



Board Highlights

February 16, 2023

Proposed RDCK Five-Year Financial Plan

At the Special Board Meeting on Friday, February 17 a draft of the 2023-2027 Financial Plan was provided to the Board. The latest projection is an 11 to 12% average increase in taxes for RDCK residents, although this is highly variable depending on the area or municipality the resident lives in. The range across the areas is from about a 5% to 24% increase. The Castlegar and District Community Complex arena floor repair, estimated at \$1.5 million, is driving the large increase in Castlegar and the surrounding areas. Increases in fire protection service costs are also contributing to some of the more substantial increases. Some of the change in taxation is also driven by shifts in assessment.

Asset management will have an increased focus across most services. This will increase costs in the short term, but will pay dividends with improved financial planning, asset availability and service delivery over the mid to long term.

The RDCK will host seven hybrid public meetings (in-person and online) and one online public meeting through February and March which will allow the public in our various sub regions to comment and provide feedback on the proposed five-year Financial Plan. [Follow the link for the complete meeting schedule.](#)

Kootenay Lake Local Conservation to fund 2023 projects

The Board approved \$74,376.50 in grant funds for the Kootenay Lake Local Conservation Fund to be spread among six different projects. The fund provides grants to support local conservation efforts in Electoral Areas A, D and E focused on the conservation of water and aquatic systems, as well as wildlife and habitat. Here are the six projects:

PROJECT	PROPONENT	AMOUNT
Grizzly Bear Coexistence Solution	Lardeau Valley Opportunity Links	\$11,500
Expansion of Harrop Wetland Restoration	Friends of Kootenay Lake Stewardship Society	\$14, 662.50
Protecting Indigenous Cultural Values and Fish and Wildlife Habitat on Kootenay Lake	Ktunaxa Nation Council	\$10,000
Bat roost habitat monitoring in the Kootenay Lake Region	Wildlife Conservation Society of Canada	\$20,441

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Habitat restoration for beavers along the Duncan and Lardeau River Floodplains	BC Conservation Foundation	\$10,000
Kootenay Watershed Science	Living Lakes Canada	\$7,773

Curbside Collection Consultation

The RDCK is seeking the public’s feedback on a curbside collection service in certain parts of RDCK Electoral Areas. Households in Electoral Area’s D and K are not part of the service proposal due to their distance to RDCK waste disposal facilities for processing organic waste. From now until April 21, 2023, the RDCK’s Resource Recovery Department is holding a public consultation aimed a receiving resident input on a proposal to introduce curbside collection services for household waste (garbage, recycling and organic waste) to Electoral Area residents within potential service area boundaries. Residents can view the proposed service areas, collection services and provide feedback to the RDCK at <https://engage.rdck.ca/>.

Community Advisory Committee Bylaw

The Board adopted the Drainage, Water and Wastewater System Community Advisory Committee Bylaw. This bylaw is part of ongoing RDCK efforts to improve governance of RDCK – owned water systems and establishes a mechanism for communities to provide input to the RDCK on the operation of their local water system. The role of a Community Advisory Committee is to provide constructive and objective input regarding matters related directly to a water system and to help facilitate effective communication with water users in the community.

Resource Recovery Facilities Regulatory Bylaw

The Board adopted the amended Resource Recovery Facilities Regulatory Bylaw. The changes to the bylaw include a 10% price increase in tipping fees at all RDCK landfills and transfer stations, due to the significant increase in operating costs (fuel, labour, insurance and supplies) experienced over the past year. As well, the amended bylaw provides new definitions and regulatory modifications to improve operational efficiencies. This will help to clarify the acceptance of certain materials, including tires, uncontaminated soils and drywall as mixed waste.

Climate Action Ambassadors

To help deliver the RDCK’s climate action plans, the Board supports the development and delivery of the 2-year Climate Action Ambassadors program in partnership with Youth Climate Corps – [Wildsight](#). The goal of this program is to help create a presence in the community to engage with residents, inform them of our many different programs and share resource information. The focus will be on resource recovery, wildfire mitigation, FireSmart, WaterSmart, rebates for energy efficient home retrofits and construction, as well as community services.

Kootenay Lake Flood Impact Analysis

BGC Engineering has provided the RDCK with an analysis of economic losses that may result from elevated lake levels in Kootenay Lake. The purpose of the work is to broaden the understanding of potential Kootenay Lake

geohazard impacts and provide best practices for managing reservoir geohazard risk. To read the report, [click here](#) and go to page 496.

RDCK Quarterly Report

The Board received the 2022 Q4 Quarterly Report which details the current projects and initiatives of the RDCK. Please [follow the link](#) to the most recent RDCK Quarterly Report.

Director's Reports

RDCK Directors provide monthly reports outlining what they have been working on. [Click here](#) to read the February reports in the Board minutes (agenda item 4.5, pg. 271).

Discretionary Grants

[AREA B](#)

Salmo District Arts Council – Burlesque Event \$400

[AREA C](#)

West Creston Community Hall – Bursary \$1,500

[AREA E](#)

2023 LVR Graduation Committee – 2023 LVR Graduation \$1,000

Nelson and District Rod and Gun Club – AED \$250

[AREA F](#)

Friends of Kootenay Lake Stewardship Society – 2023 Kootenay Lake Shoreline Clean ups \$927.94

Friends of Kootenay Lake Stewardship Society – 2023 Kootenay Lake Summit \$1,500

Friends of Kootenay Lake Stewardship Society – 2023 Osprey/Bald Eagle Nest Monitoring \$500

Friends of Kootenay Lake Stewardship Society – Spawning Kokanee Habitat Feasibility Study \$3,000

Okanagan Nation Alliance – Fish in Schools \$1,250

[AREA G](#)

Salmo District Arts Council – Burlesque Event \$400

[AREA H](#)

Okanagan Nation Alliance – Fish in Schools \$1,250

Slocan Valley Community Legacy Society – Get Your Just Desserts \$1,500

West Kootenay Educational Resource Society – 50 Year Anniversary School Promotion \$800

Winlaw School Parent Advisory Council – OOPSIE – A Family Literacy Week Show at Winlaw School \$200

[AREA I](#)

Okanagan Nation Alliance – Fish in Schools \$1,250

RDCK Service 222 – Castlegar Recreation – Mullaney and Walker Family Fundraising Event \$790.91

Shoreacres Community Hall – Operating Expenses \$3,000

AREA J

RDCK Service 222 – Castlegar Recreation – Mullaney and Walker Family Fundraising Event \$790.91

AREA K

The Fauq Singers – The Fauq Singers workshop and performance expenses \$1,000
Stanley Humphries Secondary School – Graduation 2023 Scholarship/Bursary Program \$3,000

Community Development Grants

AREA A

Creston Valley Food Action Coalition – Creston Valley Cookbook \$1,817.50

AREA D

Kaslo Senior Citizens Association Branch #81 - Taking Care of Seniors \$4,500
Kootenay Lake Historical Society – SS Moyie Sternwheeler Safety Upgrades \$6,500

AREA E

Blewett Conservation Society – Morning Mountain Skating Rink \$2,000
Nelson and District Rod and Gun Club – AED \$750

AREA F

Blewett Conservation Society – Morning Mountain Skating Rink \$1,000

AREA G

Salmo Chamber of Commerce – Hall Siding Douglas Fir protection \$4,122

AREA I

Kootenay Gallery of Art, History and Science – Soup for the Cultured Soul \$1,500
West Kootenay Watershed Collaborative – Watershed protection \$2,500

AREA J

Okanagan Nation Alliance – Fish in Schools \$1,250

AREA K

Edgewood Community Club Society – Seniors Affordable Housing \$10,000

CRESTON

Town of Creston – Spirit Square Mural Replacement \$30,000

SLOCAN

Village of Slocan – Slocan Valley Youth Choir Programming \$600

Community Works Fund

AREA A

Crawford Bay & District Hall & Parks Association – Community Hall Repair, Restore and Retrofit \$140,000