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Highlights of the RDCK Board Meeting • May 18, 2017

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- Proudly Representing Diverse Communities in the Kootenays •

A Visit with our Sister

Malcolm Fitz-Earle of the Izu-Shi Friendship Society gave a presentation on the Society's recent visit to Nelson's sister city in Japan to celebrate the 30th anniversary of the Nelson's sister-city relationship with Izu-shi. The multi-generational delegation explored connections with retiree groups, students, the arts community, business groups and local food growers and producers. The relationship focuses on the promotion of peace and economic, cultural and educational exchanges.

Electricity on the Ice—new Zamboni

The RDCK will purchase an electric Zamboni for the Nelson and District Community Complex. The unit, which costs \$165,950 (plus tax) will be the first of its kind used in the Kootenays. The RDCK will also install a meter in the complex to track the cost of charging the Zamboni.

Riondel to Keep on Curling

The RDCK will enter into a 10-year lease agreement with the Riondel Curling Club for use of the curling rink for the period June 15, 2017 to July 31, 2027. The RDCK previously has a five-year agreement with the Club.

Get Golden earlier in Creston

The Golden Guest admission/membership eligibility at the Creston and District Community Complex will drop from 85 years to 80 years as of July 1, 2017.

The RDCK Community Services Department will work with staff and commissions of the three recreation complexes to complete a review of the admissions/memberships fees and categories and amend and align the service offerings in 2017.

SK8 Park in Motion

The RDCK will borrow up to \$1,000,000 for the first phase of the Skatepark upgrade project at the Creston and District Community Complex. The RDCK will also apply for \$3.2 million Strategic Priorities Fund grant for the project.

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Bus to Creston Community Complex

The RDCK will request that BC Transit have the Creston bus service the community complex starting in 2018, making it easier for residents to access the many services offered.

Big Collaboration equals Big Savings

The RDCK joined a collaboration of other local governments to procure software to replace the out-of-date system used in our recreation facilities. Thanks to the hard work of RDCK staff and the strength of the collaborative, the RDCK will see a 50% decrease in the cost to purchase the program.

Sunshine Bay Park Wharf to get Repairs

The RDCK will grant \$8,000 to the West Arm Outdoors Club to repair the wharf at Sunshine Bay Regional Park.

Water Woes in Ymir

The RDCK will send a letter on behalf of the RDCK Board and the users of the RDCK-owned and operated Ymir Water System to the Minister and Deputy Minister of Forests, Lands and Natural Resource Operations and to BC Timber Sales to request that the Province cease its preparation of operating plans for the Quartz Creek area and watershed that feeds the Ymir Water System due to the impact that this operation will have on the very sensitive volume and quality of the water that is used by Ymir residents.

Going for Grants

The RDCK will submit an application to the BC Rural Dividend Program to further the development of the **Trans Canada Trail connection between Morning Mountain Regional Park** and the Nelson Salmo Great Northern Trail via Cottonwood Lake Regional Park. The RDCK has partnered with the Nelson Cycling Club for the project and is grateful to the hard work and dedication of the group to improve our trail system.

It will also apply to the Rural Dividend program on behalf of the Area A Economic Development Commission for \$100,000 in funding to develop **enhanced educational programming** together with local partners.

The RDCK will also submit an application to the Rural Dividend Fund on behalf of the Castlegar Parks and Trails Society for the **Merry Creek Trail Project** in Electoral Area J.

The RDCK is supporting the Village of New Denver's application to the Strategic Priorities Fund for grant money for capital upgrades to the **Denver Siding water system**. Additionally, It will support the **Ootischenia Improvement District's** application to the Strategic Priorities Fund.

Arrow Award

The Board has awarded the Arrow Creek Watermain Replacement and System Improvements (Phase 5) construction and post construction services to WSP Canada Inc.



GRANTS

Community Development

AREA C

Kootenay Employment Service Development Society: \$1,000

AREA D

JB Fletcher Restoration Society: \$2,500
Kaslo Logger Sports: \$500
Kaslo Mountain Biking Club: \$500
Lardeau Valley Opportunity Society: \$65,220

AREA E

RDCK General Administration service (volunteer week shirts): \$949.41
Redfish Elementary PAC: \$4,150

AREA F

West Kootenay Brain Injury Association: \$1,500

AREA G

Salmo Valley Trail Society: \$3,000
West Kootenay Brain Injury Association: \$1,000

AREA H

West Kootenay Brain Injury Association: \$1,000
Silverton Community Club: \$1,500

AREA I

West Kootenay Brain Injury Association: \$500

AREA J

Freedom Quest Youth Services: \$500
Stanley Humphries Secondary School: \$3,000
Stepping Stones: \$600
West Kootenay Brain Injury Association: \$1,000

AREA K

Arrow Park Community Association (pumper): \$2,000
Arrow Park Community Association (signage): \$1,500
Nakusp Rail Society (maintenance): \$1,000
Society for Nakusp Community Events: \$1,000
Edgewood Community Parks Board: \$5,654.50
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Kootenay Sufferfest Society: \$300

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VILLAGE OF SALMO

Village of Salmo (Canada 150 beautification): \$15,000

Discretionary

AREA A

Footlighters Theatre Society: \$200

AREA B

Canyon-Lister Fire Society (garden show): \$250

Creston Lions Club (community clean-up): \$500

Creston Valley Shine Club (community events): \$500

AREA C

Creston and District Community Complex (bike bells): \$200

Footlighters Theatre Society: \$200

Creston Firefighters Society: \$1,500

West Creston Hall Society: \$1,500

AREA D

RDCK General Administration Service (agri-business workshop): \$160

AREA F

Friends of Pulpit Rock: \$2,500

AREA I

Castlegar and District Recreation Complex (day passes): \$150

AREA J

Ootischenia Fire Department (social): \$2,000

Speedwatch/COPS (spped board) \$500

Andy Roberts (for BC High School Golf Championships): \$200

Castlegar Minor Soccer Association: \$500

Recreation Commission No. 9 (Area A)

Crawford Bay District Hall & Parks Association (insurance): \$4,959

East Shore Circle of Friends (insurance): \$200

East Shore Circle of Friends (insurance): \$150

East Shore Facilities Committee (gym committee): \$1,840

Gray Creek Hall Society (insurance, heat, maintenance): \$1,600

Gray Creek Historical Society (hall rental, liability insurance): \$1,000

Guiding Hands Recreational Society (bursary): \$1,600

Many Bays Community Band (music, office expenses): \$1,500

Riondel Reading Centre (honorarium, rent): \$300

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Riondel Senior Citizens Association (paint):	\$315
Riondel Commission of Management (insurance):	\$500
Riondel Commission of Management (bases):	\$360
Riondel Community Campground Society (portable toilet):	\$616
Riondel Arts Club (TV):	\$459
South Kootenay Lake Community Services Society:	\$495
South Kootenay Lake Community Services Society (Kindermusik):	\$1,280
South Kootenay Lake Community Services Society (ESTBA, trail clearing):	\$2,322
South Kootenay Lake Community Services Society (ESTBA signage):	\$1,008

Recreation Commission No. 4 (Nakusp and Area K)

Nakusp Minor Soccer:	\$2,284.11
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Castlegar and District Recreation Commission

Castlegar Parks and Trails Society:	\$30,000
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Salmo and Area G Recreation Commission

Salmo Girls Softball:	\$1,000
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Economic Development

Area F	\$20,000
Area E	\$20,000

Community Works

Area A	Riondel & District Curling Club Ice Plant Upgrade	\$10,000
Area E	RDCK South Nelson Elem. Natural Play Space Recreation project	\$2,000
Area F	RDCK South Nelson Elem. Natural Play Space Recreation project	\$5,000
Area G	RDCK South Nelson Elem. Natural Play Space Recreation project	\$5,000
Area H	RDCK South Nelson Elem. Natural Play Space Recreation project	\$1,000
Area E	City of Nelson Civic Centre Electrical Modernization project	\$25,000
Area F	City of Nelson Civic Centre Electrical Modernization project	\$25,000

Columbia Basin Trust: Community Initiatives Program & Affected Areas Program

The RDCK received 315 applications for the 2017 CIP/AAP intake. Of those, 286 projects representing 239 organizations were supported. In over \$1.48 million was given to organizations in the RDCK.

See the list below:

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