



# On Board

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## Highlights of the RDCK Board Meeting • February 16, 2017

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- Proudly Representing Diverse Communities in the Kootenays •

### District Municipality

The RDCK will pursue approval and funding from the Ministry of Community Services Sport and Culture to carry out a feasibility study on the concept of pursuing District Municipality incorporation for Electoral Area E.

### Directors' Remuneration

The Board has asked staff to prepare a report and provide recommendations regarding Director stipends for Board and committee meetings; and further, that the report not only focus on comparability, living wage, etc., but shall consider increasing stipends to encourage younger people to run for RDCK Director positions to improve diversity on the RDCK Board.

### AAP for Balfour

The Board approved staff to undertake an alternative approval process to seek electoral approval to borrow up to \$583,323 for upgrades to the Balfour Water System. The deadline for receipt of elector responses is April 3, 2017. Response forms can be found at <http://www.rdck.ca/EN/main/government/elections-other-voting/aap-referenda.html>

### SK8 Park in Creston

The RDCK will apply for Recreational Infrastructure Grant funding from the Columbia Basin Trust for the new Skatepark and Park Upgrades project at the Creston and District Community Complex.

### Taking Inventory

The Board will allocate \$76,000 from the General Administration service for the development of a Regional Parks and Trails Inventory.

### Boat Launch for Taghum/Blewett?

The Board has allocated \$20,000 to Electoral Areas E and F from its feasibility reserve to review potential locations for a boat launch in Taghum/Blewett.

### Red Cross to the Rescue

The RDCK will enter into an ongoing annual agreement with the Red Cross for \$15,000 per annum to provide Emergency Social Services in the RDCK.



## Fostering Environmental Education

The Board has granted \$18,000 to WildsafeBC for 2017. Wildsafe is a regional environmental stewardship program which aims to reduce human-wildlife conflict.

## Grants for the Environment

The RDCK Board approved grant funding for the following projects recommended by the Technical Review Committee of the Kootenay Lake Local Conservation Fund:

BC Wildlife Federation:	\$9,080.00
Valhalla Wilderness Society:	\$8,000.00
Wildlife Conservation Society of Canada:	\$16,025.00
Kootenay Centre for Forestry Alternatives:	\$20,000.00
Kootenay Lake Partnership:	\$4,000.00
Friends of Kootenay Lake Stewardship Society:	\$8,024.00

## All Fired Up

The RDCK Board will submit the following resolution to the Association of Kootenay Boundary Local Governments for consideration at its 2017 Annual General Meeting:

WHEREAS the Office of the Fire Commissioner has, over the past two years, put more requirements in place for fire departments in British Columbia, including The Playbook.

AND WHEREAS the cost and time commitment of these increased training, risk management, and records management requirements has negatively impacted fire fighter recruitment and has resulted in increased local government taxation.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that UBCM be directed to work with the Office of the Fire Commissioner to explore provincial funding options to help support British Columbia fire departments in meeting the standards now required by that Office.

## Education Needed

The RDCK Board will submit the following resolution to the Association of Kootenay Boundary Local Governments for consideration at its 2017 Annual General Meeting:

WHEREAS, public education funding increases in British Columbia (BC) have not kept up with increases in basic costs and inflation, and BC is now second to last in per student funding in Canada by providing approximately \$1000 below the national average per student;

WHEREAS, the Government of BC has not followed the recommendations of its own Legislative Select Standing Committee on Finance and Government Services, for the Government to adequately invest in public education;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that to ensure our constituents do not face rural discrimination, the Boards of Education in rural BC receive adequate funding to maintain busing for rural area students; to stop more closures of rural schools; to increase levels of services to all students; to adequately fund public education; and to stop any further erosion of the same.



## April Board Meeting

The April Board meeting will be held on the 13<sup>th</sup> (the date has been changed from the 20<sup>th</sup>).

## GRANTS

### Community Development Grants

#### AREA A

South Kootenay Lake Community Service Society: \$3,225

#### AREA C

Canadian Council of the Blind (VIBE): \$3,000  
Creston Valley Bird Fest Committee of Wildsight: \$2,000  
Creston Valley Jr. Hockey Society: \$2,980  
Goat River Residents Association: \$3,000  
I Love Creston Marketing Ltd.: \$619.50  
Creston Curling Club: \$750  
Creston Curling Club (seniors' travel): \$1,000  
Creston Lions Club: \$1,500

#### AREA E

LV Rogers Secondary School (Grad 2017 Committee): \$500  
Nelson and District Arts Council: \$1,500  
Selkirk College GLOWS: \$300  
Kootenay Lake Family Network: \$1,650  
City of Castlegar (Jeppeson Study): \$2,500

#### AREA F

West Kootenay EcoSociety: \$500

#### AREA I

USCC Brilliant Cultural Centre: \$2,500  
Pass Creek Doukhobor Cemetery: \$3,000  
Castlegar Festival Society: \$1,500

#### AREA J

Castlegar and District Hospital Foundation: \$500

#### AREA K

Edgewood Volunteer Fire Department: \$500  
Fauquier and Community Golf Course: \$4,000  
Fauquier Fire Department: \$500  
Royal Canadian Legion Edgewood Branch: \$1,000  
Music in the Park: \$1,000  
Arrow Lakes Historical Society: \$3,000

### Discretionary Grants



## AREA A

Creston Valley Jr. Hockey Society: \$2,500

## AREA B

Creston Valley Rod & Gun: \$1,000

Creston Valley Team Roping Society/Association: \$500

Iron Maiden Ladies Golf Tournament: \$500

## AREA C

Cowboy Mounted Shooters Association of BC: \$1,500

Creston Firefighters Association: \$1,000

Creston Flats Stables: \$2,000

Creston Valley Jr. Hockey Society: \$2,500

Creston Valley Jr. Hockey Society (ads): \$1,000

Creston Valley Team Roping Society/Association: \$3,000

Creston Valley Volunteer Bank Society: \$700

Goat River Residents Association: \$3,000

Kootenay Employment Services: \$500

Prince Charles Senior Secondary High School: \$4,000

Valley Community Services Society: \$3,000

Iron Maiden Ladies Golf Tournament: \$500

CDSCL Therapeutic Riding Program: \$500

## AREA F

LV Rogers Secondary School (Grad 2017 Committee): \$500

Nelson Curling Club: \$1,000

Selkirk College Glows: \$250

Zone 6 BC Seniors Games: \$500

## AREA H

Selkirk College Glows: \$300

Slocan Solutions Society: \$1,000

Zone 6 BC Seniors Games: \$500

## AREA I

Tarrys Volunteer Fire Department Social Club: \$1,000

Pass Creek Fire Department Social Club: \$1,000

Tarrys Community Hall Society: \$1,000

Shoreacres Community Hall: \$1,000

Pass Creek Community Hall: \$1,000

Glade Community Hall: \$1,000

Kootenay Association for Science & Technology: \$300

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MUNICIPALITIES: **Cities:** Castlegar, Nelson **Town:** Creston **Villages:** Kaslo, Nakusp, New Denver, Salmo, Silvertown and Slocan  
ELECTORAL AREAS: • A-Wyndel/East Shore Kootenay Lake • B • C • D • E • F • G • H-The Slocan Valley • I • J-Lower Arrow/Columbia • K-The Arrow Lakes



Glade Recreation Commission: \$500

**AREA J**

Castlegar Festivals Society AKA Castlegar Sunfest: \$1,500

