



Board Highlights

April 16, 2026

Audited Financial Statements

The Board approved the 2025 audited financial statements by BDO Canada. Audited financial statements provide a consolidated and independently verified overview of a local government's financial activities over the course of the previous fiscal year and its financial position at the end of that year. [Click here](#) to view the 2025 audited financial statements.

New user fees and rental fees for RDCK Community Services

The Board approved updated user and rental fees for RDCK Community Services, effective September 8, 2026, at the Castlegar & District Community Complex, Creston & District Community Complex, Nelson & District Community Complex, Salmo & Area G Recreation, and RDCK outdoor spaces.

Fees are reviewed annually to ensure alignment with the [RDCK Fees & Charges policy](#), including cost recovery targets and the balance between user and community benefit. For the majority of fees, the 2026 updates reflect the February 2026 British Columbia Consumer Price Index (BC CPI) increase of 1.8%, which applies to admissions, memberships, aquatics rentals, room rentals, and field rentals.

To continue working toward target rates in the Fees & Charges policy, ice arena rentals will increase by 10%, and aquatic rental rates in Salmo and Creston will increase by an average of 6.8%.

[Click here](#) for the new fees and charges for admissions and rentals.

Upgrades to Balfour and Kaslo Transfer Stations

The Board approved the RDCK enter into a services agreement with McNally Excavating Inc. for the Balfour and Kaslo Transfer Stations to a maximum value of \$75,210.50 plus GST. The work is necessary to complete required closure of portions of these sites which previously had been actively landfilled. The capping and final closure of the landfill portions of these sites will enable closure of existing permits, minimize the long-term environmental footprint, and incorporate better stormwater management to protect local water resources. The scope of work at Balfour includes regrading of the wood chip slopes, while the Kaslo work will include regrading the site, installing sufficient soil material, and establishing vegetation.

Ootischenia Transfer Station Upgrades

The Board directed staff to award the contract for the Ootischenia Transfer Station Option 3 Design to Sperling Hansen Associates Inc. to a maximum value of \$162,741 plus GST. The new design, which will be completed by July, will include upgrades to the transfer area, the addition of a second scale, a separate entrance for recycling traffic, plus a larger tipping area with full size roll off bins. Following the planned construction of the upgrades,

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the site will have better traffic flow, increased safety, decreased wait times, and capacity to accommodate future expansion.

Regional and Local Community Needs Project

The Board received the final report completing the Regional and Local Community Needs Project, which was funded under the province's Complete Communities Program administered by the Union of BC Municipalities. The City of Castlegar, City of Nelson, Town of Creston, Village of Kaslo, Village of Nakusp, Village of Salmo, and Village of Slocan were partners with the RDCK on this project, which focused on growth management planning to ensure efficient expansion of servicing and infrastructure in line with long-term community development goals. The project's final report represents a holistic regional growth management assessment.

The results of this assessment can be used to identify additional housing needs; improve connections between residents and services or amenities they frequently access; understand how servicing infrastructure can be used more efficiently; and guide where growth should be directed. The final report identifies key areas for potential growth and provides direction to support proposed growth, such as housing, asset management, servicing, and public transportation. The implementation plan is based on the consolidation of a significant amount of data analysis and mapping that integrates the data for all seven participating municipalities and the RDCK with a focus on actions that can be taken to guide growth in a holistic and collaborative manner.

Kaslo and North Shore Fire Departments to provide Interior Service Level

The Board adopted policy amendments to authorize Kaslo and North Shore Fire Departments to provide Interior Service Level. Operating at an Interior Service Level will allow the departments to action fires within structures when safe to do so, thereby mitigating loss of life and property. Exterior Service Level, which these departments were previously authorized for, only allows for fire suppression from the outside of a structure. The policy update aligns service levels with the capabilities that now exist within the local departments. Both the Kaslo and North Shore departments have increased membership, suitable equipment, and demonstrated operational reliability to provide the increased service.

RDCK Quarterly Report

The RDCK Quarterly Report provides a condensed summary of active projects and initiatives within the RDCK. The report includes a clear and concise understanding of each project and its connection to the Board's strategic priorities. [Click here](#) to view the latest quarterly report, including the most recently completed projects.

[Click here](#) to view the quarterly report page on the RDCK website.

Director's Reports

RDCK Directors provide monthly reports outlining what they have been working on. [Click here](#) to read the April reports in the Board minutes.

RDCK Board Meeting Video Recording

To view a recording of this month's meetings, [click here](#).

Discretionary Grants

AREA A

Rick Clark Memorial Society – Rick Clark Memorial Golf Tournament \$250

AREA B

Creston Ladies Iron Maiden – Ladies Iron Maiden \$750
Erickson Community Association – Welcome to Erikson road sign project \$1,000
Lister Community Cemetery – Lister Water Expense \$1,000
Rick Clark Memorial Society – Rick Clark Memorial Golf Tournament \$500

AREA C

Creston Ladies Iron Maiden – Ladies Iron Maiden \$500
Creston Valley Youth Soccer Association – Creston FC Appreciation Dinner \$200
Rick Clark Memorial Society – Rick Clark Memorial Golf Tournament \$250

AREA E

Balfour Recreation Commission – Pickleball Court repainting \$500
Balfour and District Senior Citizens' Association Branch No. 120 – Recycling garbage \$200
Blewett Community Society – Garbage Dump fees \$400

AREA G

Salmo and Area Supportive Housing Society – Wellness Room \$4,800

AREA I

Community Harvest Food Bank – Website \$500

AREA J

Community Harvest Food Bank – Website \$1,280
Robson Recreation Society – Internet Trial \$1,142

VILLAGE OF SLOCAN

Village of Slocan – Osprey Foundation \$500

Community Development Grants

AREA B

Rykerts Irrigation District – Water Meters \$5,000

AREA D

Kaslo Logger Sports – Kaslo Logger Sports 2026 \$600
Regional District of Central Kootenay – S184 Mosquito Mitigation \$20,000

AREA E

Balfour Recreation Commission – Imagine Station \$1,000
Balfour Recreation Commission – Junior Golf \$1,000
Balfour and District Senior Citizens' Association, Branch No. 120 – Seniors Christmas Dinner \$1,500

Blewett Community Society – Morn. Mountain Skating Rink & Blewett/Bonnington/Beasley events	\$9,175
Harrop School House Society – Childcare Proposal	\$10,000

AREA F

Blewett Community Society – Morn. Mountain Skating Rink & Blewett/Bonnington/Beasley events	\$9,175
Nelson Public Library – Taghum Outdoor Book Return Bin	\$4,000

AREA G

Kootenay Mountain Biking Ltd. – Everyone Rides Grades 4 & 5 Education	\$1,500
Nelson Area Waldorf School Association – Playground Project	\$1,000

AREA I

Destination Castlegar – Fishout Derby 2025	\$1,875
Diverse Family Roots – Remarkability Fest	\$500
Shoreacres Hall Society – Pie Bingo	\$500

AREA J

BC Old Time Fiddlers – Kootenay #9 – Kootenay Fiddle, Piano, and Guitar Camp	\$600
Deer Park Recreation Society – Operating Expenses	\$22,000
Diverse Family Roots – Remarkability Fest	\$500

VILLAGE OF KASLO

Kootenay Mountain Biking Ltd. – Everyone Rides Grades 4 & 5 Education	\$1,500
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VILLAGE OF SALMO

Village of Salmo – Village Sweeper Repair	\$3,700
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VILLAGE OF SLOCAN

Village of Slocan – Okanagan Nation Alliance Fish in Schools	\$1,000
Village of Slocan – Egg Hunt	\$200
Village of Slocan – Veterans Crosswalk Project	\$500
Village of Slocan – WEG Bamfield Trip	\$3,000