



Regional District of Central Kootenay

REGULAR BOARD MEETING

Open Meeting Minutes

The **ninth** meeting of the Board of the Regional District of Central Kootenay in 2025 was held on Thursday, September 18, 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 T. Weatherhead	Electoral Area K	In-Person
Director M. McFaddin	City of Castlegar	In-Person
Director A. DeBoon	Town of Creston	In-Person
Director S. Hewat	Village of Kaslo	In-Person
Director K. Page	City of Nelson	In-Person
Director A. McLaren-Caux	Village of Nakusp	In-Person
Director L. Casley	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	

ELECTED OFFICIALS

ABSENT

Director H. Hanegraaf	Electoral Area J
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STAFF PRESENT

S. Horn	Chief Administrative Officer
A. Lund	Deputy Corporate Officer
J. Chirico	General Manager of Community Services
Y. Malloff	General Manager of Finance, Information Technology and Economic Development
S. Sudan	General Manager of Community Sustainability and Development Services
D. Séguin	Manager of Community Sustainability
N. Wight	Planning Manager
H. Smith	Manager of Finance
D. Lau	Information Technology Manager
C. Stanley	Regional Manager – Operations and Assent Management
T. Davison	Regional Manager – Recreation and Client Services
D. Zayac	Deputy Regional Fire Chief
G. Hume	Deputy Regional Fire Chief
N. Hannon	Disaster Mitigation and Adaptation Senior Advisor
P. Marshall Smith	Sustainability and Resilience Supervisor

S. Johnson	Planner
S. Chezenko	Planner
H. Bench	Environment Services - Project Advisor
T. Dool	Research Analyst
D. Elliott	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 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:

460/25

The agenda for the September 18, 2025 Regular Open Board meeting be adopted with the inclusion of Item 9.2.2 EB59 Strengthening Agricultural Land Commission Enforcement Capabilities and the addendum.

Carried

2.3 Adoption of the Minutes

Moved and seconded,

And Resolved:

461/25

The minutes from the August 21, 2025 Regular Open Board meeting be adopted as circulated.

Carried

2.4 Introductions

CAO Horn introduced the following staff:

- Konstantin Vassev, Senior Building Official (Creston) replacing Erik Stout;

- Joe Bouchard, IT Technician replacing Ian Perreault; and
- Colton Preissl, North Shore Fire Chief replacing Thomas Service.

2.5 Delegation

2.5.1 Save What's Left Conservation Society

Joe Karthein, Director

Joe Karthein, Director of Save What's Left Conservation Society (SWLC), gave a presentation to the Board countering the industry lobbyist group Forestry Works for BC.

SWLC is a small volunteer society who are advocating to protect water, forests, and wildlife to create long-term economic resilience and jobs.

Mr. Karthein provided the Board with the discussion paper called "Public Forests, Public Trust: Reforming BC Timber Sales in a Time of Ecological and Economic Urgency" and reviewed the data received from many contributors.

In conclusion, Mr. Karthein encouraged the Board to take the time to learn more about the issue and to feel comfortable sharing their honest opinions, even if they differ from others.

Mr. Karthein answered the Board's questions.

Chair Watson thanked Joe Karthein for his presentation.

3. COMMITTEES & COMMISSIONS

3.1 With Recommendations

3.1.1 Creston Valley Services Committee: minutes September 4, 2025

Moved and seconded,

And Resolved:

462/25

That the Board approve the statutory right of way to Fortis BC for the purpose of underground electrical servicing involving Regional District land known as the Creston Valley Public Library and legally described as Parcel Identifier 013-048-945, Lot 1, District Lot 891, Kootenay District Plan 9923 and that staff provide notice of the proposed disposition pursuant to Local Government Act requirements and that the Board Chair and Corporate Officer be authorized to sign the statutory right of way once the notice of disposition requirements have been satisfied.

Carried

Moved and seconded,

And Resolved:

463/25

That the Board approve the RDCK entering into a Lease Agreement with the Town of Creston for Creston Visitor Information Centre for the period September 1, 2024 to August 31, 2029, and that the Chair and Corporate Officer be authorized to sign the necessary documents; AND FURTHER, that the costs be paid from Economic Development Area Creston B & C Service S108.

Carried

3.1.2 Salmo and Area G Recreation Commission No. 7: minutes September 8, 2025

Moved and seconded,

And Resolved:

- 464/25 That the Board approve the payment of the following grants from the Recreation Commission No. 7 2025 budget:
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| Salmo Climbing Society | \$5,000 |
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- Carried**
- 3.1.3 Nelson, Salmo, Areas E, F and G Regional Parks Commission: minutes September 9, 2025**
Moved and seconded,
And Resolved:
- 465/25 The Board approve an amendment to the 2025 Financial Plan for the Nelson Salmo and Electoral Areas E, F and G Regional Park Service S202 to INCREASE Account Capital Expenditures by \$45,000 and Account Transfer to Other Services (Project Management) by \$15,000 and DECREASE Account Consulting Fees by \$15,000 and Contracted Services by \$45,000.
- Carried**
- Moved and seconded,
And Resolved:
- 466/25 That the Board approve an amendment to the 2025 Financial Plan for Nelson Salmo and Areas E, F and G Regional Parks Services [S202] to INCREASE Account Grants by \$41,288 and DECREASE Account Accumulated Operating Surplus by \$41,288; AND FURTHER, that the grant to the City of Nelson be increased by \$40,821 to \$390,821 and the Village of Salmo be increased by \$467 to \$4,467.
- Carried**
- 3.1.4 West Transit Services Committee: minutes September 10, 2025**
Moved and seconded,
And Resolved:
- 467/25 That Electoral Areas E & F and Slocan Valley Transit Local Service Area Establishment Amendment Bylaw No. 3035, 2025 be read a THIRD time by content.
- Carried**
- Moved and seconded,
And Resolved:
- 468/25 That Kootenay Lake West Transit Service Establishment Amendment Bylaw No. 3036, 2025 be read a THIRD time by content.
- Carried**
- Director Davidoff recorded opposed.
- 3.1.5 Joint Resource Recovery Committee: minutes September 12, 2025**
Moved and seconded,
And Resolved:
- 469/25 That the Board approve the RDCK enter into a procurement agreement with Fusion West Manufacturing Ltd. for the supply of six roll-off bins not to exceed a value of \$88,376.00 plus GST. and that the Chair and Corporate Officer be authorized to sign

the necessary documents; AND FURTHER, that the costs be paid from Service S188 West Waste.

Carried

3.2 Memberships/Appointments

3.2.1 RDCK Commissions/Committees

Moved and seconded,
And Resolved:

470/25

That the Board appoint the individual to the following RDCK Commission:

Regional Accessibility Advisory Committee with a term to expire December 31, 2026

Christine Hopkyns

Area J Advisory Planning and Heritage Commission with a term to expire December 31, 2026

Lesley Strelhoff;

AND FURTHER, the Board sent a letter to outgoing member Trish Toole thanking them for their service with the Area A Economic Development Commission.

Carried

3.2.2 Select Committee: Chair, Directors and Alternate Directors Remuneration

Section 3 (3) of Chair, Directors and Alternate Directors Remuneration Bylaw No. 2710, 2021 indicates that the rates for Schedule A will be brought to the Board for review in February of the year of each local government election beginning in 2026.

RURAL

Chair Watson called for nominations the first time.

Directors Hanegraaf, Graham and Vandenberghe were nominated.

Chair Watson called for nominations the second and third time.

No further nominations.

Directors Graham and Vandenberghe each gave an address to the Board and Chair Watson read Director Hanegraaf's address.

CAO Horn distributed the ballots.

Directors online provided their votes to CAO Horn and Deputy Corporate Officer Lund.

**DIRECTOR
ABSENT**

Director Lunn left the meeting at 9:42 a.m

After collecting the ballots, the CAO and Deputy Corporate Officer exited the room and counted the ballots.

Director Graham and Hanegraaf were declared the Rural Directors for the Chair, Directors and Alternate Directors Remuneration Select Committee.

MUNICIPAL

Chair Watson called for nominations the first time.

Directors McFaddin and Hewat were nominated.

Chair Watson called for nominations the second and third time.

No further nominations.

Moved and seconded,

And Resolved:

471/25

That the Board appoint the following Directors to a Select committee to review the Chair, Directors and Alternate Directors Remuneration Bylaw No. 2710, 2021:

Director Graham (Rural)

Director Hanegraaf (Rural)

Director McFaddin (Municipal)

Director Hewat (Municipal)

Carried

Moved and seconded,

And Resolved:

472/25

That the Directors appointed to the Directors Remuneration Select Committee received stipend and expenses to be paid from General Administration Service \$100.

Carried

4. CORRESPONDENCE

- 4.1 The letter dated August 29, 2025 from Mike Rubenstein, Whitewater Mount Resort, seeking the Board's support for the Paving of the Whitewater Mountain Resort Access Road.**

5. BYLAWS

- 5.1 Bylaw 3022: Community Sustainable Living Service Establishment Amendment (remove Area K)**

Moved and seconded,

And Resolved:

473/25

That the Community Sustainable Living Service Establishment Amendment Bylaw No. 3022, 2025" be ADOPTED and the Chair and Corporate Officer be authorized to sign the same.

Carried

- 5.2 Bylaw 3029: Electoral Area 'A' Comprehensive Land Use Amendment (Area A - Akokli Developments Inc.)**

The Board Report from Zachari Giacomazzo, Planner, seeking the Board adopt Electoral Area 'A' Comprehensive Land Use Amendment Bylaw No. 3029, has been received.

Moved and seconded,

And Resolved:

474/25

That Electoral Area 'A' Comprehensive Land Use Amendment Bylaw No. 3029, 2025 being a bylaw to amend the Electoral Area 'A' Comprehensive Land Use Bylaw No. 2315, 2013 is hereby given THIRD READING.

Carried

Moved and seconded,
And Resolved:

475/25

That Electoral Area 'A' Comprehensive Land Use Amendment Bylaw No. 3029, 2025 being a bylaw to amend the Electoral Area 'A' Comprehensive Land Use Bylaw No. 2315, 2013 is hereby ADOPTED; AND FURTHER, that the Chair and Corporate Officer be authorized to sign the same.

Carried

5.3 Bylaw 3030: Portions of Electoral Area B and C Fire Protection Local Service Area Establishment Amendment

Moved and seconded,
And Resolved:

476/25

That the Portions of Electoral Area B and C Fire Protection Local Service Area Establishment Amendment Bylaw No. 3030, 2025 be ADOPTED and the Chair and Corporate Officer be authorized to sign the same.

Carried

5.4 Bylaw 3039: Recreation and Parks Community Advisory Committee

Moved and seconded,
And Resolved:

477/25

That the Recreation and Parks Community Advisory Committee Bylaw No. 3039, 2025 be read a FIRST, SECOND, and THIRD time by content.

Carried

Moved and seconded,
And Resolved:

478/25

That the Recreation and Parks Community Advisory Committee Bylaw No. 3039, 2025 be ADOPTED and the Chair and Corporate Officer be authorized to sign the same.

Carried

5.5 Bylaw 3056: Slocan Valley South Regional Recreation Commission

Moved and seconded,
And Resolved:

479/25

That the Slocan Valley South Regional Recreation Commission Repeal Bylaw No. 3056, 2025 be read a FIRST, SECOND, and THIRD time by content.

Carried

Moved and seconded,
And Resolved:

480/25

That the Slocan Valley South Regional Recreation Commission Repeal Bylaw No. 3056, 2025 be ADOPTED and the Chair and Corporate Officer be authorized to sign the same.

Carried

- 5.6 Bylaw 3055: Slocan Valley Fire Protection Local Service Area Establishment Amendment**
Moved and seconded,
And Resolved:

481/25

That the Slocan Valley Fire Protection Local Service Area Establishment Amendment Bylaw No. 3055, 2025 be ADOPTED and the Chair and Corporate Officer be authorized to sign the same.

Carried

- 5.7 Bylaw 3057: Village of Salmo and Electoral Area G Swimming Pool Financial Aid Local Service Area Amendment**

The Board Report from Tom Dool, Research Analyst, seeking the Board approve three readings of Village of Salmo and Electoral Area G Swimming Pool Financial Aid Local Service Area Amendment Bylaw No. 3057, has been received.

Moved and seconded,
And Resolved:

482/25

That Village of Salmo and Electoral Area G Swimming Pool Financial Aid Local Service Area Amendment Bylaw No. 3057, 2025 be read a FIRST, SECOND, and THIRD time by content.

Carried

- 5.8 Bylaw 3058: Village of Salmo and Electoral Area G (Rec #7) Recreation Program Amendment**

The Board Report from Tom Dool, Research Analyst, seeking the Board approve three readings of Village of Salmo and Electoral Area G (Rec #7) Recreation Program Amendment Bylaw No. 3058, has been received.

Moved and seconded,
And Resolved:

483/25

That Village of Salmo and Electoral Area G (Rec #7) Recreation Program Amendment Bylaw No. 3058, 2025 be read a FIRST, SECOND, and THIRD time by content.

Carried

- 5.9 Bylaw 3060: 2026 Permissive Tax Exemption**

The Board Report from Tom Dool, Research Analyst, seeking the Board give two readings to the Permissive Tax Exemption Bylaw No. 3060, has been received.

Moved and seconded,
And Resolved:

484/25

That the Permissive Tax Exemption Bylaw No. 3060, 2025 be read a FIRST and SECOND time by content.

Carried

**RECESS/
RECONVENED**

The meeting recessed at 10:12 a.m. for a break and reconvened at 10:24 a.m.

**DIRECTOR
PRESENT**

Director Lunn joined the meeting at 10:24 a.m.

6. NEW BUSINESS

6.1 Development and Community Sustainability

6.1.1 Award: Emergency and Disaster Management Act - Indigenous Engagement Regional Project

The Board Report from Dan Séguin, Manager of Community Sustainability, seeking Board award the contract for the Emergency and Disaster Management Act Indigenous Engagement Regional Project, has been received.

Moved and seconded,
And Resolved:

485/25

That the Board award the Emergency and Disaster Management Act Indigenous Engagement Regional Project to Ember Leaf Consulting Inc., and that the Chair and Corporate Officer be authorized to sign the necessary documents to a maximum value of \$88,150; AND FURTHER, that the costs be paid from Service A101 Emergency Consolidated Services.

Carried

6.1.2 Award: Risk Tolerance Policy Request

The Board Report from Nora Hannon, Disaster Mitigation and Adaptation Senior Advisor, seeking Board approval to award the Risk Tolerance Policy project, has been received.

Moved and seconded,
And Resolved:

486/25

That the Board award the Risk Tolerance Policy project to BGC Engineering and that the Chair and Corporate Officer be authorized to sign the necessary documents to a maximum value of \$130,000; AND FURTHER, that the costs be paid from Service A101 Emergency Consolidated Services.

Carried

6.1.3 For Information: Flood Hazard Policy and Regulation Review

The Board Report from Stephanie Johnson, Planner, providing the Board with an overview of the Regional District's Floodplain Bylaw Review project, has been received for information.

BGC Engineering and Pinna Sustainability's RDCK Floodplain Management Bylaw Review: Project Introduction presentation, has been received.

Elisa Scordo and Kris Holms from BGC Engineering and Tamsin M. from Pinna Sustainability gave a presentation on the RDCK Floodplain Management Bylaw Review, introducing the project and the deliverables to be completed by June 2026.

BGC Engineering and Pinna Sustainability team answered the Board's questions.

6.2 Environmental Services

6.2.1 Financial Plan Amendment: Woodbury Village Water System: Fire Hydrant and Generator Installation

The Board Report from Alex Divlakovski, Water Operations Manager, seeking Board approval for a financial plan amendment to Water Utility – Area D (Woodbury Village) Service S259, has been received.

Moved and seconded,
And Resolved:

487/25

That the Board approve an amendment to the 2025 Financial Plan for Water Utility – Area D (Woodbury Village), S259 to INCREASE Capital Expenses by \$35,400, INCREASE Community Works Grant by \$35,400.

Carried

6.2.2 Purchase of Goods Agreement: Deloupe Model HS483 tridem axle Compaction Pushout Trailer

Staff will provide a verbal update regarding the request at the Joint Resource Recovery Committee meeting held September 12, 2025.

Moved and seconded,
And Resolved:

488/25

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 Board of the Regional District Central Kootenay authorizes up to \$278,134 plus GST to be borrowed, under Section 403 of the Local Government Act, from the Municipal Finance Authority – equipment financing program, for the purchase of a replacement Compaction Pushout Trailer; and that the loan be repaid within five (5) years from S187 Refuse Disposal – Central Subregion, with no rights of renewal.

Carried

Moved and seconded,
And Resolved:

489/25

That the resolution Res No. 70/25 being:

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

BE RESCINDED.

Carried

6.3 Fire Services

6.3.1 Facility Rental Agreement: Selkirk Live Fire Training Centre

The Board Report from Tristan Fehst, Regional Fire Chief, seeking Board approval to enter into an agreement for the Live Fire Training Centre, has been received.

Moved and seconded,
And Resolved:

490/25

That the Board approve the RDCK enter into a Facility Rental Agreement with Selkirk College for use of the existing Live Fire Training Centre to a maximum value of \$1 to be paid from Rural Administration Service S101 for the period from August 13, 2025 to August 13, 2026, and that the Chair and Corporate Officer be authorized to sign the necessary documents.

Carried

6.3.2 Financial Plan Amendment: Fire Protection Areas E and F Service S144 (only Beasley)

The Board Report from Dan Zayac, Deputy Regional Fire Chief, seeking Board approval for a financial plan amendment to Fire Protection Areas E and F Service S144 (only Beasley), has been received.

Moved and seconded,
 And Resolved:

491/25

That the Board approve an amendment to the 2025 Financial Plan for Fire Protection Areas E and F Service S144 (only Beasley) to:

- INCREASE Account Transfer from Other Service (Community Development) by \$8,025 and INCREASE Account Repairs & Maintenance by \$8,025;
- INCREASE Account Transfer from Other Service (Community Works Grant) by \$24,000 and INCREASE Account Equipment by \$24,000; and
- INCREASE Account Transfer from Reserves by \$168,000 and INCREASE Account Capital Expenditures by \$168,000.

Carried

6.4 Grants

6.4.1 Discretionary

Moved and seconded,
 And Resolved:

492/25

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

AREA B

Celebrate Canada Association	Celebrate Canada Billboard	\$500
Town of Creston	Neighbourhood Welcome Committee	\$335

AREA C

Town of Creston	Neighbourhood Welcome Committee	\$335
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AREA E

Procter-Harrop Seniors' Association BR#118	Lunch & Dinners for the Community	\$1,000
Senior Citizen's Association Balfour Branch #120	Meals and Activities	\$999

AREA J

Renata Development Society	Renata Community Works	\$5,000
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SLOCAN

Village of Slocan	Easter Egg Hunt	\$30
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Carried

6.4.2 Community Development

Moved and seconded,
 And Resolved:

493/25

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

AREA A

East Shore Trail and Bike Association	Trail Map Design Update & Printing	\$3,366.30
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AREA D

Central Kootenay Food Policy Council (Kootenay Food Council)	Kootenay Seed Cleaning Trailer Research	\$2,000
Lardeau Valley Opportunity LINKS Society	Meadow Creek Store Coop Feasibility	\$3,500
Lardeau Valley Opportunity LINKS Society	Community AED Devices	\$6,000
RDCK S184	Mosquito Control Program S184 Meadow Creek	\$14,000

AREA E

Greater Nelson Economic Development	Annual Contribution from S111	\$20,000
Senior Citizen's Association Balfour Branch #120	Seniors Christmas dinner	\$1,500
Senior Citizen's Association Balfour Branch #120	Seniors Assistance	\$1,300

AREA F

Taghum Community Society	Kitchen Stove Replacement	\$8,000
West Shores Leisure Advancement Society	Arts & Nature After School Club	\$1,000
West Shores Leisure Advancement Society	Area E & F Community Newsletter	\$3,975.14

AREA J

Destination Castlegar	Fish Out Derby	\$1,500
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TOWN OF CRESTON

Creston Community Auditorium Society	Keeping the Lights On	\$2,000
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SLOCAN

Village of Slocan	Wildsafe Program	\$1,500
Village of Slocan	Beach Volleyball	\$1,200
Village of Slocan	Slocan Village Summer Showcase	\$500

Carried

6.5 Chair/CAO Reports

The Chair's Report providing an overview of the 2025 Union of British Columbia Municipalities Convention RDCK Board's and Director's meetings, has been received.

Chair Watson provided an overview regarding the meetings at the 2025 UBCM Convention.

CAO Horn indicated he will be attending the MIA Board meeting and AGM during the 2025 UBCM Convention.

7. RURAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

Moved and seconded,
And Resolved:

494/25 That the Corporate Officer be authorized to remove the Notice on Title relating to 5960 Paradise Valley Road, Electoral Area H, currently owned by Ryan Mcelroy, property legally described as LOT 50, DISTRICT LOT 3464, KOOTENAY DISTRICT PLAN 949, EXCEPT PART INCLUDED IN PLANS 13299 AND NEP23100 PID 015-968-766, 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:

495/25 That the Board APPROVE the issuance of the Development Variance Permit to for the property located at 7389 2nd Avenue, Electoral Area G and legally described as PARCEL B (BEING A CONSOLIDATION OF LOTS 9 AND 10, SEE CB611469), BLOCK 9, DISTRICT LOT 1242, KOOTENAY DISTRICT PLAN 640 (PID: 031-958-516) to vary Sections 19.3 and 19.4 of Area 'G' Land Use Bylaw No. 2452, 2018 to authorize a 1.5 metre setback from the front lot line and a 3.0 metre setback from the exterior side lot line whereas the bylaw requires a 4.5 metre setback from both lot lines.

Carried

Moved and seconded,
And Resolved:

496/25 That the Board APPROVE a Site-Specific Floodplain Exemption to authorize a single detached dwelling with an attached deck to be within the required 30 metre Floodplain Setback for the Moyie River, provided that the proposed dwelling maintains a minimum setback of 16.5 metres and the proposed deck maintains a minimum setback of 11.5 metres in accordance with the "Hydrotechnical Assessment – Floodplain Setback Exemption and Flood Construction Level" prepared by McElhanney, dated July 23, 2025 for the property located at 8815 Highway 3 and 95, Electoral Area B and legally described as LOT 10 BLOCK P DISTRICT LOT 4683 KOOTENAY DISTRICT PLAN 1660 (PID: 012-311-651), SUBJECT TO:

1. Preparation by KEVEN WITNEY of a restrictive covenant under Section 219 of the Land Title Act and Section 56 of the Community Charter in favour of the Regional District of Central Kootenay.

Carried

Moved and seconded,
And Resolved:

497/25 That the Board AUTHORIZE the discharge of restrictive covenant KR166474 from the title of the property located at 603 Killough Road, Electoral Area J and legally described as LOT 6, DISTRICT LOT 12366, KOOTENAY DISTRICT PLAN 14472 (PID: 009-994-394), SUBJECT TO:
1.The removal of the unpermitted manufactured home or the issuance of a Building Permit for the manufactured home that has been placed on the subject property.

Carried

Moved and seconded,
And Resolved:

498/25 That the Community Works Fund application submitted by the RDCK for the RDCK-Tarrys Fire Hall Radon Mitigation Project in the amount of \$15,000 be approved and that funds be disbursed from Community Works Funds allocated to Electoral Area I.

Carried

8. DIRECTORS' MOTIONS

8.1 Director Vandenberghe: BC Climate Action Charter and Partners for Climate Protection Program

Moved and seconded,
And Resolved:

499/25 That the Board postpone Item 8.1. and discussion on the recommendation to address public time.

Carried

**ORDER OF AGENDA
CHANGED**

The Order of Business was changed to address public time with Item 10 Public Time considered at this time.

10. PUBLIC TIME

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

A member of the public provided a comment regarding climate change.

**ORDER OF AGENDA
RESUMED**

Item 8.1 considered at this time.

**Moved and seconded,
And Resolved:**

500/25 That the Board lift Item 8.1 and resume discussion on the recommendation.

Carried

Moved and seconded,
MOTION ONLY

WHEREAS the RDCK is a signatory to the BC Climate Action Charter and a participant in the Partners for Climate Protection (PCP) program, both voluntary frameworks that promote net-zero targets;

AND WHEREAS participation in these programs incurs ongoing financial, staffing, and administrative obligations driven by top-down targets which may not align with local realities or infrastructure-based emissions reductions, and for which a comprehensive cost-benefit analysis has not yet been presented to the Board; and RDCK residents lifestyle desires may not align with these high-density, urban-focused mitigation strategies;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

1. The RDCK Board direct staff to immediately suspend all work, including data collection and reporting, related to compliance with the PCP program and BC Climate Action Charter net-zero commitments;
2. That staff prepare and present to the Board a comprehensive cost-benefit analysis, including but not limited to: all financial obligations, staff/resource allocation, and other measurable costs and benefits incurred since RDCK's enrollment in the PCP program through to projections for 2050;

3. That this analysis include benchmark metrics and clarify how local infrastructure renewals and stewardship compare to program-mandated emissions targets in terms of cost and effectiveness.
4. That a “localized environmental stewardship” approach be defined and maintained until the Board has reviewed and approved the analysis and made further decisions;
5. That the Board will reconsider its continued participation in the PCP program upon review of the completed cost-benefit assessment.

Moved and seconded,

And Resolved:

AMENDMENT TO THE MOTION:

501/25

That the foregoing motion, being:

WHEREAS the RDCK is a signatory to the BC Climate Action Charter and a participant in the Partners for Climate Protection (PCP) program, both voluntary frameworks that promote net-zero targets;

AND WHEREAS participation in these programs incurs ongoing financial, staffing, and administrative obligations driven by top-down targets which may not align with local realities or infrastructure-based emissions reductions, and for which a comprehensive cost-benefit analysis has not yet been presented to the Board; and RDCK residents lifestyle desires may not align with these high-density, urban-focused mitigation strategies;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

1. *The RDCK Board direct staff to immediately suspend all work, including data collection and reporting, related to compliance with the PCP program and BC Climate Action Charter net-zero commitments;*
2. *That staff prepare and present to the Board a comprehensive cost-benefit analysis, including but not limited to: all financial obligations, staff/resource allocation, and other measurable costs and benefits incurred since RDCK's enrollment in the PCP program through to projections for 2050;*
3. *That this analysis include benchmark metrics and clarify how local infrastructure renewals and stewardship compare to program-mandated emissions targets in terms of cost and effectiveness.*
4. *That a “localized environmental stewardship” approach be defined and maintained until the Board has reviewed and approved the analysis and made further decisions;*
5. *That the Board will reconsider its continued participation in the PCP program upon review of the completed cost-benefit assessment:*

be amended to remove "1. The RDCK Board direct staff to immediately suspend all work, including data collection and reporting, related to compliance with the PCP program and BC Climate Action Charter net-zero commitments;", thus reading:

WHEREAS the RDCK is a signatory to the BC Climate Action Charter and a participant in the Partners for Climate Protection (PCP) program, both voluntary frameworks that promote net-zero targets;

AND WHEREAS participation in these programs incurs ongoing financial, staffing, and administrative obligations driven by top-down targets which may not align with local realities or infrastructure-based emissions reductions, and for which a comprehensive cost-benefit analysis has not yet been presented to the Board; and RDCK residents lifestyle desires may not align with these high-density, urban-focused mitigation strategies;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

1. *That staff prepare and present to the Board a comprehensive cost-benefit analysis, including but not limited to: all financial obligations, staff/resource allocation, and other measurable costs and benefits incurred since RDCK's enrollment in the PCP program through to projections for 2050;*
2. *That this analysis include benchmark metrics and clarify how local infrastructure renewals and stewardship compare to program-mandated emissions targets in terms of cost and effectiveness.*
3. *That a "localized environmental stewardship" approach be defined and maintained until the Board has reviewed and approved the analysis and made further decisions;*
4. *That the Board will reconsider its continued participation in the PCP program upon review of the completed cost-benefit assessment.*

Carried

Director Davidoff recorded opposed.

**DIRECTOR
ABSENT**

Director Casley left at 12:00 p.m.

Moved and seconded,
And Resolved:

MAIN MOTION

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WHEREAS the RDCK is a signatory to the BC Climate Action Charter and a participant in the Partners for Climate Protection (PCP) program, both voluntary frameworks that promote net-zero targets;

AND WHEREAS participation in these programs incurs ongoing financial, staffing, and administrative obligations driven by top-down targets which may not align with local realities or infrastructure-based emissions reductions, and for which a comprehensive cost-benefit analysis has not yet been presented to the Board; and RDCK residents lifestyle desires may not align with these high-density, urban-focused mitigation strategies;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

1. That staff prepare and present to the Board a comprehensive cost-benefit analysis, including but not limited to: all financial obligations, staff/resource allocation, and other measurable costs and benefits incurred since RDCK's enrollment in the PCP program through to projections for 2050;
2. That this analysis include benchmark metrics and clarify how local infrastructure renewals and stewardship compare to program-mandated emissions targets in terms of cost and effectiveness.
3. That a "localized environmental stewardship" approach be defined and maintained until the Board has reviewed and approved the analysis and made further decisions;
4. That the Board will reconsider its continued participation in the PCP program upon review of the completed cost-benefit assessment.

Defeated

**RECESS/
RECONVENED**

The meeting recessed at 12:12 p.m. for lunch and reconvened at 1:15 p.m.

**DIRECTOR
ABSENT**

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

Moved and seconded,
And Resolved:

503/25

That the Board direct staff to prepare a report for the Board that presents the historical and current project work undertaken to meet the program goals of the BC Climate Action Charter and the Partners for Climate Protection Program, including but not limited to the funding sources for each project, scope of work undertaken, staff and external resources required, milestones met, reporting completed and community and organizational benefits realized.

Carried

Directors Davidoff and Newell recorded opposed.

8.2 Director Graham: Inland Ferry Services

Moved and seconded,
And Resolved:

504/25

That the Chair write a letter on behalf of the RDCK Board to the Premier of British Columbia and the Minister of Transportation and Transit to request an update on the progress being made regarding the RDCK's letter requesting Provincial legislation that inland ferry services are categorized as essential services for the residents of British Columbia, including the consideration that the essential service orders for daily sailings of the Kootenay Lake, Glade Cable, Harrop Cable, Needles Cable, Arrow Park Cable, and Upper Arrow Lake ferries from the recent job action did not meet the needs of those communities, and that a new determination be made on the minimum number and frequency of daily sailings that would be required to be maintained for each crossing for any future labour disruption.

Carried

Moved and seconded,
And Resolved:

505/25

That the Chair write a letter on behalf of the Board to the Province asking to ensure that all inland ferry communities who rely solely on the ferry for access to their community are entitled to the same legal status as roads, highways and bridges to protect the health safety and welfare of the community served.

Carried

8.3 Director Davidoff: Wildland Fire Trucks/Vehicles

Moved and seconded,
And Resolved:

506/25

That the Chair write a letter on behalf of the RDCK Board to UBCM requesting that the Canada Community Building Fund agreement be amended to include "Wildland Fire Trucks/Vehicles" in its definition of "Fire Trucks" in its grant eligibility criteria in order to further support the goals of the agreement to fund local government capital costs.

Carried

9. CONSENT AGENDA

9.1 For Information: Committees & Commissions

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

- 9.1.1 Area C Advisory Planning and Heritage Commission: minutes August 14, 2025**
Staff has received direction regarding the Bylaw Amendment Referral Form and the Bylaw Amendment Application.

**DIRECTOR
PRESENT**

Director Lunn joined the meeting at 1:46 p.m.

- 9.1.2 Area J Advisory Planning and Heritage Commission: minutes August 14, 2025**
Staff has received direction regarding the Bylaw Amendment Applications.
- 9.1.3 Area A Advisory Planning and Heritage Commission: minutes August 18, 2025**
Staff has received direction regarding the Development Permit and Bylaw Amendment applications.
- 9.1.4 North Kootenay Lake Services Committee: minutes August 18, 2025**
- 9.1.5 Area D Advisory Planning and Heritage Commission: minutes August 19, 2025**
Staff has received direction regarding the bylaw amendment applications.
- 9.1.6 Area B Advisory Planning and Heritage Commission: minutes August 27, 2025**
Staff has received direction regarding the Floodplain Exemption and Bylaw Amendment Referral Form.
- 9.1.7 Rosebery Parklands and Trails Commission: minutes August 28, 2025**
- 9.1.8 Area H, New Denver & Silverton Recreation Commission No. 6: minutes August 27, 2025**
Staff has received direction to purchase pickleball equipment.
- 9.1.9 Slocan Valley Services Committee: minutes September 3, 2025**
Staff has received direction that the Slocan Valley Services Committee supports Slocan Valley South Regional Recreation Commission Repeal Bylaw No. 3056, 2025 and Recreation and Parks Community Advisory Committee Bylaw No. 3039, 2025 – with the amendment to Section 9.1 to read two meetings annually.
The Bylaws are addressed in Items 6.4 and 6.5 of the Board agenda.

9.2 For Information: Communication

- 9.2.1 The report dated September 2025 from Canadian Federation of Independent Business regarding Bureaucracy Over Basics: An Examination of Regional District Spending Growth.**
- 9.2.2 The email dated September 15, 2025 from George V. Harvie, City of Delta, have submitted a resolution regarding the EB59 Strengthening Agricultural Land Commission Enforcement Capabilities.**

9.3 For Information: Accounts Payable

The Accounts Payable Summary for August 2025 in the amount of \$6,322,990 has been received for information.

**DIRECTOR
ABSENT**

Director Lunn left the meeting at 2:30 p.m.

9.4 For Information: Directors' Reports

Each Director gave a brief summary of the work they have been doing within their communities.

9.4.1 Director Jackman

- 9.4.1.1 Director's Report: CBRAC/RCC/IJC**

9.4.1.2 Letter of Support: Riondel Community Golf Course

9.4.2 Director Tierney: Letter of Support – KCDCS

9.4.3 Director Watson

9.4.3.1 Director's Report: Columbia River Treaty

9.4.3.2 Letter of Support: Ministry of Environment and Parks - Drone Pesticide

9.4.3.3 Letter of Support: Kootenay Lake Historical Society

9.4.4 Director Popoff

9.4.4.1 Letter of Support: North Slokan Trails Society

9.4.4.2 Letter of Support: Slokan Valley Chamber of Commerce

9.4.5 Director Davidoff: Letter - Remediation Request - Degradation of Active Transportation Network in Shoreacres

9.4.6 Director McLaren-Caux: August to September Activities

**RECESS/
RECONVENED** The meeting recessed at 2:47 p.m. for a break and reconvened at 3:00 p.m.

11. CLOSED

11.1 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:

507/25

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;
- (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;
- (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

11.2 Recess of Open Meeting

Moved and seconded,
And Resolved:

508/25 The Open meeting be recessed at 3:01 p.m. in order to conduct the Closed Board meeting and reconvened at 3:40 p.m.

Carried

12. MATTERS ARISING FROM CLOSED MEETING

Moved and seconded,
And Resolved:

509/25 That the Board approve a reduction of operating hours at the Creston Landfill from 9:00 AM - 4:00
IC66/25 PM to 9:00 AM – 3:00 PM each day, starting June 1, 2026.

Carried

Moved and seconded,
And Resolved:

510/25 That the Board direct staff to issue a new Creston Landfill Operations and Maintenance Request for
IC67/25 Proposals.

Carried

Moved and seconded,
And Resolved:

511/25 That the Board approve the transition of Creston Compost Facility operations and maintenance
IC71/25 from a contracted service to in-house operations, starting June 1, 2026, and direct staff to initiate the required, procurement and recruitment;

AND FURTHER, that the funds required for the purchase of a Wheeled Loader up to a value of \$180,000, and repayment of equipment financing over 5 years, be included in the 2026 Financial Plan;

AND FURTHER, that the costs be paid from A119 Organics Program - East Subregion;

AND FURTHER, that the Board of the Regional District Central Kootenay authorizes up to \$180,000 plus GST to be borrowed, under Section 403 of the Local Government Act, from the Municipal Finance Authority – equipment financing program, for the purchase of Loader for the Creston Compost Facility; and that the loan be repaid within five (5) years from Service A119 Organics Program – East Subregion, with no rights of renewal.

Carried

Moved and seconded,
And Resolved:

512/25 That the Board authorize the signing of a collective agreement between the Regional District of
IC73/25 Central Kootenay (the “Regional District”, “RDCK”, or the “Employer”) and the Canadian Union of Public Employees (“CUPE” or the “Union”), locals 748 & 2262, effective March 1, 2024, for a three year term, and that the Board further authorizes that the annual salary increases are:

- For 2024: 6.2%
- For 2025: 3.9%, and
- For 2026: 3.4%.

Carried

13. ADJOURNMENT

Moved and seconded,
And Resolved:

513/25 That the meeting adjourn at 3:40 p.m.

Carried

Originally signed by

Aimee Watson, RDCK Board Chair

Originally signed by

Angela Lund, Deputy Corporate Officer