



Regional District of Central Kootenay
COMMUNITY SUSTAINABLE LIVING ADVISORY COMMITTEE
Open Meeting Agenda

Date: Tuesday, December 12, 2023
Time: 1:00 pm
Location: RDCK Board Room, 202 Lakeside Dr., Nelson, BC

Directors will have the opportunity to participate in the meeting electronically. Proceedings are open to the public.

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1. WEBEX REMOTE MEETING INFO

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Meeting Time:

Tuesday, December 12, 2023
1:00 PM | (UTC-08:00) Pacific Time (US & Canada) | 2 hrs

Join by Video:

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Join by Phone:

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Meeting Number (access code): 2772 621 5670

Meeting Password: tUBwnncD922

In-Person Location: RDCK Boardroom | 202 Lakeside Drive | Nelson, BC

2. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Popoff called the meeting to order at ____ p.m.

3. TRADITIONAL LANDS ACKNOWLEDGEMENT STATEMENT

We acknowledge and respect the indigenous peoples within whose traditional

lands we are meeting today.

4. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

RECOMMENDATION:

The Agenda for the December 12, 2023 Community Sustainable Living Advisory Committee meeting be adopted as circulated.

5. RECEIPT OF MINUTES

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The October 17, 2023 Community Sustainable Living Advisory Committee minutes, have been received.

6. STAFF REPORTS

6.1 FOR INFORMATION: UPDATE ON SUSTAINABILITY SERVICE PROJECTS AND AREAS OF ACTIVITY

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The Staff Report dated December 12, 2023 from Paris Marshall Smith, Sustainability Planner, has been received.

7. OLD BUSINESS

7.1 CSLAC 2024 FUNDING REQUESTS

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The Committee Report dated November 20, 2023 from Paris Marshall Smith, Sustainability Planner, has been received.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Board direct staff to include payment from the annual grant allocation of \$25,000 in Community Sustainable Living Service S105, in the 2024 budget for the following projects:

1. Columbia Basin Groundwater Monitoring Program - Living Lakes: \$8,333
2. Kootenay Lake Watershed Monitoring Program (KLWMP) - Friends of Kootenay Lake: \$8,333
3. Regenerative Educational Community Food Garden - Elk Root Conservation: \$8,333

AND further, this funding is approved in principle and will not be provided until April 1, 2024 after budget approval.

8. NEW BUSINESS

8.1 FOR DISCUSSION: ELK ROOT CONSERVATION LETTER OF SUPPORT

Staff will provide a verbal update.

8.2 FOR DISCUSSION: KOOTENAY LAKE PARTNERSHIP-UBCM FUNDING COMMUNITY TO COMMUNITY (C2C) GRANT

Staff will provide a verbal update.

8.3 FOR DISCUSSION: CONFIRM 2024 CSLAC MEETING DATES

The Committee to confirm the following dates for 2024:

- February 13, 2024
- April 16, 2024
- June 11, 2024
- August 13, 2024
- October 15, 2024
- December 10, 2024

9. PUBLIC TIME

The Chair will call for questions from the public and members of the media at _____ p.m.

10. NEXT MEETING

The next Community Sustainable Living Advisory Committee meeting is scheduled for February 13, 2024 at 1:00 p.m.

11. ADJOURNMENT

RECOMMENDATION:

The Community Sustainable Living Advisory Committee meeting be adjourned at _____ p.m.



Regional District of Central Kootenay COMMUNITY SUSTAINABLE LIVING ADVISORY COMMITTEE Open Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, October 17, 2023 at 1:00 p.m.
RDCK Hybrid Meeting

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT

Chair W. Popoff	Electoral Area H	In-person
Director G. Jackman	Electoral Area A	In-person
Director R. Tierney	Electoral Area B	In-Person
Director K. Vandenberghe	Electoral Area C	
Director A. Watson	Electoral Area D	In-Person
Director C. Graham	Electoral Area E	In-Person
Director T. Newell	Electoral Area F	In-Person
Director H. Cunningham	Electoral Area G	
Director A. Davidoff	Electoral Area I	
Director H. Hanegraaf	Electoral Area J	In-person
Director T. Weatherhead	Electoral Area K	
Director S. Hewat	Village of Kaslo	

COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT

Director C. Ferguson	Village of Silverton
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STAFF PRESENT

S. Horn	Chief Administrative Officer
S. Sudan	General Manager of Development and Community Sustainability Services
D. Sequin	Manager of Community Sustainability
P. Marshall-Smith	Sustainability Planner
D. Ditson	Community Resilience Coordinator
S. Kindred	Administrative Assistant, Development & Community Sustainability Services

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In-Person Location: RDCK Boardroom | 202 Lakeside Drive | Nelson, BC

2. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Popoff called the meeting to order at 1:05 p.m.

3. TRADITIONAL LANDS ACKNOWLEDGEMENT STATEMENT

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4. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Moved and seconded,

And Resolved:

The Agenda for the October 17, 2023 Community Sustainable Living Advisory Committee meeting be adopted as circulated.

Carried

5. INTRODUCTION

Paris Marshall Smith introduced Dauna Ditson, Community Resilience Coordinator.

6. RECEIPT OF MINUTES

The June 13, 2023 Community Sustainable Living advisory Committee minutes, have been received.

7. DELEGATE

Kate Mizenka, from Elk Root Conservation Farm Society began the presentation introducing Youth Manager Intern, Brendon Emmott.

Ms. Mizenka provided the Committee with an overview of the Regenerative Educational Community Food Gardens with a focus on alleviating food insecurity in the Regional District of Central Kootenay.

Ms. Mizenka answered the Committee's questions.

A 2/3 vote was taken by the Committee to extend the presentation time for the delegation.

Moved and seconded,

And Resolved:

That the presentation time for the delegation be extended to address questions from the Committee.

Carried

8. STAFF REPORTS

8.1 FOR INFORMATION: UPDATE ON SUSTAINABILITY SERVICE PROJECTS & AREAS OF ACTIVITY

The Committee Report dated October 17, 2023 from Paris Marshall Smith, Sustainability Planner, has been received.

9. NEW BUSINESS

9.1 FOR INFORMATION: REVIEW OF FUNDING PROPOSALS

The CSLAC Project Funding Overview presentation from Paris Marshall Smith, Sustainability Planner, has been received.

9.1.1 Elk Root Conservation Regenerative Educational Community Food Gardens

The Committee Report dated September 26, 2023 from Paris Marshall Smith, Sustainability Planner, has been received.

9.1.2 Living Lakes Ground Water Monitoring

The Committee Report dated November 10, 2022 from Paris Marshall Smith, Sustainability Planner, has been received.

9.1.3 Friends of Kootenay Lake: Kootenay Lake Watershed Monitoring Program

The Committee Report dated November 10, 2022 from Paris Marshall Smith, Sustainability Planner, has been received.

9.2 FOR INFORMATION: CSLAC FINANCIAL STATEMENT UPDATE AND REVIEW

The CSLAC 2023 Draft Financial Statement, has been received.

10. PUBLIC TIME

The Chair will call for questions from the public and members of the media at 2:22 p.m.

11. NEXT MEETING

The next Community Sustainable Living Advisory Committee meeting is scheduled for December 12, 2023 at 1:00 p.m.

12. ADJOURNMENT

Moved and seconded,
And Resolved:

The Community Sustainable Living Advisory Committee meeting be adjourned at 2:23 p.m.

Carried

Walter Popoff, Chair

Shelly Kindred, Secretary



REGIONAL DISTRICT OF CENTRAL KOOTENAY

CSLAC Staff Update

Date: 2023/12/14
To: Community Sustainable Living Advisory Committee
From: Paris Marshall Smith, Sustainability Planner
Subject: UPDATE ON SUSTAINABILITY SERVICE PROJECTS & AREAS OF ACTIVITY
File: 01-0515-20-CSLAC

The purpose of this memo is to provide an update to the Community Sustainability Living Advisory Committee (CSLAC) of the current activity of the Sustainability Planner within S105. Updates on S100 initiatives such as RDCK Climate Actions, Regional Energy Efficiency Program (REEP) and 100% Renewable Energy by 2050 will go directly to the Board.

- Year 1 (2017) focus – responding to projects underway and initiating new activity to support Board priorities on Coordinated Delivery; Water – protection & advocacy; Housing; and Food & Agriculture. Energy & Climate Change are also Board priorities as per the climate action charter;
- Year 2 (2018) focus – integrating initiatives internally and externally through coordinated communication, marketing, policy development and by-law review.
- Year 3 (2019) focus – Watershed Governance Initiative, Senior Energy Specialist, Regional Energy Efficiency Program (REEP),
- Year 4 (2020) focus – Watershed Governance Initiative, Timber Deadstock Bioenergy, Regional Energy Efficiency Program (REEP) and Climate Action Strategy
- Year 5 (2021) focus – Watershed Governance Initiative, Climate Action Strategy and Regional Bioenergy Opportunities
- Year 6 (2022) focus - Watershed Governance Initiative, Climate Action Strategy & project management of Slocan Lake and River Collaborative (SLRP), Invasive Species Plan Implementation & Geothermal GIS projects
- Year 7 (2023) focus: Watershed Governance Initiative, Slocan Lake and River Collaborative (SLRP) and Grid Resilience Investigation.

GMDS – General Manager of Development & Community Sustainability Services, CSM – Manager of Community Sustainability Services & SP – Sustainability Planner

SUMMARY OF SUSTAINABILITY PLANNER' *OCTOBER to DECEMBER* WORK TIME DISTRIBUTION

AREA OF WORK	CURRENT %	COMMITMENT
Community Sustainability Service (105) initiatives		
Central Kootenay Food Policy Council	1%	CKFPC has a new ED – Damon Choynard. Looking ahead to 2024 alignment with RDCK activities.
Watershed Governance Initiative	2%	No updates at this time
Slocan Lake and River Partnership	10%	SLRP Steering Committee met in Slocan Village to renew focus and goals of the group. James Baxter participated from Sinixt Confederacy.
Kootenay Lake Partnership	0%	KLP active and underway
Rural Grid Resilience Investigation	1%	No updates at this time
Admin	6%	The admin rhythm revolves around the bi-monthly CSLAC meeting and includes project evaluations & funding applications
General admin (S100) initiatives		
Climate Action Strategy	70%	Staff have provided an update to the Board on the draft Climate Action Plan.
Regional Invasive Species Plan	1%	No updates at this time
Admin	7%	Reporting as needed to the Board
TOTAL	100%	

Color legend for areas of work
Food & agriculture
Water advocacy & protection
Energy
Climate Action

CURRENT CSLAC COMMITMENTS FOR YEAR 7 (2023)

CSLAC AREA OF FOCUS	PROJECT	STATUS	TIMELINE	CSLAC STAFF TIME
Food and Agriculture	Central Kootenay Food Policy Council	Active and confirmed	On-going	10%
Water	Kootenay Lake Partnership	Active and confirmed	On-going	40%
	Watershed Governance Initiative – Phase 3	Active and Confirmed	Spring 2023-2024	
	Slocan Lake and River Collaborative	Active and Confirmed	Spring 2024	
Energy	Rural Grid Resilience Investigation	Active and confirmed	Spring 2024	10%
Climate Action	Climate Action Strategy	Active and confirmed	On-going	30%
	Implementation of Regional Invasive Species Strategy	Active and confirmed	Spring 2024	
CSLAC	Administration	Active and confirmed	On-going	10%

2023 staff time commitment 100%

Available CSLAC funding for 2023 All funding allocated for 2023

DASHBOARD OF CSLAC ACTIVITIES – Board resolutions follow

Program	Responsible	Update of Activity	Staff time & funding	Current allocation of resources by SP	Activity to next meeting	Activity for 2023
CENTRAL KOOTENAY FOOD POLICY COUNCIL	Executive Director with support from SP	Attended the CKFPC AGM in early May	\$15,000 from S100 + staff time	Normally minimal: 1-2 hours per month to attend meetings and follow email conversations.	To be determined	Currently on hold due to health challenges

Project	Responsible	Update of Activity	Staff time & funding	Current allocation of resources by SP	Activity to next meeting	Activity for 2023
WATERSHED GOVERNANCE PROJECT PLANNING	SP & Water Service Liaison	Working to update webmapping, met with the Province re WSSF and overseeing the Service Case Analysis	Expenses from CARIP + staff time + \$25,000 for Duck Creek	SP (0.3 FTE), GMDS (0.05 FTE), CSM (0.1 FTE) and Water Services Liaison (0.1 FTE) to support the project	Updating the Duck Creek map and sharing with Yaqan Nukiy	Service Case Analysis and possible Natural Asset Management project
SLOCAN LAKE AND RIVER PARTNERSHIP	SP & GMDS	Development of Terms of Reference for the Partnership underway	\$5,000 from CSLAC project fund	SP – 3-4 hours per month	Prepare next draft of Terms of Reference	Develop structure for SLRP

Project	Responsible	Update of Activity	Staff time & funding	Current allocation of resources by SP	Activity to next meeting	Activity for 2023
CLIMATE ACTION STRATEGY	SP	Revised communication & engagement strategy for remainder of the year	Funding from S100 LGCAP and other grants & staff time	30-40 % of staff time for 2023	Communication and & engagement re RDCK Climate Actions	TBD by Board

Project	Responsible	Update of Activity	Staff time & funding	Current allocation of resources by SP	Activity to next meeting	Activity for 2023
REGIONAL INVASIVE SPECIES PLAN	SP	Work underway	Staff time + \$48,230 for RDCK properties + \$27,000 for strategy	Minimal	Works begins	Implementation of management of RDCK properties and Regional Invasive Species Strategy & report back to Board in fall 2023

Project	Responsible	Update of Activity	Staff time & funding	Current allocation of resources by SP	Activity to next meeting	Activity for 2023
GRID RESILIENCE	SP	pilot for 2023 underway by LINKS in Lardeau Valley for CSLAC consideration	Staff time	Minimal	Minimal, reporting on project in the fall	Reporting on outcomes & funding application for ongoing pilots

Project	Responsible	Update of Activity	Staff time & funding	Current allocation of resources by SP	Activity to next meeting	Activity for 2023
WEBSITE UPDATE & PRINT MATERIAL	SP & Communications Coordinator	Website continues to be updated and prepared for transition to new website	Staff time	On-going	On-going monitoring and updating	Ensure that website supports internal and external

ADMIN	SP	Project management, relationship building, meetings, communication, reporting	Staff time	4-5 hours per week	On-going	communication effectively
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BOARD RESOLUTIONS THAT GUIDE CSLAC’S WORK

FOOD & AGRICULTURE	
CENTRAL KOOTENAY FOOD POLICY COUNCIL	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. 718/17 That the Board direct staff to include a \$10,000 per year funding for the Central Kootenay Food Policy Council within the 2018-2022 draft financial plan for Service S105. 2. 741/18 That the Board grant the balance of \$22,083.62.00 to the Central Kootenay Food Policy Council (CKFPC) contingent on all grant reporting and society action reporting deliverables be presented and approved by the Board; AND FURTHER, that staff obtain documentation form CKFPC that indicates they are in compliance with the British Columbia Societies Act. 3. 757/18 That the Board appoint the following Directors to the Central Kootenay Food Policy Council for a term to end December 31, 2020 Director Faust and the second appointment BE REFERRED to December 13, 2018 Board meeting. 4. 03/19 That the Board appoint the following Director to the Central Kootenay Food Policy Council for a term to end December 31, 2020 as per resolution 757/18: Director Peterson Director Main (Alternate) 5. 48/19 That the Board agrees that the Central Kootenay Food Policy Council has satisfied the Board’s requirements and has demonstrated that it is in compliance with funders and the BC Societies Act; AS SUCH, the RDCK Board grants the balance of the \$29,347.87 to the Central Kootenay Food Policy Council from Community Sustainability Service S105. 6. 284/20 That the Board approve the \$25,000 in the 2020 Financial Plan from Community Sustainable Living Service S105 be held for a Food Security Coordinator position within the Emergency Operations Centre as leveraging funds. 7. 285/20 That the Board direct staff to report on options to establish a Food Security Coordinator position to be fully funded through Community Sustainable Living Service S105 with a budget up to \$25,000. 8. 377/20 That the Board send a letter of support for the Columbia Basin Food Security Plan; AND FURTHER, that the Board allocate funds to the first phase of the "Central Kootenay Interim Food Security Action Plan" from Community Sustainability Service S105 in the amount of \$22,145.00 to the Central Kootenay Food Policy Council.

	<p>9. 115/21 That the Board approve the Central Kootenay Food Policy Council’s request for increase in core funding for a total amount of \$15,000 to be included in the 2021 Financial Plan from the Service 105 Community Sustainable Advisory.</p> <p>10. 286/21 That the Board and staff review the draft Central Kootenay Interim Food Security Action Plan and provide their recommendations by May 11, 2021.</p> <p>11. 288/21 That Board direct staff to complete an internal assessment, prior to requesting a Service Case Analysis, to understand if a Contribution Service for food and agriculture is possible.</p> <p>12. 855/21 That the Board direct staff to work with Central Kootenay Food Policy Council to proceed with the proposed actions of the Regional Food Security Action Plan: (See minutes for full resolution)</p>
<p>WATER</p>	
<p>WATERSHED GOVERNANCE INITIATIVE</p>	<p>1. 416/16 That the RDCK write a letter to the POLIS Project on Ecological Governance and invite the organization to the West Kootenay to hold a watershed workshop.</p> <p>2. 592/16 That the RDCK invite The POLIS Project on Ecological Governance to attend the January 2017 Board meeting to give a presentation on watersheds and water sustainability.</p> <p>3. 88/18 That the Board direct staff to invite the Polis Project to host a workshop with the RDCK staff and Directors on watershed governance; AND FURTHER expenses and stipend be paid by General Administration S100.</p> <p>4. 256/18 The Watershed Governance workshop with the POLIS Project be booked for May 18th, 2018 and the Watershed Governance Workshop Discussion report be made available to all Board Directors.</p> <p>5. 487/18 That the Board direct staff to develop a Regional Watershed Governance Initiative project plan, and identify an allocation for General Manager of Development Service and Sustainability Coordinator's time to implement the project plan for consideration in the draft 2019 five year financial plan within General Administration Service (\$100).</p> <p>6. 892/18 That the RDCK Board directs staff to seek funding to launch and coordinate a scoping study to better understand the potential watershed governance roles and responsibilities of the RDCK; with areas for the study to be determine by the Community Sustainable Living Advisory Committee at the January committee meeting; And Further, the Board allocates staff time of the Sustainability Planner (0.3 FTE), General Manager of Development Services (0.1 FTE) and Water Services Liaison (0.1 FTE) to support the procurement process for services.</p> <p>7. 13/19 That the Board direct staff to develop a Regional Watershed Governance Initiative project plan, and identify an allocation for General Manager of Development Service and Sustainability Coordinator's time to implement the project plan for consideration in the draft 2019 five year financial plan within General Administration Service (\$100).</p> <p>8. 121/19 That the RDCK Board approve funds in the amount of \$26,250 from S105 Community Sustainable Living Advisory Service for the Watershed Governance Initiative scoping study, to complement the work being done in Area H and I's ground water studies, for the following watersheds:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bourke, Sitkum & Duhamel Community Watershed (Area F); • Arrow Creek Community Watershed (Area B); • Ymir Community Watershed (Area G); • Argenta Watershed (Area D);

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Harrop (Area E); • and Deer Creek (Area J) <p>9. 409/10 That the RDCK Board award the Regional Watershed Governance Initiative Scoping Study to Christina Metherall and Elucidate Consulting, and that the Chair and Corporate Officer be authorized to sign the necessary documents to a maximum value of \$26,880 (includes GST).</p> <p>10. 282/20 That the Board direct staff to prepare a workplan to determine the organizational capacity of the Community Sustainability Services and Water Services staff to pursue the recommendations of the RDCK Regional Watershed Governance Initiative report dated January 2020.</p> <p>11. 389/20 That the Board endorse the Watershed Governance Initiative Project Plan (May 2020) and direct staff to pursue the Project Plan as a collaboration between Community Sustainability and Water Services staff.</p> <p>12. 610/20 The Board direct staff to bring forward a project plan with budget that will seek to collate and map existing watershed information held by the RDCK and other sources at a regional scale to inform our next steps and as a support to communities and conducting a gap analysis; AND FURTHER bring this back to the Community Sustainable Living Advisory Committee to inform the RDCK's next steps on watershed governance.</p> <p>13. 828/20 That the Board approve transfer of funds to Community Sustainability Service S105 for a student position to support the Watershed Governance Initiative Data Collation and Mapping project in the amount of \$14,500 from the Climate Action Revenue Incentive Program (CARIP) Service S100 and include in the 2021 Financial Plan; That the Board approve transfer of \$9,000 in funds for the Watershed Governance Initiative Data Collation and Mapping project from Climate Action Revenue Incentive Program (CARIP) Service S100 to Community Sustainability Service S105.</p> <p>14. 112/21 That the Board send a letter of support to Living Lakes Canada for the Columbia Basin Water Monitoring Collaborative and Water Hub.</p> <p>15. 113/21 That the Board direct staff to report back to Community Sustainable Living Advisory Committee on how the workplan for the Watershed Governance Initiative is modified and budgeted based on a collaboration with Living Lakes Canada.</p> <p>16. 584/21 That the Board approve the recommended next steps of Phase 3 of the Watershed Governance Initiative (WGI) with a focus on relationship building and planning, mapping and monitoring as outlined below and presented to the Community Sustainable Living Advisory Committee August 17, 2021:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Supporting continued relationship building with Yaqan Nukiy and Ktunaxa Nation Council, Syilx Okanagan Nation Alliance, Secwepemc and Sinixt 2. Provide technical support for community led watershed mapping and communication tools such as story mapping 3. Supporting management of RDCK water systems - pilot natural asset management 4. Supporting regional monitoring – investigate how the RDCK could support local level monitoring 5. Supporting community led mapping – investigate Nature Based Planning <p>17. 585/21 That the RDCK Board direct staff to develop a work plan for continued work on the Watershed Governance Initiative (WGI) including seeking external partners; AND FURTHER, to prepare for discussion on how Community Sustainable Living Advisory Committee (CSLAC) can encompass the entire Board.</p> <p>18. 658/21 That the Board direct the Chair of the Board and Chair of Community Sustainable Living Advisory Committee to reach out to MLA Brittny Anderson to discuss opportunities for engagement around the Regional Watershed Governance Initiative as it moves into Phase 3 focused on relationship building, monitoring and mapping.</p>
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	<p>19. 852/21 That the Board direct staff, Community Sustainable Living Advisory Committee Chair and Board Chair to work with MLA Anderson to develop a relationship with Forest Lands Natural Resource Operations and Rural Development and host community forums focused on watershed governance and stewardship in 2022.</p> <p>20. 853/21 That Resolution 847/20, being the transfer of \$9,000 in funds for the Watershed Governance Initiative Data Collation and Mapping project from Climate Action Revenue Incentive Program (CARIP) Service S100 to Community Sustainability Service S105 and include in the 2021 Financial Plan BE RESCINDED because funds were not needed as anticipated.</p> <p>21. 86/22 That the RDCK Board approve funding up to \$25,000 for the 2022 Watershed Governance Initiative budget from S105 Community Sustainable Living Service and include this in the 2022 Financial Plan; AND FURTHER, the Board allocates staff time of the Sustainability Planner and Water Services Liaison to support the 2022 Watershed Governance Initiative.</p> <p>22. 128/22 That the Board direct staff to submit a response on behalf of the RDCK to the Province on the Watershed Security Strategy and Fund; AND FURTHER, invite Board members and staff to comment on the draft responses by Monday, February 28, 2022.</p> <p>23. 258/22 That the RDCK Board direct staff to send a request to Yaqaan Nukiy Chief and Council for their participation on developing a Water Sustainability Plan for the Creston Valley; AND FURTHER, request that the Province order a Water Sustainability Plan be developed in the Creston Valley in partnership with RDCK and Yaqaan Nukiy SUBJECT TO agreement from Yaqaan Nukiy.</p> <p>24. 433/22 That the Board direct staff to prepare a service case analysis and report back to the Board on the implications of establishing the requisition of a Drinking Water & Watershed Protection Service bylaw for protection of watersheds and drinking water in the Regional District of Central Kootenay to be added to the workplan in 2023.</p> <p>25. 515/22 That the Board direct staff to work with the Wynndel community residents to create a story map, request an investigation under the Drinking Water Protection Act (Section 29) and request that the Ministry of Forests confirm the VRI (vegetation regeneration index) for the Duck Creek Watershed; AND FURTHER, that the Community Sustainable Living Service (S105) contribute up to a total of \$25,000 of funds over 2022 and 2023 budget years to conduct a cumulative impact study of proposed logging in the Duck Creek Watershed.</p> <p>26. 224/23 The Board is asked to provide comments related to watershed ecosystem services and health; climate resiliency; watershed governance and the help needed; economic opportunities within watersheds; reconciliation with Indigenous Peoples as it relates to water; and, advancing the UN Declaration of the Rights of Indigenous Peoples.</p> <p>27. 304/23 That the Board approve the RDCK enter into a Collaborative Research Agreement with Selkirk College to provide research support for a service case analysis on a Drinking Water and Watershed Protection Service Case Analysis for the period of May 1, 2023 to September 30, 2023; AND FURTHER, that the Agreement be signed by the Chair and Corporate Officer.</p> <p>28. 305/23 That the Board direct staff to conduct Step 1 of Community Sustainable Living Advisory Committee project evaluation of completing a Natural Asset Management Plan for Ymir Water System - Quartz Creek Watershed.</p> <p>29. 377/23 That the Board direct staff to complete Step 2 of Community Sustainable Living Advisory Committee project evaluation to create a natural asset management plan for the Quartz Creek Watershed prepare a workplan and budget.</p>
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	<p>30. 304/23 That the Board approve the RDCK enter into a Collaborative Research Agreement with Selkirk College to provide research support for a service case analysis on a Drinking Water and Watershed Protection Service Case Analysis for the period of May 1, 2023 to September 30, 2023; AND FURTHER, that the Agreement be signed by the Chair and Corporate Officer.</p> <p>31. 305/23 That the Board direct staff to conduct Step 1 of Community Sustainable Living Advisory Committee project evaluation of completing a Natural Asset Management Plan for Ymir Water System - Quartz Creek Watershed.</p> <p>32. 377/23 That the Board direct staff to complete Step 2 of Community Sustainable Living Advisory Committee project evaluation to create a natural asset management plan for the Quartz Creek Watershed prepare a workplan and budget.</p>												
<p>KOOTENAY LAKE PARTNERSHIP</p>	<p>1. 91/18 That the RDCK Board approve funding of \$10,000 under S105 Community Sustainable Living Service to support the contracted service of the Kootenay Lake Partnership Coordinator position within the 2018 budget.</p> <p>2. 414/19 That the RDCK Board extends its support for Living Lakes Canada's Foreshore Inventory and Mapping for Aquatic Species at Risk proposal to the Canada Nature Fund with in-kind contributions of mapping data and staff hours for a total contribution of \$175,000.00 over the four (4) year term of the project, which is:</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="572 760 1177 1089"> <thead> <tr> <th>PROJECT</th> <th>IN-KIND CONTRIBUTIONS</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Regional Flood and Hazard Risk Assessment</td> <td>Completed in 2018</td> </tr> <tr> <td>LIDAR Acquisition and Processing</td> <td>\$40,000.00 Completed in 2018</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Floodplain Mapping Kootenay Lake</td> <td>In Process \$60,000.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Inundation Study</td> <td>In Process \$10,000.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Planning staff time for review and outreach</td> <td>Pending \$25,000.00</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p>3. 390/20 That the Board direct staff to transfer the remaining grant funding from the Real Estate Foundation (REF) in Community Sustainability Service S105, administered by RDCK on behalf of the Kootenay Lake Partnership, to Living Lakes Canada to support the Program Coordinator Position upon receiving confirmation from REF to do the transfer; AND FURTHER, that final report comes back to RDCK for information</p> <p>4. That the Board approve an allocation of \$10,000 annually from 2022-2024 to fund the Kootenay Lake Partnership Coordinator from the Community Sustainable Living Service S105 and this amount be added to the 2022-2026 Financial Plan; AND FURTHER, the Board approve that amount be paid to the Ktunaxa Nation Land and Resource Division annually, to support the Kootenay Lake Partnership through contract administration of the Coordinator position SUBJECT TO a contribution agreement with the Ktunaxa Nation Council being prepared and brought back to the Board.</p>	PROJECT	IN-KIND CONTRIBUTIONS	Regional Flood and Hazard Risk Assessment	Completed in 2018	LIDAR Acquisition and Processing	\$40,000.00 Completed in 2018	Floodplain Mapping Kootenay Lake	In Process \$60,000.00	Inundation Study	In Process \$10,000.00	Planning staff time for review and outreach	Pending \$25,000.00
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ENERGY	
REGIONAL BIOENERGY & FULL FIBER UTILIZATION PLANNING	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. 119/19 That the Board direct staff to explore partnerships possibilities with Columbia Shuswap Regional District, Regional District East Kootenay and Regional District Kootenay Boundary on the Timber Deadstock Biofuel scoping study; AND FURTHER, that staff explore funding opportunities for the study 2. 232/19 That the Board approve the RDCK entering into a Contribution Agreement with Columbia Basin Trust to support the research and development of a business plan for timber deadstock biofuel in the Regional District of Central Kootenay, and that the Chair and Corporate Officer be authorized to sign the necessary documents; AND FURTHER, the required matching funds of up to \$25,000 come from Service S105 - Community Sustainable Living Advisory; AND FURTHER, that the grant funds be received and administered through S105. 3. 500/20 That the Board direct staff to further develop the business case potential of the Wood Pellet Boiler Network, District Energy in Castlegar and Village District Energy Systems as part of the Timber Deadstock Bioenergy Feasibility Study in coordination with municipal staff. 4. 845/20 That the Community Sustainable Living Advisory Committee Chair, RDCK Board Chair and senior staff approach the new Minister of Forests, Lands, Natural Resource Operations & Rural Development to ask what emerging direction may be coming which would assist the RDCK in further investigating bioenergy projects which would align with provincial objectives of maximizing fiber utilization and reducing forest fuel loading; AND FURTHER to make a similar outreach to Forest Enhancement Society BC. 5. 285/21 That the Community Sustainable Living Advisory Committee take no further action at this time on the following recommendation: 845/20 That the Community Sustainable Living Advisory Committee Chair, RDCK Board Chair and senior staff approach the new Minister of Forests, Lands, Natural Resource Operations & Rural Development to ask what emerging direction may be coming which would assist the RDCK in further investigating bioenergy projects which would align with provincial objectives of maximizing fiber utilization and reducing forest fuel loading; AND FURTHER to make a similar outreach to Forest Enhancement Society BC.
COMMUNITY GEOTHERMAL - GIS PROJECT	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. 451/21 That the Board approve funding \$10,000 for the South Kootenay Lake Community Services Society`s Community Geothermal - GIS Project Set-up and Data Integration from S105 Community Sustainable Living Service and include this in the 2021 Financial Plan.
RURAL GRID RESILIENCE INVESTIGATION	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. 516/22 That the Board direct staff to work with Community Energy Association to understand the potential and limitations of energy storage, micro generation or bi-directional charging and prepare a workplan and budget for 2-3 community pilots in 2023, with the report to come back to the Community Sustainable Living Advisory Committee for review. 2. 303/23 That the Board approve \$6,500 in funding to support a Lardeau Valley Opportunity LINKS Society pilot of residential power back up/renewable home assessment & rebates, to be paid from the Community Sustainable Living Service (S105).
CLIMATE ACTION	
CLIMATE ACTION STRATEGY	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. 124/19 That the Board direct staff to prepare a resolution that responds to ramping up RDCK's climate action in response to the climate emergency by April, 2019. 2. 272/19 - WHEREAS Climate change is recognized to be an urgent reality requiring rapid decarbonisation of energy across all sectors; Climate change is recognized to be an urgent reality where risks are compounded by increased climate change weather related events (more precipitation in the winter, dryer hotter summers) and increased levels of uncertainty. Preparing for increased resilience and adaptability is critical; THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED That the Regional District of Central Kootenay Board recognizes that the world is in a global state of climate crisis. This reality creates an imperative for ALL ORDERS OF

	<p>GOVERNMENT to undertake “rapid and far reaching” changes to building construction, energy systems, land use and transportation.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. 701/19 That the Board direct staff to update the RDCK Policy Framework to incorporate a climate action lens; AND that, the 3-phased Climate Action Lens Policy strategy will seek input from the Senior Management Team to ensure smooth integration with operations and will bring recommendations to the Board for approval. 2. 861/19 That the Board direct staff to distribute the 2019 RDCK State of Climate Action full report and summary handout to the public. 3. 848/20 That the Board approve transfer of funds to Community Sustainability Service S105 for a student position to support climate action work in the amount of \$14,500 from the Climate Action Revenue Incentive Program (CARIP) Service S100 and include in the 2021 Financial Plan; AND FURTHER, to offset the costs of the student position, the Board direct staff to apply to the Pacific Institute for Climate Solutions (PICS) for \$12,000. 4. 604/21 That the RDCK Board endorse updating the RDCK State of Climate Action (SoCA) reporting framework to include a combination of reporting efforts such as – a dashboard, an annual scorecard, and reports (less frequent than current annual reports) with expenses to be paid from General Administration Service S100. 5. 44/22 That the Board adopt Policy 200-01-17 Better Corporate Building Policy and accompanying Procedures effective January 20, 2022 6. That the RDCK Board adopt science based carbon pollution (greenhouse gas emissions) reduction targets of 50% below 2018 levels by 2030, and 100% by 2050; AND FURTHER that the Board directs staff in 2022 to prepare 4-year climate action plans as a pathway to 2030 climate action targets and bring a report back to the Board. 7. 259/22 That the RDCK Board approve the budget of up to \$80,000 for the development of the 2023 -26 Climate Action Plan and associated four (4) year Communication and Engagement Strategy, and that these funds be drawn from the Climate Action Revenue Incentive Program (CARIP) reserve in General Administration Service S100. 8. 514/22 That the Board appoint the following Directors to an advisory group to support the completion of the Regional District of Central Kootenay Climate Action Plan – Aimee Watson, Garry Jackman, Janice Morrison, Suzan Hewat 9. 268/23 That the Board refer adoption of RDCK Climate Actions to the August 17, 2023 Board meeting to allow for continued engagement through to July 26; AND FURTHER, that Staff are directed to conduct public in-person meetings at the request of Directors (all requests be submitted no later than Friday May 5). 10. 391/23 That the Board approve up to the amount of \$121,700 to support communication and engagement related to RDCK Climate Actions from the Local Government Climate Action Program funding in Service 100 – General Administration; AND FURTHER, that the Board utilize the Community Sustainable Living Committee, as an advisory committee, to inform communication and engagement related to building the RDCK Climate Plan.
<p>RURAL DEVELOPMENT INSTITUTE (RDI) – CLIMATE ADAPTATION PROJECT</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. 233/19 That the Board partner with the Rural Development Institute’s Regional Approach to Rural Climate Adaptation Project Partnership and direct staff to finalize the agreement; AND FURTHER, allocate \$12,500 of in-kind staff time from Service S105 for 2019-2020 (2 years) to support the Partnership. 2. 595/19 That the Board approve the RDCK entering into a Collaborative Research agreement with Selkirk College for the Regional Approach to Rural Climate Adaptation Project Partnership for the period from May 1, 2019 to March 1, 2021, and that the Chair and Corporate Officer be authorized to sign the necessary documents.

<p>100% RENEWABLE ENERGY BY 2050</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. 257/18 That the Board commit to the development of strategies and implementation of projects to achieve the long-term goal of deriving 100% of its net energy from renewable sources by 2050, and commit to demonstrate strong political leadership and significantly contribute to the reduction of greenhouse gases in the region. 2. 222/19 That the Board appoint the following individual(s) to work with the West Kootenay EcoSociety towards the 100% Renewable Energy by 2050 from the Community Sustainable Living Advisory Committee; AND FURTHER, stipend and expenses to come from S105: Director Faust & Lockwood 3. 412/19 That the Board Chair and Corporate Officer sign the Memorandum of Understanding with West Kootenay 100% Renewable Energy Plan. 4. 139/21 That the Board receive the West Kootenay 100% Renewable Energy Plan dated December 2020 as presented in the January 6, 2021 West Kootenay 100% Renewable Energy Plan Board Report; AND FURTHER, that the adoption of the plan be considered after the workshop has taken place.
<p>REGIONAL INVASIVE SPECIES PLAN</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. 483/21 That the Board direct Development and Community Sustainability Services staff to coordinate with staff from Geographic Information Services, Resource Recovery, Water Services, Recreation Facilities and Parks to create a proposal for an implementation plan of the draft Regional Invasive Species Strategy. 2. 50/22 That the Board direct staff to negotiate and enter into a sole-source agreement with the Central Kootenay Invasive Species Society for an invasive plant inventory on RDCK-owned or leased properties and development of a detailed implementation plan of the Regional Invasive Species Strategy for an amount not to exceed \$44,472 exclusive of GST; AND FURTHER, that the costs for the inventory be paid from the services responsible for the lands and buildings sites identified and the costs of \$8,500 for the Regional Invasive Species Implementation Plan be paid from General Administration Service S100. 3. 780/22 That the Board direct staff to enter into a sole-source agreement with the Central Kootenay Invasive Species Society for invasive plant management on RDCK-owned-leased properties, as outlined in the 2022 RDCK Invasive Plant Management Plan up to a maximum amount of \$48,230 plus GST; AND FURTHER, that the costs for the invasive plant management be added to the 2023-2027 Financial Plan for the departments responsible for the lands and building sites identified. 4. 60/23 That the Board direct staff to negotiate an agreement with the Central Kootenay Invasive Species Society for implementation of Option 1 (\$15,000) and PILOT the Good Neighbour program (\$12,000) of the Regional Invasive Species Strategy for the 2023; AND FURTHER, that the costs of no more than \$27,000 + GST be included in the S100 General Administration draft 2023 Financial Plan; AND FURTHER, that the agreement be brought back to the March 16, 2023 Board meeting. 5. 646/23 That the Board appoint the following two (2) Directors to the Regional Invasive Species Working Group for a term to end September 2024 6.
<p>REGIONAL ACTIVE & LOW CARBON TRANSPORTATION STRATEGY</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. That the Board direct staff to prepare a detailed project budget to investigate regional active transportation solutions as outlined in the report from Community Sustainable Living Advisory Committee (CSLAC) staff dated September 10, 2022 and report back to CSLAC for approval.
<p>COMMUNITY AMBASSADORS – partnership with Youth Climate Corps/Wildsight</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. 125/23 That the Board support the development and delivery of the Climate Action Ambassadors program in partnership with Youth Climate Corps-Wildsight; AND FURTHER, the Board provide a letter of support to partner with Youth Climate Corps through Wildsight for the application to the Rural Economic Diversification & Infrastructure Program (REDIP) contributing in-kind support (\$58,000) and cash contribution (\$40,000 previously approved in reso 259/22) to be funded from the Local Government Climate Action Plan for training in each of the departments and oversight of development and delivery of the program.

	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 2. 651/23 That the Board provide a letter of support to the Rural Economic Diversification & Infrastructure Program (REDIP) for the Fire to Food Youth Climate Corps-Wildsight project with in-kind support up to \$19,200 for training in each of the departments and oversight of development and delivery of the program.
<p>CSLAC ADMINISTRATIVE & COMMUNICATION SUPPORT</p>	
<p>WEBSITE UPDATE & PRINT MATERIAL</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. 601/18 That the Board direct staff to highlight the work of the Sustainability Service (105) through the RDCK website and announce with a media release. 2. 578/19 That the Board directs staff to procure services from Little H Design Works for \$2,500 for the work of designing the summary report for the RDCK's Climate Action Indicator Project with funds to come from Service 105; AND FURTHER, staff be directed to seek quotes to produce a graphic illustration of this report for distribution on line.
<p>ADMIN</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. 382/18 That the RDCK Board support the allocation of S105 funds 'Grants' leveraging and linking additional funds from external agencies for sustainability initiatives, as described in the Community Sustainable Living Advisory Committee Terms of Reference. 2. 123/19 That the Board approve the 2019 Community Sustainable Living Advisory Committee draft budget; AND FURTHER, that the directors stipend and expenses be reduced to \$5,000 for the years 2020-23 inclusive.



Committee Report

Date of Report: November 20, 2023
Date & Type of Meeting: December 14, 2023, Community Sustainable Living Advisory Committee
Author: Paris Marshall Smith, Sustainability Planner
Subject: CSLAC 2024 FUNDING REQUESTS
File: 5200-20-CSLAC-Projects
Electoral Area/Municipality All

SECTION 1: EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

CSLAC has received three funding applications for disbursement in 2024. All projects align with CSLAC priorities: water, food and agriculture, energy, housing and climate action. The funding requests exceed the typical annual allotment of grant funding issued from the service to support new projects or programs for a total of \$25,000. This report proposes three options for funding with the recommendation that the Board distribute the \$25,000 project funding evenly amongst the three 2024 applicants for a total of \$8,333 each.

Recommendation – That the Board approve the payment of the following grants from the Community Sustainability Advisory Service S105 2024 budget:

1. Columbia Basin Groundwater Monitoring Program - Living Lakes: \$8,333
2. Kootenay Lake Watershed Monitoring Program (KLWMP) - Friends of Kootenay Lake: \$8,333
3. Regenerative Educational Community Food Garden - Elk Root Conservation: \$8,333

SECTION 2: BACKGROUND/ANALYSIS

2024 funding requests -

1. Columbia Basin Groundwater Monitoring Program - Living Lakes has requested \$10,000 to support the expansion of ground water monitoring across the regional district
2. Kootenay Lake Watershed Monitoring Program (KLWMP) - Friends of Kootenay Lake has requested \$10,000 to support the expansion of their CABIN water monitoring program on Kootenay Lake
3. Regenerative Educational Community Food Garden - Elk Root Conservation has requested \$10,000 to pilot growing food for low income and vulnerable residents that could be expanded across the regional district.

CSLAC has two types of activities it supports in alignment with its priorities from the \$25,000 grant in the service– projects and programs:

1. **Projects** are short one-off initiatives that have a distinct beginning and end, they are intended to be investigations of novel ideas focused on increasing rural resilience

FOR 2024 – The full \$25,000 CSLAC project fund is available for allocation in 2024. CSLAC members can also determine to spend more.

2. **Programs** are multi-year initiatives – often projects that have moved past the incubation phase – undefined amount per year.

Each application has requested \$10,000 for 2024.

Staff provide three options -

1. Fully fund the requests - \$30,000, staff will provide budget implications in discussion
2. Partially fund the request by dividing the \$25,000 - proponents have provided the following statements on the impact of reduced or no funding
 - Living Lakes Canada: *To receive reduced funding would result in reduced spending on the Admin expenses along with a potential reduction in the number of well site visits, which in turn reduces costs allocated to the Regional Groundwater Technicians (travel to sites, equipment installations), and the Data and Field Management (data processing, sharing) budget items.*

Overall, the success of this program will not be significantly impacted by this slight reduction, yet some small adjustments will be required. We do have other pending opportunities for funding to support this program that may be able to bridge the gap as well.

- Elk Root Conservation: *With respect to impact, the morale of our youth intern managers would be significantly affected, as would the morale of our volunteers. The application for \$10,000 submitted to CSLAC was to match funding to support our interns to earn a living wage while they train to become permanent full time managers. This funding is required to support us to do that. And, we recently found out that the living wage mark has been raised in the region and the wage we are paying has actually fallen below the living wage line.*

We are all working tirelessly at ERC to achieve our goal to assist in alleviating food related poverty in the RDCK, and the support of CSLAC to help us to do so without being below living wages is essential to continuing to keep morale high for the ERC team and sustain our efforts. The rest of our team except our youth intern managers is 100% volunteer including the mentors and expert team members who are training them.

- Staff did not receive comments from Friends of Kootenay lake.

3. No funding – CSLAC does not consider funding any of the projects

SECTION 3: DETAILED ANALYSIS

3.1 Financial Considerations – Cost and Resource Allocations:

Included in Financial Plan: Yes No **Financial Plan Amendment:** Yes No
Debt Bylaw Required: Yes No **Public/Gov't Approvals Required:** Yes No

There is an annual \$25,000 allocated in the CSLAC budget for regionally relevant projects that support work in the areas of water, housing, food & agriculture, climate action and energy. This year the requests exceed \$25,000 for a total of \$30,000. CSLAC is asked to consider if and how they would like to distribute the funding.

3.2 Legislative Considerations (Applicable Policies and/or Bylaws):

None at this time

3.3 Environmental Considerations

Support for these projects will provide environmental benefit across the regional district.

3.4 Social Considerations:

Support for these projects will provide social benefit across the regional district.

3.5 Economic Considerations:

Support for these projects will provide economic benefit across the regional district.

3.6 Communication Considerations:

Communications with the proponents is coordinated by Sustainability staff

3.7 Staffing/Departmental Workplace Considerations:

Evaluation of these project proposals is within the Sustainability Planner's workplan.

3.8 Board Strategic Plan/Priorities Considerations:

Actions to support water monitoring and food production align with the Board priorities.

SECTION 4: OPTIONS & PROS / CONS

This report proposes three options for funding with the recommendation that the Board distribute the \$25,000 project funding evenly amongst the three 2024 applicants for a total of \$8,333 each.

OPTION 1 – APPROVE an even distribution of the \$25,000 CSLAC project funding between the three applicants

Pro:

- CSLAC could support all three applications without increasing taxation

Con:

- The decreased amount will impact project operations

OPTION 2 – APPROVE full funding of all three requests at \$10,000 each for a total of \$30,000 CSLAC project funding for 2024

Pro:

- all project applications would be funded as requested

Con:

- an increase of \$5,000 project funding would require an increase in requisition
- could set a precedent for future funding requests

OPTION 3 – DO NOT APPROVE

Pro:

- CSLAC project funding can be held for projects that emerge in 2024

Con:

- the impact on the proposed projects could be quite significant

SECTION 5: RECOMMENDATIONS

That the Board direct staff to include payment from the annual grant allocation of \$25,000 in Community Sustainable Living Service S105, in the 2024 budget for the following projects:

1. Columbia Basin Groundwater Monitoring Program - Living Lakes: \$8,333
2. Kootenay Lake Watershed Monitoring Program (KLWMP) - Friends of Kootenay Lake: \$8,333
3. Regenerative Educational Community Food Garden - Elk Root Conservation: \$8,333

AND further, this funding is approved in principle and will not be provided until April 1, 2024 after budget approval.

Respectfully submitted,

Paris Marshall Smith, Sustainability Planner

CONCURRENCE

Chief Administrative Officer – Stuart Horn

General Manager of Development and Community Sustainability Services – Sangita Sudan

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