



REGIONAL DISTRICT OF CENTRAL KOOTENAY

JOINT RESOURCE RECOVERY COMMITTEE

OPEN MEETING MINUTES

A Joint Resource Recovery Committee meeting was held on Wednesday January 21, 2026
1:00 am PST / 2:00 pm MST through a hybrid meeting model.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS	Director G. Jackman	Electoral Area A (Chair)	In-person
	Director R. Tierney	Electoral Area B	In-person
	Director K. Vandenberghe	Electoral Area C	In-person
	Director A. Watson	Electoral Area D	In-person
	Alt. Director J. Smienk	Electoral Area E	In-person
	Director T. Newell	Electoral Area F	In-person
	Director W. Popoff	Electoral Area H	In-person
	Director H. Cunningham	Electoral Area G	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. McLaren-Caux	Village of Nakusp	
	Director J. Woodward	City of Nelson	In-person
	Director L. Casley	Village of New Denver	
	Director D. Lockwood	Village of Salmo	In-person
	Director E. Buller	Village of Slocan	
	Director S. Hewat	Village of Kaslo	In-person
	Director T. Gordon	Village of Silverton	
MEMBERS ABSENT	Councillor C. Hawton	Town of Creston	
STAFF	S. Horn	Corporate Administrative Officer	
	Y. Malloff	General Manager of Finance, IT & Economic Development	
	U. Wolf	General Manager Environmental Services	
	A. Wilson	Resource Recovery Manager	
	A. Hamilton	Environmental Projects Lead	
	H. Bench	Resource Recovery Projects Advisor	
	A. Norimatsu	Resource Recovery Technician	

A. Kootnikoff
E. Clark

Resource Recovery Senior Team Operations Supervisor
Meeting Coordinator

1. ZOOM REMOTE MEETING INFO

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://rdck-bc-ca.zoom.us/j/98572164791?pwd=plCY9ggLwVZtdzR2zmtuHXJOMq138L.1>

Meeting ID: 985 7216 4791

Passcode: 701014

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In-Person Meeting Location for Hybrid Meeting Model

The following location was determined to hold the in-person meetings for the Joint Resource Recovery Committee:

Location Name: RDCK Board Room

Location Address: 202 Lakeside Drive, Nelson, BC

2. CALL TO ORDER & WELCOME

Chair Jackman called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m.

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:

The Agenda for the January 21, 2026 Joint Resource Recovery Committee meeting be adopted as circulated.

Carried

2.3 Receipt of Minutes

The December 10, 2025 Joint Resource Recovery Committee Minutes Revised have been received.

3. DELEGATE

3.1 NELSON LEAFS HOCKEY SOCIETY

John Dooley and colleagues from the Nelson Leafs Hockey Society presented to the Committee on the successes and challenges for the Nelson Recycling Center.

Mr Dooley explained that the main challenge at this time is storage space and the size of their current depot location. He went on to outline some solutions currently in place, such as secure sea can storage, and shared some potential new depot location options within the City of Nelson.

Directors Weatherhead and Watson asked questions regarding which subregions customers are visiting from. My Dooley answered that they receive customers from all subregions.

The Chair thanked Mr Dooley and the Nelson Leafs Hockey Society for their presentation.

4. JRRC ITEMS

4.1 RESOURCE RECOVERY FACILITIES OPERATIONAL HOURS REVIEW

[Entire RDCK]

The Committee Report from Heidi Bench, Projects Advisory regarding a review of the Resource Recovery facility operating hours, has been received.

Moved and seconded,
Resolved that it be recommended to the Board:

That the Board direct staff to defer the decision on the permanent closure of Ymir Transfer Station and Satellite Recycling Depot until December 2026.

Defeated

Moved and seconded,
And resolved that it be recommended to the Board:

That the Board direct staff to implement adjustments to operating hours at Kaslo Transfer Station and Recycling Depot in April 2026.

Carried

Moved and seconded,
And resolved that it be recommended to the Board:

That the Board direct staff to implement adjustments to operating hours at Balfour Transfer Station and Recycling Depot in April 2026.

Carried

Moved and seconded,

And resolved that it be recommended to the Board:

That the Board direct staff to implement adjustments to operating hours at Lakeside Recycling Depot in April 2026.

Carried

Moved and seconded,

And Resolved that it be recommended to the Board:

That the Board direct staff to plan the permanent closure of Ymir Transfer Station and Satellite Recycling Depot in April 2026.

Carried

Moved and seconded,

And Resolved:

RECONSIDERATION OF THE MOTION

That the foregoing motion being:

That the Board direct staff to plan the permanent closure of Ymir Transfer Station and Satellite Recycling Depot in April 2026.

Be reconsidered by replacing permanent closure with trying to reduce operating costs and reviewing operating hours, thus reading:

That the Board direct staff to review the budget and operating hours of the Ymir Transfer Station and Satellite Recycling Depot with the goal of reducing operating hours and with the goal of a 50% savings.

Defeated

Moved and seconded,

And resolved that it be recommended to the Board:

That the Board direct staff to implement adjustments to operating hours at Central (Salmo) Transfer Station in April 2026.

Carried

Moved and seconded,

And resolved:

That the following motion BE REFERRED to the February 18, 2026 Joint Resource Recovery Committee meeting:

That the Board direct staff to plan the permanent closure of Riondel Satellite Recycling Depot in April 2026.

Referred

Moved and seconded,
And resolved that it be recommended to the Board:

That the Board direct staff to implement adjustments to operating hours at Boswell and Crawford Bay Transfer Stations in April 2026.

Carried

4.2 FOR INFORMATION: RESOURCE RECOVERY STAFFING OPERATIONS UPDATE
[Entire RDCK]

The Committee Report from Aimee Kootnikoff, Resource Recovery Senior Team Operations Supervisor providing an update on the operational and service improvements achieved since the addition of three Field Supervisor positions to Resource Recovery in 2024, has been received.

4.3 VERBAL REPORT: SERVICE INTERRUPTIONS AND REST ACCOUNTS
[Entire RDCK]

Aimee Kootnikoff will provide a verbal report summarizing potential service interruptions at waste and recycling sites, and the specific instruction for each scenario for our operations staff.

The RR Operations Service Interruption Flow Chart has been received.

4.4 VERBAL REPORT: TOWN OF CRESTON SEPTAGE RECEIVING FACILITY FUNDS
[East Subregion]

Uli Wolf, General Manager of Environmental Services provided a verbal report regarding the release of funds to the Town of Creston for the design of the Septage Receiving Facility.

Moved and seconded,
And resolved that it be recommended to the Board:

That the Board approve the RDCK release funds to the Town of Creston for design of the Septage Receiving Facility to be constructed at the Town of Creston Wastewater Treatment Plant to a maximum value of \$116,059, and that the Chair and Corporate Officer be authorized to sign the necessary documents;

AND FURTHER, that the costs be paid from Service S186 Refuse Disposal - East Subregion

Carried

**DIRECTOR
ABSENT** Director Casley left the meeting at 2:50 pm.

**RECESS/
RECONVENE** The meeting recessed at 2:50 pm for a break and reconvened at 3:01 pm.

5. 2026-2030 DRAFT FINANCIAL PLANS

[Entire RDCK]

The following draft 2026-2030 Financial Plans highlighting final adjustments for discussion, have been received.

1. Service S186 Refuse Disposal - East Subregion
2. Service A116 Recycling Program - East Subregion
3. Service A119 Organics Program - East Subregion
4. Service S187 Refuse Disposal - Central Subregion
5. Service A117 Recycling Program - Central Subregion
6. Service S187 Refuse Disposal - West Subregion
7. Service A118 Recycling Program - West Subregion
8. Service A120 Organics Program - Central & West Subregions

DIRECTOR Director McFaddin left the meeting at 4:00 pm.
ABSENT

6. OOTISCHENIA PREPAID TAGGING SYSTEM INVESTIGATION

Notice of Motion from Director Davidoff from the November 27, 2025 West Resource Recovery Committee meeting:

Moved and seconded,

And resolved that it be recommended to the Board:

That the Board direct staff to investigate a prepaid tagging system and deposit options at Ootischenia Landfill to increase efficiency and to decrease tipping scale choke-point for users only depositing 4 bags or less and recycling materials.

Defeated

7. CORRESPONDENCE FOR RECIEPT

The following agenda item 7.1 BE REFERRED to the February 18, 2026 Joint Resource Recovery Committee meeting:

7.1 Response email from Ministry of Environment and Parks to RDCK Environmental Management Act Fee letter – December 16, 2025

8. PUBLIC TIME

The Chair called for questions from the public and members of the media at 4:39 pm.

No questions from the public.

9. CLOSED

9.1 MEETING CLOSED TO THE PUBLIC

The Open meeting will be adjourned after the Closed meeting without reconvening back into the open session unless there is business that needs to be addressed.

Moved and seconded,

And resolved:

In the opinion of the Committee 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 basis identified in the following Subsections:

90 (1) A part of a council meeting may be closed to the public if the subject matter being considered relates to or is one or more of the following:

- (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;

Carried

9.2 RECESS OF OPEN MEETING

Moved and seconded,

And resolved:

The Open meeting be recessed at 4:40 p.m. in order to conduct the Closed Meeting.

Carried

10. ADJOURNMENT

Moved and seconded,

And resolved:

The Joint Resource Recovery Committee meeting adjourned at 4:41 p.m.

Carried

CERTIFIED CORRECT

APPROVED BY

Director G. Jackman, Chair
