



## REGIONAL DISTRICT OF CENTRAL KOOTENAY

# WATER SERVICES COMMITTEE OPEN MEETING MINUTES

A Water Services Committee meeting was held on Wednesday, April 1, 2026 at 9:00 am PST through a hybrid meeting model.

### COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Director G. Jackman	Area A	In-Person
Director R. Tierney	Area B	
Director K. Vandenberghe	Area C	
Director A. Watson	Area D	In-Person
Director C. Graham	Area E	
<b>Director T. Newell</b>	<b>Area F (2026 Committee Chair)</b>	In-Person
Director H. Cunningham	Area G	In-Person
Director W. Popoff	Area H	In-Person
Director H. Hanegraaf	Area J	
Director T. Weatherhead	Area K	
Councillor D. Dumas	Town of Creston	

### GUEST DIRECTORS

Director A. Davidoff	Area I
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### STAFF

S. Horn	Chief Administrative Officer
U. Wolf	General Manager of Environmental Services
C. Gainham	Utility Services Manager
A. Divlakovski	Water Operations Manager
E. Senyk	Water Services Liaison
E. Clark	Meeting Coordinator

**11 out of 11 voting Commission/Committee members were present – quorum was met.**

## 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).

### Join by Video:

<https://rdck-bcca.zoom.us/j/94251587997?pwd=lcttgVxsmjwxAZTmptO2CWLt27wI.1>

### Join by Phone:

833 955 1088 Canada Toll-free

**Meeting ID:** 942 5158 7997

**Passcode:** 285704

**In-Person Location:** RDCK Boardroom, 202 Lakeside Drive, Nelson BC

## 2. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Newell called the meeting to order at 9:00 am.

**MOVED** and seconded,

And Resolved:

That Director Davidoff have freedom of the floor.

**Carried**

### 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 AGENDA

**MOVED** and seconded,

And Resolved:

The Agenda for the April 1, 2026 Water Services Committee meeting, be adopted as circulated.

**Carried**

### 2.3 RECEIPT OF MINUTES

The February 4, 2026 Water Services Committee minutes, have been received.

## ORDER OF AGENDA CHANGED

The Order of Business was changed to address Closed agenda items first, with Item 6. Closed considered at this time.

## 6. CLOSED

### 6.1 MEETING CLOSED TO THE PUBLIC

**MOVED** and seconded,  
And Resolved:

In the opinion of the Committee and, in accordance with Section 90 of the Community Charter the public interest so requires that persons other than DIRECTORS, ALTERNATE DIRECTORS, DELEGATIONS AND STAFF be excluded from the meeting; AND FURTHER, in accordance with Section 90 of the Community Charter, the meeting is to be closed on the basis identified in the following Subsections:

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

(g) litigation or potential litigation affecting the municipality;

(i) the receipt of advice that is subject to solicitor-client privilege, including communications necessary for that purpose;

**Carried**

**ORDER OF AGENDA CHANGED** The Order of Business was changed to allow additional time for Item 3. Delegation at the end of the meeting, with Item 4. Staff Reports and Item 5. Public Time considered at this time.

## 4. STAFF REPORTS

### 4.1 FOR INFORMATION: OPERATIONS, MAINTENANCE AND CAPITAL PROJECT UPDATE

The Committee Report from Alexandra Divlakovski, Water Operations Manager providing an update and highlighting the larger maintenance and capital projects completed to date in 2026, has been received.

### 4.2 PRESENTATION: BC WATER METERING COMMUNITY OF PRACTICE

Alexandra Divlakovski, Water Operations Manager will give a presentation titled "BC Water Metering Community of Practice". The presentation has been received.

### 4.3 FOR INFORMATION: ERICKSON WATER SYSTEM UNIVERSAL METERING PROJECT UPDATE

The Committee Report from Chris Gainham, Utility Services Manager providing an update on the Erickson Water System's Universal Metering Program Installation Approach and Implementation, has been received.

### 4.4 UTILITIES RATES, FEES & CHARGES BYLAW NO. 3077, 2026

The Committee Report from Chris Gainham, Utility Services Manager to repeal and replace Regional District of Central Kootenay Utilities Rates, Fees and Charges Bylaw No. 3027, 2025 with Utilities Rates, Fees and Charges Bylaw No. 3077, 2026, has been received.

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

That the Regional District of Central Kootenay Utilities Rates, Fees and Charges Bylaw No. 3077, 2026 be read a first, second and third time by content to repeal and replace Regional District of Central Kootenay Utilities Rates, Fees and Charges Bylaw No. 3027, 2025.

**Carried**

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

That Regional District of Central Kootenay Utilities Rates, Fees and Charges Bylaw No. 3077, 2026 be ADOPTED and the Chair and Corporate Officer be authorized to sign the same.

**Carried**

**4.5 WATER BYLAW NO. 3078, 2026**

The Committee Report from Chris Gainham, Utility Services Manager to repeal and replace Water Bylaw No. 2894, 2023 with Water Bylaw No. 3078, 2026, has been received.

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

That the Regional District of Central Kootenay Water Bylaw No. 3078, 2026 be read a first, second and third time by content to repeal and replace Regional District of Central Kootenay Water Bylaw No. 2894, 2023.

**Carried**

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

That Regional District of Central Kootenay Water Bylaw No. 3078, 2026 be ADOPTED and the Chair and Corporate Officer be authorized to sign the same.

**Carried**

**5. PUBLIC TIME**

The Chair called for questions from the public at 10:21 a.m.

No questions from the public.

**RECESS / RECONVENE** The meeting recessed at 10:22 am for a break and reconvened at 10:35 a.m.

**ORDER OF AGENDA**      Item 3. Delegate was considered at this time.  
**RESUMED**

**3. DELEGATE**

Timothy Lambert from Wildgrass Consulting gave presentation to the Committee on the Governance of Small Water Systems: One Water System Risk Management Plan.

Mr. Lambert’s presentation explained that small water systems often lack clear governance guidance and face challenges managing drinking water, wastewater, and watershed risks. A One Water System Risk Management Plan—built through locally created bylaws—offers a practical way to manage these risks, as shown through the Nasookin Improvement District case study. Point-of-entry treatment, distribution agreements, and community-driven processes form a decentralized, affordable, and holistic approach to improving water system governance.

The Committee asked Mr. Lambert several questions.

The Chair thanked Mr. Lambert for his presentation.

**4. ADJOURNMENT**

**MOVED** and seconded,  
And Resolved:

The Water Services Committee meeting adjourn at 11:50 a.m.

**Carried**

**APPROVED BY**

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Director T. Newell, Chair

## **RECOMMENDATION(S) TO THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

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1. That the Regional District of Central Kootenay Utilities Rates, Fees and Charges Bylaw No. 3077, 2026 be read a first, second and third time by content to repeal and replace Regional District of Central Kootenay Utilities Rates, Fees and Charges Bylaw No. 3027, 2025.
2. That Regional District of Central Kootenay Utilities Rates, Fees and Charges Bylaw No. 3077, 2026 be ADOPTED and the Chair and Corporate Officer be authorized to sign the same.
3. That the Regional District of Central Kootenay Water Bylaw No. 3078, 2026 be read a first, second and third time by content to repeal and replace Regional District of Central Kootenay Water Bylaw No. 2894, 2023.
4. That Regional District of Central Kootenay Water Bylaw No. 3078, 2026 be ADOPTED and the Chair and Corporate Officer be authorized to sign the same.