



## REGIONAL DISTRICT OF CENTRAL KOOTENAY

# WATER SERVICES COMMITTEE OPEN MEETING MINUTES

A Water Services Committee meeting was held on Wednesday, February 4, 2026 at 9:00 am PST through a hybrid meeting model.

### COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Director G. Jackman	Area A	
Director R. Tierney	Area B	
Director K. Vandenberghe	Area C	
Director C. Graham	Area E	
<b>Director T. Newell</b>	<b>Area F (2026 Committee Chair)</b>	In-Person
Director H. Cunningham	Area G	In-Person
Director W. Popoff	Area H	In-Person
Director H. Hanegraaf	Area J	In-Person
Director T. Weatherhead	Area K	
Councillor D. Dumas	Town of Creston	

### MEMBERS ABSENT

Director A. Watson	Area D
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### STAFF

U. Wolf	General Manager of Environmental Services	In-Person
C. Gainham	Utility Services Manager	In-Person
A. Divlakovski	Water Operations Manager	In-Person
E. Clark	Meeting Coordinator	In-Person

**10 out of 11 voting Commission/Committee members were present – quorum was met.**

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## 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).

### Join by Video:

<https://rdck-bcca.zoom.us/j/94251587997?pwd=lcttqVxsmjwxAZTmptO2CWLt27wICl.1>

### Join by Phone:

833 955 1088 Canada Toll-free

**Meeting ID:** 942 5158 7997

**Passcode:** 285704

**In-Person Location:** RDCK Boardroom, 202 Lakeside Drive, Nelson BC

**2. CALL TO ORDER**

General Manager Wolf called the meeting to order at 9:01 am.

**3. ELECTION OF CHAIR**

**CALL FOR NOMINATIONS (3 TIMES)**

General Manager Wolf called for nominations.

Director Popoff nominated Director Newell.

General Manager Wolf called for further nominations two times.

**DECLARATION OF ELECTED OR ACCLAIMED CHAIR**

Being none, General Manager Wolf ratifies the appointed Director Newell as Chair of the Water Services Committee for 2026 by acclamation.

**4. CHAIR'S ADDRESS**

Chair Newell thanked the Committee for their support.

**5. COMMENCEMENT OF REGULAR COMMITTEE MEETING**

The 2026 Water Services Committee Chair assumed the chair.

**5.1 TRADITIONAL LANDS ACKNOWLEDGEMENT STATEMENT**

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

**5.2 ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

**MOVED** and seconded,  
And Resolved:

The Agenda for the February 4, 2026 Water Services Committee meeting, be adopted as circulated.

**Carried**

**5.3 RECEIPT OF MINUTES**

The October 1, 2025 Water Services Committee minutes, have been received.

**6. STAFF REPORTS**

**6.1 FOR INFORMATION: OPERATIONS, MAINTENANCE AND CAPITAL PROJECT UPDATE**

The Committee Report dated January 25, 2026 from Alexandra Divlakovski providing an update and highlighting the larger maintenance and capital projects completed to date in 2026, has been received.

**6.2 FOR INFORMATION: 2026 CAPITAL PROJECT LIST**

The list of capital projects planned for 2026, has been received.

**6.3 FOR INFORMATION: WATER QUALITY REPORT**

The Committee Report dated February 4, 2026 from Nathalie Nick, Environmental Coordinator for Utilities summarizing the water advisories issued from September 1, 2025 to December 31, 2025 for water systems operated by the Regional District, has been received.

**6.4 VERBAL REPORT: UPDATE ON WATER SYSTEM EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST**

Chris Gainham, Utility Services Manager provided a verbal update on water system expressions of interest.

A summary is provided below:

RDCK Water Services staff are currently working with two applicant systems who have submitted Expressions of Interest to become a RDCK Water Service – these are:

**Robson Raspberry Improvement District “RRID” (Area J)** – RRID held an Open House on January 14<sup>th</sup>, 2026 at the Robson Hall which was well attended by ~120 RRID water users. This meeting included RRID business items, including communicating a planned 10% rate increase and rate drivers and an asset management presentation by XenonCyber Dynamics Inc – the consulting engineer who completed an asset management study (funded via a Community Works Grant from the Area J Director). This asset presentation focused on electrical, communication and process related assets. The bulk of the evening was taken by RDCK Staff, who presented information and led a question and answer session with attendees.

The Castlegar News also recently ran a story *“Robson-Raspberry explores joining RDCK water service”*.

The next step for the RRID is to demonstrate 2/3 support from rate-payers indicating that they wish to continue with the Expression of Interest process. It is expected that the RRID will undertake an informal ballot/questionnaire mailout to rate-payers for this process.

**Taghum Improvement District (Area E)** – The next steps for the Taghum Improvement District are to nominate a Communications Lead who will be the main point of contact with RDCK staff as we move forward with the Expression of Interest process, followed by a public meeting where RDCK staff will present information on the process and answer questions. This meeting is planned to occur in the next 3 months.

**RECESS /** The meeting recessed at 10:10 am for a break and reconvened at 10:20 am.  
**RECONVENE**

**6.5 FOR INFORMATION: SENIOR GOVERNMENT & COMMUNITY WORKS GRANT OVERVIEW**

The Committee Report dated February 4, 2026 from Chris Gainham, Utility Services Manager providing an overview of the Regional District of Central Kootenay’s history of senior government grant applications related to water services, and summarizing the broader funding challenges associated with managing aging water infrastructure in rural systems, has been received.

**6.6 ERICKSON WATER SYSTEM – GOAT RIVER EAST ALTERNATIVE SERVICING**

The Committee Report dated February 4, 2026 from Chris Gainham, Utility Services Manger regarding the Goat River East Alternate Servicing Feasibility, has been received.

**MOVED** and seconded,

And resolved that it be recommended to the Board:

That the Board direct staff to proceed with further analysis, including engagement with the North Canyon Improvement District and completion of high-level costing, business case development, and feasibility assessment related to alternate servicing of the Erickson Water System east of the Goat River pipe bridge.

**Carried**

**7. 2026 DRAFT FINANCIAL PLAN REVIEW**

The following draft Financial Plans have been received for review:

- 7.1 Water Utility – Area B (Arrow Creek) Service S251
- 7.2 Water Utility – Area E (Balfour) Service S255
- 7.3 Water Utility – Area K (Burton) Service S252
- 7.4 Water Utility – Area F (Duhamel Creek) Service S248
- 7.5 Water Utility – Area K (Edgewood) Service S253
- 7.6 Water Utility – Area B (Erickson) Service S250
- 7.7 Water Utility – Area K (Fauquier) Service S254
- 7.8 Water Utility – Area E (Grandview) Service S258
- 7.9 Water Utility – Area B (Lister) Services S243
- 7.10 Water Utility – Area J (Lucas Road) Service S247
- 7.11 Water Utility – Area D (Macdonald Creek) Service S246
- 7.12 Water Utility – Area A (Riondel) Services S241
- 7.13 Drainage – Area A (Riondel) Services S165
- 7.14 Water Utility – Area H (Rosebery) Service S260
- 7.15 Water Utility – Area A (Sanca Park) Services S242
- 7.16 Water Utility – Area H (South Slocan) Service S245

7.17 Water Utility – Area F (Woodland Heights) Service S257

7.18 Water Utility – Area D (Woodbury) Service S259

7.19 Water Utility – Area J (West Robson) Service S256

7.20 Water Utility – Area G (Ymir) Services S244

**8. WATER SERVICE COMMUNITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETINGS**

The following Water Service Community Advisory Committee discussion notes have been received for information:

8.1 2025-12-04 Discussion Notes: Balfour Water Service Community Advisory Committee

8.2 2025-11-21 Discussion Notes: Burton Water Service Community Advisory Committee

8.3 2025-12-15 Discussion Notes: Edgewood Water Service Community Advisory Committee

8.4 2025-12-05 Discussion Notes: Erickson Water Service Community Advisory Committee

8.5 2025-11-21 Discussion Notes: Fauquier Water Service Community Advisory Committee

8.6 2025-12-04 Discussion Notes: Grandview Water Service Community Advisory Committee

8.7 2025-11-28 Discussion Notes: Lister Water Service Community Advisory Committee

8.8 2025-11-26 Discussion Notes: Riondel Water & Drainage Service Community Advisory Committee

8.9 2025-12-12 Discussion Notes: Sanca Water Service Community Advisory Committee

8.10 2025-12-16 Discussion Notes: South Slokan Water Service Community Advisory Committee

8.11 2025-12-08 Discussion Notes: Woodland Heights Water Service Community Advisory Committee

8.12 2025-12-01 Discussion Notes: Woodbury Village Water Service Community Advisory Committee

**9. WATER COMMISSIONS**

The following Commission minutes have been received for information:

9.1 2025-11-28 Meeting Minutes: Arrow Creek Water Treatment & Supply Commission

9.2 2025-12-12 Meeting Minutes: Ymir Water Commission of Management

**10. PUBLIC TIME**

The Chair called for questions from the public at 11:02 am.

No questions.

**11. ADJOURNMENT**

**MOVED** and seconded,  
And Resolved:

The Water Services Committee meeting be adjourned at 11:03 am.

**Carried**

**APPROVED BY**

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Director T. Newell, Chair