any potential cost overruns from Erickson Utility Services

RDCK Adopts Agricultural Land Reserve Land Exclusions

The Board adopts Agricultural Land Reserve (ALR) Exclusion Policy, effective September 30, 2020. Residents can no longer apply directly to the Agricultural Land Commission (ALC) to have their land removed from the ALR. Local Governments, First Nation Governments, The Province of BC, or prescribed public bodies must be the applicant on the residence's behalf.

The Rural Affairs committee has reviewed and discussed in detail how this will affect zoned and un-zoned rural communities. While it will be a big change, the intent of the policy is to direct ALR exclusions to be part of a broader community discussion on agriculture and support for such requests can be evaluated at this community level. To accompany the policy, the board must also establish how the new process will be funded. Staff will investigate options or mechanisms for cost recovery for processing ALC exclusion applications.

DISCRETIONARY GRANT

AREA A

Creston Valley Bloom Festival Association	\$300
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AREA B

Canyon Lister Fire Department	\$1,000
Creston & District Community Complex	\$1,200
Creston Valley Bloom Festival Association	\$650

AREA C

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AREA F

North Shore Volunteer Fire Department	\$4,000
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AREA G

Cottonwood Lake Preservation Society	\$2,500
Salmo Volunteer Fire Department	\$100

AREA H

Slocan River Streamkeepers	\$900
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AREA I

Tarrys Fire Department Social Club	\$425
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COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT GRANT

AREA A

Wynndel Irrigation District	\$13,500
Riondel & District Curling Club	\$5,000
South Kootenay Lake Community Service Society (Interviews)	\$3,926
South Kootenay Lake Community Service Society (Food Bank)	\$5,000

AREA D

Wildsight \$5,000

AREA E

Cottonwood Lake Preservation Society \$5,000
West Kootenay EcoSociety \$15,000

AREA F

Beasley Fire Department \$4,000
Cottonwood Lake Preservation Society \$2,500

AREA H

Cottonwood Lake Preservation Society \$3,000

AREA I

Cottonwood Lake Preservation Society \$2,500

AREA J

Cottonwood Lake Preservation Society \$2,500

AREA K

Nakusp Options for Sexual Health \$2,000
Fauquier Community Club \$4,010.50

SALMO

Salmo Public Library \$1,000
Village of Salmo \$10,000