



REGIONAL DISTRICT OF CENTRAL KOOTENAY

JOINT RESOURCE RECOVERY COMMITTEE

OPEN MEETING MINUTES

A Joint Resource Recovery Committee meeting was held on Wednesday February 18, 2026
 1:00 am PST / 2:00 pm MST through a hybrid meeting model.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS	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 A. Watson	Electoral Area D	In-person
	Alt. Director J. Smienk	Electoral Area E	In-person
	Director T. Newell	Electoral Area F	
	Director W. Popoff	Electoral Area H (Chair)	In-person
	Director H. Cunningham	Electoral Area G	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	
	Director A. McLaren-Caux	Village of Nakusp	
	Director J. Woodward	City of Nelson	In-person
	Alt. Director J. Fyke	Village of New Denver	
	Director D. Lockwood	Village of Salmo	In-person
	Director E. Buller	Village of Slocan	
Director S. Hewat	Village of Kaslo		
Director T. Gordon	Village of Silverton		
Councillor C. Hawton	Town of Creston		
STAFF	U. Wolf	General Manager Environmental Services	
	A. Wilson	Resource Recovery Manager	
	A. Hamilton	Environmental Projects Lead	
	N. Schilman	Environmental Technologist	
	H. Bench	Resource Recovery Projects Advisor	
	A. Norimatsu	Resource Recovery Technician	
	E. Clark	Meeting Coordinator	
GUEST	S. Garthwaite	Sperling Hansen Associates	

1. ZOOM REMOTE MEETING INFO

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://rdck-bc-ca.zoom.us/j/98572164791?pwd=plCY9ggLwVZtdzR2zmtuHXJOMq138L.1>

Meeting ID: 985 7216 4791

Passcode: 701014

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In-Person Meeting Location for Hybrid Meeting Model

The following location was determined to hold the in-person meetings for the Joint Resource Recovery Committee:

Location Name: RDCK Board Room

Location Address: 202 Lakeside Drive, Nelson, BC

2. CALL TO ORDER & WELCOME

Chair Popoff called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m.

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:

The Agenda for the February 18, 2026 Joint Resource Recovery Committee meeting be adopted as circulated.

Carried

2.3 Receipt of Minutes

The January 21, 2026 Joint Resource Recovery Committee Minutes Revised have been received.

3. JRRC ITEMS

3.1 OOTISCHENIA TRANSFER STATION UPGRADE ASSESSMENT OPTIONS

[West & Central Subregions]

The Committee Report dated February 18, 2026 from Nathan Schilman, Environmental Technologist regarding the Ootischenia Transfer Station Upgrade Assessment, has been received.

Sperling Hansen Associates Inc. delivered a presentation to accompany the report outlining three upgrade options and the recommended design.

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

That the Board approve advancing with Option C for the Ootischenia Transfer Station upgrade as the preferred conceptual layout, as outlined in the Sperling Hansen Associates Inc. report Ootischenia Transfer Station Options Assessment, including a phased development approach starting with Phase 1 critical infrastructure.

Carried

3.2 REGIONALIZATION REQUEST FOR DIRECTION

[Entire RDCK]

The Committee Report dated February 18, 2026 from Heidi Bench, Resource Recovery Projects Advisor requesting direction on regionalization, has been received.

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

That the Board direct staff to procure a qualified professional to prepare a Service Feasibility Study and report back to the Board on the legislative and financial implications of the amalgamation of Refuse Disposal East Subregion Service S186, Refuse Disposal Central Subregion Service S187, and Refuse Disposal West Subregion Service S188 to address inefficiencies and inequities in the sub-regional administration of the RDCK resource recovery system;

AND FURTHER, that the Board authorizes the transfer of up to a maximum of \$50,000 from Feasibility Study Reserve Fund Service S106 to Resource Recoveries Service A102 to fund the Service Feasibility Study.

Carried

**DIRECTOR
PRESENT**

Councillor Hawton joined the meeting at 1:50 p.m.

**RECESS/
RECONVENE**

The meeting recessed at 2:30 pm for a break and reconvened at 2:45 p.m.

3.3 FOR INFORMATION: FEDERAL PLASTICS REGISTRY UPDATE

[Entire RDCK]

Heidi Bench, Resource Recovery Projects Advisor will provide a verbal update on the amended Federal Plastics Registry (FPR) reporting timelines.

The following item has been received:

- Letter from MP Helena Konanz to Minister of Environment, Climate Change and Nature regarding the FPR - January 23, 2026

3.4 FOR INFORMATION: LANDFILL METHANE REGULATION

[Entire RDCK]

Heidi Bench, Resource Recovery Projects Advisor will provide a verbal update on the new Landfill Methane Regulations.

3.5 FOR INFORMATION: EXTENDED PRODUCER RESPONSIBILITY CONSULTATION SCHEDULE

[Entire RDCK]

Akane Norimatsu, Resource Recovery Technician will provide a verbal report on the Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR) consultation schedule for 2026/2027.

The following item has been received:

- 2026/2027 Consultation Plans for EPR Programs and New Material Types

**DIRECTOR
ABSENT**

Director Watson left the meeting at 3:10 p.m.

3.6 RESOURCE RECOVERY FACILITIES OPERATIONAL HOURS REVIEW

This item was referred from the January 21, 2026 Joint Resource Recovery Committee meeting.

The Committee Report dated January 21, 2026 from Heidi Bench, Projects Advisory regarding a review of the Resource Recovery facility operating hours, 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 Riondel Recycling Depot to one day a week after April 30, 2026;

AND FURTHER, based on resulting utilization rate trends, reassess the site viability for the 2027 budget cycle.

Carried

DIRECTOR Director Davidoff left the meeting at 3:20 p.m.
ABSENT

4. CORRESPONDENCE FOR RECEIPT

4.1 Response Email from Ministry of Environment and Parks in response to RDCK Environmental Management Act Fee Letter - December 16, 2025
Note - referred from the January 21, 2026 Joint Resource Recovery Committee Meeting.

4.2 Letter from Ministry of Environment and Parks in response to RDCK Environmental Management Act Fee Letter – February 3, 2026

4.3 Email from the Minister of Environment and Parks in response to RDCK letter re. inclusion of mattresses in the Recycling Regulation – December 19, 2025

5. PUBLIC TIME

The Chair called for questions from the public and members of the media at 3:22 p.m.

No questions from the public.

6. ADJOURNMENT

Moved and seconded,
And resolved:

The Joint Resource Recovery Committee meeting adjourned at 3:22 p.m.

Carried

CERTIFIED CORRECT

APPROVED BY

Director W. Popoff, Chair
February 18, 2026

RECOMMENDATION(S) TO THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

1. That the Board approve advancing with Option C for the Ootischenia Transfer Station upgrade as the preferred conceptual layout, as outlined in the Sperling Hansen Associates Inc. report Ootischenia Transfer Station Options Assessment, including a phased development approach starting with Phase 1 critical infrastructure.
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