

Regional District of Central Kootenay

SPECIAL BOARD MEETING

Open Meeting Minutes

The **first** Special (Budget) meeting of the Board of the Regional District of Central Kootenay in 2025 was held on Friday January 23, 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 M. McFaddin	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 D. Lockwood	Village of Salmo	
Director T. Gordon	Village of Silverton	
Director J. Lunn	Village of Slocan	

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
S. Sudan	General Manager of Community Sustainability and Development Services
C. Saari-Heckley	Human Resources Manager
A. Evenson	Senior Project Manager
N. Wight	Planning Manager
H. Smith	Finance Manager
D. Lau	Information Technology Manager
M. Friesen	Financial Analyst and Team Supervisor
C. Gaynor	Parks Manager
D. Elliott	Communications Coordinator
C. Feeney	Corporate Administrative Assistant

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:

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The agenda for the January 23, 2026 Special Open Board meeting be adopted as circulated with the following amendments:

- Inclusion of; Item 3.9 AKLBG Local Government Business Software Working Group
- With the addition of the addendum before circulation.

Carried

3. NEW BUSINESS

3.1 RDCK Budget 101

CFO Malloff provided an overview of the RDCK services.

3.2 2025 Summary

Item removed.

3.3 2026 Assessment and Taxation Summaries

CFO Malloff discussed the following regarding the 2025 Assessments:

- How annual property taxes are calculated;
- Annual Assessment Change – 1 year vs 10 year average
- Assessment and Taxation Summary

3.4 2026 Overall Outlook

NOTE: An updated Draft Financial Plan was added to the addenda.

CFO Malloff provided a 2026 overall outlook and discussed the following:

- Projected average tax increase of 8.7% for RDCK homeowners in 2026;
- \$49.9M total tax requisitions for 2026 in the current draft plan are in line with the 49.8M total requisitions forecasted for 2026 in the 2025-2029 Financial Plan;
- CPI Increases on staff salaries and Director stipends – 2.5%. Union positions have a 3.4% wage increase in 2026 as per the collective agreement;
- Decreasing Interest rates are reducing Interest charges on short term loans, but also reducing investment income;
- Political Climate / Foreign Trade including Tariffs & Counter Tariffs;
- Fluctuating Canadian Dollar; and
- Artificial Intelligence

DIRECTOR ABSENT: Director Davidoff left the meeting at 9:57 a.m.

DIRECTOR PRESENT: Director Davidoff joined the meeting at 10:15 a.m.

DIRECTOR ABSENT: Director Casley left the meeting at 10:15 a.m.

3.5 Main Changes from Fall 2025 Budget Presentations

CFO Malloff provided an overview of the main changes from the Fall 2025 Board Budget Presentations and discussed the following:

- General Administration Service S100 - 0.7% overall decrease spread over several accounts. The requisition amount will increase by \$34K for rental of the Creston Education Centre that is not in the current draft as well as other items approved at the January Board meeting;
- Rural Administration Service S101 - Addition of \$75K Transfer to A103 Utility Services for support of non RDCK water systems. This increase will be reduced by \$37K by removing the duplication in account 59500;
- GIS Service S102 - \$18K additional wages for coop student and \$19K reduction in project fees from other services in 2026. Prior Year Surplus estimate of \$46K will reduce requisition in next revision;
- Building Service S103 - Reduction in wages and vehicles costs. \$275K Prior Year Surplus from 2025 is now shown as a 100% Contribution to Reserves for Stabilization and increased alignment with revenue recognition standards;
- Planning Service S104 - Reduction in Contracted Services and Salaries and;
- Emergency Management Service A101 – No change.

DIRECTOR PRESENT: Director Casley joined the meeting at 10:27 a.m.

3.6 Regional Fire Service A107

CFO Malloff provided an overview of the newly resurrected allocation service to track costs that were previously in Service S101 and discussed:

- 5 Projects make up the A107 Budget in 2026
- 35 services pay into the A107 Budget
- 32.3% increase Fire Service Fee is split between the 16 RDCK Fire Departments;
- Budget increases primarily due to reallocated General Admin and IT fees that were previously account for in S101, increased salaries and benefits from CPI and new Duty Office standby rates, Regional Fire Chief related expenses and GIS services needed in 2026.

DIRECTOR ABSENT: Director Lunn left the meeting at 10:34 a.m.

**RECESS/
RECONVENE** The meeting recessed at 10:34 a.m. for a break and reconvened at 10:46 a.m.

3.7 911 Emergency Communications Service S156

CFO Malloff provided an overview of 911 Emergency Communications Service S156 and discussed the following:

- S156 taxation increases due to rising costs and declining external revenue;
- Expenditure increases due to higher contracted service costs for Emergency Communications 911 dispatch and Fraser Fort George Fire Dispatch
- GIS services to support ongoing integration of Next Generation 911 and;
- Four initial capital projects for 2026 to maintain regional dispatch infrastructure.

DIRECTOR PRESENT: Director Lunn joined the meeting at 11:04 a.m.

3.8 Asset Management Service A122

The Board Report from AJ Evenson, Senior Project Manager and Amardheer Sidu, Asset Management Coordinator, re: RDCK Asset Management Q4 Update has been received.

AJ Evenson, Senior Project Manager, provided an update on the implementation of asset management in the RDCK and discussed the following:

- Completed activities for 2025; 3 year asset management development plan & statistics Canada reporting;
- 2026 activities; recruit for vacant Asset Management Coordinator position, procure and complete phase 1 Facility & Building condition assessments and procure and begin implementation of Asset Investment Planning (AIP) Software;
- 2026-2030 Budget for A122 and;
- Allocation to services.

3.9 AKBLG Local Government Business Software Working Group

Moved and seconded,

And resolved:

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WHEREAS local governments across British Columbia rely on mission-critical business software to deliver core services, yet many existing systems are costly, fragmented, difficult to integrate, and create long-term vendor lock-in that limits flexibility, transparency, and local control and;

WHEREAS local governments share substantially similar operational responsibilities and service delivery needs, creating an opportunity to collaboratively strengthen digital infrastructure that better supports resident with modern, efficient, and accountable public services;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Association of Kootenay and Boundary Local Governments request the Union of British Columbia Municipalities, in partnership with the Ministry of Citizens' Services, establish a Local Government Business Software Working Group to assess shared operational software needs, develop common structured data models and application programming interfaces that support interoperable and transferable digital systems, and report back with recommendations and potential pilot projects to strengthen modern, locally controlled service delivery.

Carried

4. PUBLIC TIME

The Chair called for questions from the public and members of the media at 11:45 a.m.

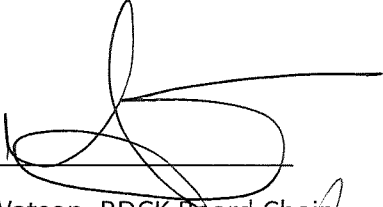
No questions from the public or media.

5. ADJOURNMENT

Moved and seconded,
And Resolved:

50/26 That the meeting adjourn at 11:50 a.m.

Carried



Aimee Watson, RDCK Board Chair



Carly Feeney, Corporate Administrative Assistant

