



Board Highlights

May 21, 2026

Resident Directed (ReDi) grant funding

The Board approved the 2026 Resident Directed (ReDi) grant funding. ReDi Grants are a program of the Columbia Basin Trust, administered by the RDCK under contract to the Trust. In 2026, a total of \$1,450,465.50 in funding will be allocated to 346 different project proposals. 22 community input meetings were held across the RDCK between April 1 and April 27, providing an opportunity for each community to give feedback on the project proposals. [Click here](#) for a complete list of all the recipients of ReDi funding. The programs support local projects that provide additional value to Basin communities, and that benefit the broad community and public good

Regional Park Enhancement Program

The Board authorized staff to submit the Year 1 project list to Columbia Basin Trust for the Regional District of Central Kootenay Regional Park Enhancement Program (2026–2028). Earlier this year, the Board approved entering into a contribution agreement with Columbia Basin Trust that will provide \$1.05 million in grant funding to support improvements across the RDCK’s 27 regional parks located in Electoral Areas A, D, E, F, G, H, I, and J. The funding will support projects focused on accessibility and inclusion, hazard reduction and visitor safety, and climate adaptation measures. Program requirements include completing work in at least 60% of the regional parks within a two-year timeline.

The proposed Year 1 projects total approximately \$729,000 and include trail upgrades, playground improvements, accessibility enhancements, washroom upgrades, environmental restoration work, and new park amenities across the region.

Regional Park	Project Description
Balfour Beach Regional Park	Trail surfacing
Bonnington Regional Park	Playground replacement
Cottonwood Lake Regional Park	Trail improvements
Crawford Creek Regional Park	Trail surfacing
Crescent Valley Beach Regional Park	Accessible pathway to shelter and stairs
James Johnstone Regional Park	Washroom upgrades

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Lardeau Regional Park	Riparian restoration, pathways, and emergency communications
Pass Creek Regional Park	Playground upgrade and washroom improvements
Riondel Regional Park	Concession stand upgrades and drinking water fountain
Robson Boat Ramp Regional Park	Accessible dock and ramp
Sunshine Bay Regional Park	Drinking water fountain and trail enhancement
Waterloo Eddy Regional Park	Riparian restoration and trail surfacing
Winlaw Regional and Nature Park	Erosion prevention study

Water Main Replacement Projects

The Board approved three major water main replacement projects for the Burton, Fauquier, and West Robson water systems as part of the RDCK’s ongoing infrastructure renewal program. The projects will replace aging asbestos cement (AC) water mains, service lines, and associated connections through a phased approach designed to improve long-term system reliability and maintain safe, clean drinking water for residents.

The replacement work aligns with the RDCK’s policy to decommission AC water infrastructure and reflects the organization’s continued focus on proactive asset management and planning for future community needs. These projects represent significant investments in critical water infrastructure to help ensure safe and dependable water service for residents in the affected communities.

Electoral Area D Community Planning

The Board directed staff to undertake the Area D Community Planning Project. The project will build on work completed in 2021 to continue conversations with residents about land use planning and determine whether communities are interested in updated planning tools, including zoning regulations. With growing development pressures, land use conflicts, water concerns, and environmental impacts emerging over the past decade, the project aims to better understand current community priorities and identify whether land use planning could help address local concerns.

The project will follow a phased, community-driven approach focused on education, engagement, and transparency. Phase 1 will reconnect with residents, gather feedback, and assess interest in zoning. If desired by communities, later phases will explore potential zoning options, technical analysis, and draft regulations before any proposed bylaws are brought forward for Board consideration and public hearing. [Click here](#) to read the project charter.

Sub Region West Official Community Plan

The Board directed staff to proceed with the RDCK Sub Region West Official Community Plan (OCP) project for Electoral Areas F, J, and K, representing the first time the RDCK is bundling multiple electoral areas into a single sub-regional OCP process. This new approach improves efficiency and consistency by standardizing land use planning across a broader area, reducing duplication of work, and creating clearer, more coordinated policy direction while still reflecting the needs and characteristics of each local area within a single plan.

The Project Charter and Engagement Framework set out the governance, engagement approach, and five-phase delivery model for the project, supported by staff, Electoral Area Directors, First Nations, and invested parties. Endorsing the framework enables a coordinated and transparent process that streamlines planning work, supports clearer requirements, and aligns priorities across the sub-region over the course of the project. [Click here](#) to read the project charter and engagement framework.

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 May 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](#)

Creston Valley Den Society – Daily Drop-In Program and Outreach Services	\$1,000
East Shore Kootenay Lake Community Health Society – Community Health Fair	\$1,200

[AREA B](#)

Canyon Community Association – Canada Day Pancake Breakfast	\$1,000
Creston Valley Chamber of Commerce – 301 Suite Coworking Space	\$10,000
Creston Valley Den Society – Daily Drop-In Program and Outreach Services	\$1,000
Rykerts Irrigation District – Water Meters	\$5,000
Yahk-Kingsgate Recreation Society – Information/Fundraiser Event	\$500
Yahk Kingsgate Volunteer Fire Department – 20 th Anniversary Celebration	\$1,500

AREA C

Creston Valley Den Society – Daily Drop-In Program and Outreach Services	\$500
West Creston Community Hall Society – Area C and West Creston Bursary	\$1,500

AREA E

Kootenay Lake Waterfront Property Owners Society – Waterfront Owner’s Guidebook	\$950
West Kootenay Back Country Wilderness Watch Society – Area E cleanup	\$492.70
West Kootenay Back Country Wilderness Watch Society – Cleanup above Balfour Dump	\$212.17

AREA F

Friends of Pulpit Rock Society – Sproule Creek Footbridge Replacement	\$35,000
Nelson Road Kings Car Club – Car Show	\$1,500
Taghum Community Society – KidsCAN camp	\$1,300

AREA G

The Salmo Square Society – Salmo Square Building Roof	\$10,000
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AREA H

Kootenay Wellness Foundation – Kootenay Wellness Festival	\$1,000
Village of Slocan – Slocan’s 125 th Birthday Celebration	\$1,000

AREA I

Can Jam Link UP Festival – Can Jam Link Up Festival 2026	\$500
Kootenay Columbia Educational Heritage Society – SHSS 75 th Anniversary	\$150
The Just Bee Cause Society – Mr. Nobody Against Putin Film Screening	\$250

AREA J

Castlegar Rotary Club – 2026 Diamond Dinner	\$1,000
Kootenay Columbia Educational Heritage Society – SHSS 75 th Anniversary	\$150
The Just Bee Cause Society – Mr. Nobody Against Putin Film Screening	\$500

AREA K

Burton Community Association – Cemetery Improvement’s and Maintenance	\$900
Mt. Ingersoll Community Association – Emergency Landslide Road Project	\$2,000

Community Development Grants

AREA A

Diverse Family Roots – Riondel R3SET 2026	\$500
Kootenay Mountain Biking Ltd. – Everyone Rides Grades 4 & 5 Education	\$500

AREA B

Creston Valley Cycling Association – Wynndel Mountain Bike Trail Network	\$2,500
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AREA D

Kaslo & Area Chamber of Commerce – Kaslo Year-Round Tourism Development Project	\$2,500
Kootenay Social Support Society – WK Nav-CARE volunteer training	\$1,000
Lardeau Valley Historical Society – Museum Roof Replacement	\$5,000

AREA E

Kootenay Lake Waterfront Property Owners Society – Waterfront Owner’s Guidebook	\$3,800
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AREA F

RDCK North Shore Fire Department – Community Event and Education	\$7,000
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AREA G

Renascence Arts and Sustainability Society – 15 th Annual Tiny Light Festival – Infrastructure and Transportation	\$5,000
Salmo Climbing Society – Phase 3 Improve Accessibility	\$4,900
Salmo Emergency Support Services Team – Salmo Valley and Area G Team Support Fund	\$2,350
World Health Outreach Association – Dental Discovery Box	\$300

AREA H

North Slovan Trails Society – Ranch Ridge Trail Build	\$5,000
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AREA I

Glade Community Hall – Operational Cost Offset 2025	\$2,000
Glade Recreation Commission – 33 rd Annual Glade Fishing Derby	\$2,000
Pass Creek Community Hall Society – Operational Cost Offset 2025	\$2,000
Tarrys and District Community Hall Society – Operational Cost Offset 2025	\$2,000
The Union of Spiritual Communities of Christ – Doukhobor Cultural Programs	\$4,500
The Union of Spiritual Communities of Christ – 1000 Voices for Peace	\$1,500

AREA J

Can Jam Link Up Festival – Can Jam Link Up Festival 2026	\$2,500
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AREA K

Arrow Lakes Caribou Society – ALCS Habitat Restoration Engagement	\$3,000
Burton Elementary School – Cultural and Celebration field trip	\$500

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World Health Outreach Association – Dental Discovery Box	\$300
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Recreation Commission No. 6 – New Denver, Silvertown, & Area

Slocan Lake Art Council	\$1,028
Haven for Ecology	\$1,000
Harvest Share and Bear Aware	\$1,000
North Slovan Trails Society	\$1,500

Recreation Commission No. 9 – Electoral Area A

Boswell Memorial Hall Society – Washing Sink	\$1,393.05
Boswell Memorial Hall Society – Insurance	\$4,140
East Shore Trail and Bike Association	\$8,400
Crawford Bay & District Hall & Park Association	\$2,253
Crawford Bay School PAC	\$1,030.50
East Shore Circle of Friends Society	\$584.50
Gray Creek Hall Society	\$3,000
Riondel Golf Club Society	\$1,353.85

Recreation Commission No. 10 – Portion of Electoral Area E – Procter/Harrop/Balfour/Queens Bay

Balfour Senior Citizens Association Branch #120	\$500
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Procter Community Society	\$500
Balfour Recreation Commission	\$1,000