



**REGIONAL DISTRICT OF CENTRAL KOOTENAY**

**Area A Economic Development Commission  
OPEN MEETING AGENDA**

**1:00 p.m. PST**

**Tuesday, January 13, 2026**

**Location: Hybrid Model – In-person and Remote**

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**Join by Video:**

<https://rdck-bc-ca.zoom.us/j/93079902753?pwd=1DnbzulpvRtHNZyPqjp7NKtEtkguO3.1>

**Join by Phone:**

1-778-907-2071 Canada Toll-free

**Meeting Number (access code): 930 7990 2753**

**Meeting Password: 881036**

**In-Person Location:** Kokanee Springs Resort - lower level of the 1st Lodge building at the rear of the building, 16082 Woolgar Road, Crawford Bay, BC

**COMMITTEE MEMBERS**

Director G. Jackman	Area A
Commissioner G. MacMahon	Kootenay Bay
Commissioner G. Medhurst	Crawford Bay – Chair
Commissioner P. Cullinane	Boswell
Commissioner R. Bertram	Crawford Bay/Gray Creek
Commissioner F. Demman	Wynndel

**STAFF PRESENT**

Robin Baril	Meeting Coordinator
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\_\_\_\_ out of \_\_\_\_ voting Commission/Committee members were present – quorum was met.

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

Director Jackman called the meeting to order at [Time] p.m.

**2. ELECTION OF THE AREA A ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION (EDC) CHAIR**

1. Call for Nominations (3 times)
2. Opportunity for Candidates to Address the Committee (two minutes per address)
3. Vote by Secret Ballot
4. Declaration of Elected or Acclaimed Area A EDC Chair
5. Destroy Ballots

**RECOMMENDATION**

That the ballots used in the election of the Area A EDC Chair be destroyed.

**3. COMMENCEMENT OF THE AREA A EDC MEETING**

**4. TRADITIONAL LANDS ACKNOWLEDGEMENT STATEMENT**

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

**5. ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

**RECOMMENDATION**

The agenda for the January 13, 2026 Area A Economic Development Commission meeting, be adopted as circulated.

**6. RECEIPT OF MINUTES**

The November 18, 2025 Area A Economic Development Commission minutes, have been received.

**7. NEW BUSINESS**

**6.1 Kootenay Lake Geothermal South Kootenay Lake Community Services Society (SKLCSS) Funding Request**

Commissioner MacMahon has submitted a funding request to the Area A Economic Development Commission.

**8. OLD BUSINESS**

**8.1 Economic Development – Area A Service S107 Draft Budget Discussion**

Director Jackman requested to discuss the 2026 Service S107 draft budget.

**8.2 Economic Action Plan (EAP)**

Director Jackman requested to add this item to the agenda for further discussion around the governance of the EAP

**9. PUBLIC TIME**

The Chair will call for questions from the public at [Time] p.m.

**10. NEXT MEETING**

The next Area A Economic Development Commission meeting is scheduled for March 10, 2026 at 2:00 PDT.

**11. ADJOURNMENT**

**RECOMMENDATION**

The Area A Economic Development Commission meeting be adjourned at [Time] p.m.



**REGIONAL DISTRICT OF CENTRAL KOOTENAY**  
**AREA A ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION**  
**OPEN MEETING MINUTES**

**1:00 p.m. PST**

**2:00 p.m. MST**

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Commissioner G. MacMahon	Kootenay Bay
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Commissioner P. Cullinane	Boswell

**GUESTS**

M. Rokeby	Kootenay Lake Chamber of Commerce
L. Wakelin	Kootenay Lake Chamber of Commerce
K. Fowler	Kootenay Lake Chamber of Commerce
M. Stenhouse	Kootenay Lake Chamber of Commerce

**STAFF PRESENT**

R. Baril	Meeting Coordinator
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**5 out of 5 voting Commission/Committee members were present – quorum was met.**

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

Chair Medhurst called the meeting to order at 1:58 p.m.

**2. TRADITIONAL LANDS ACKNOWLEDGEMENT STATEMENT**

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

**3. ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

Moved and seconded,  
and resolved:

The agenda for the November 18, 2025 Area A Economic Development Commission meeting, be adopted as circulated.

**Carried**

**4. RECEIPT OF MINUTES**

The September 9, 2025 Area A Economic Development Commission minutes, have been received.

**5. NEW BUSINESS**

**5.1 Economic Action Partnership**

Director Jackman gave an overview of the Economic Action Partnership (EAP) and the bigger projects that were accomplished this year under the EAP:

- Agri Fair
- Day Care Supports
- Housing Initiatives
- Way Finding Project
- Imagine Kootenay website

For the Imagine Kootenay website, the membership fees in 2026 will be waived through funding in part by the EAP to keep the website going and to build the framework needed for future contracts.

Director Jackman is looking into recent analytics for the Imagine Kootenay website traffic and will present these findings back to the Commission.

**5.2 Economic Development – Area A Service S107 Draft Budget Discussion**

Director Jackman presented the Draft 2026 budget to the Commission for Service S107 – Economic Development - Area A, which is included in the minutes. The draft budget shows a decrease over the 2025 budget due to the completion of the East Shore Connectivity project.

**5.3 Kootenay Lake Chamber of Commerce Grant Application**

The Kootenay Lake Chamber of Commerce (KLCC) has submitted a grant application to the Commission for their Christmas Dinner Gala to be held on December 13, 2025 at the Crawford Bay Hall.

KLCC is just starting to plan events and coming together as a group. They have 14 members currently and are looking to build their membership base in 2026.

Moved and Seconded

And resolved to recommended to the Board:

That the Board approve the payment of the following grant from the Area A - Economic Development Service S107, 2025 budget:

Kootenay Lake Chamber of Commerce \$1250.00 for the Christmas Dinner Gala

**Carried**

## **6. OLD BUSINESS**

### **6.1 Kootenay Lake Geothermal Update**

Commissioner MacMahon reported that the field activities for the Kootenay Lake Geothermal project, including the drone survey in Riondel and the Electrical Resistivity Tomography (ERT) survey have been completed. Commissioner MacMahon is completing a Community Futures program re: Social Purpose and how to give back to the community. Ideas such as a geothermal greenhouse, micropower facility or generating royalties that comes back into the community are all ideas that the project is looking into.

The South Kootenay Lake Community Services Society is also looking at engaging another intern from Selkirk College to take all the data and bring it into the ArcGIS platform, which integrates data with audio and video into a story which can be utilized to secure future funding.

## **7. PUBLIC TIME**

The Chair called for questions from the public at 2:40 p.m.

There were no questions or comments from the public.

## **8. NEXT MEETING**

The next Area A Economic Development Commission meeting is scheduled for January 13, 2026 at 2:00 p.m. MST (1:00 p.m. PST).

Proposed 2026 Area A Economic Development Commission meeting dates with a start time of 2:00 p.m.:

- January 13, 2026
- March 10, 2026
- May 12, 2026
- July 7, 2026
- September 8, 2026
- November 10, 2026

## **9. ADJOURNMENT**

Moved and seconded,  
and resolved:

The Area A Economic Development Commission meeting be adjourned at 2:42 p.m.

**Carried**

Digitally approved by

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Gina Medhurst, Chair



## REGIONAL DISTRICT OF CENTRAL KOOTENAY

### Area A – Economic Development Commission

### Grant Application

Contact Information:	
<b>Organization Applying:</b> (This is the name that will appear on the cheque issued from RDCK and is recognized on the organization's bank account.)	<b>Date:</b>
<b>Mailing Address:</b>	<b>Amount of Financial Aid Requested:</b> \$
<b>City, Province:</b>	<b>Project Start Date:</b>
<b>Postal Code:</b>	<b>Project End Date:</b>
<b>Contact Person:</b>	<b>Contact Phone #:</b>
<b>Contact Email:</b>	<b>Contact Fax #:</b>

About Your Proposal:
<b>Brief Summary of Proposal:</b>
<b>Will this proposed activity/project be advertised and if so, how?</b>
<b>How will the support from Area A EDC be recognized?</b>

Return completed application and supporting documents by email to [info@rdck.bc.ca](mailto:info@rdck.bc.ca)

*Please see page 2 for instructions on how to complete this application.*



# REGIONAL DISTRICT OF CENTRAL KOOTENAY

## Area A – Economic Development Commission

### Grant Application

#### Instructions for completing the Area A Economic Grant Application:

**On a separate page, please outline your project plan in detail, including answers to the following:**

1. What is the purpose and goal(s) of the project?
2. How does this support and help to develop the local economy or add value to the community?
3. Does this compete with already established groups or businesses?
4. How many people will be involved? Will there be a fee charged to those people?

**Please list other organizations or businesses that support your idea, and attach any letters of support.**

**Please give brief bio/credentials of the main project leader(s).**

**Please attach a balanced budget for the project showing the following:**

1. Show how the grant monies will be allocated
2. List other sources and amounts of funding – multiple sources are encouraged.
3. List all anticipated expenses associated with the project plan
4. If you are hiring a contractor, include one or more quotes for the project.
5. If this is not the first year for the project, please attach an Income-Expense Statement from last year.

**The sponsoring society is required to provide a general statement of income and expenses** for the past fiscal year. Any monies received from Area A EDC must be expended on the grant proposal within one year from the date of receipt of funds. RDCK may request copies of all receipts.

**EDC will request a final report** on the project within 6 months of completion, including a final Income-Expense statement showing how grant monies have been spent, and a statement about how the project did or did not complete the stated goals.

#### **Questions?**

Please call Garry Jackman, Electoral Area Director, at (250) 223-8463 or email to [info@rdck.bc.ca](mailto:info@rdck.bc.ca)

# **Kootenay Lake Geothermal (SKLCSS), Area A – Economic Development Commission Grant Application, January 2026**

## **What is the purpose and goal(s) of the project?**

The Kootenay Lake geothermal project team have been exploring, researching, and documenting the Crawford Bay/Riondel area of Kootenay Lake using Geological, Geophysical, Geochemical and Geospatial technologies from 2021-2025. The scientific data supports the existence of a regional elevated geothermal gradient highlighting a resource that exhibits sufficient heat content and sustainable flow rates to facilitate low carbon Direct heat applications and localized power installations.

## **How does this support and help to develop the local economy or add value to the community?**

The small communities along the east shore of Kootenay Lake are seeing an aging population and are struggling to attract new residents, in particular young families, for a large part, due to the lack of new economic opportunity in the area. However, given the natural beauty of the valley and the abundant recreation opportunities new residents are typically part-time or summer residents only, leaving the community dormant and essentially closed in the off season. This seasonal 'high' is often barely enough to support the small business struggling to survive with a part time revenue stream through the year. This is evident in the number of local businesses currently for sale. The area desperately needs a small community-based venture to attract investment, invigorate the local population, diversify the economy, support year-round activities and spawn new business opportunities/ employment.

A successful geothermal project at Kootenay Lake would advance a renewable energy transition addressing food security, workforce development, local purchasing and procurement, community economic vitality, technology adoption, resident attraction and energy resilience.

## **Does this compete with already established groups or businesses?**

The precise form of the potential geothermal energy development will be determined based on the resource encountered (Temperature & Flow Rate). The objective is to target a shallow zone for direct-heat use and upon success advance a deeper geothermal power objective. A renewable geothermal heat development could heat buildings and support a resort/wellness center development and/or a geothermal greenhouse. This type of development is seen to support existing groups and businesses and not compete directly with them.

## **How many people will be involved? Will there be a fee charged to those people?**

Currently the Kootenay Lake Geothermal (KLG) project is volunteer driven with three key proponents. It is anticipated that by the end of 2026 this initiative will take on a more formal corporate structure so that a geothermal permit can be acquired. With a permit in place drilling

and testing can proceed. We are working with Lower Kootenay Band (Yaqan Nukiy) of the Ktunaxa First Nation and developing a partnership agreement with them. The details of this partnership have not yet been finalized, however once completed the process to acquire a geothermal permit will proceed.

Until that time the KLG project will remain volunteer driven and coordinated through KLCSS.

### **Brief bio/credentials of project lead**

Mr. MacMahon graduated from the University of Calgary with a BSc (geology) in 1978. His career, spanning over 40 years, was primarily petroleum focused, starting in entry level positions and working up to management in the early 1990's followed by executive positions later in his career. During this time, he worked on subsurface exploration and development domestically and internationally with several years in corporate development where he provided geo-technical expertise as part of an M&A team. While working full-time, Mr. MacMahon completed a Master's degree in Environment and Management in 2006, at Royal Roads University in Victoria. In the later part of his career, he led a geoscience team on international mandates in India and Australia, coordinating a full spectrum of exploration and development activities on both offshore and onshore permits.

Following his retirement in 2019, Mr. MacMahon initiated research into the geothermal potential of the Central Kootenay region of SE British Columbia completing funding to allow for the execution of project field work from 2022 through to 2025. His work on the project, alongside two other retired area geologists, has seen successful technical collaboration involving the University of Victoria, the University of Calgary, the University of Ottawa and Selkirk College. To date the project has been funded by Geoscience BC, the Regional District of Central Kootenay, BC's Rural Economic Diversification and Infrastructure Program (REDIP), NSERC, CiCAN – Natural Resources Internship Program, and Mitacs.

**Kootenay Lake Geothermal (SKLCSS), Area A – Economic Development Commission Grant Application Jan 2026**

<b>Expenditure</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Cost</b>	<b>Funding Source</b>
Selkirk College Intern - 4 month contract	New Data Integration, New file creation from Lidar & ARC GIS Story Map	\$7,500	Mitacs
	Mitacs dollar matching required	\$3,750	RDCK Area A EDC - Amt requested \$4,725
	Selkirk Overhead at 20%	\$750	
	GST	\$225	
		<b>\$12,225</b>	<b>Total</b>

## Area A EDC Draft 2026 Budget – Nov 2025

<u>Revenue</u>	<u>2025</u>	<u>2026</u>
- requisition	\$49,860	\$40,000
- East Shore connectivity	193,000	40,000
- transfer from other	15,000	-
- Prior year surplus	<u>(13,225)</u>	<u>14,000</u>
Total available	\$244,635	\$94,000

### Expenses

- salaries	\$900	\$900
- benefits	200	200
- Insurance	525	500
- contracted services – EAP/IK	25,560	25,600
- Rentals	200	200
- grants unspecified	17,200	19,500
- transfer to project mgmt.	5,000	1,000
- transfer to admin	2,050	2,100
- capital	<u>193,000</u>	<u>40,000</u>
	\$244,635	\$90,000

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