



# Board Highlights

March 21, 2024

## RDCK Adopts Five-Year Financial Plan

The Board of Directors adopted the 2024-2028 Financial Plan Bylaw, an annual requirement which must be completed by end of March each year. This year's budget will see a 5.8% average increase in property taxes for RDCK residents, although this is highly variable depending on the Electoral Area or Municipality the resident lives in.

The RDCK hosted nine hybrid public information sessions (in-person and online), plus two Special Budget Meetings over the last two months, which allowed the public in our various sub regions to comment and provide feedback on the five-year Financial Plan.

Residents are encouraged to [review the financial plan](#) and reach out to staff or Directors with questions.

## West Creston Fire Protection Services

Assent voting will be held July 27, 2024 in Electoral Area C for the approval of the West Creston Fire Protection Area Service Establishment Bylaw and the West Creston Fire Protection Service Loan Authorization Bylaw. The loan authorization bylaw requests a 20-year financing term up to \$2,129,000 for the construction of the West Creston Fire Hall, the replacement of the water tender, and the purchase of a frontline fire engine for the West Creston Fire Department.

## Recording RDCK Board Meetings

Starting in April, the Board has approved the recording of RDCK Board meetings and making the recordings available to the public. This applies to all RDCK Board meetings or Special Board meetings and not to meetings held by RDCK Committees, Commissions, departments, or specific staff. While meeting minutes serve as the official record, recordings will be offered to enhance access to Board meeting content, while allowing for increased transparency in how the Board of Directors makes decisions on RDCK program and services.

## Director's Reports

RDCK Directors provide monthly reports outlining what they have been working on. [Click here](#) to read the March reports in the Board minutes.

## RDCK Quarterly Report

For the latest RDCK Quarterly Report, which details the current projects and initiatives of the RDCK, please [follow the link](#).

**For more information**

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## Discretionary Grants

### AREA A

KRSS Parent Prom Committee – Kootenay River Secondary School Prom 2024	\$500
East Shore Kootenay Lake Community Health Society – Health Fair	\$1,550

### AREA B

KRSS Parent Prom Committee – Kootenay River Secondary School Prom 2024	\$1,000
Creston Valley Beef Growers Association – Farm Equipment Caution Road Sign	\$450

### AREA C

KRSS Parent Prom Committee – Kootenay River Secondary School Prom 2024	\$500
Creston Ladies Iron Maiden – Iron Maiden Golf Tournament	\$250
Creston Valley Beef Growers Association – Farm Equipment Caution Road Sign	\$450

### AREA E

Bealby Point Lighting Commission – Street Light Funding	\$400
Taghum Community Society – Community Contra Dances	\$300
West Shores Leisure Advancement Society – Community Leisure Calendar and Website	\$950

### AREA F

A.P.E.S.A. – Sports equipment for the school	\$1,500
Taghum Community Society – Community Contra Dances	\$500

### AREA H

Taghum Community Society – Community Contra Dances	\$200
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### AREA I

Glade Recreation Commission – Glade Easter	\$500
BC Senior Games Society, Zone 6 – 2024 55+ Games	\$1,000

### AREA J

BC Old Time Fiddlers, Kootenay #9 – Kootenay Fiddle, Guitar, Piano Camp	\$600
Robson Community Memorial Church Society – RCMC Upgrade 2024	\$5,000
U15 Rep Hockey Team (Nelson Minor Hockey Association) – Funding for provincial championships	\$1,500

### AREA K

Arrow Lakes ATV Club – Burton-Windy Lake Loop Project Part 2	\$4,999
The Edgewood Volunteer Fire Department Society – Old water well upgrades	\$3,700
Arrow and Slocan Lakes Community Services – Creative connections seniors application	\$500
Burton Community Association – Burton Yard Waste Clean Up	\$2,500

### SLOCAN

Village of Slocan – Egg Hunt	\$150
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## Community Development Grants

### AREA A

Creston Valley Cycling Association – Wynndel Mountain Bike Trail Network	\$4,980
Riondel Curling Club Society – Replace Compressor & Oil Pump	\$13,900

### AREA B

Erickson Community Association – Operational Expenses	\$2,400
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### AREA D

Ainsworth Recreation Association – Hall upgrade	\$10,000
Lardeau Valley Opportunity LINKS Society – Emergency Preparedness and Communications	\$3,000

### AREA E

Okanagan Nation Alliance – Fish in Schools	\$500
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### AREA H

RDCK Environmental Services A100 – Valhalla Wilderness Program	\$9,000
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### AREA I

Kootenay Region Branch of the United Nations – Fundraiser for Palestine Children’s Relief Fund	\$500
Castlegar & District Community Complex – Free Family Day Skate & Swim	\$850
SHSS Safe Grade – Graduation Day	\$1,000

### AREA J

Kootenay Gallery of Art, History and Science Society – Soup for the Cultured Soul 2024	\$2,200
Castlegar & District Community Complex – Free Family Day Skate & Swim	\$850
Kootenay Region Branch of the United Nations – Fundraiser for Palestine Children’s Relief Fund	\$500

### AREA K

Arrow and Slocan Lakes Community Services – Community Works	\$850
Fauquier Community Club – Hall Upgrades	\$20,000
The Village of New Denver – WildSafe BC Community Program Bear Smart	\$1,000
Arrow Lakes Caribou Society – Caribou Herd Video #2	\$2,000

### SLOCAN

Village of Slocan – Fish in Schools	\$1,000
Village of Slocan – Generator Project	\$3,000