



Regional District of Central Kootenay

REGULAR BOARD MEETING

Open Meeting Minutes

The **second** meeting of the Board of the Regional District of Central Kootenay in 2026 was held on Thursday, February 19, 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	
Director T. Newell	Electoral Area F	
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 B. Bogle	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 J. Fyke	Village of New Denver	
Director D. Lockwood	Village of Salmo	In-Person
Director T. Gordon	Village of Silverton	
Director J. Lunn	Village of Slocan	In-Person

ELECTED OFFICIALS

ABSENT

Director M. McFaddin	City of Castlegar
Director L. Casley	Village of New Denver

STAFF PRESENT

U. Wolf	Acting Chief Administrative Officer
Y. Malloff	General Manager of Finance, Information Technology and Procurement
M. Morrison	Corporate Officer/Manager of Corporate Administration
C. Saari-Heckley	Human Resources Manager
J. Chirico	General Manager of Community Services
T. Davison	General Manager of Community Services
C. Stanley	Regional Manager Operations & Asset Management
S. Sudan	General Manager of Development & Community Sustainability Services
D. Seguin	General Manager of Fire and Emergency Management Services
N. Hannon	Acting Emergency Program Manager
G. Hume	Regional Deputy Fire Chief
C. Sheffield	Emergency Program Coordinator

N. Wight	Planning Manager
S. Singla	Senior Energy Specialist
R. Gaba	Planner
S. Chezenko	Planner
T. Dool	Research Analyst
D. Elliott	Communications Coordinator
C. Hopkyns	Corporate Administration Coordinator

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

The Board will take a moment of silence in honour of the victims of the mass shooting in Tumbler Ridge, B.C.

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:

51/26

The agenda for the February 19, 2026 Regular Open Board meeting be adopted with the inclusion of Item 5.3.3 2026 – 2030 DRAFT Financial Plan and with the addition of the addendum before circulation.

Carried

2.3 Adoption of the Minutes

Moved and seconded,
And Resolved:

52/26

The minutes from the January 22, 2026 Regular Open Board meeting be adopted as circulated.

Carried

Moved and seconded,
And Resolved:

53/26

The minutes from the January 23, 2026 Special (Budget) Open Board meeting be adopted as circulated.

Carried

2.4 Introductions

Acting CAO Wolf introduced the following staff:

- Nancy Metz, Bylaw Officer, moved from Environmental Service Administrative Assistant;
- Andrew Whittington, Plan Checker, replacing Graham Gordon who moved into a Building Official position;

2.5 Delegation

2.5.1 Samson Organization Assessment - Phase 1

Connie Saari-Heckley, Senior Manager, Human Resources
Karl Shepherd and Tom Balfour, Samson

The Report dated February 7, 2026 from Samson, re: Samson Organization Assessment - Phase 1, has been received.

DIRECTOR PRESENT:

Director Lunn joined the meeting at 9:16 a.m.

Karl Sheperd and Tom Balfour, Samson, presented on the Phase 1 of the Samson Organization Assessment. They shared the RDCK's uniquely complexity environment, which serves approximately 65,000 residents across a vast geographic area and delivers roughly 180 services.

They then reviewed their assessment approach, sharing Phase 1 was intentionally diagnostic and directional. It identifies systemic issues, recommending practical near-term actions, and defining a clear roadmap for deeper analysis where decisions are complex or politically sensitive.

They provided an overview of the six key findings in the assessment:

- Structural reliance on Chief Administrative Officer
- Senior Management Team functioning
- Fire Services oversight
- Board governance dynamics
- Sub-optimal prioritization
- Fragmented internal services.

Mr. Shepherd reviewed the recommendations for near-term implementation. These near-term actions are designed to relieve pressure, improve decision quality, and strengthen organizational foundations without destabilizing operations

They reviewed three Senior Management structure pathways options:

- Pathway A: Enhanced Current Structure - Maintain the existing structure while integrating, improved governance, prioritization, and delegation. This approach is minimally disruptive and serves as a test to validate the effectiveness of process enhancements.
- Pathway B: Consolidated Corporate Services - Unify key corporate functions—Finance, Procurement, HR, IT, and Corporate Administration—under one senior leader. This strategy aims to reduce fragmentation but necessitates careful transition planning.

- Pathway C: Dedicated Governance Hub Centralize HR, Communications, and corporate governance into a single leadership role. This pathway focuses on bolstering governance integrity, shaping organizational culture, and ensuring consistent workforce policy.

These pathways are options for consideration, not prescriptive recommendations.

Mr. Shepherd concluded by review the Phase 2 roadmap, sharing six optional projects sequenced over the next three years.

Mr. Sheperd and Mr. Balfour answered the Board's questions.

3. COMMITTEES & COMMISSIONS

3.1 With Recommendations

3.1.1 Area A Economic Development Commission: minutes January 13, 2026

Moved and seconded,
And Resolved:

54/26

That the Board approve the payment of the following grants from the Area A Economic Development Commission Service S107 budget in the draft 2026 budget:

South Kootenay Lake Community Services Society \$4,725

Carried

3.1.2 Nelson & District Recreation Commission No. 5: minutes January 28, 2026

Moved and seconded,
And Resolved:

55/26

That the Board approve the installation of a storage/training building (shipping container) on the property of North Shore Hall by Nelson Search and Rescue (NSAR), subject to building permit approval; AND FURTHER, that the Board authorize staff to enter lease amendment discussions with NSAR to formalize the placement and use of the structure upon permit approval, pending the negotiations of the terms of the lease.

Carried

3.1.3 Local Conservation Fund Committee: minutes January 29, 2026

The Board Report from Nelson Wight, Planning Manager, seeking Board approval for the release of grants under the Local Conservation Fund S292 for projects in 2026, has been received.

Moved and seconded,
And Resolved:

56/26

That the Board approve grant funding for eight (9) 2026 projects from the Local Conservation Fund Service 292 for \$139,972.00, and further include this amount in the draft 2026 Financial Plan.

PROJECT NAME	PROPONENT	RECOMMENDED TO THE BOARD
Grizzly Bear Coexistence Solutions	Lardeau Valley Opportunity LINKS	\$15,000
Bat Roost Enhancement and Activity Monitoring in the West Kootenay	Wildlife Conservation Society Canada	\$24,955
Kootenay Nature for Neighbourhoods Program	Central Kootenay Invasive Species Society	\$14,624
Harrop Wetlands Project	Friends of Kootenay Lake Stewardship Society	\$13,000
Slocan Valley Pollinator Highway Project: Phase 1 Year 3	Elk Root Conservation Farm Society	\$18,393
Construction and Conservation of Artificial Bat Roosts in the West Kootenay	Okanagan Nation Alliance	\$15,000
Water Monitoring for Climate Resilience in the RDCK	Living Lakes Canada	\$15,000
Advancing Wetland Stewardship & Restoration in the Kootenays	BC Wildlife Federation	\$14,000
Planning for the Future: Watershed Security in a Changing Climate	West Kootenay Watershed Collaborative Society	\$10,000

Carried

Moved and seconded,
And Resolved:

57/26

That the Board rescind the Kootenay Lake Local Conservation Fund Terms of Reference (approved January 17, 2019, as amended).

Carried

Moved and seconded,
And Resolved:

58/26

That the Board direct staff revising the draft Kootenay Lake Local Conservation Fund Policy to improve conciseness and relocate detailed operational content to the accompanying Procedure prior to Board consideration.

Carried

3.1.4 Water Services Committee: minutes February 4, 2026

Moved and seconded,
And Resolved:

59/26 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

3.1.5 Creston Valley Services Committee: minutes February 5, 2026

Staff answered the Board's questions.

Moved and seconded,
And Resolved:

60/26 That the Board renew the lease with Creston Physio Works and More for the commercial space at the Creston and District Community Complex for a period of five years commencing on March 1, 2026 and ending on February 28, 2031, and that costs would be paid into Recreation Facility - Creston and Areas B, C and Area A Service S224 and that, the Board Chair and Corporate Officer be authorized to sign the necessary documents.

Carried

Moved and seconded,
And Resolved:

61/26 That the Board approve the RDCK enter into a four-month concession services agreement at the Creston and District Community Complex with Rick's Iron Kettle Restaurant, commencing on February 8, 2026 and ending on June 7, 2026, and that the Board Chair and Corporate Officer be authorized to execute the agreement.

Carried

3.1.6 Creston Valley Services Committee – Special Budget Meeting: minutes February 12, 2026

Moved and seconded,
And Resolved:

62/26 That the Board approve an amendment to the 2025 Financial Plan from the Regional Parks Service Town of Creston, Areas B and C, S201, to include the purchase of property in the amount of \$815,515; AND FURTHER that Contracted Services be decreased by \$88,063, that Consulting Services be decreased by \$15,000, that Capital be increased \$859,515, that Transfer from Reserve be increased \$58,283, that Grant in Lieu of Taxes be increased \$691, Grants-Specified be increased \$696,030, and that Prior Year Surplus be increased \$1,448.

Carried

3.1.7 Central Resource Recovery Committee: minutes February 17, 2026

Moved and seconded,

MOTION ONLY

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.

Moved and seconded,
And Resolved:

63/26

AMENDMENT TO THE MOTION

That the foregoing motion being:

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.

Be amended to change the closure date from May 31, 2026 to December 31, 2026, thus reading:

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

Carried

Director Lockwood recorded opposed.

Moved and seconded,
And Resolved:

64/26

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

Carried

Director Lockwood recorded opposed.

3.1.8 Joint Resource Recovery Committee: minutes February 18, 2026

Moved and seconded,
And Resolved:

65/26

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

Moved and seconded,
And Resolved:

66/26

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 Davidoff recorded opposed.

Moved and seconded,
And Resolved:

67/26

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

RECESS/ The meeting recessed at 10:27 a.m. for break and reconvened at
RECONVENE 10:42 a.m.

3.2 Membership/Appointments

3.2.1 Resident Directed (ReDi) Grant Local Selection Committee Appointments

Moved and seconded,
And Resolved:

68/26

That the Board appoint the following individuals to the ReDi Selection Committee for one year:

AREA A

Lucille Pittet
Lisa Berry

AREA B

Kristina Schrage
Karen Kraan
Cody Beebe

AREA C

Mel Joy
Larry Binks
Chad Wobshall
Dean Eastman
Wayne Murphy
Maura Schadeli

AREA D/KASLO

Marco DeBortoli
Tammy White
Steve Anderson

AREA E

William Macpherson

AREA J

Dean MacKinnon

AREA K - BAYVIEW/NAKUSP/RURAL NAKUSP

Mark Homis
Kathleen Bone

AREA K - BURTON

Wanda Buerge
Dan Adshead
Karey Bilodeau
Brenda Buerge

AREA K - FAUQUIER

Wendy Smith
April Freely
Christine Sikora

Heather Fraser
 Annette Devlin
AREA K - EDGEWOOD
 Bill Dummett
 Randy Donselaar
 Brian Ewings
 Alice McKee

Carried

4. BYLAWS

4.1 Bylaw 3035 & 3036: Transit Apportionment Bylaw

The Board Report from Tom Dool, Research Analyst, seeking Board approval for minor amendments to Transit Apportionment Bylaw 3035, 2025 and Bylaw 3036, 2025, has been received.

Tom Dool, Research Analyst, provided an update to the Board.

Moved and seconded,
 And Resolved:

69/26

That the THIRD reading of Electoral Areas E & F and Slokan Valley Transit Local Service Area Establishment Amendment Bylaw No. 3035, 2025 BE RESCINDED.

Carried

Moved and seconded,
 And Resolved:

70/26

That the Electoral Areas E & F and Slokan Valley Transit Local Service Area Establishment Amendment Bylaw No. 3035, 2026 be read a THIRD time, as amended.

Carried

Moved and seconded,
 And Resolved:

71/26

That the THIRD reading of Kootenay Lake West Transit Service Establishment Amendment Bylaw No. 3036, 2025 BE RESCINDED.

Carried

Moved and seconded,
 And Resolved:

72/26

That the Kootenay Lake West Transit Service Establishment Amendment Bylaw No. 3036, 2026 be read a THIRD time, as amended.

Carried

4.2 Bylaw 3054: Electoral Area G Land Use Amendment Bylaw

The Board Report from Sadie Chezenko, Planner, seeking Board approval for adoption of Electoral Area 'G' Land Use Amendment Bylaw No. 3054, 2025, has been received.

Moved and seconded,
 And Resolved:

73/26 That Electoral Area G Land Use Amendment Bylaw No. 3054, 2025 being a bylaw to amend the Electoral Area G Land Use Bylaw No. 2452, 2018 is hereby ADOPTED; AND FURTHER that the Chair and Corporate Officer be authorized to sign the same.

Carried

4.3 Bylaw 3059: Electoral Area 'G' Land Use Amendment Bylaw (Bouchard - Area G)

The Board Report from Sadie Chezenko, Planner, seeking Board approval for third reading of Electoral Area 'G' Land Use Amendment Bylaw No. 3059, 2025, has been received.

Moved and seconded,
And Resolved:

74/26 That Electoral Area G Land Use Amendment Bylaw No. 3059, 2025 being a bylaw to amend Electoral Area G Land Use Bylaw No. 2452, 2018 is hereby given THIRD reading; ABD FURTHER, that consideration of adoption BE WITHHELD for Electoral Area G Land Use Amendment Bylaw No.3059, 2025 until the following item has been obtained:

- Approval from the Ministry of Transportation and Transit pursuant to Section 52(3)(a) of the Transportation Act (Controlled Access).

Carried

4.4 Bylaw 3067: Electoral Areas A, B, and C Dangerous and Aggressive Dog Control Service Establishment

Moved and seconded,
And Resolved:

75/26 That Electoral Areas A, B, and C Dangerous and Aggressive Dog Control Service Establishment Bylaw No. 3067, 2026 be read a THIRD time by content.

Carried

4.5 Bylaw 3068: Salmo and Electoral Area G (Rec #7) Recreational Program Amendment

The Statutory Approval was received on February 5, 2026.

Moved and seconded,
And Resolved:

76/26 That the Salmo and Electoral Area G (Rec #7) Recreational Program Amendment Bylaw No.3068, 2025 be ADOPTED and the Chair and Corporate Officer be authorized to sign the same.

Carried

5. NEW BUSINESS

5.1 Community Services

5.1.1 Strategic Priorities Fund Resolution Amendment

The Board Report from Craig Stanley, Regional Manager - Operations and Asset Management, directing staff to amend Strategic Priorities Fund Resolution #379/25, has been received.

Craig Stanley, Regional Manager - Operations and Asset Management, provided an overview to the Board and he answered questions.

Moved and seconded,
And Resolved:

77/26

That the resolution 379/25 being:

That the Board direct staff to prepare and submit four 2025 Strategic Priorities Fund applications to the Union of BC Municipalities for Creston Septage Receiving Facility, Nelson and District and Castlegar and District Arena Refrigeration Replacement and Direct Digital Control Project, and the Castlegar and District Recreation Complex Expansion Project through the Capital Infrastructure Stream and Asset Management Capacity Project through the Capacity Building Stream.

Be amended to read:

That the Board direct staff to prepare and submit four 2025 Strategic Priorities Fund applications to the Union of BC Municipalities for Creston Septage Receiving Facility, Creston and District Arena Refrigeration Replacement and Direct Digital Control Project, and the Castlegar and District Recreation Complex Expansion Project through the Capital Infrastructure Stream; and Asset Management Capacity Project through the Capacity Building Stream.

Carried

5.1.2 New Arena & Indoor Walking Track Development Procurement

The Board Report from Craig Stanley, Regional Manager - Operations and Asset Management, seeking Board approval to enter into a professional services agreement with HCMA Architecture and Design, has been received.

Moved and seconded,
And Resolved:

78/26

That the Board approve entering in a professional services agreement with HCMA Architecture and Design for \$180,000 and that the costs be paid from Service S222 Recreation Facility – Castlegar and Areas I and J;
AND FURTHER, that the Board Chair and Corporate Officer be authorized to sign the necessary documents.

Carried

Director Davidoff recorded opposed.

5.1.3 Grant Funding: Recreation Commission No. 4

Moved and seconded,
And Resolved:

79/26

That the Board approve the payment of the following grants from the Recreation Commission No. 4 S228 draft 2026 budget:

Arrow Lakes Cross Country Ski Club	\$1,698.34
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Carried

5.2 Development and Community Sustainability

5.2.1 Local Government Development Approvals Program Funding Opportunity

The Board Report from Nelson Wight, Planning Manager, seeking Board direction for staff to apply to the Union of British Columbia Municipalities' Local Government Development Approvals Program, has been received.

Staff provided an overview regarding Local Government Development Approvals Program Funding opportunity and answered the Board's questions.

Moved and seconded,
And Resolved:

80/26

That the Board direct staff to apply to the Union of British Columbia Municipalities' Local Government Development Approvals Program (LGDAP) for funding for a regional project focused on reviewing development approval processes and developing baseline, template-based guidance, tools, and capacity-building resources;

AND FURTHER, the Board authorizes the Regional District of Central Kootenay to act as the primary applicant for the proposed regional LGDAP application and, if funding is approved, to receive and administer the grant funding in accordance with program requirements;

AND FURTHER, that if funding is approved, the Board authorizes staff to proceed with the proposed project activities and to coordinate delivery of the project on a regional basis, as applicable.

Carried

5.2.2 Local Conservation Fund Service S292 Surplus Allocation

The Board Report from Sangita Sudan, GM Development & Community Sustainability, seeking Board approval to allocate 100% of the 2026 Local Conservation Fund (LCF) S292 prior-year surplus to Contribution to Reserves in the 2026 Financial Plan, has been received.

Moved and seconded,
And Resolved:

81/26

That the Board approve allocating 100% of the 2026 Local Conservation Fund (LCF) S292 prior-year surplus (projected at \$87,540) to Contribution to Reserves in the draft 2026 Financial Plan for optional use such as future conservation land acquisition, in coordination with the Kootenay Conservation Program.

Carried

5.2.3 UBCM Community Emergency Preparedness Fund EOC Regional Grant Application

The Board Report from Chance Sheffield, Emergency Program Coordinator, seeking Board approval for staff to apply for the 2026 Community Emergency Preparedness Fund (CEPF) – Emergency Operations Centre (EOC) Equipment and Training grant from Union of BC Municipalities (UBCM), has been received.

The Board had a discussion regarding budget and the application deadline. Staff answered questions.

Moved and seconded,
And Resolved:

82/26

That the Board authorize staff to apply for the 2026 Community Emergency Preparedness Fund – Emergency Operations Centre Equipment and Training grant from Union of BC Municipalities in the amount of \$30,000 to support and improve EOC service delivery across the regional district;

AND FURTHER, the Board direct staff to include the grant revenue in the 2026 Year of the Draft 2026-2030 Financial Plan for Service A101 - Emergency Consolidated Services with corresponding expenses, and that staff complete the current proposed activities and provide overall grant management.

Carried

5.2.4 Memorandum of Understanding – City of Nelson and Regional District of Central Kootenay (HomeSave Program)

The Board Report from Sayena Singla, Senior Energy Specialist, seeking Board approval to sign the Memorandum of Understanding with the City of Nelson for the purpose of establishing roles, responsibilities, and governance for the delivery of the HomeSave Program, has been received.

The Board had a discussion and staff answered questions.

Moved and seconded,
And Resolved:

83/26

That the Board authorize the Board Chair and Corporate Officer to sign the Memorandum of Understanding with the City of Nelson for the purpose of establishing roles, responsibilities, and governance for the delivery of the HomeSave Program.

Carried

ORDER OF AGENDA CHANGED

The Order of Business was changed to address public time, with Item Item 9. Public Time considered at this time.

9. PUBLIC TIME

The Chair will call for questions from the public and members of the media at 11:44 a.m.

- A member of the public asked a question regarding the locally own hydro-electric facility letter support item on the agenda.
- A member of the public made comments and asked questions regarding the budget.

RECESS/ RECONVENE

The meeting recessed at 11:51 a.m. for a lunch and reconvened at 1:00 p.m.

ORDER OF AGENDA RESUMED

Item 5.2.5 For Information: Disaster Resilience and Innovation Funding was considered at this time.

5.2.5 For Information: Disaster Resilience and Innovation Funding

The Board Report from Nora Hannon, Acting Emergency Program Manager, updating the Board on the June 2025 Disaster Resilience and Innovation Funding expressions of interest submitted by the RDCK, has been received.

Nora Hannon, Acting Emergency Program Manager, provided a review to the Board regarding the report.

Moved seconded,
Resolved:

84/26

That the Board send a letter of concern to the Ministry of Emergency Management and Climate Readiness, Ministry of Housing and Municipal Affairs, and Ministry of Water, Land and Resource Stewardship regarding the lack of funding for delegated authorities under Emergency and Disaster Management Act (EDMA);

AND FURTHER, that the Board share the letter with the municipal partners, MLA Morrisette, MLA Anderson, Association of Kootenay and Boundary Local Governments (AKBLG), and Union of BC Municipalities (UBCM) in interest of their alignment.

Carried

5.2.6 For Information: UBCM FireSmart Community Funding and Supports Grant

The Board Report from Nora Hannon, Acting Emergency Program Manager, updating the Board on changes to the Union of BC Municipalities (UBCM) FireSmart Community Funding and Supports Grant, has been received.

Nora Hannon, Acting Emergency Program Manager provided an overview to the Board.

5.3 Administration & Finance

5.3.1 SharePoint Migration Project Phase Three

The Board Report from Shiree Worden, Records and Information Management Coordinator, seeking Board approval for the RDCK to proceed with Phase 3 of the SharePoint Migration Project, has been received.

Moved and seconded,
And Resolved:

85/26

That the Board approve the RDCK proceed with Phase 3 of the SharePoint Migration Project; and that \$140,000 in Contracted Services for Phase 3 of the SharePoint Migration Project be included in the draft 2026 Financial Plan for service S100 General Administration;

AND FURTHER, that the Board of the RDCK authorizes up to \$140,000 be borrowed, under Section 403 of the Local Government Act, from the Municipal Finance Authority, for the purpose of Phase 3 of the SharePoint Migration Project;

And that the loan be repaid within Five (5) years, with no rights of renewal;

AND FURTHER, that \$140,000 in Proceeds from Borrowing for Phase 3 of the SharePoint Migration Project be included in the draft 2026 Financial Plan for service S100 General Administration.

Carried

5.3.2 2026 AKBLG Convention - City of Trail: Sponsorship

Moved and seconded,
And Resolved:

86/26

That the Board sponsor the Association of Kootenay and Boundary Local Governments' 2026 AGM and Conference in City of Trail from April 17-19 for the following amount, to come from the General Administration Service S100:

\$5,500 (Gold Sponsorship)

5.3.3 2026 – 2030 DRAFT Financial Plan

The 2026 – 2030 DRAFT Financial Plan from Yev Malloff, has been received in the addenda.

Yev Malloff, Chief Financial Officer, provided an overview regarding the 2026 draft Financial Plan. He shared the changes to the draft budget from the last meeting. He reviewed next steps and shared information regarding public budget meetings.

The Board had a discussion and staff answered questions.

Moved and seconded,
And Resolved:

87/26

That the following motion BE REFERRED to the March 19, 2026 Board meeting:

The Board direct the removal of phase 2 organizational review, budgeted at \$100,000 in Contracted Services in S100 General Administration, from the 2026-2030 DRAFT financial plan.

Carried

Moved and seconded,
And Resolved:

88/26

That the Board direct staff to amend the 2026 - 20230 Draft Financial Plan for Service S202 Regional Parks - Nelson, Salmo and Areas E, F and G, that line item #57010 be adjusted from \$437,171 to \$457,171 to allow that the grant to the Nelson Cycling Club be increased from \$20,000 to \$40,000 and that line #59000 Contribution to Reserve be reduced from \$113,000 to \$100,000 and that line #41010 "Requisitions" be increased from \$1,186,962 to \$1,193,962.

Carried

Director Lockwood recorded opposed.

5.4 Fire Services

5.4.1 Policy 700-01-02: Regional Volunteer Fire Department Service Level - Update

The Board Report from Grant Hume, Regional Deputy Fire Chief, seeking Board approval to adopt the revised Schedule B to Policy 700-01-02, has been received.

Staff answered the Board's questions.

Moved and seconded,
And Resolved:

89/26

That the revised Schedule B to Policy 700-01-02 be adopted to authorize the Robson, Ootischenia and Beasley volunteer fire departments to provide Auto Extrication Services, effective immediately.

Carried

5.5 Grants

5.5.1 Discretionary

Moved and seconded,
And Resolved:

90/26

Discretionary grants out of the funds available for the following Electoral Areas/Member Municipalities be approved as designated:

AREA B

Diverse Family Roots	Riondel R3SET	\$500
Kitchener Valley Recreation and Fire Protection Society	Chairs for Hall	\$2,500
Mountain Land Management	Bountiful Community Rodeo Hall Expansion	\$10,000

AREA E

LV Rogers Secondary School	LVR GRAD Events Fundraiser	\$1,000
Proctor-Harrop Seniors Association Br 118	To Increase Community Involvement	\$1,000

AREA F

Balfour Recreation Commission	Ping Pong Table	\$2,000
Leecrest Improvement District	Curb stop replacement trial	\$1,500
LV Rogers Secondary School	LVR GRAD Events Fundraiser	\$1,200

AREA G

Nelson Nordic Ski Club	East Busk Trail Enhancement	\$5,000
Salmo and District Chamber of Commerce	Douglas fir beetle abatement	\$3,500

AREA H

Kootenay Wellness Foundation	Evolve - Community Dance Event	\$500
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AREA I

Glade Recreation Commission	Glade Easter	\$500
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AREA J

Castlegar Minor Hockey Association	The Road to Provincial Champions	\$2,000
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AREA K

Arrow Park Community Association	Infrastructure and liability support	\$4,420
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Carried**5.5.2 Community Development**

Moved and seconded,
And Resolved:

91/26

Community Development grants out of the funds available for the following Electoral Areas/Member Municipalities be approved as designated:

AREA A

West Kootenay Watershed Collaborative Society	Making Waves: World Water Day Symposium	\$500
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AREA B

Centennial Valley Minor Baseball Association	Centennial Park Ballfield Renovation	\$10,000
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Rykerts Irrigation District	Solar power, internet, solenoid valve and depth sensor installation.	\$5,000
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AREA D

Lardeau Valley Historical Society	Lardeau Valley Museum Roof Project	\$5,000
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West Kootenay Watershed Collaborative Society	Making Waves: World Water Day Symposium	\$500
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AREA E

Balfour and District Senior Citizens' Association Branch No 120	Meals & Social Activities	\$999
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Balfour and District Senior Citizens' Association Branch No 120	Seniors Assistance	\$1,600
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Balfour and District Senior Citizens' Association Branch No 120	Seniors Christmas Dinner	\$1,700
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AREA F

Okanagan Nation Alliance	Fish in Schools	\$1,000
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West Kootenay Watershed Collaborative Society	Making Waves: World Water Day Symposium	\$500
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AREA G

Okanagan Nation Alliance	Fish in Schools	\$1,000
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AREA H

Okanagan Nation Alliance	Fish in Schools	\$1,500
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WE Graham Community School PAC	Grade 7/8 Field Trip To Bamfield Research Station	\$5,000
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West Kootenay Watershed Collaborative Society	Making Waves: World Water Day Symposium	\$500
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AREA I

Castlegar & District Chamber of Commerce	West Kootenay Trade Show 2026	\$1,500
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Diverse Family Roots	Riondel R3SET 2026	\$500
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Okanagan Nation Alliance	Fish in Schools	\$1,250
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West Kootenay Watershed Collaborative Society	Making Waves: World Water Day Symposium	\$500
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AREA J

Castlegar & District Chamber of Commerce	West Kootenay Trade Show 2026	\$2,500
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Diverse Family Roots	Riondel R3SET 2026	\$500
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Okanagan Nation Alliance	Fish in Schools	\$2,000
Regional District of Central Kootenay	Robson Fire Department - Sidewalk Replacement	\$13,500

AREA K

Okanagan Nation Alliance	Fish in Schools	\$1,500
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NAKUSP

Village of Nakusp	Nakusp Hot Springs Accommodation Expansion Project – Planning Phase	\$20,000
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Carried**5.6 Chair/CAO Reports**

The Chair and Acting CAO Wolf had no updates.

6. RURAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

Moved and seconded,
And Resolved:

- 92/26 That the Corporate Officer of the Regional District of Central Kootenay be directed to file a Notice with the Land Title and Survey Authority of British Columbia, stating that a resolution has been made under Section 57 of the Community Charter by the Regional District Board relating to land at 3020 Erickson Rd, Erickson, BC, Electoral Area B, legally described as BLOCK 13, PLAN NEP730A, DISTRICT LOT 812, KOOTENAY LAND DISTRICT PARCEL 1, EXCEPT PLAN SRW 13512, SEE REF PL 36260I OF PCL B SEE 6107I, MANUFACTURED HOME REG. # 87199; AND FURTHER, that information respecting the resolution may be inspected at the office of the Regional District of Central Kootenay on normal working days during regular office hours.

Carried

Moved and seconded,
And Resolved:

- 93/26 That the Corporate Officer be authorized to remove the Notice on Title relating to 5705 CEDAR CREEK RD, Electoral Area H, currently owned by TIMOTHY JOHN DOWES, KAILEY MICHELLE DEANS AND TRAVIS GARRETT DOWES, property legally described as PARCEL Z (SEE K15960), DISTRICT LOT 3464, KOOTENAY DISTRICT PLAN 1023, PID 016-054-059, the RDCK Building Department has confirmed that the reason for placing the Notice on Title on January 24, 2009 has been rectified.

Carried

Moved and seconded,
And Resolved:

- 94/26 That the Board SUPPORT application A2509B for the proposed Subdivision in the Agricultural Land Reserve proposed by John Purdy for the properties located in Kitchener in Electoral Area 'B' and legally described as PARCEL A (REFERENCE PLAN 89388I), SUBLOT 7, DISTRICT LOT 362, KOOTENAY DISTRICT PLAN X40 (PID: 016-313-003) and PARCEL A (REFERENCE PLAN 89388I), SUBLOT 8, DISTRICT LOT 362, KOOTENAY DISTRICT PLAN X40 (PID: 016-313-020) and LOT B, DISTRICT LOT 362, KOOTENAY DISTRICT PLAN NEP23423 (PID: 023-561-327) and PARCEL A (REFERENCE PLAN 89388I), SUBLOT 2, DISTRICT LOT 362, KOOTENAY DISTRICT PLAN X40 (PID: 016-312-996) and PARCEL A (REFERENCE PLAN 89388I), SUBLOT 1, DISTRICT LOT 362, KOOTENAY DISTRICT PLAN X40 (PID: 016-312-970);

and that the Board directs Staff to ADVANCE the subject application to the Agricultural Land Commission for consideration.

Carried

Moved and seconded,
And Resolved:

- 95/26 That Regional District of Central Kootenay Zoning Amendment Bylaw No. 3040, 2026 being a bylaw to amend the Regional District of Central Kootenay Zoning Bylaw No. 1675, 2004 is hereby given FIRST, SECOND and THIRD reading by content;

And that the consideration of adoption BE WITHHELD for Regional District of Central Kootenay Zoning Amendment Bylaw No. 3040, 2026 until the following item has been obtained:

- Approval from the Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure pursuant to Section 52(3)(a) of the Transportation Act (Controlled Access).

Carried

Moved and seconded,
And Resolved:

- 96/26 That the Community Works Fund application submitted by the RDCK for the RDCK- Booster Pump and Media Replacement South Slocan Water System in the total amount of \$22,000.00 be approved and FURTHER, that funds be transferred from Area H Community Works Funds balance to Service 245 – Water Utility South Slocan.

Carried

Moved and seconded,
And Resolved:

- 97/26 That the Community Works Fund application submitted by the RDCK for the RDCK - Campbell Fields Outdoor Reimagination Project in the total amount of \$1,000,000.00 be approved and FURTHER, that funds be transferred from Area H Community Works Funds balance to Service 231 – Slocan Valley South Regional Parks Recreation No. 8.

Carried

Moved and seconded,
And Resolved:

- 98/26 That the Community Works Fund application submitted by the RDCK for the City of Castlegar - Doukhobor Discovery Centre - EFFICIENCY AND EMISSIONS REDUCTION in the total amount of \$12,550 be approved and that funds be disbursed from Community Works Funds: Electoral Area I in the amount of \$12,550.00

Carried

7. DIRECTORS' MOTIONS

7.1 Director Jackman: Letter of Support - Kootenay Food Hub

Moved and seconded,
And Resolved:

- 99/26 That the Board finalize and send a letter of support to Kootenay Food Hub for site acquisition.

Carried

7.2 Director Vandenberghe: Request for Motion from Central Kootenay Invasive Species Society (CKISS) - 2026 FCM Resolution - Invasive Species Prevention Program

Moved and seconded,
And Resolved:

100/26

WHEREAS, protecting natural assets is crucial to supporting Canada's Housing Plan. Natural assets such as water infrastructure and healthy ecosystems provide essential services to housing communities. Essential services include drinking water, clean air and recreation opportunities. Maintaining existing natural infrastructure is more cost efficient than building new infrastructure to compensate for ecosystem function loss, including that caused by invasive species ; and

WHEREAS climate change and persistent drought underscore the vulnerability of local water systems and the need for greater coordination and investment in watershed security to reduce risks to drinking water, wildfire response, flood control, waste water treatment services, and community well-being. Invasive species can exacerbate the impacts of climate change, drought and degrade watershed function; and

WHEREAS invasive plants are also implicated in altering fire regimes, and impacting species at risk and natural climate solutions. Management and damage costs are increasing rapidly over time and proactive management substantially reduces future costs. It is estimated that each \$1 of immediate invasive species management reduces damages by \$53; and

WHEREAS invasive species spread and impacts are a national issue and due to a concentration of human activity, municipalities act as epicenters of invasive species establishment and spread. As a result, municipalities are directly involved in limiting the spread of invasive species; and

WHEREAS the provinces and territories and municipalities lack adequate resources to prevent the spread of invasive species, leaving local governments unprotected. A funding mechanism to enact FCM standing policies on providing federal support for municipalities in the development and delivery of invasive species programs is also lacking;

Therefore be it RESOLVED, That FCM lobby the federal government to fund a local governments for Invasive Species Prevention Program to support local governments in preventing and managing invasive species.

Carried

7.3 Director Watson: Letter of Support - Kaslo Legion

Moved and seconded,
And Resolved:

101/26

That the Board write a letter of support for the Kaslo Legion's project application to secure a standby generator.

Carried

7.4 Director Popoff: Silversmith Power and Light Corporation

The Board had a discussion.

Moved and seconded,
And Resolved:

102/26 That the RDCK board write a letter of support for Silversmith Power and Light Corporation to the Province of BC to support fairness and consistency in establishing wholesale rates and regulations for all electricity producers.

Carried

7.5 Director Davidoff: Service Milestone Letter - Andy Ozeroff

Moved and seconded,
And Resolved:

103/26 That the Board send a letter to Andy Ozeroff, thanking him for 45 years of service to the Area I community through participation on the Area I APC and APHC.

Carried

7.6 Director Hewat: First Nations Co-Management Workshop Reimbursement

Moved and seconded,
And Resolved:

104/26 That Directors receive reimbursement of expenses related to attendance at the First Nations Co-Management Workshop held on Thursday, February 12, 2026 and that they be paid out of General Administration Service S100

Carried

**RECESS/
RECONVENE**

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

Director Jackman introduced a Rural Affairs Committee recommendation regarding Regional District of Central Kootenay Zoning Amendment Bylaw No. 3053, 2026 to the floor. The bylaw was attached to the February 19, 2026 Rural Affairs Committee minutes for the Boards consideration.

Moved, seconded,
And Resolved,

105/26 That Regional District of Central Kootenay Zoning Amendment Bylaw No.3053, 2026 being a bylaw to amend the District of Central Kootenay Zoning Bylaw No. 1675, 2004 is hereby given FIRST and SECOND and THIRD READING by content;

And that the consideration of adoption BE WITHHELD for Regional District of Central Kootenay Zoning Amendment Bylaw No. 3053, 2026 until the following item has been obtained:

- Approval from the Ministry of Transportation and Transit pursuant to Section 52(3)(a) of the Transportation Act (Controlled Access).

Carried

8. CONSENT AGENDA

8.1 For Information: Committees & Commissions

Committee/Commission Reports for information have been received as follows:

8.1.1 Area D Advisory Planning and Heritage Commission: minutes December 16, 2025

8.1.2 Creston Valley Agricultural Advisory Commission: minutes January 15, 2026

8.1.3 North Kootenay Lake Services Committee: minutes January 19, 2026

8.1.4 Recreation Commission No. 7: minutes January 19, 2026

8.1.5 Directors Remuneration Select Committee: minutes January 27, 2026

The Board had a discussion regarding the Remuneration Select Committee Board recommendations to a future Board meeting as a block of recommendations.

8.1.6 Nelson, Salmo, Areas E, F and G Regional Parks Commission: minutes January 28, 2026

8.1.7 Castlegar & District Recreation Commission: minutes February 3, 2026

8.1.8 Riondel Commission: minutes February 3, 2026

8.2 For Information: Communication

8.2.1 The letter dated January 21, 2026 from Brant Felker, Canada Community-Building Fund (CBFF) BC Program Manager, regarding the eligibility of Wildland fire response vehicles.

8.2.2 The letter dated January 23, 2026 from Mike Farnworth, Minister of Transportation and Transit, responding to the RDCK Board letter regarding the legal status of inland ferries.

The Board had a discussion regarding the response letter from the Ministry of Transportation and Transit.

Moved and seconded,
And Resolved:

106/26

That the Board write a letter of follow up to Mike Farnworth, Minister of Transportation and Transit, to clarify the Ministry's response regarding the legal status of inland ferries.

Carried

8.2.3 The email dated February 4, 2026 from the City of Kamloops, regarding their certified resolution about the Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples Act

8.3 For Information: Accounts Payable

The Accounts Payable Summary for January 2026 in the amount of \$3,618,784 has been received for information.

8.4 For Information: Directors' Reports

8.4.1 Director Jackman - RCC/IJC/CBRAC

8.4.2 Director Hewat: CBT/FCM/Other

8.4.3 Director Watson: Budget

8.4.4 Director McLaren-Caux: Activities

10. CLOSED

10.1 Meeting Closed to the Public

The Open meeting will be adjourned after In Camera without reconvening back into the open session unless there is business that needs to be addressed.

Moved and seconded,
And Resolved:

107/26

In the opinion of the Board - 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 bases identified in the following subsections:

- (e) the acquisition, disposition or expropriation of land or improvements, if the council considers that disclosure could reasonably be expected to harm the interests of the municipality;
- (g) litigation or potential litigation affecting the municipality;
- (i) the receipt of advice that is subject to solicitor-client privilege, including communications necessary for that purpose;
- (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;

10.2 Recess of Open Meeting

Moved and seconded,
And Resolved:

108/26

The Open meeting be recessed at 2:59 p.m. in order to conduct the Closed Board meeting and reconvened at 3:47 p.m.

Carried

11. MATTERS ARISING FROM CLOSED MEETING

No items.

12. ADJOURNMENT

Moved and seconded,
And Resolved:

109/26

That the meeting adjourn at 3:47 p.m.

Carried

Originally signed by Vice Chair Aidan McLaren-Caux for

Aimee Watson, RDCK Board Chair

Originally signed by

Christine Hopkyns, Corporate Administration
Coordinator