



Board Highlights

January 22, 2026

2026-2030 Draft Financial Plan

The Board held a special budget meeting on Friday, January 23, to review the current draft of this year's financial plan. The draft is showing an average taxation increase of 8.7%, although actual changes vary widely based on property location. For example, the RDCK portion of Village of Slocan taxes are projected to be a 1.8% increase, while Electoral Area H is showing a 12% increase. The primary driver of the overall average increase is a \$4 million increase in contribution to reserves to fund near term capital asset projects. Further changes to the Financial Plan are expected as there are ongoing budget reviews and discussions with Directors, staff, and at the committee level, as well as public engagement budget meetings throughout the region.

The budget process will conclude at the March 19 Open Board Meeting where Directors will have a final opportunity to discuss, modify, and consider adoption of the budget.

[Click here](#) to view the Draft 2026-2030 Financial Plan.

Re-designed quarterly report

The RDCK released its re-designed quarterly report. This report, organized by department, provides a condensed summary of active projects and initiatives within the RDCK. The new format provides a clear and concise understanding of each project and its connection to the Board's strategic priorities.

[Click here](#) to view the latest quarterly report.

[Click here](#) to view the recently completed projects on the latest quarterly report.

[Click here](#) to view the quarterly report page on the RDCK website.

Operational hours change at six resource recovery facilities

Based on recommendations from the 2024 System Efficiency Study and staff studying traffic data and providing operational feedback, the Board approved the following adjustments to operating hours for the following transfer stations and recycling depots effective April 1, 2026:

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| Facility | NEW HOURS - Effective April 1, 2026 | PREVIOUS HOURS |
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| Balfour Transfer Stations and Recycling Depot | Year round Monday, Wednesday, Friday, and Saturday 9:00 am – 3:00 pm | Summer (May 1 to September 30) Monday, Wednesday, Friday, and Saturday 9:00 am – 4:00 pm Winter (October 1 – April 30) Monday, Wednesday, Friday, and Saturday 9:00 am – 3:00 pm |
| Boswell Transfer Station and Recycling Depot | Year Round Saturday 10:00 am to 2:00 pm | Year Round Wednesday and Saturday 11:00 am to 3:00 pm |
| Central Transfer Station (Salmo) | Year round Wednesday and Saturday 10:00 am – 2:00 pm | Summer (May 1 – September 30) Wednesday and Saturday 9:00 am – 3:00 pm Winter (October 1 – April 30) Wednesday and Saturday 10:00 am – 2:00 pm |
| Crawford Bay Transfer Station and Recycling Depot | Summer (April 1 – September 30) Sunday, Tuesday, and Thursday 9:00 am – 3:00 pm Winter (October 1 – March 31) Sunday, Tuesday, and Thursday 10:00 am – 3:00 pm | Early March to April 30 Sunday and Tuesday 9:00 am – 3:00 pm May to Early November Sunday, Tuesday, and Thursday 9:00 am – 3:00 pm Early November to Early March Sunday and Tuesday 10:00 am – 4:00 pm |
| Lakeside Recycling Depot | Summer (April 1 – September 30) Monday to Saturday 8:30 am – 5:00 pm Winter (October 1 – March 31) Monday to Saturday 8:30 am – 4:30 pm | Year Round Monday to Saturday 8:30 am – 5:30 pm |

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| Kaslo Transfer Station and Recycling Depot | <p>Summer (April 1 – September 30) Tuesday and Friday 9:00 am – 3:00 pm Sunday 9:00 am – 4:00 pm</p> <p>Winter (October 1 – March 31) Sunday, Tuesday, and Friday 10:00 am – 3:00 pm</p> | <p>Summer (May 1 – September 30) Sunday, Tuesday, and Friday 9:00 am – 3:00 pm</p> <p>Winter (October 1 – April 30) Sunday, Tuesday, and Friday 10:00 am – 3:00 pm</p> |
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[Click here](#) to read the complete report.

RDCK Accessibility Plan

The Board approved the adoption of the RDCK Accessibility Plan. The RDCK is committed to creating a community where diversity, equity, inclusion, and accessibility are deeply embedded in everything it does. This plan lays the groundwork for intentional, sustained efforts to ensure every resident can fully and equally take part in community life. [Click here](#) to read the plan.

Dangerous and Aggressive Dogs Service

The Board read Bylaw No. 3009, the Regional District of Central Kootenay Dangerous and Aggressive Dog Regulatory Bylaw, a third time by content. The bylaw provides a regulatory framework for contracted Regional District Dog Control Officers and the RCMP to address aggressive dog incidents in Electoral Areas A, B, C, and H. While Electoral Areas A, B, and C would like further analysis prior to moving forward with service establishment, Electoral Area H is proceeding with Bylaw 3066, the Electoral Area H Dangerous and Aggressive Dog Control Establishment Bylaw. The Board read the bylaw for a third time by content, which allows Electoral Area H to go ahead in seeking voter assent. The bylaw and supporting information will now be sent to the Local Government Inspector for statutory approval, which typically takes 6-8 weeks. This could potentially allow for a general polling day as early as May 2026.

The proposed ballot question is:

Electoral Area H Dangerous and Aggressive Dog Control Service Establishment Bylaw No. 3066, 2025 will allow the Regional District to establish a service for the regulation of Dangerous and Aggressive Dogs in Electoral Area H and to establish a maximum annual allowable requisition not to exceed the greater of \$ 109,741 or the amount resulting from a rate of \$0.077/\$1,000 applied to the actual net taxable value of land and improvements in the service area.

Are you in favour of the Regional District adopting Electoral Area H Dangerous and Aggressive Dog Control Service Establishment Bylaw No. 3066, 2025? Yes or No

Director's Reports

RDCK Directors provide monthly reports outlining what they have been working on. [Click here](#) to read the January reports in the Board minutes.

RDCK Board Meeting Video Recording

To view a recording of this month's meetings, [click here](#).

To view a recording of the special budget meeting, [click here](#).

Discretionary Grants

[AREA A](#)

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| South Kootenay Lake Community Service Society – Imperfect Art for Wellness | \$630 |
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[AREA B](#)

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| The Creston Valley Horse Association – CVHA Improvements at Canyon Park | \$2,500 |
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[AREA D](#)

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| Regional District of Central Kootenay – Valley Voice 2025 Advertisement | \$73.50 |
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[AREA E](#)

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| WH2O Racers Society – Shredders (Nancy Green) Ski Festival | \$1,000 |
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[AREA F](#)

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| Polka Dot Dragon Arts Society – Lantern Festival | \$1,000 |
| Nelson Nordic Ski Club – East Busk Trail Enhancement Project | \$2,000 |

[AREA H](#)

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| Treehugger Retreats and Events Society – Winter Carnival 2026 | \$500 |
| Slocan Park Community Hall Society – The Winter Warm Up | \$1,000 |

[AREA I](#)

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| Glade Community Hall – Pie Bingo Fundraiser | \$400 |
| Stanley Humphries Secondary School – Graduation 2026 Scholarship/Bursary Program | \$6,500 |

[AREA J](#)

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| Stanley Humphries Secondary School – Graduation 2026 Scholarship/Bursary Program | \$3,000 |
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Community Development Grants

[AREA A](#)

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| East Shore Trail and Bike Association – Winter Trail Maintenance and Storm Clean Up | \$2,500 |
| South Kootenay Lake Community Service Society – PAL/CORE Courses for Youth | \$1,800 |

[AREA B](#)

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| Erickson Community Association – Erickson Community Association | \$2,500 |
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AREA D

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| Kaslo and Area Senior Citizens Society – Kaslo and Area Senior Citizens Service 184 | \$4,500 |
| Regional District of Central Kootenay – Mosquito Control (Meadow Creek) | \$20,000 |
| West Kootenay Back Country Wilderness Watch Society – Rossitter Creek FSR & Cody Caves FSR | \$422.93 |

AREA E

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| Nelson Nordic Ski Club – East Busk Trail Enhancement Project | \$2,000 |
| Nelson Public Library – Services for Area E Residents | \$20,000 |
| West Kootenay Watershed Collaborative Society – Making Waves: World Water Day Symposium | \$500 |

AREA F

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| West Kootenay Regional Arts Council – Kootenay Studio Arts Feasibility Study | \$1,000 |
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AREA G

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| Salmo Valley Youth & Community Centre Society – Gymnasium Roof Replacement | \$5,000 |
| Salmo and District Chamber of Commerce – Douglas Fir Beetle Mitigation | \$5,000 |

AREA H

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| Krestova Improvement District – Krestova Improvement District Source Well | \$10,000 |
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| Mount Sentinel Secondary School – Greg Patterson Bursary – Raisa Nazaroff | \$250 |
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AREA J

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| Castlegar & District Hospital Foundation – Light Up 2026 | \$2,500 |
| Robson Raspberry Improvement District – Asset Study Report | \$13,800 |

AREA K

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| Arrow and Slocan Lakes Community Services – Rural Medical Transportation Program | \$25,000 |
| Arrow Lakes Cross Country Ski Club – Updating Signage at Wensley Trails | \$1,000 |
| Bayview Residents Association – Fire Caddy Support | \$2,300 |
| Burton and Edgewood Elementary Schools – Skiing at Summit | \$4,016.25 |
| Burton Community Association – McCormack Park Rejuvenation | \$40,000 |
| Burton Community Association – Spring/Fall debris clean-up project | \$4,999.99 |
| Burton Volunteer Fire Brigade Society – BVFDS Holiday Funding | \$1,000 |
| Burton Volunteer Fire Brigade Society – Operational Funding | \$15,610 |
| Edgewood Volunteer Fire Department Society – Firefighters Valentine's Gala | \$1,500 |

VILLAGE OF KASLO

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| Kaslo Community Services Society – House Next Door | \$10,000 |
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VILLAGE OF SALMO

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| Regional District of Central Kootenay – Recreation Commission #7 – Fitness Centre Opening | \$1,200 |
| The Corporation of the Village of Salmo – Dump Truck Repair | \$3,000 |
| The Corporation of the Village of Salmo – Loader Repair | \$7,000 |

VILLAGE OF SLOCAN

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| Village of Slocan – WEGCSS Xmas Hamper Program | \$2,000 |
| Village of Slocan – Winter Carnival Toilet | \$950 |

Community Works

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| RDCK Fire Hall Structural Upgrades | \$14,487.50 |
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AREA G

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| RDCK Fire Hall Structural Upgrades | \$27,862.50 |
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AREA J

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| RDCK Fire Hall Structural Upgrades | \$34,100 |
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