



REGIONAL DISTRICT OF CENTRAL KOOTENAY

SALMO AND AREA SERVICES COMMITTEE OPEN MEETING MINUTES

6:00 p.m.
April 20, 2026

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).

Join by Video:

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Join by Phone:

1 833 958 1164

Meeting ID: 988 0989 6491

Meeting Password: 232709

In-Person Location: Village of Salmo – 423 Davies Avenue

COMMISSION/COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Director H. Cunningham	Area G
Director D. Lockwood	Village of Salmo - Chair

STAFF

Trisha Davison	General Manager of Community Services
Craig Stanley	Regional Manager of Operations and Asset Management
Alana Jenkins	Meeting Coordinator

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Cunningham called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

2. TRADITIONAL LANDS ACKNOWLEDGEMENT STATEMENT

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

3. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

MOVED and seconded,
AND Resolved:

The Agenda for the April 20, 2026, Salmo and Area Services Committee meeting, be adopted as circulated.

Carried

3. RECEIPT OF MINUTES

The February 9, 2026, Salmo Area Services Committee minutes, have been received.

4. DELEGATE

There are no Delegates scheduled for this Committee meeting.

5. Salmo and Area Services Committee Action Item Review

Committee and Staff to review the Salmo and Area Services Committee Action Item Review

2026		Salmo & Area G		
#	Task	Status	Meeting Date	Notes
1	That staff are directed to budget \$3,585 in S113 – Economic Development: Salmo and Area G 2026 for economic development grants to the community.	In Progress	2026-02-09	
2	That staff are directed to budget \$21,457 in S192 – Museum: Salmo and Area G 2026 for the Salmo Museum.	Complete	2026-02-09	
3	That staff are directed to budget \$10,500 in S210 – Recreation Facility-Area G (Ymir) 2026 for Grants.	Complete	2026-02-09	Please note that \$10,300 was budgeted
4	That Staff are directed to schedule the next Salmo and Area Services Committee meeting on April 20th, at 6:00p.m. and further invite the following organizations to provide written and verbal updates on their operations and budget requirements. 1. Salmo Museum 2. Ymir Museum 3. Salmo & District Chamber of Commerce	Complete	2026-02-09	

6. Salmo Museum

A representative from the Salmo Museum to provide a verbal update on their operations and budget requirements.

The Salmo Museum Representative spoke to the museum’s annual reporting to the RDCK, including financials and a five-year budget, with funding supporting staffing, training, and year-round operations (reduced in the off-season). Admission is by donation, and the museum continues to preserve and provide access to artifacts and records while maintaining a well-used community green space.

Archives are primarily paper-based, with frequent requests for cemetery, obituary, and genealogy information. In 2025, the museum hosted 93 in-person visits, 46 visitors on Canada Day, and various group tours, supported by 106 volunteer hours.

Concerns were raised regarding future funding, including a potential rent increase, rising insurance costs, and roof leaks in both the museum and library. The Square Society is seeking funding for repairs.

Digitization has been identified as a priority to improve preservation and access. The downstairs space is well-finished and suitable for meetings and displays but remains inaccessible due to stairs, and the mining display in this area is incomplete.

Key priorities include sustaining operations, improving archive access, advancing digitization, improving accessibility, and completing the mining display. The Commission asked about chairlift and roof repair costs, and suggested improving communication about hours and tours, along with developing a public-facing strategic plan.

7. Salmo & District Chamber of Commerce

A representative from the Salmo & District Chamber of Commerce to provide a verbal update on their operations and budget requirements.

The Salmo Chamber of Commerce Representative spoke to their recent Annual General Meeting, noting the largest turnout since COVID and the addition of several new directors. It was noted that reports submitted to the RDCK will also be shared with the Village of Salmo CAO moving forward.

The Chamber operates a part-time office year-round, increasing to full-time summer hours with student support. The Chamber leads and supports a range of community initiatives and events, including seasonal programming, Village signage, website development, and a nearly completed mining exhibit. The Chamber highlighted its long history of volunteer contributions to community improvements and ongoing advocacy for local healthcare services. Membership is open to businesses, individuals, and societies.

The Committee noted the need for a more formal strategic plan and clearer communication around goals, accomplishments, and hours of operation. The Chamber expressed optimism about moving forward with a revitalized plan and increased member participation.

8. PUBLIC TIME

The Chair called for questions from the public at 6:50 p.m.

A member of the public asked for clarification regarding the shared use of the building by the museum, Chamber, and Square Society, including the rental plan, contingencies, and strategic planning. The Commission advised that the building is operated by the Square Society. It was suggested that the Chamber shift its focus more toward economic development, including attracting jobs and opportunities, and consider leaving community event functions to other groups.

A second member of the public spoke to the potential for solar panels on the Chamber building, noting that research would be needed to assess feasibility, and expressed interest in participating in future strategic planning with input from the local business community.

9. NEXT MEETING

The next Salmo and Area Services Committee meeting date is to be determined.

10. ADJOURNMENT

MOVED and seconded,
AND Resolved:

The Salmo and Area Services Committee meeting be adjourned at 6:57 pm.

Carried

Digitally Approved

H. Cunningham, Chair