



# Board Highlights

October 15, 2020

## Board Supports Local Grant Projects

The Board is supporting a number of local initiatives this month, including sending a letter of support to both the City of Nelson and Village of Kaslo for their application to the British Columbia Community, Culture and Recreation Infrastructure intake of the Investing in Canada – Infrastructure Program (ICIP) for their new public library projects.

As well, the Board has sent a letter of support to the Village of Salmo for two separate initiatives; their application to the Community Economic Recovery Infrastructure Program intake to restore Salmo's historic train station and their application to the Rural and Northern Communities Grant intake for a new, multi-purpose community facility at Salmo's KP Park.

## RDCK Partners with Whitewater Ski Resort Ltd.

The RDCK will partner with and apply on behalf of Whitewater Ski Resort Ltd. in an application to the Province of British Columbia Community Economic Recovery Infrastructure Program Destination development stream for its Whitewater Backcountry Adventure Lodge and Camping Development Project in the amount of \$1,000,000.

## Riondel Fire Amendment Bylaw

The Board approved the amendment of the Riondel Fire Protection Area Service Bylaw. Due to the high demand of fire services in the area, the amendment will allow the RDCK to increase the maximum requisition in the service establishing bylaws by 25% or less every five years without inspector approval. The maximum amount of money that may be requisitioned annually shall be \$189,000 or \$1.854/\$1,000 of net taxable value of land and improvements within the service area, whichever is greater.

The RDCK Fire Service will be preparing communication to the community of Riondel to present the need for this increase to the bylaw limit and the demands on the fire service.

## Contract for New Crawford Creek Regional Park Access Road Awarded

The Board awarded the Crawford Creek Regional Park Road/Parking construction project to GRS Contracting LTD., for a maximum value of \$113, 504. This cost will be included in the 2020 and 2021 Financial Plan for Area A Regional Parks.

## RDCK win a 2020 Federation of Canadian Municipalities Sustainable Communities Award

In collaboration with the Regional District of East Kootenay (RDEK), the Regional District of Kootenay Boundary (RDKB) and Columbia Basin Trust, the Regional District of Central Kootenay was selected as a winner of a 2020 Sustainable

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Communities Award for exceptional work in the Visionary Award category for Accelerate Kootenays. The award honours and celebrates the most innovative environmental initiatives in cities and communities across Canada.

The Accelerate Kootenays Project was the first community driven collaborative strategy to build a clean transportation network by installing public charging infrastructure for electric vehicles (EV) throughout the region within communities. It was coordinated over three years, at the cost of \$1.89 million and involved multiple partners with varying expertise to transform a rural region into one that facilitates EV travel.

## Board Approves Upgrade to all RDCK Fire Hall Exhaust Extraction Systems

The Board approves the procurement, installation and financing of a vehicle exhaust extraction system at all 17 Regional District of Central Kootenay Fire Halls. The 2020 Financial Plan will be amended to increase Capital Expenditures by \$32,000 at each of the 17 fire halls.

The new vehicle exhaust extraction system will ensure clean air and safety to all fire service members in the fire hall environment. The new system will remove all toxic gases and particulates directly from fire trucks and accessory vehicles.

## DISCRETIONARY GRANT

### AREA A

Friends of Kootenay Lake Stewardship Society (FOKLSS)	\$1,000
Gray Creek Hall Society	\$2,800

### AREA C

West Creston Fire Protection Society	\$6,000
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### AREA E

Friends of Kootenay Lake Stewardship Society (FOKLSS)	\$1,000
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Nelson Circus Performers Association	\$550
Ecole Sentier Alpins – PAC	\$2,500

### AREA G

Salmo Square Society	\$5,000
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## COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT GRANT

### AREA E

Balfour and District Business and Historic Association	\$1,500
Capitol Theatre Restoration Society	\$5,000
Jason Ayotte	\$14.30

### AREA I

Castlegar and District Chamber of Commerce	\$2,500
Castlegar Hospice Society	\$500
Shoreacres Neighbourhood Community Association	\$500

## AREA J

Castlegar and District Chamber of Commerce	\$2,500
Terra Vista Water Society	\$5,000

## AREA K

Fauquier Volunteer Fire Department	\$7,000
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## **GRANTS**

### RECREATION COMMISSION NO. 6 GRANTS

Hills Recreation Society	\$800
North Slokan Trails Society	\$1,500
Silverton – new Denver Curling Club	\$1,000
Kootenay Aikido Collective	\$350
Valhalla Foundation for Ecology	\$1,000

### RECREATION COMMISSION NO. 9 GRANTS

Boswell Memorial Hall Society	\$864
Boswell and District Farmer's Institute	\$1,650
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Crawford Bay District Hall, Park & KB Boat Launch	\$6,200
East Shore Circle of Friends	\$550
East Shore Trail & Bike Association (ESTBA)	\$2,310
East Shore Facilities Society – (Sth. Kootenay Lake Community Services Society)	\$1,629
Gray Creek Historical Society	\$1,100
Gray Creek Hall Society	\$2,000
Riondel & District Curling Club	\$1,262
Riondel Senior Citizens	\$550