



REGIONAL DISTRICT OF CENTRAL KOOTENAY

CENTRAL RESOURCE RECOVERY COMMITTEE

OPEN MEETING MINUTES

A Central Resource Recovery Committee meeting was held on Tuesday, February 17, 2026
at 2:00 p.m. PST / 3:00 p.m. MST through a hybrid model.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT

Director A. Watson	Area D	
Alt. Director J. Smienk	Area E	In-Person
Director T. Newell	Area F	In-Person
Director H. Cunningham	Area G	In-Person
Director J. Woodward	City of Nelson	In-Person
Director D. Lockwood	Village of Salmo	In-Person
Director S. Hewat	Village of Kaslo (Chair)	In-Person

GUEST DIRECTORS PRESENT

Director W. Popoff	West Resource Recovery Committee Chair	In-Person
Director G. Jackman	East Resource Recovery Committee Chair	In-Person

STAFF PRESENT

U. Wolf	General Manager of Environmental Services
A. Wilson	Resource Recovery Manager
A. Hamilton	Environmental Projects Lead
H. Bench	Resource Recovery Projects Advisor
A. Norimatsu	Resource Recovery Technician
E Clark	Meeting Coordinator

7 out of 7 voting Committee members were present – quorum was met.

1. CALL TO ORDER & WELCOME

General Manager Wolf called the meeting to order at 2:01 p.m.

2. ELECTION OF THE 2026 COMMITTEE CHAIR

CALL FOR NOMINATIONS (3 TIMES)

Director Lockwood nominated Director Newell.

Alternate Director Smienk nominated Director Hewat.

OPPORTUNITY FOR CANDIDATES TO ADDRESS THE COMMITTEE

Two minutes per address.

VOTE BY SECRET BALLOT

RDCK Staff distributed the ballots.

DECLARATION OF ELECTED OF ACCLAIMED COMMITTEE CHAIR

General Manager Wolf ratifies the appointed Director Hewat as Chair of the Central Resource Recovery Committee for 2026.

DESTROY BALLOTS

Moved and Seconded,

And Resolved:

That the ballots used in the election of the Central Resource Recovery Committee Chair be destroyed.

Carried

3. CHAIR'S ADDRESS

Chair Hewat thanked the Committee for their support.

4. COMMENCEMENT OF THE REGULAR COMMITTEE MEETING

Director Hewat, Central Resource Recovery Committee Chair assumed the Chair.

4.1 TRADITIONAL LANDS ACKNOWLEDGEMENT STATEMENT

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

4.2 ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

Moved and Seconded,

And Resolved:

The Agenda for the February 17, 2026 Central Resource Recovery Committee meeting be adopted as circulated.

Carried

Moved and Seconded,
And Resolved:

That the East Resource Recovery Committee Chair Jackman and West Resource Recovery Committee Chair Popoff have freedom of the floor.

Carried

4.3 RECEIPT OF MINUTES

The November 25, 2025 Central Resource Recovery Committee minutes, have been received.

5. STAFF REPORTS

5.1 YMIR TRANSFER STATION & SATELLITE RECYCLING DEPOT

The Committee Report dated February 17, 2026 from Heidi Bench, Resource Recovery Projects Advisor providing additional information on staff's recommendation to close the Ymir Transfer Station and Satellite Recycling Facility, has been received.

Moved and Seconded,
And Resolved that it be recommended to the Board:

That the Board direct staff to reduce the operating hours of the Ymir Transfer Station from 6 hours to 3 hours per week and plan the closure of the recycling depot effective immediately;

AND FURTHER, postpone the decision of permant closure of the site for one year while the bin wall replacement project be reviewed.

Defeated

Moved and Seconded,
And Resolved that it be recommended to the Board:

That the Board direct staff to plan the permanent closure of the Ymir Transfer Station and Satellite Recycling Depot on May 31, 2026 as per the Ymir Transfer Station and Satellite Recycling Depot Committee Report dated February 17, 2026.

Carried

5.2 NELSON LEAFS ECO-DEPOT FUNDING

The Committee Report dated February 17, 2026 from Akane Norimatsu, Resource Recovery Technician requesting an inclusion to the draft Financial Plan for Nelson Leafs Eco Depot funding, has been received.

Moved and Seconded,
And Resolved:

That staff be directed to include in the Draft 2026 Financial Plan for Refuse Disposal (Central Subregion) Service S187 a Transfer from Reserves in the amount of \$21,400 and Grant Expense of \$21,400 for the purposes of funding a Sea-Can purchase and installation at the Nelson Leafs Recycling Depot.

Carried

DIRECTOR Director Woodward left the meeting at 3:50 p.m.
ABSENT

5.3 VERBAL REPORT: LAKESIDE RECYCLING DEPOT LICENCE OF OCCUPATION

Akane Norimatsu, Resource Recovery Technician will provide a verbal report on the renewal of the Licence of Occupation with the City of Nelson for the Lakeside Recycling Depot.

A copy of the License of Occupation has been received. Note that some minor non-substantive changes may be required prior to signature.

Moved and Seconded,
And Resolved:

That the following motion BE REFERRED to the March 2026 Joint Resource Recovery Committee meeting:

That the Board approve the RDCK enter into a Licence of Occupation with the City of Nelson for the Lakeside Recycling Depot for the period of 2 years from January 1, 2026 to December 31, 2027 and that the Chair and Corporate Officer be authorized to sign the necessary documents;

AND FURTHER, that the costs be paid from Service A117 Recycling Program - Central Subregion.

Carried

5.4 VERBAL REPORT: MARBLEHEAD TRANSFER STATION BIN WALL

Amy Wilson, Resource Recovery Manager will provide a verbal report on the Marblehead Transfer Station bin wall repair options and cost estimates. The cost estimates have been received.

6. 2026-2030 DRAFT FINANCIAL PLAN REVIEW

Amy Wilson, Resource Recovery Manager will provide an update on the 2026-2030 draft Financial Plan for Service S187 Refuse Disposal - Central Subregion.

The following documents have been received:

- Draft 2026-2030 Financial Plan for Service S187 Refuse Disposal – Central Subregion
- Repair Cafe Impact Report 2025

7. PUBLIC TIME

The Chair called for questions from the public and members of the media at 4:10 p.m.

No questions.

8. CLOSED MEETING

8.1 MEETING CLOSED TO THE PUBLIC

Moved and Seconded,
And Resolved:

In the opinion of the Committee 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 basis identified in the following Subsections:

90 (1) A part of a council meeting may be closed to the public if the subject matter being considered relates to or is one or more of the following:

(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

8.2 RECESS OF OPEN MEETING

Moved and Seconded,
And Resolved:

The Open Meeting be recessed at 4:10 p.m. in order to conduct the Closed meeting.

Carried

9. ADJOURNMENT

Moved and Seconded,
And Resolved:

The February 17, 2026 Central Resource Recovery Committee meeting adjourned 4:18 p.m.

Carried

CERTIFIED CORRECT

APPROVED BY

Director S. Hewat, Chair
Central Resource Recovery Committee
February 18, 2026

RECOMMENDATION(S) TO THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

1. That the Board direct staff to plan the permanent closure of the Ymir Transfer Station and Satellite Recycling Depot on May 31, 2026 as per the Ymir Transfer Station and Satellite Recycling Depot Committee Report dated February 17, 2026.