



Regional District of Central Kootenay

REGULAR BOARD MEETING

Open Meeting Minutes

The **third** meeting of the Board of the Regional District of Central Kootenay in 2025 was held on Thursday, March 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	
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 A. DeBoon	Town of Creston	In-Person
Director R. Lang	Village of Kaslo	In-Person
Director A. McLaren-Caux	Village of Nakusp	In-Person
Director K. Page	City of Nelson	In-Person
Director L. Casley	Village of New Denver	
Director D. Lockwood	Village of Salmo	In-Person
Director T. Gordon	Village of Silverton	In-Person
Director J. Lunn	Village of Slocan	In-Person

ELECTED OFFICIALS

ABSENT

Director S. Hewat	Village of Kaslo
Director L. Main	Village of Silverton

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
T. Fehst	Regional Fire Chief

T. Davison	Regional Manager – Recreation and Client Services
A. Divlakovski	Water Operations Manager
N. Hannon	Disaster Mitigation and Adaptation Senior Advisor
M. Friesen	Financial Analyst
D. Zol	Financial Analyst
M. Braithwaite	Purchase Agent
C. Horgan	Project Manager
S. Chezenko	Planner
S. Johnson	Planner
Z. Giacomazzo	Planner

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. PDT

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

Nelson, BC

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:

140/25

The agenda for the March 20, 2025 Regular Open Board meeting be adopted as circulated with the addition of the addendum.

Carried

2.3 Adoption of the Minutes

Moved and seconded,

And Resolved:

141/25

The minutes from the February 20, 2025 Regular Open Board meeting be adopted as circulated.

Carried

Moved and seconded,
And Resolved:

142/25

The minutes from the February 21, 2025 Special (Budget) Open Board meeting be adopted as circulated.

Carried

2.4 Introductions

CAO Horn introduced David Barnhart, Safety Advisor, replacing Andre Noel.

2.5 Delegations

2.5.1 Nelson and Area Child Care Committee

Samantha Zaytsoff, West Kootenay Child Care Resource & Referral Coordinator
Alison MacDonald, Community Economic Development Coordinator

Samantha Zaytsoff introduced herself and Alison MacDonald to the Board and began the presentation on Child Care Planning, Partnerships and Collaboration on behalf of the Nelson and Area Child Care Committee (NACCC).

Ms. Zaytsoff indicated the NACCC is a multi-sectoral committee that was formed in April 2024, identified as a priority by the Nelson and Area Economic Development partnership, and have been utilizing the UBCM's Stepping Stones: Child Care Planning Guides for BC's Local Governments.

Child care is a critical infrastructure investment and children are active members of our communities now. Ms. Zaysoff identified multiple families have had to move out of our region due to limited child care and 30% of child care facilities do not see it viable to continue their operations in the near future. She also discussed the need to support the education of early child care providers who are an important part of this equation. Ms. Zatsoff read statements from parents, early childhood educator, child care provider and employer regarding the struggles.

Ms. Zaytsoff provided statistics identifying several areas in the RDCK have no licensed child care spaces, and others have severe shortages. There are no open spaces currently for infant and toddler aged children. She discussed the shared responsibilities of government from federal to local and that the Province of BC has been granted \$5.38 billion to support child care initiatives.

Alison MacDonald continued with discussing the Stepping Stone Guides from the Province of BC. She discussed the different guides and the focus to be able to create an actionable plan for successful child care within the region.

In conclusion, Ms. MacDonald asked the RDCK to continue to integrate child care into the planning process using the UBCM Stepping Stones.

Ms. Zaytsoff and MacDonald answered the Board's questions.

Chair Watson thanked Ms. Zaytsoff and MacDonald for their presentation.

3. BUSINESS ARISING OUT OF THE MINUTES

3.1 Flood Hazard Policy/Regulations Update

Board Meeting - February 20, 2025

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

Staff will bring a recommendation to the RDCK Board on options for proceeding with the Flood Hazard Policy and Regulations Update if the grant funds provided through the Ministry of Emergency Management and Climate Readiness's Disaster Resilience and Innovation Funding (DRIF) Program are exhausted.

4. COMMITTEES & COMMISSIONS**4.1 With Recommendations****4.1.1 Salmo and Area G Recreation Commission No. 7: minutes February 10, 2025**

Staff has received direction to provide a breakdown of the times people are utilizing the Salmo Fitness Centre.

Moved and seconded,
And Resolved:

143/25

The Board direct staff to review Salmo and Electoral Area G (REC #7) Recreational Program Service Establishment Bylaws 784, 1990 and the Village of Salmo and Electoral Area G Swimming Pool Financial Aid Local Service Area Bylaw No. 1135, 1995 and determine how to create efficiencies.

Carried**4.1.2 North Kootenay Lake Services Committee: minutes February 24, 2025**

Moved and seconded,
And Resolved:

144/25

That the Board take no further action with Kaslo and Portion of Electoral Area D Library Financial Aid Service Amendment Bylaw No. 3015, 2025 to increase the requisition limit by 25%.

Carried

Moved and seconded,
And Resolved:

145/25

That the Board take no further action Electoral Area D and Village of Kaslo Emergency Response/Jaws of Life Local Service Area Establishment Amendment Bylaw No. 3016, 2025 to increase the requisition limit by 25%.

Carried**4.1.3 Area H, New Denver and Silverton (Slocan Lake) Recreation Commission No. 6: minutes March 4, 2025**

Staff received direction to open the 2025 grant intake for Recreation Commission No.6-New Denver, Silverton and Area H Service S229.

Moved and seconded,
And Resolved:

146/25

The Board direct staff to finalize all administrative aspects allowing third party bookings of the New Denver Gymnasium ensuring alignment with the direction from Area H, New Denver & Silverton (Slocan Lake) Recreation Commission No. 6 at their March 4, 2025 Commission meeting.

Carried

4.1.4 Creston Valley Services Committee: minutes March 6, 2025

Staff has received direction to proceed to find an alternate location indoors for this sculpture and report back to the Committee.

Moved and seconded,

And Resolved:

147/25

That the Board send a letter of support for British Columbia's Air Access Program (BCAAP) Grant to fund a backup generator for the Creston Valley Airport.

Carried

4.1.5 Joint Resource Recovery Committee: minutes March 19, 2025

Moved and seconded,

And Resolved:

148/25

That the Regional District of Central Kootenay Septage Disposal Facilities Regulatory Amendment Bylaw No. 3021, 2025, amending the Regional District of Central Kootenay Septage Disposal Facilities Regulatory Bylaw No. 1751, 2005, be read a FIRST, SECOND and THIRD time by content.

Carried

Director Casley recorded opposed.

Moved and seconded,

And Resolved:

149/25

That the Regional District of Central Kootenay Septage Disposal Facilities Regulatory Amendment Bylaw No. 3021, 2025 be ADOPTED and the Chair and Corporate Officer be authorized to sign the same.

Carried

Director Casley recorded opposed.

Moved and seconded,

And Resolved:

150/25

That the Board direct staff to transfer \$28,015 from the S187 Refuse Disposal – Central Subregion Regular Reserve fund to the S187 Refuse Disposal – Central Subregion Septage Reserve fund, and transfer \$69,027 from the S186 Refuse Disposal – East Subregion Reserve Fund to the new East Septage Reserve Fund.

Carried

Moved and seconded,

And Resolved:

151/25

That the Board approve the RDCK enter into a Consulting Services Agreement with Sperling Hansen Associates Inc. for the Ootischenia Landfill Interim Fill Plan, Design, Operations and Closure Plan, Transfer Station Preliminary Design, and General Consulting Support for a Lands Application for a two year term, with two optional one-year extensions upon mutual agreement, at up to a total costs of \$117,310, not including GST; AND FURTHER that the Chair and Corporate Officer

be authorized to sign the necessary documents; AND FURTHER that the costs be paid from Service S188 Refuse Disposal – West Subregion.

Carried

Moved and seconded,
And Resolved:

152/25

That the Board send a letter to the Ministry of Environment and Parks, as drafted with amendments directed by the Joint Resource Recovery Committee that the Ministry investigates Interchange Recycling’s compliance with their Extended Producer Responsibility program plan within the RDCK; AND FURTHER, that the Chair be authorized to sign the letter.

Carried

4.2 Membership/Appointments

4.2.1 Commission Appointments

Moved and seconded,
And Resolved:

153/25

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

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

Dean McKinnon

Riondel Commission

And further, the Board send a letter to outgoing member Donna Lavigne thanking her for her service with the Riondel Commission.

Carried

4.2.2 ReDi Local Area Selection Delegate Listing

Moved and seconded,
And Resolved:

154/25

That the Board appoint the following individuals to the ReDi Local Area Selection Committees:

AREA A

Gina Medhurst	2 Years
Carol Truman	1 Year
Tanya Letellier	2 Years
Herve Blezy	2 Years
Gary Hill	1 Year

AREA B

Karen Kraan	1 Year
Cody Beebe	1 Year
Jonathan Delcaro	1 Year
Kala Hooker	1 Year
Danielle Bjarnson	2 Years

AREA C

Mel Joy	1 Year
Larry Binks	1 Year
Chad Wobshall	1 Year
Dean Eastman	1 Year
Wayne Murphy	1 Year
Maura Schadeli	1 Year

AREA D - LARDEAU

Amanda Cutting	2 Years
Robert M. Gazzard	2 Years
Carl Johnson	2 Years
Deb Borsos	2 Years

AREA D/KASLO

Marco DeBortoli	1 Year
Richard Nay	2 Years
Tammy White	1 Year
Steve Anderson	1 Year

AREA E

William Macpherson	1 Year
Josh Smienk	2 Years
Karyn Shaundell	1 Year
Erin Fitchett	2 Years
Erin Christopherson	2 Years

AREA F

Deb Wilson	2 Years
Eric White	2 Years
Tom Service	2 Years
Monica Spencer	2 Years
Jay Marshall	2 Years
Cam Robertson	2 Years

AREA H

Val Mayes	2 Years
Joe Nazaroff	2 Years
Ellen Kinsel	2 Years
Richard Johnson	2 Years

AREA I

Kelly Poznikoff	2 Years
Andy Ozeroff	2 Years
Brian Bebelman	2 Years

AREA J

Halley Whittleton	2 Years
Wally Penner	2 Years
Audrey Repin	2 Years
Jeff Grant	2 Years

AREA K - ARROW PARK

Zoe Thomas	2 Years
Tania Quigley	2 Years
Wendy Lavigne	2 Years

AREA K - BAYVIEW/NAKUSP/RURAL NAKUSP

Beth McLeod	2 Years
Dolly Edward	2 Years
Tom Zeleznik	2 Years
Judy Eichhorst	1 Years

AREA K - BURTON

Wanda Buerge	1 Year
Sarah Holst	1 Year
Karey Biledeau	1 Year
Sarah Biledeau	1 Year
Paul Peterson	1 Year

AREA K - FAUQUIER

Wendy Smith	1 Year
April Freely	1 Year
Christine Sikora	1 Year
Heather Fraser	1 Year
Leanne Vaillancourt	1 Year
Annette Devlin	1 Year

AREA K - EDGEWOOD

Bill Dummett	1 Year
Randy Donselaar	1 Year
Brian Ewings	1 Year
Alice McKee	1 Year

Carried

5. CORRESPONDENCE

5.1 The letter from Jared Basil, Lower Kootenay Lake Band, requesting donations for the 32nd annual Yaqan Nukiy Pow Wow.

5.2 The letter dated March 10, 2025 from Leandri Kleinhans, Kootenay Employment Services, requesting a letter of support for the Kootenay Employment Services' ETSI-BC Funding application on behalf of the Imagine Kootenay Partnership.

Moved and seconded,
And Resolved:

155/25

That the Board provide a letter of support for the Kootenay Employment Services' ETSI-BC Funding application on behalf of the Imagine Kootenay Partnership.

Carried

5.3 The letter dated March 11, 2025 from Michael Moore, Town of Creston, requesting a letter of support and financial contribution for the Creston Valley-Kootenay Lake Economic Development Restructuring Initiative.

Moved and seconded,
And Resolved:

156/25

That the Board send a letter of support to the Town of Creston for the Creston Valley-Kootenay Lake Economic Development Restructuring Initiative.

Carried

6. BYLAWS**6.1 Bylaws 2821/2967/2968: Sentinel Mountain Official Community Plan (OCP) Amendments (Area I)**

The Board Report dated March 5, 2025 from Stephanie Johnson, Planner, seeking Board adopt the Sentinel Mountain OCP and related bylaws, has been received.

Moved and seconded,

And Resolved:

157/25

That the Sentinel Mountain Electoral Area I Official Community Plan Bylaw No. 2821, 2024 as amended is hereby given THIRD READING.

Carried

Director Vandenberghe recorded opposed.

Moved and seconded,

And Resolved:

158/25

That the Sentinel Mountain Electoral Area I Official Community Plan Bylaw No. 2821, 2024 is hereby ADOPTED; AND FURTHER, that the Chair and Corporate Officer be authorized to sign the same.

Carried

Moved and seconded,

And Resolved:

159/25

That Kootenay-Columbia Rivers Official Community Plan Amendment Bylaw 2967, 2024 being a Bylaw to amend Kootenay-Columbia Rivers Official Community Plan Bylaw No. 1157, 1996 is hereby given THIRD READING.

Carried

Moved and seconded,

And Resolved:

160/25

That Kootenay-Columbia Rivers Official Community Plan Amendment Bylaw 2967, 2024 being a Bylaw to amend Kootenay-Columbia Rivers Official Community Plan Bylaw No. 1157, 1996 is hereby ADOPTED; AND FURTHER, that the Chair and Corporate Officer be authorized to sign the same.

Carried

Moved and seconded,

And Resolved:

161/25

That Regional District of Central Kootenay Zoning Amendment Bylaw No. 2968, 2024 being a Bylaw to amend Regional District of Central Kootenay Zoning Bylaw No. 1675, 2004 is hereby given THIRD READING, and that consideration of adoption BE WITHELD for Bylaw No. 2968, 2024 until the following item has been obtained:

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

Carried

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

The Board Report dated February 27, 2025 from Zachari Giacomazzo, Planner, seeking the Board adopt Electoral Area G Land Use Bylaw No. 2984, has been received.

Moved and seconded,
And Resolved:

162/25

That Electoral Area 'G' Land Use Amendment Bylaw No. 2984, 2025 being a bylaw to amend Electoral Area 'G' Land Use Bylaw No. 2452, 2018 is hereby ADOPTED; AND FURTHER, that the Chair and Corporate Officer be authorized to sign the same.

Carried**6.3 Bylaw 2986: Electoral Area G Land Use Amendment (Area G - Renaissance Arts and Sustainability Society)**

The Board Report dated February 27, 2025 from Zachari Giacomazzo, Planner, seeking the Board adopt Electoral Area G Land Use Bylaw No. 2986, has been received.

Moved and seconded,
And Resolved:

163/25

That Electoral Area 'G' Land Use Amendment Bylaw No. 2986, 2025 being a bylaw to amend Electoral Area 'G' Land Use Bylaw No. 2452, 2018 is hereby ADOPTED; AND FURTHER, that the Chair and Corporate Officer be authorized to sign the same.

Carried**6.4 Bylaw 2988: Regional District of Central Kootenay Zoning Amendment (Area F - Scheffelmaier)**

The Board Report dated March 1, 2025 from Sadie Chezenko, Planner, seeking the Board consider options for the RDCK Zoning Amendment Bylaw No. 2988, has been received.

Moved and seconded,
And Resolved:

164/25

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 ADOPTED; AND FURTHER, that the Chair and Corporate Officer be authorized to sign the same.

Carried**6.5 Bylaw 3004: Community Sustainable Living Committee Establishment**

Moved and seconded,
And Resolved:

165/25

That the Community Sustainable Living Committee Establishment Bylaw No. 3004, 2025 be ADOPTED and the Chair and Corporate Officer be authorized to sign the same.

Carried**6.6 Bylaw 3005: Rural Mobility Community Advisory Committee**

Moved and seconded,
And Resolved:

166/25

That the THIRD reading for the Rural Mobility Community Advisory Committee Bylaw 3005, 2025 be rescinded.

Carried

**6.7 Bylaw 3022: Community Sustainable Living Service Establishment Amendment Board Meeting - March 17, 2022
RES 214/22 - official request received to withdraw from the Community Sustainable Living Service.**

Moved and seconded,

And Resolved:

167/25

That the Community Sustainable Living Service Establishment Amendment Bylaw No. 3022, 2025 be read a FIRST, SECOND, and THIRD time by content.

Carried

**RECESSED/
RECONVENED**

The meeting recessed at 10:22 a.m. for a break and reconvened at 10:37 a.m.

6.8 Bylaw 3023: 2025-2029 Financial Plan

Moved and seconded,

MOTION ONLY

That the 2025 draft Financial Plan for S100 General Administration be amended to reduce Employee Health & Safety to \$20,000 and reduce requisition accordingly.

Moved and seconded,

And Resolved:

AMENDMENT TO THE MOTION

168/25

That the foregoing motion, being:

That the 2025 draft Financial Plan for S100 General Administration be amended to reduce Employee Health & Safety to \$20,000 and reduce requisition accordingly;

be amended to reduce Employee Health and Safety to \$27,700, thus reading:

That the 2025 draft Financial Plan for S100 General Administration be amended to reduce Employee Health & Safety to \$27,700 and reduce requisition accordingly.

Carried

Moved and seconded,

And Resolved:

MAIN MOTION

169/25

That the 2025 draft Financial Plan for S100 General Administration be amended to reduce Employee Health & Safety to \$27,700 and reduce requisition accordingly.

Carried

Moved and seconded,

And Resolved:

170/25

That the 2025 draft Financial Plan for S100 General Administration be amended to reduce Education and Training to \$50,000 and reduce requisition accordingly.

Carried

Moved and seconded,
And Resolved:

171/25

That staff be directed to prepare a draft Director Attendance at Conferences policy for Board consideration which includes the following elements:

- Limiting the overall number of directors who are funded by the RDCK to attend each annual conference;
- Establishing a fair and equitable process for selecting director to attend conferences each year; and
- Establishing criteria and requirements for directors to reimburse the RDCK for non-refundable expenses incurred by the RDCK resulting from a director cancelling attendance at a conference for non-emergency reasons.

Carried

Moved and seconded,
And Resolved:

172/25

That the 2025-2029 draft Financial Plan for S101 Rural Administration be amended to reduce Directors Conference Expenses by \$4,000 to account for some directors not attending AKBLG, and reduce requisition accordingly.

Carried

Moved and seconded,
MOTION ONLY

That the 2025-2029 draft Financial Plan for S101 Rural Administration be amended to reduce Directors travel by \$11,000 to eliminate the rural allowance for Electoral Area directors, and reduce requisition accordingly.

Moved and seconded,
And Resolved:

AMENDMENT TO THE MOTION

173/25

That the foregoing motion, being:

That the 2025-2029 draft Financial Plan for S101 Rural Administration be amended to reduce Directors travel by \$11,000 to eliminate the rural allowance for Electoral Area directors and reduce requisition accordingly;

be amended to reduce Directors travel by \$6,000 instead of \$11,000, thus reading:

That the 2025-2029 draft Financial Plan for S101 Rural Administration be amended to reduce Directors travel by \$6,000 to the rural allowance for Electoral Area directors and reduce requisition accordingly.

Carried

Moved and seconded,
And Resolved:

MAIN MOTION

174/25 That the 2025-2029 draft Financial Plan for S101 Rural Administration be amended to reduce Directors travel by \$6,000 to the rural allowance for Electoral Area directors and reduce requisition accordingly.

Carried

Moved and seconded,
And Resolved:

175/25 That the 2025 draft Financial Plan for S102 Geospatial Information System be amended increase Transfer from Reserves by \$9,666 and reduce Requisition in the amount of \$9,666.

Defeated

ORDER OF AGENDA CHANGED The Order of Business was changed to address public time, with Item 11 Public Time considered at this time.

Chair Watson left the meeting at 11:52 a.m. and Vice Chair McLaren-Caux assumed the Chair to conduct Public Time.

Chair Watson joined the meeting at 11:58 a.m.

11. PUBLIC TIME

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

Members of the public asked questions or provided comments regarding the following:

- Local Conservation Fund Services and public consultation in accordance with the bylaw and the ten (10) year service review;
- Building Inspection Services requisition increases aligning with entrepreneurs;
- Maintaining the Building Inspection Service; and
- Asking the question regarding how to reduce taxes.

Chair Watson resumed the Chair.

RECESSED/ RECONVENED The meeting recessed at 12:04 p.m. for lunch and reconvened 1:03 p.m.

ORDER OF AGENDA RESUME Item 6.8 Bylaw 3023: 2025-2029 Financial Plan was continued.

Moved and seconded,
And Resolved:

176/25 That the 2025 draft Financial Plan for S103 Building Inspection be amended to reduce Education & Training to \$20,000 and reduce requisition accordingly.

Carried

Moved and seconded,
And Resolved:

177/25 That the 2025 draft Financial Plan for S103 Building Inspection be amended to reduce Equipment to \$23,000 and reduce requisition accordingly.

Carried

Moved and seconded,
MOTION ONLY

That the 2025 draft Financial Plan for S103 Building Inspection be amended to reduce Contracted Services by \$45,000 and reduce requisition by \$45,000.

Moved and seconded,
And Resolved:

AMENDMENT TO MOTION

178/25

That the foregoing motion, being:

That the 2025 draft Financial Plan for S103 Building Inspection be amended to reduce Contracted Services by \$45,000 and reduce requisition by \$45,000;

be amended to \$22,500 instead of \$45,000, thus reading:

That the 2025 draft Financial Plan for S103 Building Inspection be amended to reduce Contracted Services by \$22,500 and reduce requisition by \$22,500.

Defeated

Moved and seconded,
And Resolved:
MAIN MOTION

179/25

That the 2025 draft Financial Plan for S103 Building Inspection be amended to reduce Contracted Services by \$45,000 and reduce requisition by \$45,000.

Defeated

Moved and seconded,
And Resolved:

180/25

That the 2025 draft Financial Plan for S104 Planning and Land Use be amended to reduce Education and Training by \$6,250 and reduce requisition by \$6,250.

Carried

Moved and seconded,
And Resolved:

181/25

That the 2025 draft Financial Plan for S104 Planning and Land Use be amended to reduce Contribution to Reserve \$25,000 and reduce requisition by \$25,000.

Carried

Moved and seconded,
MOTION ONLY

That the 2025 draft Financial Plan for S105 Community Sustainability be amended to reduce Employee Health & Safety to \$100 and reduce requisition accordingly.

That the 2025 draft Financial Plan for S105 Community Sustainability be amended to reduce Employee Incentives to \$150 and reduce requisition accordingly.

That the 2025 draft Financial Plan for S105 Community Sustainability be amended to reduce Education and Training to \$1,500 and reduce requisition accordingly.

That the 2025 draft Financial Plan for S105 Community Sustainability be amended to reduce Admin, Office Supplies to \$2,200 and reduce requisition accordingly.

Director Page called for Division

Moved and seconded,

And Resolved:

Call for division of the question.

Carried

RECOMMENDATION NO. 1

Moved and seconded,

And Resolved:

182/25

That the 2025 draft Financial Plan for S105 Community Sustainability be amended to reduce Employee Health & Safety to \$100 and reduce requisition accordingly;

That the 2025 draft Financial Plan for S105 Community Sustainability be amended to reduce Employee Incentives to \$150 and reduce requisition accordingly; and

That the 2025 draft Financial Plan for S105 Community Sustainability be amended to reduce Admin, Office Supplies to \$2,200 and reduce requisition accordingly.

Carried

RECOMMENDATION NO. 2

Moved and seconded,

And Resolved:

183/25

That the 2025 draft Financial Plan for S105 Community Sustainability be amended to reduce Education and Training to \$1,500 and reduce requisition accordingly.

Defeated

Moved and seconded,

And Resolved:

184/25

That the Board direct staff to amend the 2024 Financial Plan for S106 Feasibility Service to increase transfer from reserves \$50,000 and decrease requisitions by \$50,000 creating a tax credit for the service.

Carried

Moved and seconded,

And Resolved:

185/25

That the 2025 draft financial plan for S152 Jaws of Life – Town of Creston, Areas A, B, and C to decrease Requisitions to \$95,400 and reduce accumulated surplus accordingly.

Carried

Moved and seconded,
And Resolved:

186/25

That the 2025-2029 draft Financial Plan for S163 Emergency Planning – Areas I and J be amended to increase Requisitions by \$15,790 and increase Grants by \$15,790 for each year of the plan to fund a payment to Castlegar and District Community Services Society for the Police-based Victim Services program.

Carried

Moved and seconded,
And Resolved:

187/25

That the 2025 and 2026 draft Financial Plan for S187 Resource Recovery – Central Subregion be amended to increase Grants by \$150,000 to account for Area's D, E and F each contributing \$50,000 per year from Community Works funds to fund Capital Expenses and reduce requisitions by \$150,000 for each of 2025 and 2026.

Carried

Moved and seconded,
And Resolved:

188/25

That the following recommendation **BE REFERRED** to April 17, 2025 Board meeting:

That the Board direct staff to include in staff reports options for funding of Community Works grants in shared and sub-regional services where the capital project would qualify; AND FURTHER, that these are presented to the committees with due time for councils to consider the requests.

Carried

Moved and seconded,
MOTION ONLY

That the 2025 draft Financial Plan for S193 Library – Creston, Area A, B, C be amended to decrease requisitions to \$628,950 and reduce grant expense accordingly.

Moved and seconded,
And Resolved:

AMENDMENT TO THE MOTION

189/25

That the foregoing motion, being:

That the 2025 draft Financial Plan for S193 Library – Creston, Area A, B, C be amended to decrease requisitions to \$628,950 and reduce grant expense accordingly;

Be amended to replace \$628,950 with \$648, 950, thus reading:

That the 2025 draft Financial Plan for S193 Library – Creston, Area A, B, C be amended to decrease requisitions to \$648,950 and reduce grant expense accordingly.

Carried

Moved and seconded,

And Resolved:

MAIN MOTION

190/25

That the 2025 draft Financial Plan for S193 Library – Creston, Area A, B, C be amended to decrease requisitions to \$648,950 and reduce grant expense accordingly.

Defeated

The Board directed staff to include employee overtime to the Operational Review discussion.

Moved and seconded,

And Resolved:

191/25

That the 2025-2029 Financial Plan Bylaw No. 3023, 2025 be read a FIRST, SECOND, and THIRD as amended.

Carried

Moved and seconded,

And Resolved:

192/25

That the 2025-2029 Financial Plan Bylaw No. 3023, 2025 be ADOPTED and the Chair and Corporate Officer be authorized to sign the same.

Carried

**RECESSED/
RECONVENED**

The meeting recessed at 2:35 p.m. for a break and reconvened 2:46 p.m.

7. NEW BUSINESS

7.1 Development and Community Sustainability

7.1.1 2025 Local Conservation Fund Service S292: Funding Recommendations

The Board Report dated March 6, 2025 from Nelson Wight, Planning Manager, seeking Board approval for the release of grant funds under the Local Conservation Fund for 2025 projects, has been received.

Moved and seconded,

And Resolved:

193/25

That the Board approve grant funding for eight (8) 2025 projects from the Local Conservation Fund, Service 292 for \$139,767.00, and further include this amount in the 2025 Financial Plan:

PROJECT NAME	PROPONENT	RECOMMENDED TO THE BOARD
Enhancing bat habitat and monitoring populations in the West Kootenay	Wildlife Conservation Society Canada (WCSC)	\$24,208
Slocan Valley Pollinator Highway Project: Phase 1-Year 2	Elk Root Conservation Farm Society	\$18,865

Slocan River Riparian Restoration 2025	Slocan River Streamkeepers	\$20,000
Central Kootenays Wetland Restoration	BC Wildlife Federation	\$16,000
Construction and Conservation of Artificial Bat Roosts in the West Kootenay	Okanagan Nation Alliance	\$18,497
Kootenay BroomBusters - A Community Led Pulling Together Program	Central Kootenay Invasive Species Society	\$15,730
North Kootenay Lake Climate Resilience and Water Monitoring Project	Living Lakes Canada	\$ 12,000
Wire Fence Removal to Restore Habitat Connectivity	Wildsight Creston Valley	\$ 14,467

Carried

7.1.2 2025 FireSmart Program

The Board Report from Nora Hannon, Disaster Mitigation and Adaptation Senior Advisor, seeking the Board's approval to apply for the UBCM Community Resiliency Investment FireSmart Community Funding Supports program, has been received.

Moved and seconded,
And Resolved:

194/25

That the Board direct staff to apply to the 2025 UBCM Community Resiliency Investment (CRI) FireSmart Community Funding Supports program for \$1,700,000 for the delivery of 2025 and 2026 FireSmart Programs with proceeds going to Service A101 Emergency Consolidated Services; AND FURTHER that upon receipt of the funding, staff be directed to fill the necessary temporary positions required to deliver the program.

Carried

7.2 Environmental Services

7.2.1 Award: Arrow Creek Water Treatment Plant - HVAC Upgrades

The Board Report from Carolyn Hogan, Project Manager, seeking Board approval to award the Arrow Creek Water Treatment Plant HVAC Upgrade project, has been received.

Moved and seconded,
And Resolved:

195/25

That the Board award the Arrow Creek Water Treatment Plant HVAC Upgrade project to Trainor Mechanical Contractors Ltd; and that the Chair and Corporate Officer be authorized to sign the necessary documents to a maximum value of \$466,464.00 + GST; AND FURTHER, that the costs for the project be paid from reserves associated with Water Utility – Arrow Creek Service S251.

Carried**7.3 Administration & Finance****7.3.1 Award: Lakeside Office Roof Replacement**

The Board Report from AJ Evenson, Senior Project Manager, seeking Board approval to award the Lakeside Office Roof Replacement project, has been received.

Moved and seconded,
And Resolved:

196/25

That the Board award the Lakeside Office Roof Replacement project to Heritage Roofing and Sheet Metal Ltd; and that the Chair and Corporate Officer be authorized to sign the necessary documents to a maximum value of \$137,005.00 plus GST; AND FURTHER, that the funds be drawn from General Administration Service S100 reserves.

Carried**7.3.2 Contribution Agreement: Resident Directed Grants (ReDi) 2025-2027**

Moved and seconded,
And Resolved:

197/25

That the Board approve the RDCK enter into a Contribution Agreement with Columbia Basin Trust to support delivery of the Resident Directed Grants (ReDi) to a maximum value of \$1,515,940 annually for the period April 1, 2025 to March 31, 2027, and that the Chair and Corporate Officer be authorized to sign the necessary documents.

Carried**7.4 Fire Services****7.4.1 Fire Apparatus Purchase**

The Board Report from Tristan Fehst, Regional Fire Chief, seeking Board approval to purchase five Fire Truck Apparatus, has been received.

**DIRECTOR
ABSENT**

Director Casley left the meeting at 3:01 p.m.

Moved and seconded,
And Resolved:

198/25

That the Board award the purchase of five (5) Fire Truck Apparatus to Fort Garry Fire Trucks, and that the Chair and Corporate Officer be authorized to sign the necessary documents to a maximum value of \$4,085,945 plus PST and GST; AND FURTHER, that the cost be included in the 2025 – 2029 Financial Plan for S130 – Canyon-Lister Fire Department, S134 – North Shore Fire Department, S137 – Tarrys Fire Department, S141 – Balfour-Harrop Fire Department, and S142 – Winlaw Fire Department, all as described in Section 4.1 of the Fire Apparatus Purchase Board Report dated March 20, 2025; AND FURTHER, that the funds be drawn from Reserves or Community Works Grants for each respective service.

7.5 Grants**7.5.1 Discretionary**

Moved and seconded,
And Resolved:

199/25

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

AREA A

KRSS Prom Parent Committee	KRSS 2025 Prom	\$500
BC Senior Games Society	2025 BC Senior Games	\$250
Trails for Creston Valley Society	Sanca Creek Trail Upgrade	\$5,000

AREA B

KRSS Prom Parent Committee	KRSS 2025 Prom	\$800
Trails for Creston Valley Society	Sanca Creek Trail Upgrade	\$5,000

AREA C

Creston Ladies Iron Maiden	Ladies Iron Maiden	\$300
KRSS Prom Parent Committee	KRSS 2025 Prom	\$300
Trails for Creston Valley Society	Sanca Creek Trail Upgrade	\$2,500

AREA E

Blewett Community Society	Garbage Dump Fees	\$250
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AREA F

Castlegar Minor Hockey Association	U18 Rep Provincials	\$2,000
West Kootenay Amateur Radio Club	Mt. Lavina: Replace Radio Repeater Equipment	\$4,999
Young Naturalists Club of BC Society	Nelson NatureKids Club	\$1,000

AREA G

Salmo and District Chamber of Commerce	Douglas Fir Beetle Monitoring and Abatement	\$1,500
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AREA I

Mt Sentinel Secondary School	Grad 2025	\$400
Stanley Humphries Secondary School	2025 Scholarship/Bursary Program	\$6,000

AREA J

Maple Hope Foundation	War Up Close	\$250
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7.5.2 Community Development

Moved and seconded,
And Resolved:

200/25

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

AREA B

Fields Forward Society	Kootenay School Food Gathering	\$2,500
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AREA D

Hospice Society of North Kootenay Lake	Caregiving at the End of Life	\$2,000
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Lardeau Valley Historical Society	Core Funding 2025	\$5,000
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Kaslo and District Minor Hockey Association	Youth Skill Development	\$1,000
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Argenta Community Association	Argenta Communications and Operations Top Up	\$1,000
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Lardeau Valley Opportunity LINKS Society	Argenta Community Workshop	\$5,000
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AREA E

Blewett Community Society	Morning Mountain Skating Rink	\$2,000
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West Shores Leisure Advancement Society	Newsletter	\$3,975.14
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AREA F

Blewett Community Society	Morning Mountain Skating Rink	\$2,000
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West Shores Leisure Advancement Society	Newsletter	\$3,975.14
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AREA H

North Slokan Trails Society	New Trail Layout and Network Planning	\$7,000
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Slocan Valley Watershed and Forest Protection Plan	Wildfire Suppression Certification	\$5,000
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AREA I

Glade Ferry Society	Glade Ferry Society	\$2,000
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Kootenay Gallery of Art, History and Science Society	Soup for the Cultured Soul	\$1,500
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RDCK Planning Services	Area I OCP	\$2,269.45
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AREA J

Deer Park Recreation Society	Deer Park Fire Hall Well Drilling Project	\$51,929.77
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AREA K

Nakusp Curling Club	Junior Curling Program	\$1,000
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KASLO

Village of Kaslo

Volunteer Fair

\$4,000

Carried**7.6 Chair/CAO Reports**

Chair included a written report regarding the ferries. She indicated that the Emergency Disaster and Mitigation Local Government Committee is wrapping up and there are local government sessions to provide feedback. She attended a meeting with Ministers Anderson and Dix to discuss tariffs and opportunities for the region regarding cannabis.

CAO Horn has been working with staff to refine the budget.

8. RURAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

Moved and seconded,

And Resolved:

- 201/25 That the Board SUPPORT application A2404Hs for the proposed Subdivision in the Agricultural Land Reserve proposed by Joshua Hango for property located at 2505 Sorokin Road, Electoral Area 'H' and legally described as DISTRICT LOT 14517 KOOTENAY DISTRICT EXCEPT PLAN NEP74807 (PID: 007-135-777), AND FURTHER, the Committee supports this due to the soil capability at a Class 7, need for housing, and previous Agricultural Land Commission review which indicated support.

Carried

Moved and seconded,

And Resolved:

- 202/25 That the Community Works Fund application submitted by the RDCK for the RDCK-Rosebud Lake Regional Park Upgrade and Mitigation Project in the amount of \$200,000.00 be approved and that funds be disbursed from Community Works Funds allocated to Electoral Area G to Regional Parks-Nelson, Salmo and Areas E, F and G Service S202.

Carried

Moved and seconded,

And Resolved:

- 203/25 That the That the Community Works Fund application submitted by the CBT Property Corp for the CBT Property Corp – Creston Red Grain Elevator in the amount of \$30,000.00 be approved and that funds be disbursed from Community Works Funds allocated to Electoral Area A,B,C.

Carried**9. DIRECTORS' MOTIONS****9.1 Director Davidoff: Community Works Funds - 3rd Party Organizations**

Moved and seconded,

And Resolved:

- 204/25 That the following recommendation **BE REFERRED** to the April 17, 2025 Board meeting:

That the Board direct staff to investigate and report back on options for the Board to support third party Community Works applications through RDCK services.

Carried

9.2 Director Hewat: Federation of Canadian Municipalities

Moved and seconded,
And Resolved:

205/25

WHEREAS the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) represents the interests of member municipalities on policy and program matters that fall within federal jurisdiction;

WHEREAS FCM's Board of Directors is comprised of elected municipal officials from all regions and sizes of communities to form a broad base of support and provide FCM with the united voice required to carry the municipal message to the federal government;
and

WHEREAS FCM's Annual Conference and Trade Show will be held May 29 to 1, 2025, during which time the Annual General Meeting will be held, followed by the election of FCM's Board of Directors;

BE IT RESOLVED that Board of the Regional District of Central Kootenay (RDCK) endorse Suzan Hewat to stand for election on FCM's Board of Directors for the period starting in June 2025 and ending June 2027; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED Board assumes all costs not covered by the UBCM Small Communities reimbursement fund for Suzan Hewat attending FCM's Board of Directors meetings.

Carried**10. CONSENT AGENDA****10.1 For Information: Committees & Commissions**

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

10.1.1 Castlegar and District Recreation Commission: minutes February 4, 2025**10.1.2 Local Conservation Fund Committee: minutes March 5, 2025**

Staff received the direction regarding the Local Conservation Funds and is addressed in Item 7.2.1 - 2025 Local Conservation Fund Service S292: Funding Recommendations.

10.2 For Information: Communication

10.2.1 The letter dated February 14, 2025 from Brian Churchill, Wildsight Creston Branch, submitting to the Ministry of Water, Land and Resource Stewardship urgent request for water sustainability planning.

10.2.2 The email dated February 20, 2025 from Julie Freund, Columbia Shuswap Regional District, providing a letter regarding the Cooperative Community Wildfire Response Program.

10.2.3 The letter dated February 24, 2025 from Mary Sue Maloughney, Ministry of Labour, responding to the RDCK's letters regarding the letter the labour dispute affecting inland ferry services within the RDCK.

10.2.4 The letter dated February 28, 2025 from Ross Siemens, Abbotsford, support for our proposed UBCM Resolution for Infrastructure Support for Specified Municipalities –Housing Supply Act.

10.2.5 The letter dated February 26, 2025 from Trish Mandewo, UBCM, responding to the RDCK's request to UBCM to have a resolution regarding Harassment of Elected Local Government Officials.

10.3 For Information: Accounts Payable

The Accounts Payable Summary for February, 2025 in the amount of \$2,010,529 has been received for information.

10.4 For Information: Directors' Reports

That the Directors' verbal reports be addressed at the April 17, 2025 Board meeting.

10.4.1 Director Jackman

10.4.1.1 Letter of Supports: FoodTech Skills Program - Investment Agriculture Foundation of BC

10.4.1.2 Letter of Support: FoodTech Skills Program - Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada

10.4.2 Director Watson

10.4.2.1 Electoral Area D 2025-2029 Budget Items

10.4.2.2 March 2025: Columbia River Treaty Local Government Committee Activities

10.4.3 Director Graham

10.4.3.1 Kootenay Lake Ferry Strike Impacts - Survey Report for Balfour Area

10.4.3.2 Letter of Support: Balfour Gym - Balfour Recreation Commission

10.4.4 Director Newell

10.4.4.1 Letter of Support: Balfour Wharf Project - Balfour Recreation Commission

10.4.4.2 Letter of Support: Lavina Ham Repeater Repair Project - Columbia Basin Trust

10.4.5 Director Popoff: Letter of Support - Columbia Kootenay Cultural Alliance Major Projects Program

10.4.6 Director Hewat: FCM/Activities

10.4.7 Director McLaren-Caux: February - March 2025 Activities

12. CLOSED

12.1 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:

206/25

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:

- (e) the acquisition, disposition or expropriation of land or improvements, if the council considers that disclosure could reasonably be expected to harm the interests of the municipality;
- (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

12.2 Recess of Open Meeting

Moved and seconded,
And Resolved:

- 207/25 The Open meeting be recessed at 3:33 p.m. in order to conduct the Closed Board meeting and reconvened at 4:07 p.m.

Carried

13. MATTERS ARISING FROM CLOSED MEETING

Moved and seconded,
And Resolved:

- 208/25 That the Board direct staff to prepare amendment bylaws for FIRST and SECOND reading to amend Electoral Area 'A' Land Use Bylaw No. 2315, 2013, Electoral Area 'G' Land Use Bylaw No. 2452, 2018; Slocan Lake North portion of Electoral Area 'H' Official Community Plan Bylaw No. 1967, 2009 in order to enable better enforcement of Environmental Development Permit Area requirements; AND FURTHER, that the Board direct staff to prepare a staff report that details consultation considerations to accompany the aforementioned amendment bylaws.

Carried

Moved and seconded,
And Resolved:

- 209/25 That the Board approve the cancellation of the current Creston Landfill and Compost Facility
IC16/25 Operations and Maintenance procurement.

Carried

14. ADJOURNMENT

Moved and seconded,
And Resolved:

- 210/25 That the meeting adjourn at 4:07 p.m.

Carried

Originally signed by

Aimee Watson, RDCK Board Chair

Originally signed by

Angela Lund, Deputy Corporate Officer