



Regional District of Central Kootenay

REGULAR BOARD MEETING

Open Meeting Minutes

The **eleventh** meeting of the Board of the Regional District of Central Kootenay in 2025 was held on Thursday, November 13, 2025 at 9:00 a.m. through a hybrid meeting model.

Quorum was maintained throughout the meeting.

ELECTED OFFICIALS

PRESENT

Chair A. Watson	Electoral Area D	In-Person
Director G. Jackman	Electoral Area A	In-Person
Director R. Tierney	Electoral Area B	In-Person
Director K. Vandenberghe	Electoral Area C	In-Person
Director C. Graham	Electoral Area E	In-Person
Director T. Newell	Electoral Area F	In-Person
Director H. Cunningham	Electoral Area G	In-Person
Director W. Popoff	Electoral Area H	In-Person
Director A. Davidoff	Electoral Area I	
Director H. Hanegraaf	Electoral Area J	In-Person
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 J. Woodward	City of Nelson	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	In-Person

ELECTED OFFICIALS

ABSENT

Director A. McLaren-Caux	Village of Nakusp
Director K. Page	City of Nelson

STAFF PRESENT

S. Horn	Chief Administrative Officer
M. Morrison	Corporate Officer
A. Lund	Deput Corporate Officer
Y. Malloff	General Manager of Finance, Information Technology and Economic Development
J. Chirico	General Manager of Community Services
S. Sudan	General Manager of Community Sustainability and Development Services
D. Séguin	Manager of Community Sustainability
D. Lau	Manager Information Technology
E. Stout	Manager of Building and Bylaw Enforcement
N. Wight	Planning Manager
H. Smith	Manager of Finance
T. Fehst	Regional Fire Chief
C. Stanley	Regional Manager – Operations and Assent Management
T. Davison	Regional Manager – Recreation and Client Services

D. Zayac
P. Marshall Smith
N. Hannon
D. Elliott

Deputy Regional Fire Chief
Sustainability and Resilience Supervisor
Disaster Mitigation and Adaptation Senior Advisor
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. ELECTIONS

Chief Administrative Officer Horn assumed the chair at 9:01 a.m.

2.1 Election of the RDCK Board Chair

Call for Nominations (3 Times)

CAO Horn announced the nomination submitted for Director Watson.

The CAO called for nominations the first time.

The CAO called for nominations the second and third time.

No further nominations.

Declaration of Elected or Acclaimed RDCK Board Chair

Director Watson was declared the Chair for 2026 by acclamation.

2.2 Election of RDCK Board Vice-Chair

Directors Lockwood and McLaren-Caux were nominated.

The CAO called for nominations the first time.

The CAO called for nominations the second and third time.

No further nominations.

Opportunity for Candidates to Address the Board - Two minutes per address.

Directors Lockwood and McLaren-Caux each gave a two-minute address.

Vote by Secret Ballot (Electronic Voting RDCK Procedure Bylaw No. 2898, 2024)

Corporate Officer Morrison distributed the ballots.

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

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

CAO Horn declared a tie between Director Lockwood and McLaren-Caux.

As per the RDCK Procedure Bylaw No. 2898, 2024 Section 10 (2), each candidate's name was put into the ballot box and CAO Horn pulled a name.

Declaration of Elected or Acclaimed RDCK Board Vice-Chair

Director McLaren-Caux was declared the Vice-Chair for 2026.

**DIRECTOR
ABSENT**

Director McFaddin left the meeting 9:12 a.m.

Moved and seconded,
And Resolved:

557/25

That the ballots used in the election of the RDCK Board Vice-Chair be destroyed.

Carried

3. CHAIR'S ADDRESS

Chair Watson thanked the Board for their support and looks forward to working with everyone.

4. VICE-CHAIR'S ADDRESS

Vice-Chair McLaren-Caux thanked the Board and looks forward to working with everyone.

5. COMMENCEMENT OF BOARD MEETING

The RDCK Board Chair assumed the chair and called the meeting to order.

Executive Committee member, Rural Affairs Committee Chair Jackman, assumed the role as Acting Vice-Chair.

5.1 Traditional Lands Acknowledgement Statement

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

5.2 Adoption of the Agenda

Moved and seconded,
And Resolved:

558/25

The agenda for the November 13, 2025 Regular Open Board meeting be adopted with the following:

- the removal of Item 6.1 Bylaw 3061: Castlegar and Area Indoor Aquatic Centre Local Service Area Establishment Amendment;
- the removal of Item 6.2 Bylaw 3062: Castlegar and District Regional Facilities, Recreation, Parks and Leisure Service Amendment; and
- with the addition of the addendum

before circulation.

Carried

5.3 Adoption of the Minutes

Moved and seconded,
And Resolved:

559/25

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

Carried

5.4 Introductions

CAO Horn will introduce the following staff:

- Graham Gordon, Building and Plumbing Official, replacing Stefan Jones;
- Cliff Jamieson, Human Resources Advisor (6 month term);
- Dan Siminoff has accepted a temporary assignment as Senior Building Official in the Nelson office; and
- Dan Séguin is moving into a temporary role as the General Manager of Fire and Emergency Management Services replacing Tristan Fehst, Regional Fire Chief.

**DIRECTOR
ABSENT**

Director McLaren-Caux left the meeting at 9:20 p.m.

5.5 Delegation

5.5.1 Central Kootenay Food Policy Council (CKFPC)

Damon Chouinard, Executive Director

Damon Chouinard gave a presentation to the Board regarding the Kootenay Food Council (KFC) and their connection to people, ideas and information to build a vibrant and resilient regional food system. He provided an overview of the 2025 highlights; council meetings, communication and engagement, partner engagement, expanding KFC's research, and strategic planning and collaboration.

Mr. Chouinard discussed the KFC's impact and how it aligns with the RDCK's priorities, along with the 2026 priorities. He provided an overview of the Kootenay Food Procurement Network (KFPT) and the three-year project proposal.

In conclusion, Mr. Chouinard requested the RDCK consider funding the KFPT project and keep advancing the RDCK priorities.

Chair Watson thanked Damon Chouinard for presenting to the Board.

6. COMMITTEES & COMMISSIONS

6.1 With Recommendations

6.1.1 Riondel Commission: minutes October 7, 2025

Staff has received direction to allocate funds to four community benches.

Moved and seconded,
And Resolved:

560/25

That the Board approve the waiver of the one hundred- and fifty-dollar (\$150.00) fee for the rental of the Auditorium by the Riondel Community Association for the purpose of hosting The Riondel Fall Frolic.

Carried

Moved and seconded,
And Resolved:

561/25 The Board approve the waiver of the one-hundred-dollar (\$100.00) damage deposit fee from the Rental Agreement for Interior Health’s COVID and Flu Immunization Clinic scheduled for November 21, 2025, at the Riondel Community Centre, Media Lab.

Carried

6.1.2 All Recreation Committee: minutes October 29, 2025

Moved and seconded,
And Resolved:

562/25 That the Board approve core operating sessions for ice arenas as follows:

Facility	Summer Season	Core Season	Spring Season
Nelson & District Complex	Monday of the 2nd full week in August	September 1 to March 31	April 1 to April 15
Creston & District Complex	Monday of the 3rd full week in August	September 1 to March 31	No Spring Ice
Castlegar & District Complex	Monday of the last full week in August	September 1 to March 31	No Spring Ice

Carried

Moved and seconded,
And Resolved:

563/25 That the Board direct staff to include Spring and Summer ice rental rates in the upcoming 2026 Fees & Charges review, and further, that rates for ice usage during these seasons be set at prime-time levels.

Carried

Moved and seconded,
And Resolved:

564/25 That the Board direct staff to apply a non-prime time rate for adult ice rentals at the Castlegar & District Complex where appropriate, and further, that the Fees & Charges Schedule be updated accordingly as part of the 2026 annual review to ensure consistency and accuracy in pricing.

Carried

**DIRECTOR
PRESENT**

Director McFaddin joined the meeting at 9:47 a.m.

6.1.3 Recreation Commission No. 6 - Area H, New Denver and Silverton: minutes November 4, 2025

Moved and seconded,
And Resolved:

565/25 That the Board approve the payment of the following grants from the Recreation Commission No. 6 – New Denver, Silverton & Area Service S229 2025 Budget:

Slocan Lake Arts Council	\$900
West Kootenay Football Club	\$2,000
Silverton Community Club	\$600

Slocan Lake Golf Club	\$263
North Slocan Trail Society	\$1,000
Lucerne Parent Advisory Committee	\$1,500
Valhalla Fine Arts Society	\$1,000
Slocan Lake Early Learning Society	\$487

Carried

6.1.4 Creston Valley Services Committee: minutes November 6, 2025

Moved and seconded,
And Resolved:

566/25

That the Board approve the payment of the following grant from the Recreation Facility – Creston and Areas B, C and Defined A Service S224, 2025 budget:

Town of Creston (Christmas Parade)	\$5,000
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Carried

Moved and seconded,
And Resolved:

567/25

That Director Vandenberghe be delegated to the Creston Valley Public Library Board as a non-voting member with the provisions to submit reporting.

Carried

6.1.5 Joint Resource Recovery Committee: minutes November 12, 2025

Moved and seconded,
And Resolved:

568/25

That the Board approve the RDCK extend the current Goods and Services Agreement with GFL Environmental Inc. for the Ootischenia Landfill Operations and Maintenance for the period of one year, commencing July 1st, 2026, up to a maximum value of \$477,124 (excluding GST) plus annual price adjustments, and that the Chair and Corporate Officer be authorized to sign the necessary documents; AND FURTHER, that the total costs be paid from Service S188 Refuse Disposal – West Subregion.

Carried

Moved and seconded,
And Resolved:

569/25

That the Board send a letter of concern to the Ministry of Environment and Parks regarding the proposed new fees under the Environmental Management Act.

Carried

Moved and seconded,
And Resolved:

570/25

That the Board approve an amendment to the 2025 year of the 2025 - 2029 Financial Plan for Refuse Disposal East Subregion Service S186 to INCREASE Account 43025 Grants Specified by \$19,133 and INCREASE Account 57010 Grant Expense by \$19,133;

AND FURTHER That the Board approve an amendment to the 2025 year of the 2025 - 2029 Financial Plan for Environmental Services Service A102 to INCREASE Account 43025 Grants Specified by \$9,567 and INCREASE Account 57010 Grant Expense by \$9,567.

Carried

Moved and seconded,
And Resolved:

571/25

That the Board send a letter to the Ministry of Environment and Parks as drafted, requesting an amendment to the Recycling Regulation for the inclusion of mattresses and foundations.

Carried

Moved and seconded,
And Resolved:

572/25

That the Board send a letter to Environment and Climate Change Canada as drafted, regarding the Federal Plastics Registry's new reporting, audit requirements and costs.

Carried

6.2 Membership/Appointments

6.2.1 RDCK Commission/Committee Appointments

Moved and seconded,
And Resolved:

573/25

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

Creston Valley Agricultural Advisory Commission with a term to expire December 31, 2028:

Randy Meyer
David Mutch

Erickson Water Services Community Advisory Committee with a term to expire December 31, 2028:

Don Low
Elizabeth Quinn
Margaret Beaudry

Recreation Commission No. 6 - Area H, New Denver and Silverton with a term to expire December 31, 2027:

Wes Savill (Lucerne Staff Alternate)

Area G Advisory Planning and Heritage Commission

AND FURTHER, the Board sent a letter to outgoing member Tamara Rushforth thanking them for their service with the Area G Advisory Planning and Heritage Commission.

Carried

6.2.2 Nelson Public Library (Area E)

Moved and seconded,
And Resolved:

574/25

That the Board sent a letter to outgoing member Kathy Spiers thanking her for her service as the RDCK representative (Area E) for the Nelson Public Library.

Carried

7. CORRESPONDENCE

7.1 The letter from Andrea Wilkey, Community Futures Central Kootenay, seeking funding support for the West Kootenay Rural Community Immigration Pilot project in 2026.

7.2 The letter dated October 14, 2025 from M. Lane Hutton, Kuskanook Harbour Board of Directors, seeking a letter of support for their application to the Rural Economic Diversification and Infrastructure Program for the Kuskanook Harbour Preservation. Director Graham declared a conflict of interest due to her business being involved and having a financial benefit in the project and left the meeting at 9:53 a.m.

Moved and seconded,
And Resolved:

575/25

That the Board write a letter of support to the Kuskanook Harbour Board for their application to the Rural Economic Diversification and Infrastructure Program for the Kuskanook Harbour Preservation.

Carried

Director Graham joined the meeting at 9:55 a.m.

8. BYLAWS

8.1 Bylaw 3061: Castlegar and Area Indoor Aquatic Centre Local Service Area Establishment Amendment

No item.

8.2 Bylaw 3062: Castlegar and District Regional Facilities, Recreation, Parks and Leisure Service Amendment

No item.

9. NEW BUSINESS

9.1 Development and Community Sustainability

9.1.1 Columbia Basin Trust Wildfire Grant

The Board Report from Nora Hannon, Disaster Mitigation and Adaptation Senior Advisor, seeking Board approval to apply for the 2025 Columbia Basin Trust Community Resiliency Investment Program – Columbia Basin Wildfire Resiliency Initiative grant, has been received.

Moved and seconded,
And Resolved:

576/25

That the Board authorize staff to apply for the 2025 Columbia Basin Trust Community Resiliency Investment Program – Columbia Basin Wildfire Resiliency Initiative grant from Columbia Basin Trust in the amount of \$1,638,130 to build resiliency towards wildfire through education and wildfire risk reduction work;

AND FURTHER, that if successful, the Board direct staff to prepare the 2026 Draft Financial plan with the inclusion of the grant and corresponding expenses in A101 Consolidated Emergency Services.

Carried

9.1.2 Regional Invasive Species Strategy: Improving Regional Organizational Capacity - 2025 Results and 2026 Funding Request

The Board Report from Paris Marshall Smith, Sustainability and Resilience Supervisor, seeking Board approval to extend the agreement with Central Kootenay Invasive Species Society, has been received.

Moved and seconded,
And Resolved:

577/25

The following recommendation **BE REFERRED** to the January 22, 2026 Board meeting:

That the Board approve the RDCK extending the agreement with Central Kootenay Invasive Species Society (CKISS) to continue implementing the Regional Invasive Species Strategy to a maximum value of \$15,000 for the period of April 2026 to March 2027; AND FURTHER, that this amount be included in the 2026 Draft Financial Plan for Service 100 – General Administration.

Carried

**RECESS/
RECONVENED**

The meeting recessed at 10:27 a.m. for a break and reconvened at 10:40 a.m.

9.1.3 Kootenay Food Council: Regional Food and Farm Coordination - 2025 Results and 2026 Funding Request

The Board Report from Paris Marshall Smith, Sustainability and Resilience Supervisor, seeking Board approval to extend the Service Agreement with Kootenay Food Council, has been received.

Moved and seconded,
And Resolved:

578/25

That the following recommendation **BE REFERRED** to the December 11, 2025 Board meeting:

That the Board approve the RDCK extending the Service Agreement with the Kootenay Food Council for the delivery of regional food systems coordination, communication, and network development to a maximum value of \$30,000 for the period April 2026 to March 2027; AND FURTHER, that this amount be included in the 2026-2030 Draft Financial Plan for Service 100 – General Administration.

Carried

9.1.4 UBCM Community Emergency Preparedness Fund - Emergency Support Services

The Board Report from Ian Briscoe, Emergency Program Coordinator, seeking Board approval to apply for the 2026 Community Emergency Preparedness Fund – Emergency Support Services grant, has been received.

Moved and seconded,
And Resolved:

579/25

That the Board authorize staff to regionally apply for the 2026 Community Emergency Preparedness Fund – Emergency Support Services grant from Union of BC Municipalities in the amount of \$225,195 to support and improve ESS service delivery across the regional district;

AND FURTHER, that if successful, the Board direct staff to include the grant revenue in the Draft 2026-2030 Financial Plan for Service A101 - Emergency Consolidated Services with corresponding expenses, and that staff complete the current proposed activities and provide overall grant management.

Carried

9.1.5 For Information: RDCK Risk Tolerance Policy

The Board Report from Nora Hannon, Disaster Mitigation and Adaptation Senior Advisor, providing the Board with an overview of the RDCK Risk Tolerance Policy project, has been received for information.

Elisa Scordo, Hydrologist at BGC, gave a presentation to the Board regarding the RDCK Risk Tolerance Policy: Project Introduction.

**DIRECTOR
ABSENT**

Director Casley left the meeting at 11:15 a.m.

9.2 Administration & Finance

9.2.1 Policy No. 500-01-13: Community Services Financial Access

Moved and seconded,
And Resolved:

580/25

That the resolution 346/24 being:

That the Board rescind Policy No. 500-01-06 Leisure Access Program Policy, and adopt Policy No. 500-01-09 Financial Access and Inclusion Policy effective September 1, 2024;

be amended by replacing "500-01-09" with "500-01-13 and add "Community Service" to the policy name, thus reading:

That the Board rescind Policy No. 500-01-06 Leisure Access Program Policy, and adopt Policy No. 500-01-13 Community Service Financial Access and Inclusion Policy effective September 1, 2024;

Carried

Moved and seconded,
And Resolved:

581/25

That the resolution 366/25 being:

That the Board direct staff to amend Community Services Financial Access and Inclusion Policy No. 500-01-11 as recommended to improve the overall administration of the policy for both clients and staff effective immediately; AND FURTHER, to remove the limits on senior staff to provide additional subsidy when appropriate;

be amended to replace "500-01-11" with "500-01-13", thus reading:

That the Board direct staff to amend Community Services Financial Access and Inclusion Policy No. 500-01-13 as recommended to improve the overall

*administration of the policy for both clients and staff effective immediately;
AND FURTHER, to remove the limits on senior staff to provide additional
subsidy when appropriate.*

Carried

9.2.2 2026-2030 Draft Financial Plan: Emergency Consolidated Services (A101), Geospatial Information Systems (S102), Building Inspection (S103) and Planning & Land Use (S104)

The 2026-2030 draft Financial Plan presentation, has been received.

The 2026-2030 draft Financial Plan for Emergency Consolidated Services (A101), Geospatial Information Systems (S102), Building Inspection (S103) and Planning & Land Use (S104), has been received.

Dan Seguin presented to the Board the following:

- A101: Emergency Consolidated Service - Overview
 - Paid from seven (7) different services pay into A101
 - Details by Programs

ORDER OF AGENDA CHANGED

The order of business was changed to address public time with Item 13 Public Time considered at this time.

13. PUBLIC TIME

The Chair called for questions from the public and members of the media at 12:00 p.m.

No questions from the public or media.

ORDER OF AGENDA RESUMED

Continued with Item 9.2.2 Draft 2026-2030 Financial Plan

RECESSED/ RECONVENED

The meeting recessed at 12:00 p.m. for lunch and reconvened at 1:02 p.m.

CFO Malloff presented to the Board the following:

- Geospatial Information Systems (GIS) S102;

DIRECTOR PRESENT

Director Casley joined the meeting at 1:20 p.m.

- Building Inspection S103;

Staff answered the Board's questions.

Planning Service S104 will be considered at the December 11, 2025 Board meeting.

9.3 Fire Services

9.3.1 UBCM Community Emergency Preparedness Fund: Fire Department Equipment and Training Grant

The Board Report from Dan Zayac, Regional Deputy Fire Chief, seeking Board approval to apply UBCM Community Emergency Preparedness Fund intake for Volunteer and Composite Fire Departments, has been received.

Moved and seconded,
And Resolved:

582/25

That the Board direct staff to apply to the UBCM Community Emergency Preparedness Fund intake for Volunteer and Composite Fire Departments, with a \$30,000 per fire department grant application (totaling \$480,000) for each of Robson, Ootischenia, Tarrys, Pass Creek, Crescent Valley, Passmore, Winlaw, Slocan, Beasley, Blewett, Ymir, Yahk Kingsgate, Riondel, North Shore, Balfour Harrop and Kaslo fire departments;

AND FURTHER, that if successful the grant funding to be allocated to A107 Regional Fire Services budget, and that staff proceed with the extension of the two (2) current temporary full-time training positions in addition to contract training, and the purchase of training props and equipment.

Carried

9.3.2 Fire Protection Agreement Extensions: Defined Area E (City of Nelson)

The Board Report from Tristan Fehst, Regional Fire Chief, seeking Board approval to enter into an extension of the existing Area E Fire Protection Service Agreement, has been received.

Moved and seconded,
And Resolved:

583/25

That the Board approve the RDCK enter into an extension of the existing Area E Fire Protection Service Agreement with the City of Nelson for the purpose of maintaining uninterrupted fire protection services from January 1, 2026 to December 31, 2026 and to provide time to negotiate a long-term agreement, and that the Chair and Corporate Officer be authorized to sign the necessary documents; AND FURTHER, that the costs be paid from Service S133 Fire Protection Defined Area E (Blewett Contract).

Carried

9.3.3 Fire Protection Agreement Extensions: Town of Creston, Areas A, B & C

The Board Report from Tristan Fehst, Regional Fire Chief, seeking Board approval to enter into an extension of the existing West Creston Fire Protection Service Agreement, has been received.

Moved and seconded,
And Resolved:

584/25

That the Board approve the RDCK enter into an extension of the existing West Creston Fire Protection Service Agreement with the Town of Creston for the purpose of maintaining uninterrupted fire protection services from January 1, 2026 to December 31, 2026 and to provide time to negotiate a long-term agreement, and that the Chair and Corporate Officer be authorized to sign the necessary documents; AND FURTHER that costs be paid from Service S291 Fire Protection – West Creston.

Carried

Moved and seconded,
And Resolved:

585/25

That the Board approve the RDCK enter into an extension of the existing Erickson(B/C) and Arrow Creek Fire Protection Service Agreement with the Town of Creston for the purpose of maintaining uninterrupted fire protection services from January 1, 2026 to December 31, 2026 and to provide time to negotiate a long-term agreement, and that the Chair and Corporate Officer be authorized to

sign the necessary documents; AND FURTHER that costs be paid from Service S131 – Fire Protection Erickson (B/C) and Service S281 Fire Protection – Arrow Creek.

Carried

Moved and seconded,
And Resolved:

586/25

That the Board approve the RDCK enter into an extension of the existing Wynndel-Lakeview Fire Protection Service Agreement with the Town of Creston for the purpose of maintaining uninterrupted fire protection services from January 1, 2026 to December 31, 2026 and to provide time to negotiate a long-term agreement, and that the Chair and Corporate Officer be authorized to sign the necessary documents; AND FURTHER that costs be paid from Service S129 Wynndel/Lakeview Fire Protection.

Carried

Moved and seconded,
And Resolved:

587/25

That the Board approve the RDCK enter into an extension of the existing Canyon-Lister Fire Protection Service Agreement with the Town of Creston for the purpose of maintaining uninterrupted fire protection services from January 1, 2026 to December 31, 2026 and to provide time to negotiate a long-term agreement, and that the Chair and Corporate Officer be authorized to sign the necessary documents; AND FURTHER that costs be paid from Service S130 Canyon/Lister Fire Protection.

Carried

Moved and seconded,
And Resolved:

588/25

That the Board approve the RDCK enter into an extension of the existing Canyon-Lister Fire Hall Lease Agreement with the Town of Creston for the purpose of maintaining uninterrupted fire protection services from January 1, 2026 to December 31, 2026 and to provide time to negotiate a long-term agreement, and that the Chair and Corporate Officer be authorized to sign the necessary documents; AND FURTHER that costs be paid from Service S130 Canyon/Lister Fire Protection.

Carried

9.3.4 Fire Protection Agreement : Village of Nakusp

The Board Report from Tristan Fehst, Regional Fire Chief, seeking Board approval to enter into a six-month extension to the existing fire services agreement with the Village of Nakusp, has been received.

Moved and seconded,
And Resolved:

589/25

That the Board authorize a six-month extension to the existing fire services agreement from January 1, 2026 to June 30, 2026 with the Village of Nakusp to allow completion of negotiations for a new five-year agreement, and the Board Chair and Corporate Officer be authorized to sign the necessary documents; AND

FURTHER, that the costs be paid from Service S139 Fire Protection Defined Area K (Nakusp Contract).

Carried

9.3.5 Fire Protection Agreement: Village of Salmo

The Board Report from Tristan Fehst, Regional Fire Chief, seeking Board approval to enter into a six-month extension to the existing fire services agreement with the Village of Salmo, has been received.

Moved and seconded,
And Resolved:

590/25

That the Board authorize up to a year extension to the existing fire services agreement from January 1, 2026 to June 30, 2026 with the Village of Salmo to allow completion of negotiations for a new five-year agreement, and the Board Chair and Corporate Officer be authorized to sign the necessary documents; AND FURTHER that costs be paid from Service S135 Fire Protection Area G (Salmo Contract).

Carried

9.4 Grants

9.4.1 Discretionary

Moved and seconded,
And Resolved:

591/25

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

AREA A

Kootenay Region - Skate Canada BC/YT Section	2026 Kootenay Region Figure Skating Championships	\$500
Creston Valley Den Society	Den Drop In	\$500
Town of Creston	Neighbourhood Welcome Committee	\$335

AREA B

Ktunaxa Kinbasket	Children's Christmas Gathering	\$1,000
Creston Valley Chamber of Commerce	Christmas Hampers	\$1,500

AREA E

Blewett PAC	Blewett School Song Sign	\$500
Balfour and District Business and Historical Association	To Aid with the High Cost of Utilities	\$800

AREA F

Blewett PAC	Blewett School Song Sign	\$250
Capitol Theatre Restoration Society	Choral Microphones	\$1,000
Nelson Choral Society	Handel's Messiah	\$1,500
Friends of Falls Creek Society	Watershed Fundraising Event	\$1,000

AREA J

City of Castlegar	Winter Wonderland Event	\$2,000
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Castlegar Sculpture Walk Society	Night of Fire 2025	\$1,500
Castlegar/Robson Br#170 R.C.L	Large Remembrance Day Wreath	\$80

AREA K

Royal Canadian Legion Branch 203	Community Volunteer Expo	\$419.23
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Carried

9.4.2 Community Development

Moved and seconded,
And Resolved:

592/25

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

AREA A

East Shore Internet Society	Computer Upgrades	\$6,000
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AREA D

Ainsworth Fire Prevention Society	Community Fire Prevention	\$43,000
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Kaslo Community Services Society	The House Next Door	\$10,000
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AREA F

Taghum Community Society	Falls Creek Forestry Watershed Planning	\$6,500
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Taghum Community Society	Sound System Upgrades	\$12,625
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AREA G

Columbia Basin Alliance for Literacy - Salmo	Rhythms & Rhymes	\$1,631.86
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AREA H

W.E. Graham Community Service Society	Slocan Valley Food Cupboard	\$5,000
Slocan Valley Housing Society	Holiday Hamper Program Senior Outreach Program	\$2,760

AREA K

Nakusp and Area Development Board	Arrow Lakes Agri-Food Alliance	\$5,000
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Carried

9.5 Chair/CAO Reports

CAO Horn had no items.

Chair Watson had no items.

10. RURAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

Moved and seconded,
And Resolved:

593/25

That Electoral Areas A, B, and C Dangerous and Aggressive Dog Control Service Establishment Bylaw No. 3067, 2025, be read a FIRST and SECOND time.

Carried

Moved and seconded,
And Resolved:

- 594/25 That Electoral Area H Dangerous and Aggressive Dog Control Service Establishment Bylaw No. 3066, 2025, be read a FIRST and SECOND time.

Carried

11. DIRECTORS' MOTIONS

11.1 Director Graham: Recreation Commission No. 10 - Portion of Area E - Procter/Harrop/Balfour/Queens Bay

Moved and seconded,
And Resolved:

- 595/24 That the Board direct staff to repeal and replace the Regional Recreation Commission No. 10 Bylaw No. 686, 1988.

Carried

11.2 Director Page: Youth Climate Corps BC

Moved and seconded,
And Resolved:

- 596/25 That the Board a letter of support to the Ministry of Energy and Climate Solutions for the Youth Climate Corps BC to sustain and expand the program to build community resilience and foster the next generation of climate leaders.

Carried

Director Vandenberghe recorded opposed.

NOTICE OF MOTION

Director Davidoff requested a Notice of Motion regarding New Fees Under the *Emergency Management Act*.

Director Newell requested a recommendation for Item 7.1.

Moved and seconded,
And Resolved:

- 597/25 That the following recommendation **BE REFERRED** to the January 22, 2025:

That the Board approve funds in the amount of \$40,000 to the community futures on behalf of the West Kootenay Rural Community Immigration Pilot project for 2026 to be paid from General Administration Service S100.

Carried

12. CONSENT AGENDA

12.1 For Information: Committees & Commissions

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

12.1.1 Directors Remuneration Select Committee: minutes October 14, 2025

12.1.2 North Kootenay Lake Services Committee: minutes October 20, 2025

12.1.3 Area B Advisory Planning and Heritage Commission: minutes October 29, 2025

Staff received direction regarding the Bylaw Amendment Referral Forms.

12.2 For Information: Communication

12.2.1 Greater Nelson Economic Development Advisory Committee

12.2.1.1 June 4, 2025 Minutes

12.2.1.2 July 2, 2025 Minutes

12.2.1.3 September 3, 2025 Minutes

12.2.2 The letter dated October 22, 2025 from Cori Ramsay, UBCM, providing the provincial response to RDCK 2024 Resolutions.

12.2.3 The email dated October 31, 2025 from Honourable Jodi Wickens, Ministry of Children and Family Development, proclaiming November as Adoption and Permanency Awareness month.

12.3 For Information: Accounts Payable

The Accounts Payable Summary for October, 2025 in the amount of \$4,115,950 has been received for information.

12.4 For Information: Directors' Reports

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

**DIRECTOR
ABSENT**

Director Casley left the meeting at 2:31 p.m.

12.4.1 Director Jackman

12.4.1.1 Director's Report: CBRAC/RCC/IJC

12.4.1.2 Letter of Support: Fields Forward Society (REDIP)

12.4.2 Director Tierney

12.4.2.1 Letter of Support: Creston Valley Food Action Coalition (ETSI-BC)

12.4.2.2 Letter of Support: Fields Forward Society (REDIP)

12.4.3 Director Watson

12.4.3.1 Letter of Support: Argenta Safety and Preparedness Society (CRI-CBWRI)

12.4.3.2 Letter of Support: Lardeau Fire Prevention Association (SCWRS)

12.4.3.3 Letter of Support: Lardeau Valley Opportunity LINKS Society (CBWRI)

12.4.4 Director Graham: Letter of Support - Taghum Bridge Society (REDIP)

12.4.5 Director Newell: Letter of Support - Nelson Search and Rescue

12.4.6 Director Popoff: Letter of Support - North Slokan Trails Society (REDIP)

12.4.7 Director McFaddin: UBCM

12.4.8 Director Hewat: CBT/FCM/Activities

12.4.9 Director McLaren-Caux: October - November Activities

**RECESS/
RECONVENED**

The meeting recessed at 2:56 p.m. for a break and reconvened at 3:10 p.m.

Director Newell requested a reconsideration of Item 9.4.2 Community Development.

Moved and seconded,
And Resolved:

598/25 That Item 9.4.2 Community Development be reconsidered.

Carried

Moved and seconded,
And Resolved:

599/25 Community Development grants out of the funds available for the following Electoral Areas/Member Municipalities be approved as designated:

AREA A

East Shore Internet Society	Computer Upgrades	\$6,000
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AREA D

Ainsworth Fire Prevention Society	Community Fire Prevention	\$43,000
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Kaslo Community Services Society	The House Next Door	\$10,000
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AREA F

Taghum Community Society	Falls Creek Forestry Watershed Planning	\$6,500
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Taghum Community Society	Sound System Upgrades	\$6,125
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AREA G

Columbia Basin Alliance for Literacy - Salmo	Rhythms & Rhymes	\$1,631.86
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AREA H

W.E. Graham Community Service Society	Slocan Valley Food Cupboard	\$5,000
Slocan Valley Housing Society	Holiday Hamper Program	\$2,760
	Senior Outreach Program	

AREA K

Nakusp and Area Development Board	Arrow Lakes Agri-Food Alliance	\$5,000
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Carried

14. CLOSED

14.1 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:

600/25 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;

(n) the consideration of whether a council meeting should be closed under a provision of this subsection or subsection (2);

Carried

14.2 Recess of Open Meeting

Moved and seconded,
And Resolved:

601/25 The Open meeting be recessed at 3:12 p.m. in order to conduct the Closed Board meeting and reconvened at 3:25 p.m.

Carried

15. MATTERS ARISING FROM CLOSED MEETING

Moved and seconded,
And Resolved:

602/25 That the RDCK Community Works Fund application submitted for the West Creston Fire Hall
IC91/25 Project in the total amount of \$526,000 be approved and that the funds be disbursed from Area C Community Works Funds to the West Creston Community Hall Society.

Carried

Moved and seconded,
And Resolved:

603/25 That the Board approve the RDCK enter into a Construction Agreement with the West Creston
IC92/25 Community Hall Society to build the West Creston Fire Hall to a maximum value of \$1.00 effective October 16, 2025, and that the Chair and Corporate Officer be authorized to sign the necessary documents; AND FURTHER, that any costs incurred by the Regional District to administer the agreement be paid through Service S291 West Creston Fire Protection.

Carried

16. ADJOURNMENT

Moved and seconded,
And Resolved:

604/25 That the meeting adjourn at 3:25 p.m.

Carried

Originally signed by

Aimee Watson, RDCK Board Chair

Originally signed by

Angela Lund, Deputy Corporate Officer