

Regional District of Central Kootenay

REGULAR BOARD MEETING

Open Meeting Minutes

The **third** meeting of the Board of the Regional District of Central Kootenay in 2026 was held on Thursday, March 19, 2026 at 9:00 a.m. through a hybrid meeting model.

Quorum was maintained throughout the meeting.

ELECTED OFFICIALS

PRESENT

Chair A. McLaren-Caux	Village of Nakusp	In-Person
Director G. Jackman	Electoral Area A	In-Person
Director R. Tierney	Electoral Area B	In-Person
Director K. Peck	Electoral Area C	In-Person
Director J. Smienk	Electoral Area E	In-Person
Director T. Newell	Electoral Area F	In-Person
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 M. McFaddin	City of Castlegar	In-Person
Director D. Dumas	Town of Creston	In-Person
Director S. Hewat	Village of Kaslo	In-Person
Director K. Page	City of Nelson	In-Person
Director L. Casley	Village of New Denver	
Director P. McKellar	Village of Salmo	In-Person
Director T. Gordon	Village of Silverton	
Director J. Lunn	Village of Slocan	In-Person

ELECTED OFFICIALS

ABSENT

Chair A. Watson	Electoral Area D
Director K. Vandenberghe	Electoral Area C
Director C. Graham	Electoral Area E
Director A. DeBoon	Town of Creston
Director D. Lockwood	Village of Salmo

STAFF PRESENT

S. Horn	Chief Administrative Officer
Y. Malloff	General Manager of Finance, Information Technology and Procurement
U. Wolf	General Manager of Environmental Services
S. Sudan	General Manager of Development & Community Sustainability Services
T. Davison	General Manager of Community Services
D. Seguin	General Manager of Fire and Emergency Management Services
C. Saari-Heckley	Human Resources Manager
T. Dool	Research Analyst
N. Hannon	Acting Emergency Program Manager
N. Wight	Planning Manager
S. Chezenko	Planner

A. Leffelaar
M. St Louis
D. Elliott
C. Hopkyns

Climate Action Assistant
Grants Coordinator
Communications Coordinator
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

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:

110/26

The agenda for the March 19, 2026 Regular Open Board meeting be adopted with the inclusion of Item 4.2.3 External Committee: Nelson Public Library Board (Area F) and with the addition of the addendum before circulation.

Carried

2.3 Adoption of the Minutes

Moved and seconded,

And Resolved:

111/26

The minutes from the February 19, 2026 Regular Open Board meeting be adopted as circulated.

Carried

2.4 Introductions

CAO Horn introduced the following staff:

- Venice Lam, Auxiliary Administrative Assistant, replacing Sydney Brown;
- Alanna Carmichael, Auxiliary Administrative Assistant, replacing Savanna Blais;
- and

- Anne Gillender is the new NDCC Facility Manager, replacing Ryan Ricalton.

3. BUSINESS ARISING OUT OF THE MINUTES

3.1 2026 – 2030 DRAFT Financial Plan Board Meeting - February 19, 2026 RES 87/26 Refer to March 19, 2026

The following motion referred will be addressed at Item 6.4.3 For Information:
Organizational Review.

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.

4. COMMITTEES & COMMISSIONS

4.1 With Recommendations

4.1.1 Slocan Valley Services Committee: minutes February 26, 2026

Moved and seconded,
And Resolved:

112/26

That the Board authorize staff to prepare a bylaw amendment to Summit Lake Ski Area Financial Contribution Service Establishment Bylaw No. 1829, 2006 to increase the maximum annual allowable requisition to \$32,500 or a rate of \$0.018/\$1000 of actual assessed value as applied to the service area, whichever is greater.

Carried

4.1.2 Castlegar & District Recreation Commission: minutes March 3, 2026

The Committee Report dated March 4, 2026 from Trisha Davison, General Manager of Community Services, re: Castlegar & District Expansion Project – Value Capture Guidelines & Naming Rights, has been received for information.

The Committee Report dated March 4, 2026 from Trisha Davison, General Manager of Community Services, re: Castlegar & District Complex Expansion – Wood Integration Guidelines, has been received for information.

The Board had a discussion regarding the Castlegar & District Arena & Walking Track Project and staff answered questions.

DIRECTOR PRESENT: Director Lunn joined the meeting at 9:11 a.m.

STAFF DIRECTION: That staff be directed to consider including value capture and wood integration into the RDCK purchasing policy in the upcoming comprehensive review of said policy.

Moved and seconded,
And Resolved:

113/26

That the Board approve Value Capture Guidelines for the Castlegar & District Arena & Walking Track Project providing that all value capture methods other than naming rights - including facility revenue sharing, real estate and land development, advertising and digital rights, operational and facility management contracts, intellectual property and design replication, and financial engineering - are excluded from the procurement process and that the completed facility shall be delivered as an unencumbered public asset with full operational control and all operating revenue streams flowing to the RDCK.

Carried

Moved and seconded,
And Resolved:

114/26

That the Board approve the inclusion of naming rights as a standard contract feature in the design-build procurement for the Castlegar & District Arena & Walking Track Project, structured so that the successful proponent receives ownership of facility naming rights for a defined term (20–25 years from substantial completion), subject to Board-adopted Naming Rights Guidelines, with proponents submitting dual prices (Price A without naming rights, Price B with naming rights) and evaluation based on Price B, with Price B not to exceed the \$15 million maximum total project cost envelope.

Carried

Moved and seconded,
And Resolved:

115/26

That the Board adopt the Naming Rights Guidelines for the Castlegar & District Arena & Walking Track Project, substantially in the form attached as Appendix B, establishing the governance framework for naming rights including acceptable name criteria, the Board approval process, self-naming provisions, community consultation requirements, the naming rights term, transferability, and reversion triggers.

Carried

Moved and seconded,
And Resolved:

116/26

That the Board adopt the Wood Integration Guidelines for the Castlegar & District Arena & Walking Track Project, substantially in the form attached as Appendix A, establishing a design quality framework based on a continuum approach that evaluates wood integration across three dimensions (structural wood use, interior wood expression, and embodied carbon performance) without mandating a specific structural system.

Carried

Moved and seconded,
And Resolved:

117/26

That staff be directed to incorporate the Wood Integration Guidelines into the procurement documents for the Castlegar & District Arena & Walking Track Project using the continuum-based approach, specifically: into the Owner's Statement of Requirements (OSR) as design objectives rather than prescriptive requirements; into the Request for Qualifications (RFQ) as a signal of the RDCK's design values and as a factor within the proponent capability assessment; and into the Request for Proposals (RFP) evaluation framework as a sub-criterion within the Design Quality & OSR Compliance criterion.

Carried

Moved and seconded,
And Resolved:

118/26

That the wood integration sub-criterion be weighted at 10% of the total evaluation score in the RFP evaluation matrix for the Castlegar & District Arena & Walking Track Project, representing a position within the defensible range that is

significant enough to meaningfully reward proponents who invest in wood integration while leaving 90% of the evaluation focused on other criteria including price, functional design, schedule, other quality elements and team which allows a proponent who chooses to specify less wood to remain competitive on cost.

Carried

4.1.3 West Transit Services Committee: minutes March 4, 2026

Moved and seconded,
And Resolved:

119/26

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

4.1.4 Creston Valley Services Committee: minutes March 5, 2026

Moved and seconded,
And Resolved:

120/26

That the Board direct staff to issue an Expression of Interest to identify external service provider(s) for economic development activities in the Creston Valley based upon the proposed level of service for economic development outlined in the committee report dated March 5, 2026, AND FURTHER, that after the evaluation of the submissions, staff return to the Creston Valley Services Committee for consideration.

Carried

4.1.5 Joint Resource Recovery Committee: minutes March 18, 2026

Item removed.

4.2 Membership/Appointments

4.2.1 Committee/Commission Appointments

Moved and seconded,
And Resolved:

121/26

That the Board appoint the individuals to the following RDCK Commissions:

Recreation Commission No. 6 - Village of New Denver for a term to expire December 31, 2027:

Danika Hammond
Colin Moss (Alternate)

Carried

4.2.2 Resident Directed (ReDi) Grant Local Selection Committee Appointment (Additions)

Moved and seconded,
And Resolved:

122/26

That the Board appoint the following individuals to the ReDi Local Area Selection Committees:

AREA D/KASLO

Dana Cornea 1 year

AREA C

Ashley Chinna 1 year

Karen Peck 1 year

Carried**4.2.3 External Committee: Nelson Public Library Board (Area F)***Current member:**Area F membership currently vacant*

Moved and seconded,

And Resolved:

123/26

That the Board appoint the following person as the Electoral Area F representative to the Nelson Public Library Board for a term to end December 31, 2027:

Gordon Androsoff (Area F)

Carried**5. BYLAWS****5.1 Bylaw 3035: Electoral Areas E & F and Slocan Valley Transit Local Service Area Establishment Amendment**

Inspector of Municipalities approval was received on March 5, 2026.

Moved and seconded,

And Resolved:

124/26

That the Electoral Areas E & F and Slocan Valley Transit Local Service Area Establishment Amendment Bylaw No. 3035, 2026 be ADOPTED and the Chair and Corporate Officer be authorized to sign the same.

Carried**5.2 Bylaw No. 3036: Kootenay Lake West Transit Service Establishment Amendment**

Inspector of Municipalities approval was received on March 13, 2026.

Moved and seconded,

And Resolved:

125/26

That the Kootenay Lake West Transit Service Establishment Amendment Bylaw No. 3036, 2026 be ADOPTED and the Chair and Corporate Officer be authorized to sign the same.

Carried**5.3 Bylaw 3040: Regional District of Central Kootenay Zoning Amendment (Mace)**

The Board Report dated February 26, 2026 from Sadie Chezenko, Planner, regarding Regional District of Central Kootenay Zoning Amendment Bylaw No. 3040, 2025, has been received.

Moved and seconded,

And Resolved:

126/26 That Regional District of Central Kootenay Zoning Amendment Bylaw No. 3040, 2025 being a bylaw to amend the Regional District of Central Kootenay Zoning Bylaw No. 1675, 2004 is hereby ADOPTED;

AND FURTHER that the Chair and Corporate Officer be authorized to sign the same.

Carried

5.4 Bylaw 3053: Regional District of Central Kootenay Zoning Amendment (Small Scale Multi-Unit Housing Zoning Alignment - Electoral Areas F,I, J & K)

The Board Report dated March 19, 2026 from Sadie Chezenko, Planner, regarding Regional District of Central Kootenay Zoning Amendment Bylaw No. 3053, 2025, has been received.

Moved and seconded,
And Resolved:

127/26 That Regional District of Central Kootenay Zoning Amendment Bylaw No. 3053, 2025 being a bylaw to amend the Regional District of Central Kootenay Zoning Bylaw No. 1675, 2004 is hereby ADOPTED;

AND FURTHER that the Chair and Corporate Officer be authorized to sign the same.

Carried

5.5 Bylaw 3059: Electoral Area G Land Use Amendment Bylaw (Bouchard)

The Board Report dated March 3, 2026 from Sadie Chezenko, Planner, regarding Electoral Area G Land Use Amendment Bylaw No. 3059, 2025, has been received.

Moved and seconded,
And Resolved:

128/26 That Electoral Area G Land Use Amendment Bylaw No. 3059, 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

5.6 Bylaw 3073: Village of Salmo Fire Truck Security Issuing

Moved and seconded,
And Resolved:

129/26 That the Village of Salmo Fire Truck Security Issuing Bylaw No. 3073, 2026 be read a FIRST, SECOND, and THIRD time by content.

Carried

5.7 Bylaw 3074: Rural Mobility Community Advisory Committee Amendment
NOTE: The Rural Mobility Community Advisory Committee appointments recommendation has been added.

The Board had a discussion.
Moved and seconded,
And Resolved:

130/26 That the Rural Mobility Community Advisory Committee Amendment Bylaw 3074, 2026 be read a FIRST, SECOND, and THIRD time by content.

Carried

Moved and seconded,
And Resolved:

131/26

That the Rural Mobility Community Advisory Committee Amendment Bylaw 3074, 2026 be ADOPTED and the Chair and Corporate Officer be authorized to sign the same.

Carried

Moved and seconded,
And Resolved:

132/26

That Board appoint the following individuals to the Rural Mobility Advisory Committee for a term to end April 17, 2027:

Sarah Breen
Trish Dehnel
Miranda Hughes
Maxence Jaillet
Kelly McCafferty
Keith Wiley
Andrew Murray
David Gregory
Jacqueline Willard
Michelle Postnikoff
Cassie Norman
Reidun Rosi

Carried

ORDER OF AGENDA Moved and seconded,
CHANGED And Resolved:

That Item 6.4.3 For Information: Organizational Review be considered at this time.

Carried

6.4.3 For Information: Organizational Review

The Board Report dated March 19, 2026 from Connie Saari-Heckley, Senior Manager, Human Resources, provide information to the Board on the steps Staff will take to address phase 1 items identified in the Organizational Assessment conducted by Samson, has been received.

Resolution 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.

The Board had a discussion regarding the Organizational Review budget for 2026. Staff answered questions.

Moved and seconded,
And Resolved:

133/26 The Board direct the removal of phase 2 organizational review, budgeted at \$100,000 in Contracted Services in S100 General Administration, from the 2026 DRAFT financial plan.

Carried

Moved and seconded,
And Resolved:

134/26 That the Board direct staff to develop a work plan and budget from Contracted Services in S100 General Administration for the Phase 2 Organizational Review and report back to the Board by September 2026.

Carried

ORDER OF AGENDA Item 5.8 Bylaw 3075: 2026-2030 Financial Plan was considered at this time.
RESUMED

5.8 Bylaw 3075: 2026-2030 Financial Plan
Board had discussion and staff answered questions.

Moved and seconded,
And Resolved:

135/26 That the 2026-2030 Financial Plan Bylaw No. 3075, 2026 be read a FIRST, SECOND, and THIRD as amended.

Carried

Moved and seconded,
And Resolved:

136/26 That the 2026-2030 Financial Plan Bylaw No. 3075, 2026 be ADOPTED and the Chair and Corporate Officer be authorized to sign the same.

Carried

6. NEW BUSINESS

6.1 Community Services

6.1.1 Contract Award: Castlegar and District Community Complex – Reflective Ceiling and Air Barrier Improvements

The Board Report dated March 4, 2026 from Jeannine Bradley, Project Manager, seeking the Board to award the contract for the Castlegar & District Community Complex – Arena Reflective Ceiling and Air Barrier Improvements to Zarikoff Developments Inc., has been received.

Moved and seconded,
And Resolved:

137/26 That the Board direct staff to award the contract for the PRJ24031: Castlegar & District Community Complex – Arena Reflective Ceiling and Air Barrier Improvements to Zarikoff Developments Inc.; and that the Chair and Corporate Officer be authorized to sign the necessary documents to a maximum value of \$250,000; AND FURTHER, that the cost be included in the 2026 Financial Plan for S222 Arena (Castlegar Complex)–Castlegar and Areas I and J.

Carried

6.1.2 Contribution Agreement: Columbia Basin Trust Project - Regional Park Enhancement Program

The Board Report dated March 19, 2026 from Mark Crowe, Regional Park Planner, seeking Board approval to enter into a Contribution Agreement with Columbia Basin Trust for Project #: 22,602 - Regional District of Central Kootenay Regional Park Enhancement Program 2026-2028, has been received.

Staff provided background to the Board regarding the Contribution Agreement for the Regional District of Central Kootenay Regional Park Enhancement Program. Staff will prepare a workplan to bring back to the All Recreation Committee meeting in June.

The Board had a discussion and staff answered questions.

Moved and seconded,
And Resolved:

138/26

That the Board approve entering into a Contribution Agreement with Columbia Basin Trust for Project #: 22,602 - Regional District of Central Kootenay Regional Park Enhancement Program 2026-2028, and that the Chair and Corporate Officer be authorized to sign the necessary documents, and further that the funding be allocated to the A104 Regional Parks Service budget.

Carried

6.2 Development and Community Sustainability

6.2.1 For Information: RDCK Emergency Response and Economic Disruption -Project Completion

The Board Report dated March 19, 2026 from Dan Séguin, Acting GM, Fire & Emergency Management Services, inform the Board that the Emergency Response and Economic Disruption Research Internship Project has been completed, has been received.

6.3 Environmental Services

6.3.1 Contract Award: Erickson Water System – Residential Meter Contract Package 1

The Board Report from AJ Evenson, Senior Project Manager, seeking Board direction to award the contract for the Erickson Water System Residential Meters Installation Contract Package 1, has been received.

Moved and seconded,
And Resolved:

139/26

That the Board direct staff to award the contract for the Erickson Water System – Residential Meters Installation Contract Package 1 – to Valhalla Hydrovac Ltd; and that the Chair and Corporate Officer be authorized to sign the necessary documents to a maximum value of \$328,637.41 plus GST; AND FURTHER, that the funds be drawn from S250 Water Utility – Area B & C (Erickson).

Carried

6.4 Administration & Finance

6.4.1 Contribution Agreement: Columbia Basin Trust Project - Resident Directed (ReDi) Grants Funding

Moved and seconded,
And Resolved:

140/26

That the Board approve entering into a Contribution Agreement with Columbia Basin Trust for Project #: 22,686 - Regional District of Central Kootenay Regional RDCK ReDi 2027/28, and that the Chair and Corporate Officer be authorized to sign the necessary documents.

Carried

RECESS/ The meeting recessed at 10:28 a.m. for a break and reconvened at
RECONVENE 10:45 a.m.

6.4.2 Alternative Approval Process (AAP): A, B, & C Dangerous & Aggressive Dogs

The Board Report dated March 19, 2026 from Tom Dool, Research Analyst, seeking Board approval of the electors within Electoral Areas A, B, and C for Elector Areas A, B, and C Dangerous and Aggressive Dog Control Service Establishment Bylaw No. 3067, 2026 and that such approval be sought by Alternative Approval Process, has been received.

Moved and seconded,
 And Resolved:

141/26

That the Board direct staff to proceed with seeking approval of the electors within Electoral Areas A, B, and C for Elector Areas A, B, and C Dangerous and Aggressive Dog Control Service Establishment Bylaw No. 3067, 2026 and that such approval be sought by Alternative Approval Process pursuant to Section 86 of the Community Charter, AND FURTHER, the Board hereby determines as follows:

1. The deadline for receipt of elector responses is 4:00 p.m. on June 15, 2026.
2. The required Elector Response Form shall be as attached to this report.
3. A fair determination of the total number of electors within the area to which the alternative approval process applies is 768.

Carried

6.5 Fire Services

6.5.1 Ootischenia Fire Department Replacement Engine

The Board Report from Grant Hume – Regional Deputy Fire Chief, seeking Board approval to purchase of a 2014 Pierce Freightliner Commercial Pumper, has been received.

Staff provided background information regarding the purchase of a 2014 Pierce Freightliner Commercial Pumper and answered the Board's questions.

Moved and seconded,
 And Resolved:

142/26

That the Board approve the Sole Source purchase of one (1) 2014 Pierce Freightliner Commercial Pumper from Rocky Mountain Phoenix, including required operational upgrades, for a total cost not exceeding \$600,000 inclusive of applicable taxes and that the Chair and Corporate Officer be authorized to sign the necessary documents;

AND FURTHER, that the Board of the Regional District Central Kootenay authorize borrowing under Section 403 of the *Local Government Act* from the Municipal Finance Authority – equipment financing program, for a term not exceeding five (5) years, to be repaid from S145 Fire Protection - Area J (Ootischenia), with no rights of renewal.

Carried

6.5.2 Contract 2025 Annual Fee: S133 Area E Fire Protection Nelson

The Board Report from Yev Malloff, GM Finance, IT & Procurement / CFO, seeking Board approval of payment to the City of Nelson for providing Contracted Fire Protection Services to a defined portion of Area E, has been received.

Moved and seconded,
And Resolved:

143/26

That the Board approve the base payment of \$294,111 to the City of Nelson for providing contracted fire protection services to defined portion of Area E under Service S133 for the 2025 fiscal year.

Carried

Moved and seconded,
And Resolved:

144/26

The Board direct staff to bring a report to the Board regarding Service S133 Area E Fire Protection (Nelson Contract) that includes the following information:

- Taxation History and City of Nelson Capital Expenses for the past ten years.
- Anticipated increases in costs that have been indicated by the City of Nelson and future taxation implications.
- Steps required to increase taxation limits for Service S133 Area E Fire Protection (Nelson Contract).
- Consult with the Blewett Fire Chief and Investigate the possibility of expanding that Fire Protection Service to cover a portion or all of defined Area fire protection covered by Service S133 Area E Fire Protection (Nelson Contract). Boundary options to include with or without a satellite fire hall.
- In consultation with the Director of Area E, gather information that would be required for public meetings which would show tax implications and options for the residents of service area S133 Area E Fire Protection (Nelson Contract) to consider and provide input on.

Carried

6.6 Grants

6.6.1 Discretionary

Moved and seconded,
And Resolved:

145/26

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

AREA A

55+ BC Games	55+ BC GAMES , KAMLOOPS	\$300
KRSS Prom Parent Committee	KRSS Prom	\$800
Wynndel Community Centre	5th Annual Easter Egg Hunt	\$500

AREA B

KRSS Prom Parent Committee	KRSS Prom	\$600
Creston Valley Society for Therapeutic Horsemanship	Mud Control Grids for High Traffic Paddock Area	\$500
55+ BC Games	55+ BC GAMES , KAMLOOPS	\$300
Creston Valley In The Raw Arts Society	Creston Clay Fest 2026	\$600

AREA C

55+ BC Games	55+ BC GAMES , KAMLOOPS	\$200
KRSS Prom Parent Committee	KRSS Prom	\$300

AREA F

Castlegar and District Minor Hockey Association	Road to Provincials	\$1,000
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AREA H

Winlaw Elementary Parent Advisory Council	Winlaw Elementary Spring Fling	\$1,200
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AREA J

Robson Fire & Rescue Society	2026 Easter Event	\$500
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Carried**6.6.2 Community Development**

Director Smienk declared a conflict of interest due to being a member on a Committee receiving Community Development grant funds and left the meeting at 10:58 a.m.

Moved and seconded,
And Resolved:

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

AREA A

Creston Valley Minor Baseball Association	Centennial Park Ballfield Renovation	\$5,000
Fields Forward Society	Taste of Creston	\$1,000
Starbelly Jam Society	Starbelly Jam Music Festival	\$5,000

AREA B

Fields Forward Society	Taste of Creston	\$1,500
Kitchener Valley Recreation and Fire Protection Society	Kitchener Valley Community Park Enhancement	\$13,000
Yahk-Kingsgate Recreation Society	Yahk-Kingsgate Community Hall Park Enhancement	\$13,000

AREA C

Creston Valley Minor Baseball Association	Centennial Park Ballfield Renovation	\$5,000
Fields Forward Society	Taste of Creston	\$1,000

AREA D

J. B. Fletcher Restoration Society	Operations 2026	\$4,500
Kootenay Mountain Biking Ltd	Everyone Rides Grades 4 & 5 Education	\$1,500
Lardeau Valley Historical Society	Operation Cost & Summer Host	\$5,000

AREA E

Balfour and District Business and Historic Association	Contract wages	\$10,000
Nelson Area Waldorf School Association	Playground Project	\$3,000
West Kootenay Family Wellness Society	Balfour Daycare Community Engagement Events	\$820
West Shores Leisure Advancement Society	E & F Community Newsletter	\$7,800

AREA F

Nelson Area Waldorf School Association	Playground Project	\$2,000
Taghum Community Hall Society	Welcome Home!	\$500
West Shores Leisure Advancement Society	E & F Community Newsletter	\$7,800

AREA G

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

Kootenay Mountain Biking Ltd	Everyone Rides Grades 4 & 5 Education	\$3,000
Nakusp and Area Community Trails Society	Outdoor Recreation Brochure	\$1,100

Nelson Area Waldorf School Association	Playground Project	\$4,500
Silverton Community Club	Slocan Valley Veterans Project	1,500
Slocan Valley Watershed and Forest Protection Society	Wildfire Suppression Crews Certification and Recertification	\$5,000

AREA I

Kootenay Gallery of Art, History and Science Society	Soup for the Cultured Soul 2026	\$1,500
Tarrys Fire Department Ladies Auxiliary	2025 Children Christmas Party	\$500
Tarrys Fire Department Social Club	Appreciation Dinner & Jacket	\$2,000

AREA J

Kootenay Gallery of Art, History and Science Society	Soup for the Cultured Soul 2026	\$2,500
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AREA K

Nakusp and Area Community Trails Society	Outdoor Recreation Brochure	\$1,100
Nakusp Elementary School	NES Ski Program	\$10,000

SALMO

Kootenay Mountain Biking Ltd	Everyone Rides Grades 4 & 5 Education	\$1,500
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Carried

Director Smienk returned to the meeting at 11:01 a.m.

6.7 Chair/CAO Reports

The Chair had no updates.

The CAO shared that the RDCK is watching precipitation levels in the region and dependant on level, may open Emergency Operations Centre for Level 1 for monitoring.

7. RURAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

Moved and seconded,
And Resolved:

147/26

That the Board approve the RDCK extend into a Goods and Services Agreement with the British Columbia Conservation Foundation for their WildSafeBC Program for the period of April 1, 2026 and ending on December 31, 2028, and that the Chair and Corporate Officer be authorized to sign the necessary documents;

AND FURTHER, that the annual funding for the WildSafeBC Program not exceed an annual cost of \$20,000;

AND FURTHER, that the costs be paid from Rural Administration S101.

Carried

Moved and seconded,
And Resolved:

- 148/26 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 5400 Elsie-Holmes Rd, Wynndel, BC, Electoral Area A, legally described as LOT 1, PLAN NEP77199, DISTRICT LOT 4595, KOOTENAY LAND DISTRICT; AND FURTHER, if an active Building permit or Building application is in place, that it be cancelled; and finally, 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:

- 149/26 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 5137 Cory Rd, Wynndel, BC, Electoral Area A, legally described as LOT 4, PLAN NEP1369, DISTRICT LOT 191, KOOTENAY LAND DISTRICT EXC PCL A (SEE 22518I); AND FURTHER, if an active Building permit or Building application is in place, that it be cancelled; and finally, 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:

- 150/26 That the Corporate Officer be authorized to remove the Notice on Title relating to 6603 Nixon Rd, Winlaw BC, Electoral Area H, currently owned by David Wayne Macnab, property legally described as LOT 11, BLOCK 6, DISTRICT LOT 383, KOOTENAY DISTRICT PLAN 1108, PID 016-065-948, the RDCK Building Department has confirmed that the reason for placing the Notice on Title on May 17, 2018 has been rectified.

Carried

Moved and seconded,
And Resolved:

- 151/26 That the Board APPROVE the issuance of Development Variance Permit V2507I to Stacy Johnston for the properties located at 2285 and 2270 Lower Gibson Road and legally described as LOT 3, DISTRICT LOT 7448, KOOTENAY DISTRICT PLAN 5002, EXCEPT PLAN NEP73270 (PID: 005-477-590) and LOT 2, DISTRICT LOT 7448, KOOTENAY DISTRICT PLAN NEP76618 (PID: 026-078-627) to vary Section 602(7) of RDCK Zoning Bylaw No.1675, 2004 in order to allow a newly created lot bisected by a legally dedicated road.

Carried

Moved and seconded,
And Resolved:

- 152/26 That the Board direct staff to provide notification of the Board's intention to consider Temporary Use Permit application T2601F by Dan Markin for the property located on View Ridge Road in Bonnington and legally described as LOT E, DISTRICT LOT 7068, KOOTENAY DISTRICT PLAN NEP21628 (PID: 018-940-617).

Carried

Moved and seconded,
And Resolved:

- 153/26 That the Board SUPPORT application A2601B for the proposed subdivision in the Agricultural Land Reserve proposed by John Purdy for the property located at 5324 Whimster Road, Canyon, Electoral Area 'B' and legally described as PARCEL 2, (SEE 125110I) BLOCK 1, DISTRICT LOT 812, KOOTENAY DISTRICT PLAN 1493 (PID: 011-518-081).

Carried

8. DIRECTORS' MOTIONS

8.1 Director Davidoff: 2026 UBCM Recommendation - Provincial Responsibility For Rural Active Transportation Corridors

Director Davidoff provided an overview to the Board regarding the proposed recommendation and chip-seal surface treatments on highways.

The Board had a discussion and staff answered questions.

Moved and seconded,
And Resolved:

- 154/26 That the Board direct staff to forward the following recommendation to UBCM as a UBCM resolution:

WHEREAS in rural British Columbia, provincially owned and maintained secondary and tertiary highways often function as the sole transportation corridors, serving motor vehicles, pedestrians, cyclists, school travel, mobility-device users, and emergency access; and unlike urban municipalities, rural and electoral area governments typically do not have alternate road networks, sidewalks, or parallel routes through which to provide separate active transportation infrastructure and where no alternate corridors exist, the condition and maintenance standard of the provincial travel lane directly determines the safety and accessibility of all users;

AND WHEREAS certain maintenance practices, including the use of chip-seal surface treatments on highways without usable shoulders, can create increased risk for vulnerable road users and reduce safe multi-modal access in rural communities and provincial transportation policy commits to safety, accessibility, equity, and increased active transportation participation across British Columbia.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Union of BC Municipalities request that the Province of British Columbia formally recognize that, in rural and compact communities without alternate transportation corridors, provincially owned highways function as active transportation infrastructure;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Province review and, where necessary, adjust rural highway maintenance standards to reflect multi-modal use and ensure safe conditions for pedestrians, cyclists, mobility-device users, and other vulnerable road users and the Province collaborate with rural and regional district governments to develop practical, jurisdictionally appropriate solutions that ensure equitable transportation safety outcomes between urban and rural communities.

Carried

9. CONSENT AGENDA

9.1 For Information: Committees & Commissions

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

- 9.1.1 Electoral Area I Advisory Planning and Heritage Commission: minutes February 9, 2026
- 9.1.2 Recreation Commission No. 7: minutes February 9, 2026
- 9.1.3 Salmo and Area Services Committee: minutes February 9, 2026

9.2 For Information: Communication

- 9.2.1 The letter dated February 24, 2026 from Ministry of Water, Land and Resource Stewardship, Ministry of Water, Land and Resource Stewardship, Ministry of Agriculture and Food, and Ministry of Water, Land and Resource Stewardship regarding water management.
- 9.2.2 The letter dated February 25, 2026 from Simon Yu, City of Prince George Mayor, requesting signatures for their public safety petition to the Minister of Justice and the Attorney.
- 9.2.3 The letter dated February 26, 2026 from Jen Ford, Squamish-Lillooet Regional District Chair, regarding establishing a Sustainable Provincial Funding Model for Search and Rescue.
- 9.2.4 The letter dated February 26, 2026 from Isaac Maxfield, Kaslo infoNet Society Executive Director, regarding the announced sale of Columbia Basin Broadband Corporation.

The Board had a discussion regarding the announced sale of Columbia Basin Broadband Corporation's network to CityWest Cable and Telephone Corporation. City West has been invited to attend a future Board meeting as a delegation.

Moved and seconded,
And Resolved:

155/26

That the Board request Columbia Basin Trust and CityWest Cable and Telephone Corporation establish a binding governance framework for broadband within RDCK boundaries before the first phase of the transfer closes.

Carried

- 9.2.5 The letter dated March 3, 2026 from Ross Siemens, City of Abbotsford Mayor, requesting support for two UBCM resolutions regarding pipeline valuation changes and expanded provincial sales tax requirements.
- 9.2.6 The letter dated March 5, 2026 from Barbara Roden, Thompson-Nicola Regional District Chair, requesting support for their UBCM resolutions regarding the Heritage Conservation Act.
- 9.2.7 RDCK Board Letter: The letter of support dated March 3, 2026 from the RDCK Board to Kaslo Branch 74 Royal Canadian Legion.
Board Meeting - February 19, 2026
RES 101/26
- 9.2.8 RDCK Board Letter: The letter of support dated March 4, 2026 from the RDCK Board to Creston Valley Public Library.
Board Meeting - January 22, 2026
RES 18/26
- 9.2.9 RDCK Board Letter: The letter of support dated March 4, 2026 from the RDCK Board to Kootenay Farms Food Hub.

Board Meeting - February 19, 2026
RES 99/26

9.2.10 RDCK Board Letter: The letter of support dated March 4, 2026 from the RDCK Board to Silversmith Hydroelectric Station.
Board Meeting - February 19, 2026
RES 102/26

9.2.11 RDCK Board Letter: The response letter dated March 5, 2026 from the RDCK Board to Ministry of Transportation and Transit.
Board Meeting - February 19, 2026
RES 106/26

9.3 For Information: Accounts Payable

The Accounts Payable Summary for February 2026 in the amount of \$2,420,799 has been received for information.

RECESS/ The meeting recessed at 11:39 a.m. for a break and reconvened at
RECONVENE 11:45 a.m.

ORDER OF THE AGENDA The Order of Business was changed to address public time,
CHANGED with Item 10 Public Time considered at this time.

10. PUBLIC TIME

The Chair will call for questions from the public and members of the media at 11:45 a.m.

Members of the public asked questions regarding:

- The 2026 budget and budget meetings attendance.
- Requesting the Boards support for a recommendation to designate watersheds in Area G as Ecological Reserve and Protected Area.
- Supporting the previous request for the Board to support of a recommendation to designate watersheds in Area G as Ecological Reserve and Protected Area.

ORDER OF AGENDA Item 9.4 For Information: Directors' Reports was considered at this time.
RESUMED

9.4 For Information: Directors' Reports

Moved and seconded,
 And Resolved:

156/26

That Directors' verbal reports be referred to the April 16, 2026 Board meeting.

Carried

9.4.1 Director Jackman: RCC/IJC/CBRAC

9.4.2 Director McLaren-Caux: February - March Activities

9.4.3 Director Watson

9.4.3.1 Director's Report: Budget/ACDA/BC Hydro

9.4.3.2 Letter of Support: Crisis Community Acupuncture Clinics

11. CLOSED

11.1 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:

157/26 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;
- (h) an administrative tribunal hearing or potential administrative tribunal hearing affecting the municipality, other than a hearing to be conducted by the council or a delegate of council;
- (i) the receipt of advice that is subject to solicitor-client privilege, including communications necessary for that purpose;
- (j) information that is prohibited, or information that if it were presented in a document would be prohibited, from disclosure under section 21 of the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act;

Carried

11.2 Recess of Open Meeting

Moved and seconded,
And Resolved:

158/26 The Open meeting be recessed at 11:56 a.m. in order to conduct the Closed Board meeting and reconvened at 12:47 p.m.

Carried

12. MATTERS ARISING FROM CLOSED MEETING

Moved and seconded,
And Resolved:

159/26 That the Board direct staff to prepare a draft Temporary Access into Evacuation Order Areas
IC111/26 Policy for Board consideration.


Carried


13. ADJOURNMENT

Moved and seconded,
And Resolved:

160/26 That the meeting adjourn at 12:48 p.m.

Carried


Aidan McLaren-Caux, RDCK Board Chair


Christine Hopkyns, Corporate Administration Coordinator