



REGIONAL DISTRICT OF CENTRAL KOOTENAY
AREA A ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION
OPEN MEETING MINUTES

2:00 p.m. PDT

Tuesday, February 9, 2026

Location: Hybrid Model – In-person and Remote

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.

Join by Video:

<https://rdck-bc-ca.zoom.us/j/93079902753?pwd=1DnbzulpvRtHNZyPqip7NKEtfkguO3.1>

Join by Phone:

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Meeting Number (access code): 930 7990 2753

Meeting Password: 881036

In-Person Location: Kokanee Springs Resort – lower level of the 1st Lodge building at the rear of the building, 16083 Woolgar Road, Crawford Bay, BC

COMMISSION MEMBERS PRESENT

Director G. Jackman	Area A
Commissioner G. Medhurst	Crawford Bay – Chair
Commissioner G. MacMahon	Kootenay Bay
Commissioner R. Bertram	Crawford Bay/Gray Creek
Commissioner P. Cullinane	Boswell
Commissioner F. Demman	Wynndel

STAFF PRESENT

R. Baril	Meeting Coordinator
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GUESTS

M. Stenhouse	Kootenay Lake Chamber of Commerce Director
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6 out of 6 voting Commission/Committee members were present – quorum was met.

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Medhurst called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m.

2. TRADITIONAL LANDS ACKNOWLEDGEMENT STATEMENT

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

3. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Moved and seconded,
and resolved:

The agenda for the February 9, 2026 Area A Economic Development Commission meeting, be adopted with the addition of Item 5.2 Grant Approval Voting Procedure as circulated.

Carried

4. RECEIPT OF MINUTES

The January 13, 2026 Area A Economic Development Commission minutes, have been received.

5. NEW BUSINESS

5.1 Kootenay Lake Chamber of Commerce

Widely received attendance at the Christmas Banquet, Chamber of Commerce Director Mike Stenhouse reported that it seemed that the whole community came out.

With the sudden passing of Kootenay Lake Chamber of Commerce President, they have not been able to finalize the budget for the Christmas Banquet. The directors will work on this for a future meeting. The Chamber will be looking for a new President.

5.2 Grant Approval Voting Procedure

The Commission reviewed the Board procedures for grant approval voting procedures to ensure clarity among the Commissioners for future grant requests.

**ORDER OF AGENDA
CHANGED**

The Order of Business changed to consider Item 6.2 – Economic Action Plan (EAP) at this time.

6. OLD BUSINESS

6.2 Economic Action Plan (EAP)

Town of Creston, Electoral Area A, B and C met in early January to discuss equalizing the contributions to the EAP for the coming year. The EAP has lost some steam but is being revitalized this year. Area directors have discussed continuing to fund physician recruitment and Creston Tourist Information booth.

Grant money has been earmarked by the Commission for future planning opportunities.

**ORDER OF AGENDA
RESUMED**

Item 6.1 – Economic Development – Area A Service S107 Draft Budget Discussion at this time.

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Direction to Staff: Keep the funding for Service S107 at \$50,000.00 for 2026. Once the amounts have been allocated for administration, insurance, etc. The amount to contract services is to remain where previously projected (\$2,560) with the balance to be placed under grants. Requisition amount should be inflated in 2027 through 2030, according to the Consumer Price Index (CPI).

7. PUBLIC TIME

The Chair called for questions from the public at 3:10 p.m.

No members of the public were present.

8. NEXT MEETING

The next Area A Economic Development Commission meeting is scheduled for March 10, 2026 at 2:00 p.m. PDT.

9. ADJOURNMENT

Moved and seconded,
and resolved:

The Area A Economic Development Commission meeting be adjourned at 3:11 p.m.

Carried

Digitally approved by:

Chair Gina Medhurst