



Regional District of Central Kootenay

WEST TRANSIT SERVICES COMMITTEE

Open Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, March 4, 2026

9:00 am

Hybrid Model - In-person and Remote

COMMITTEE MEMBERS

PRESENT

Director G. Jackman	Electoral Area A
Director A. Watson	Electoral Area D
Director C. Graham	Electoral Area E
Director T. Newell	Electoral Area F – In person
Director H. Cunningham	Electoral Area G
Director W. Popoff	Electoral Area H
Director A. Davidoff	Electoral Area I
Director H. Hanegraaf	Electoral Area J
Director T. Weatherhead	Electoral Area K
Chair M. McFaddin	City of Castlegar – In person
Director A. McLaren-Caux	Village of Nakusp
Director D. Lockwood	Village of Salmo – In person
Director T. Gordon	Village of Silverton
Director J. Lunn	Village of Slocan

COMMITTEE MEMBERS

ABSENT

Director S. Hewat	Village of Kaslo
Director K. Page	City of Nelson
Director L. Casley	Village of New Denver

STAFF PRESENT

T. Dool	Research Analyst
A. Leffelaar	Community Action Assistant
C. Feeney	Corporate Administration Assistant

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 a.m. PST

Join by Video:

<https://rdck-bc-ca.zoom.us/j/96001000438?pwd=eKcw3CG9ablFpgvmvbhPRSLczHIjrc.1>

Join by Phone:

833 958 1164 Canada Toll-free

*6 to unmute or mute

*9 to raise or lower your hand

Meeting ID: 960 0100 0438

Meeting Password: 417141

In-Person Location:

RDCK Board Room

202 Lakeside Dr. Nelson

2. CALL TO ORDER & WELCOME

RDCK Staff called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

3. ELECTION OF WEST TRANSIT SERVICES COMMITTEE CHAIR**3.1 CALL FOR NOMINATIONS (3 TIMES)**

Tom Dool called for nominations the first time.

Director Lockwood nominated Director McFaddin.

Tom Dool called for nominations two times.

No further nominations.

3.4 DECLARATION OF ELECTED CHAIR

Being none, RDCK Staff ratifies the appointed Director McFaddin as Chair of the West Transit Services Committee for 2026 by acclamation.

4. CHAIR'S ADDRESS

Chair McFaddin thanked the Committee.

5. COMMENCEMENT OF REGULAR WEST TRANSIT SERVICES COMMITTEE

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 THE AGENDA

Moved and seconded,
And resolved:

The agenda for the March 4, 2026 West Transit Services Committee meeting be adopted as circulated.

Carried

5.3 RECEIPT OF MINUTES

The November 19, 2025 West Transit Services Committee minutes, have been received.

6. WTSC ITEMS

6.1 BC TRANSIT UPDATE

The presentation dated March 4, 2026, from Daynika White, Government Relations Manager, BC Transit, re: BC Transit Update, has been received.

Daynika White, BC Transit's Government Relations Manager, provided an update on the proposed UPass program for Selkirk College, outlining the program benefits, per-semester student fee, and anticipated timeline. She noted the approval process may be lengthy as it requires coordination with the Selkirk College Student Union and the Provincial Government.

She also highlighted upcoming service changes in Castlegar and Nakusp this summer, along with other proposed scheduling adjustments across regional routes. A fare and service review of the West Kootenay Transit System is planned for late spring to summer 2026.

Daynika also provided a brief update on data collected through Umo, the electronic fare system, and noted that Open Loop technology will be introduced this year, allowing riders to pay using credit and debit cards.

Daynika and Staff answered the Committee's questions.

DIRECTOR PRESENT: Director Newell joined the meeting at 9:48 a.m.

6.2 RURAL TRANSIT OPERATING MODEL FEASIBILITY ASSESSMENT

The Committee Report dated March 4, 2026, from Alex Leffelaar, Community Action Assistant and Tom Dool, Research Analyst, re: Rural Transit Operating Model Feasibility

Assessment, has been received.

Tom Dool, Research Analyst, and Alex Leffelaar, Community Action Assistant, provided an overview to the Committee of a proposal to submit a grant application for up to \$20,000 to secure consultant support for assessing alternative transit models in rural areas. The focus would be on two routes—Kaslo/Argenta (Route 58) and Edgewood/Nakusp (Route 53)— which are both expensive to operate with low service levels. They noted that the goal is to identify more cost-effective service options, improve convenience and availability, and potentially reduce costs for taxpayers.

Staff answered the Committee's questions.

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

That the Board direct staff to submit an application to the Climate Ready Infrastructure Service (CRIS) fund for up to \$20,000 in consultant support to undertake the Rural Transit Operating Model Feasibility Assessment.

Carried

DIRECTOR ABSENT: Director Popoff and Lunn left the meeting at 10:30 a.m.

6.3 FOR INFORMATION: TRANSIT SERVICE LEVEL UPDATES

The Committee Report dated March 4, 2026 from Tom Dool, Research Analyst, re: Transit Service Level Updates, has been received.

7. PUBLIC TIME

The Chair called for questions from the public and members of the media at 10:36 a.m.

There were no questions from the public or media.

8. ADJOURNMENT

Moved and seconded,
And resolved:

The West Transit Services Committee meeting adjourned at 10:37 a.m.

Carried

Digitally approved

Maria McFaddin, Chair