

Spotlight

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Budget at a Glance

The WKBRHD Board passed its 2017 budget last night—a plan that will see no increase in taxation but will allow for a \$979,555 contribution to the reserve fund.

“The Board worked hard this year to ensure local taxation is being directed in the most effective manner,” said Aimee Watson, Board Chair. “It is good news that we will be contributing 40% of costs on capital, equipment and new this year- Information Management Information Technology (IMIT) projects while keeping taxation flat for 2017, including a contribution to reserves. With over \$100 million needed on an annual basis to simply maintain infrastructure on regional health facilities (not operations), and knowing the state of the facilities, we anticipate some big capital improvements and we will be prepared to support them.”

The Board chose to fund all of the requests put forth by the Interior Health Authority for the fiscal year, except for a resident bus for Columbia View Lodge and a vacation planning system for registered nurses across the region. Some directors cited the latter ask as too operational in nature. The mandate of the WKBRHD is to fund capital projects and equipment.

The 2017 budget is \$7,876,454. What does the region get for that? See the list below:

Slocan Community Health Centre	Generator Replacement	\$344,400
Boundary Hospital	Washroom Renovations, Wheelchair Access	\$38,000
Boundary Hospital	Medical Air Systems	\$32,000
Victorian Comm – Kaslo	Building Management System Replacement	\$30,000
Nelson Jubilee Manor	Replacement of Condensing Units	\$26,000
Columbia View Lodge	Vocera Expansion	\$39,600
Kootenay Boundary Regional Hospital	Steam & Condensate Line Replacement	\$209,200
Kootenay Boundary Regional Hospital	Integrated Chem Analyzer	\$128,800
Kootenay Boundary Regional Hospital	SPECT/CT	\$649,200
Kootenay Boundary Regional Hospital	Urology Imaging	\$249,200
Kootenay Boundary Regional Hospital	Repair Fire Separation Penetrations	\$20,800
Various Facilities	Global Grant under \$100,000	\$377,400
Various Facilities	IMIT –Corporate Projects over \$100,000	\$151,480
Various Facilities	IMIT – Surgical Services	\$42,800
Various Facilities	IMIT –Corporate Projects under \$100,000	\$84,000
Various Facilities	Telehealth Expansion	\$20,000
Various Facilities	Telehealth Refresh	\$12,000

Upcoming Meetings

June 28	Castlegar Community Complex	6 p.m.
Oct. 25	Castlegar Community Complex	6 p.m.
Nov. 22	Castlegar Community Complex	6 p.m.

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