

Regional District of Central Kootenay

REGULAR BOARD MEETING

Open Meeting Minutes

The **first** meeting of the Board of the Regional District of Central Kootenay in 2026 was held on Thursday, January 22, 2026 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 B. Bogle	City of Castlegar	In-Person
Director A. DeBoon	Town of Creston	In-Person
Director S. Hewat	Village of Kaslo	In-Person
Director A. McLaren-Caux	Village of Nakusp	In-Person
Director K. Page	City of Nelson	In-Person
Director L. Casley	Village of New Denver	
Director P. McKellar	Village of Salmo	In-Person
Director T. Gordon	Village of Silverton	
Director J. Lunn	Village of Slocan	In-Person

ELECTED OFFICIALS

ABSENT

Director M. McFaddin	City of Castlegar
Director D. Lockwood	Village of Salmo

STAFF PRESENT

S. Horn	Chief Administrative Officer
M. Morrison	Corporate Officer/Manager of Corporate Administration
J. Chirico	General Manager of Community Services
U. Wolf	General Manager of Environmental Services
Y. Malloff	General Manager of Finance, Information Technology and Procurement
E. Stout	Building and Bylaw Manager
M. West	GIS Manager
G. Hume	Regional Deputy Fire Chief
N. Wight	Planning Manager
S. Singla	Senior Energy Specialist
T. Davison	Regional Manager – Recreation & Client Services
C. Feeney	Corporate Administrative Assistant
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:

01/26

The agenda for the January 22, 2026 Regular Open Board meeting be adopted with the following amendments:

- removal of Item 4.1.1 Recreation Commission No. 5 - Nelson & District Recreation: minutes November 26, 2025;
- removal of Item 7.1.2 Memorandum of Understanding - City of Nelson and RDCK - HomeSave
- removal of Item 7.1.3 Application for FortisBC Complimentary Funding - HomeSave
- inclusion of; Directors Remuneration Select Committee minutes: December 8, 2025
- inclusion of; Ymir Water Commission of Management: minutes December 12, 2025 and
- with the addition of the addendum before circulation.

Carried

2.3 Adoption of the Minutes

Moved and seconded,

And Resolved:

02/26

The minutes from the December 11, 2025 Regular Open Board meeting be adopted as circulated.

Carried

2.4 Introductions

CAO Horn will introduce Trisha Davison, General Manager of Community Services, replacing Joe Chirico who is retiring March 2026.

2.5 Delegation

2.5.1 Central Kootenay Invasive Species Society

Laurie Carr, Executive Director of Central Kootenay Invasive Species Society (CKISS), presented to the Board on the key highlights in 2025 of the RDCK Invasive Species Strategy Implementation. She provided an overview of the Poison Hemlock Eradication Plan, noting it is a high-priority invasive species and highly toxic to humans and livestock, with primary infestations in the Creston Valley and Yaqaan Nukiy lands near trails, schools, CP Rail lands, and agricultural areas, particularly along Dodd's Creek.

Laurie advised the current project concludes in June 2026 and that alternative funding is being explored to support ongoing management. She also outlined CKISS's limited use of glyphosate as a targeted spot treatment in specific circumstances, emphasizing prevention, early detection, and rapid response as key strategies to reduce herbicide use.

Laurie highlighted the work of the Regional Invasive Species Working Group, including a resolution advanced to the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) for funding support and a proposed "Good Neighbour Program" to the Ministry of Transportation and Transit.

Laurie concluded by thanking the RDCK for its continued funding and highlighted its importance in supporting the delivery of invasive species programs.

Laurie answered the Boards questions.

Chair Watson thanked Laurie for her presentation.

DIRECTOR PRESENT: Director Lunn joined the meeting at 9:12 a.m.

3. BUSINESS ARISING OUT OF THE MINUTES

3.1 Regional Invasive Species Strategy: Improving Regional Organizational Capacity - 2025 Results and 2026 Funding Request Board Meeting - November 13, 2025

RES 577/25 - refer to the January 22, 2026 Board meeting

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:

03/26

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

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

Board Meeting - November 13, 2025

RES 578/25 - refer to the December 11, 2025 Board Meeting

Board Meeting - December 11, 2025**RES 607/25 - refer to January 22, 2026 Board Meeting**

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:

04/26

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

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

Board Meeting - November 13, 2025**RES 597/25 - refer to the January 22, 2026 Board Meeting**

NOTE: The Rural Community Immigration Pilot Stats have been added to the addenda.

Moved and seconded,
And Resolved:

05/26

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

Directors Vandenberghe, Watson, Popoff, Davidoff, Hanegraaf, Bogle, Casley, McKellar and Gordon recorded opposed.

4. COMMITTEES & COMMISSIONS**4.1 With Recommendations**

4.1.1 Recreation Commission No. 5 - Nelson & District Recreation: minutes November 26, 2025

Item removed.

4.1.2 Creston Valley Services Committee: minutes January 8, 2026

Staff has received direction to compile information on different funding sources for the Real Estate Foundation Funding.

Moved and seconded,
And Resolved:

06/26

That the Board authorize staff to apply for the Real Estate Foundation of BC (REFBC) grant in the amount of \$200,000 in support of funding portions of Phases 3 & 4 of the Goat River Watershed Water Sustainability Planning; AND FURTHER, that if successful the grant funding be allocated to Community Sustainable Living Service S105; AND FURTHER, that if successful, the Chair and Corporate Officer be authorized to sign all necessary documents.

Carried

Moved and seconded,
And Resolved:

07/26

That the Board approve the RDCK enter into a three-year agreement with Valley Community Services for non-exclusive use of the lower floor of the Rotacrest Hall, at a cost of \$10/year funded through Service S224 Recreation Facility – Creston and Areas B, C and Area A to deliver therapeutic activation programming for seniors, commencing on February 1, 2026 and ending on January 31, 2029 and that the Board Chair and Corporate Officer be authorized to execute the agreement.

Carried

4.1.3 Joint Resource Recovery Committee: minutes January 21, 2026

Moved and seconded,
And Resolved:

08/26

That the Board direct staff to implement adjustments to operating hours at Kaslo Transfer Station and Recycling Depot in April as per the Resource Recovery Facilities Operational Hours Review Committee Report dated January 21, 2026.

Carried

Moved and seconded,
And Resolved:

09/26

That the Board direct staff to implement adjustments to operating hours at Balfour Transfer Station and Recycling Depot in April 2026 as per the Resource Recovery Facilities Operational Hours Review Committee Report dated January 21, 2026.

Carried

Moved and seconded,
And Resolved:

10/26

That the Board direct staff to implement adjustments to operating hours at Lakeside Recycling Depot in April 2026 as per the Resource Recovery Facilities Operational Hours Review Committee Report dated January 21, 2026.

Carried

Moved and seconded,
And Resolved:

11/26

That the following motion **BE REFERRED** to the next Central Resource Recovery Committee meeting:

That the Board direct staff to plan the permanent closure of Ymir Transfer Station and Satellite Recycling Depot in April 2026 as per the Resource Recovery Facilities Operational Hours Review Committee Report dated January 21, 2026.

Carried

Moved and seconded,
And Resolved:

- 12/26 That the Board direct staff to implement adjustments to operating hours at Central (Salmo) Transfer Station in April 2026 as per the Resource Recovery Facilities Operational Hours Review Committee Report dated January 21, 2026.
- Carried**
- Moved and seconded,
And Resolved:
- 13/26 That the Board direct staff to implement adjustments to operating hours at Boswell and Crawford Bay Transfer Stations in April 2026 as per the Resource Recovery Facilities Operational Hours Review Committee Report dated January 21, 2026.
- Carried**
- Moved and seconded,
And Resolved:
- 14/26 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**
- 4.2 Membership/Appointments**
- 4.2.1 Commissions and Committees**
- Moved and seconded,
And Resolved:
- 15/26 That the Board appoint the individuals to the following RDCK Commissions and Committees:
- Area H South Parks and Recreation Community Advisory Committee for a term to expire December 31, 2027:**
- Cathy Niminiken
- Carried**
- 5. CORRESPONDENCE**
- 5.1 The letter dated December 8, 2025 from Jenny Kwan, Member of Parliament for Vancouver East seeking the RDCK's letter of support for Bill C-233, the No More Loopholes Act.**
- Moved and seconded,
And Resolved:
- 16/26 That the following Item 5.2 from the January 22, 2026 Board meeting BE REFERRED to the January 28, 2026 Nelson, Salmo, Area E, F, G Regional Parks Commission meeting:
- 5.2 The letter dated December 18, 2025 from Kevin Cormack, Nelson City Manager, seeking the RDCK's support from Service S202 for a priority renewal project at Lakeside Park.**

Moved and seconded,
And Resolved:

17/26

That the following Item 5.3 from the January 22, 2026 Board meeting BE REFERRED to the January 28, 2026 Nelson, Salmo, Area E, F, G Regional Parks Commission meeting:

5.3 The letter dated December 18, 2025 from Kevin Cormack, Nelson City Manager, requesting from the RDCK for equitable funding for Nelson Regional Parks from Service S202.

5.4 The letter dated November 25, 2025 from Saara Itkonen, Creston Library Director seeking the RDCK's letter of support for grant funding through Columbia Basin Trust (CBT).

Moved and seconded,
And Resolved:

18/26

That the Board send a letter of support to Creston Valley Public Library for grant funding through Columbia Basin Trust for accessibility upgrades.

Carried

5.5 The letter dated January 12, 2026 from Jayme Jones, Faculty Researcher - Selkirk College inviting the RDCK to partner with Selkirk College on project: Stories to Solutions: A Collaborative Regional Response to Rural Homelessness.

6. BYLAWS

6.1 Bylaw 2665: Sanca Park Water Supply and Distribution System Service Establishment
Moved and seconded,
And Resolved:

19/26

That the Sanca Park Water Supply and Distribution System Service Establishment Bylaw No. 2665, 2019 be ADOPTED and the Chair and Corporate Officer be authorized to sign the same.

Carried

6.2 Bylaw 3009: Regional District of Central Kootenay Dangerous and Aggressive Dog Regulatory

The Board Report from Sangita Sudan, General Manager of Development and Community Sustainability, seeking Board approval for third reading of Bylaw No. 3009, has been received.

Moved and seconded,
And Resolved:

20/26

That the Regional District of Central Kootenay Dangerous and Aggressive Dog Regulatory Bylaw No. 3009, 2025 be read a THIRD time as amended.

Carried

6.3 Bylaw 3066: Electoral Area H Dangerous and Aggressive Dogs Service Establishment

That the Board Report from Tom Dool, Research Analyst, seeking Board approval for third reading and assent vote for Bylaw No. 3066, has been received.

Moved and seconded,
And Resolved:

21/26 That Electoral Area H Dangerous and Aggressive Dog Control Service Establishment Bylaw No. 3066, 2025 be read a THIRD time by content.

Carried

Moved and seconded,
And Resolved:

22/26 That participating area approval for Electoral Area H Dangerous and Aggressive Dog Control Service Establishment Bylaw No. 3066, 2025 be undertaken by Assent Voting.

Carried

Moved and seconded,
And Resolved:

23/26 That the Board appoint Tom Dool as Chief Elections Officer and Angela Lund as Deputy Chief Election Officer for the Electoral Area H Dangerous and Aggressive Dog Control Service Establishment Bylaw No. 3066, 2025 assent vote.

Carried

Moved and seconded,
And Resolved:

24/26 That the Board approve the following question in relation to the Electoral Area H Dangerous and Aggressive Dog Control Service Establishment Bylaw No. 3066, 2025 assent vote:

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

Carried

6.4 Bylaw 3057: Salmo and Electoral Area G Swimming Pool Financial Aid Local Service Area Amendment

Moved and seconded,
And Resolved:

25/26 That the Salmo and Electoral Area G Swimming Pool Financial Aid Local Service Area Amendment Bylaw No. 3057,2025 be ADOPTED and the Chair and Corporate Officer be authorized to sign the same.

Carried

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

Moved and seconded,
And Resolved:

26/26 That the Castlegar and Area Indoor Aquatic Centre Local Service Area Establishment Amendment Bylaw No. 3061, 2025 be ADOPTED and the Chair and Corporate Officer be authorized to sign the same.

Carried

Director Davidoff recorded opposed.

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

Moved and seconded,
And Resolved:

27/26 That the Castlegar and District Regional Facilities, Recreation, Parks and Leisure Service Establishment Amendment Bylaw No. 3062, 2025 be ADOPTED and the Chair and Corporate Officer be authorized to sign the same.

Carried

Director Davidoff recorded opposed.

6.7 Bylaw 3070: Regional District of Central Kootenay Bylaw Enforcement Notice and Dispute Adjudication System Amendment

NOTE: This bylaw amendment is a minor change to update a Bylaw number cited in Schedule A, Appendix 17 to properly reference the new Resource Recovery Facility Regulatory Bylaw No. 3065, which came into effect January 01, 2026. This will allow Resource Recovery Staff to issue tickets in response to specific bylaw violations committed at Resource Recovery Sites.

Moved and seconded,
And Resolved:

28/26 That the Regional District of Central Kootenay Bylaw Enforcement Notice and Dispute Adjudication System Amendment Bylaw No. 3070, 2025 be read a FIRST, SECOND, and THIRD time by content.

Carried

Moved and seconded,
And Resolved:

29/26 That the Regional District of Central Kootenay Bylaw Enforcement Notice and Dispute Adjudication System Amendment Bylaw No. 3070, 2025 be ADOPTED and the Chair and Corporate Officer be authorized to sign the same.

Carried

6.8 Bylaw 3071: Temporary Borrowing 2026

Moved and seconded,
And Resolved:

30/26 That the Temporary Borrowing 2026 Bylaw No. 3071, 2026 be read a FIRST, SECOND, and THIRD time by content.

Carried

Moved and seconded,
And Resolved:

31/26

That the Temporary Borrowing Bylaw No. 3071, 2026 be ADOPTED and the Chair and Corporate Officer be authorized to sign the same.

Carried

RECESS/ The meeting recessed at 10:25 a.m. for a break and reconvened at
RECONVENE 10:40 a.m.

7. NEW BUSINESS

7.1 Development and Community Sustainability

7.1.1 For Information: HomeSave

The Board Report and Presentation from Sayena Singla, Senior Energy Specialist, re: HomeSave (formerly known as Regional Energy Efficiency Program - REEP has been received for information.

Theo Harvey, Energy Programs Lead, City of Nelson, provided an overview of the HomeSave program (formerly the Regional Energy Efficiency Program (REEP)), including its current offerings and upcoming initiatives. The program aims to increase awareness and help residents reduce energy use and costs by supporting home energy retrofits.

HomeSave guides RDCK homeowners throughout the retrofit process, from initial planning to project completion, beginning with matching residents to available incentives and rebates.

In addition to rebates, HomeSave offers retrofit financing options; however, financing is not required to participate in the program. Theo also explained the program's funding through the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) and highlighted supporting agreements with Nelson & District Credit Union, FortisBC, Natural Resources Canada, and ClearResult Canada.

Theo answered the Board's questions.

7.1.2 Memorandum of Understanding - City of Nelson and RDCK - HomeSave

Item removed.

7.1.3 Application for FortisBC Complimentary Funding - HomeSave

Item removed.

7.1.4 Kootenay Food Council: Kootenay Food Procurement Network Funding Request

The Board Report from Paris Marshall Smith, Sustainability & Resilience Supervisor, seek Board approval to enter into an agreement with Kootenay Food Council for the Kootenay Food Procurement Network Project, has been received.

Moved and seconded,
And Resolved:

32/26

That the Board direct staff to enter into agreement with Kootenay Food Council for the Kootenay Food Procurement Network project for a total of \$20,000 for the period April 2026 to March 2027;

AND FURTHER, that this amount be include in the 2026-2030 Draft Financial Plan for S100 - General Administration.

Carried

Director Graham and Vandenberghe recorded opposed.

7.2 Environmental Services

7.2.1 Arrow Creek Water Treatment Plant - Pre-Treatment Upgrades

The Board Report from Jeannine Bradley, Project Manager, re: Arrow Creek Water Treatment Plant - Pre-Treatment Upgrades, has been received.

Moved and seconded,
And Resolved:

33/26

That the Board award the Arrow Creek Water Treatment Plant – Pre-Treatment Upgrades Consulting Services project to CIMA+ and that the Chair and Corporate Officer be authorized to sign the necessary documents to a maximum value of \$119,568.00; AND FURTHER, that the cost be included in the 2026 Financial Plan for Service S251 Water Utility – Area B (Arrow Creek).

Carried

7.3 Administration & Finance

7.3.1 RDCK Accessibility Plan

The draft Regional District of Central Kootenay (RDCK) Accessibility Plan, has been received.

The Regional Accessibility Advisory Committee endorses the RDCK Accessibility Plan, see discussion notes 2.1.

Moved and seconded,
And Resolved:

34/26

That the Board adopt the Regional District of Central Kootenay Accessibility Plan dated December 2, 2025.

Carried

Moved and seconded,
And Resolved:

35/26

That Staff be directed to apply to SPARC- BC's Local Community Accessibility Grant program for up to \$25,000 to support staff training opportunities identified in the RDCK's Accessibility Plan.

Carried

7.3.2 For Information: 2025 Quarterly Report (Q4)

The 2025 RDCK Quarterly Report (Q4) from Mike Morrison, Corporate Officer, has been received for information.

NOTE: The Quarterly Reports include a built in table of contents (also may be called Bookmarks or Document Outline) that appears in a side panel. This allows you to quickly jump to different sections of the document instead of scrolling. The table of contents can be accessed by clicking the outline or bookmarks icon in your PDF viewer or browser.

ORDER OF AGENDA CHANGED

The Order of Business was changed to address public time, with Item 11. Public Time considered at this time.

11. 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 had questions around dog licensing, ticketing and tracking.

**ORDER OF AGENDA
RESUMED**

Item 7.4.1 UBCM Regional Grant Application: 2026 Next Generation 911 Funding was considered at this time.

7.4 Fire Services**7.4.1 UBCM Regional Grant Application: 2026 Next Generation 911 Funding**

The Board Report from Dan Seguin, Acting General Manager of Fire & Emergency Management Services, seeking Board approval to apply for UBCM Next Generation 911 grant from UBCM, has been received.

Moved and seconded,
And Resolved:

36/26

That the Board authorize staff to apply for the 2026 Next Generation 911 grant from UBCM to support the implementation of NG911;

AND FURTHER, that if successful, the Board approve the inclusion of the funding in the 2026 year of the 2026-2030 Financial Plan from Regional Fire Service – A107 in the amount of up to \$100,000, and that staff undertake current proposed activities and provide overall grant management.

Carried**RECESS/
RECONVENE**

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

7.5 Grants**7.5.1 Discretionary****7.5.1.1 Discretionary Grants**

NOTE: Slocan Park Community Hall Society has been added in Area H.

Moved and seconded,
And Resolved:

37/26

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

AREA A

South Kootenay Lake Community Service Society	Imperfect Art for Wellness	\$630
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AREA B

The Creston Valley Horse Association	CVHA Improvements at Canyon Park	\$2,500
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AREA D

Regional District of Central Kootenay	Valley Voice 2025 Advertisement	\$73.50
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AREA E

WH2O Racers Society	Shredders (Nancy Green) Ski Festival	\$1,000
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AREA F

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

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

Glade Community Hall	Pie Bingo Fundraiser - Glade Hall Ladies Cooking Group	\$400
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Stanley Humphries Secondary School	Graduation 2026 Scholarship/Bursary Program - email to confirm that this should be 2026	\$6,500
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AREA J

Stanley Humphries Secondary School	Graduation 2026 Scholarship/Bursary Program	\$3,000
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7.5.1.2 Discretionary Grant Amendment RES 591/25
Moved and seconded,
And Resolved:

38/26

That Resolution 591/25, being the allocation of Discretionary Grant funds, be amended by changing:

AREA F

Friends of Falls Creek Society Watershed Fundraising Event
\$1,000

to

AREA F

Falls Creek Watershed Protection Society Watershed Fundraising
Event \$1,000

Carried

7.5.2 Community Development

NOTE: Salmo & District Chamber of Commerce was added to Area G.

Moved and seconded,
And Resolved:

39/26

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	Winter Trail Maintenance and Storm Clean Up	\$2,500
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South Kootenay Lake Community Service Society	PAL/CORE Courses for Youth - East Shore Youth Network	\$1,800
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AREA B

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

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

Nelson Nordic Ski Club	East Busk Trail Enhancement Project	\$2,000
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Nelson Public Library	2026 Library Services for Area E Residents	\$20,000
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West Kootenay Watershed Collaborative Society	Making Waves: World Water Day Symposium	\$500
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AREA F

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

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

Krestova Improvement District	Infrastructure Planning Grant - Krestova Improvement District Source Well	\$10,000
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AREA I

Mount Sentinel Secondary School	Greg Patterson Bursary - Raisa Nazaroff	\$250
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AREA J

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

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

Kaslo Community Services Society	House Next Door	\$10,000
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SALMO

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

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

7.6 Chair/CAO Reports

The Chair and CAO will provide a verbal report to the Board.

Chair Watson provided a brief overview of the Executive Committee’s meeting with MLA Brittany Anderson. Discussion topics included three advocacy letters related to Resource Recovery, ferry operations, and Bill 216. The Executive Committee suggested the creation of a rural advisory committee with diverse representation to support a better understanding of rural needs. It was also noted that MLA Anderson has been invited to attend a future Board meeting and will do so when her schedule permits.

CAO Horn had no items.

8. RURAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

Moved and seconded,
And Resolved:

40/26 That the Corporate Officer of the Regional District of Central Kootenay be directed to file a Notice with the Land Title and Survey Authority of British Columbia, stating that a resolution has been made under Section 57 of the Community Charter by the Regional District Board relating to land at 4049 36th St, Canyon, BC, Electoral Area B, legally described as LOT 9, PLAN NEP1420, DISTRICT LOT 812, KOOTENAY LAND DISTRICT PID 012-159-107; AND FURTHER, if an active Building permit or Building application is In place, that it be cancelled; and finally, that information respecting the resolution may be inspected at the office of the Regional District of Central Kootenay on normal working days during regular office hours.

Carried

Moved and seconded,
And Resolved:

41/26 That the Board APPROVE the issuance of Development Variance Permit V2508F to Judine and Wendell Maki for the property located at 6102 Wills Road, Sproule Creek and legally described as LOT A, DISTRICT LOT 5574, KOOTENAY DISTRICT PLAN NEP69101 (PID: 025-049-780) to vary Section 1101(10) and 1101(11) of RDCK Zoning Bylaw No. 1675, 2004 in order to allow a 1,738 m2 horse riding arena and a 2,138 m2 maximum cumulative gross floor area of all accessory buildings or structures on the subject property.

Carried

Moved and seconded,
And Resolved:

42/26 That the Board NOT APPROVE the issuance of a Site-Specific Exemption to RDCK Floodplain Management Bylaw No. 2080, 2009, for the existing unlawfully constructed development on LOT B DISTRICT LOT 4877 KOOTENAY DISTRICT PLAN EPP30385, as described in the Staff Report “Site Specific Floodplain Exemption F2501HN”, dated January 5, 2026.

Carried

Moved and seconded,
And Resolved:

43/26 That Electoral Area 'G' Land Use Amendment Bylaw No. 3054, 2025 being a bylaw to amend the Electoral Area 'G' Land Use Bylaw No. 2452, 2018 is hereby given FIRST and SECOND and THIRD READING by content;

And that the consideration of adoption BE WITHHELD for Regional District of Central Kootenay Zoning Amendment Bylaw No. 3054, 2025 until the following item has been obtained:

- Approval from the Ministry of Transportation and Transit pursuant to Section 52(3)(a) of the Transportation Act (Controlled Access).

Carried

Moved and seconded,
And Resolved:

44/26 That the Community Works Fund application submitted by the RDCK for the RDCK-Fire Hall Structural Upgrades in the total amount of \$76,450 be approved and that funds be disbursed from Community Works Funds:

Electoral Area B in the amount of \$14,487.50
Electoral Area G in the amount of \$27,862.50
Electoral Area J in the amount of \$34,100.00

Carried

9. DIRECTORS' MOTIONS

No Items.

10. CONSENT AGENDA

10.1 For Information: Committees & Commissions

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

**10.1.1 Fauquier Water Service Community Advisory Committee: Discussion Notes
November 21, 2025**

**10.1.2 Burton Water Service Community Advisory Committee: Discussion Notes
November 21, 2025**

**10.1.3 Riondel Water & Drainage Service Community Advisory Committee: Discussion
Notes November 26, 2025**

**10.1.4 Nelson, Salmo, E, F and G Regional Parks Commission: minutes November 26,
2025**

Staff confirmed their 2026 meeting dates.

**10.1.5 Lister Water Service Community Advisory Committee: Discussion Notes
November 28, 2025**

**10.1.6 Arrow Creek Water Treatment & Supply Commission: minutes November 28,
2025**

Staff received direction to include a written report on operational, maintenance and capital project updates going forward, to meet with the Town of Creston to discuss budgets and to provide an update on Arrow Creek Water Treatment and Supply Commission Establishment Bylaw No. 2871, 2023 for the next meeting.

**10.1.7 Woodbury Village Water Service Community Advisory Committee: Discussion
Notes December 1, 2025**

10.1.8 Riondel Commission: minutes December 2, 2025

**10.1.9 Balfour Water Service Community Advisory Committee: Discussion Notes
December 4, 2025**

**10.1.10 Grandview Water Service Community Advisory Committee: Discussion Notes
December 4, 2025**

**10.1.11 Erickson Water Service Community Advisory Committee: Discussion Notes
December 5, 2025**

10.1.12 East Resource Recovery Committee: minutes December 8, 2025

**10.1.13 Woodland Heights Water Service Community Advisory Committee:
Discussion Notes December 8, 2025**

10.1.14 Directors Remuneration Select Committee: minutes December 8, 2025
Staff received direction to investigate the number of special meetings in this term that needed a Board recommendation to pay stipend, cost to purchase cellphones for Directors, insurance coverage for Directors and information on stipend when an Alternate Director attends a meeting on behalf of a Director.

**10.1.15 Sanca Water Service Community Advisory Committee: Discussion Notes
December 12, 2025**

10.1.16 Ymir Water Commission of Management: minutes December 12, 2025

**10.1.17 Edgewood Water Service Community Advisory Committee: Discussion Notes
December 15, 2025**

**10.1.18 Regional Accessibility Advisory Committee: Discussion Notes December 15,
2025**

**10.1.19 South Slokan Water Services Community Advisory Committee: Discussion
Notes December 16, 2025**

10.1.20 Area I Advisory Planning Commission: minutes January 5, 2026
Staff received direction to refer Development Variance Application to the next Area I APHC meeting and to support the two bylaw amendment applications and then Thrums cemetery.

10.1.21 Castlegar & District Recreation Commission: minutes January 6, 2026

10.2 For Information: Communication

**10.2.1 The letter dated December 8, 2025 from Joanne Siderius of Kokanee Creek
Nature Centre, thanking the RDCK for their grant funding.**

**10.2.2 The letter dated December 9, 2025 from Mayor Sue McKortoff, Town of
Osyoos regarding their concerns with the proposed Professional Reliance Act
(Bill M216).**

**10.2.3 The letter dated December 12, 2025 from Mayor Doug O'Brien, regarding their
opposition to the Professional Reliance Act (Bill M216).**

**10.2.4 The letter dated December 15, 2025 from Mayor John Bolt, City of Greenwood,
regarding their concerns with the Professional Reliance Act (Bill M216).**

10.2.5 The letter dated December 18, 2025 from Mayor Ron Paull, City of Quesnel, regarding their letter of support for the funding request to Norther Development Initiative Trust to conduct a study to save the Prince George to North Vancouver railroad.

10.3 For Information: Accounts Payable

The Accounts Payable Summary for December 2025 in the amount of \$4,230,579 has been received for information.

10.4 For Information: Directors' Reports

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

10.4.1 Director Graham

10.4.1.1 Director Report: Area E East Director's Recreation Survey

10.4.1.2 Letter of Support: Kootenay Career Development Society

10.4.1.3 Letter of Support: Nelson Nordic Ski Club

10.4.2 Director Lunn: FCM/UBCM

10.4.3 Director McLaren-Caux: December 1, 2025 to January 12, 2026 Activities

12. CLOSED

12.1 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:

45/26

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:

(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

12.2 Recess of Open Meeting

Moved and seconded,
And Resolved:

46/26

The Open meeting be recessed at 1:51 p.m. in order to conduct the Closed Board meeting and reconvened at 2:53 p.m.

Carried

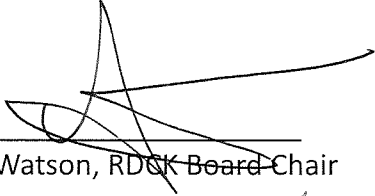
13. MATTERS ARISING FROM CLOSED MEETING

No items.

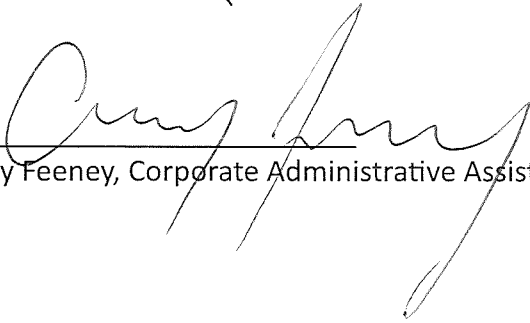
14. ADJOURNMENT

Moved and seconded,
And Resolved:

47/26 That the meeting adjourn at 2:53 p.m.



Aimee Watson, RDC Board Chair



Cary Feeney, Corporate Administrative Assistant

Carried

