



Regional District of Central Kootenay REGULAR BOARD MEETING Open Meeting Minutes

The **second** meeting of the Board of the Regional District of Central Kootenay in 2025 was held on Thursday, February 20, 2025 at 9:00 a.m. through a hybrid meeting model.

Quorum was maintained throughout the meeting.

ELECTED OFFICIALS

PRESENT

Chair A. Watson	Electoral Area D	In-Person
Director G. Jackman	Electoral Area A	In-Person
Director R. Tierney	Electoral Area B	In-Person
Director K. Vandenberghe	Electoral Area C	In-Person
Director C. Graham	Electoral Area E	In-Person
Director T. Newell	Electoral Area F	In-Person
Director H. Cunningham	Electoral Area G	In-Person
Director W. Popoff	Electoral Area H	In-Person
Director A. Davidoff	Electoral Area I	
Director H. Hanegraaf	Electoral Area J	
Director T. Weatherhead	Electoral Area K	In-Person
Director M. McFaddin	City of Castlegar	In-Person
Director D. Dumas	Town of Creston	In-Person
Director S. Hewat	Village of Kaslo	In-Person
Director A. McLaren-Caux	Village of Nakusp	In-Person
Director K. Page	City of Nelson	In-Person
Director J. Fyke	Village of New Denver	
Director D. Lockwood	Village of Salmo	In-Person
Director L. Main	Village of Silverton	In-Person
Director J. Lunn	Village of Slocan	In-Person

ELECTED OFFICIALS

ABSENT

Director A. DeBoon	Town of Creston
Director L. Casley	Village of New Denver

STAFF PRESENT

S. Horn	Chief Administrative Officer
M. Morrison	Corporate Officer/Manager of Corporate Administration
A. Lund	Deputy Corporate Officer
J. Chirico	General Manager of Community Services
U. Wolf	General Manager of Environmental Services
Y. Malloff	General Manager of Finance, Information Technology and Economic Development
S. Sudan	General Manager of Community Sustainability and Development Services
C. Saari-Heckley	Human Resources Manager
D. Séguin	Manager of Community Sustainability
N. Wight	Planning Manager
A. Evenson	Senior Project Manager
P. Marshall Smith	Sustainability & Resilience Supervisor
C. Scott	Planner

S. Chezenko
Z. Giacomazzo
D. Elliott

Planner
Planner
Communications Coordinator

1. ZOOM REMOTE MEETING INFO

To promote openness, transparency and provide accessibility to the public we provide the ability to attend all RDCK meetings in-person or remote (hybrid model).

Meeting Time:

9:00 a.m. PST
10:00 a.m. MST

Join by Video:

<https://rdck-bc-ca.zoom.us/j/95573345491?pwd=k4eCLxEF2ggHCiAbpTcQis1tMHnt5b.1>

Join by Phone:

855 703 8985 Canada Toll-free

*6 to unmute or mute
*9 to raise or lower your hand

Meeting ID: 955 7334 5491

Meeting Password: 142530

In-Person Location:

Nelson Office - Boardroom
202 Lakeside Drive

2. CALL TO ORDER & WELCOME

2.1 Traditional Lands Acknowledgement Statement

We acknowledge and respect the Indigenous peoples within whose traditional lands we are meeting today.

2.2 Adoption of the Agenda

Moved and seconded,
And Resolved:

62/25

The agenda for the February 20, 2025 Regular Open Board meeting be adopted with the following amendments:

- inclusion of Item 5.4.1.2 - Supporting Rural Contractors Service Income Qualified Households for Effective Home Retrofits;
- inclusion of Item 8.2.4 - Email from CUPW - Industrial Inquiry Commission Reviewing Canada Post; and
- with the addition of the addendum;

before circulation.

Carried

2.3 Adoption of the Minutes

Moved and seconded,
And Resolved:

63/25

The minutes from the January 16, 2025 Regular Open Board meeting be adopted as circulated.

Carried

2.4 Introduction

CAO Horn introduced Dan Zayac, Regional Deputy Fire Chief, replacing Tristan Fehst who moved into the Regional Fire Chief role.

3. COMMITTEES & COMMISSIONS

3.1 With Recommendations

3.1.1 Riondel Commission: minutes February 4, 2025

Moved and seconded,
And Resolved:

64/25

That the garbage tag fees for Service S189 Refuse Transfer Area A, increased from \$3.50 per bag to \$4.00 per bag as of March 1, 2025.

Carried

3.1.2 Community Sustainable Living Advisory Committee: minutes February 18, 2025

Moved and seconded,
And Resolved:

65/25

That the \$25,000 in grants for Community Sustainable Living Advisory Committee S105 be removed from the draft 2025 financial plan and that the requisition be reduced to reflect the removal of the grants.

Carried

Moved and seconded,
And Resolved:

66/25

That the 2025 draft Community Sustainable Living Advisory Committee financial plan, as amended be approved.

Carried

Moved and seconded,
And Resolved:

67/25

That it be recommended to the Board that the RDCK enter into a Contribution Agreement with yaqan nu?kiy for building our partnership of working together on water sustainability for yaqan nu?kiy ?amak?is - Creston Valley, and that the Chair and Corporate Officer be authorized to sign the necessary documents; AND FURTHER, that the costs be paid from S105 – Community Sustainability.

Carried

Moved and seconded,
And Resolved:

68/25

That the Community Sustainable Living Committee Establishment Bylaw No. 3004, 2025 be read a FIRST, SECOND, and THIRD time by content, as amended.

Carried

Moved and seconded,
And Resolved:

69/25

That the Rural Mobility Community Advisory Committee Bylaw No. 3005, 2025 be read a FIRST, SECOND, and THIRD time by content.

Carried

3.1.3 Joint Resource Recovery Committee: minutes February 19, 2025

Moved and seconded,
And Resolved:

70/25

That the Board approve the RDCK enter into a Purchase of Goods Agreement with Rollins Machinery for the purchase of a Deloupe Model HS483 tridem axle Compaction Pushout Trailer to a maximum value of \$278,134 plus GST, and that the Chair and Corporate Officer be authorized to sign the necessary documents; AND FURTHER, that the costs be paid from S187 Refuse Disposal - Central Subregion.

Carried

3.2 Membership/Appointments

3.2.1 RDCK Commission and Committee Appointments

Moved and seconded,
And Resolved:

71/25

That the Board appoint the individuals to the following RDCK Commissions and Committees:

Ymir Water Commission of Management - term to end December 31, 2025:

Thomas Nixon
Jay Leus
Theron Kingsley
Leslie Hamnett
Sophia Mountford

Joint Resource Recovery Committee and East Resource Recovery Committee (Creston):

Carolyn Hawton
Denise Dumas (Alternate)

Area D Advisory Planning and Heritage Commission - term to end December 31, 2026

William H. Wells

and that the Board send a letter to outgoing member Gerry Devine thanking them for their service to the Area D Advisory Planning and Heritage Commission.

Carried

3.2.2 Emergency Program Executive Committee

Directors Vandenberghe, Hewat and Weatherhead were nominated.

Moved and seconded,
And Resolved:

72/25

That the Board appoint the following Directors to the Emergency Program Executive Committee for a term to end December 31, 2025:

Aimee Watson (Board Chair)
Aidan McLaren-Caux (Board Vice-Chair)
Kelly Vandenberghe (Electoral Areas A, B, C, G, Salmo, Creston)
Suzan Hewat (Electoral Areas D, E, F, Kaslo)
Teresa Weatherhead (Electoral Areas H, I, J, K, Nakusp, Silvertown, New Denver, Slocan)
Stuart Horn (CAO/Designate)
Dan Séguin (Manager of Community Sustainability)

Carried

4. BYLAWS

4.1 Bylaw 2975: Local Conservation Fund Committee

The Board Report dated February 6, 2025 from Nelson Wight, Planning Manager, seeking Board adopt Local Conservation Fund Committee Bylaw No. 2975, has been received.

Moved and seconded,
And Resolved:

73/25

That the Local Conservation Fund Committee Bylaw No. 2975, 2025 be read a THIRD time by content.

Carried

DIRECTOR PRESENT Director Lunn joined the meeting at 9:15 a.m.

Moved and seconded,
And Resolved:

74/25

That the Local Conservation Fund Committee Bylaw No. 2975, 2025 be ADOPTED, and that the Chair and Corporate Officer be authorized to sign the same.

Carried

4.2 Bylaw 2984: Electoral Area G Land Use Amendment (Pallagi - Area G)

The Board Report dated January 21, 2025 from Zachari Giacomazzo, Planner, seeking Board approve third reading for Electoral Area G Land Use Amendment Bylaw No. 2984, has been received.

Moved and seconded,
And Resolved:

75/25

That Electoral Area 'G' Land Use Amendment Bylaw No. 2984, 2024 being a bylaw to amend Electoral Area 'G' Land Use Bylaw No. 2452, 2018 is hereby given THIRD reading;

AND FURTHER, that the consideration of adoption BE WITHHELD for Land Use Amendment Bylaw No. 2984 being a bylaw to amend Electoral Area 'G' Land Use Bylaw No. 2452, 2018 until the following items have been obtained:

ii. Approval of Land Use Amendment Bylaw No. 2984 by the Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure, pursuant to Section 52 (3)(a) of the Transportation Act.

Carried

4.3 Bylaw 2986: Electoral Area G Land Use Amendment (Renaissance Arts and Sustainability Society - Area G)

The Board Report dated January 21, 2025 from Zachari Giacomazzo, Planner, seeking the Board approve third reading for Electoral Area 'G' Land Use Amendment Bylaw No. 2986, has been received.

Moved and seconded,
And Resolved:

76/25

That Electoral Area 'G' Land Use Amendment Bylaw No. 2986, 2024 being a bylaw to amend Electoral Area 'G' Land Use Bylaw No. 2452, 2018 is hereby given THIRD reading;

AND FURTHER, that the consideration of adoption BE WITHHELD for Land Use Amendment Bylaw No. 2986 being a bylaw to amend Electoral Area 'G' Land Use Bylaw No. 2452, 2018 until the following items have been obtained:

- i. Approval of Land Use Amendment Bylaw No. 2986 by the Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure, pursuant to Section 52 (3)(a) of the Transportation Act.

Carried

4.4 Bylaw 2988: RDCK Zoning Amendment (Scheffelmaier - Area F)

The Board Report dated January 17, 2025 from Sadie Chezenko, Planner, seeking the Board take no further action with RDCK Zoning Amendment Bylaw No. 2988, has been received.

Moved and seconded,
And Resolved:

77/25

That the following motion **BE REFERRED** to the March 20, 2025 Board meeting:

That the Board take no further action in regard to Regional District of Central Kootenay Zoning Amendment Bylaw No. 2988, 2024.

Carried

4.5 Bylaw 3013: Kaslo and Area Regional Facilities, Recreation and Parks Service Commission Repeal

Board Meeting - November 14, 2024

RES592/24

That the Board direct staff to prepare repeal bylaws for the Kaslo and Area Regional Facilities, Recreation, and Parks Service Commission Bylaw 2023, 2009 and the Glacier Creek Regional Park Commission Bylaw No. 1306, 1998; AND FURTHER, that going forward the governance matters for parks and recreation services in Kaslo and Area D be considered by the North Kootenay Lake Regional Services Committee.

Moved and seconded,
And Resolved:

78/25

That the Kaslo and Area Regional Facilities, Recreation and Parks Service Commission Repeal Bylaw No. 3013, 2025 be read a FIRST, SECOND, and THIRD time by content.

Carried

Moved and seconded,
And Resolved:

79/25 That the Kaslo and Area Regional Facilities, Recreation and Parks Service Commission Repeal Bylaw No. 3013, 2025 be ADOPTED and the Chair and Corporate Officer be authorized to sign the same.

Carried

**4.6 Bylaw 3014: Glacier Creek Regional Park Commission Repeal
Board Meeting - November 14, 2024
RES592/24**

That the Board direct staff to prepare repeal bylaws for the Kaslo and Area Regional Facilities, Recreation, and Parks Service Commission Bylaw 2023, 2009 and the Glacier Creek Regional Park Commission Bylaw No. 1306, 1998; AND FURTHER, that going forward the governance matters for parks and recreation services in Kaslo and Area D be considered by the North Kootenay Lake Regional Services Committee.

Moved and seconded,
And Resolved:

80/25 That the Glacier Creek Regional Park Commission Repeal Bylaw No. 3014, 2025 be read a FIRST, SECOND, and THIRD time by content.

Carried

Moved and seconded,
And Resolved:

81/25 That the Glacier Creek Regional Park Commission Repeal Bylaw No. 3014, 2025 be ADOPTED and the Chair and Corporate Officer be authorized to sign the same.

Carried

**4.7 Bylaw 3015: Kaslo and Portion of Electoral Area D Library Financial Aid Service
Amendment
Board Meeting - December 12, 2024
RES632/24**

That the Board direct staff to prepare an amendment bylaw for Kaslo and Portion of Electoral Area D Library Financial Aid Service Bylaw No. 790, 1990 to increase the requisition limit by 25%.

Moved and seconded,
And Resolved:

82/25 That the following motion **BE REFERRED** back to the North Kootenay Lake Committee:

That the Kaslo and Portion of Electoral Area D Library Financial Aid Service Amendment Bylaw No. 3015, 2025 be read a FIRST, SECOND, and THIRD time by content.

Carried

**4.8 Bylaw 3016: Electoral Area D and Village of Kaslo Emergency Response/Jaws of Life Local
Service Area Establishment Amendment
Board Meeting - December 12, 2024
RES633/24**

That the Board direct staff to prepare an amendment bylaw for Electoral Area D and Village of Kaslo Emergency Response/Jaws of Life Local Service Area Establishment Bylaw No. 1340, 1998 to increase the requisition limit by 25%.

Moved and seconded,

And Resolved:

83/25

That the following motion **BE REFERRED** back to the North Kootenay Lake Committee:

That the Electoral Area D and Village of Kaslo Emergency Response/Jaws of Life Local Service Area Establishment Amendment Bylaw No. 3016, 2025 be read a FIRST, SECOND, and THIRD time by content.

Carried

**4.9 Bylaw 3017: Regional Accessibility Advisory Committee Amendment
Board Meeting - November 14, 2024**

RES600/24

That the Board direct staff to evaluate a less formal structure for the Regional Accessibility Advisory Committee Bylaw No. 2904, 2023 and bring forward an amendment bylaw for Board consideration.

RES607/24

That the Board direct staff to prepare an amendment to the Regional Accessibility Advisory Committee Bylaw No. 2904, 2023 that includes the removal of the Village of Nakusp from Schedule A.

Moved and seconded,

And Resolved:

84/25

That the Regional Accessibility Advisory Committee Amendment Bylaw No. 3017, 2025 be read a FIRST, SECOND, and THIRD time by content.

Carried

Moved and seconded,

And Resolved:

85/25

That the Regional Accessibility Advisory Committee Amendment Bylaw No. 3017, 2025 be ADOPTED and the Chair and Corporate Officer be authorized to sign the same.

Carried

**4.10 Bylaw 3018: Regional District of Central Kootenay Bylaw Enforcement Notice and
Dispute Adjudication System Amendment
Board Meeting - January 16, 2025**

RES08/25

That the Resource Recovery Facilities Regulatory Bylaw No. 2961, 2025, be ADOPTED and the Chair and Corporate Officer be authorized to sign the same.

***NOTE:** Regional District of Central Kootenay Bylaw Enforcement Notice and Dispute Adjudication System Bylaw No. 2855, 2023 needs to incorporate the new fees adopted in Bylaw No. 2961 (Schedule 'A' – Appendices Index; and Schedule 'A' – Appendix 17)*

Moved and seconded,

And Resolved:

86/25

That the Regional District of Central Kootenay Bylaw Enforcement Notice and Dispute Adjudication System Amendment Bylaw No. 3018, 2025 be read a FIRST, SECOND, and THIRD time by content.

Carried

Moved and seconded,
And Resolved:

87/25

That the Regional District of Central Kootenay Bylaw Enforcement Notice and Dispute Adjudication System Amendment Bylaw No. 3018, 2025 be ADOPTED and the Chair and Corporate Officer be authorized to sign the same.

Carried

4.11 Bylaw 3019: Regional District of Central Kootenay Municipal Ticketing Information Amendment

Board Meeting - January 16, 2025

RES08/25

That the Resource Recovery Facilities Regulatory Bylaw No. 2961, 2025, be ADOPTED and the Chair and Corporate Officer be authorized to sign the same.

***NOTE:** Regional District of Central Kootenay Municipal Ticketing Information System Bylaw No. 2814, 2023 needs to be amended to incorporate the new fees adopted in Bylaw No. 2961 (Schedule A and B).*

Moved and seconded,
And Resolved:

88/25

That the Regional District of Central Kootenay Municipal Ticketing Information Amendment Bylaw No. 3019, 2025 be read a FIRST, SECOND, and THIRD time by content.

Carried

Moved and seconded,
And Resolved:

89/25

That the Regional District of Central Kootenay Municipal Ticketing Information Amendment Bylaw No. 3019, 2025 be ADOPTED and the Chair and Corporate Officer be authorized to sign the same.

Carried

4.12 Bylaw 3020: Balfour Water Service Parcel Tax Amendment

Moved and seconded,
And Resolved:

90/25

The following resolution 21/25, being:

That Balfour Water Service Parcel Tax Amendment Bylaw No. 2990, 2025 is hereby ADOPTED and the Chair and Corporate Officer be authorized to sign the same;

BE RESCINDED.

Carried

Moved and seconded,
And Resolved:

91/25

That Balfour Water Service Parcel Tax Amendment Bylaw No. 3020, 2025 be read a FIRST, SECOND and THIRD time by content.

Carried

Moved and seconded,
And Resolved:

92/25

That Balfour Water Service Parcel Tax Amendment Bylaw No. 3020, 2025 is hereby ADOPTED and the Chair and Corporate Officer be authorized to sign the same.

Carried

5. NEW BUSINESS

5.1 Community Services

5.1.1 Award: Creston & District Community Complex – Outdoor Washroom

The Board Report from Jeannine Bradley, Project Manager, seeking Board approval to award the Creston and District Community Complex - Outdoor Washroom contract, has been received.

Moved and seconded,
And Resolved:

93/25

That the Board award the Creston & District Community Complex – Outdoor Washroom to ZKO Construction Ltd., and that the Chair and Corporate Officer be authorized to sign the necessary documents to a maximum value of \$172,347.06 plus GST; AND FURTHER, that the cost be included in the 2025 Financial Plan for Recreation Facility-Creston and Areas B, C and Area A Service S224.

Carried

5.2 Development and Community Sustainability

5.2.1 Contribution Agreement: CBT Community Readiness Partnership

The Board Report from Dan Séguin, Manager of Community Sustainability, seeking Board approval to enter into an agreement with CBT to augment rural emergency management mitigation and preparedness capacity, has been received.

Moved and seconded,
And Resolved:

94/25

That the Board approve the RDCK enter into a Contribution Agreement with the Columbia Basin Trust to augment rural emergency management mitigation and preparedness capacity; for two years until January 31, 2027, and that the Chair and Corporate Officer be authorized to sign the necessary documents; AND FURTHER, that it be included to the 2025 Financial Plan and 5-year Plan from Emergency Consolidated Services (A101) in the amount of \$161,000 in 2025 and \$69,000 in 2026.

Carried

5.2.2 Flood Hazard Policy/Regulations Update

The Board Report dated February 5, 2025 from Corey Scott, Planner, providing an update on the RDCK's application to the Ministry of Emergency Management and Climate Readiness's Disaster Resilience and Innovation Funding (DRIF) Program, has been received.

The Board request staff bring a recommendation to the March 20, 2025 Board meeting to identify a certain limit.

Moved and seconded,
And Resolved:

95/25

That the Board supports the January 31, 2025 Ministry of Emergency Management and Climate Readiness's Disaster Resilience and Innovation Funding (DRIF) Program proposal submission for the Flood Hazard Policy and Regulations Update; and that the Board supports the project and commits to cost overruns.

Carried

5.2.3 RDCK Initiatives with First Nations and alignment with UNDRIP

The Board Report from Sangita Sudan, General Manager of Development and Community Sustainability Services, seeking Board approval to allocate funds to support Indigenous Relations training for staff and elected officials, has been received.

Moved and seconded,

MOTION ONLY

That the Board approve an annual allocation of up to \$15,000 in the 2025-2029 Financial Plan for General Administration Service S100 budget, to support Indigenous Relations training for staff and elected officials and direct staff to coordinate new training opportunities.

Moved and seconded,

And Resolved:

AMENDMENT TO THE MOTION

96/25

That the following recommendation, being:

That the Board approve an annual allocation of up to \$15,000 in the 2025-2029 Financial Plan for General Administration Service S100 budget, to support Indigenous Relations training for staff and elected officials and direct staff to coordinate new training opportunities;

be amend to read:

*That the Board approve **a 2025 allocation** of up to \$15,000 in the 2025-2029 Financial Plan for General Administration Service S100 budget, to support Indigenous Relations **workshops and/or** training for staff and elected officials, **and that staff be directed to recommend workshops and training opportunities.***

Carried

Moved and seconded,

And Resolved:

MAIN MOTION

97/25

That the Board approve a 2025 allocation of up to \$15,000 in the 2025-2029 Financial Plan for General Administration Service S100 budget, to support Indigenous Relations workshops and/or training for staff and elected officials, and that staff be directed to recommend workshops and training opportunities.

Carried

**RECESS/
RECONVENED**

The meeting recessed at 10:30 a.m. for a break and reconvened at 10:43 a.m.

5.2.4 For Information: BC Building Code Revisions and New Requirements - Seismic, Accessibility, and GHG Emissions

The Board Report from Manda McIntyre, Building Manager, providing the Board with an update on the 2024 BC Building Code requirements, has been received.

5.3 Environmental Services

5.3.1 Award: Erickson Water System - Erickson Road Watermain Upgrades

The Board Report from AJ Evenson, Senior Project Manager, seeking Board approval to award the Erickson Water System - Erickson Road Watermain Upgrades contract, has been received.

Moved and seconded,
And Resolved:

98/25

That the Board direct staff to award the contract for the Erickson Water System – Erickson Road Watermain Upgrades to Riteway Holdings Ltd; and that the Chair and Corporate Officer be authorized to sign the necessary documents to a maximum value of \$444,824.91 plus GST; AND FURTHER, that the Board direct staff to include in the 2025 Financial Plan for Water Utility – Area B (Erickson) Service S250 a capital cost of \$480,000 for the replacement of the water mainline on Erickson Road with funds for the project to be paid from reserves associated with that service.

Carried

5.3.2 Award: West Robson - Broadwater Road Watermain Upgrades

The Board Report from AJ Evenson, Senior Project Manager, seeking Board approval to award the West Robson - Broadwater Road Watermain Upgrades, has been received.

Moved and seconded,
And Resolved:

99/25

That the Board direct staff to award the contract for the West Robson – Broadwater Road Watermain Upgrades to Valhalla Hydrovac Ltd; and that the Chair and Corporate Officer be authorized to sign the necessary documents to a maximum value of \$152,062.90 plus GST; AND FURTHER, that the funds be drawn from Water Utility-Def J-West Robson Service S256.

Carried

5.4 Administration & Finance

5.4.1 2025 AKBLG Resolutions

The deadline for AKBLG resolutions is February 28, 2025.

5.4.1.1 Inland Ferry Services

Moved and seconded,
MOTION ONLY

WHEREAS, under section 25 of the Coastal Ferry Act, which supercedes the BC Labour Relation Code, “it is deemed that the delivery of ferry services is necessary for the protection of the health, safety and welfare of the residents of British Columbia”;

AND WHEREAS, the ferry services for the Interior of the Province of British Columbia provide crucial, and in many cases sole access for travel to hospitals, ambulance, police and fire department emergencies, supplying of home heating oil and propane, supplying food for local stores, transportation of children to and from schools and resident access for travel to work, but they are not designated

as necessary for the protection of health, safety and welfare of the residents for the interior of the Province of British Columbia;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Province of British Columbia recognize that all ferry services within the Province of BC are necessary to the health, safety and welfare of all the residents and should be deemed as an essential service, and that the UBCM work with the affected areas and the Provincial Government to find a solution to ensure that rights of all British Columbia residents are protected equally on the Coast and the Interior of British Columbia.

Moved and seconded,
And Resolved:

AMENDMENT TO THE MOTION

100/25

That the foregoing motion, being:

WHEREAS, under section 25 of the Coastal Ferry Act, which supercedes the BC Labour Relation Code, "it is deemed that the delivery of ferry services is necessary for the protection of the health, safety and welfare of the residents of British Columbia";

AND WHEREAS, the ferry services for the Interior of the Province of British Columbia provide crucial, and in many cases sole access for travel to hospitals, ambulance, police and fire department emergencies, supplying of home heating oil and propane, supplying food for local stores, transportation of children to and from schools and resident access for travel to work, but they are not designated as necessary for the protection of health, safety and welfare of the residents for the interior of the Province of British Columbia;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Province of British Columbia recognize that all ferry services within the Province of BC are necessary to the health, safety and welfare of all the residents and should be deemed as an essential service, and that the UBCM work with the affected areas and the Provincial Government to find a solution to ensure that rights of all British Columbia residents are protected equally on the Coast and the Interior of British Columbia;

be amended to read:

WHEREAS, under section 25 of the Coastal Ferry Act, which supercedes the BC Labour Relation Code, "it is deemed that the delivery of ferry services is necessary for the protection of the health, safety and welfare of the residents of British Columbia";

AND WHEREAS, the ferry services for the Interior of the Province of British Columbia provide crucial, and in many cases sole access for travel to hospitals, ambulance, police and fire department emergencies, supplying of home heating oil and propane, supplying food for local stores, transportation of children to and from schools and resident access for travel to work, but they are not designated as necessary for the protection of health, safety and welfare of the residents for the interior of the Province of British Columbia;

*THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Province of British Columbia **increase essential services levels on all ferry services within the Province of BC as is necessary to the health, safety and welfare of all the residents, and that the UBCM work with the affected areas and the Province to find a solution to ensure that rights of all British Columbia residents are protected equally on the Coast and the Interior.***

Defeated

Moved and seconded,
And Resolved:

AMENDMENT TO THE MOTION

101/25

That the foregoing motion, being:

WHEREAS, under section 25 of the Coastal Ferry Act, which supercedes the BC Labour Relation Code, "it is deemed that the delivery of ferry services is necessary for the protection of the health, safety and welfare of the residents of British Columbia";

AND WHEREAS, the ferry services for the Interior of the Province of British Columbia provide crucial, and in many cases sole access for travel to hospitals, ambulance, police and fire department emergencies, supplying of home heating oil and propane, supplying food for local stores, transportation of children to and from schools and resident access for travel to work, but they are not designated as necessary for the protection of health, safety and welfare of the residents for the interior of the Province of British Columbia;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Province of British Columbia recognize that all ferry services within the Province of BC are necessary to the health, safety and welfare of all the residents and should be deemed as an essential service, and that the UBCM work with the affected areas and the Provincial Government to find a solution to ensure that rights of all British Columbia residents are protected equally on the Coast and the Interior of British Columbia;

be amended to read:

WHEREAS, under section 25 of the Coastal Ferry Act, which supercedes the BC Labour Relation Code, "it is deemed that the delivery of ferry services is necessary for the protection of the health, safety and welfare of the residents of British Columbia";

AND WHEREAS, the ferry services for the Interior of the Province of British Columbia provide crucial, and in many cases sole access for travel to hospitals, ambulance, police and fire department emergencies, supplying of home heating oil and propane, supplying food for local stores, transportation of children to and from schools and resident access for travel to work, but they are not designated as necessary for the protection of health, safety and welfare of the residents for the interior of the Province of British Columbia;

*THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Province of British Columbia recognize that all ferry services within the province are necessary to the health, safety and welfare of all the residents **should be considered when predetermining minimum inland ferry service levels on a site-by-site basis**, and that the UBCM work with the affected areas and the Provincial Government to find a solution to ensure that rights of all British Columbia residents are protected equally on the Coast and the Interior of British Columbia.*

Carried

Moved and seconded,
And Resolved:

MAIN MOTION

102/25

WHEREAS, under section 25 of the Coastal Ferry Act, which supercedes the BC Labour Relation Code, “it is deemed that the delivery of ferry services is necessary for the protection of the health, safety and welfare of the residents of British Columbia”;

AND WHEREAS, the ferry services for the Interior of the Province of British Columbia provide crucial, and in many cases sole access for travel to hospitals, ambulance, police and fire department emergencies, supplying of home heating oil and propane, supplying food for local stores, transportation of children to and from schools and resident access for travel to work, but they are not designated as necessary for the protection of health, safety and welfare of the residents for the interior of the Province of British Columbia;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Province of British Columbia recognize that all ferry services within the province are necessary to the health, safety and welfare of all the residents should be considered when predetermining minimum inland ferry service levels on a site-by-site basis and that the UBCM work with the affected areas and the Provincial Government to find a solution to ensure that rights of all British Columbia residents are protected equally on the Coast and the Interior of British Columbia.

Carried

5.4.1.2 Supporting Rural Contractors Service Income Qualified Households for Effective Home Retrofits

Moved and seconded,
And Resolved:

103/25

WHEREAS home retrofits are essential for reducing emissions, improving energy efficiency, and increasing climate resilience, especially in rural communities facing extreme weather and energy poverty;

AND WHEREAS rural contractors face financial and administrative barriers in the CleanBC Better Homes Energy Savings Program (ESP) for low to medium income qualified households, reducing program participation and limiting access to retrofits;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that UBCM work with the Province of British Columbia, local governments and industry stakeholders to improve support for rural contractors in the ESP by:

1. Providing advance payments to contractors to ease financial strain;
2. Offering incentives for contractors working in rural areas;
3. Expanding rebate coverage to increase homeowner participation;
4. Promoting the health and climate resilience benefits of retrofits to increase homeowner participation;
5. Partnering with post-secondary institutions to train contractors in high-performance building and business administration.

Carried

5.4.2 Policy No. 300-09-13: ReDi Grants

Moved and seconded,
And Resolved:

104/25

That the Board rescind Policy Number 300-09-07 Columbia Basin Trust Process, and adopt Policy Number 300-09-13 ReDi Grants, effective immediately.

Carried

**ORDER OF AGENDA
CHANGED**

The Order of Business has been changed to address public time with Item 9 Public Time considered at this time.

9. PUBLIC TIME

Chair Watson called for questions from the public and media at 11:45 a.m.

The members of the public asked questions regarding the following:

- How to address the costs to recreation areas throughout the RDCK due to climate change;
- At what level can the RDCK encourage economic development within these recreation areas;
- Encouraging the RDCK's input regarding the Nelson Official Community Plan;
- Planning for the cost of climate change; and
- Sue Big Oil lawsuit- if there is funding available.

**RECESS/
RECONVENED**

The meeting recessed at 12:00 p.m. for lunch and reconvened at 1:00 p.m.

4.4 Bylaw 2988: RDCK Zoning Amendment (Scheffelmaier - Area F)

Moved and seconded,
And Resolved:

RECONSIDERATION OF MOTION

105/25

That the foregoing motion, being:

*That the following motion **BE REFERRED** to the March 20, 2025 Board meeting:*

That the Board take no further action in regard to Regional District of Central Kootenay Zoning Amendment Bylaw No. 2988, 2024;

be reconsidered to read:

That Regional District of Central Kootenay Zoning Amendment Bylaw No. 2988, 2024 being a bylaw to amend the Regional District of Central Kootenay Zoning Bylaw No. 1675, 2004 is hereby given THIRD reading by content;

AND FURTHER, that the consideration of adoption BE WITHHELD for Regional District of Central Kootenay Zoning Amendment Bylaw No. 2988, 2024 until the following item has been obtained:

- *Approval from the Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure pursuant to Section 52(3)(a) of the Transportation Act (Controlled Access).*

Carried

**DIRECTOR
PRESENT**

Director Hanegraaf joined the meeting at 1:05 p.m.

Moved and seconded,
And Resolved:

MAIN MOTION

106/25

That Regional District of Central Kootenay Zoning Amendment Bylaw No. 2988, 2024 being a bylaw to amend the Regional District of Central Kootenay Zoning Bylaw No. 1675, 2004 is hereby given THIRD reading by content;

AND FURTHER, that the consideration of adoption BE WITHHELD for Regional District of Central Kootenay Zoning Amendment Bylaw No. 2988, 2024 until the following item has been obtained:

- Approval from the Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure pursuant to Section 52(3)(a) of the Transportation Act (Controlled Access).

Carried

**ORDER OF AGENDA
RESUMED**

Item 5.4.3 considered at this time.

5.4.3 For Information: 2024 RDCK Quarterly Report (Q4)

The 2024 RDCK Quarterly Report (Q4) from Mike Morrison, Corporate Officer, has been received for information.

**DIRECTOR
ABSENT**

Director Hanegraaf left the meeting at 1:15 p.m.

5.5 Grants

5.5.1 Discretionary

5.5.1.1 2025 February Discretionary Grants

Moved and seconded,
And Resolved:

107/25

Discretionary grants out of the funds available for the following Electoral Areas/Member Municipalities be approved as designated:

AREA A

Kootenay Region - Skate Canada BC/YT Section	2025 Kootenay Region Figure Skating Championships	\$500
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AREA B

Canyon Community Association	Community Celebration Spud Night	\$1,000
Kootenay Region - Skate Canada BC/YT Section	2025 Kootenay Region Figure Skating Championships	\$600
Creston Valley Minor Hockey Association	U15 Provincials	\$2,500

AREA C

Kootenay Region - Skate Canada BC/YT Section	2025 Kootenay Region Figure Skating Championships	\$250
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AREA E

LV Rogers Secondary School	LV Rogers 2025 Grad	\$1,000
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AREA F

North Shore Fire Department	First Responder Scope Expansion Project	\$4,005
North Shore Fire Department Social Club	NSFD Social Events and Community Development	\$4,000
LV Rogers Secondary School	LV Rogers 2025 Grad	\$1,200
Nelson Road Kings	2025 Queen City Cruise	\$1,500

AREA H

Slocan Valley Community Legacy Society	Volunteer Recognition	\$450
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Carried

5.5.1.2 Discretionary RES 700/23
Moved and seconded,
And Resolved:

108/25

That Resolution 700/23, being the allocation of Discretionary grant funds:

AREA B

Creston Valley Chamber of Commerce	\$3,000
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AREA C

Creston Valley Chamber of Commerce	\$3,000
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BE RESCINDED

Carried

5.5.2 Community Development
Moved and seconded,
And Resolved:

109/25

Community Development grants out of the funds available for the following Electoral Areas/Member Municipalities be approved as designated:

AREA B

Erickson Community Association	ECA Meeting and Hall Rental Expenses	\$2,500
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AREA D

Kaslo Fire Department (Submitted by RDCK on KFD's behalf)	Area D Medical First Responder Establishment	\$25,000
Kaslo and Area Senior Citizens Society	Support for Kaslo and Area D Seniors	\$4,500

AREA E

West Shores Leisure Advancement Society	Snapdragons Arts and Nature Club	\$2,000
Community Futures Central Kootenay	Happipad	\$500

AREA F

Community Futures Central Kootenay	Happipad	\$1,500
Okanagan Nation Alliance	Fish in Schools	\$1,000

AREA G

Okanagan Nation Alliance	Fish in Schools	\$1,000
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AREA H

Okanagan Nation Alliance	Fish in Schools	\$1,500
Lucerne Parent Advisory Committee (PAC)	Summit Lake Skiing	\$3,000

AREA I

Okanagan Nation Alliance	Fish in Schools	\$1,250
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AREA J

Castlegar and District Chamber of Commerce	West Kootenay Trade Show	\$2,000
Kootenay Gallery of Art, History and Science Society	Soup for the Cultured Soul 2025	\$2,200
Poupore Improvement District	Replacement Pump and Building	\$12,000
Castlegar & District Hospital Foundation	Light up	\$2,500
Okanagan Nation Alliance	Fish in Schools	\$1,500

AREA K

Okanagan Nation Alliance	Fish in Schools	\$1,500
Bayview Residents Association	Bayview Fire Shed – Insurance, Hydro and Maintenance	\$2,300

NAKUSP

Village of Nakusp	Accessibility Plan Development	\$9,100
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Carried**5.6 Chair/CAO Reports**

Chair Watson discussed the letters/briefing notes that are sent on behalf of the Board and circulating the materials to the Board, as attached to the agenda. She indicated that she,

CAO Horn and Manager Séguin met with Minister Anderson, Ministry of State for Local Governments and Rural Communities, regarding the wildfires and the RDCK's request for provincial funding to go towards training. She provided an overview of the discussion at the Electoral Areas Forum regarding the changes to the Community Works funding model. She also let the Board know that there were two delegation requests to the Board that were redirected to the appropriate staff and committees.

CAO Horn had no report.

6. RURAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

Moved and seconded,
And Resolved:

- 110/25 That the Corporate Officer be authorized to remove the Notice on Title relating to 3306 Krestova Road, Electoral Area H, currently owned by Bruce McPherson, property legally described as LOT 1, DISTRICT LOT 8773, KOOTENAY DISTRICT PLAN NEP84367, the RDCK Building Department has confirmed that a building permit has been obtained and the deficiencies associated with the construction have been rectified.

Carried

Moved and seconded,
And Resolved:

- 111/25 That the Board APPROVE the issuance of Development Variance Permit V2419I to Rodney Kosianic and Hilary Cole for the property located at 1918 Makayev Road, Electoral Area I, and legally described as LOT 7, BLOCK 1, DISTRICT LOT 9, KOOTENAY DISTRICT PLAN 2938 (PID: 015-118- 894) to vary:

1. Section 701.7 in order to permit a maximum building height of 6.2 metres;
2. Section 701.8 in order to permit a Maximum GFA of 171 m².

Carried

Moved and seconded,
And Resolved:

- 112/25 That the Board APPROVE the issuance of Development Variance Permit V2415J to 0889922 BC LTD for the property located at 50 Old Mill Road, Electoral Area J, and legally described as LOT 2, DISTRICT LOT 237, KOOTENAY DISTRICT PLAN EPP71075 (PID: 030-632-439) to vary Sections 611.1, 611.2, 611.13 and 621.3 of RDCK Zoning Bylaw No. 1675, 2004 for the following purposes:

- 611.1 and 611.2: Reduction of required parking spaces based on "Operation Area" from 11 to 2;
- 611.13: Reduction of area to be surfaced with concrete or asphalt to an area measuring 775 m²;
- 621.3: Reduction of landscape screen along the front property line to accommodate a wider driveway access for large commercial vehicles;

Subject to:

1. The following measures to control and mitigate dust being implemented:
 - a. Surfacing the non-paved portions of the site with a low dust alternative such as road base gravel;
 - b. Regular application of dust control treatment (e.g. water, calcium chloride or other suitable treatment) on non-paved portions of the site.

Moved and seconded,
And Resolved:

- 113/25 That the Board APPROVE the issuance of the Development Variance Permit to Paul Serghe and Christine Pearce for the property located 4260 Highway 6, Electoral Area K, and legally described as LOT 186, DISTRICT LOT 4269, KOOTENAY DISTRICT PLAN 827, EXCEPT THAT PART IN PLAN 8622 (PID: 016-046-536) to vary Section 2701.4 of Zoning Bylaw No. 1675 to allow a Farm Residential Footprint with a maximum depth of 165 metres from the front property line whereas the bylaw requires that the maximum depth of the Farm Residential Footprint shall not exceed 60 metres from the Front Lot Line.

Carried

Moved and seconded,
And Resolved:

- 114/25 That the Community Works Fund application submitted by the RDCK for the East Shore Connectivity – Fibre Optic Installation in the amount of \$15,000.00 be approved and that funds be disbursed to Service 107 – Economic Development – Area A from Community Works Funds allocated to Electoral Area A.

Carried

Moved and seconded,
And Resolved:

- 115/25 That the Community Works Fund application submitted by the Town of Creston for the Creston Education Centre in the amount of \$90,750.00 be approved and that funds be disbursed from Community Works Funds allocated equally from Electoral Areas A, B, and C.

Carried

7. DIRECTORS' MOTIONS

7.1 Director Watson: Johnson Landing - High Hazard Zone

Moved and seconded,
And Resolved:

- 116/25 That the Board direct staff to contract a geotechnical re-assessment of the Johnson Landing high hazard area with the intention, post the re-assessment, to adjust the high hazard zone accordingly; AND FURTHER, that the cost of the contract be fully funded from Area D Community Development or Community Works and be provided to service Emergency Programming Service A101 to complete the work.

Carried

7.2 Director Graham: Letter of Support - Harrop-Procter Committee

Director Graham no longer requires the letter of support.

7.3 Director Newell: RDCK Procedure Bylaw No. 2898, 2024

The recommendation can be included in the next round of amendments for the RDCK Procedure Bylaw No. 2898, 2024.

Moved and seconded,
And Resolved:

117/25 That the Board direct staff to prepare an amendment to the RDCK Procedure Bylaw No. 2898, 2024 to state that the public time on all RDCK Committee, Commission and Board meetings is intended for the public to ask questions of and make comments on the work of the Board.

Carried

7.4 Director Davidoff: Sue Big Oil

CAO Horn provided information received by legal counsel for the Board to consider.

**DIRECTOR
PRESENT**

Director Hanegraaf joined the meeting at 1:44 p.m.

Moved and seconded,
And Resolved:

118/25 That the following recommendation **BE REFERRED** to the March 20, 2025 Board Meeting:

That the Regional District of Central Kootenay commits to joining a class action suit lead by Sue Big Oil, its representatives, agents and/or assigns, against selected fossil fuel companies, contingent upon other B.C. municipalities joining and raising a combined minimum of \$500,000 to fund and initiate the same, and to allocate the equivalent of \$1 per Regional District resident for this purpose in the 2025 Budget for a total of \$62,509 to be charged to Service S100 (General Administration);

AND FURTHER, that any monies awarded to the Regional District as a result of any settlement, or judgement, arising from this lawsuit shall be used to mitigate any current or future damage caused within the Regional District by the defendants in the aforesaid class action suit.

Defeated

Moved and seconded,
And Resolved:

119/25 That the Regional District of Central Kootenay commits to joining a class action suit lead by Sue Big Oil, its representatives, agents and/or assigns, against selected fossil fuel companies, contingent upon other B.C. municipalities joining and raising a combined minimum of \$500,000 to fund and initiate the same, and to allocate the equivalent of \$1 per Regional District resident for this purpose in the 2025 Budget for a total of \$62,509 to be charged to Service S100 (General Administration);

AND FURTHER, that any monies awarded to the Regional District as a result of any settlement, or judgement, arising from this lawsuit shall be used to mitigate any current or future damage caused within the Regional District by the defendants in the aforesaid class action suit.

Defeated

8. CONSENT AGENDA

8.1 For Information: Committees & Commissions

Committee/Commission Reports for information have been received as follows:

8.1.1 Sanca Water Service Community Advisory Committee: Discussion Notes January 8, 2025

8.1.2 Community Sustainable Living Advisory Committee: minutes January 14, 2025

- 8.1.3 Balfour Water Service Community Advisory Committee: Discussion Notes January 17, 2025**
- 8.1.4 Grandview Water Service Community Advisory Committee: Discussion Notes January 20, 2025**
- 8.1.5 North Kootenay Lake Services Committee: minutes January 20, 2025**
- 8.1.6 Nelson, Salmo, Areas E, F and G Regional Parks Commission: minutes January 21, 2025**
Staff has received direction to draft a three-year term agreement for the municipalities that includes parameters for inflation and the amendments to the 2025-2029 draft Financial Plan.
- 8.1.7 Erickson Water Service Community Advisory Committee: Discussion Notes January 22, 2025**
- 8.1.8 Edgewood Water Service Community Service Committee: Discussion Notes January 27, 2025**
- 8.1.9 Woodbury Village Water Service Community Advisory Committee: Discussion Notes January 27, 2025**
- 8.1.10 Area A Economic Development Commission: minutes January 28, 2025**
- 8.1.11 Area B Advisory Planning and Heritage Commission: minutes January 28, 2025**
- 8.1.12 Creston Valley Services Committee: minutes January 30, 2025**
- 8.1.13 Woodland Heights Water Service Community Advisory Committee: Discussion Notes February 3, 2025**
- 8.1.14 Riondel Water and Drainage Service Community Advisory Committee: Discussion Notes February 5, 2025**
- 8.1.15 Nelson and District Recreation Commission No. 5: minutes February 5, 2025**
Staff has received direction to prepare a breakdown of how requisitions and user fees are distributed.
- 8.1.16 Water Services Committee: minutes February 12, 2025**
- 8.2 For Information: Communication**
 - 8.2.1 The letter from Tennessee Trent, Ministry of Environment and Parks, responding to the RDCK's letter regarding the Rosebery to Three Forks trail.**
 - 8.2.2 The letter dated February 12, 2025 from Lisa St-Amour, Environment and Climate Change Canada, responding to the RDCK's letter regarding "Bringing the Salmon Home".**
 - 8.2.3 The letter dated February 3, 2025 from Doug Campbell, E-Comm 911, providing an update on the E-Comm Governance Review project.**
 - 8.2.4 The email dated January 16, 2025 from Jan Simpson, CUPW, regarding the Industrial Inquiry Commission reviewing Canada Post.**
- 8.3 For Information: Accounts Payable**
The Accounts Payable Summary for January 2025 in the amount of \$4,898,484 has been received for information.

8.4 For Information: Directors' Reports

Each Director will be given the opportunity to provide a brief summary of the work they have been doing within their communities.

8.4.1 Director Jackman: CBRAC/RCC/IJC

8.4.2 Director Tierney

8.4.2.1 Letter of Support: Investment Agriculture Foundation of BC (Fields Forward Society)

8.4.2.2 Letter of Support: Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada (Fields Forward Society)

8.4.3 Director Vandenberghe: CKISS/Water Turbine – Creston

8.4.4 Director Watson: Activities and Area D 2025 Budget

8.4.5 Director Graham: Letter of Support - Balfour Daze

8.4.6 Director Popoff

8.4.6.1 Letter of Support: Kootenay Wellness Foundation

8.4.6.2 Letter of Support: Old South Slocan Schoolhouse Working Group

8.4.7 Director Hewat: CBT/RIS/Activities

8.4.8 Director McLaren-Caux: December 2024 - February 2025 Activities

Moved and seconded,
And Resolved:

120/25 That the verbal Directors' Report be postponed to after Item 10 Closed.

Carried

Moved and seconded,
And Resolved:

121/25 That a late item be included within Item 5.4.1 2025 AKBLG Resolutions - Ensuring a Balanced Approach to Building Code Updates to be addressed after Item 10 Closed.

Carried

RECESSED/ The meeting recessed at 2:26 p.m. for a break and reconvened at 2:38 p.m.
RECONVENED

10. CLOSED

10.1 Meeting Closed to the Public

The Open meeting will be adjourned after In Camera without reconvening back into the open session unless there is business that needs to be addressed.

Moved and seconded,
And Resolved:

122/25 In the opinion of the Board - and in accordance with Section 90 of the *Community Charter* - the public interest so requires that persons other than DIRECTORS, ALTERNATE DIRECTORS, DELEGATIONS AND STAFF be excluded from the meeting; AND FURTHER, in accordance with Section 90 of the *Community Charter*, the meeting is to be closed on the bases identified in the following subsections:

- (c) labour relations or other employee relations;
- (g) litigation or potential litigation affecting the municipality;
- (i) the receipt of advice that is subject to solicitor-client privilege, including communications necessary for that purpose;
- (k) negotiations and related discussions respecting the proposed provision of a municipal service that are at their preliminary stages and that, in the view of the council, could reasonably be expected to harm the interests of the municipality if they were held in public;
- (n) the consideration of whether a council meeting should be closed under a provision of this subsection or subsection (2);

Carried

10.2 Recess of Open Meeting

Moved and seconded,
And Resolved:

- 123/25 The Open meeting be recessed at 2:39 p.m. in order to conduct the Closed Board meeting and reconvened at 4:22 p.m.

Carried

Moved and seconded,
And Resolved:

- 124/25 That the Directors' verbal reports **BE REFERRED** to the February 21, 2025 Special (Budget) Board Meeting.

Carried

Moved and seconded,
And Resolved:

- 125/25 That the AKBLG resolution - Ensuring a Balanced Approach to Building Code Updates **BE REFERRED** to the February 21, 2025 Special (Budget) Board Meeting.

Carried

11. MATTERS ARISING FROM CLOSED MEETING

No items.

12. ADJOURNMENT

Moved and seconded,
And Resolved:

- 126/25 That the meeting adjourn at 4:25 p.m.

Carried

Originally signed by

Aimee Watson, RDCK Board Chair

Originally signed by

Angela Lund, Deputy Corporate Officer