Regional District of Central Kootenay

REGULAR BOARD MEETING

Open Meeting Addenda

Date: Thursday, June 18, 2026

Time: 9:00 am

Location: Hybrid Model - In-person and Remote

Directors will have the opportunity to participate in the meeting electronically. Proceedings are open to the public.

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1. **ZOOM REMOTE MEETING INFO**

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   Meeting Time:

   9:00 PDT

   Join by Video:

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   Join by Phone:

   855 703 8985 Canada Toll-free

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   *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**

This meeting is being recorded in accordance with the RDCK's Recording Meetings policy and will be posted on the RDCK website.

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

RECOMMENDATION:
(ALL VOTE)

The agenda for the June 18, 2026 Regular Open Board meeting be adopted with the following amendments:

- inclusion of Item 8.3 Director Popoff: Directors' Remuneration;
- inclusion of Item 8.4 Director McLaren-Caux: Directors' Remuneration;
- inclusion of Item 9.4.6 Director Popoff: FCM; and
- with the addition of the addendum

before circulation.

2.3 Adoption of the Minutes 20 - 72

RECOMMENDATION:
(ALL VOTE)

The minutes from the May 21, 2026 Regular Open Board meeting be adopted as circulated.

2.4 Delegations

2.4.1 Mount Willet Wilderness Forever 73 - 90
Gary Diers, Zan Mautner, Carolyn Schramm

2.4.2 Public Libraries within the RDCK 91 - 100
Saara Itkonen, Library Director - Creston Valley Public Library

3. BUSINESS ARISING OUT OF THE MINUTES

3.1 The letter dated May 4, 2026 from Gary Diers, Mt. Willet Wilderness Forever, seeking a letter of support from the RDCK for the inclusion of the Argenta-Johnsons Landing Face in the Purcell Wilderness Conservancy Provincial Park and to advocate. 101 - 102
Board Meeting - May 21, 2026
RES 229/26 - Referred to June 18, 2026 Board meeting

4. COMMITTEES & COMMISSIONS

4.1 With Recommendations

4.1.1 Castlegar and District Recreation Commission: minutes May 25, 2026

103 - 110

RECOMMENDATION:
(ALL VOTE WGT)

That the Board approve an additional $2,509,000 funding from taxation be included in the project's draft financial plan for the Castlegar and District Arena and Walking Track as outlined in the Castlegar & District Recreation Commission Report dated May 25, 2026.

4.1.2 Slocan Valley Services Committee: minutes May 27, 2006

111 - 114

Staff received direction to explore the possibility of providing a grant in aid to the North Slocan Trail Society for Galena Trail management and to invite the Societies who receive Grant In Aid Funding to attend a future Slocan Valley Services Committee meeting.

RECOMMENDATION:
(PO WGT)

That the Board directs staff to prepare a service establishment bylaw for a literacy contribution service within a defined portion of Electoral Area H, Silverton, and New Denver.

4.1.3 Creston Valley Service Committee: minutes May 28, 2026

115 - 121

RECOMMENDATION:
(PO WGT)

That the Board direct staff to develop a proposed next stage workplan associated with the Creston Valley Alternative Water Supply initiative, including:

- comparative business-case analysis,
- refinement of demand and infrastructure assumptions,
- governance and service delivery considerations,
- integration with watershed sustainability and drought adaptation initiatives,
- and exploration of funding opportunities

and that staff report back with proposed scope, budget, and implementation considerations.

4.1.4 ***Community Sustainable Living Advisory Committee: minutes June 16, 2026*** *122 - 245*

NOTE: The Chair of Community Sustainable Living Advisory Committee would like to make an amendment to Recommendation No. 3.

RECOMMENDATION:
(PO WGT)

1. That the RDCK Board receive the Quartz Creek Community Watershed Natural Asset Management Plan (August 2025) for information;

AND FURTHER, that staff be directed to develop a workplan inclusive of staff time and funding requirements for a watershed protection and acquisition strategy for the Quartz Creek Community Watershed, in collaboration with the Ymir Community Watershed Society, the Province of BC (Ministry of Water, Land and Resource Stewardship), Interior Health Authority, and relevant First Nations, and that this workplan be brought back to CSLAC for consideration;

AND FURTHER, that staff be directed to investigate additional staff capacity or contracted services as needed to support implementation of this direction.

RECOMMENDATION:
(PO WGT)

2. That the Board direct staff to prepare a proposal to transition the Community Sustainable Living Advisory Committee (CSLAC) from a committee governing Service S105 to a standing committee of the Board, with sustainability work funded through General Administration Service S100 and Service S105 requisition discontinued no later than the 2028 Financial Plan;

AND FURTHER, that staff be directed to prepare draft Terms of Reference for a reconstituted CSLAC as a standing Board committee for the Committee's consideration.

RECOMMENDATION:
(ALL VOTE WGT)

3. That the Board authorize staff to apply to the Active Transportation Grant from Columbia Basin Trust on behalf of the North Slocan Trails Society for the New Denver – Silverton Active Transport Corridor project;

AND FURTHER, that if successful, that staff be authorized to enter into a funding agreement with Columbia Basin Trust;

AND FURTHER, that if successful, the Board approve an

amendment to the 2026 Financial Plan for Community Sustainable Living Service S105 to INCREASE Grants Revenue by $75,000 and DECREASE Consulting Fees by $75,000.

4.2 Membership/Appointments

RECOMMENDATION:
(ALL VOTE)

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

Board of Variance with a term to expire December 31, 2029:

David Mutch

Area D Advisory Planning and Heritage Commission for a term to end December 31, 2026:

Kevin Kerswell
Ian Dunlop
Maggie Staples

Regional Accessibility Advisory Committee for a term to end December 31, 2027:

Michelle Castaneda

Rosebery Park and Trails Commission and Area E Advisory Planning and Heritage Commission

And further, the Board send a letter to outgoing members Mike Koolen thanking him for his service to the Rosebery Park and Trails Commission and Jim Demers for his service to the Area E Advisory Planning and Heritage Commission.

5. BYLAWS

5.1 Bylaws 3063 and 3064: Castlegar & Area J Arena and Walking Track Service Establishment and Loan Authorization

246 - 266

The Board Report from Tom Dool, Research Analyst, seeking Board approval for first and second readings of Castlegar & Area J Arena and Walking Track Service Establishment and Loan Authorization bylaws, has been received.

RECOMMENDATION:
(ALL VOTE)

1. That the resolution 520/25 being:

> *That the Board authorize staff to prepare a loan authorization bylaw for the City of Castlegar and Area J in the amount of fifteen million dollars ($15,000,000) to be repaid over 25 years for the*

purpose of constructing a walking track and a second arena at Castlegar and District Community Complex;

Be amended to read:

That the Board authorize staff to prepare a loan authorization bylaw for the City of Castlegar and Area J in the amount of fifteen million dollars ($15,150,000) to be repaid over 25 years for the purpose of constructing a walking track and a second arena at Castlegar and District Community Complex.

RECOMMENDATION:
(ALL VOTE)

2. That the City of Castlegar and Area J Arena and Indoor Walking Track Construction and Asset Renewal Service Establishment Bylaw No. 3063, 2026 be read a FIRST and SECOND time.

RECOMMENDATION:
(ALL VOTE WGT)

3. That the City of Castlegar and Area J Arena and Indoor Walking Track Construction Loan Authorization Bylaw No. 3064, 2026 be read a FIRST and SECOND time.

5.2 Bylaw 3066: Area H Dangerous and Aggressive Dog Control Service Establishment - Assent Vote Results 267 - 269

The Declaration of Official Assent Voting Results for Area H Dangerous and Aggressive Dog Control Service Establishment Bylaw No. 3066, 2026, has been received.

RECOMMENDATION:
(ALL VOTE)

That the Board take no further action regarding the Area H Dangerous and Aggressive Dog Control Service Establishment Bylaw No. 3066, 2026 due to the results of the assent vote held on May 30, 2026.

5.3 Bylaw 3067: Electoral Areas A, B, and C Dangerous and Aggressive Dog Control Service Establishment *270 - 272*

The Alternative Approval Process results for the Electoral Areas A, B, and C Dangerous and Aggressive Dog Control Service Establishment Bylaw No. 3067, 2026, has been received.

RECOMMENDATION:
(ALL VOTE)

That the Electoral Areas A, B, and C Dangerous and Aggressive Dog Control Service Establishment Bylaw No. 3067, 2026 be ADOPTED and the Chair and Corporate Officer be authorized to sign the same.

5.4 Bylaw 3009: Regional District of Central Kootenay Dangerous and *273 - 280*

Aggressive Dog Regulatory

The Regional District of Central Kootenay Dangerous and Aggressive Dog Regulatory Bylaw No. 3009, 2025 with the amendments to remove Area H from the bylaw, has been received.

NOTE: In order to accept the amendments to remove Area H from the bylaw, third reading of Bylaw No. 3009 must be rescinded.

RECOMMENDATION:
(ALL VOTE)

That THIRD reading of Regional District of Central Kootenay Dangerous and Aggressive Dog Regulatory Bylaw No. 3009, 2025 be RESCINDED.

5.5 Bylaw 3082: Regional District of Central Kootenay Bylaw Enforcement Notice and Dispute Adjudication System Amendment 281 - 285

NOTE: RDCK Water Bylaw No. 3078, 2026 was adopted at the April 16, 2026 Board meeting and it is required to update the RDCK Bylaw Enforcement Notice and Dispute Adjudication System Bylaw No. 2855, 2023 with the new bylaw.

RECOMMENDATION:
(ALL VOTE)

1. That the Regional District of Central Kootenay Bylaw Enforcement Notice and Dispute Adjudication System Amendment Bylaw No. 3082, 2026 be read a FIRST, SECOND, and THIRD time by content.

RECOMMENDATION:
(ALL VOTE)

2. That the Regional District of Central Kootenay Bylaw Enforcement Notice and Dispute Adjudication System Amendment Bylaw No. 3082, 2026 be ADOPTED and the Chair and Corporate Officer be authorized to sign the same.

5.6 Bylaw 3084: East Waste Management Subregion Refuse Disposal/Recycling Service (Creston Landfill - Phase 1 C/D Closure & Berm) Security Issuing 286 - 290

RECOMMENDATION:
(ALL VOTE WGT)

1. That the East Waste Management Subregion Refuse Disposal/Recycling Service (Creston Landfill - Phase 1 C/D Closure & Berm) Security Issuing Bylaw No. 3084, 2026 be read a FIRST, SECOND, and THIRD time by content.

RECOMMENDATION:
(ALL VOTE WGT)

2. That the East Waste Management Subregion Refuse Disposal/Recycling Service (Creston Landfill - Phase 1 C/D Closure & Berm) Security Issuing Bylaw No. 3084, 2026 be ADOPTED and the Chair and Corporate Officer be authorized to sign the same.

6. NEW BUSINESS

6.1 Development and Community Sustainability

6.1.1 Goat River Watershed Collective Conversations Working Group: Terms of Reference, Workplan, and Inaugural Meeting Summary

291 - 306

The Board Report from Paris Marshall Smith, Sustainability and Resilience Supervisor, seeking the Board receive for information the Terms of Reference and the 2026 Workplan for the Goat River Watershed Collective Conversations Working Group, has been received.

RECOMMENDATION:
(ALL VOTE)

That the RDCK Board receive for information the Terms of Reference and the 2026 Workplan for the Goat River Watershed Collective Conversations Working Group; and that the Board acknowledge the Working Group as a tripartite, recommendation-making body comprised of yaqan nuʔkiy, the Regional District of Central Kootenay, and the Province of British Columbia, whose role is to develop joint recommendations for consideration by the respective leadership of each party.

6.1.2 For Information: Goat River Watershed Water Sustainability Planning - What We Heard Report

307 - 323

The Board Report from Camille LeBlanc, Community Resilience Coordinator, providing the Board with a What We Heard Report for the Goat River Watershed Water Sustainability Planning initial engagement process, has been received for information.

6.2 Environmental Services

6.2.1 Award: Erickson Water System – Residential Meter Contract Package 4

324 - 327

That the Board Report from AJ Evenson, Senior Project Maanger, seeking Board approval to award the contract for the Erickson Water System – Residential Meter Contract Package 4, has been received.

RECOMMENDATION:
(ALL VOTE WGT)

That the Board direct staff to award the contract for the Erickson

Water System – Residential Meter Contract Package 4 – Contract Award to Zarikoff Developments Inc; and that the Chair and Corporate Officer be authorized to sign the necessary documents to a maximum value of $466,290.00 plus GST; AND FURTHER, that the funds be paid from S250 Water Utility – Area B & C (Erickson).

6.2.2 Award: Erickson Water System - Residential Meter Contract Package 5 328 - 332

The Board Report from AJ Evenson, Senior Project Manager, Seeking Board approval to award the Erickson Water System – Residential Meter Contract Package 5, has been received.

RECOMMENDATION:
(ALL VOTE WGT)

That the Board direct staff to award the contract for the Erickson Water System – Residential Meter Contract Package 5 – Contract Award to Valhalla Hydrovac Ltd; and that the Chair and Corporate Officer be authorized to sign the necessary documents to a maximum value of $453,775.00 plus GST; AND FURTHER, that the funds be paid from Water Utility – Area B & C (Erickson) Service S250.

6.2.3 Award: Marblehead Transfer Station - Retaining Wall Repair 333 - 343

The Board Report from Jeannine Bradley, Project Manager, seeking Board approval to award the Marblehead Transfer Station Upgrades, has been received.

RECOMMENDATION:
(ALL VOTE WGT)

That the Board award the Marblehead Transfer Station Upgrades to Brenton Industries Ltd. and that the Chair and Corporate Officer be authorized to sign the necessary documents to a maximum value of $172,509 not including GST; AND FURTHER, that the cost be included in the 2026 Financial Plan for S187 Central Resource Recovery; AND FURTHER, that the Board approve an amendment to 2026 Financial Plan for Central Resource Recovery Service S187 to INCREASE Account Capital Expenditures by $53,032, and INCREASE Account Transfer from Reserves by $53,032.

6.2.4 For Information: Mosquito Control Program - 2025 Final Season Annual Report 344 - 410

The Board Report from Todd Johnson, Environmental Coordinator, providing the Board with the 2025 annual report for the Mosquito Control Program, has been received for information.

6.3 Administration & Finance

6.3.1 Annual Operating Agreements: Public Passenger Transportation System 411 - 428

The Board Report from Tom Dool, Research Analyst, seeking Board approval to enter into the Annual Operating Agreement with British Columbia Transit, has been received.

RECOMMENDATION:
(ALL VOTE WGT)

That the Board approve the RDCK enter into an Annual Operating Agreement with British Columbia Transit for the provision of a Public Passenger Transportation System for the period of April 1, 2026, to March 31, 2027, and that the Chair and Corporate Officer be authorized to sign the necessary documents.

6.3.2 Directors' Remuneration: Directors' Recommendations

Directors submitted further motions related to the Directors' Remuneration bylaw review. As these motions did not come from the Directors' Remuneration Select Committee they have been moved to Item 8 Directors' Motions.

6.3.3 2026 Financial Service Grants 429 - 430

RECOMMENDATION:
(ALL VOTE)

That the Board authorize the release of funding for the following Financial Grant Services as of August 1, 2026 subject to the receipt and staff review of society and non-profit organization financial statements, minutes of the most recent annual general meeting, and a list of active officers as per the attached 2026 Financial Service Grant list..

6.3.4 2025 Statement of Financial Information (SOFI) 431 - 492

The 2025 Statement of Financial Information from Yev Malloff, Chief Financial Officer, has been received for information

RECOMMENDATION:
(ALL VOTE)

The Schedule and Statement of Financial Information for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2025, be approved for release in accordance with the Financial Information Act, with a copy to be filed with the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing.

6.3.5 2026 UBCM Ministerial Meetings

Executive Committee's recommendations for Ministerial Meetings by the Board:

1. **Small Water Systems:** Ministry of Water, Land and

Resource Stewardship & Ministry of Housing and Municipal Affairs

2. **Delegating Authority to Local Governments without Additional Capacity or Funding:** Premier, Ministry of Housing and Municipal Affairs, Ministry of State for Local Government & Rural Communities

3. **BC Inland Ferry:** Ministry of Transportation and Transit

6.3.6 For Information: 2026 General Local Election 493 - 496

The Board Report from Tom Dool, Research Analyst, providing the Board with significant dates and statutory requirements, has been received for information.

6.4 Fire and Emergency Services

6.4.1 For Information: Local FireSmart Collective Program 497 - 500

The Board Report from Jessie Lay, FireSmart Coordinator, providing the Board with information regarding the Local FireSmart Collective Program (LFCP), which replaces the FireSmart Canada Neighbourhood Recognition Program (FCNRP), has been received for information.

6.4.2 Policy 800-01-03: Temporary Access into Evacuation Order Areas - Director Feedback 501 - 523

The Board Report from Nora Hannon, Acting Emergency Program Manager, seeking the Board adopt Policy 800-01-03 Temporary Access into Evacuation Order Areas, has been received.

RECOMMENDATION:
(ALL VOTE)

That the Board adopt Policy No. 800-01-03 Temporary Access into Evacuation Order Areas Policy, effective immediately.

6.5 Grants

6.5.1 Discretionary 524 - 529

RECOMMENDATION:
(ALL VOTE)

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

AREA A

Alice Siding Water	Strengthening	$350

Society	Awareness to our goal	
AREA E		
Nelson and District Chamber Of Commerce	Canada Day Regional Celebration	$1,000
AREA H		
Slocan Solutions Society	Friends of the Valley Voice Celebration	$1,500
Treehugger Events Society	HARMONY	$500
AREA J		
City of Castlegar	Canada Day Celebration	$2,000
The Just Bee Cause Society	Petrykivka Traditional Ukrainian Folk Art Workshop	$150

6.5.2 **Community Development** 530 - 552

RECOMMENDATION:
(ALL VOTE)

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

AREA A		
Crawford Bay & District Hall & Parks Association	Crawford Bay Hall Rejuvenation Project	$20,000
Creston Valley Chamber of Commerce	301 Suite Coworking Space	$10,000
AREA C		
Creston Valley Chamber of Commerce	301 Suite Coworking Space	$10,000
AREA D		
Lardeau Valley Opportunity LINKS Society	LINKS Operations and Project Supports	$15,000
AREA E		
Nelson & District Chamber of Commerce	Canada Day Reg Community Celebration	$1,000
AREA H		
Nelson Public Library	Library Services for Area H	$3,400
Rosebery-Bonanza-Summit Trail Alliance	Rosebery-Bonanza-Summit Trail Improvements	$5,000
Slocan Valley Community Service	Seniors Transportation	$7,000

Society		
AREA I		
Destination Castlegar (Castlegar & District Chamber of Commerce)	Fish Out Derby	$1,500
Shoreacres Hall Society	Community Development	$2,000
AREA J		
Cops for Kids	Annual Bike Ride	$3,000
Deer Park Recreation Society	Major Tanker Truck Repair	$7,912.01
Destination Castlegar (Castlegar & District Chamber of Commerce)	Fish Out Derby	$1,500
Grand Forks ATV	Clearing trails in RDCK area J	$5,000
AREA K		
Emergency Support Services -Area K	Emergency preparedness presentations	$1,000
Fauquier Communications Centre Society	Fauq Centre Concert Series	$1,200
Fauquier Community Club	Pavilion Upgrades	$2,870
Nakusp and Area Bike Society	Beyond the Trails: Expanding Campground Access at Mount Abriel	$20,000
SALMO		
Salmo Emergency Support Services Team	Support Services	$500
Village of Salmo	Salmo's 80th Birthday Celebration	$2,000
SLOCAN		
Village of Slocan	Harmony Festival	$950
Village of Slocan	Legion Heating	$1,382.37
Village of Slocan	WEG Community Garden	$1,000

6.5.3 ReDi Grant Amendment

RECOMMENDATION:
(ALL VOTE)

That Resolution 245/26, being the allocation of ReDi Grant funds, be amended by changing:

SALMO/AREA G

Salmo Snow Ghosts $447.16

to

SALMO/AREA G

Salmo Ski Team Society $447.16

6.6 Chair/CAO Reports

The Chair and CAO will provide a verbal report to the Board.

7. RURAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

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RECOMMENDATION:
(ALL VOTE)

Rural Affairs Committee - Item 7.1
Cancel - Building Bylaw Contravention - Tomek
Area H

1.That the Corporate Officer of the Regional District of Central Kootenay be directed to remove the Notice on Title relating to land at 9301 Highway 6, Electoral Area H, legally described as BLOCK A, DISTRICT LOT 13146, KOOTENAY LAND DISTRICT PID 008-132-178, the RDCK Building Department has confirmed that the reason for placing the Notice on Title on April 29, 2010 has been rectified.

RECOMMENDATION:
(ALL VOTE)

Rural Affairs Committee - Item 7.2
Development Variance Permit - Comer
Area A

2. That the Board APPROVE the issuance of Development Variance Permit V2607A to David Comer for the property located at 5033 Highway 3A, Electoral Area A and legally described as LOT 1, DISTRICT LOT 191, KOOTENAY DISTRICT PLAN NEP72779, EXCEPT PLAN EPP118106 (PID: 025-583-468) to vary Section 18.18 of Electoral Area 'A' Comprehensive Land Use Bylaw No. 2315, 2013 in order to permit a 5.0 metre setback from the lot line that is adjacent to the Agricultural Land Reserve (ALR) Boundary whereas the bylaw requires a 15 metre setback from a lot line that is adjacent to the ALR.

RECOMMENDATION:
(ALL VOTE)

Rural Affairs Committee - Item 7.3
Subdivision in the Agricultural Land Reserve - Smith
Area K

3. That the Board SUPPORT regarding application A2601B for the proposed subdivision in the Agricultural Land Reserve proposed by Jeffrey L. Smith for the

property located at 225 Barnes Creek FSR, Edgewood, Electoral Area 'K' and legally described as LOT 36 DISTRICT LOT 7893 KOOTENAY DISTRICT PLAN 1194 EXCEPT PLAN NEP22023 (PID: 014-025-779).

RECOMMENDATION:
(ALL VOTE)

Rural Affairs Committee - Item 9.1
Director Graham: Rural Encampments

4. That the Board direct staff to prepare a report outlining the RDCK's potential response options related to homeless encampments in rural electoral areas; AND FURTHER, to bring that report back to the Rural Affairs Committee for discussion.

8. DIRECTORS' MOTIONS

8.1 Director Graham: BC Inland Ferry Coalition

RECOMMENDATION:
(ALL VOTE)

That the Board write a letter of support regarding the BC Inland Ferry Coalition requesting a meeting with Minister Mike Farnworth, Ministry of Transportation and Transit and copy MLAs Brittny Anderson and Steve Morissette.

8.2 Director Popoff: Slocan Valley TV Society

559 - 561

RECOMMENDATION:
(ALL VOTE)

That the Board direct staff to prepare a report outlining the processes and service establishment bylaw amendments required to amend the boundaries of TV Society - Area H (Slocan Valley South) Service S220 (Portion of Area H Television Financial Aid) to reduce the service area to that part of Area H included in the Passmore and Crescent Valley Fire Protection Areas.

8.3 Director Popoff: Directors' Remuneration

RECOMMENDATION:
(ALL VOTE)

That the Board approve the chairs of standing committees only receive their chair stipend in the months which the chair presides over a meeting, effective January 1, 2027.

8.4 Director McLaren-Caux: Directors' Remuneration

RECOMMENDATION:
(ALL VOTE)

1. That the Board approve the travel costs, registration fees, stipends, and other expenses associated with conference attendance be deducted from director's monthly stipend if they fail to submit a report on their attendance within one month of the conference, effective January 1, 2027.

RECOMMENDATION:
(ALL VOTE)

2. That the Board approve the amount of municipal directors' monthly stipend be two-thirds of rural directors' monthly stipend, effective January 1, 2027.

9. CONSENT AGENDA

9.1 For Information: Committees & Commissions

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

9.1.1 Area E Advisory Planning and Heritage Commission: minutes March 26, 2026 — 562 - 564

Staff received directions regarding the Development Permit Application.

9.1.2 Area A Advisory Planning and Heritage Commission: minutes May 11, 2026 — 565 - 568

Staff received direction regarding the Development Variance Permit Application and the Bylaw Amendment Referral form.

9.1.3 Area B Advisory Planning and Heritage Commission: minutes May 26, 2026 — 569 - 572

Staff received direction regarding the Development Variance Permit Application, Agricultural Land Reserve referrals, and the Bylaw Amendment Referral form.

9.1.4 Creston Valley Agricultural Advisory Commission: minutes May 27, 2026 — 573 - 576

Staff received direction regarding Agricultural Land Reserve referrals and the Bylaw Amendment Referral form.

9.1.5 Area I Advisory Planning and Heritage Commission: minutes May 27, 2026 — 577 - 581

Staff received direction regarding Development Variance Permit Applications, Bylaw Amendment Application, Zoning Bylaw Amendment Application, Bylaw Amendment Referral Form, and Brilliant Headpond Stewardship Collaborative.

9.1.6	**Nelson and District Recreation Commission No. 5: minutes May 27, 206**	582 - 585
9.1.7	**Rosebery Parkland and Trails Commission: minutes May 28, 2026** Staff received direction regarding the resignation of a commission member.	586 - 589
9.1.8	**Area A Economic Development Commission: minutes June 2, 2026**	590 - 592
9.1.9	**Castlegar and District Recreation Commission: minutes June 2, 2026**	593 - 596

9.2 For Information: Communication

9.2.1	**The letter dated April 15, 2026 from the Ombudsperson BC providing the RDCK with the Quarterly Report for the period covering January 1 - March 31, 2026**	597 - 599
9.2.2	**The letter dated May 19, 2026 from Dean Murdock, District of Sannich, regarding the BC Local Government Climate Action Program funding continuation.**	600 - 602
9.2.3	**The letter dated May 21, 2026 from Ryan Windsor, District of Central Saanich, requesting for dedicated provincial funding to support municipalities that achieve provincially mandated housing targets.**	603 - 604
9.2.4	**The letter dated May 26, 2026 from Arnold DeBoon, Town of Creston, request that the RDCK consider including the Centennial Park Baseball Field within Recreation Facility-Creston and Areas B, C and Area A Service S224.**	605 - 606
9.2.5	**The letter dated June 3, 2026 from Cori Ramsay, UBCM, confirming receipt of RDCK's resolutions for the 2026 UBCM Convention.**	607 - 609
9.2.6	**The letter dated June 9, 2026 from Kelly Greene, Ministry of Emergency Management, regarding the implementation of the Emergency and Disaster Management Act.**	610 - 614

9.3 For Information: Accounts Payable 615 - 634

The Accounts Payable Summary for May 2026 in the amount of $2,177,484 has been received for information.

9.4 For Information: Directors' Reports

Each Director will be given the opportunity to provide a brief summary of the work they have been doing within their communities.

9.4.1 Director Jackman

9.4.1.1 Director's Report: RCC/IJC/CBRAC/AKBLG/FCM 635 - 636

9.4.1.2 Letter of Support: BC Inland Ferry Coalition 637

9.4.2 Director Watson

9.4.2.1 Director's Report: Activities *638 - 642*

9.4.2.2 Letter of Support: Jewett Greenhouse Project 643 - 645

9.4.3 Director Graham

9.4.3.1 Director's Report: Homeless Encampment in Area E 646 - 650

9.4.3.2 Letter of Support: BC Inland Ferry Coalition 651 - 652

9.4.4 Director McLaren-Caux: May 11-June8 Activities 653 - 661

9.4.5 Director Lunn: Q1 Report of Activities 662 - 664

9.4.6 Director Popoff: FCM *665*

10. PUBLIC TIME

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

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.

RECOMMENDATION:
(ALL VOTE)

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;
(n) the consideration of whether a council meeting should be closed under a provision of this subsection or subsection (2);

11.2 Recess of Open Meeting

RECOMMENDATION:
(ALL VOTE)

The Open meeting be recessed at _____ a.m./ p.m. in order to conduct the Closed Board meeting and reconvened at _____ a.m./p.m.

12. MATTERS ARISING FROM CLOSED MEETING

13. ADJOURNMENT

RECOMMENDATION:
(ALL VOTE)

That the meeting adjourn at ___ p.m.

Regional District of Central Kootenay

REGULAR BOARD MEETING

Open Meeting Minutes

The **fifth** meeting of the Board of the Regional District of Central Kootenay in 2026 was held on Thursday May 21, 2026 at 9:00 a.m. through a hybrid meeting model.

Quorum was maintained throughout the meeting.

ELECTED OFFICIALS PRESENT	Chair A. Watson	Electoral Area D	In-Person
	Director G. Jackman	Electoral Area A	In-Person
	Director R. Tierney	Electoral Area B	In-Person
	Director K. Vandenberghe	Electoral Area C	In-Person
	Director C. Graham	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	
	Director M. McFaddin	City of Castlegar	In-Person
	Director A. DeBoon	Town of Creston	In-Person
	Director S. Hewat	Village of Kaslo	In-Person
	Director A. McLaren-Caux	Village of Nakusp	In-Person
	Director K. Page	City of Nelson	In-Person
	Director L. Casley	Village of New Denver	
	Director D. Lockwood	Village of Salmo	In-Person
	Director T. Gordon	Village of Silverton	In-Person
	Director J. Lunn	Village of Slocan	In-Person

STAFF PRESENT	S. Horn	Chief Administrative Officer
	M. Morrison	Corporate Officer/Manager of Corporate Administration
	A. Lund	Deputy Corporate Officer
	A. Wilson	Acting General Manager of Development & Community Sustainability Services
	D. Seguin	General Manager of Fire and Emergency Management Services
	S. Sudan	General Manager of Development & Community Sustainability Services
	T. Davison	General Manager of Community Services
	U. Wolf	General Manager of Environmental Services
	Y. Malloff	General Manager of Finance, Information Technology and Economic Development
	A. Hamilton	Acting Resource Recovery Manager – Projects and Programs
	AJ Evenson	Senior Project Manager
	C. Gaynor	Regional Parks Manager
	C. Stanley	Regional Manager Operations & Asset Management

E. Stout	Building and Bylaw Manager
K. Calder	Regional Manager of Recreation & Client Services
N. Wight	Planning Manager
N. Hannon	Disaster Mitigation and Adaptation Senior Advisor
C. Hogan	Project Manager
C. Scott	Planner
D. Elliott	Communications Coordinator
J. Lay	RDCK FireSmart Coordinator
M. St Louis	Grants Coordinator
P. Marshall Smith	Sustainability Planner
S. Johnson	Planner

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1. ZOOM REMOTE MEETING INFO

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Meeting Time:
9:00 PDT

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

2. CALL TO ORDER & WELCOME

This meeting is being recorded in accordance with the RDCK's Recording Meetings policy and will be posted on the RDCK website.

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:

206/26 The agenda for the May 21, 2026 Regular Open Board meeting be adopted with the following:

- inclusion of Item 9.2.5 letter from Ministry of Transportation and Transit regarding Inland Ferry Services;
- inclusion of Item 9.2.6 UBCM's response to 2025 Resolutions; and
- the addition of the addendum

before circulation.

Carried

2.3 Adoption of the Minutes
Correction to the Board Meeting - April 16, 2026 minutes
RES 175/26
The Area H North Advisory Planning and Heritage Commission for a term to expire December 31, 2026 not 2027.

Moved and seconded,
And Resolved:

207/26 The minutes from the April 16, 2026 Regular Open Board meeting be adopted as circulated.

Carried

2.4 Introductions
The CAO introduced the following staff:

- Amy Wilson, Acting General Manager of Development and Community Sustainability, replacing Sangita Sudan who is retiring;
- Alayne Hamilton, Acting Resource Recovery Manager - Projects and Programs, filling in for Amy Wilson;
- Aimee Kootnikoff, Acting Resource Recovery Manager - Operations, filling in for Amy Wilson;
- Corey Jakobsze, Emergency Support Services Coordinator;
- Marie-Ange Fournier-Beck, GIS Analyst; and
- Luke Magnall, Utility Technician, replacing Dave Sharun.

3. COMMITTEES & COMMISSIONS

3.1 With Recommendations

3.1.1 Directors Remuneration Select Committee: minutes March 30, 2026
The Board Report from Yev Malloff, General Manager Finance, IT and Procurement, providing the Board with an update on the process followed by the Directors Remuneration Select Committee over its four meetings, has been received for information.

Moved and seconded,
And Resolved:

208/26 That the Board approve RDCK Directors meal allowance and incidental expense rates be tied to the BC Provincial Employee Group II rates and round to the nearest dollar for administration ease, effective January 1, 2027.

Carried

Moved and seconded
MOTION ONLY

That the Board approve Directors attending the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) Conference be restricted to two times per term, effective January 1, 2027.

Moved and seconded,
And Resolved:
AMENDMENT TO THE MOTION

209/26 That the foregoing motion being:

> *That the Board approve Directors attending the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) Conference be restricted to two times per term, effective January 1, 2027;*

be amended to replace "be restricted to two times per term" with "be restricted to ten directors per year", thus reading:

> *That the Board approve Directors attending the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) Conference **be restricted to ten directors per year**, effective January 1, 2027;*

Defeated

Moved and seconded,
And Resolved:
MAIN MOTION

210/26 That the Board approve Directors attending the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) Conference be restricted to two times per term, effective January 1, 2027.

Defeated

DIRECTOR PRESENT Director Davidoff joined the meeting at 9:09 a.m.

Moved and seconded,
MOTION ONLY

That the Board approve the first three Board Workshops that a director attends per year will be considered a part of Directors regular duties, and not draw additional stipend, and related expenses be paid as per Board policy.

Moved and seconded,
And Resolved:
AMENDMENT TO THE MOTION

211/26 The foregoing motion being:

> *That the Board approve the first three Board Workshops that a director attends per year will be considered a part of Directors regular duties, and not draw additional stipend, and related expenses be paid as per Board policy;*

be amended by replacing "three" with "six", thus reading:

> *That the Board approve the first **six** Board Workshops that a director attends per year will be considered a part of Directors regular duties, and not draw additional stipend, and related expenses be paid as per Board policy.*

Carried

Moved and seconded,
And Resolved:
MAIN MOTION

212/26 That the Board approve the first six Board Workshops that a director attends per year will be considered a part of Directors regular duties, and not draw additional stipend, and related expenses be paid as per Board policy.

Carried

Moved and seconded,
And Resolved:

213/26 That the Board approve the Director carpooling mileage expenses for conferences equal to total airfares and related expenses of the number of people travelling together.

Carried

Moved and seconded,
MOTION ONLY

That the Board approve that if a director is absent from a Board meeting, that the Alternate Director Board meeting rate will be deducted from the director's monthly stipend.

Moved and seconded,
And Resolved:
AMENDMENT TO THE MOTION

214/26 That the foregoing motion being:

> *That the Board approve that if a director is absent from a Board meeting, that the Alternate Director Board meeting rate will be deducted from the director's monthly stipend;*

be amended to include "3 or more" before "Board meetings" and "for the 3rd and subsequent meetings" after the word "stipend", thus reading:

> *That the Board approve that if a director is absent from **3 or more** Board meetings per calendar year, that the Alternate Director Board meeting rate will be deducted from the director's monthly stipend **for the 3rd and subsequent meetings**.*

Carried

Moved and seconded,
And Resolved:
MAIN MOTION

215/26 That the Board approve that if a director is absent from 3 or more Board meetings per calendar year, that the Alternate Director Board meeting rate will be deducted from the director's monthly stipend for the 3rd and subsequent meetings.

Carried

Moved and seconded,
MOTION ONLY

That the Board approve Mileage-Based Reimbursement for Rural Directors traveling over the 50 km/roundtrip threshold, be based on a uniform cap for mileage of $3,000/year, with a black out period of 45 days prior to the election through to the Inaugural Board Meeting.

Moved and seconded,
And Resolved:
AMENDMENT TO THE MOTION

216/26 That the foregoing motion being:

> *That the Board approve Mileage-Based Reimbursement for Rural Directors traveling over the 50 km/roundtrip threshold, be based on a uniform cap for mileage of $3,000/year, with a black out period of 45 days prior to the election through to the Inaugural Board Meeting;*

be amended by removing "Rural", thus reading:

> *That the Board approve Mileage-Based Reimbursement for Directors traveling over the 50 km/roundtrip threshold, be based on a uniform cap for mileage of $3,000/year, with a black out period of 45 days prior to the election through to the Inaugural Board Meeting.*

Defeated

Moved and seconded,
And Resolved:
MAIN MOTION

217/26 That the Board approve Mileage-Based Reimbursement for Rural Directors traveling over the 50 km/roundtrip threshold, be based on a uniform cap for mileage of $3,000/year, with a black out period of 45 days prior to the election through to the Inaugural Board Meeting.

Carried

RECESSED/ RECONVENED The Board meeting recessed for a break at 10:35 a.m. and reconvened at 10:45 a.m.

DIRECTOR ABSENT Director Casley left the meeting at 10:35 a.m.

3.1.2 North Kootenay Lake Services Committee: minutes April 13, 2026

Moved and seconded,
And Resolved:

218/26 That the Board approve the RDCK enter into an Operational and Maintenance Agreement with the Village of Kaslo for the Operation and Maintenance of the McDonald Creek Water Service for the period of five (5) years beginning on May 1, 2026, and that the Chair and Corporate Officer be authorized to sign the necessary documents.

Carried

Director Vandenberghe recorded opposed.

3.1.3 Electoral Area A Recreation Commission No. 9: minutes April 27, 2026

Moved and seconded,
And Resolved:

219/26 That the Board approve the payment of the following grants from the Recreation Commission No. 9 – Area A Service No. S232 2026 budget:

Boswell Memorial Hall Society - Washing Sink	$1,393.05
East Shore Trail and Bike Association	$8,400
Boswell Memorial Hall Society - Insurance	$4,140
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

Carried

3.1.4 Portion of Area E - Procter/Harrop/Balfour/Queens Bay Recreation Commission No. 10: minutes April 27, 2026

Moved and seconded,
And Resolved:

220/26 That the foregoing motion being:

That the Board contact the Balfour Senior Citizens Association via Director Graham to review the Recreation Commission No.10 grant application process and requirements.

Be amended thus reading:

That the Board send a letter to the Balfour Senior Citizens Association outlining the requirements for the Recreation Commission No. 10 grant application process and offering a meeting with Director Graham for further clarification.

Carried

Moved and seconded,
And Resolved:

221/26 That the Board approve the payment of the following grants from the Recreation Commission No. 10 – Portion of Area E – Procter/Harrop/Balfour/Queens Bay Service No. S279 2026 budget:

Balfour Senior Citizens Association Branch #120	$500
Balfour Senior Citizens Association Branch #120	$910
Procter Community Society	$500
Balfour Senior Citizens Association Branch #120	$933.96
Balfour Recreation Commission	$1,000

Carried

3.1.5 Castlegar and District Community Complex Recreation Commission: minutes May 5, 2026

Moved and seconded,

And Resolved:

222/26 That the Board approve the Pass Creek Fall Fair to proceed in 2026 at Pass Creek Regional Park; AND FURTHER, that the Board approve the RDCK entering into an Event Site License Agreement with the Pass Creek Exhibition Society for the Pass Creek Fall Fair for the period of the (10) days, September 18, 2026 - September 27, 2026, and that the Chair and Corporate Officer be authorized to sign the necessary documents.

Carried

3.1.6 Creston Valley Services Committee: minutes May 7, 2026

Moved and seconded,
And Resolved:

223/26 That the Board approve an amendment to the 2026 Financial Plan for Service S224 Recreation Facility – Creston and Areas B and C and Area A, to Increase Grants Specified by $5,000, Increase Transfer from Reserves by $45,000 and Increase Capital Expenditures by $50,000.

Carried

Moved and seconded,
And Resolved:

224/26 That the Board approve an amendment to the 2026 Financial Plan for Service S201 Regional Parks – Creston and Areas B and C, to Decrease Contribution to Reserves by $60,000, Increase Transfer from Reserves by $40,000 and Increase Capital Expenditures by $100,000.

Carried

Moved and seconded,
And Resolved:

225/26 That the Board approve the RDCK enter into a three-year agreement with Creston New Horizons Seniors Society for non-exclusive use of the Rotacrest Hall commencing on June 1, 2026 and ending on May 31, 2029 and that the Board Chair and Corporate Officer be authorized the execute the agreement.

Carried

3.1.7 Area H, New Denver and Silverton Recreation Commission No. 6: minutes May 7, 2026

Staff have received direction to schedule the November 3, 2026 Recreation Commission meeting on October 1, 2026.

Moved and seconded,
And Resolved:

226/26 That the Board approve the payment of the following grants from the Recreation Commission No. 6 -New Denver, Silverton & Area Service No. S229 2026 budget:

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

Carried

Moved and seconded,
And Resolved:

227/26 That the Board open the Recreation Commission No. 6 -New Denver, Silverton & Area Service No. S229 Fall Grant intake on August 1st, 2026 and close it on September 14, 2026; AND FURTHER, that the Board direct staff to submit an ad in the Valley Voice before the August 7th, 2026 deadline, to appear in the August 13 publication, and that staff are to prepare the grant applications for the Commission by September 18, 2026.

Carried

3.2 Membership/Appointments

Moved and seconded,
And Resolved:

228/26 That the Board appoint the individuals to the following RDCK Commissions & Committees:

Area H North Advisory Planning and Heritage Commission with a term to expire December 31, 2026:
Johnathan Buttle
David McCulloch

Area H, New Denver, Silverton Recreation Commission No. 6 for a term to end December 31, 2027:
Don Broughton (Silverton Council)

Area D Advisory Planning and Heritage Commission:
And further, the Board send a letter to outgoing member Ken Hart thanking him for his service to the Area D Advisory Planning and Heritage Commission.

Carried

4. CORRESPONDENCE

4.1 The letter dated April 16, 2026 from Sergeant Derek Pitt, RCMP, seeking the RDCK's funding support Marine Patrols on Kootenay Lake.

4.2 The letter dated May 4, 2026 from Gary Diers, Mt. Willet Wilderness Forever, seeking a letter of support from the RDCK for the inclusion of the Argenta-Johnsons Landing Face in the Purcell Wilderness Conservancy Provincial Park and to advocate.

Moved and seconded,
And Resolved:

229/26 That the letter dated May 4, 2026 from Gary Diers, Mt. Willet Wilderness Forever, seeking a letter of support from the RDCK for the inclusion of the Argenta-Johnsons Landing Face in the Purcell Wilderness Conservancy Provincial Park and to advocate **BE REFERRED** to the June 18, 2026 Board meeting.

Carried

5. BYLAWS

5.1 Bylaw 3081: The Corporation of the Village of Slocan - Slocan Mill Site Property Security Issuing

Moved and seconded,
And Resolved:

230/26 That The Corporation of the Village of Slocan - Slocan Mill Site Property Security Issuing be read a FIRST, SECOND, and THIRD time by content.

Carried

Moved and seconded,
And Resolved:

231/26 That The Corporation of the Village of Slocan - Slocan Mill Site Property Security Issuing be ADOPTED and the Chair and Corporate Officer be authorized to sign the same.

Carried

5.2 Bylaw 3067: Elector Areas A, B, and C Dangerous and Aggressive Dog Control Service Establishment - EMAIL VOTE

The Chair's declaration regarding the email vote dated May 5, 2026 for Elector Areas A, B, and C Dangerous and Aggressive Dog Control Service Establishment Bylaw No. 3067, 2026 Elector Response Forms, has been received.

The information regarding the email vote prepared by Angela Lund, Deputy Corporate Officer, dated May 1, 2026, has been received.

6. NEW BUSINESS

6.1 Community Services

6.1.1 Contract Award: Facility Condition Assessments

The Board Report from Carolyn Hogan, Project Manager, seeking Board approval to award the Facility Condition Assessment project, has been received.

Moved and seconded,
And Resolved:

232/26 That the Board award the Facility Condition Assessment project to ASI-Asset Strategy Inc.; and that the Chair and Corporate Officer be authorized to sign the necessary documents to a maximum value of $120,270.00 + GST, AND FURTHER, that the costs for the project be paid from Contracted Services associated with Service A122 Asset Management.

Carried

6.1.2 Financial Plan Amendment: Regional Parks – Nelson and Salmo and Areas E, F, and G Service S202

The Board Report from Craig Stanley, Regional Manager - Operations and Asset Management, seeking Board approval to amend the financial plan for Nelson and Salmo and Areas E, F, and G Service S202, has been received.

Moved and seconded,
And Resolved:

233/26 That the Board approve an amendment to the 2026 Financial Plan for Service S202 Regional Parks –Nelson and Salmo and Areas E, F, and G to Increase Grants Revenue Specified by $50,000 and Increase Capital Expenditures by $50,000.

Carried

Moved and seconded,
And Resolved:

234/26 That the Board direct Staff to amend the existing Consulting Services Agreement with SRK Consulting (Canada) Inc., Contract Number: 2024_229_ENV_SRK_CONSULTING to expand the scope of dam assessment services to include Rosebud Lake, with the total additional authorization not to exceed $100,000.

Carried

6.1.3 2026-2028 Regional Park Enhancement Program

The Board Report from Trisha Davison, General Manager of Community Services, seeking Board authorize staff to submit to Columbia Basin Trust the Year 1 Projects List for the Regional District of Central Kootenay Regional Park Enhancement Program 2026-2028, has been received.

Moved and seconded,
And Resolved:

235/26 That the Board authorize staff to submit to Columbia Basin Trust the Year 1 Projects List as presented at the May 21, 2026 Open Board Meeting for the Regional District of Central Kootenay Regional Park Enhancement Program 2026-2028, Columbia Basin Trust Project #: 22,602.

Carried

6.2 Environmental Services

6.2.1 Contract Award: Burton Water Main Replacement Project

The Board Report from Carolyn Hogan, Project Manager, seeking Board approval to award the Burton Water Main Replacement Project, has been received.

Moved and seconded,
And Resolved:

236/26 That the Board award the Burton Water Main Replacement project to Milestone Equipment Contracting Inc.; and that the Chair and Corporate Officer be authorized to sign the necessary documents to a maximum value of $174,103.00 + GST, AND FURTHER, that the costs for the project be paid from both reserves and proceeds from borrowing under Water Utility – Burton Service S252; AND FURTHER that the Board of the Regional District of Central Kootenay authorizes up to $150,000 to be borrowed under Section 403 of the Local Government Act, from the Municipal Finance Authority for the purpose of constructing a replacement water main and that the loan be repaid within 2 years, with no rights of renewal.

Carried

6.2.2 Contract Award: Edgewood, Burton and Rosebery Transfer Stations - Civil Work

The Board Report from AJ Evenson, Senior Project Manager, seeking Board approval to award the Edgewood, Burton and Rosebery Transfer Stations - Civil Work, has been received.

Moved and seconded,
And Resolved:

237/26 That the Board direct staff to award the contract for the Edgewood, Burton and Rosebery Transfer Stations – Civil Work to Arrow Lakes Aggregates Ltd; and that the Chair and Corporate Officer be authorized to sign the necessary documents to a maximum value of $110,629.50 plus GST; AND FURTHER, that the funds be drawn from Refuse Disposal – West Subregion Service S188.

Carried

6.2.3 Contract Award: Erickson Water System - Residential Meter Contract Package 3

The Board Report from AJ Evenson, Senior Project Manager, seeking the Board approve the award for the Erickson Water System – Residential Meter Contract Package 3, has been received.

Moved and seconded,
And Resolved:

238/26 That the Board direct staff to award the contract for the Erickson Water System – Residential Meter Contract Package 3 – Contract Award to Valhalla Hydrovac Ltd; and that the Chair and Corporate Officer be authorized to sign the necessary documents to a maximum value of $349,848.42 plus GST; AND FURTHER, that the funds be paid from Service S250 Water Utility – Area B & C (Erickson).

Carried

6.2.4 Contract Award: Fauquier Water Main Replacement Project

The Board Report from Carolyn Hogan, Project Manager, seeking Board approval to award the Fauquier Water Main Replacement Project, has been received.

Moved and seconded,
And Resolved:

239/26 That the Board award the Fauquier Water Main Replacement project to Milestone Equipment Contracting Inc; and that the Chair and Corporate Officer be authorized to sign the necessary documents to a maximum value of $204,038.00 + GST, AND FURTHER, that the costs for the project be paid from reserves associated with Water Utility – Fauquier Service S254.

Carried

6.2.5 Contract Award: West Robson Water Main Replacement Project

The Board Report from Carolyn Hogan, Project Manager, seeking Board approval to award the West Robson Water Main Replacement Project, has been received.

Moved and seconded,
And Resolved:

240/26 That the Board award the West Robson Water Main Replacement project to Copcan Holdings Ltd.; and that the Chair and Corporate Officer be authorized to sign the necessary documents to a maximum value of $99,795.00 + GST, AND FURTHER, that the costs for the project be paid from reserves associated with Water Utility – West Robson Service S256.

Carried

6.2.6 Financial Plan Amendment: Erickson Water Service - Water Main Replacement

The Board Report from Alex Divlakovski, Water Operations Manager, seeking Board approval to amend the 2026 Financial Plan for Erickson Water Service - Water Main Replacement, has been received.

Moved and seconded,
And Resolved:

241/26 That the Board approve an amendment to the 2026 Financial Plan for Water Utility – Area B/C (Erickson) Service S250 to INCREASE Capital Expenses by

$70,000, INCREASE Transfer from Reserves by $75,000, and INCREASE Transfer to Other Services by $5,000.

Carried

6.2.7 MFA Borrowing Authorization: Resource Recovery Fleet Vehicle

The Board Report from Amy Wilson, Resource Recovery Manager, seeking Board approval to authorize MFA borrowing for a Resource Recovery fleet vehicle, has been received.

Moved and seconded,
And Resolved:

242/26 That the Board of the Regional District of Central Kootenay authorizes up to $65,000 to be borrowed under Section 403 of the Local Government Act, from the Municipal Finance Authority for the purpose of a fleet unit for Service A102 Resource Recovery and THAT the loan be repaid within five years, with no rights of renewal.

Carried

6.3 Administration & Finance

6.3.1 Policy 100-01-22: Project Prioritization Matrix

The Board Report from Stuart Horn, Chief Administrative Officer, providing the Board with the draft Project Prioritization Matrix, has been received.

Moved and seconded,
And Resolved:

243/26 That the draft RDCK Prioritization Matrix Policy No. 100-01-22 be received and that Directors provide feedback on the draft policy to staff prior to June 1st, 2026, AND FURTHER, that staff be directed to bring an update to the draft policy to the June 18, 2026 Open Board Meeting.

Carried

6.3.2 Delegated Authority Bylaw

The Board Report from Mike Morrison, Corporate Officer, seeking Board direction to prepare a draft Delegated Authority Bylaw, has been received.

Moved and seconded,
And Resolved:

244/26 That the Board direct staff to prepare a draft Delegated Authority Bylaw and seek legal review prior to Board consideration.

Carried

6.3.3 2026 ReDi Grant

The Board Report from Monique St Louis, Grants Coordinator, seeking Board approval of the 2026 ReDi Grant funds, has been received.

Moved and seconded,
And Resolved:

245/26 That the ReDi funding proposals listed in Attachment A of the 2026 ReDi Grants Board report dated May 1, 2026 be approved, and that the funds be disbursed

from Service X101 – Columbia Basin Trust Grants allocated to each area as listed below:

2026 All Area ReDi Recommendations			
Area	**Organization**	**Project Title**	**Recommendation**
Area A	**Canyon Community Association**	Revitalization of Existing Features	**$163.00**
Area A	**Columbia Basin Alliance for Literacy**	Seeds of Science	**$217.00**
Area A	**Community Arts Council of Creston**	Connections Through Art	**$138.00**
Area A	**Community Arts Council of Creston**	Living History: Our Land, Our Place, Our Stories The Kootenay History Symposium:	**$129.00**
Area A	**Crawford Bay & District Hall & Parks Association**	Danger trees at the Crawford Bay Community Park	**$783.00**
Area A	**Creston and District Historical and Museum Society**	FireSmart Roof Upgrades – Carr Building	**$494.00**
Area A	**Creston Community Auditorium Society**	KRSS Theatre Subsidy Program	**$292.00**
Area A	**Creston Community Seed Bank Society**	Inventory and Process Automation/Database Creation	**$183.00**
Area A	**Creston Community Seed Bank Society**	Seed Bank Modernization and Digitization	**$200.00**
Area A	**Creston Feral Friends Society**	CFFS 2026 TNR	**$338.00**
Area A	**Creston Pet Adoption and Welfare Society**	Spay and Neuter & Vaccination Grant	**$758.00**
Area A	**Creston Valley Blossom Festival Association**	86th Annual Creston Valley Blossom Festival (2027)	**$1,138.00**
Area A	**Creston Valley Cycling Association**	Wynndel Mountain Bike Trail Network Expansion	**$1,417.00**
Area A	**Creston Valley Fall Fair Association**	108th Creston Valley Fall Fair	**$1,246.00**
Area A	**Creston Valley Figure Skating Club**	Ice Breakers - Welcoming New Skaters to the Ice	**$221.00**
Area A	**Creston Valley Food Action Coalition**	Community Equipment Sharing Program	**$192.00**
Area A	**Creston Valley Food Action Coalition**	Harvest Share - Ladder Replacement and Storage Improvements	**$208.00**
Area A	**Creston Valley Food Action Coalition**	Marketing & Promotion Market Bags	**$100.00**
Area A	**Creston Valley Pride Society**	Pride in the Valley	**$67.00**
Area A	**Creston Valley Search & Rescue**	Operational Readiness Enhancement	**$1,233.00**
Area A	**Creston Valley Shrine Club #35**	Transportation Fund	**$271.00**
Area A	**Creston Valley Society for Therapeutic Horsemanship**	Therapeutic Riding Program	**$200.00**
Area A	**Creston Valley Youth Soccer Association**	Empowering Local Leaders – Creston FC Coach Education Initiative	**$167.00**
Area A	**Diverse Family Roots Society**	Supporting Families with Diverse Needs	**$233.00**
Area A	**Fields Forward Society**	Growing for Community	**$542.00**
Area A	**Fields Forward Society**	Onsite Retail Expansion	**$167.00**
Area A	**Fields Forward Society**	Taste of Creston	**$233.00**
Area A	**Friends of Kootenay Lake Stewardship Society**	2026 Harrop Wetlands Restoration, Citizen Science Monitoring & Kootenay Lake Summit Project	**$175.00**

Area A	**Horse Association of Central Kootenay**	Youth Polish Shine & Show and Horse Activities 2026	**$83.00**
Area A	**Kaslo Search and Rescue**	KSAR Emergency Response Readiness	**$458.00**
Area A	**Kootenay Boundary Regional Hospital and Health Foundation Society**	Mental Health Matters Campaign	**$242.00**
Area A	**Kootenay Food Council**	Communicating Regional Food Systems	**$138.00**
Area A	**Kootenay Holds Climbing and Wellness Society**	Climbing and Wellness Centre in Creston	**$267.00**
Area A	**Kootenay Lake Historical Society**	Conservation and Visitor-Safety : Restoration of Three Key Heritage Assets at the SS Moyie Site in Kaslo	**$92.00**
Area A	**Kootenay Lake Hospital Foundation**	KLH Cardiology Stress Test Equipment	**$296.00**
Area A	**Kootenay Mycological Society**	Kootenay Mushroom Festival	**$58.00**
Area A	**Kootenay-Columbia Discovery Centre Society**	Wetland Education and Awareness Program (WEAP)	**$367.00**
Area A	**Nelson & District Hospice Society**	Grief Programming and Remote Area Outreach	**$150.00**
Area A	**Nelson & District Hospice Society**	West Kootenay Boundary Caregiver Support	**$450.00**
Area A	**Nelson Team Consent Society**	Street Team	**$33.00**
Area A	**Northern BC Friends of Children Society**	East Kootenay Family Support Project	**$167.00**
Area A	**Rotary Club of Creston Valley**	Centennial Park Baseball Field Renovation/Upgrade Project	**$263.00**
Area A	**School District 8 Kootenay Lake**	School District 8 Annual Youth Pow Wow-SD8 Aboriginal Education department	**$300.00**
Area A	**Selkirk College Foundation**	Field Learning Access Van	**$169.00**
Area A	**South Kootenay Lake ArtConnect Society**	Electrical upgrade to Harrison Memorial Community Cultural Centre	**$1,823.00**
Area A	**South Kootenay Lake ArtConnect Society**	Water access installation, Phase 2 & 3	**$666.00**
Area A	**Starbelly Jam Society**	Starbelly Jam Music Festival	**$1,617.00**
Area A	**The Canadian Red Cross Society**	Free Equipment Loans for RDCK Seniors	**$157.00**
Area A	**The Nelson History Theatre Society**	Storytelling in Schools	**$58.00**
Area A	**Valley Community Services Society**	Community Counselling Program	**$567.00**
Area A	**West Creston Community Hall Society**	Upgrade Hall lighting	**$217.00**
Area A	**West Kootenay Amateur Radio Club**	Mount Lavina: Improvements to a radio repeater	**$98.00**
Area A	**West Kootenay Amateur Radio Club**	Pilot Point Repeater Site - Recurring remote access costs	**$97.00**
Area A	**Wildsight - Creston Valley Branch**	15th Annual Creston Valley Bird Festival - Promotion and Advertising	**$254.00**
Area A	**Wildsight - Creston Valley Branch**	Creston Valley Community Stewardship Initiative	**$333.00**
Area A	**Wynndel Community Centre**	Redevelopment Concept & Planning Study	**$4,917.00**
Area A	**Crawford Bay Parent Advisory Council (PAC)**	Crawford Bay School Hot Lunch Program	**$4,158.00**
Area A	**South Kootenay Lake Community Service Society**	East Shore Seniors Emergency Ride Home	**$1,127.00**
Area A	**South Kootenay Lake Community Service Society**	New Van for East Shore Youth and Seniors- ES Transp Soc-NEW Van????	**$1,600.00**
Area A	**South Kootenay Lake Community Service Society**	Crawford Bay Sunday Market	**$1,066.00**

Area A	**Eastshore Circle of Friends Society**	Patio Awning, Dolly and Lighting	**$640.00**
Area A	**Kaslo infoNet Society**	Riondel Community Centre - Emergency Phone and WiFi	**$733.00**
Area A Total			**$35,166.00**
Area B	**Canyon Community Association**	Revitalization of Existing Features	**$1,003.00**
Area B	**Columbia Basin Alliance for Literacy**	Seeds of Science	**$850.00**
Area B	**Columbia Basin Environmental Education Network**	Wild Voices for Kids RDCK	**$500.00**
Area B	**Community Arts Council of Creston**	Connections Through Art	**$700.00**
Area B	**Community Arts Council of Creston**	Living History: Our Land, Our Place, Our Stories The Kootenay History Symposium:	**$1,000.00**
Area B	**Cops for Kids Charitable Foundation**	Funding 2026	**$500.00**
Area B	**Crawford Bay & District Hall & Parks Association**	Danger trees at the Crawford Bay Community Park	**$600.00**
Area B	**Creston and District Historical and Museum Society**	FireSmart Roof Upgrades – Carr Building	**$1,500.00**
Area B	**Creston Community Auditorium Society**	KRSS Theatre Subsidy Program	**$1,000.00**
Area B	**Creston Community Seed Bank Society**	Inventory and Process Automation/Database Creation	**$1,000.00**
Area B	**Creston Community Seed Bank Society**	Seed Bank Modernization and Digitization	**$1,000.00**
Area B	**Creston Feral Friends Society**	CFFS 2026 TNR	**$500.00**
Area B	**Creston Pet Adoption and Welfare Society**	Spay and Neuter & Vaccination Grant	**$5,000.00**
Area B	**Creston Quilts 4 Kids**	Creston Quilts 4 Kids	**$700.00**
Area B	**Creston Valley Blossom Festival Association**	86th Annual Creston Valley Blossom Festival (2027)	**$5,500.00**
Area B	**Creston Valley Cycling Association**	Wynndel Mountain Bike Trail Network Expansion	**$3,500.00**
Area B	**Creston Valley Fall Fair Association**	108th Creston Valley Fall Fair	**$5,500.00**
Area B	**Creston Valley Figure Skating Club**	Ice Breakers - Welcoming New Skaters to the Ice	**$1,000.00**
Area B	**Creston Valley Food Action Coalition**	Community Equipment Sharing Program	**$2,000.00**
Area B	**Creston Valley Food Action Coalition**	Harvest Share - Ladder Replacement and Storage Improvements	**$1,000.00**
Area B	**Creston Valley Libation Producers Society**	Hop to Vine Hustle	**$500.00**
Area B	**Creston Valley Pride Society**	Pride in the Valley	**$100.00**
Area B	**Creston Valley Search & Rescue**	Operational Readiness Enhancement	**$2,000.00**
Area B	**Creston Valley Society for Therapeutic Horsemanship**	Therapeutic Riding Program	**$5,000.00**
Area B	**Creston Valley Youth Soccer Association**	Empowering Local Leaders – Creston FC Coach Education Initiative	**$800.00**
Area B	**Diverse Family Roots Society**	Supporting Families with Diverse Needs	**$2,500.00**
Area B	**Fields Forward Society**	Growing for Community	**$2,500.00**
Area B	**Fields Forward Society**	Taste of Creston	**$1,000.00**
Area B	**Horse Association of Central Kootenay**	Youth Polish Shine & Show and Horse Activities 2026	**$600.00**
Area B	**Kootenay Boundary Regional Hospital and Health Foundation Society**	Mental Health Matters Campaign	**$500.00**

Area B	**Kootenay Food Council**	Communicating Regional Food Systems	**$500.00**
Area B	**Kootenay Food Council**	Growing Community Food Procurement Systems	**$750.00**
Area B	**Kootenay Holds Climbing and Wellness Society**	Climbing and Wellness Centre in Creston	**$500.00**
Area B	**Kootenay Lake Historical Society**	Conservation and Visitor-Safety : Restoration of Three Key Heritage Assets at the SS Moyie Site in Kaslo	**$200.00**
Area B	**Kootenay Wellness Foundation**	Sustainable infrastructure for on-going community events	**$100.00**
Area B	**Kootenay-Columbia Discovery Centre Society**	Wetland Education and Awareness Program (WEAP)	**$3,000.00**
Area B	**Northern BC Friends of Children Society**	East Kootenay Family Support Project	**$1,000.00**
Area B	**Rotary Club of Creston Valley**	Centennial Park Baseball Field Renovation/Upgrade Project	**$3,500.00**
Area B	**Selkirk College Foundation**	Field Learning Access Van	**$500.00**
Area B	**South Kootenay Lake ArtConnect Society**	Electrical upgrade to Harrison Memorial Community Cultural Centre	**$500.00**
Area B	**South Kootenay Lake ArtConnect Society**	Water access installation, Phase 2 & 3	**$200.00**
Area B	**SQx Danza**	Hurricane	**$250.00**
Area B	**The Canadian Red Cross Society**	Free Equipment Loans for RDCK Seniors	**$315.00**
Area B	**Trails for Creston Valley Society**	Tools for Trail Maintenance & Training	**$1,500.00**
Area B	**Valley Community Services Society**	Community Counselling Program	**$3,000.00**
Area B	**West Creston Community Hall Society**	Upgrade Hall lighting	**$1,290.00**
Area B	**West Kootenay Recreational Dirt Bike and ATV Society**	Tree Hugger trail rehabilitation	**$500.00**
Area B	**Wildsight - Creston Valley Branch**	15th Annual Creston Valley Bird Festival - Promotion and Advertising	**$800.00**
Area B	**Wildsight - Creston Valley Branch**	Creston Valley Community Stewardship Initiative	**$3,000.00**
Area B	**Yahk - Kingsgate Recreation Society**	Infrastructure - Deck and water tank	**$1,500.00**
Area B	**Yahk/Kingsgate Community Garden Club**	Y/K Community Garden	**$2,500.00**
Area B Total			**$75,258.00**
Area C	**Creston Community Auditorium Society**	KRSS Theatre Subsidy Program	**$1,000.00**
Area C	**Creston Community Seed Bank Society**	Seed Bank Modernization and Digitization	**$400.00**
Area C	**Creston Quilts 4 Kids**	Creston Quilts 4 Kids	**$700.00**
Area C	**Creston Valley Blossom Festival Association**	86th Annual Creston Valley Blossom Festival (2027)	**$6,000.00**
Area C	**Creston Valley Fall Fair Association**	108th Creston Valley Fall Fair	**$7,808.00**
Area C	**Creston Valley Food Action Coalition**	Harvest Share - Ladder Replacement and Storage Improvements	**$500.00**
Area C	**Creston Valley Search & Rescue**	Operational Readiness Enhancement	**$2,000.00**
Area C	**Creston Valley Society for Therapeutic Horsemanship**	Therapeutic Riding Program	**$1,300.00**
Area C	**Creston Valley Youth Soccer Association**	Empowering Local Leaders – Creston FC Coach Education Initiative	**$800.00**

Area C	**Rotary Club of Creston Valley**	Centennial Park Baseball Field Renovation/Upgrade Project	**$2,000.00**
Area C	**West Creston Community Hall Society**	Excavate and Gravel Drive and Park Area	**$4,000.00**
Area C	**West Creston Community Hall Society**	Upgrade Hall lighting	**$10,000.00**
Area C Total			**$36,508.00**
Area D/Kaslo	**Diverse Family Roots Society**	Supporting Families with Diverse Needs	**$475.00**
Area D/Kaslo	**Friends of Kootenay Lake Stewardship Society**	2026 Harrop Wetlands Restoration, Citizen Science Monitoring & Kootenay Lake Summit Project	**$375.00**
Area D/Kaslo	**Intercultural Kootenays Society**	Stronger Together: Deepning Belonging	**$250.00**
Area D/Kaslo	**Kaslo and District Community Forest Society**	Winter in the Forest Festival	**$1,750.00**
Area D/Kaslo	**Kaslo Community Acupuncture Society**	Barrier-free community acupuncture clinics	**$2,612.00**
Area D/Kaslo	**Kaslo Community Services Society**	Family Centre Guest Speaker Series	**$1,600.00**
Area D/Kaslo	**Kaslo Community Services Society**	Food Cupboard	**$3,100.00**
Area D/Kaslo	**Kaslo Community Services Society**	Kaslo Saturday Market	**$2,500.00**
Area D/Kaslo	**Kaslo Community Services Society**	Youth Art and Culture (YAC)	**$1,700.00**
Area D/Kaslo	**Kaslo Concert Society**	Performer fees	**$850.00**
Area D/Kaslo	**Kaslo Curling Club**	Curling End to End Graphic Sheet Liners	**$1,600.00**
Area D/Kaslo	**Kaslo Search and Rescue**	KSAR Emergency Response Readiness	**$3,100.00**
Area D/Kaslo	**Kootenay Carshare Cooperative**	Kootenay Rideshare Enhancement Pilot	**$450.00**
Area D/Kaslo	**Kootenay Emergency Response Physicians Association**	Strengthening Regional Emergency Response Capacity	**$1,900.00**
Area D/Kaslo	**Kootenay Food Council**	Communicating Regional Food Systems	**$200.00**
Area D/Kaslo	**Kootenay Food Council**	Growing Community Food Procurement Systems	**$550.00**
Area D/Kaslo	**Kootenay Lake Historical Society**	Conservation and Visitor-Safety : Restoration of Three Key Heritage Assets at the SS Moyie Site in Kaslo	**$4,900.00**
Area D/Kaslo	**Kootenay Lake Hospital Foundation**	KLH Cardiology Stress Test Equipment	**$500.00**
Area D/Kaslo	**Kootenay Lake Independent School Society**	Periwinkle Children's Centre Fence Repair and Replacement	**$2,100.00**
Area D/Kaslo	**Kootenay Mycological Society**	Kootenay Mushroom Festival	**$900.00**
Area D/Kaslo	**Kootenay Social Support Society**	West Kootenay Nav-CARE	**$1,500.00**
Area D/Kaslo	**Langham Cultural Society**	Indigenous Traditional Arts Project	**$1,500.00**
Area D/Kaslo	**Lardeau Valley Community Club**	Freezer Meals for Community Members and for Senior and Mobility Challenged	**$1,600.00**
Area D/Kaslo	**Lardeau Valley Community Club**	Kids to Camp 2026	**$2,300.00**
Area D/Kaslo	**Lardeau Valley Community Club**	Swimming @ Glayco 2026	**$800.00**
Area D/Kaslo	**Nelson & District Hospice Society**	West Kootenay Boundary Caregiver Support	**$1,500.00**
Area D/Kaslo	**North Kootenay Lake Arts & Heritage Council**	Art in the Market	**$1,050.00**

Area D/Kaslo	**School District 8 Kootenay Lake**	School District 8 Annual Youth Pow Wow-SD8 Aboriginal Education department	**$350.00**
Area D/Kaslo	**The Canadian Red Cross Society**	Free Equipment Loans for RDCK Seniors	**$500.00**
Area D/Kaslo	**The Castlegar and District Community Services Society**	West Kootenay Driver Program 2026	**$350.00**
Area D/Kaslo	**W.E. Graham Community Service Society**	Invigorate Local Restorative Justice Program	**$200.00**
Area D/Kaslo	**West Kootenay Amateur Radio Club**	Install Backup Power Generator to the Mount Lavina Radio Repeater Site	**$2,000.00**
Area D/Kaslo	**West Kootenay Amateur Radio Club**	Mount Lavina: Improvements to a radio repeater	**$200.00**
Area D/Kaslo	**West Kootenay Family Wellness Society**	Childcare Storage Container	**$250.00**
Area D/Kaslo	**West Kootenay Fibreshed Society**	Place-Based Textile Camps for Rural Youth	**$350.00**
Area D/Kaslo	**West Kootenay Football Club**	2026 Unity Cup	**$200.00**
Area D/Kaslo	**Kaslo Outdoor Recreation and Trails Society**	Kaslo Disc Golf Club Upgrades	**$1,500.00**
Area D/Kaslo	**Kaslo Outdoor Recreation and Trails Society**	KORTS 2026 Summer Trail Crew Support	**$2,650.00**
Area D/Kaslo	**Kaslo and Area Youth Council**	Kaslo Pride Celebration 2027	**$1,200.00**
Area D/Kaslo	**Wildwood Discovery Society**	Kaslo Wild Ultra	**$1,250.00**
Area D/Kaslo	**Wildwood Discovery Society**	Summer Program	**$1,800.00**
Area D/Kaslo	**Wildwood Discovery Society**	Wildwood Discovery Christmas Play	**$1,100.00**
Area D/Kaslo	**J.B. Fletcher Restoration Society**	Building the Path Forward	**$1,450.00**
Area D/Kaslo	**The Kaslo Shakespeare Festival**	PERICLES	**$1,000.00**
Area D/Kaslo Total			**$58,012.00**
Area D/Lardeau	**Argenta Community Association**	Annual Christmas Dinner	**$356.00**
Area D/Lardeau	**Argenta Community Association**	Argenta Fall Faire	**$2,563.00**
Area D/Lardeau	**Community Arts Council of Creston**	Living History: Our Land, Our Place, Our Stories The Kootenay History Symposium:	**$13.00**
Area D/Lardeau	**Crop for a Cure**	Crop for a Cure Support 2026/27	**$1,750.00**
Area D/Lardeau	**Diverse Family Roots Society**	Supporting Families with Diverse Needs	**$409.00**
Area D/Lardeau	**Intercultural Kootenays Society**	Stronger Together: Deepning Belonging	**$19.00**
Area D/Lardeau	**Kaslo and District Community Forest Society**	Winter in the Forest Festival	**$439.00**
Area D/Lardeau	**Kaslo Community Acupuncture Society**	Barrier-free community acupuncture clinics	**$2,594.00**
Area D/Lardeau	**Kaslo Community Services Society**	Family Centre Guest Speaker Series	**$2,403.00**
Area D/Lardeau	**Kaslo Community Services Society**	Food Cupboard	**$7,750.00**
Area D/Lardeau	**Kaslo Community Services Society**	Kaslo Saturday Market	**$1,400.00**
Area D/Lardeau	**Kaslo Community Services Society**	Parent And Child Time – Meadow Creek	**$5,563.00**
Area D/Lardeau	**Kaslo Community Services Society**	Youth Art and Culture (YAC)	**$3,219.00**
Area D/Lardeau	**Kaslo Concert Society**	Performer fees	**$444.00**
Area D/Lardeau	**Kaslo Curling Club**	Curling End to End Graphic Sheet Liners	**$469.00**

Area D/Lardeau	**Kaslo Search and Rescue**	KSAR Emergency Response Readiness	**$3,619.00**
Area D/Lardeau	**Kootenay Boundary Regional Hospital and Health Foundation Society**	Mental Health Matters Campaign	**$375.00**
Area D/Lardeau	**Kootenay Carshare Cooperative**	Kootenay Rideshare Enhancement Pilot	**$469.00**
Area D/Lardeau	**Kootenay Food Council**	Communicating Regional Food Systems	**$529.00**
Area D/Lardeau	**Kootenay Food Council**	Growing Community Food Procurement Systems	**$774.00**
Area D/Lardeau	**Kootenay Lake Historical Society**	Conservation and Visitor-Safety : Restoration of Three Key Heritage Assets at the SS Moyie Site in Kaslo	**$125.00**
Area D/Lardeau	**Kootenay Lake Independent School Society**	Periwinkle Children's Centre Fence Repair and Replacement	**$597.00**
Area D/Lardeau	**Kootenay Mycological Society**	Kootenay Mushroom Festival	**$163.00**
Area D/Lardeau	**Kootenay Social Support Society**	West Kootenay Nav-CARE	**$813.00**
Area D/Lardeau	**Kootenay Wellness Foundation**	Sustainable infrastructure for on-going community events	**$38.00**
Area D/Lardeau	**Langham Cultural Society**	Indigenous Traditional Arts Project	**$913.00**
Area D/Lardeau	**Lardeau Valley Community Club**	Energy Efficiency Upgrades	**$2,494.00**
Area D/Lardeau	**Lardeau Valley Community Club**	Freezer Meals for Community Members and for Senior and Mobility Challenged	**$4,672.00**
Area D/Lardeau	**Lardeau Valley Community Club**	Kids to Camp 2026	**$3,172.00**
Area D/Lardeau	**Lardeau Valley Community Club**	Market Coordinator	**$1,344.00**
Area D/Lardeau	**Lardeau Valley Community Club**	Programming @ LVCC 26/27	**$2,281.00**
Area D/Lardeau	**Lardeau Valley Community Club**	Swimming @ Glayco 2026	**$1,234.00**
Area D/Lardeau	**Lardeau Valley Opportunity LINKS Society**	Community Emergency Infrastructure & Preparedness	**$4,263.00**
Area D/Lardeau	**Lardeau Valley Opportunity LINKS Society**	LINKS 2026 Newsletter	**$4,938.00**
Area D/Lardeau	**Lardeau Valley Opportunity LINKS Society**	The "Letting Go" Project	**$1,941.00**
Area D/Lardeau	**Lardeau Valley Opportunity LINKS Society**	Water Resource Mapping for Wildfire Suppression	**$3,594.00**
Area D/Lardeau	**Living Lakes Canada Society**	Fire Suppression Water Mapping Update	**$3,156.00**
Area D/Lardeau	**Living Lakes Canada Society**	North Kootenay Lake Water Monitoring	**$3,301.00**
Area D/Lardeau	**Nakusp Ski Club Association**	Summit Lake Ski and Snowboard Area Rental Equipment Replacement	**$188.00**
Area D/Lardeau	**Nelson & District Hospice Society**	West Kootenay Boundary Caregiver Support	**$827.00**
Area D/Lardeau	**Nelson Civic Theatre Society**	Supporting the Kootenay Screen-Based Industry	**$31.00**
Area D/Lardeau	**Nelson Fine Art Centre Society**	Oxygen Art Centre Artist Residency Project 2026-2027	**$6.00**
Area D/Lardeau	**North Kootenay Lake Arts & Heritage Council**	Art in the Market	**$650.00**
Area D/Lardeau	**School District 8 Kootenay Lake**	School District 8 Annual Youth Pow Wow-SD8 Aboriginal Education department	**$38.00**
Area D/Lardeau	**West Kootenay Amateur Radio Club**	Install Backup Power Generator to the Mount Lavina Radio Repeater Site	**$2,354.00**
Area D/Lardeau	**West Kootenay Amateur Radio Club**	Mount Lavina: Improvements to a radio repeater	**$469.00**
Area D/Lardeau	**Johnsons Landing Community Association**	Culture Camp- One Drum	**$1,829.00**

Area D/Lardeau	**Argenta Workshop Society**	Argenta Community Workshop	**$4,208.00**
Area D/Lardeau Total			**$84,796.00**
Area E	**561 Osprey Sponsoring Committee**	Youth First Aid Certification & Outreach Pilot	**$350.00**
Area E	**Balfour and District Business and Historic Association**	H-Vac upgrade Balfour Chapel and Performance Centre	**$3,000.00**
Area E	**Balfour and District Business and Historic Association**	MV Anscomb Wheelhouse Interpreter	**$2,135.00**
Area E	**Balfour and District Business and Historic Association**	Wheelhouse Accessibility & Visibility	**$775.00**
Area E	**Balfour Recreation Commission**	Balfour Daze 2026	**$3,215.00**
Area E	**Balfour Recreation Commission**	Fitness Centre Equipment Upgrade	**$2,245.00**
Area E	**Bee Awareness Society**	Bee Awareness Education Program	**$525.00**
Area E	**Black Productions**	Mean Girls: The Musical	**$100.00**
Area E	**Blewett Elementary Parent Advisory Council (BPAC)**	Blewett Elementary National Anthem Sign	**$215.00**
Area E	**Central Kootenay Invasive Species Society**	Communities Pulling Together	**$675.00**
Area E	**Community Arts Council of Creston**	Living History: Our Land, Our Place, Our Stories The Kootenay History Symposium:	**$125.00**
Area E	**Corporation of the City of Nelson**	Nelson Farmer's Market Program - Special Events	**$260.00**
Area E	**Crescent Valley Community Hall Society**	Main Hall Interior Room Upgrade	**$50.00**
Area E	**Creston Valley Shrine Club #35**	Transportation Fund	**$45.00**
Area E	**Diverse Family Roots Society**	Supporting Families with Diverse Needs	**$550.00**
Area E	**Elephant Mountain Literary Society**	Elephant Mountain Lit Fest 2026	**$125.00**
Area E	**Elk Root Conservation Farm Society**	ERC Community Food Box Program	**$160.00**
Area E	**Freshwater Fisheries Society of B.C.**	Central Kootenay FFSBC Outreach Programs 2026-27	**$565.00**
Area E	**Friends of Kootenay Lake Stewardship Society**	2026 Harrop Wetlands Restoration, Citizen Science Monitoring & Kootenay Lake Summit Project	**$905.00**
Area E	**Friends of the Nelson Municipal Library**	Library Outreach in RDCK Area E	**$700.00**
Area E	**Harrop School House Society**	Harrop Schoolhouse Childcare Centre	**$3,875.00**
Area E	**Horse Association of Central Kootenay**	Youth Polish Shine & Show and Horse Activities 2026	**$325.00**
Area E	**Hume Elementary Parent Advisory Council**	Hume Elementary Nature Playscape Enhancement Project	**$195.00**
Area E	**Intercultural Kootenays Society**	Stronger Together: Deepning Belonging	**$325.00**
Area E	**Kaslo Curling Club**	Curling End to End Graphic Sheet Liners	**$320.00**
Area E	**Kaslo Search and Rescue**	KSAR Emergency Response Readiness	**$1,500.00**
Area E	**Kootenay Boundary Regional Hospital and Health Foundation Society**	Mental Health Matters Campaign	**$950.00**
Area E	**Kootenay Brain Injury Association**	SOAR Group Program	**$510.00**
Area E	**Kootenay Carshare Cooperative**	Kootenay Rideshare Enhancement Pilot	**$350.00**

Area E	**Kootenay Circus Arts Association**	Discover Circus - West Kootenay Accessible Circus Initiative	**$325.00**
Area E	**Kootenay Circus Arts Association**	Boundless Arts & Events - Opening the Doors: Community Access to the Circus Hub	**$260.00**
Area E	**Kootenay Emergency Response Physicians Association**	Strengthening Regional Emergency Response Capacity	**$2,500.00**
Area E	**Kootenay Food Council**	Communicating Regional Food Systems	**$325.00**
Area E	**Kootenay Food Council**	Growing Community Food Procurement Systems	**$330.00**
Area E	**Kootenay International Burlesque Festival Association**	Kootenay International Burlesque Festival	**$75.00**
Area E	**Kootenay Lake Historical Society**	Conservation and Visitor-Safety : Restoration of Three Key Heritage Assets at the SS Moyie Site in Kaslo	**$210.00**
Area E	**Kootenay Lake Hospital Foundation**	KLH Cardiology Stress Test Equipment	**$1,410.00**
Area E	**Kootenay Musical Theatre Society**	From Kootenay Wild to the World	**$110.00**
Area E	**Kootenay Mycological Society**	Kootenay Mushroom Festival	**$100.00**
Area E	**Kootenay Native Plant Society**	Native Pollinator Habitat Restoration Project	**$620.00**
Area E	**Kootenay Organic Growers Society**	West Kootenay Farm Share	**$400.00**
Area E	**Kootenay School of the Arts Society**	Re:Create Kootenay Arts Festival	**$115.00**
Area E	**Kootenay Social Support Society**	West Kootenay Nav-CARE	**$765.00**
Area E	**Kootenay Wellness Foundation**	Sustainable infrastructure for on-going community events	**$85.00**
Area E	**Living Lakes Canada Society**	Cottonwood Creek Aquatic Habitat Restoration	**$750.00**
Area E	**Massif Music Festival Society**	Massif Music 2026	**$115.00**
Area E	**Nelson & District Arts Council**	ArtWalk 2026	**$350.00**
Area E	**Nelson & District Arts Council**	Rural Artist Support Weekend	**$100.00**
Area E	**Nelson & District Hospice Society**	Grief Programming and Remote Area Outreach	**$750.00**
Area E	**Nelson & District Hospice Society**	West Kootenay Boundary Caregiver Support	**$510.00**
Area E	**Nelson and District Museum, Archives, Art Gallery and Historical Society**	Free Family Programming at the Nelson Museum	**$250.00**
Area E	**Nelson Civic Theatre Society**	Supporting the Kootenay Screen-Based Industry	**$950.00**
Area E	**Nelson Cycling Club Society**	Nelson Cycling Club Trail Program	**$1,165.00**
Area E	**Nelson Fine Art Centre Society**	Oxygen Art Centre Artist Residency Project 2026-2027	**$450.00**
Area E	**Nelson Izu-shi Friendship Society**	Reflecting/Looking Ahead: Sister Cities	**$120.00**
Area E	**Nelson Leafs Hockey Society**	nfrastructure Expansion to Recycling Capacity	**$370.00**
Area E	**Nelson Nordic Ski Club**	East Busk Cardiac Hill Trail Reroute Project	**$510.00**
Area E	**Nelson Search and Rescue Society**	Rope Rescue Training Platform	**$300.00**
Area E	**Nelson Soccer Association**	Nelson Celebrates the World: FIFA World Cup 2026	**$725.00**
Area E	**Nelson Team Consent Society**	Street Team	**$85.00**
Area E	**Polka Dot Dragon Arts Society**	Lantern Festival	**$140.00**
Area E	**Polka Dot Dragon Arts Society**	Remember the Dead	**$175.00**

Area E	**Procter Community Society**	Stage Performance Lights	**$2,340.00**
Area E	**Queens Bay Residents Association**	S100 Training and Recertification (S100A)	**$1,940.00**
Area E	**School District 8 Kootenay Lake**	School District 8 Annual Youth Pow Wow-SD8 Aboriginal Education department	**$450.00**
Area E	**Selkirk College Foundation**	Field Learning Access Van	**$640.00**
Area E	**Selkirk Concert Society**	Selkirk Pro-Musica Concert Series 2026-27	**$145.00**
Area E	**SQx Danza**	Hurricane	**$50.00**
Area E	**Symphony of the Kootenays Association**	Voyage Beyond Stars	**$140.00**
Area E	**Taghum Footbridge Society**	Reclaim Taghum Bridge - Phase 2	**$1,850.00**
Area E	**The British Columbia Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals**	West Kootenay - (Spay/Neuter/Identification Program)	**$650.00**
Area E	**The Capitol Theatre Restoration Society**	Sinixt Canoe Journey - Nelson Stop	**$140.00**
Area E	**The Castlegar and District Community Services Society**	West Kootenay Driver Program 2026	**$115.00**
Area E	**The Harrop and District Community Centre**	Accessibility improvement	**$3,300.00**
Area E	**The Kootenay Swim Club**	Equipment for Swim Meets and Training	**$100.00**
Area E	**The Nelson History Theatre Society**	Storytelling in Schools	**$80.00**
Area E	**West Kootenay Amateur Radio Club**	Install Backup Power Generator to the Mount Lavina Radio Repeater Site	**$215.00**
Area E	**West Kootenay Amateur Radio Club**	Mount Lavina: Improvements to a radio repeater	**$270.00**
Area E	**West Kootenay Amateur Radio Club**	Pilot Point Repeater Site - Recurring remote access costs	**$83.00**
Area E	**West Kootenay Amateur Radio Club**	Slocan Ridge Radio Repeater Enhanced Solar Charge Controller Improvements	**$170.00**
Area E	**West Kootenay Family Wellness Society**	Childcare Storage Container	**$1,750.00**
Area E	**West Kootenay Fibreshed Society**	Materials for Common Threads	**$315.00**
Area E	**West Kootenay Fibreshed Society**	Place-Based Textile Camps for Rural Youth	**$125.00**
Area E	**West Kootenay Pony Club**	West Kootenay Pony Club	**$800.00**
Area E	**West Kootenay Sno Goers Assn**	Warming Shelter Sustainability & Fire Reduction Upgrades	**$615.00**
Area E	**WH2O Racers Society**	Race Course Equipment Enhancement	**$850.00**
Area E Total			**$57,648.00**
Area F	**561 Osprey Sponsoring Committee**	Youth First Aid Certification & Outreach Pilot	**$750.00**
Area F	**Balfour Recreation Commission**	Balfour Daze 2026	**$1,000.00**
Area F	**Balfour Recreation Commission**	Fitness Centre Equipment Upgrade	**$500.00**
Area F	**Black Productions**	Mean Girls: The Musical	**$500.00**
Area F	**Blewett Elementary Parent Advisory Council (BPAC)**	Blewett Elementary National Anthem Sign	**$80.00**
Area F	**Castlegar Nordic Ski Club**	Paulson Nordic Cabin Revitalization	**$500.00**
Area F	**Central Kootenay Invasive Species Society**	Communities Pulling Together	**$2,500.00**

Area F	**Community Arts Council of Creston**	Living History: Our Land, Our Place, Our Stories The Kootenay History Symposium:	**$500.00**
Area F	**Corporation of the City of Nelson**	Nelson Farmer's Market Program - Special Events	**$250.00**
Area F	**Diverse Family Roots Society**	Supporting Families with Diverse Needs	**$500.00**
Area F	**Elephant Mountain Literary Society**	Elephant Mountain Lit Fest 2026	**$500.00**
Area F	**Elk Root Conservation Farm Society**	ERC Community Food Box Program	**$500.00**
Area F	**Friends of Kootenay Lake Stewardship Society**	2026 Harrop Wetlands Restoration, Citizen Science Monitoring & Kootenay Lake Summit Project	**$1,000.00**
Area F	**Friends of the Nelson Municipal Library**	Digital Learning at the Library	**$750.00**
Area F	**Horse Association of Central Kootenay**	Youth Polish Shine & Show and Horse Activities 2026	**$900.00**
Area F	**Kootenay Boundary Regional Hospital and Health Foundation Society**	Mental Health Matters Campaign	**$3,500.00**
Area F	**Kootenay Brain Injury Association**	SOAR Group Program	**$1,000.00**
Area F	**Kootenay Carshare Cooperative**	Kootenay Rideshare Enhancement Pilot	**$800.00**
Area F	**Kootenay Circus Arts Association**	Boundless Arts & Events - Opening the Doors: Community Access to the Circus Hub	**$1,000.00**
Area F	**Kootenay Emergency Response Physicians Association**	Strengthening Regional Emergency Response Capacity	**$3,000.00**
Area F	**Kootenay Food Council**	Communicating Regional Food Systems	**$750.00**
Area F	**Kootenay Food Council**	Growing Community Food Procurement Systems	**$1,000.00**
Area F	**Kootenay International Burlesque Festival Association**	Kootenay International Burlesque Festival	**$500.00**
Area F	**Kootenay Lake Historical Society**	Conservation and Visitor-Safety : Restoration of Three Key Heritage Assets at the SS Moyie Site in Kaslo	**$200.00**
Area F	**Kootenay Lake Hospital Foundation**	KLH Cardiology Stress Test Equipment	**$2,500.00**
Area F	**Kootenay Musical Theatre Society**	From Kootenay Wild to the World	**$500.00**
Area F	**Kootenay Mycological Society**	Kootenay Mushroom Festival	**$200.00**
Area F	**Kootenay Organic Growers Society**	West Kootenay Farm Share	**$1,169.00**
Area F	**Kootenay School of the Arts Society**	Re:Create Kootenay Arts Festival	**$250.00**
Area F	**Kootenay Social Support Society**	West Kootenay Nav-CARE	**$2,000.00**
Area F	**Kootenay Wellness Foundation**	Pharatree Kids Zone at the Kootenay Wellness Festival	**$100.00**
Area F	**Kootenay Wellness Foundation**	Sustainable infrastructure for on-going community events	**$700.00**
Area F	**Massif Music Festival Society**	Massif Music 2026	**$500.00**
Area F	**Nelson & District Arts Council**	ArtWalk 2026	**$1,000.00**
Area F	**Nelson & District Arts Council**	Rural Artist Support Weekend	**$500.00**
Area F	**Nelson & District Hospice Society**	Grief Programming and Remote Area Outreach	**$1,000.00**
Area F	**Nelson & District Hospice Society**	West Kootenay Boundary Caregiver Support	**$900.00**
Area F	**Nelson and District Museum, Archives, Art Gallery and Historical Society**	Free Family Programming at the Nelson Museum	**$500.00**
Area F	**Nelson Civic Theatre Society**	Supporting the Kootenay Screen-Based Industry	**$1,300.00**

Area F	**Nelson Cycling Club Society**	Nelson Cycling Club Trail Program	**$3,000.00**
Area F	**Nelson Fine Art Centre Society**	Oxygen Art Centre Artist Residency Project 2026-2027	**$50.00**
Area F	**Nelson Izu-shi Friendship Society**	Reflecting/Looking Ahead: Sister Cities	**$500.00**
Area F	**Nelson Leafs Hockey Society**	nfrastructure Expansion to Recycling Capacity	**$500.00**
Area F	**Nelson Nordic Ski Club**	East Busk Cardiac Hill Trail Reroute Project	**$1,000.00**
Area F	**Nelson Search and Rescue Society**	Rope Rescue Training Platform	**$500.00**
Area F	**Nelson Team Consent Society**	Street Team	**$200.00**
Area F	**Nelson Tennis Club**	Year-Round Water Supply	**$1,600.00**
Area F	**Polka Dot Dragon Arts Society**	Lantern Festival	**$500.00**
Area F	**Polka Dot Dragon Arts Society**	Remember the Dead	**$500.00**
Area F	**Procter Community Society**	Stage Performance Lights	**$500.00**
Area F	**School District 8 Kootenay Lake**	School District 8 Annual Youth Pow Wow-SD8 Aboriginal Education department	**$1,000.00**
Area F	**Selkirk Concert Society**	Selkirk Pro-Musica Concert Series 2026-27	**$750.00**
Area F	**SQx Danza**	Hurricane	**$1,000.00**
Area F	**Symphony of the Kootenays Association**	Voyage Beyond Stars	**$500.00**
Area F	**The British Columbia Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals**	West Kootenay - (Spay/Neuter/Identification Program)	**$500.00**
Area F	**The Capitol Theatre Restoration Society**	Sinixt Canoe Journey - Nelson Stop	**$250.00**
Area F	**The Castlegar and District Community Services Society**	West Kootenay Driver Program 2026	**$500.00**
Area F	**The Kootenay Swim Club**	Equipment for Swim Meets and Training	**$800.00**
Area F	**The Nelson History Theatre Society**	Storytelling in Schools	**$150.00**
Area F	**West Kootenay Amateur Radio Club**	Install Backup Power Generator to the Mount Lavina Radio Repeater Site	**$3,500.00**
Area F	**West Kootenay Amateur Radio Club**	Slocan Ridge Radio Repeater Enhanced Solar Charge Controller Improvements	**$500.00**
Area F	**West Kootenay Family Wellness Society**	Childcare Storage Container	**$2,000.00**
Area F	**West Kootenay Pony Club**	West Kootenay Pony Club	**$1,350.00**
Area F	**West Kootenay Sno Goers Assn**	Warming Shelter Sustainability & Fire Reduction Upgrades	**$1,250.00**
Area F Total			**$58,499.00**
Area G/Salmo	**Bee Awareness Society**	Bee Awareness Education Program	**$327.25**
Area G/Salmo	**Central Kootenay Invasive Species Society**	Communities Pulling Together	**$167.37**
Area G/Salmo	**Diverse Family Roots Society**	Supporting Families with Diverse Needs	**$500.00**
Area G/Salmo	**Friends of the Salmo Public Library**	Market Tent / pop-up awning	**$225.00**
Area G/Salmo	**Good Stuff Foundation**	Adopt a family for the Holidays 2026	**$247.31**
Area G/Salmo	**Heart & Soul Martial Arts Society**	Community Fitness and Self-Defense Seminars	**$127.40**

Area G/Salmo	**Horse Association of Central Kootenay**	Youth Polish Shine & Show and Horse Activities 2026	**$287.28**
Area G/Salmo	**Kootenay Boundary Regional Hospital and Health Foundation Society**	Mental Health Matters Campaign	**$407.20**
Area G/Salmo	**Kootenay Brain Injury Association**	SOAR Group Program	**$207.35**
Area G/Salmo	**Kootenay Emergency Response Physicians Association**	Strengthening Regional Emergency Response Capacity	**$1,966.03**
Area G/Salmo	**Kootenay Food Council**	Growing Community Food Procurement Systems	**$39.97**
Area G/Salmo	**Kootenay International Burlesque Festival Association**	Kootenay International Burlesque Festival	**$79.94**
Area G/Salmo	**Kootenay Lake Hospital Foundation**	KLH Cardiology Stress Test Equipment	**$207.35**
Area G/Salmo	**Kootenay Organic Growers Society**	West Kootenay Farm Share	**$1,286.54**
Area G/Salmo	**Kootenay Planeteers Recycling Society**	Bucks for Butts	**$100.00**
Area G/Salmo	**Kootenay Social Support Society**	West Kootenay Nav-CARE	**$367.23**
Area G/Salmo	**Lhasa Developments Ltd**	Build for the Future Attainable Housing-Survey	**$527.10**
Area G/Salmo	**Lhasa Developments Ltd**	Build for the Future Attainable Housing-website	**$607.04**
Area G/Salmo	**Massif Music Festival Society**	Massif Music 2026	**$167.37**
Area G/Salmo	**Nelson & District Hospice Society**	West Kootenay Boundary Caregiver Support	**$287.29**
Area G/Salmo	**Nelson Leafs Hockey Society**	nfrastructure Expansion to Recycling Capacity	**$39.97**
Area G/Salmo	**Nelson Team Consent Society**	Street Team	**$79.94**
Area G/Salmo	**Queen City Burlesque Expo**	Queen City Burlesque Expo	**$567.07**
Area G/Salmo	**Rooted in Nature Stewardship Society**	Youth Farm & Land Stewardship Pilot Program – 2026	**$2,565.58**
Area G/Salmo	**Royal Canadian Legion Salmo & District #217**	100 Year's of Service Celebebration	**$2,965.28**
Area G/Salmo	**Royal Canadian Legion Salmo & District #217**	Ladies Auxiliary - Refrigerator and Kitchen Equipment Purchase	**$2,765.43**
Area G/Salmo	**Salmo and Area Supportive Housing Society**	Intercom	**$686.99**
Area G/Salmo	**Salmo and District Healthcare Auxiliary Society**	Thrift Store enhancements	**$2,565.58**
Area G/Salmo	**Salmo Barre Fitness**	Rental Subsidy	**$1,326.51**
Area G/Salmo	**Salmo Climbing Society**	Air and Route Upgrades	**$3,364.97**
Area G/Salmo	**Salmo Community Resource Society**	Food Bank Garden Upgrade	**$1,646.27**
Area G/Salmo	**Salmo District Arts Council**	Live music and performance	**$1,286.53**
Area G/Salmo	**Salmo District Golf Club**	Salmo Golf Club irrigation repair and upgrade	**$4,843.87**
Area G/Salmo	**Salmo Secondary School PAC**	Gazebo	**$287.29**
Area G/Salmo	**Salmo Secondary School PAC**	Purchase of gym mats	**$1,526.35**
Area G/Salmo	**Salmo Senior Citizens' Housing Society**	Tenant socialization	**$1,126.65**
Area G/Salmo	**Salmo Ski Club**	Rental Equipment Phase 2	**$2,405.69**
Area G/Salmo	**Salmo Snow Ghosts**	2026-2027 Affordability and Program Enhancement	**$447.16**
Area G/Salmo	**Salmo Square Society**	Roof Replacement & Repairs	**$2,965.28**
Area G/Salmo	**Salmo Valley Curling and Rink Association**	Building Upgrades	**$2,605.55**
Area G/Salmo	**Salmo Valley Farmers Market Society**	2026 Farmers Market Season	**$1,766.18**
Area G/Salmo	**Salmo Valley Trail society**	2026 Trail Maintenance	**$3,285.04**

Area G/Salmo	**Salmo Valley Youth & Community Centre Society**	Gymnasium Floor Scrubber	**$2,445.67**
Area G/Salmo	**Salmo Valley Youth & Community Centre Society**	Salmo Brazilian Jiu Jitsu	**$1,686.24**
Area G/Salmo	**Salmo Valley Youth & Community Centre Society**	Salmo Snowboard Club	**$1,006.75**
Area G/Salmo	**Salmo Valley Youth & Community Centre Society**	Salmo Valley Youth and Community Theater Program	**$1,966.03**
Area G/Salmo	**Sly Violet**	Salmo's Got Talent!	**$600.00**
Area G/Salmo	**The British Columbia Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals**	West Kootenay - (Spay/Neuter/Identification Program)	**$1,175.00**
Area G/Salmo	**The Canadian Red Cross Society**	Free Equipment Loans for RDCK Seniors	**$207.34**
Area G/Salmo	**The Rossland Gold Fever Follies Society**	Follies Show, Mentorship, "Shut-Ins" Special	**$247.31**
Area G/Salmo	**Trails for Creston Valley Society**	Foot Bridges and Culvert	**$127.41**
Area G/Salmo	**True Country 4H Club**	True Country 4H Club-Start Up	**$647.02**
Area G/Salmo	**W.E. Graham Community Service Society**	Invigorate Local Restorative Justice Program	**$39.97**
Area G/Salmo	**West Kootenay BMX**	Maintenance and improvements	**$1,446.42**
Area G/Salmo	**West Kootenay Football Club**	2026 Unity Cup	**$207.35**
Area G/Salmo	**West Kootenay Recreational Dirt Bike and ATV Society**	Tree Hugger trail rehabilitation	**$367.23**
Area G/Salmo	**Ymir Arts and Museum Society**	Ymir Schoolhouse emergency lighting	**$4,044.47**
Area G/Salmo	**Ymir Community Association**	Storage Room Renovation	**$3,884.59**
Area G/Salmo Total			**$69,350.00**
Area H	**561 Osprey Sponsoring Committee**	Youth First Aid Certification & Outreach Pilot	**$100.00**
Area H	**Appledale Daycare Society**	Acquire new chairs and sheets	**$700.00**
Area H	**Bee Awareness Society**	Bee Awareness Education Program	**$900.00**
Area H	**Castlegar Nordic Ski Club**	Paulson Nordic Cabin Revitalization	**$300.00**
Area H	**Columbia Basin Environmental Education Network**	Wild Voices for Kids RDCK	**$200.00**
Area H	**Crescent Valley Community Hall Society**	Main Hall Interior Room Upgrade	**$2,500.00**
Area H	**Diverse Family Roots Society**	Supporting Families with Diverse Needs	**$200.00**
Area H	**Elk Root Conservation Farm Society**	ERC Community Food Box Program	**$300.00**
Area H	**Fireweed Hub Society**	Fireweed Hub Weekly Elders Events	**$1,500.00**
Area H	**Friends of the Nelson Municipal Library**	Digital Learning at the Library	**$300.00**
Area H	**Goat Mountain Kids Society**	Outdoor Sensory Regulation Space	**$150.00**
Area H	**Harvest Share & Bear Aware Society**	Harvest Share & Bear Aware	**$450.00**
Area H	**Healthy Community Society of the North Slocan Valley**	Food Program- Share, Teach, Grow 2026-27	**$400.00**
Area H	**Horse Association of Central Kootenay**	Youth Polish Shine & Show and Horse Activities 2026	**$400.00**
Area H	**Kootenay Boundary Regional Hospital and Health Foundation Society**	Mental Health Matters Campaign	**$200.00**
Area H	**Kootenay Brain Injury Association**	Rural & Remote Brain Injury Outreach Pilot	**$200.00**
Area H	**Kootenay Carshare Cooperative**	Kootenay Rideshare Enhancement Pilot	**$800.00**

Area H	**Kootenay Circus Arts Association**	Discover Circus - West Kootenay Accessible Circus Initiative	**$500.00**
Area H	**Kootenay Food Council**	Growing Community Food Procurement Systems	**$500.00**
Area H	**Kootenay Lake Hospital Foundation**	KLH Cardiology Stress Test Equipment	**$200.00**
Area H	**Kootenay Organic Growers Society**	West Kootenay Farm Share	**$700.00**
Area H	**Kootenay Planeteers Recycling Society**	Bucks for Butts	**$150.00**
Area H	**Kootenay Wellness Foundation**	Pharatree Kids Zone at the Kootenay Wellness Festival	**$200.00**
Area H	**Kootenay Wellness Foundation**	Sustainable infrastructure for on-going community events	**$350.00**
Area H	**Krestova Doukhobor Community Society**	Krestova Community Ice Rink	**$1,000.00**
Area H	**Nelson & District Hospice Society**	Grief Programming and Remote Area Outreach	**$450.00**
Area H	**Nelson & District Hospice Society**	West Kootenay Boundary Caregiver Support	**$500.00**
Area H	**Nelson and District Museum, Archives, Art Gallery and Historical Society**	Free Family Programming at the Nelson Museum	**$150.00**
Area H	**Nelson Civic Theatre Society**	Supporting the Kootenay Screen-Based Industry	**$200.00**
Area H	**Nelson Leafs Hockey Society**	nfrastructure Expansion to Recycling Capacity	**$200.00**
Area H	**Nelson Soccer Association**	Nelson Celebrates the World: FIFA World Cup 2026	**$100.00**
Area H	**New Denver and Area Youth Centre Society**	Youth Building Skills Together	**$350.00**
Area H	**New Denver Hospice Society**	Volunteers Make a Community Stronger	**$1,300.00**
Area H	**North Slocan Trails Society**	Ranch Ridge Trail Network: Phase 1	**$2,000.00**
Area H	**Pharatree Learning Centre**	Pharatree Learning Library Resource Improvements	**$200.00**
Area H	**Red Mountain Road and Enterprise Creek Emergency Preparedness Society**	Community Preparedness Training Initiative	**$4,000.00**
Area H	**Sandon Historical Society**	Sandon Museum Fire Exit Rebuild	**$1,100.00**
Area H	**Silverton Community Club**	2026 Slocan Valley Veterans Project	**$400.00**
Area H	**Slocan Integral Forestry Cooperative**	SIFCo Resiliency Centre Emergency Upgrades	**$1,000.00**
Area H	**Slocan Lake Arts Council (Society)**	Music in the Park (MITP)	**$2,000.00**
Area H	**Slocan Lake Early Learning Society**	Branching Out: The 50th Anniversary Strategic Launch	**$200.00**
Area H	**Slocan Park Community Hall Society**	Bathroom Pipes Retrofit	**$1,000.00**
Area H	**Slocan Solutions Society**	FibreFeelia 2026	**$300.00**
Area H	**Slocan Solutions Society**	ND bear smart working group. Electric Fencing/Fruit Tree Replacement Cost-Share	**$600.00**
Area H	**Slocan Solutions Society**	North Slocan Community Library	**$200.00**
Area H	**Slocan Solutions Society**	Purchase Library Books and Reading Chair for Lucerne Elementary Secondary School	**$400.00**
Area H	**Slocan Solutions Society**	Slocan Saturday Market	**$2,500.00**
Area H	**Slocan Solutions Society**	The Art of Safe Keeping	**$250.00**
Area H	**Slocan Solutions Society**	Valhalla Community Choir	**$400.00**
Area H	**Slocan Valley Community Band**	Stands and Folders	**$300.00**
Area H	**Slocan Valley Housing Society**	Slocan Valley Seniors' Outreach	**$3,000.00**

Area H	**Slocan Valley Threads Guild**	Firesmart Mitigation Project	**$900.00**
Area H	**Slocan Valley Watershed & Forest Protection Society**	Watershed and Forest Protection	**$6,000.00**
Area H	**SQx Danza**	Hurricane	**$300.00**
Area H	**The British Columbia Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals**	West Kootenay - (Spay/Neuter/Identification Program)	**$250.00**
Area H	**The Canadian Red Cross Society**	Free Equipment Loans for RDCK Seniors	**$250.00**
Area H	**The Castlegar and District Community Services Society**	West Kootenay Driver Program 2026	**$800.00**
Area H	**The North Valley Mountain Film Festival Committee**	The North Valley Mountain Film Festival	**$300.00**
Area H	**The Rossland Gold Fever Follies Society**	Follies Show, Mentorship, "Shut-Ins" Special	**$150.00**
Area H	**The Slocan Community Library Society**	Acquire books and puzzles for different age groups and interests.	**$900.00**
Area H	**The Slocan River Streamkeepers**	Slocan River Community Water Monitoring 2026	**$2,500.00**
Area H	**Treehugger Retreats and Events Society**	HARMONY 2027	**$100.00**
Area H	**Treehugger Retreats and Events Society**	Winter Carnival 2027	**$100.00**
Area H	**True Country 4H Club**	True Country 4H Club-Start Up	**$900.00**
Area H	**Valley Gems Community Theatre Society**	A Country Road Theatre and Performance Lab	**$500.00**
Area H	**Valley View Golf Club**	Course Improvements and Upkeep	**$2,000.00**
Area H	**Village of Slocan**	Slocan Valley Legion Hall - Stage & Electrical Upgrades	**$1,500.00**
Area H	**W.E. Graham Community Service Society**	Early Years Communication & Coordination Project	**$1,500.00**
Area H	**W.E. Graham Community Service Society**	Seniors Driver Support Program	**$2,000.00**
Area H	**W.E. Graham Community Service Society**	Seniors Emergency Response Support	**$2,000.00**
Area H	**W.E. Graham Community Service Society**	TAPS Sustainability & Enhancement Project	**$2,000.00**
Area H	**West Kootenay Amateur Radio Club**	Slocan Ridge Radio Repeater Enhanced Solar Charge Controller Improvements	**$150.00**
Area H	**West Kootenay Fibreshed Society**	Place-Based Textile Camps for Rural Youth	**$500.00**
Area H	**West Kootenay Football Club**	2026 Unity Cup	**$750.00**
Area H	**West Kootenay Pony Club**	West Kootenay Pony Club	**$1,000.00**
Area H	**West Kootenay Recreational Dirt Bike and ATV Society**	Tree Hugger trail rehabilitation	**$450.00**
Area H	**Winlaw Hall Association**	Revitalization & Enhancement of Winlaw Hall	**$5,000.00**
Area H Total			**$69,100.00**
Area I	**Bee Awareness Society**	Bee Awareness Education Program	**$500.00**
Area I	**Blueberry Creek Community School Council**	Blueberry Creek Community School Gym safety upgrades and renovation.	**$500.00**
Area I	**Blueberry Creek Community School Council**	TGIF youth program, Healthy Dinners for children and youth.	**$250.00**
Area I	**Castlegar and District Curling Club**	Viewing Lounge Air Conditioning	**$750.00**
Area I	**Castlegar and District Heritage Society**	Reviving the Museum Ground Floor	**$500.00**

Area I	**Castlegar and Friends Dog Park Society**	Dog Park Gazebo and Connecting Path, and Kiosk Notice Board	**$500.00**
Area I	**Castlegar Garden Club**	Castlegar Garden Club Garden Tour	**$100.00**
Area I	**Castlegar Golf Club**	Facility Upgrades	**$750.00**
Area I	**Castlegar Nordic Ski Club**	Paulson Nordic Cabin Revitalization	**$750.00**
Area I	**Castlegar Parks and Trails Society**	Everest's Memorial Bike Trail	**$500.00**
Area I	**Columbia Basin Environmental Education Network**	Wild Voices for Kids RDCK	**$500.00**
Area I	**Corporation of the City of Nelson**	Nelson Farmer's Market Program - Special Events	**$250.00**
Area I	**Crescent Valley Community Hall Society**	Main Hall Interior Room Upgrade	**$500.00**
Area I	**Diverse Family Roots Society**	Supporting Families with Diverse Needs	**$500.00**
Area I	**Elk Root Conservation Farm Society**	ERC Community Food Box Program	**$250.00**
Area I	**Good Stuff Foundation**	Adopt a family for the Holidays 2026	**$500.00**
Area I	**Horse Association of Central Kootenay**	Youth Polish Shine & Show and Horse Activities 2026	**$750.00**
Area I	**Kootenay Boundary Regional Hospital and Health Foundation Society**	Mental Health Matters Campaign	**$1,500.00**
Area I	**Kootenay Carshare Cooperative**	Kootenay Rideshare Enhancement Pilot	**$500.00**
Area I	**Kootenay Columbia Learning Centre Parent Advisory Council**	Grad 2026 Memorabilia Project	**$750.00**
Area I	**Kootenay Doukhobor Historical Society**	Doukhobor Discovery Centre Exhibition Enhancement	**$500.00**
Area I	**Kootenay Emergency Response Physicians Association**	Strengthening Regional Emergency Response Capacity	**$2,000.00**
Area I	**Kootenay Family Place**	Stories and Senses	**$400.00**
Area I	**Kootenay Food Council**	Communicating Regional Food Systems	**$500.00**
Area I	**Kootenay Gallery of Art, History and Science Society**	Program Developer - Pilot	**$933.20**
Area I	**Kootenay Lake Historical Society**	Conservation and Visitor-Safety : Restoration of Three Key Heritage Assets at the SS Moyie Site in Kaslo	**$200.00**
Area I	**Kootenay Musical Theatre Society**	From Kootenay Wild to the World	**$250.00**
Area I	**Kootenay Organic Growers Society**	West Kootenay Farm Share	**$750.00**
Area I	**Kootenay Rockies Disc Golf Society**	Pass Creek Park Disc Golf	**$500.00**
Area I	**Kootenay Wellness Foundation**	Pharatree Kids Zone at the Kootenay Wellness Festival	**$150.00**
Area I	**Kootenay Wellness Foundation**	Sustainable infrastructure for on-going community events	**$500.00**
Area I	**Nelson & District Hospice Society**	West Kootenay Boundary Caregiver Support	**$750.00**
Area I	**Nelson and District Museum, Archives, Art Gallery and Historical Society**	Free Family Programming at the Nelson Museum	**$250.00**
Area I	**Nelson Civic Theatre Society**	Supporting the Kootenay Screen-Based Industry	**$500.00**
Area I	**Nelson Nordic Ski Club**	East Busk Cardiac Hill Trail Reroute Project	**$100.00**
Area I	**Nelson Soccer Association**	Nelson Celebrates the World: FIFA World Cup 2026	**$500.00**
Area I	**Nelson Team Consent Society**	Street Team	**$100.00**
Area I	**Pass Creek Neighbourhood Association**	Pass Creek Community Activities 2026–2027	**$6,000.00**

Area I	**Selkirk College Foundation**	Field Learning Access Van	**$1,000.00**
Area I	**Shoreacres Hall Society**	Children's Toy Exchange Site and Storage	**$6,000.00**
Area I	**SQx Danza**	Hurricane	**$1,000.00**
Area I	**Tarrys and District Community Hall Society**	Tarrys Hall Electrical upgrade	**$5,892.80**
Area I	**The British Columbia Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals**	West Kootenay - (Spay/Neuter/Identification Program)	**$1,000.00**
Area I	**The Castlegar and District Community Services Society**	West Kootenay Driver Program 2026	**$1,000.00**
Area I	**The Classic Foundation**	The Christmas Classic	**$750.00**
Area I	**The Kootenay Swim Club**	Equipment for Swim Meets and Training	**$400.00**
Area I	**The Rossland Gold Fever Follies Society**	Follies Show, Mentorship, "Shut-Ins" Special	**$350.00**
Area I	**The Union of Spiritual Communities of Christ**	Verigin Memorial Park Tour Guides/Groundskeepers	**$5,000.00**
Area I	**True Country 4H Club**	True Country 4H Club-Start Up	**$500.00**
Area I	**Valley View Golf Club**	Course Improvements and Upkeep	**$250.00**
Area I	**West Kootenay Sno Goers Assn**	Warming Shelter Sustainability & Fire Reduction Upgrades	**$750.00**
Area I Total			**$49,876.00**
Area J	**BC Association of Community Response Networks**	CASTLEGAR IRIS PROGRAM	**$8,000.00**
Area J	**Blueberry Creek Community School Council**	Blueberry Creek Community School Gym safety upgrades and renovation.	**$3,000.00**
Area J	**Blueberry Creek Community School Council**	TGIF youth program, Healthy Dinners for children and youth.	**$1,250.00**
Area J	**Castlegar and District Curling Club**	Viewing Lounge Air Conditioning	**$1,000.00**
Area J	**Castlegar and District Heritage Society**	Reviving the Museum Ground Floor	**$500.00**
Area J	**Castlegar and Friends Dog Park Society**	Dog Park Gazebo and Connecting Path, and Kiosk Notice Board	**$500.00**
Area J	**Castlegar Golf Club**	Facility Upgrades	**$500.00**
Area J	**Castlegar Junior 4H Club**	Member Accessibility & Community Outreach Infrastructure	**$2,000.00**
Area J	**Castlegar Nordic Ski Club**	Paulson Nordic Cabin Revitalization	**$2,500.00**
Area J	**Castlegar Sculpturewalk Society**	Castlegar Sculpturewalk 2026	**$20,000.00**
Area J	**Central Kootenay Invasive Species Society**	Communities Pulling Together	**$5,004.00**
Area J	**Columbia Basin Environmental Education Network**	Wild Voices for Kids RDCK	**$400.00**
Area J	**Deer Park Recreation Society**	Battery enclosures for the Deer Park fire hall solar system	**$3,955.00**
Area J	**Diverse Family Roots Society**	Supporting Families with Diverse Needs	**$4,500.00**
Area J	**Good Stuff Foundation**	Adopt a family for the Holidays 2026	**$2,000.00**
Area J	**Horse Association of Central Kootenay**	Youth Polish Shine & Show and Horse Activities 2026	**$900.00**
Area J	**Intercultural Kootenays Society**	Stronger Together: Deepning Belonging	**$1,000.00**

Area J	**Kootenay Boundary Regional Hospital and Health Foundation Society**	Mental Health Matters Campaign	**$10,000.00**
Area J	**Kootenay Carshare Cooperative**	Kootenay Rideshare Enhancement Pilot	**$6,000.00**
Area J	**Kootenay Columbia Learning Centre Parent Advisory Council**	Grad 2026 Memorabilia Project	**$1,500.00**
Area J	**Kootenay Emergency Response Physicians Association**	Strengthening Regional Emergency Response Capacity	**$1,000.00**
Area J	**Kootenay Family Place**	Stories and Senses	**$670.00**
Area J	**Kootenay Food Council**	Communicating Regional Food Systems	**$2,000.00**
Area J	**Kootenay Food Council**	Growing Community Food Procurement Systems	**$1,000.00**
Area J	**Kootenay Gallery of Art, History and Science Society**	Program Developer - Pilot	**$4,000.00**
Area J	**Kootenay Organic Growers Society**	West Kootenay Farm Share	**$1,440.00**
Area J	**Kootenay Rockies Disc Golf Society**	Pass Creek Park Disc Golf	**$3,000.00**
Area J	**Kootenay Wellness Foundation**	Sustainable infrastructure for on-going community events	**$500.00**
Area J	**Ootischenia Community Society**	Signage and event information board	**$1,000.00**
Area J	**Pass Creek Regional Exhibition Society**	Pass Creek Fall Fair	**$10,000.00**
Area J	**Robson Community Memorial Church**	RCMC Siding/Insulation Project CBT 2025/26	**$9,000.00**
Area J	**Robson Recreation Society**	Electrical Upgrades and Air Conditioning	**$10,000.00**
Area J	**Selkirk College Foundation**	Field Learning Access Van	**$2,000.00**
Area J	**The British Columbia Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals**	West Kootenay - (Spay/Neuter/Identification Program)	**$2,000.00**
Area J	**The Castlegar and District Community Services Society**	West Kootenay Driver Program 2026	**$3,500.00**
Area J	**The Kootenay Swim Club**	Equipment for Swim Meets and Training	**$400.00**
Area J	**The Union of Spiritual Communities of Christ**	Verigin Memorial Park Tour Guides/Groundskeepers	**$2,500.00**
Area J	**True Country 4H Club**	True Country 4H Club-Start Up	**$2,000.00**
Area J	**West Kootenay Timberwolves Lacrosse Society**	Timberwolves Senior Lacrosse Expansion	**$700.00**
Area J Total			**$131,219.00**
Area KArrow Park	**Arrow and Slocan Lakes Community Services**	Medical Van Program	**$500.00**
Area K Arrow Park	**Arrow and Slocan Lakes Community Services**	Nakusp and Area Food Bank	**$1,000.00**
Area K Arrow Park	**Arrow Lakes District Arts Council Society**	Arts and Cultural Events	**$250.00**
Area K Arrow Park	**Arrow Park Community Association**	Community Maintenance	**$4,000.00**
Area K Arrow Park	**British Columbia Sailing Association**	Mobile Sailing Program in Nakusp 2026	**$808.00**
Area K Arrow Park	**Burton Community Association**	Nature School Camps	**$1,500.00**
Area K Arrow Park	**Burton Community Learning Centre**	Find Your Fun Community Recreation	**$500.00**
Area K Arrow Park	**Nakusp Ski Club Association**	Summit Lake Ski and Snowboard Area Rental Equipment Replacement	**$500.00**
Area K Arrow Park	**Protecting Animal Life Society (P.A.L.S.)**	P.A.L.S. Animal Rescue Program	**$1,000.00**

Area K Arrow Park Total			**$10,058.00**
Area K Bayview/Nakusp	**Arrow and Slocan Lakes Community Services**	Medical Van Program	**$8,000.00**
Area K Bayview/Nakusp	**Arrow and Slocan Lakes Community Services**	Nakusp and Area Food Bank	**$29,000.00**
Area K Bayview/Nakusp	**Arrow Lakes Caribou Society**	Central Selkirk Caribou Herd Recovery Activities	**$30,000.00**
Area K Bayview/Nakusp	**Arrow Lakes Cross Country Ski Club**	Removal of Overhanging Tree Branches at Wensley Creek	**$3,500.00**
Area K Bayview/Nakusp	**Arrow Lakes District Arts Council Society**	Arts and Cultural Events	**$3,281.64**
Area K Bayview/Nakusp	**Arrow Lakes District Arts Council Society**	Lighting and Sound Equipment Upgrades	**$4,999.00**
Area K Bayview/Nakusp	**Arrow Lakes Environment Stewardship Society**	Pollinator Patches : A Community Pollinator Habitat Program	**$1,900.00**
Area K Bayview/Nakusp	**Arrow Lakes Historical Society**	Increasing our digital capacity	**$3,856.00**
Area K Bayview/Nakusp	**Diverse Family Roots Society**	Supporting Families with Diverse Needs	**$4,000.00**
Area K Bayview/Nakusp	**Kootenay Social Support Society**	West Kootenay Nav-CARE	**$3,065.00**
Area K Bayview/Nakusp	**Nakusp & District Museum Society**	Programs and Technology	**$4,886.00**
Area K Bayview/Nakusp	**Nakusp Centennial Golf Club**	Kitchen Upgrades	**$4,999.00**
Area K Bayview/Nakusp	**Nakusp Secondary School**	Graduates Banquet and Ceremony	**$1,500.00**
Area K Bayview/Nakusp	**Nakusp Ski Club Association**	Summit Lake Ski and Snowboard Area Rental Equipment Replacement	**$25,609.86**
Area K Bayview/Nakusp	**Nakusp Volunteer Fire Brigade**	Rural Emergency Connectivity for Road Rescue Operations	**$6,808.50**
Area K Bayview/Nakusp	**Nelson & District Hospice Society**	West Kootenay Boundary Caregiver Support	**$3,715.00**
Area K Bayview/Nakusp	**Protecting Animal Life Society (P.A.L.S.)**	P.A.L.S. Animal Rescue Program	**$16,000.00**
Area KBayview/Nakusp	**Rotary Club of Nakusp Society**	Peace Literacy	**$2,050.00**
Area K Bayview/Nakusp	**Royal Canadian Legion Branch #20 Nakusp**	Kitchen Upgrades and Storage Room	**$26,800.00**
Area K Bayview/Nakusp	**West Kootenay Football Club**	2026 Unity Cup	**$1,365.00**
Area K Bayview/Nakusp Total			**$185,335.00**

Area K Burton	**Arrow and Slocan Lakes Community Services**	Medical Van Program	**$500.00**
Area K Burton	**Burton Community Association**	Burton Rejuvenation (Campground, McCormack park, cemetery Lands)	**$3,236.00**
Area K Burton	**Burton Community Association**	Chairs	**$3,704.82**
Area K Burton	**Burton Community Association**	Nature School Camps	**$909.18**
Area K Burton	**Burton Community Association**	Soil Enhancement of Community Garden	**$2,000.00**
Area K Burton	**Burton Community Learning Centre**	Find Your Fun Community Recreation	**$1,200.00**
Area K Burton	**Burton Elementary School PAC**	COMMUNITY GARDEN SOIL AMENDMENTS AND TOOLS/SUPPLIES	**$1,500.00**
Area K Burton	**Burton volunteer Fire Brigade**	Equipment Purchase	**$6,600.00**
Area K Burton Total			**$19,650.00**
Area K Edgewood	**Arrow and Slocan Lakes Community Services**	Fauqueir Childrens Summer Camp/Playgroup&Family Programs	**$1,500.00**
Area K Edgewood	**Arrow and Slocan Lakes Community Services**	Medical Van Program	**$500.00**
Area K Edgewood	**Arrow and Slocan Lakes Community Services**	Nakusp and Area Food Bank	**$2,000.00**
Area K Edgewood	**Burton Community Association**	Nature School Camps	**$1,900.00**
Area K Edgewood	**Columbia Basin Environmental Education Network**	Wild Voices for Kids RDCK	**$300.00**
Area K Edgewood	**Edgewood Community Park Board Society**	Reconfigure the Washrooms	**$7,368.00**
Area K Edgewood	**Edgewood Volunteer Fire Dept Society**	Firefighter Training and Seminar Expenses	**$5,000.00**
Area K Edgewood	**Inonoaklin Recreation Commission**	Community Ball Park fencing.	**$8,000.00**
Area K Edgewood	**Lower Arrow Lakes Conservation Association**	RESILIENT ROOFING/SIDING MODEL MINTO DISPLAY	**$8,000.00**
Area K Edgewood	**Nakusp Ski Club Association**	Summit Lake Ski and Snowboard Area Rental Equipment Replacement	**$500.00**
Area K Edgewood	**Protecting Animal Life Society (P.A.L.S.)**	P.A.L.S. Animal Rescue Program	**$5,000.00**
Area K Edgewood Total			**$40,068.00**
Area KFauquier	**Arrow and Slocan Lakes Community Services**	Fauqueir Childrens Summer Camp/Playgroup&Family Programs	**$3,250.00**
Area K Fauquier	**Arrow and Slocan Lakes Community Services**	Medical Van Program	**$500.00**
Area K Fauquier	**Burton Community Association**	Nature School Camps	**$1,700.00**
Area K Fauquier	**Fauquier & District Golf Club**	Golf Greens Equipment for Revitalization	**$4,996.00**
Area K Fauquier	**Fauquier CARE Society**	CARES Community Connection Series	**$3,000.00**
Area K Fauquier	**Fauquier Communication Centre Society**	Up grade Library collections: children-adult.	**$1,550.00**
Area K Fauquier	**Fauquier Community Club**	Fauquier Community Fitness	**$4,620.00**
Area K Fauquier	**Fauquier Community Club**	Hot Water Tank	**$2,310.00**
Area K Fauquier	**Fauquier Community Club**	Pavilion Bench Stain	**$769.00**

Area K Fauquier	**Fauquier Community Club**	Pavilion Picnic Tables	**$5,495.00**
Area K Fauquier	**Protecting Animal Life Society (P.A.L.S.)**	P.A.L.S. Animal Rescue Program	**$120.00**
Area K Fauquier Total			**$28,310.00**
Castlegar	**BC Association of Community Response Networks**	CASTLEGAR IRIS PROGRAM	**$11,548.43**
Castlegar	**Blueberry Creek Community School Council**	Blueberry Creek Community School Gym safety upgrades and renovation.	**$3,310.70**
Castlegar	**Blueberry Creek Community School Council**	TGIF youth program, Healthy Dinners for children and youth.	**$1,414.30**
Castlegar	**Blueberry Creek Improvement Society**	Blueberry Creek Park Improvement	**$1,216.00**
Castlegar	**Castlegar and District Curling Club**	Viewing Lounge Air Conditioning	**$1,857.10**
Castlegar	**Castlegar and District Heritage Society**	Reviving the Museum Ground Floor	**$8,236.30**
Castlegar	**Castlegar and Friends Dog Park Society**	Dog Park Gazebo and Connecting Path, and Kiosk Notice Board	**$1,714.30**
Castlegar	**Castlegar Aquanauts Swim Club**	Pre Summer Competitive Program	**$950.00**
Castlegar	**Castlegar Garden Club**	Castlegar Garden Club Garden Tour	**$471.40**
Castlegar	**Castlegar Golf Club**	Facility Upgrades	**$1,142.90**
Castlegar	**Castlegar Nordic Ski Club**	Paulson Nordic Cabin Revitalization	**$1,028.60**
Castlegar	**Castlegar Sculpturewalk Society**	Castlegar Sculpturewalk 2026	**$8,714.30**
Castlegar	**Columbia Basin Environmental Education Network**	Wild Voices for Kids RDCK	**$1,371.40**
Castlegar	**Cops for Kids Charitable Foundation**	Funding 2026	**$428.60**
Castlegar	**Diverse Family Roots Society**	Supporting Families with Diverse Needs	**$857.10**
Castlegar	**Elk Root Conservation Farm Society**	ERC Community Food Box Program	**$1,563.70**
Castlegar	**Good Stuff Foundation**	Adopt a family for the Holidays 2026	**$3,571.40**
Castlegar	**Horse Association of Central Kootenay**	Youth Polish Shine & Show and Horse Activities 2026	**$400.00**
Castlegar	**Intercultural Kootenays Society**	Stronger Together: Deepning Belonging	**$571.40**
Castlegar	**Kootenay Boundary Regional Hospital and Health Foundation Society**	Mental Health Matters Campaign	**$1,785.70**
Castlegar	**Kootenay Columbia Learning Centre Parent Advisory Council**	Grad 2026 Memorabilia Project	**$821.40**
Castlegar	**Kootenay Doukhobor Historical Society**	Doukhobor Discovery Centre Exhibition Enhancement	**$928.60**
Castlegar	**Kootenay Emergency Response Physicians Association**	Strengthening Regional Emergency Response Capacity	**$1,714.30**
Castlegar	**Kootenay Family Place**	Stories and Senses	**$1,671.40**
Castlegar	**Kootenay Food Council**	Communicating Regional Food Systems	**$728.60**
Castlegar	**Kootenay Food Council**	Growing Community Food Procurement Systems	**$600.00**
Castlegar	**Kootenay Food Strategy Society**	Castlegardens Growing Together Initiative	**$3,500.00**
Castlegar	**Kootenay Gallery of Art, History and Science Society**	Program Developer - Pilot	**$1,821.40**
Castlegar	**Kootenay Organic Growers Society**	West Kootenay Farm Share	**$641.00**

Castlegar	**Kootenay Rockies Disc Golf Society**	Pass Creek Park Disc Golf	**$1,024.16**
Castlegar	**Kootenay Social Support Society**	West Kootenay Nav-CARE	**$1,607.10**
Castlegar	**Kootenay South Youth Soccer Association**	Field Lining Improvement Project	**$1,100.00**
Castlegar	**Lhasa Developments Ltd**	Build for the Future Attainable Housing-website	**$299.90**
Castlegar	**Nelson Team Consent Society**	Street Team	**$157.10**
Castlegar	**Selkirk College Foundation**	Field Learning Access Van	**$2,429.00**
Castlegar	**Take a Hike Youth Mental Health Foundation**	Take a Hike West Kootenays Program	**$1,142.90**
Castlegar	**The Air Cadet League of Canada, 581 Castlegar Sponsoring Committee**	Castlegar Cadet Hall Ceiling and Floor Completion	**$7,246.06**
Castlegar	**The British Columbia Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals**	West Kootenay - (Spay/Neuter/Identification Program)	**$1,528.60**
Castlegar	**The Canadian Red Cross Society**	Free Equipment Loans for RDCK Seniors	**$500.00**
Castlegar	**The Castlegar and District Community Services Society**	Community Connect Day 2026	**$5,427.38**
Castlegar	**The Castlegar and District Community Services Society**	West Kootenay Driver Program 2026	**$6,355.19**
Castlegar	**The Castlegar Festivals Society**	Castlegar Sunfest 2026	**$11,968.98**
Castlegar	**The Classic Foundation**	The Christmas Classic	**$928.60**
Castlegar	**The Kootenay Swim Club**	Equipment for Swim Meets and Training	**$535.70**
Castlegar	**The Rossland Gold Fever Follies Society**	Follies Show, Mentorship, "Shut-Ins" Special	**$760.70**
Castlegar	**The Union of Spiritual Communities of Christ**	Verigin Memorial Park Tour Guides/Groundskeepers	**$750.00**
Castlegar	**True Country 4H Club**	True Country 4H Club-Start Up	**$1,275.30**
Castlegar	**W.E. Graham Community Service Society**	Invigorate Local Restorative Justice Program	**$1,604.50**
Castlegar	**West Kootenay Timberwolves Lacrosse Society**	Timberwolves Senior Lacrosse Expansion	**$1,303.60**
Castlegar	**Wildsight - Kimberly/Cranbrook Branch**	Learning from the Living World - Environmental Education for K-12 Students	**$1,320.90**
Castlegar Total			**$113,846.00**
Creston	**Canyon Community Association**	Revitalization of Existing Features	**$767.86**
Creston	**Columbia Basin Alliance for Literacy**	Seeds of Science	**$989.29**
Creston	**Community Arts Council of Creston**	Connections Through Art	**$453.57**
Creston	**Community Arts Council of Creston**	Living History: Our Land, Our Place, Our Stories The Kootenay History Symposium:	**$953.57**
Creston	**Cops for Kids Charitable Foundation**	Funding 2026	**$732.86**
Creston	**Crawford Bay & District Hall & Parks Association**	Danger trees at the Crawford Bay Community Park	**$89.29**
Creston	**Creston and District Historical and Museum Society**	FireSmart Roof Upgrades – Carr Building	**$1,553.57**
Creston	**Creston Community Seed Bank Society**	Inventory and Process Automation/Database Creation	**$725.00**
Creston	**Creston Community Seed Bank Society**	Seed Bank Modernization and Digitization	**$771.43**
Creston	**Creston Feral Friends Society**	CFFS 2026 TNR	**$1,510.71**
Creston	**Creston Pet Adoption and Welfare Society**	Spay and Neuter & Vaccination Grant	**$5,203.57**

Creston	**Creston Quilts 4 Kids**	Creston Quilts 4 Kids	**$496.43**
Creston	**Creston Valley Blossom Festival Association**	86th Annual Creston Valley Blossom Festival (2027)	**$7,547.14**
Creston	**Creston Valley Cycling Association**	Wynndel Mountain Bike Trail Network Expansion	**$4,785.71**
Creston	**Creston Valley Fall Fair Association**	108th Creston Valley Fall Fair	**$7,675.00**
Creston	**Creston Valley Figure Skating Club**	Ice Breakers - Welcoming New Skaters to the Ice	**$1,175.00**
Creston	**Creston Valley Food Action Coalition**	Community Equipment Sharing Program	**$1,767.86**
Creston	**Creston Valley Food Action Coalition**	Harvest Share - Ladder Replacement and Storage Improvements	**$1,375.00**
Creston	**Creston Valley Libation Producers Society**	Hop to Vine Hustle	**$1,725.00**
Creston	**Creston Valley Pride Society**	Pride in the Valley	**$732.14**
Creston	**Creston Valley Search & Rescue**	Operational Readiness Enhancement	**$2,146.43**
Creston	**Creston Valley Shrine Club #35**	Transportation Fund	**$289.29**
Creston	**Creston Valley Society for Therapeutic Horsemanship**	Therapeutic Riding Program	**$2,960.71**
Creston	**Creston Valley Youth Soccer Association**	Empowering Local Leaders – Creston FC Coach Education Initiative	**$1,103.57**
Creston	**Diverse Family Roots Society**	Supporting Families with Diverse Needs	**$425.00**
Creston	**Fields Forward Society**	Growing for Community	**$1,932.86**
Creston	**Fields Forward Society**	Onsite Retail Expansion	**$2,089.29**
Creston	**Fields Forward Society**	Taste of Creston	**$2,332.14**
Creston	**Freshwater Fisheries Society of B.C.**	Central Kootenay FFSBC Outreach Programs 2026-27	**$1,646.43**
Creston	**Horse Association of Central Kootenay**	Youth Polish Shine & Show and Horse Activities 2026	**$403.57**
Creston	**Kootenay Boundary Regional Hospital and Health Foundation Society**	Mental Health Matters Campaign	**$639.29**
Creston	**Kootenay Food Council**	Communicating Regional Food Systems	**$775.71**
Creston	**Kootenay Food Council**	Growing Community Food Procurement Systems	**$753.57**
Creston	**Kootenay Holds Climbing and Wellness Society**	Climbing and Wellness Centre in Creston	**$632.14**
Creston	**Kootenay-Columbia Discovery Centre Society**	Wetland Education and Awareness Program (WEAP)	**$2,282.86**
Creston	**Nelson Civic Theatre Society**	Supporting the Kootenay Screen-Based Industry	**$396.43**
Creston	**Northern BC Friends of Children Society**	East Kootenay Family Support Project	**$893.57**
Creston	**Rotary Club of Creston Valley**	Centennial Park Baseball Field Renovation/Upgrade Project	**$2,889.29**
Creston	**School District 8 Kootenay Lake**	School District 8 Annual Youth Pow Wow-SD8 Aboriginal Education department	**$560.71**
Creston	**Selkirk College Foundation**	Field Learning Access Van	**$864.29**
Creston	**South Kootenay Lake ArtConnect Society**	Electrical upgrade to Harrison Memorial Community Cultural Centre	**$128.57**
Creston	**SQx Danza**	Hurricane	**$389.29**
Creston	**Starbelly Jam Society**	Starbelly Jam Music Festival	**$439.29**
Creston	**The Canadian Red Cross Society**	Free Equipment Loans for RDCK Seniors	**$1,011.43**

Creston	**Valley Community Services Society**	Community Counselling Program	**$2,660.71**
Creston	**West Creston Community Hall Society**	Upgrade Hall lighting	**$632.14**
Creston	**West Kootenay Recreational Dirt Bike and ATV Society**	Tree Hugger trail rehabilitation	**$267.86**
Creston	**Wildsight - Creston Valley Branch**	15th Annual Creston Valley Bird Festival - Promotion and Advertising	**$957.14**
Creston	**Wildsight - Creston Valley Branch**	Creston Valley Community Stewardship Initiative	**$1,767.86**
Creston	**Empoweredlives Inc Kootenay Women in Business**	Kootenay Women in Business Emotional Health Initiative	**$1,553.57**
Creston Total			**$76,855.00**
Nelson	**561 Osprey Sponsoring Committee**	Youth First Aid Certification & Outreach Pilot	**$2,750.00**
Nelson	**Corporation of the City of Nelson**	NDYC Music Room Upgrade	**$3,540.00**
Nelson	**Corporation of the City of Nelson**	Nelson Farmer's Market Program - Special Events	**$4,999.00**
Nelson	**Diverse Family Roots Society**	Supporting Families with Diverse Needs	**$3,000.00**
Nelson	**Elephant Mountain Literary Society**	Elephant Mountain Lit Fest 2026	**$3,500.00**
Nelson	**Elk Root Conservation Farm Society**	ERC Community Food Box Program	**$5,000.00**
Nelson	**First Baptist Church of Nelson, British Columbia**	Cornerstone Children's Centre Kitchen Renovation	**$2,500.00**
Nelson	**Freshwater Fisheries Society of B.C.**	Central Kootenay FFSBC Outreach Programs 2026-27	**$3,000.00**
Nelson	**Friends of the Nelson Municipal Library**	Digital Learning at the Library	**$5,500.00**
Nelson	**Intercultural Kootenays Society**	Stronger Together: Deepning Belonging	**$2,821.50**
Nelson	**Kootenay Carshare Cooperative**	Kootenay Rideshare Enhancement Pilot	**$2,000.00**
Nelson	**Kootenay Circus Arts Association**	Discover Circus - West Kootenay Accessible Circus Initiative	**$3,500.00**
Nelson	**Kootenay Circus Arts Association**	Boundless Arts & Events - Opening the Doors: Community Access to the Circus Hub	**$1,500.00**
Nelson	**Kootenay Emergency Response Physicians Association**	Strengthening Regional Emergency Response Capacity	**$3,500.00**
Nelson	**Kootenay Food Council**	Growing Community Food Procurement Systems	**$3,000.00**
Nelson	**Kootenay International Burlesque Festival Association**	Kootenay International Burlesque Festival	**$1,000.00**
Nelson	**Kootenay Lake Historical Society**	Conservation and Visitor-Safety : Restoration of Three Key Heritage Assets at the SS Moyie Site in Kaslo	**$200.00**
Nelson	**Kootenay Native Plant Society**	Native Pollinator Habitat Restoration Project	**$7,033.00**
Nelson	**Kootenay School of the Arts Society**	Re:Create Kootenay Arts Festival	**$2,000.00**
Nelson	**Kootenay Social Support Society**	West Kootenay Nav-CARE	**$5,000.00**
Nelson	**Living Lakes Canada Society**	Cottonwood Creek Aquatic Habitat Restoration	**$7,500.00**
Nelson	**Massif Music Festival Society**	Massif Music 2026	**$3,500.00**
Nelson	**Nelson & District Arts Council**	ArtWalk 2026	**$3,000.00**
Nelson	**Nelson & District Arts Council**	Rural Artist Support Weekend	**$945.00**

Nelson	**Nelson and Area Community Transportation Group**	Implementing Nelson Cycling Education Startegy	**$3,500.00**
Nelson	**Nelson and District Chamber of Commerce**	Downtown Nelson Business Health and Data Base	**$4,000.00**
Nelson	**Nelson and District Museum, Archives, Art Gallery and Historical Society**	Free Family Programming at the Nelson Museum	**$1,000.00**
Nelson	**Nelson Baseball Association**	Queen Elizabeth Park Batting Cage Lights	**$4,500.00**
Nelson	**Nelson Cycling Club Society**	Nelson Cycling Club Trail Program	**$4,500.00**
Nelson	**Nelson Fine Art Centre Society**	Oxygen Art Centre Artist Residency Project 2026-2027	**$2,500.00**
Nelson	**Nelson Izu-shi Friendship Society**	Reflecting/Looking Ahead: Sister Cities	**$5,000.00**
Nelson	**Nelson Nordic Ski Club**	East Busk Cardiac Hill Trail Reroute Project	**$5,000.00**
Nelson	**Nelson Search and Rescue Society**	Rope Rescue Training Platform	**$985.00**
Nelson	**Nelson Team Consent Society**	Street Team	**$2,400.00**
Nelson	**Nelson Youth Action Network**	Nelson Youth Tech Club	**$4,500.00**
Nelson	**Polka Dot Dragon Arts Society**	Lantern Festival	**$1,500.00**
Nelson	**Polka Dot Dragon Arts Society**	Remember the Dead	**$1,250.00**
Nelson	**Procter Community Society**	Stage Performance Lights	**$150.00**
Nelson	**Repair Café Nelson**	Repair Cafe Nelson 2026 Events	**$2,080.00**
Nelson	**School District 8 Kootenay Lake**	School District 8 Annual Youth Pow Wow-SD8 Aboriginal Education department	**$1,000.00**
Nelson	**Selkirk Concert Society**	Selkirk Pro-Musica Concert Series 2026-27	**$2,000.00**
Nelson	**SQx Danza**	Hurricane	**$1,000.00**
Nelson	**Symphony of the Kootenays Association**	Voyage Beyond Stars	**$500.00**
Nelson	**Tapatia Collective**	Day of the Dead: A cross-cultural celebration	**$2,000.00**
Nelson	**The British Columbia Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals**	West Kootenay - (Spay/Neuter/Identification Program)	**$2,000.00**
Nelson	**The Capitol Theatre Restoration Society**	Sinixt Canoe Journey - Nelson Stop	**$3,000.00**
Nelson	**The Kootenay Swim Club**	Equipment for Swim Meets and Training	**$3,500.00**
Nelson	**The Nelson District Rod & Gun Club**	Replace furnace and HVAC systems	**$2,500.00**
Nelson	**The Nelson History Theatre Society**	Storytelling in Schools	**$500.00**
Nelson	**The Sapphire Sessions**	The Sapphire Sessions Artist Honorariums	**$1,200.00**
Nelson	**Valley Gems Community Theatre Society**	A Country Road Theatre and Performance Lab	**$125.00**
Nelson	**Wildsight - Kimberly/Cranbrook Branch**	Learning from the Living World - Environmental Education for K-12 Students	**$5,000.00**
Nelson Total			**$147,478.50**
New Denver	**Bee Awareness Society**	Bee Awareness Education Program	**$500.00**
New Denver	**Columbia Basin Environmental Education Network**	Wild Voices for Kids RDCK	**$250.00**
New Denver	**Fireweed Hub Society**	Fireweed Hub Weekly Elders Events	**$2,488.00**
New Denver	**Goat Mountain Kids Society**	Outdoor Sensory Regulation Space	**$1,000.00**

New Denver	**Harvest Share & Bear Aware Society**	Harvest Share & Bear Aware	**$1,500.00**
New Denver	**Healthy Community Society of the North Slocan Valley**	Food Program- Share, Teach, Grow 2026-27	**$3,000.00**
New Denver	**Hidden Garden Gallery Society**	The Hidden Garden Gallery 2026 Season	**$900.00**
New Denver	**Kootenay Boundary Regional Hospital and Health Foundation Society**	Mental Health Matters Campaign	**$300.00**
New Denver	**Kootenay Food Council**	Communicating Regional Food Systems	**$400.00**
New Denver	**Kootenay Food Council**	Growing Community Food Procurement Systems	**$250.00**
New Denver	**Kootenay Outdoor Recreation Enterprise Society**	ReHUB Mobile Repair Tour 2026	**$300.00**
New Denver	**Kootenay Social Support Society**	West Kootenay Nav-CARE	**$1,000.00**
New Denver	**Nakusp Ski Club Association**	Summit Lake Ski and Snowboard Area Rental Equipment Replacement	**$500.00**
New Denver	**Nelson & District Hospice Society**	West Kootenay Boundary Caregiver Support	**$2,000.00**
New Denver	**New Denver and Area Housing Society**	New Denver Area Home-Share	**$1,000.00**
New Denver	**New Denver and Area Youth Centre Society**	Youth Building Skills Together	**$1,500.00**
New Denver	**New Denver Hospice Society**	Volunteers Make a Community Stronger	**$1,500.00**
New Denver	**North Slocan Trails Society**	Ranch Ridge Trail Network: Phase 1	**$2,000.00**
New Denver	**Protecting Animal Life Society (P.A.L.S.)**	P.A.L.S. Animal Rescue Program	**$500.00**
New Denver	**Red Mountain Road and Enterprise Creek Emergency Preparedness Society**	Community Preparedness Training Initiative	**$1,000.00**
New Denver	**Sandon Historical Society**	Sandon Museum Fire Exit Rebuild	**$1,000.00**
New Denver	**Selkirk College Foundation**	Field Learning Access Van	**$500.00**
New Denver	**Silverton Community Club**	2026 Slocan Valley Veterans Project	**$500.00**
New Denver	**Slocan Integral Forestry Cooperative**	SIFCo Resiliency Centre Emergency Upgrades	**$300.00**
New Denver	**Slocan Lake Arts Council (Society)**	Music in the Park (MITP)	**$2,250.00**
New Denver	**Slocan Lake Early Learning Society**	Branching Out: The 50th Anniversary Strategic Launch	**$1,000.00**
New Denver	**Slocan Solutions Society**	FibreFeelia 2026	**$500.00**
New Denver	**Slocan Solutions Society**	ND bear smart working group. Electric Fencing/Fruit Tree Replacement Cost-Share	**$500.00**
New Denver	**Slocan Solutions Society**	North Slocan Community Library	**$1,200.00**
New Denver	**Slocan Solutions Society**	Purchase Library Books and Reading Chair for Lucerne Elementary Secondary School	**$500.00**
New Denver	**Slocan Solutions Society**	The Art of Safe Keeping	**$200.00**
New Denver	**Slocan Solutions Society**	Valhalla Community Choir	**$1,000.00**
New Denver	**The North Valley Mountain Film Festival Committee**	The North Valley Mountain Film Festival	**$750.00**
New Denver	**W.E. Graham Community Service Society**	Invigorate Local Restorative Justice Program	**$500.00**
New Denver	**W.E. Graham Community Service Society**	Seniors Emergency Response Support	**$500.00**
New Denver	**W.E. Graham Community Service Society**	TAPS Sustainability & Enhancement Project	**$1,500.00**
New Denver Total			**$34,588.00**

Silverton	**Diverse Family Roots Society**	Supporting Families with Diverse Needs	**$500.00**
Silverton	**Fireweed Hub Society**	Fireweed Hub Weekly Elders Events	**$2,500.00**
Silverton	**Goat Mountain Kids Society**	Outdoor Sensory Regulation Space	**$1,000.00**
Silverton	**Harvest Share & Bear Aware Society**	Harvest Share & Bear Aware	**$2,200.00**
Silverton	**Healthy Community Society of the North Slocan Valley**	Food Program- Share, Teach, Grow 2026-27	**$3,500.00**
Silverton	**Kootenay Social Support Society**	West Kootenay Nav-CARE	**$1,500.00**
Silverton	**Kootenay Wellness Foundation**	Sustainable infrastructure for on-going community events	**$100.00**
Silverton	**Nakusp Ski Club Association**	Summit Lake Ski and Snowboard Area Rental Equipment Replacement	**$500.00**
Silverton	**Nelson & District Hospice Society**	West Kootenay Boundary Caregiver Support	**$934.00**
Silverton	**New Denver and Area Housing Society**	New Denver Area Home-Share	**$1,400.00**
Silverton	**New Denver and Area Youth Centre Society**	Youth Building Skills Together	**$2,000.00**
Silverton	**New Denver Hospice Society**	Volunteers Make a Community Stronger	**$1,000.00**
Silverton	**North Slocan Trails Society**	Ranch Ridge Trail Network: Phase 1	**$2,000.00**
Silverton	**Protecting Animal Life Society (P.A.L.S.)**	P.A.L.S. Animal Rescue Program	**$1,000.00**
Silverton	**Red Mountain Road and Enterprise Creek Emergency Preparedness Society**	Community Preparedness Training Initiative	**$1,500.00**
Silverton	**Sandon Historical Society**	Sandon Museum Fire Exit Rebuild	**$750.00**
Silverton	**Selkirk College Foundation**	Field Learning Access Van	**$500.00**
Silverton	**Silverton Community Club**	2026 Slocan Valley Veterans Project	**$500.00**
Silverton	**Silverton Community Club**	Outdoor mining equipment signage with QR code	**$500.00**
Silverton	**Slocan Integral Forestry Cooperative**	SIFCo Resiliency Centre Emergency Upgrades	**$200.00**
Silverton	**Slocan Lake Arts Council (Society)**	Music in the Park (MITP)	**$1,500.00**
Silverton	**Slocan Lake Early Learning Society**	Branching Out: The 50th Anniversary Strategic Launch	**$1,500.00**
Silverton	**Slocan Solutions Society**	FibreFeelia 2026	**$500.00**
Silverton	**Slocan Solutions Society**	ND bear smart working group. Electric Fencing/Fruit Tree Replacement Cost-Share	**$380.00**
Silverton	**Slocan Solutions Society**	North Slocan Community Library	**$1,000.00**
Silverton	**Slocan Solutions Society**	Purchase Library Books and Reading Chair for Lucerne Elementary Secondary School	**$500.00**
Silverton	**Slocan Solutions Society**	The Art of Safe Keeping	**$350.00**
Silverton	**Slocan Solutions Society**	Valhalla Community Choir	**$600.00**
Silverton	**The North Valley Mountain Film Festival Committee**	The North Valley Mountain Film Festival	**$1,000.00**
Silverton	**W.E. Graham Community Service Society**	Seniors Driver Support Program	**$450.00**
Silverton	**W.E. Graham Community Service Society**	Seniors Emergency Response Support	**$1,500.00**
Silverton	**W.E. Graham Community Service Society**	TAPS Sustainability & Enhancement Project	**$1,000.00**
Silverton Total			**$34,364.00**

Slocan	**ANKORS-AIDS Network Kootenay Outreach and Support Society**	Peer Wellness and Outreach Project	**$1,500.00**
Slocan	**Diverse Family Roots Society**	Supporting Families with Diverse Needs	**$150.00**
Slocan	**Harvest Share & Bear Aware Society**	Harvest Share & Bear Aware	**$300.00**
Slocan	**Horse Association of Central Kootenay**	Youth Polish Shine & Show and Horse Activities 2026	**$300.00**
Slocan	**Kootenay Food Council**	Communicating Regional Food Systems	**$200.00**
Slocan	**Kootenay Food Council**	Growing Community Food Procurement Systems	**$500.00**
Slocan	**Kootenay Organic Growers Society**	West Kootenay Farm Share	**$480.00**
Slocan	**Kootenay Social Support Society**	West Kootenay Nav-CARE	**$750.00**
Slocan	**Nakusp Ski Club Association**	Summit Lake Ski and Snowboard Area Rental Equipment Replacement	**$50.00**
Slocan	**Nelson & District Hospice Society**	West Kootenay Boundary Caregiver Support	**$500.00**
Slocan	**Nelson Team Consent Society**	Street Team	**$200.00**
Slocan	**New Denver Hospice Society**	Volunteers Make a Community Stronger	**$500.00**
Slocan	**Silverton Community Club**	2026 Slocan Valley Veterans Project	**$750.00**
Slocan	**Slocan Integral Forestry Cooperative**	SIFCo Resiliency Centre Emergency Upgrades	**$200.00**
Slocan	**Slocan Solutions Society**	FibreFeelia 2026	**$300.00**
Slocan	**Slocan Solutions Society**	Slocan Saturday Market	**$2,000.00**
Slocan	**Slocan Solutions Society**	The Art of Safe Keeping	**$120.00**
Slocan	**Slocan Solutions Society**	Valhalla Community Choir	**$200.00**
Slocan	**Slocan Valley Community Band**	Stands and Folders	**$1,000.00**
Slocan	**Slocan Valley Historical Society**	Slocan's History Walk Updated	**$4,500.00**
Slocan	**The British Columbia Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals**	West Kootenay - (Spay/Neuter/Identification Program)	**$500.00**
Slocan	**The Slocan Community Library Society**	Acquire books and puzzles for different age groups and interests.	**$3,000.00**
Slocan	**The Slocan River Streamkeepers**	Slocan River Community Water Monitoring 2026	**$500.00**
Slocan	**Treehugger Retreats and Events Society**	HARMONY 2027	**$500.00**
Slocan	**Treehugger Retreats and Events Society**	Winter Carnival 2027	**$500.00**
Slocan	**Valley View Golf Club**	Course Improvements and Upkeep	**$500.00**
Slocan	**Village of Slocan**	Slocan Valley Legion Hall - Stage & Electrical Upgrades	**$5,000.00**
Slocan	**W.E. Graham Community Service Society**	Early Years Communication & Coordination Project	**$2,200.00**
Slocan	**W.E. Graham Community Service Society**	Invigorate Local Restorative Justice Program	**$1,000.00**
Slocan	**W.E. Graham Community Service Society**	Seniors Driver Support Program	**$1,500.00**
Slocan	**W.E. Graham Community Service Society**	Seniors Emergency Response Support	**$1,500.00**
Slocan	**W.E. Graham Community Service Society**	TAPS Sustainability & Enhancement Project	**$3,000.00**
Slocan	**West Kootenay Football Club**	2026 Unity Cup	**$281.00**
Slocan Total			**$34,481.00**

Grand Total			**$1,450,465.50**

Carried

6.3.4 Financial Plan Amendment: Goat River Residents Association - Dike Infrastructure

Moved and seconded,
And Resolved:

246/26 That the Board approve an amendment to the 2026 Financial Plan to Increase Grants Expense by $43,142 and Decrease Accumulated Operating Surplus by $43,142, AND FURTHER, that the Board approve the payment of $43,142 to the Goat River Residents Association for the purposes of dike infrastructure maintenance from Service S164 Diking – Areas B and C.

Carried

6.4 Fire and Emergency Services

6.4.1 Municipal Services Agreement: Village of Nakusp FireSmart

The Board Report from Jessie Lay, FireSmart Program Coordinator, seeking Board approval to enter into an agreement with the Village of Nakusp to deliver the FireSmart Programming, has been received.

Moved and seconded,
And Resolved:

247/26 That the Board approve the RDCK enter into a Municipal Services Agreement with the Village of Nakusp from May 21, 2026 to March 31, 2027, to deliver FireSmart programming within the Village of Nakusp; AND that the Chair and Corporate Officer be authorized to sign the necessary documents; AND FURTHER, that any costs and revenue associated with the delivery of services will be reflected in A101 Emergency Consolidated Services.

Carried

6.4.2 Municipal Services Agreement: Village of Salmo FireSmart

The Board Report from Jessie Lay, FireSmart Program Coordinator, seeking Board approval to enter into an agreement with the Village of Salmo to deliver the FireSmart Programming, has been received.

Moved and seconded,
And Resolved:

248/26 That the Board approve the RDCK enter into a Municipal Services Agreement with the Village of Salmo from May 21, 2026 to March 31, 2027, to deliver FireSmart programming within the Village of Salmo; AND that the Chair and Corporate Officer be authorized to sign the necessary documents; AND FURTHER, that any costs and revenue associated with the delivery of services will be reflected in A101 Emergency Consolidated Services.

Carried

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

10. PUBLIC TIME

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

A member of the public addressed the prioritization of the Organization Matrix.

ORDER OF AGENDA RESUMED Item 6.4.3 was considered at this time.

6.4.3 Policy 800-01-03 - Temporary Access into Evacuation Order Areas
The Board Report from Nora Hannon, Acting Emergency Program Manager, providing the Board with a draft Policy 800-01-03 - Temporary Access into Evacuation Order Areas, has been received for information.

Moved and seconded,
And Resolved:

249/26 That the draft Temporary Access into Evacuation Order Areas Policy No. 800-01-03 be received and that Directors provide feedback on the draft policy to staff prior to June 1st, 2026, AND FURTHER, that staff be directed to bring an update to the draft policy to the June 18, 2026 Open Board Meeting.

Carried

6.4.4 For Information: Disaster Resilience and Innovation Funding Duhamel Creek
The Board Report from Nora Hannon, Acting Emergency Program Manager, providing the Board an update on the June 2025 Disaster Resilience and Innovation Funding expression of interest submitted by the RDCK for Duhamel Creek, has been received for information.

6.5 Grants

6.5.1 Discretionary
Moved and seconded,
And Resolved:

250/26 Discretionary grants out of the funds available for the following Electoral Areas/Member Municipalities be approved as designated:

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-RDCK	20th 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
AREA H		
Kootenay Wellness Foundation	Kootenay Wellness Festival	$1,000
Village of Slocan	Slocan's 125th Birthday Celebration	$1,000
AREA I		
Can Jam Link Up Festival	Can Jam Link Up Festival 2026	$500
Kootenay Columbia Educational Heritage Society	SHSS 75th. 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 75th. 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

Carried

6.5.2 Community Development
Moved and seconded,
And Resolved:

251/26 Community Development grants out of the funds available for the following Electoral Areas/Member Municipalities be approved as designated:

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
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
AREA F		
RDCK North Shore Fire Department	Community Event and Education	$7,000
AREA G		
Renascence Arts and Sustainability Society	15th Annual Tiny Lights 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 Slocan Trails Society	Ranch Ridge Trail Build	$5,000
AREA I		
Glade Community Hall	Operational Cost Offset 2025	$2,000
Glade Recreation Commission	33rd 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
AREA K		

Arrow Lakes Caribou Society	ALCS Habitat Restoration Engagement	$3,000
Burton Elementary School	Cultural and Celebration field trip	$500
SALMO		
World Health Outreach Association	Dental Discovery Box	$300

Carried

6.6 Chair/CAO Reports

Chair Watson provided an overview regarding the new process identified in 2025 from Emergency and Disaster Management Act for State of Local Emergencies. The Executive Committee had an extensive discussion on RDCK workshops and will be looking at it further after the 2026 General Election. The June Board agenda will have the 2026 UBCM Board requests and Directors will need to submit their requests to staff.

CAO Horn had no items.

RECESS/ RECONVENED The Board meeting recessed at 12:00 p.m. for lunch and reconvened at 1:01 p.m.

DIRECTOR PRESENT Director Casley joined the meeting at 1:01 p.m.

7. RURAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

Moved and seconded,
And Resolved:

252/26 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 12670 Hepher Road, Electoral Area A, and legally described as LOT A, PLAN EPP44483, DISTRICT LOT 5027, KOOTENAY LAND DISTRICT MANUFACTURED HOME REG. # 57051.; 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:

253/26 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 3533 Dean Road, Electoral Area B, and legally described as LOT 1, PLAN NEP6126, DISTRICT LOT 5617, KOOTENAY LAND DISTRICT EXCEPT PLAN 13694, & DL 9953, MANUFACTURED HOME REG. # 52640; 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:

254/26 That the Board APPROVE the issuance of the Development Variance Permit to Roderick E. Goertzen and Lorena C. Goertzen for the property located at 301 36th Avenue South, Electoral Area B, and legally described as LOT 1, DISTRICT LOT 812, KOOTENAY DISTRICT PLAN 10845 (PID: 012-856-088) to vary Section 23.5 of Electoral Area 'B' Comprehensive Land Use Bylaw No. 2316, 2013 to authorize the maximum depth of the Farm Residential Footprint to be 120 metres from the Front Lot Line.

Carried

Moved and seconded,
And Resolved:

255/26 That the Board APPROVE the issuance of Development Variance Permit V2606F to Mark and Robert Wasylyshyn for the property located at 4012 Fumot Place, Electoral Area F, and legally described as STRATA LOT 6, DISTRICT LOT 7071, KOOTENAY DISTRICT STRATA PLAN EPS2257, TOGETHER WITH AN INTEREST IN THE COMMON PROPERTY IN PROPORTION TO THE UNIT ENTITLEMENT OF THE STRATA LOT AS SHOWN ON FORM V (PID: 030-279-119) to vary Section 605.5 of RDCK Zoning Bylaw No. 1675, 2004 in order to permit a 1.5 metre setback from the front lot line whereas the bylaw requires a 4.5 metre setback from the front lot line.

Carried

Moved and seconded,
And Resolved:

256/26 That the Board APPROVE the issuance of Development Variance Permit V2605I to Shane Aker for the property located at 2250 Glade Road, Electoral Area I, and legally described as LOT B, DISTRICT LOT 302A, KOOTENAY DISTRICT PLAN EPP81680 (PID: 030-492-891) to vary Section 605.1 of RDCK Zoning Bylaw No. 1675, 2004 in order to permit a 1.3 metre setback from the side lot line whereas the bylaw requires a 2.5 metre setback from the side lot line and also to vary Section 2701.4 of RDCK Zoning Bylaw No. 1675, 2004 in order to permit farm residential footprint depth of 90m whereas the bylaw requires a farm residential footprint depth of 60m.

Carried

Moved and seconded,
And Resolved:

257/26 That Electoral Area B Comprehensive Land Use Amendment Bylaw No. 3079, 2026 being a bylaw to amend Electoral Area B Comprehensive Land Use Bylaw No. 2316, 2013 is hereby given FIRST and SECOND reading by content and referred to a public hearing.

Carried

Moved and seconded,
And Resolved:

258/26 That in accordance with Regional District of Central Kootenay Planning Procedures and Fees Bylaw No. 2457, 2015, Electoral Area B Director Roger Tierney is hereby delegated the authority to chair the Public Hearing on behalf of the Regional District Board.

Carried

Moved and seconded,
And Resolved:

259/26 That the Regional Board recommends support of the application proposed by Natasha McCreight (LCRB Job #142736 and RDCK File No. R2606J) for a Rural Licensee Retail Store (RLRS) licence at an existing general store (Scotties Marina) located at 5220Broadwater Road, Electoral Area J, (LOT A, DISTRICT LOT 4599, KOOTENAY DISTRICTPLAN NEP22963, PID: 023-387-378);

And that the Regional Board comments are as follows:

I. The proposed store is located on a fee simple lot that is designated Commercial(C) in the Area J Official Community Plan and zoned Tourist Commercial (C3) in RDCK Zoning Bylaw No. 1675, 2004;
II. The Board requests that MoTT Commercial Access Permit (2026-02144) is issued prior the RLRS Licence being issued in order to address any potential traffic and safety issues;
III. That the retail sale of unopened liquor products/containers be restricted to7:00am to 11:00pm;
IV. No significant impact on the community is anticipated if the application is approved;
V. The Board provided opportunity for residents to submit their views on the licence application. Public notice indicating that the RDCK would accept written comments on the application until April 27, 2026 was published in the Castlegar News on April 9, 2026 and posted on the notice board at the main entrance to the RDCK head office in Nelson on March 30, 2026. The referral package was also posted on the RDCK's website on March 26, 2026. Further, a notification sign was posted on the subject property on March 20, 2026 until the Board considered the application on May 21, 2026;
VI. The views of the residents were considered by the Board at its May 21, 2026Regular Board meeting or delivered as late items if correspondence was received after the agenda was published;

AND FURTHER, that the Regional Board direct staff to forward the above recommendation to the Liquor and Cannabis Regulation Branch (LCRB).

Carried

Moved and seconded,
And Resolved:

260/26 That the Board direct staff to undertake early and ongoing consultation, pursuant to Sections 475 and 476 of the Local Government Act, with respect to Amendment Bylaws No. 3025, 2026 being bylaw to amend Regional District of Central Kootenay Electoral Area G Land Use Bylaw No. 2452, 2018 as described in the Committee Report "Development Permit Area Compliance and Enforcement", dated April 15, 2026.

Carried

Moved and seconded,
And Resolved:

261/26 That the Board direct staff to undertake consultation with respect to the Committee Report "Development Permit Area Compliance and Enforcement", dated April 15, 2026, in conjunction with the Electoral Area H North Official Community Plan (OCP) review.

Carried

Moved and seconded,
And Resolved:

262/26 That the Board direct staff to undertake consultation with respect to the Committee Report "Development Permit Area Compliance and Enforcement", dated April 15, 2026, in conjunction with the Electoral Area A Official Community Plan (OCP) review.

Carried

Moved and seconded,
And Resolved:

263/26 That the Board direct staff to undertake the Area D Community Planning project as described in the Area D Community Planning – Project Charter date May 1, 2026.

Carried

Moved and seconded,
And Resolved:

264/26 That the Board direct staff to undertake the RDCK Sub Region West Official Community Plan project in accordance with the Project Charter and endorse the Engagement Framework as described in the report titled "RDCK Sub Region West Official Community Plan Project Charter and Engagement Framework" dated May 20, 2026.

Carried

8. DIRECTORS' MOTIONS

8.1 Director Hewat: Board Workshop Stipend and Expenses

Moved and seconded,
And Resolved:

265/26 That the Board approve stipend and expenses to attend the Floodplain Management Bylaw & Risk Tolerance Policy Board Workshop on Tuesday, April 14, 2026 and that it be paid from General Administration Service S100.

Carried

Moved and seconded,
And Resolved:

266/26 That the Board approve stipend and expenses to attend the Parks, Trails & Water Access Strategy Working Group Workshop on Tuesday, May 5, 2026 and that it be paid from General Administration Service S100.

Carried

9. CONSENT AGENDA

9.1 For Information: Committees & Commissions

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

9.1.1 Nelson, Salmo, Areas E, F and G Regional Parks Commission: minutes April 8, 2026

9.1.2 Area I Advisory Planning and Heritage Commission: minutes April 15, 2026
Staff received directions for the Development Variance Permit Application.

9.1.3 Salmo and Area Services Committee: minutes April 20, 2026

9.1.4 Area D Advisory Planning and Heritage Commission: minutes April 21, 2026

9.1.5 Rural Mobility Community Advisory Committee: Discussion Notes April 28, 2026

9.1.6 Riondel Commission: minutes May 5, 2026

9.1.7 Salmo and Area G Recreation Commission No. 7: minutes May 11, 2026

9.2 For Information: Communication

9.2.1 The letter dated April 28, 2026 from Bonnie Henry, Provincial Health Officer and Josie Osborne , Minister of Health , providing information regarding the BC's decriminalization pilot and the results.

9.2.2 The letter dated May 8, 2026 from Ross Siemens, City of Abbotsford, to the Ministry of Finance regarding the Provincial Sales Tax Expansion.

9.2.3 The email dated May 12, 2026 from Cori Ramsay, UBCM, providing the Provincial efforts to renew the Heritage Conservation Act.

9.2.4 RDCK's letter of concern dated April 28, 2026 regarding the Emergency and Disaster Management Act Funding.

Board Meeting: February 19, 2026
RES 84/26
That the Board send a letter of concern to the Ministry of Emergency Management and Climate Readiness, the Ministry of Housing and Municipal Affairs, Ministry of Water, Land and Resource Stewardship, MLA Morrisette, MLA Anderson; Association of Kootenay and Boundary Local Governments (AKBLG), and Union of BC Municipalities (UBCM) regarding the lack of funding for delegated authorities under Emergency and Disaster Management Act (EDMA); AND FURTHER, that the Board share the letter with the municipal partners in interest of their alignment.

9.2.5 The letter dated April 29, 2026 from Minister Mike Farnworth, Ministry of Transportation and Transit, regarding Inland Ferry Services.

Board Meeting - February 19, 2026
RES 106/26
That the Board write a letter of follow up to Mike Farnworth, Minister of Transportation and Transit, to clarify the Ministry's response regarding the legal status of inland ferries.

9.2.6 The letter dated May 11, 2026 from Cori Ramsay, UBCM, providing the provincial response to the 2025 UBCM resolutions.

9.3 For Information: Accounts Payable
The Accounts Payable Summary for April 2026 in the amount of $2,926,151 has been received for information.

9.4 For Information: Directors' Reports
Each Director will be given the opportunity to provide a brief summary of the work they have been doing within their communities.

9.4.1 Director Tierney: Letter of Support - Creston Legion Roof and Energy Upgrade Project

9.4.2 Director Watson: Letter of Support - Kootenay Social Support Society

9.4.3 Director Hewat: April to May Activities

9.4.4 Director McLaren-Caux: April to May Activities

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:

267/26 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:

(1) (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;
(i) the receipt of advice that is subject to solicitor-client privilege, including communications necessary for that purpose;
(n) the consideration of whether a council meeting should be closed under a provision of this subsection or subsection (2);

(2)A part of a council meeting must be closed to the public if the subject matter being considered relates to one or more of the following:
(b)the consideration of information received and held in confidence relating to negotiations

(i)between the municipality and a provincial government or the federal government, or both, or between a provincial government or the federal government, or both, and a third party,
(iii)between the municipality and a first nation or a prescribed Indigenous entity, or between a first nation or a prescribed Indigenous entity and a third party;

Carried

11.2 Recess of Open Meeting

Moved and seconded,
And Resolved:

268/26 The Open meeting be recessed at 1:32 p.m. in order to conduct the Closed Board meeting and reconvened at 3:22 p.m.

Carried

12. MATTERS ARISING FROM CLOSED MEETING

No items.

13. ADJOURNMENT

Moved and seconded,
And Resolved:

269/26 That the meeting adjourn at 3:22 p.m.

Carried

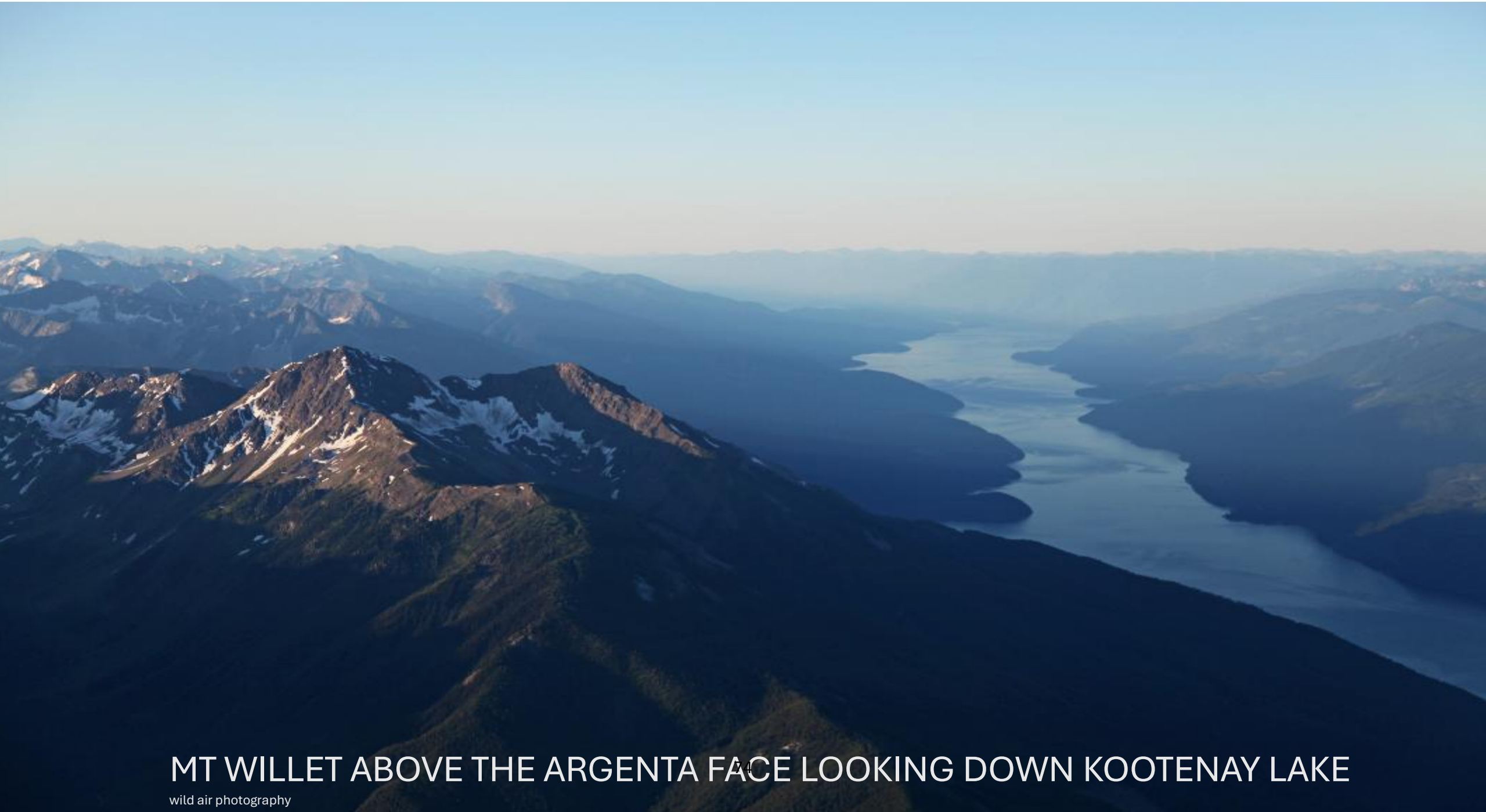
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Aimee Watson, RDCK Board Chair

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Angela Lund, Deputy Corporate Officer


PROTECT THE ARGENTA- JOHNSONS LANDING FACE

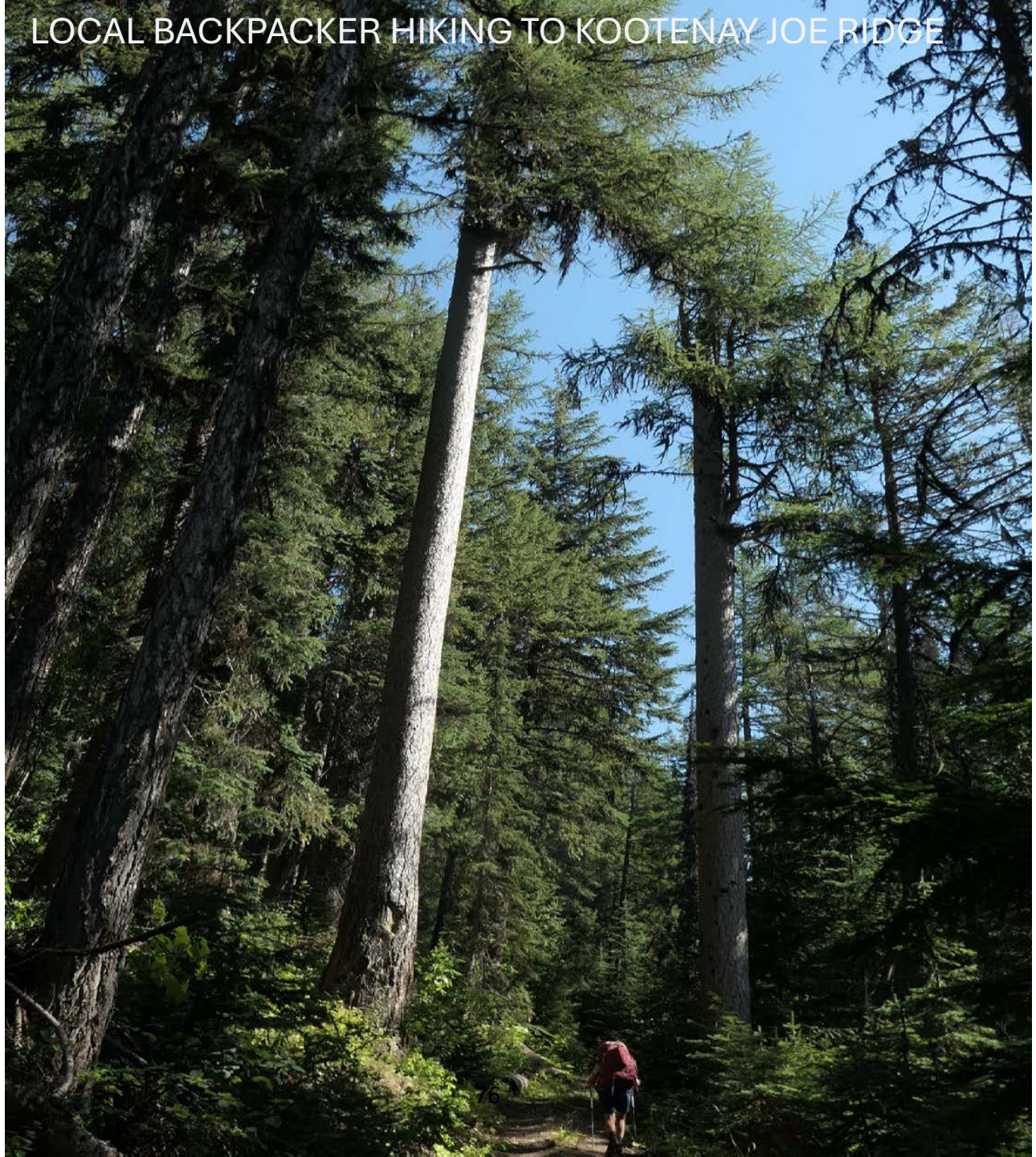


MT WILLET ABOVE THE ARGENTA FACE LOOKING DOWN KOOTENAY LAKE

wild air photography


PROPOSED PARK
INCLUSION
ARGENTA
Davis Creek
Lost Ledge
JOHNSON'S LANDING
Purcell Wilderness
Conservancy
Provincial Park
KOOTENAY
LAKE

LOCAL BACKPACKER HIKING TO KOOTENAY JOE RIDGE




KOOTENAY LAKE
PROVINCIAL PARK
DAVIS CREEK SITE









ARGENTA FIRE 2024




07/12/2012 12:32


JOHNSONS LANDING SLIDE 2012













RDCK FUNDED LIBRARIES

CASTLEGAR, CRESTON, KASLO, NAKUSP, NELSON, SALMO



RDCK FUNDED LIBRARIES

OUR LIBRARIES













CASTLEGAR	CRESTON	KASLO	NAKUSP	NELSON	SALMO
6,124*	8518	1462	1,200	8,355	1,163

*RDCK Service Population, total combined 26,822 RDCK residents

RDCK FUNDED LIBRARIES

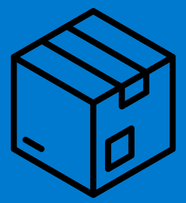
CORE SERVICES

Most of our RDCK libraries provide the following core services. Often they are the only free option for these services in their communities.



BORROWING

Books, magazines, tech equipment, tools, games, radon detectors, etc.



INTER-LIBRARY LOAN

Sending and receiving materials through post in BC & throughout Canada.



PROGRAMMING

Literacy, digital literacy, service referral, internet access, community & cultural events



COMPUTERS & PRINTING

Job search, resume development, navigating government resources, portals and forms

CORE SERVICES

Continued...



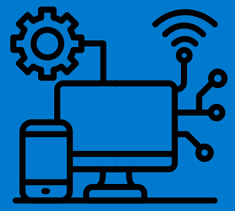
MEETING SPACE

Free space for non-profit and community groups to gather together.



ACCESSIBILITY

NNELS, CELA, home delivery, and a variety of library services adapted to patrons.



TECH SUPPORT

On demand troubleshooting for patrons' devices



HUMAN CONNECTION

A relaxed space to connect with other patrons, staff, and the broader community.

RDCK FUNDED LIBRARIES

VISITORS

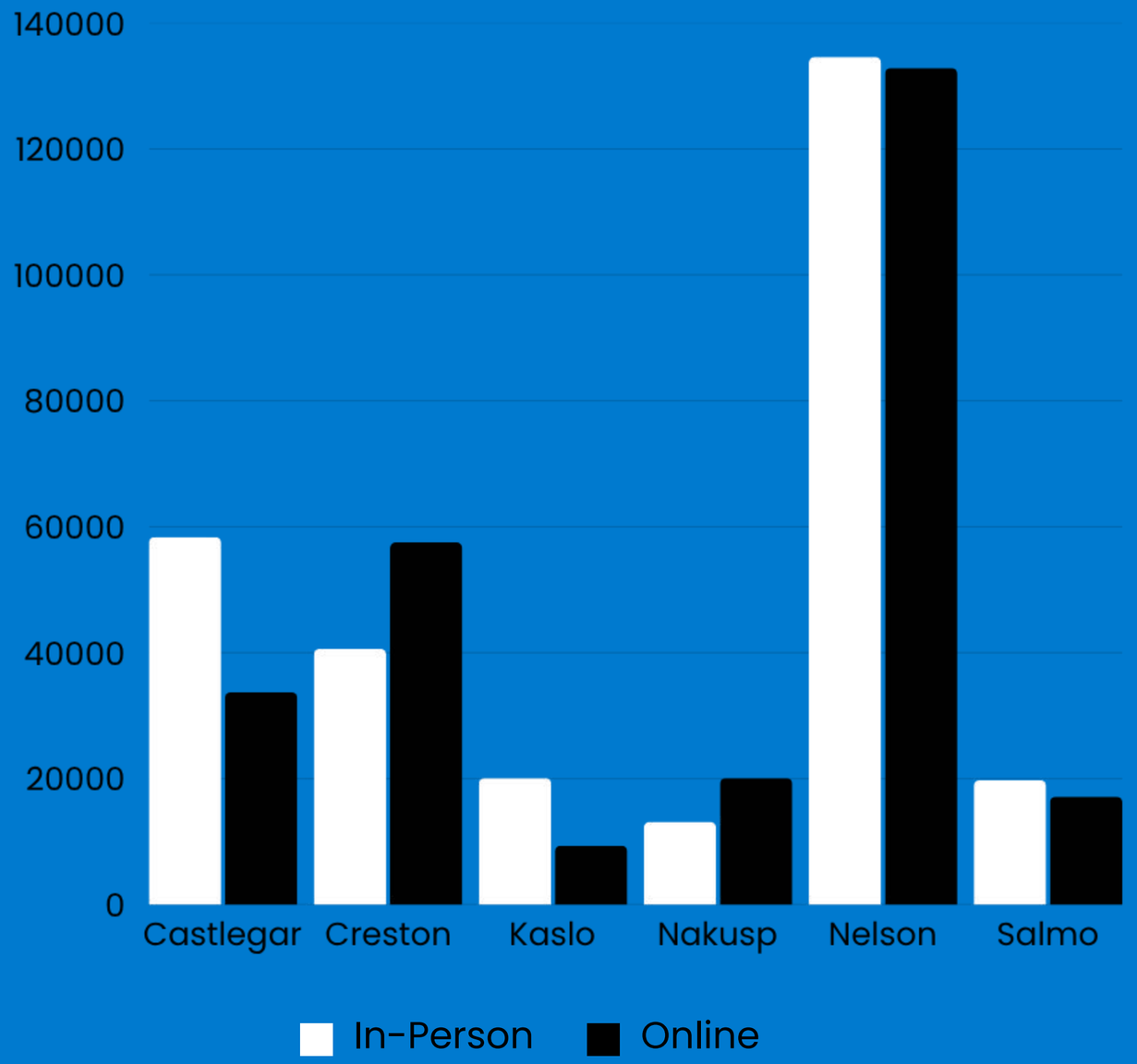
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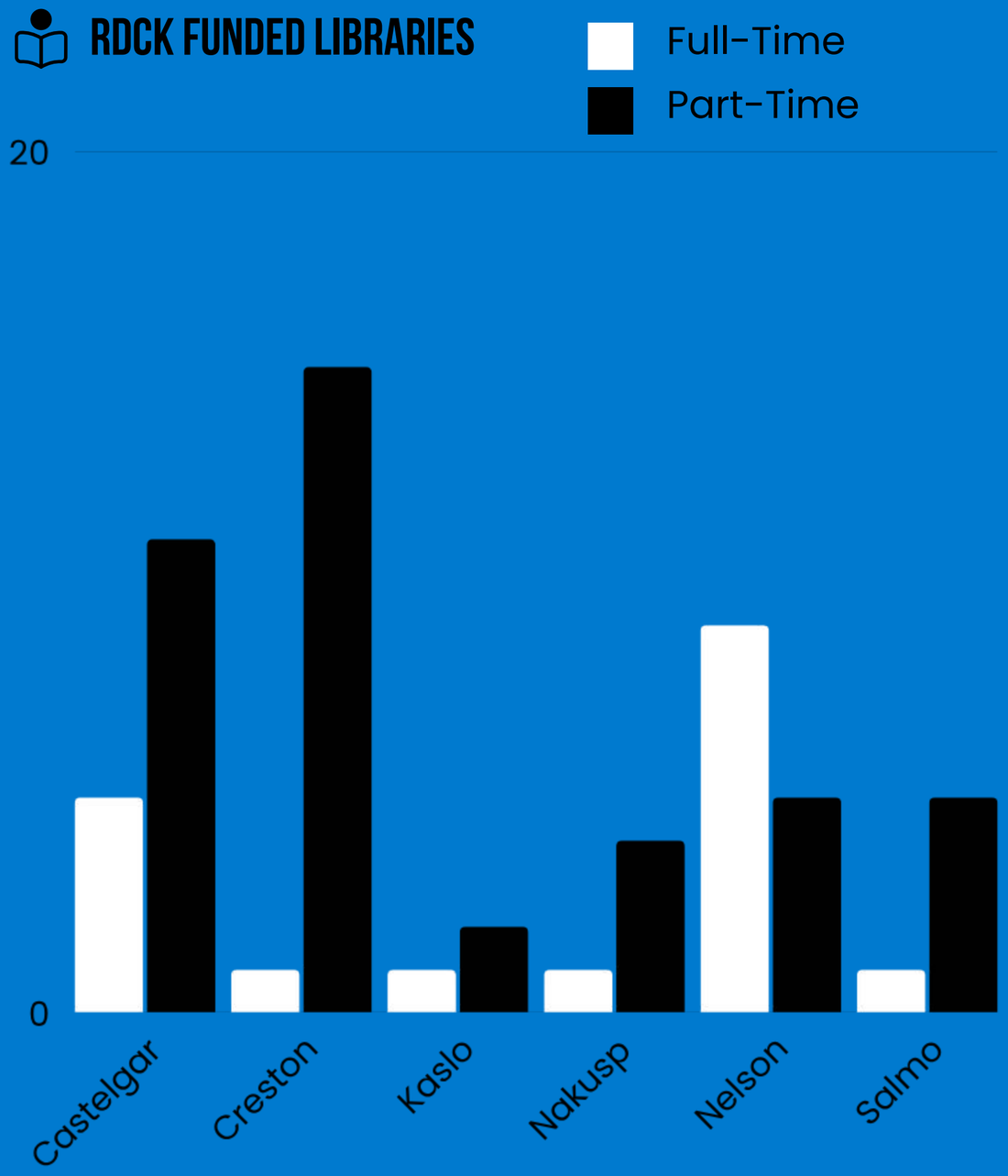
Total in-person visits

286,559

Total online visits

270,678





STAFFING

DATA CHART

Our RDCK funded libraries tend to rely on part-time staff to run their services because most of our communities do not fund libraries enough to cover the cost of full-time work. This creates challenges for attracting and retaining qualified staff and for the overall sustainability of our service.

RDCK FUNDED LIBRARIES

COMMUNITY HIGHLIGHTS

Things in 2025 that made us proud to work in libraries.



CRESTON

Presented by Saara Itkonen, Library Director.



NAKUSP

Presented by Claire Paradis, Library Director.



SALMO

Presented by Taylor Caron, Library Director.



NELSON

Presented by Laura Harris, Chief Librarian.



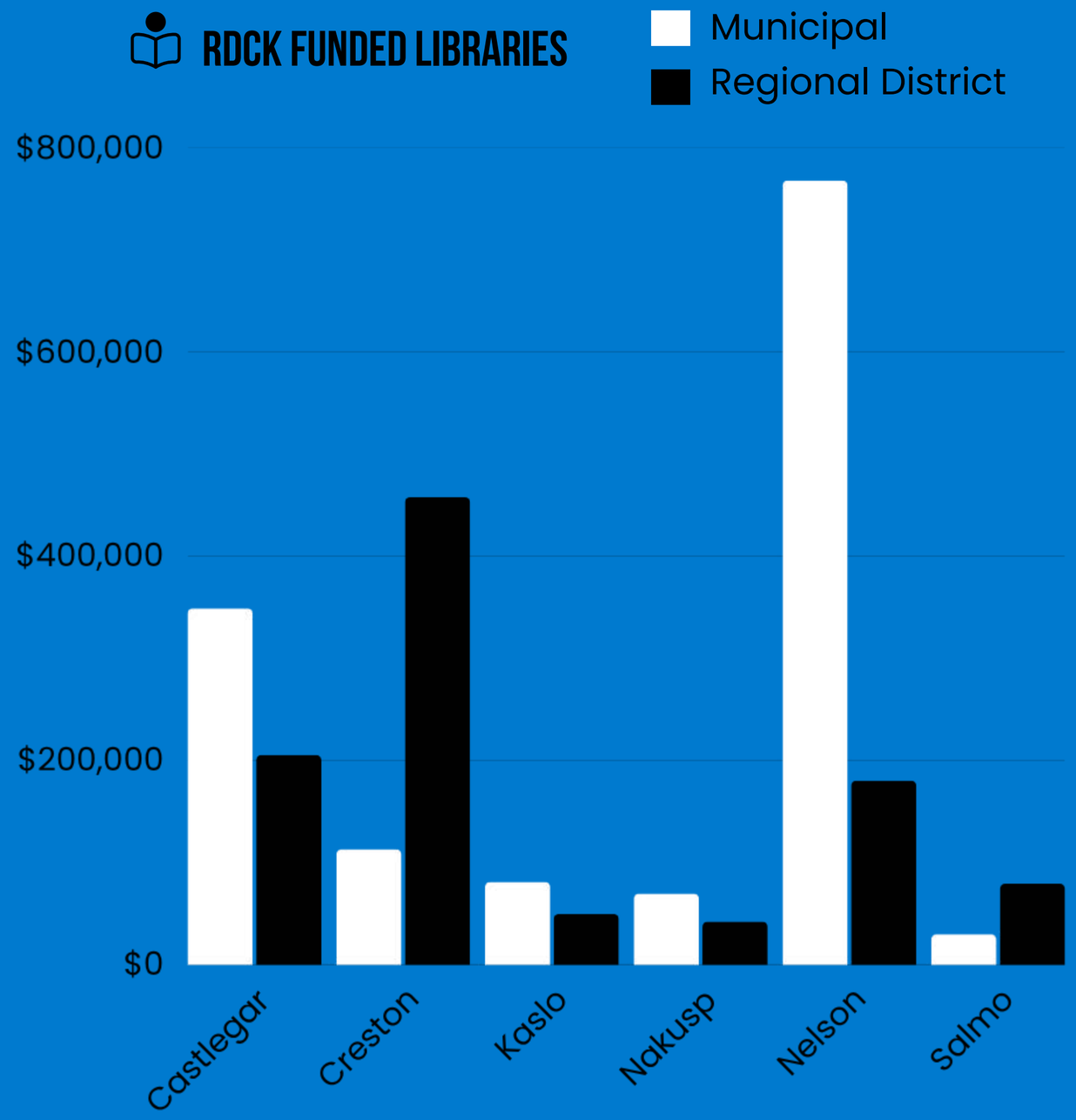
CASTLEGAR

Presented by Alex Seaborn .



KASLO

Presented by Darlene Edwards.



FUNDING

MUNICIPAL & RDCK FUNDING AMOUNTS (2025)

"For every $1 invested in Canada's libraries, $6 is generated in community economic impact – a return of over 600 percent." (Overdue: The Case for Canada's Public Libraries, page 29 (PDF, 10,307 KB)).

CHALLENGES

Although every library is unique to their community, there are some challenges that we share.

FUNDING

Frozen provincial funding for libraries. Local government funding struggiing to keep up with rising expenses.

STAFFING & WAGES

Library wages have struggled to keep up with the cost of living. Over 80% of library workers are women earning lower wages than equivalent positions. IT support.

AFFORDABILITY CRISIS

Groceries, gas, housing = increases in vulnerable community members

FACILITIES

Aging infrastructure, increased demand on public space and meeting rooms, accessibility, disasters.

RDCK FUNDED LIBRARIES

THANK YOU FOR LISTENING

And for supporting your local library.



May 4, 2026

To the RDCK Board and Chair:

The Argenta-Johnsons Landing Face (The Face) at the north end of Kootenay Lake is surrounded on three sides by the Purcell Wilderness Conservancy Provincial Park. The Mount Willet Wilderness Forever group advocates for the inclusion of The Face in this class A Park. This would bring the park boundaries down from the mountain tops to the lakeshore making the park more ecologically viable in the long term and, at the same time, addressing many local issues.

We are heartened by the recent trend of local governments to address such local issues with strong resolutions to protect the environment of their constituents. The most recent is the resolution by the RDCK to support the watersheds of Rosebud and Lomond Creeks (Nelway) in asking the province for the protection of these creeks. Also, in February both the CSRD and the Revelstoke city council passed resolutions supporting the protection of old growth in the Inland Temperate Rainforest and specifically the proposal to protect the Rainbow-Jordan as a provincial park.

We share many of the same local concerns with the communities of Revelstoke and Nelway. Like Nelway, our domestic watersheds are sensitive karst systems that need full protection. Like Nelway, we already have in our OSP a partial plan for protection: "111. Encourages the RDCK and/or Province to designate as undeveloped community parkland of all Crown lands between the Argenta Wetlands and the northern boundary of Bulmers Pointe from the road down to the lakeshore. 113. Recognizes the importance of the Purcell Wilderness Conservancy to the community and encourages that it be retained as a Class 'A' Provincial Park." Like Nelway, this area is being threatened by logging. These plans are on hold and if we are proactive we can avoid the conflicts now seen in Nelway and seen on The Face in the past. Like Nelway, we are isolated communities and easily get overlooked by provincial authorities and we depend upon our regional representatives to give us a hand.

Like Revelstoke, the park proposal is presented as a wilderness park with benefits being tourist revenue and reducing hazard risks. Kootenay Lake Provincial Park has two provincial campgrounds across from The Face bringing in many regional residents in addition to those from afar who view one of the most magnificent landscapes on Kootenay Lake. The wilderness values are indisputable with a Grizzly Bear corridor, old and primary forests, three deep snow Mountain Caribou on The Face several years ago (only about two dozen caribou are now extant south of the Trans-Canada)... It is significant that the largest

grassroots wilderness group in Canada, The Wilderness Committee, has taken up our cause and recently published an educational report on The Face.

Wildfire is an issue here as we experienced a fire two years ago and we remain high on the list for fire hazard in our region. While we have thus far focused on homesite fire prevention there is still concern about the edges of the community on crown land. The forest licensee plans to heavily log our critical fireshed to the south of Argenta and this is the worst scenario for fire protection. With the inclusion of The Face in the park we could work with BC Parks on an ecological plan for fire abatement.

Tragically, in 2012 the Johnsons Landing slide killed four neighbours on The Face. Former MOF geomorphologist Peter Jordan presented in Argenta and stated that "Forest development typically increases the frequency of landslides by 5-10 times..." Residents are worried!

For the long term benefits to residents, for the regional tourist economy and for the protection of the many environmental attributes we request a letter of support from the RDCK for the inclusion of the Argenta-Johnsons Landing Face in the Purcell Wilderness Conservancy Provincial Park and to direct the Chair of the Board (our director!) to advocate for this inclusion by meeting with the Minister of Environment and any other Ministers deemed appropriate.

Thank you for your consideration of this issue.

Sincerely,

Gary Diers

Argenta, BC

Mt. Willet Wilderness Forever

REGIONAL DISTRICT OF CENTRAL KOOTENAY

CASTLEGAR & DISTRICT RECREATION COMMISSION
OPEN MEETING MINUTES

4:00 p.m.
May 25, 2026

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).

COMMISSION MEMBERS

Commissioner Member M. McFaddin	City of Castlegar
Commissioner Member B. Bogle	City of Castlegar
Commissioner Member H. Hanegraaf	Director Area J
Commissioner Member S. Heaton-Sherstobitoff	City of Castlegar

MEMBERS ABSENT

Commissioner Member A. Davidoff	Director Area I

STAFF

Trisha Davison	General Manager of Community Services
Yev Mallov	General Manager of Finance
Craig Stanley	Regional Manager of Operations and Asset Management
AJ Evenson	Senior Project Manager
Jenna Chapman	Meeting Coordinator

GUESTS

Chris Barlow	City of Castlegar CAO

4 out of 5 voting Commission members were present – quorum was met.

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Bogle called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.

2. TRADITIONAL LANDS ACKNOWLEDGEMENT STATEMENT

We acknowledge and respect the Indigenous peoples within whose traditional lands we are meeting today.

3. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

MOVED and seconded,
AND Resolved:

The Agenda for the May 25, 2026 Castlegar & District Recreation Commission meeting, be adopted as circulated.

Carried

4. RECEIPT OF MINUTES

The May 05, 2026 Castlegar and District Recreation Commission minutes have been received.

5. DELEGATE

There are no Delegates scheduled for this Commission meeting.

6. STAFF REPORTS

6.1 Castlegar & District Arena and Walking Track Project Financial Update

The Commission Report dated May 25, 2026 from Yev Malloff, General Manager, Finance, IT & Procurement re: Castlegar & District Arena and Walking Track Project Financial Update, has been received.

Freedom of the Floor City of Castlegar CAO, Chris Barlow have freedom of the floor.

- Staff provided an update on the legal review and project budget analysis, including the addition of a 10% owner's contingency to address project risks and unforeseen costs.
- Additional project costs are proposed to be funded through taxation and a construction loan, allowing borrowing costs to be repaid through future requisitions.
- Commissioners noted that grant funding confirmation is required prior to referendum and before adoption of the 2027 Financial Plan.
- Discussion clarified that the current project budget reflects a potential total cost of approximately $17.5 million, inclusive of contingencies.
- Commissioners discussed the appropriateness of the 10% contingency, noting it aligns with industry best practices while acknowledging higher contingencies could further mitigate risk.
- Questions were raised regarding opportunities to adjust project funding allocations, including the potential use of grant funding or existing service contributions to reduce borrowing and taxation impacts.
- Commissioners expressed support for advancing the project, recognizing that detailed project and financial information will be communicated through the public engagement process.
- Proposed next steps include issuance of the RFPQ, contingent upon Board approval, followed by a short evaluation period and presentation of qualified proponents to the Commission and Board in July.
- Staff noted project timelines may require a special Commission meeting and are committed to providing a further update, including referendum timing considerations, at an upcoming meeting.

Moved and seconded,
AND Resolved that it be recommended to the Board:

That the Board approve an additional $2,509,000 funding from Taxation be included in the Draft Financial Plan for the Castlegar and District Arena and Walking Track Project as outlined in the Castlegar & District Recreation Commission Report dated May 25, 2026.

Carried

7. PUBLIC TIME

The Chair will call for questions from the public at 4:29 p.m.

8. NEXT MEETING

The next Castlegar & District Recreation Commission meeting is scheduled for June 2, 2026 at 4:00 p.m.

9. ADJOURNMENT

MOVED and seconded,
AND Resolved:

The Castlegar & District Recreation Commission meeting be adjourned at 4:30 p.m.

Carried

Digitally Approved

B. Bogle, Chair

RECOMMENDATION(S) TO THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

1. That the Board approve an additional $2,509,000 funding from Taxation be included in the Draft Financial Plan for the Castlegar and District Arena and Walking Track Project as outlined in the Castlegar & District Recreation Commission Report dated May 25, 2026.

THE FOLLOWING ITEMS ARE PROVIDED FOR CONVENIENCE ONLY AND WILL BE CONSIDERED AT ITS APPROPRIATE MEETING AS STATED.

Future Castlegar & District Recreation Commission Meetings

1. N/A

Commission Report

May 25, 2026

Castlegar & District Arena and Walking Track Project Financial Update

Author: Yev Malloff, General Manager, Finance, IT & Procurement
File Reference: 2026-05-25
Electoral Area/Municipality: City of Castlegar, Area I & Area J
Services Impacted To Be Established

1.0 STAFF RECOMMENDATION

That the Board approve an additional $2,509,000 of funding from Taxation be included in the Draft Financial Plan for the Castlegar and District Arena and Walking Track Project as outlined in the Castlegar & District Recreation Commission Report dated May 25, 2026.

2.0 BACKGROUND/HISTORY

Staff have identified a total funding requirement of $2,789,000 for the Castlegar and District Arena and Walking Track Project (the "Project") that is the responsibility of the RDCK and falls outside the design-build proponent's contract scope. Of this amount, $280,000 relates to the approved 2026 procurement and Owner's Statement of Requirements (OSR) development costs. The $280,000 in 2026 costs were expected to be recovered through taxation in the new service if the Project proceeds. The remaining $2,509,000 was not included in the draft Financial Plan presented with the May 5, 2026 Commission report. Detailed amounts are below:

Capital Expenditures - RDCK	
City of Castlegar Building Permit (on $18M)	144,000
FF&E (Furniture, Fixtures & Equipment)	100,000
Watermain & Hydrant Relocation	300,000
New 600v Electrical Service	175,000
Geotech & Environmental Testing	90,000
Traffic Flow Study	25,000
Asbestos Remediation	50,000
Quality Control Testing & Inspections	125,000
Commissioning Agent	150,000
Owner's Contingency (10% of construction)	1,350,000
Subtotal	**2,509,000**
2026 Procurement (including OSR)	280,000
Total	**2,789,000**

3.0 PROBLEM OR OPPORTUNITY DESCRIPTION

The proposed $15,000,000 borrowing amount is already constrained for the design-build component. Deducting the $2,509,000 of RDCK-retained construction costs would leave approximately $12,491,000 for the design-build proponent, increasing the risk that qualified firms cannot submit a compliant proposal.

The opportunity is to fund the $2,509,000 from taxation during the first three years of the new Arena and Walking Track service (if approved through voter assent), while principal repayment on the $15,000,000 borrowing is deferred through phased draws and MFABC temporary borrowing. The May 22, 2026 Draft Financial Plan projects annual taxation on the average residential property at approximately $168 during the first three years, within the $150 to $199 range identified through previous public engagement for recreation services.

3.1 Alignment to Board Strategic Plan

Supports Organizational Excellence and meeting resident service needs through planned infrastructure investment.

3.2 Legislative Considerations

Local Government Act requirements for service establishment, loan authorization and elector assent; applicable Community Charter financial planning and borrowing provisions.

3.3 What Are the Risks

The main risk is that no qualified firm is able or willing to submit a compliant proposal at the $15,000,000 design-build amount; that risk increases if the available design-build budget is reduced to approximately $12,491,000.

4.0 PROPOSED SOLUTION

Staff recommend using taxation to fund the $2,509,000 of additionally identified RDCK-retained construction costs. This approach preserves the full $15,000,000 design-build budget and provides a greater likelihood of receiving a compliant proposal than funding these costs from the borrowing proceeds.

4.1 Financial Considerations of the Proposed Solution

The attached Draft Financial Plan outlines the flow of funds for the Project and the new service (if approved through voter assent), using taxation to fund the $2,509,000 of identified RDCK-retained construction costs. $1,350,000 is an owner's contingency; if not required, it would be used to reduce future requisitions or otherwise returned to the service in accordance with Committee and Board direction.

Temporary borrowing through MFABC postpones principal repayment until 2030, leaving room in the early years of the Financial Plan for taxation to fund the additional RDCK-retained costs.

4.2 Risks with the Proposed Solution

The risk is that residents may not support taxation on the average residential property of approximately $168 annually during the construction period, even though this remains within the $150 to $199 range identified through the public engagement process.

4.3 Resource Allocation and Workplan Impact

The funding approach would not have a material impact on workplans beyond the Project work already under way.

4.4 Public Benefit and Stakeholder Engagement of Proposed Solution

The public benefit is a new recreation facility that responds to needs identified through previous community engagement. If a successful proponent is selected, further public engagement will be required so residents understand the Project scope, financial implications and approval process before the public assent vote.

4.5 Leveraging Technology

N/A

4.6 Measuring Success

Success will be measured by selection of a qualified proponent and acceptable design, approval through the public assent process, and successful construction of the facility within the approved scope and budget.

5.0 ALTERNATIVE SOLUTION(S)

Fund the $2,509,000 of RDCK-retained construction costs from the $15,000,000 borrowing proceeds.

5.1 Financial Considerations of the Alternative Solution(s)

This would leave approximately $12,491,000 available for the design-build firm, reducing the likelihood of receiving a compliant proposal.

5.2 Risks with the Alternative Solution(s)

No design-build firm submits a compliant proposal to complete the Project within the reduced design-build budget.

5.3 Resource Allocation and Workplan Impact

N/A

5.4 Public Benefit and Stakeholder Engagement of Alternative Solution(s)

Lower probability of a successful Project proceeding to a public assent vote and construction.

5.5 Measuring Success

Successful construction of a new facility within the reduced design-build budget.

6.0 OPTIONS CONSIDERED BUT NOT PRESENTED

Increase the borrowing proceeds to $17,509,000. This option is not presented because it would alter the previously communicated borrowing and taxation assumptions and would require reconsideration of the assent strategy.

7.0 OPTIONS SUMMARY

Option 1:

Recommendation:

That the Board approve an additional $2,509,000 of funding from Taxation be included in the Draft Financial Plan for the Castlegar and District Arena and Walking Track Project as outlined in the Castlegar & District Recreation Commission Report dated May 25, 2026.

Option 2:

Recommendation:

That the additional $2,509,000 of RDCK-retained funding requirements for the Castlegar and District Arena and Walking Track Project be funded from the $15,000,000 borrowing amount already identified for the Project.

8.0 RECOMMENDATION

That the Board approve an additional $2,509,000 of funding from Taxation be included in the Draft Financial Plan for the Castlegar and District Arena and Walking Track Project as outlined in the Castlegar & District Recreation Commission Report dated May 25, 2026.

Respectfully submitted,

Yev Malloff

Yev Malloff, General Manager, Finance, IT & Procurement

CONCURRENCE

CAO – Stuart Horn – Digitally Approved
Regional Manager Operations & Asset Management – Craig Stanley – Digitally Approved

ATTACHMENTS:

Attachment A – Draft Financial Plan – May 22, 2026

Attachment A - Castlegar & District Arena and Walking Track
Draft Financial Plan - May 22, 2026

Income	**2026**	**2027**	**2028**	**2029**	**2030**	**2031**	**2032**	**2033**	**2034**	**2035**	**2036**	**Totals**
Requisitions (Taxation)		1,394,238	1,389,150	1,388,784	1,303,074	1,290,547	1,292,570	1,294,644	1,299,269	1,301,447	1,303,680	13,257,403
Grants												-
Proceeds From Borrowing		8,585,000	5,960,000	455,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	15,000,000
Investment Income & Interest					2,288	4,633	7,036	9,500	9,525	12,113	14,766	59,859
Transfer from Reserves		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100,000	-	-	100,000
Transfer from Community Works												-
Prior Year Surplus/(Deficit)		(280,000)										(280,000)
	-	**9,699,238**	**7,349,150**	**1,843,784**	**1,305,361**	**1,295,180**	**1,299,606**	**1,304,143**	**1,408,794**	**1,313,560**	**1,318,446**	**28,137,262**
Expenses												
Contracted Services					10,000	10,250	10,506	10,769	11,038	11,314	11,597	75,474
Debenture/Financing Interest		150,238	404,775	525,000	731,744	731,744	731,744	731,744	731,744	731,744	731,744	6,202,221
Debenture/Financing Principal					386,382	386,382	386,382	386,382	386,382	386,382	386,382	2,704,674
Contribution to Reserve					91,506	93,794	96,139	98,542	101,006	103,531	106,119	690,638
Transfer to Other Service					14,500							14,500
Transfer to General Admin Fee		20,000	20,500	21,013	21,538	22,076	22,628	23,194	23,774	24,368	24,977	224,068
Transfer to Community Services		35,000	35,875	36,772	37,691	38,633	39,599	40,589	41,604	42,644	43,710	392,118
Transfer to Project Management		50,000	50,000	25,000								125,000
Transfer to Asset Management			3,000	6,000	12,000	12,300	12,608	12,923	13,246	13,577	13,916	99,569
Capital Expenditures - RDCK - Asset Management					-	-	-	-	100,000	-	-	100,000
Capital Expenditures - RDCK - Construction	280,000	1,444,000	835,000	230,000								2,789,000
Capital Expenditures - Design/Build		8,000,000	6,000,000	1,000,000								15,000,000
	280,000	**9,699,238**	**7,349,150**	**1,843,784**	**1,305,361**	**1,295,180**	**1,299,606**	**1,304,143**	**1,408,794**	**1,313,560**	**1,318,446**	**28,417,262**
Surplus/(Deficit)	**(280,000)**	**-**	**-**	**-**	**-**	**-**	**-**	**-**	**-**	**-**	**-**	**(280,000)**
Capital Expenditures - RDCK - Construction												
2026 Procurement (including OSR)	280,000											280,000
City of Castlegar Building Permit (on $18M)		144,000										144,000
FF&E (Furniture, Fixtures & Equipment)				100,000								100,000
Watermain & Hydrant Relocation		300,000										300,000
New 600v Electrical Service		175,000										175,000
Geotech & Environmental Testing		90,000										90,000
Traffic Flow Study		25,000										25,000
Asbestos Remediation			50,000									50,000
Quality Control Testing & Inspections			125,000									125,000
Commissioning Agent		60,000	60,000	30,000								150,000
Owner's Contingency (10% of construction)		650,000	600,000	100,000								1,350,000
	280,000	**1,444,000**	**835,000**	**230,000**								**2,789,000**
Capital Expenditures - Design/Build												2,509,000
Design		1,500,000										1,500,000
Build		6,500,000	6,000,000	1,000,000								13,500,000
	-	**8,000,000**	**6,000,000**	**1,000,000**								**15,000,000**
Taxation Data												
Residential Assessment Value - Area J - $000		1,142,680	1,171,247	1,200,528	1,230,541	1,261,305	1,292,838	1,325,158	1,358,287	1,392,245	1,427,051	
Residential Assessment Value - Castlegar - $000		3,176,954	3,256,378	3,337,787	3,421,232	3,506,763	3,594,432	3,684,293	3,776,400	3,870,810	3,967,580	
Residential Assessment Value - Total - $000		4,319,634	4,427,625	4,538,315	4,651,773	4,768,068	4,887,269	5,009,451	5,134,687	5,263,055	5,394,631	
Taxation $/000		0.323	0.314	0.306	0.280	0.271	0.264	0.258	0.253	0.247	0.242	
Average Residential Property Value - $		520,200	533,205	546,535	560,199	574,203	588,559	603,273	618,354	633,813	649,659	
Annual Taxation on Average Residential Property - $		168	167	167	157	155	156	156	156	157	157	

REGIONAL DISTRICT OF CENTRAL KOOTENAY

SLOCAN VALLEY SERVICES COMMITTEE
OPEN MEETING MINUTES

7:00 p.m.
May 27, 2026

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Join by Video:
https://rdck-bc-ca.zoom.us/j/94936684168?pwd=dedYnz9a1T9QMQB87jCkTcsLdgcrEM.1

Join by Phone:
1 855 703 8985

Meeting Number (access code): 949 3668 4168
Meeting Password: 062893
In-Person Location: Virtual

COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Committee Member Casley	New Denver
Committee Member Gordon	Silverton
Committee Member Lunn	Slocan
Committee Member Popoff	Area H

STAFF

Trisha Davison	General Manager of Community Services
Cary Gaynor	Regional Parks Manager
Kristi Calder	Regional Manager – Recreation & Client Services
Alana Jenkins	Meeting Coordinator

4 out of 4 voting Committee members were present – quorum was met.

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Lunn called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

2. TRADITIONAL LANDS ACKNOWLEDGEMENT STATEMENT

We acknowledge and respect the Indigenous peoples within whose traditional lands we are meeting today.

3. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

MOVED and seconded,
AND Resolved:

The Agenda for the May 27, 2026 Slocan Valley Services Committee meeting, be adopted as Amended to include item 7.4 Slocan Valley Services Committee Meeting Schedule.

Carried

4. RECEIPT OF MINUTES

The February 26, 2026 Slocan Valley Services Committee minutes, have been received.

5. DELEGATE

There are no Delegates scheduled for this Committee meeting.

MOVED and seconded,
AND Resolved:

That Councillors Colin Moss and John Fyke of New Denver be granted freedom of the floor.

Carried

6. STAFF REPORTS

6.1 Service Case Analysis: North Slocan Lake Library Service

The Committee Report dated April 16, 2026, from Tom Dool, Research Analyst, re: Service Case Analysis: North Slocan Lake Library Service has been received.

- Discussion on the benefits of establishing a regional service.
- Staff confirmed boundaries could be adjusted through the bylaw creation process.
- Discussion regarding the limitations of a Literacy Service vs the Library models.
- Concerns raised regarding projected administration costs and whether Community Development grants could reduce costs.
- Questions raised regarding the future approval process for a bylaw, including referendum vs. alternate approval process and whether voting would occur jointly or by area.

MOVED and seconded,
AND Resolved:

That the Board directs staff to prepare a service establishment bylaw for a literacy contribution service within a defined portion of Electoral Area H, Silverton, and New Denver.

Carried

7. NEW BUSINESS

7.1 Galena Trail Management

Director Popoff to provide the Committee with a discussion re: Galena Trail Management by the North Slocan Valley Trails Society.

- Recreation Sites and Trails BC declined to take over management of the Galena Trail.
- The Commission discussed the potential of the North Slocan Valley Trails Society taking on management of the trail while RDCK retains tenure.
- The Society is interested in the concept contingent on available funding.

MOVED and seconded,
AND Resolved:

That the board direct staff to explore the possibility of providing a grant in aid to the North Slocan Trail Society for Galena Trail management including insurance costs.

Carried.

7.2 Process of Slocan Valley Services Committee Agenda Items

Director Popoff to provide a discussion with the Committee re: the process of Slocan Valley Services Committee Agenda Items being brought forward for future agendas.

STAFF DIRECTION: That staff provide a suggested agenda process to the Committee for the next meeting.

7.3 Shared Services Contribution Funding Process

Tanya Gordon, Mayor of Village of Silverton to provide the Committee with a discussion re: Accountability and Transparency within Contribution Services.

- Discussion on the proposal that all Grant in Aid beneficiaries be required to provide a standard set of documentation to the Committee prior to budget allocations.
- Staff advised the RDCK is working to develop a policy to that affect as well and that some beneficiaries could need assistance with making the change.

MOVED and seconded,
AND Resolved:

That the board direct staff to invite the Societies who receive Grant In Aid Funding to attend a future Slocan Valley Services Committee meeting and present on their 5-year budget and workplan.

Carried.

7.4 Slocan Valley Services Committee Meeting Schedule

Director Popoff to provide a discussion with the Committee re: the meeting schedule of the Slocan Valley Services Committee.

- Bylaws require the Committee to meet four times per year; discussion held on moving to an every-other-month schedule.
- Concern expressed regarding potential additional staff costs.
- Discussion held on a potential hybrid schedule, with two additional meetings added when timing is critical.
- Commission decided not to amend the 2026 schedule, but may add additional meetings if needed and revisit the schedule for 2027.

8 PUBLIC TIME

The Chair called for questions from the public at 8:10 p.m.

No questions received.

9 NEXT MEETING

The next Slocan Valley Services Committee meeting is scheduled for August 27, 2026 at 7:00 p.m.

10 ADJOURNMENT

MOVED and seconded,
AND Resolved:

The Slocan Valley Services Committee meeting be adjourned at 8:11 p.m.

Carried

Digitally Approved

J. Lunn, Chair

RECOMMENDATION(S) TO THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

1. ***That the Board directs staff to prepare a service establishment bylaw for a literacy contribution service within a defined portion of Electoral Area H, Silverton, and New Denver. .***
2. ***That the board direct staff to invite the Societies who receive Grant In Aid Funding to attend a future Slocan Valley Services Committee meeting and present on their 5-year budget and workplan.***

THE FOLLOWING ITEMS ARE PROVIDED FOR CONVENIENCE ONLY AND WILL BE CONSIDERED AT ITS APPROPRIATE MEETING AS STATED.

Future Slocan Valley Services Committee Meetings

1. ***That staff provide a suggested agenda process to the Committee for the next meeting.***

Regional District of Central Kootenay

CRESTON VALLEY SERVICES COMMITTEE

Open Meeting Minutes

Thursday, May 28, 2026
9:00 am PT
Creston and District Complex – Erickson Room
312 19 Avenue North, Creston, BC

COMMITTEE MEMBERS' PRESENT

Director A. DeBoon	Town of Creston
Director G. Jackman	Electoral Area A
Director R. Tierney	Electoral Area B
Director K. Vandenberghe	Electoral Area C

STAFF PRESENT

U. Wolf	General Manager of Environmental Services
T. Davison	General Manager of Community Services
C. Stanley	Regional Manager – Operations & Asset Management
K. Calder	Regional Manager – Recreation & Client Services
A. Wilson	Acting General Manager of Development & Community Sustainability
M. Crowe	Parks Planner
C. LeBlanc	Community Resilience Coordinator
P. Marshall-Smith	Sustainability and Resilience Supervisor
C. Gainham	Utility Manager
N. Hannon	Disaster Mitigation & Adaptation Senior Advisor
R. Baril	Meeting Coordinator

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1. ZOOM REMOTE MEETING INFO

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Meeting Time:
9:00 a.m. PT

Join by Video:
https://rdck-bc-ca.zoom.us/j/92632670829?pwd=VkcPYOv0WnMTDNowScaJt12nFYz8zN.1

Join by Phone:
+1 778 907 2071 Canada Toll Free

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*9 to raise or lower your hand

Meeting ID: 926 3267 0829
Meeting Password: 430277

In-Person Location: 312 19 Avenue North, Creston, BC

2. CALL TO ORDER

Chair DeBoon called the meeting to order at 9:05 a.m.

3. TRADITIONAL LANDS ACKNOWLEDGEMENT STATEMENT

We acknowledge and respect the Indigenous peoples within whose traditional lands we are meeting today.

FREEDOM OF THE FLOOR

Moved and seconded,
And resolved:

That Freedom of the Floor be granted to Councillor Dumas and Director Watson.

Carried

4. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Moved and seconded,
And resolved:

The agenda for the May 28, 2026 Creston Valley Services Committee meeting be adopted as circulated with the addition of Item 9.4 Service S240 Creston Valley Airport Financial Plan Amendment referred from May 7, 2026 CVSC meeting and the removal of Item 8.4 Creston Valley Regional Airport Contribution Agreement Update.

Carried

5. RECEIPT OF MINUTES

The May 7, 2026 Creston Valley Services Committee minutes, have been received.

6. DELEGATE

6.1 DELEGATION: CRESTON DEN SOCIETY

Karen Shannon, Treasurer and other members of the Creston Den Society (CDS) presented the work that they have been doing in Creston.

The request of the CDS today is for further advocacy to the province. The CDS thanks the RDCK for supporting and increasing awareness to raise further funding for the homeless in Creston with province. The CDS feels that there is a missing gap for the general population over the age of 25 for those who suffer from substance abuse. The CDS's endeavor is to reduce the stigma over the homelessness and mental illness.

6.2 DELEGATION: CRESTON VALLEY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

Jessica Piccinnan and Natasha Huscroft presented a request for a Community Development Grant. The need for a community co-working space in the community was identified over 10 years ago.

Creston Business Centre is merging with the new 301 Suite Coworking space. The floor space design has been developed over the last six (6) months and is on track to open on July 2nd.

7. DIRECTOR REPORTS

7.1 FOR INFORMATION: CRESTON VALLEY PUBLIC LIBRARY ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING REPORT

Creston Valley Public Library Annual General Meeting Report received for information for May 19, 2026 from Director Vandenberghe.

7.2 FOR INFORMATION: CRESTON VALLEY TOURISM SOCIETY ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING REPORT

Creston Valley Tourism Society Annual General Meeting Report received for information for April 23, 2026 from Director Vandenberghe.

7.3 FOR INFORMATION: RCMP CRESTON DETACHMENT QUARTERLY UPDATE

RCMP Creston Detachment Quarterly Update received for information for May 12, 2026 from Director Vandenberghe.

7.4 FOR INFORMATION: CRESTON COMMUNITY FOREST

Creston Community Forest received for information for April 20, 2026 from Director Vandenberghe.

7.5 FOR INFORMATION: KOOTENAY FOOD COUNCIL AGM

Kootenay Food Council AGM received for information for May 21, 2026 from Director Vandenberghe.

8. NEW BUSINESS

8.1 DISCUSSION ITEM: CRESTON VALLEY FIRESMART RESILIENCY COMMITTEE ɾuku kqaɾin WORKING GROUP

As per the report, this group has been active for several years through funding in part by RDCK through the Union of British Columbia Municipalities (UBCM) Fire Smart Grant. The Committee is closely tied to BC wildfire as a member at the table of the Creston Valley Firesmart Yaqan Nukiy. Purpose of this community is to bring funding and partners together.

8.2 FOR INFORMATION: KOOTENAY & BOUNDARY FARMS ADVISORS 2026 WORKPLAN

Kootenay & Boundary Farms Advisors 2026 Workplan received for information for April 2026 from Director Vandenberghe.

8.3 FOR INFORMATION: PHYSICIAN RECRUITMENT PROGRAM UPDATE

Physician Recruitment Program Update received for information for May 19, 2026 from CAO Horn.

8.4 DISCUSSION ITEM: CRESTON VALLEY REGIONAL AIRPORT CONTRIBUTION AGREEMENT UPDATE

Item removed.

8.5 DISCUSSION ITEM: MINISTRY OF PUBLIC SAFETY ENGAGEMENT AND RCMP STAFFING UPDATE

Ministry of Public Safety Engagement and RCMP Staffing Update received for information for May 19, 2026 from CAO Horn.

9. OLD BUSINESS

9.1 DISCUSSION ITEM: CRESTON VALLEY ALTERNATIVE WATER SUPPLY

Staff provided an overview of summary of work done to date, specifically:

- Arrowcreek water treatment plant
- Next steps for the Creston Valley Alternate Water Supply Initiative

Agriculture and Irrigation needs have been identified within the study. The completed modeling has shown an increasing water demand, especially for producers in Erickson. The Committee feels that the impacts on a drought impacted system are vitally important and all facets haven't been recognized yet.

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

That the Board direct staff to develop a proposed next stage workplan associated with the Creston Valley Alternative Water Supply initiative, including:

- comparative business-case analysis,
- refinement of demand and infrastructure assumptions,

- governance and service delivery considerations,
- integration with watershed sustainability and drought adaptation initiatives,
- and exploration of funding opportunities

and that staff report back with proposed scope, budget, and implementation considerations.

Carried

9.2 GOAT RIVER WATERSHED WATER SUSTAINABILITY PLAN

Important milestones are being met this month, including isotopic work.

Opportunities that exist in June 2026 to discuss the Goat River Watershed Water Sustainability Plan as an open working group is an important step to lead the future direction of this plan.

ORDER OF AGENDA CHANGED The Order of Business was changed to address the additional Item 9.4 Service S240 Creston Valley, with Item 9.4 considered at this time.

9.4 SERVICE S240 CRESTON VALLEY AIRPORT FINANCIAL PLAN AMENDMENT

Director Jackman requests the following motion:

Moved and seconded,
And Resolved:

That the Board direct staff to amend the 2026-2030 Financial Plan for Service S240 Airport – Town of Creston, Areas B, C, Defined A to reduce Account Grants Expense and increase Account Contribution to Reserve by the following for each year – $45,876 (2026), $48,995 (2027), $52,327 (2028), $55,885 (2029) and $59,685 (2030), AND FURTHER, that a new reserve be set up in Service S240 to retain those funds and that any expenditures from that reserve require Creston Valley Services Committee approval and a recommendation to the Board.

Defeated

ORDER OF AGENDA RESUMED Item 9.3 Action Item List was considered at this time.

9.3 ACTION ITEM LIST

No further discussion on the Action Item List**.**

10. PUBLIC TIME

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

Students from Kootenay River Secondary School presented a petition to replace the sand on the Beach Volleyball Courts at Creston & District Community Complex. 93 signatures were collected in support of replacing the current sand on the beach volleyball court with proper volleyball grade sand.

The existing sand is course, abrasive and unsuitable for safe play. Replacing the sand would improve safety, increase participation, create a better recreational facility for students and community.

11. CLOSED

11.1 Meeting Closed to the Public

Moved and seconded,
And resolved:

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, ALTERNTAE 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(es) 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:

(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;

Carried

11.2 Recess of Open Meeting

Moved and seconded,
And resolved:

The Open meeting be recessed at 11:50 a.m. in order to conduct the Closed meeting.

Carried

12. NEXT MEETING

The next Creston Valley Services Committee meeting is scheduled for July 2, 2026 at 9:00 a.m.

13. ADJOURNMENT

Moved and seconded,
And resolved:

The Creston Valley Services Committee meeting be adjourned at 12:20 p.m.

Carried

Digitally approved by

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Arnold DeBoon, Chair

Regional District of Central Kootenay
COMMUNITY SUSTAINABLE LIVING ADVISORY COMMITTEE
Open Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, June 16, 2026 at 1:00 pm
RDCK Hybrid Meeting

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT

Chair S. Hewat	Village of Kaslo	In-Person
Director G. Jackman	Electoral Area A	In-Person
Director R. Tierney	Electoral Area B	In-Person
Director K. Vandenberghe	Electoral Area C	In-Person
Director A. Watson	Electoral Area D	In-Person
Director C. Graham	Electoral Area E	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. Gordon	Village of Silverton	

COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT

Director T. Newell	Electoral Area F

STAFF PRESENT

A. Wilson	General Manager of Development and Community Sustainability Services
P. Marshall-Smith	Sustainability & Resilience Supervisor
A. Leffelaar	Climate Action Intern
S. Kindred	Administrative Assistant, Development and Community Sustainability Services

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1:00 PST

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Join by Phone:
855 703 8985 Canada Toll-free

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*9 to raise or lower your hand

Meeting ID: 952 4227 8422
Meeting Password: 203526

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

2. ELECTION OF CHAIR

CALL FOR NOMINATION (3 times)
Director Watson nominated Director Hewat.

There were no other nominations.

DECLARATION OF ELECTED OR ACCLAIMED CHAIR
Director Hewat was declared the Community Sustainable Living Advisory Committee Chair for 2026.

3. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Hewat called the meeting to order at 1:01 p.m.

4. TRADITIONAL LANDS ACKNOWLEDGEMENT STATEMENT

We acknowledge and respect the Indigenous peoples within whose traditional lands we are meeting today.

5. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Moved and seconded,
And resolved:

The Agenda for the June 16, 2026 Community Sustainable Living Advisory Committee meeting be adopted with the following amendments:

- with the addition of the addendum - added June 11, 2026
- with the addition of another addendum - added June 12, 2026

before circulated.

Carried

6. RECEIPT OF MINUTES

The December 9, 2025 Community Sustainable Living Advisory Committee minutes, were received.

7. STAFF REPORTS

7.1 FOR INFOMATION: UPDATES ON SUSTAINABILITY SERVICE PROJECTS AND AREAS OF ACTIVITY

The Staff Report dated June 16, 2026 from Paris Marshall Smith, Sustainability & Resilience Supervisor, was received.

8. OLD BUSINESS

8.1 FOR DISCUSSION: QUARTZ CREEK COMMUNITY WATERSHED: NATURAL ASSET MANAGEMENT PLAN AND LONG-TERM PROTECTION STRATEGY

The Committee Report dated June 16, 2026 from Paris Marshall Smith, Sustainability & Resilience Supervisor, was received.

Moved and seconded,
MOTION ONLY

That the RDCK Board receive the Quartz Creek Community Watershed Natural Asset Management Plan (August 2025) for information;

AND FURTHER, that staff be directed to develop a watershed protection and acquisition strategy for the Quartz Creek Community Watershed, in collaboration with the Ymir Community Watershed Society, the Province of BC (Ministry of Water, Land and Resource Stewardship), Interior Health Authority, and relevant First Nations, and that this strategy be brought back to the Board for consideration;

AND FURTHER, that staff be directed to investigate additional staff capacity or contracted services as needed to support implementation of this direction.

Moved and seconded,
And resolved:
AMENDMENT TO THE MOTION

That the foregoing motion being:

That the RDCK Board receive the Quartz Creek Community Watershed Natural Asset Management Plan (August 2025) for information;

AND FURTHER, that staff be directed to develop a watershed protection and acquisition strategy for the Quartz Creek Community Watershed, in collaboration with the Ymir Community Watershed Society, the Province of BC (Ministry of Water, Land and Resource Stewardship), Interior Health Authority, and relevant First Nations, and that this strategy be brought back to the Board for consideration;

AND FURTHER, that staff be directed to investigate additional staff capacity or contracted services as needed to support implementation of this direction.

be amended by adding "workplan inclusive of staff time and funding requirements for", and before "a watershed protection";

and replace, "the Board" with "CSLAC" before "for consideration", thus reading:

That the RDCK Board receive the Quartz Creek Community Watershed Natural Asset Management Plan (August 2025) for information;

AND FURTHER, that staff be directed to develop a workplan inclusive of staff time and funding requirements for a watershed protection and acquisition strategy for the Quartz Creek Community Watershed, in collaboration with the Ymir Community Watershed Society, the Province of BC (Ministry of Water, Land and Resource Stewardship), Interior Health Authority, and relevant First Nations, and that this workplan be brought back to CSLAC for consideration;

AND FURTHER, that staff be directed to investigate additional staff capacity or contracted services as needed to support implementation of this direction.

Carried

Friendly amendment made to replace, "strategy", with "workplan", before "be brought back to CSLAC".

Moved and seconded,
And resolved:
MAIN MOTION

That the RDCK Board receive the Quartz Creek Community Watershed Natural Asset Management Plan (August 2025) for information;

AND FURTHER, that staff be directed to develop a workplan inclusive of staff time and funding requirements for a watershed protection and acquisition strategy for the Quartz Creek Community Watershed, in collaboration with the Ymir Community Watershed Society, the Province of BC (Ministry of Water, Land and Resource Stewardship), Interior Health Authority, and relevant First Nations, and that this workplan be brought back to CSLAC for consideration;

AND FURTHER, that staff be directed to investigate additional staff capacity or contracted services as needed to support implementation of this direction.

Carried

8.2 FOR INFORMATION: 2026 KOOTENAY LAKE PARTNERSHIP ACTIVITIES

The Committee Report dated June 16, 2026 from Sangita Sudan, General Manager, was received.

8.3 FOR DISCUSSION: COMMUNITY SUSTAINABLE LIVING ADVISORY COMMITTEE FUTURE GOVERNANCE AND FUNDING MODEL

The Committee Report dated June 16, 2026 from Paris Marshall Smith, Sustainability & Resilience Supervisor, was received.

Moved and seconded,
And resolved:

That the Board direct staff to prepare a proposal to transition the Community Sustainable Living Advisory Committee (CSLAC) from a committee governing Service S105 to a standing committee of the Board, with sustainability work funded through General Administration Service S100 and Service S105 requisition discontinued no later than the 2028 Financial Plan;

AND FURTHER, that staff be directed to prepare draft Terms of Reference for a reconstituted CSLAC as a standing Board committee for the Committee's consideration.

Carried

9. NEW BUSINESS

9.1 FOR DISCUSSION: NEW DENVER - SILVERTON CORRIDOR STUDY

The Committee Report dated June 16, 2026 from Alex Leffelaar, Climate Action Assistant, has been received.

Moved and seconded,
And resolved:

That the Board authorize staff to apply to the Active Transportation Grant from Columbia Basin Trust on behalf of the North Slocan Trails Society for the New Denver – Silverton Active Transport Corridor project;

AND FURTHER, that if successful, that staff be authorized to enter into a funding agreement with Columbia Basin Trust;

AND FURTHER, that if successful, the Board approve an amendment to the 2026 Financial Plan for Community Sustainable Living Service S105 to INCREASE Grants Revenue by $75,000 and DECREASE Consulting Fees by $75,000.

Carried

10. PUBLIC TIME

The Chair called for questions from the public and members of the media at 2:27 p.m.

11. NEXT MEETING

The next Community Sustainable Living Advisory Committee meeting is scheduled for October 20, 2026 at 1:00 p.m.

12. ADJOURNMENT

Moved and seconded,
And resolved:

The Community Sustainable Living Advisory Committee meeting be adjourned at 2:27 p.m.

Carried

Suzan Hewat, Chair



2025

Ymir Watershed / Quartz Creek Natural Asset Management Plan

Consolidated Report

August 2025

Executive Summary

Context and Purpose

The Quartz Creek Community Watershed is a 588-hectare sub-basin located in the Selkirk Mountains of southeastern British Columbia. It provides the sole source of drinking water to the community of Ymir, a small unincorporated community within the Regional District of Central Kootenay (RDCK). This source is critical to public health, community resilience, and cost-effective infrastructure service delivery. Recognizing the vital role played by the watershed's natural assets—particularly its intact forests and high-elevation hydrology—the RDCK commissioned the development of a Natural Asset Management Plan (NAMP) to assess the condition of these assets, evaluate their replacement cost, identify associated risks, and recommend strategic management actions.

The NAMP adopts a structured approach modeled on conventional asset management frameworks used for built infrastructure. By treating the watershed as a service-providing asset, the plan enables the RDCK decision-makers to assess current performance, quantify financial exposure, and support long-term planning aligned with ecological integrity and infrastructure reliability.

Natural Asset Inventory Summary

The foundation of the Quartz Creek Natural Asset Management Plan is a spatially explicit natural asset inventory developed using provincial, regional, and the RDCK geospatial datasets. The inventory aligns with the national standards and specifications outlined by the Canadian Standards Association (CSA, 2023) for natural asset inventories.

The inventory treats the entire Quartz Creek Community Watershed as the primary natural asset, reflecting the fact that drinking water provision is an emergent service derived from the interaction of multiple interdependent natural processes. Rather than focusing solely on isolated features (e.g., riparian buffers, forest stands), the plan recognizes that the watershed functions as a complex, integrated system of upland forests, soils, stream networks, and microclimatic regulators.

Key features of the inventory include:

- **Watershed Size and Cover**: The watershed spans approximately 588 hectares and is dominated by forested land cover, with 99.2% categorized as coniferous forest.
- **Forest Attributes**: The forest is predominantly mature and old-growth, with limited disturbance in the past 20 years. Vegetation Resource Inventory (VRI) data was used to delineate dominant tree species and age classes.
- **Disturbance Layers**: The inventory integrates 20 years of data on wildfire history, pest outbreaks, cutblock activity, and other cumulative disturbance measures from the BC Cumulative Effects Framework. As of 2023, no significant disturbance has occurred within the watershed boundary.
- **Access Infrastructure**: Only a limited segment (~0.8 km) of forest road enters the northeast portion of the watershed. There are no major access corridors, limiting anthropogenic pressure and preserving ecological integrity.

- **Asset Attributes**: Additional inventory attributes include water licenses, road networks, and forest tenure designations. These attributes support the condition assessment and inform risk and management planning.

The spatial structure of the inventory allows for condition assessments and risk scores to be assigned at both the watershed and sub-watershed (fundamental watershed) levels. This enables both systems-level planning and finer-scale prioritization of management actions. Importantly, the inventory is designed to be updated over time, allowing the RDCK and partners to track changes in asset extent, quality, and stress exposure as part of ongoing natural asset monitoring.

Asset Condition Assessment

The Quartz Creek Community Watershed is currently in excellent ecological health. A desktop condition assessment evaluated a series of spatial indicators including forest cover, habitat connectivity, hydrologic integrity, and anthropogenic disturbance. The results show that 100% of the watershed falls within either "good" or "very good" condition classes. Specifically, over 56% of the watershed is rated "very good," reflecting contiguous mature and old forest cover with minimal road density or structural fragmentation. These findings confirm that the watershed continues to function effectively as a natural water storage and filtration system—sustaining water quality and quantity without the need for built treatment infrastructure.

The condition results support not only clean drinking water, but also key ecological functions that stabilize flow, mitigate fire and erosion risk, and buffer climate variability. The continued delivery of these services depends on maintaining the current landscape configuration and ecological processes.

Replacement Cost Assessment

The plan includes a detailed replacement cost analysis to quantify the economic value of drinking water services provided by the intact watershed. Results show that engineered substitutes for the drinking water and storage functions provided by Quartz Creek would be prohibitively expensive, especially for a small community like Ymir.

- **Water supply replacement** (via bulk-water hauling) would cost an estimated $303,000 to $601,000 per year.
- **Built storage replacement** (to replicate forest-mediated water retention) would exceed $8.6 million for partial replacement and over $34 million for full capacity, with annualized operating costs in excess of $600,000.

These figures exclude environmental permitting, system integration, and do not replicate ancillary benefits such as sediment control, water quality regulation, or wildfire buffering. The analysis demonstrates that maintaining the existing watershed function is orders of magnitude more cost-effective than engineered alternatives.

Risk Assessment

While the current ecological condition is strong, the watershed is exposed to several high-consequence risks. These include:

- **Wildfire**: The highest-rated risk due to potential catastrophic impacts on forest cover, water quality, and flow regulation.
- **Climate change**: Altered snowpack, precipitation timing, and seasonal flow dynamics threaten long-term water availability.
- **Commercial logging and road development**: These could degrade canopy cover, increase sedimentation, and fragment the watershed.
- **Drought**: Increasingly likely under future climate scenarios, with implications for flow reliability.
- **Acid rock drainage and mining**: Though currently unlikely, the consequences of even minor contamination would be severe due to the absence of water treatment capacity.

A precautionary lens was applied to risk scoring given the watershed's irreplaceability and the absence of viable backup sources. Overall, the risk profile underscores the importance of prevention and preparedness as the foundation of long-term service delivery.

Strategic Recommendations

To ensure the continued delivery of drinking water and safeguard the watershed's ecological and financial value, the following management priorities and actions are recommended:

1. **Protect and Maintain Watershed Integrity**: Maintaining the forested watershed in its current condition is essential. This includes limiting disturbance, prohibiting new road development, and prioritizing forest retention in critical areas.
2. **Reduce Wildfire Risk**: Implement fuel management activities aligned with the *Ymir Community Wildfire Protection Plan*. This may include fuel breaks, canopy thinning in targeted locations, and collaborative planning with tenure holders and emergency services.
3. **Prevent Impacts of Commercial Forestry**: Proactively engage with the forest tenure holder (ATCO Wood Products) and the province of BC to explore deferrals, buyouts, or alternative harvest areas outside the watershed. Formal agreements should reflect the watershed's utility value and the public interest in its preservation.
4. **Develop an Emergency Backup Water Supply**: Advance exploratory studies of Aquifer #0493 beneath the Ymir townsite as a potential partial redundancy. Though not a full substitute, a groundwater source could provide resilience in the event of temporary disruption.
5. **Coordinate Watershed Monitoring**: Establish a formal monitoring program that includes both ecological indicators and water quality parameters. Engage community members and community groups in data collection, and ensure results are shared transparently to build public trust.
6. **Foster Collaborative Governance and Stewardship**: Strengthen partnerships among the RDCK, tenure holders, provincial ministries, First Nations, and the local community.

Collaborative governance is essential given the split between service delivery and land-use authority.

Conclusion

The Quartz Creek Community Watershed is not merely a landscape—it is a core component of Ymir's public infrastructure. It provides clean, reliable, and effectively free drinking water to the community. Its replacement is not economically viable, and its degradation would impose significant risks to public health and financial stability. This NAMP demonstrates that proactive stewardship of the watershed offers a fiscally prudent, environmentally sound, and socially responsible pathway for securing Ymir's long-term water future. Investing in the protection of natural assets today is a strategic infrastructure decision that will pay dividends for generations to come.

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1. Introduction

Natural assets (e.g., wetlands, forests, grasslands, meadows, watercourses) provide a cost-effective, resilient, alternative or complement to some built infrastructure. Indeed, when managed properly, natural assets provide several valuable services, including, for example, the provision of clean drinking water, improved air quality, carbon storage and sequestration and flood control. Recognizing natural assets and the range of services they provide, ensures they are effectively managed and avoids the deterioration of the assets and associated services. Similar to built assets, ensuring a sustainable long-term supply of ecosystem services is the reason for having a natural asset management plan (NAMP).

A NAMP is a plan for managing assets to deliver an agreed standard of service. Such plans make explicit the costs and benefits associated with service delivery and help to manage costs appropriately, while also addressing relevant risks. Asset management plans have been employed to inform the management of built assets for decades. More recently, the idea of incorporating natural assets into a similar type of management framework has been recognized because like built assets, natural assets represent a critical part of a community's infrastructure and need to be accounted for and managed proactively. If natural assets are not managed properly, their value can depreciate and their ability to provide services diminishes.

In the case of the Quartz Creek Community Watershed – the focus of the current study - mismanaging this asset would have grave consequences for the residents of Ymir who rely on the watershed for their drinking water. To inform the management of the Quartz Creek Community Watershed for the continued provision of drinking water to the community of Ymir, the Regional District of Central Kootenay (RDCK) – the district in which the watershed is based and the entity that owns the built infrastructure that captures and distributes drinking water to Ymir residents – commissioned the development of a NAMP for the Quartz Creek Community Watershed.

Figure 1-1 depicts steps in natural asset management that were undertaken to develop a NAMP for the Quartz Creek Community Watershed. The process draws from the approach typically applied to built assets. It begins with obtaining spatial data layers that depict the location, extent and type of the various assets (Step 1). This information is structured into a registry that is a tabular representation of the assets where each asset is a row in the registry and a series of columns contain asset attributes, such as land ownership and watershed (Step 2). Using GIS, the amalgamated data is used to delineate and quantify the type, location and extent of assets (Step 3). The resulting inventory forms the basis of all subsequent asset management steps. The assets in the inventory are assessed for condition and rated on a scale from very poor to very good to align with such scales used for built assets (Step 4). The condition is assessed through a series of indicators that proxy the ecological health of the assets on the assumption that assets in good ecological health are able to deliver good ecological services. Paralleling the asset management approach applied to built assets, replacement costs are assigned to the assets in the inventory (Step 5). The risks that might impair the ability of assets to deliver priority services are then identified and assessed (Step 6). Next, the focus is on identifying and assessing management actions (Step 7); which in the case of the Quartz Creek Community Watershed are intended to ensure or aid in the continued provision of drinking water to the community of Ymir. The results of the steps are presented in an asset management plan (Step 8).



Figure 11-1. Overview of steps associated with natural asset management for Quartz Creek Community Watershed.

The purpose of the current report is to present the results of the asset management approach for the Quartz Creek Community Watershed. The report is organized as follows:

- Section 2 contains information on community watersheds in BC generally as well as the Quartz Creek Community Watershed more specifically.
- Section 3 provides an overview of the approach and results of the natural asset inventory.
- Section 4 summarizes the approach and results of the condition assessment.
- Section 5 presents replacement costs for the drinking water provision from Quartz Creek.
- Section 6 contains the results of the risk assessment.
- Section 7 identifies and analyzes management actions intended to support continued drinking water provision from the watershed.
- Section 8 concludes the NAMP.
- Appendices provide details on water quality and quantity data, the condition assessment, the risk assessment and the interested parties engagement session .
- References are provided in Section 12.

2. Quartz Creek Community Watershed

This section provides contextual information for the NAMP; an overview of the significance and implications of the community watershed designation is provided along with details on the Quartz Creek Community Watershed.

2.1 Managing Community Watersheds

Water supply systems in BC are regulated under the *Drinking Water Protection Act (DWPA)* and overseen by Interior Health. A water supply system consists of the physical infrastructure and management of the collection, treatment, storage and distribution of drinking water from the source(s) to the consumers. The physical components of a water supply system include source waters and their catchment areas (Ministry of Healthy Living and Sport 2010).

A community watershed, as defined under the Forest and Range Practices Act (FRPA), is all or part of the drainage area that is upslope of the lowest point from which water is diverted for human consumption by a licensed water purveyor. With 467 community watersheds designated in B.C., the areas require special management to conserve the quality, quantity and timing of flow and to prevent cumulative negative hydrological effects having material adverse effects on source water (Government of British Columbia 2025). The governance of community watersheds includes FRPA, which oversees forest harvesting and ranching operations on the Crown land portion of a watershed, but no entity is responsible for the management of the cumulative impacts of all activities in community watersheds (Forest Practices Board 2025). Many community watersheds encompass Crown land that may have tenures for recreation (e.g., shooting ranges, off road vehicles), forest harvesting, livestock grazing, and lease lots. In addition to these permitted activities, it is common for unsanctioned activities such as camping in nondesignated areas, squatting, or dumping of unwanted items (e.g., garbage, vehicles, campers, etc.) to also take place within community watersheds. Both sanctioned and unsanctioned activities can have negative impacts on source water quality and quantity.

In 2015, it was determined that the Province of BC was not effectively managing for cumulative effects in community watersheds, and a Supreme Court of BC ruling in 2021 found that the government lacked the authority under FRPA to link the results of cumulative effects assessments to their decision-making. The province is now exploring sustainability plans and water objectives to address cumulative effects on water, but these solutions have yet to be rolled out province-wide (Forest Practices Board 2022).

In an attempt to improve drinking water supplies, Interior Health commissioned a study to enhance communications between all stakeholders in the provision of clean drinking water and to develop an effective long-10e communication strategy that will better position stakeholders to positively contribute to the safe and effective provision of drinking water (Be the Change Group Inc. 2017). Similarly, the multiple barrier approach to safe drinking water, is also a collaborative process of not only treatment using physical and chemical barriers, but it also recognizes the need to maintain and improve the quality of water from source to tap (Interior Health Authority 2017).

More recently, natural asset management has been explored to more effectively manage and protect watersheds. A Common Asset Trust model is currently under pilot in the Grindstone Creek

watershed in Ontario (Natural Assets Initiative & Dark Matter Labs 2024). This, and other aforementioned strategies, may lead to more effective management of community watersheds in the future.

2.2 Quartz Creek Community Watershed

The Quartz Creek Community Watershed is located within the RDCK. The watershed provides drinking water to the 400 residents of Ymir, British Columbia (BC) and is designated as a community watershed under the FRPA (Figure 2-1). The watershed is located between the communities of Salmo and Nelson, within the RDCK Electoral Area G in southeastern BC. Elevations of the watershed range from 780 m at the mouth of Quartz Creek to 1,694 m on the western boundary of the watershed (Emerman 2020b). The watershed occurs within the greater Salmo Watershed and Quartz Creek is a tributary to the Salmo River. The historic Fresno mine is located in the watershed near Quartz Creek, above the water intake (Emerman 2020b).

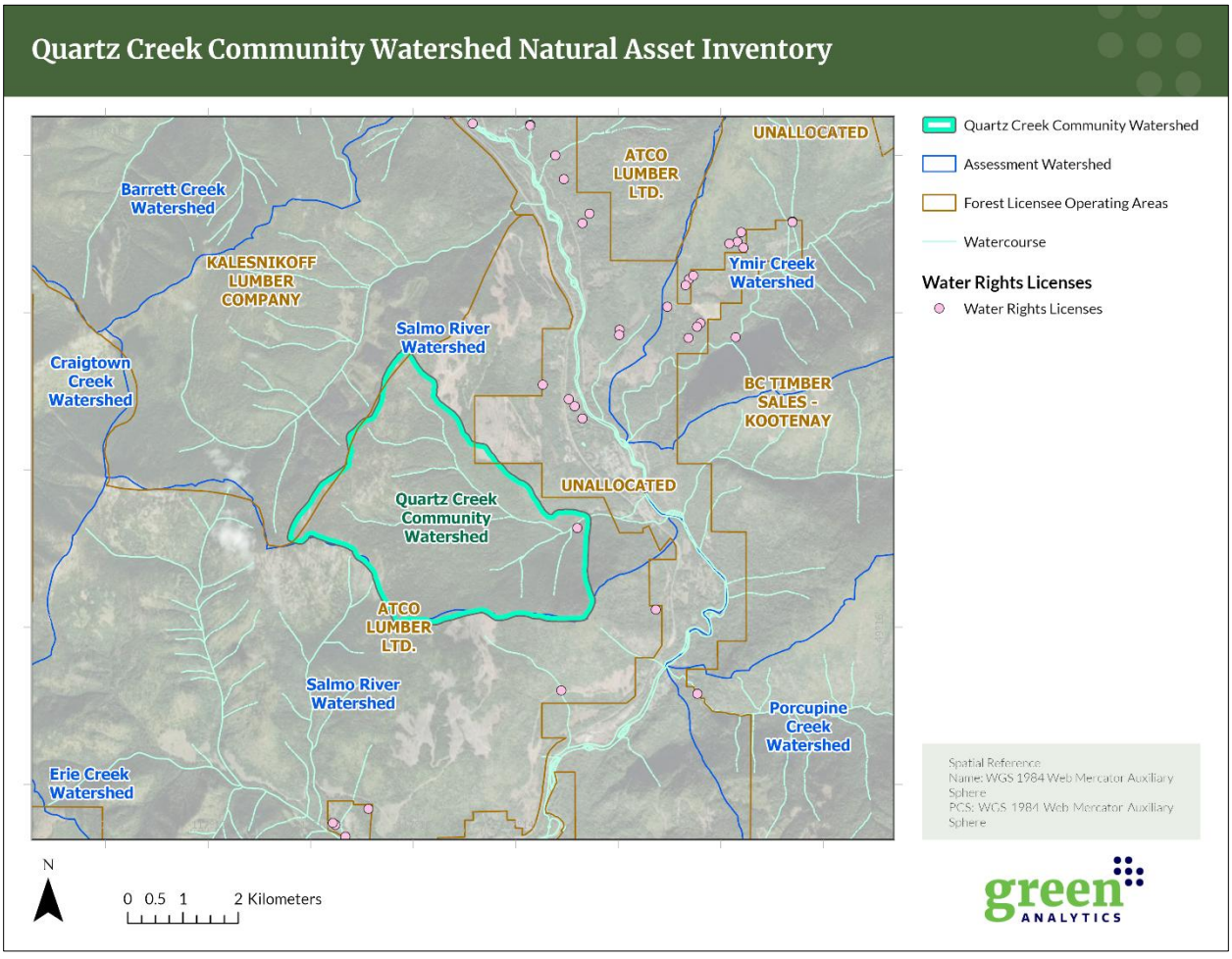


Figure 22-1. Quartz Creek Community Watershed located.

Ymir has a population of approximately 400 people and has 108 active water connections (RDCK 2024). The watershed is small, only about 600 hectares, and it relies on rain and snow as source water, as there are no aquifers or large storage reservoirs. The watershed is relatively intact with only

a single service road, mountain biking trails, a historic mine site, and a water intake with a recently replaced 617 m^3 storage tank, located on Quartz Creek. In addition to providing drinking water, the system has the capacity to service 16 fire hydrants in case of a localized fire or wildfire (RDCK 2024). While the RDCK owns the system that provides drinking water to local residents, neither the district or the community have control over the activities that take place within the watershed.

The watershed is located within the Timber Operating Area W (Ymir) held by ATCO Wood Products Ltd. Currently, there is no proposed harvesting, but it was previously considered, when held by BC Timber Sales. The planned logging was met with wide-ranging concerns from Ymir residents. First and foremost, that the loss of forest cover could result in a reduction in water supply for domestic use and fire suppression in the late summer and early fall, when water levels are already notoriously low, as well as contamination concerns potentially resulting from acid rock drainage and metal leaching that may occur during forest road construction (pers. comm., Jason Leus, February 18, 2025). The following photo and caption are from a Nelson Star article published on August 24, 2017, that highlighted the opposition of the Lower Kootenay Band and Ymir residents to the proposed harvesting.



Lower Kootenay Band councillor Jared Basil drove out to Ymir on Tuesday to pledge his support for the area's opposition to BCTS plans to log in their watershed. He's seen here with community spokesperson Jason Leus and approximately a quarter of the population of the small rural town. Photo: Will Johnson

Table 2-1 provides an overview of significant events related to the Quartz Creek Community Watershed in chronological order.

Table 2-1. Notable events related to the Quartz Creek Community Watershed in chronological order.

Time	Event
1890s	A mining boom in the late 1800's resulted in a Quartz Creek Settlement that grew rapidly (now the unincorporated community of Ymir). Water system first constructed to supply water to an expanding mine community.
1896	Gold mining occurred between 1896 and 1904 before it shifted south towards the Village of Salmo.
1979	The water system became a regional district service in 1979 after a cold winter that froze the entire system and left the community without water for approximately 6 weeks.
2000	Alternate groundwater sources were investigated by the RDCK in the early 2000s but were unsuccessful due to high levels of contamination thought to be originating from historic mining (Emerman 2020). There is no alternative water source for the Ymir community.
2009	A new treatment plant was installed that consists of sand filters and nominal cartridge filters for turbidity reduction, absolute cartridge filters for oocyst removal, ultraviolet light for disinfection/inactivation of microbiological components; and, chlorination for disinfection of bacteria/viruses. A SCADA system allows for remote monitoring of plant processes.
2017	BC Timber Sales commissioned a watershed assessment for proposed harvesting in the Quartz Creek watershed (Bates 2017).
2018	A Clean Water & Wastewater Fund grant provided funding to replace the reservoir with a larger 617 m^3 tank providing improved emergency and fire water storage.
2018	In response to Ymir resident concerns, BC Timber Sales commissioned a Phase 2 Watershed Assessment of the impact of the initial phase of planned logging in the watershed. It used streamflow data from Anderson Creek as a proxy for Quartz Creek, because streamflow data was not available for Quartz Creek.
2018	BC Timber Sales commissioned SNC-Lavalin to investigate the potential for acid rock drainage and metal leaching. Rock high in sulphide minerals is known as acid rock. When the rock is exposed to water and air, it creates sulphuric acid that can damage the natural environment. The study concluded that there was a need for mitigation and monitoring of adverse impacts of acid rock drainage and metal leaching (SNC-Lavalin 2020).
2019	Continuous flow monitoring on the mainstem of Quartz Creek above the weir and on two headwater catchments took place between September 2019 – July 2022. In addition, air temperature and snow distribution (snow water equivalent) were investigated at multiple sites across the watershed in the winter/spring of 2020. Monitoring was initiated by BC Timber Sales and continued by ATCO Wood Products Ltd.
2019	Installation of a gauging station by the RDCK on Quartz Creek to monitor streamflow.
2019	Ymir Community Watershed Society, representing local residents, commissioned a critique of the Phase 2 Watershed Assessment (Emerman 2019).
2019	A Section 29 – Investigation of threats to drinking water was requested by the RDCK in support of Quartz Creek. On April 18, 2019, the RDCK received a response from Interior Health Authority (IHA) indicating no pursuit and on July 11, 2019, there was follow up confirming no further action by IHA.
2020	Logging license and related studies were transferred from BC Timber Sales to ATCO Wood Products Ltd. Proposed logging was deferred to allow for 3-5 years of baseline

Time	Event
	streamflow and water quality data collection (Pers. Comm., Craig Stemmler, Woodlands Manager, ATCO Wood Products Ltd.).
2023	Issuance of Forest Stewardship Plan #921: Forest Licence: A20193 and A20218, Term 2024 to 2029 by ATCO Wood Products (ATCO 2023). The RDCK and Ymir Community Watershed Society included on referral list and will be notified of proposed development activities as the stand level developments are proposed.
2025	The RDCK commissions the Natural Asset Management Plan.
Future	Planned upgrades include reservoir effluent meter installation, water system control upgrades and UV disinfection replacement.

Appendix A provides some additional details and context associated with the Quartz Creek Community Watershed. The appendix summarizes existing flow and water quality monitoring information as well as anticipated regional impacts associated with climate change.

3. Natural Asset Inventory

As noted above, creating an asset inventory is foundational to all subsequent tasks in a NAMP. The approach employed to create the inventory for Quartz Creek Community Watershed aligns with Canada-wide standards and specifications for natural asset inventories (CSA 2023). The inventory is created in GIS, amalgamating relevant data to compile a complete picture of the type, location, and extent of assets within the watershed boundary. The first task in creating the inventory is to obtain and review all possible data sources. This is followed by structuring the asset inventory and then delineating the assets by type, location and extent. This section of the report provides the approach and results of these tasks.

3.1 Obtain and Review Data

A number of data sets were obtained and reviewed for the purpose of creating the natural asset inventory for the Quartz Creek Community Watershed. Data sources ultimately employed in the inventory are identified in Table 3-1.

Table 33-1. Data sources obtained and employed in the Quartz Creek Community Watershed asset inventory.

Dataset	Source
Assessment Watersheds	Province of British Columbia
Fundamental Watersheds	Province of British Columbia
Quartz Creek Community Watershed	Province of British Columbia
Vegetation Resource Inventory (VRI)	Province of British Columbia
Freshwater Atlas – Wetlands	Province of British Columbia
Freshwater Atlas – Water Bodies	Province of British Columbia
Digital Road Atlas	Province of British Columbia
Forest Tenure Roads	Province of British Columbia
Forest Licensee Operating Areas	Province of British Columbia
Drinking Water Sources	Province of British Columbia
Water Rights Licenses	Province of British Columbia
Harvest – Consolidated Cutblocks	Province of British Columbia
Pest Infestation	Province of British Columbia
Historical Fire	Province of British Columbia
Cumulative Effects: Human Disturbance 2023	Province of British Columbia
Wetlands	RDCK
Lakes	RDCK
Roads	RDCK
Streams	RDCK
Building Footprints	RDCK

3.2 Structure the Asset Registry

For the purposes of this NAMP, the focus is on the natural features (e.g. forests) within the Quartz Creek Community Watershed. While the watershed provides numerous services, including stormwater management, carbon storage, and air quality improvements, a key service of the watershed is the provision of drinking water to the community of Ymir. This NAMP is above all concerned with the management of the watershed for the continued provision of drinking water

considering the risks to the watershed. For this reason, the entire community watershed, rather than the specific natural features within it, is considered the primary asset and is the focus of the NAMP.

Treating the entire watershed as the primary natural asset in the management plan recognizes that drinking water provision is an emergent property of complex, interlinked physical, biological, and hydrological processes. Individual components, such as upland forests, riparian corridors, and stream channels, do not function in isolation. Collectively, the natural features within the watershed serve numerous functions:

- Forests regulate infiltration and evapotranspiration
- Forest soils mediate sediment and nutrient flux
- Riparian buffers stabilize banks and attenuate peak flows
- Intact stream channels support self-purification processes

By regarding the watershed as an integrated unit, the plan preserves these critical interdependencies, ensuring that actions taken in one sub-area (for example, fuel - treatment or selective harvesting) do not inadvertently degrade water quality or hydrological regulation downstream. This system-based perspective also aligns with best practice guidance in natural asset management, which emphasizes service continuity, resilience to disturbance, and cumulative - effects mitigation over parcel-by-parcel approaches.

Moreover, the watershed serving the community of Ymir, BC, functions as both the source and conveyance system for drinking water, meaning that any disruption, whether from wildfire, pest outbreak, or land-use change, propagates through the entire hydrological network and directly impacts water security. Framing the watershed as the primary asset allows for unified risk assessment, monitoring, and investment prioritization, creating a coherent strategy to maintain service levels under current and future stressors (such as climate variability and increased demand).

Within this context, Figure 3-1 demonstrates the asset hierarchy employed in the Quartz Creek Community Watershed natural asset inventory. Structuring the natural asset hierarchy in this way allows for the results (condition and risk assessments) to be measured at the fundamental watershed level, then aggregated to an overall score for the whole watershed capturing a systems level perspective. At the same time, the data structure maintains more detailed information on asset types and sub-types, which is the foundational information needed to measure and assess condition at the watershed level. Importantly, the inventory is designed to be updated over time, allowing the RDCK and partners to track changes in asset extent, quality, and stress exposure as part of ongoing natural asset monitoring.

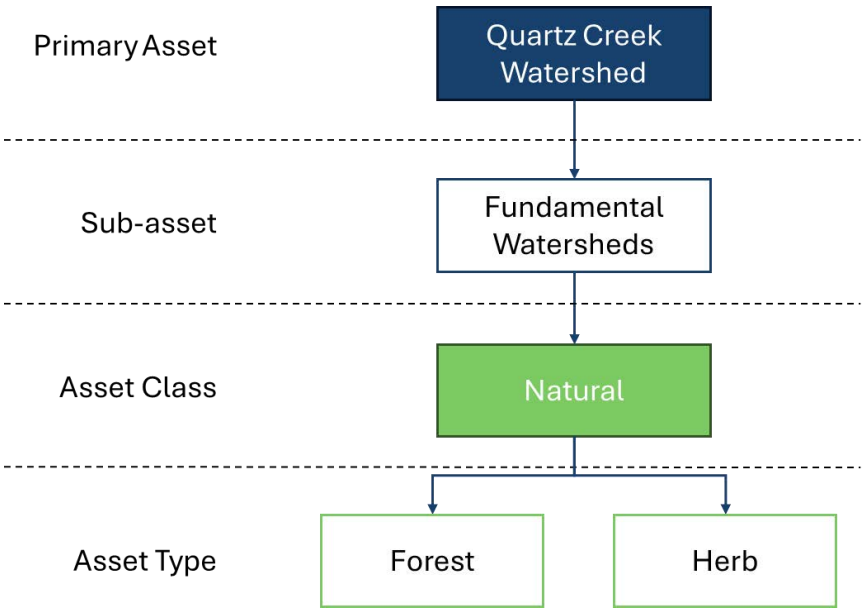


Figure 3-1. Asset inventory hierarchy for Quartz Creek Community Watershed.

3.3 Asset Attributes

To provide a robust picture of the primary asset and its associated sub-assets and asset types, numerous asset attributes were incorporated into the asset inventory. These attributes describe the asset and the context in which it is situated. Attributes are represented by spatial data layers. Table 3-2 summarizes the various attribute data linked to the natural asset inventory.

Table 33-2. Assets attributes and description.

Attribute	Description
Fundamental Watershed	The finer scale watershed unit defined in the BC Freshwater Atlas Hierarchical Watershed Framework.
Assessment Watershed	A broader-scale watershed unit composed of multiple fundamental watersheds.
Water Rights & POD Licenses	Spatial data identifying authorized surface and groundwater withdrawals.
Drinking Water Source	Identifies status of assets intersecting drinking water sources.
Forest Tree Species	Derived from the vegetation resources inventory data. Indicates the dominant tree species.
Forest Age	The estimated age of forest stands.
CEM Human Disturbance 2023	Information on human-induced disturbances and insights into landscape fragmentation and cumulative land-use pressure.
Roads & Forest Roads	Includes all linear transportation features like roads.
Forest Licensee Operating Area	Illustrates the designated areas where forest companies have legal rights to manage and harvest timber.
Old Growth	Identifies assets within areas of old growth forest
Cutblocks (Past 20 years)	Areas harvested for timber over the past two decades.
Fire (Past 20 years)	Historical wildfire areas over the past 20 years, indicating areas affected by natural or human-caused events.

3.4 Inventory Outputs

This section provides a range of inventory outputs that define and summarize the Quartz Creek Community Watershed asset.

3.4.1 Asset Delineation

Figure 3-2 and Table 3-3 provide a summary of the Quartz Creek Community Watershed natural asset. Figure 3-2 shows the community watershed and fundamental watersheds on top of the sub-type asset classification. The primary asset is dominantly defined by coniferous forest cover. Based on the dominant species mapping from the BC VRI, 99% of Quartz Creek Community Watershed asset is comprised of coniferous forest (Table 3-3).

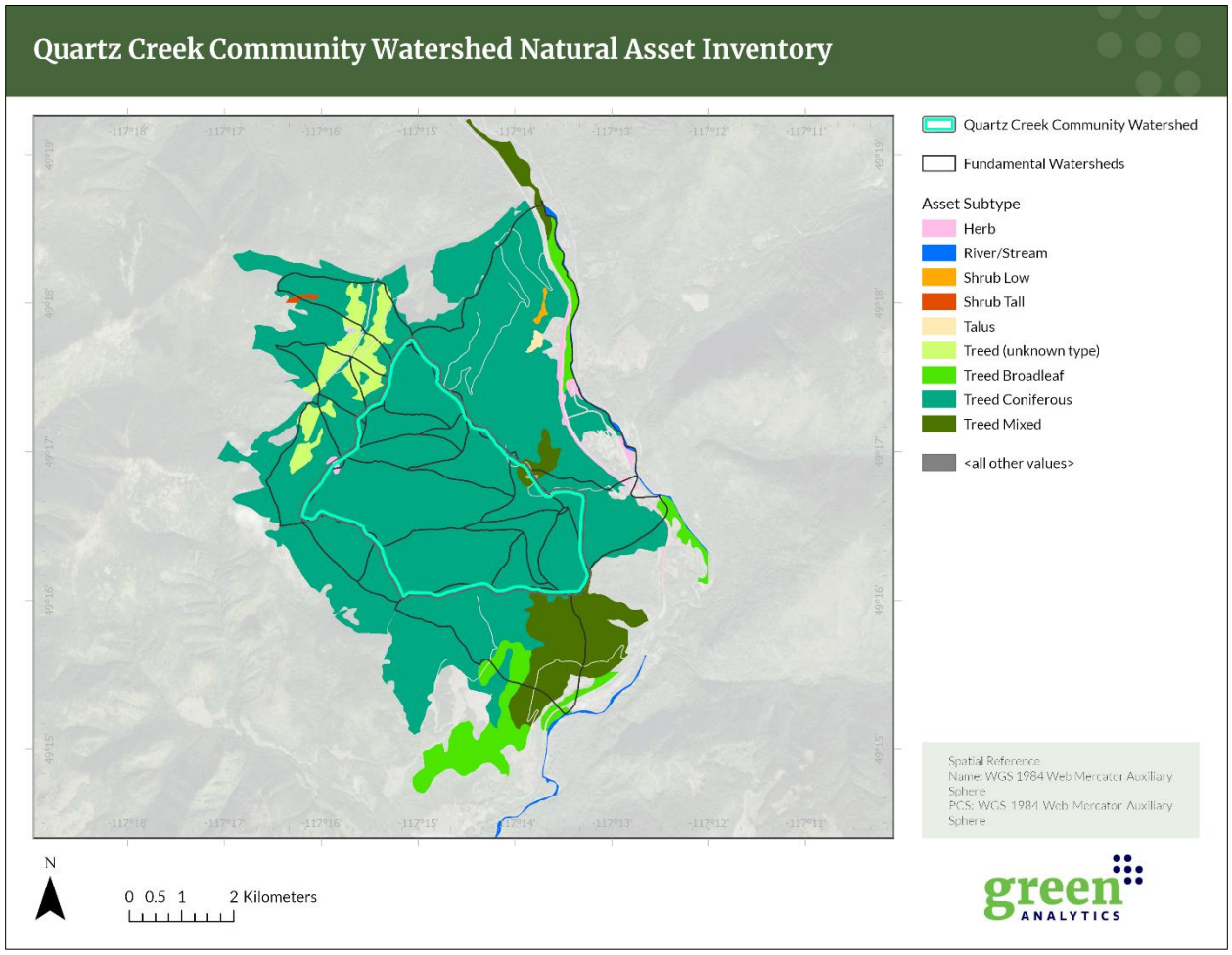


Figure 3-2. Map of the Quartz Creek Community watershed asset and the asset sub-types in and around the asset.

Table 33-3. Area of asset by class, type and sub-type within the Quartz Creek Community Watershed.

Asset Class	Asset Type	Asset Subtype	Area (ha)	Percent of total area
Natural	Forest	Treed Coniferous	583.82	99.19%
		Treed Mixed	3.85	0.65%
	Herb	Herb	0.92	0.16%
		Total	**588.60**	**100%**

3.4.2 Inventory Attributes

This section highlights the attributes incorporated into the asset inventory. These speak to the current state of the Quartz Creek Community Watershed as well as important context surrounding the watershed boundary. Figure 3-3 shows the primary forest species within the watershed.

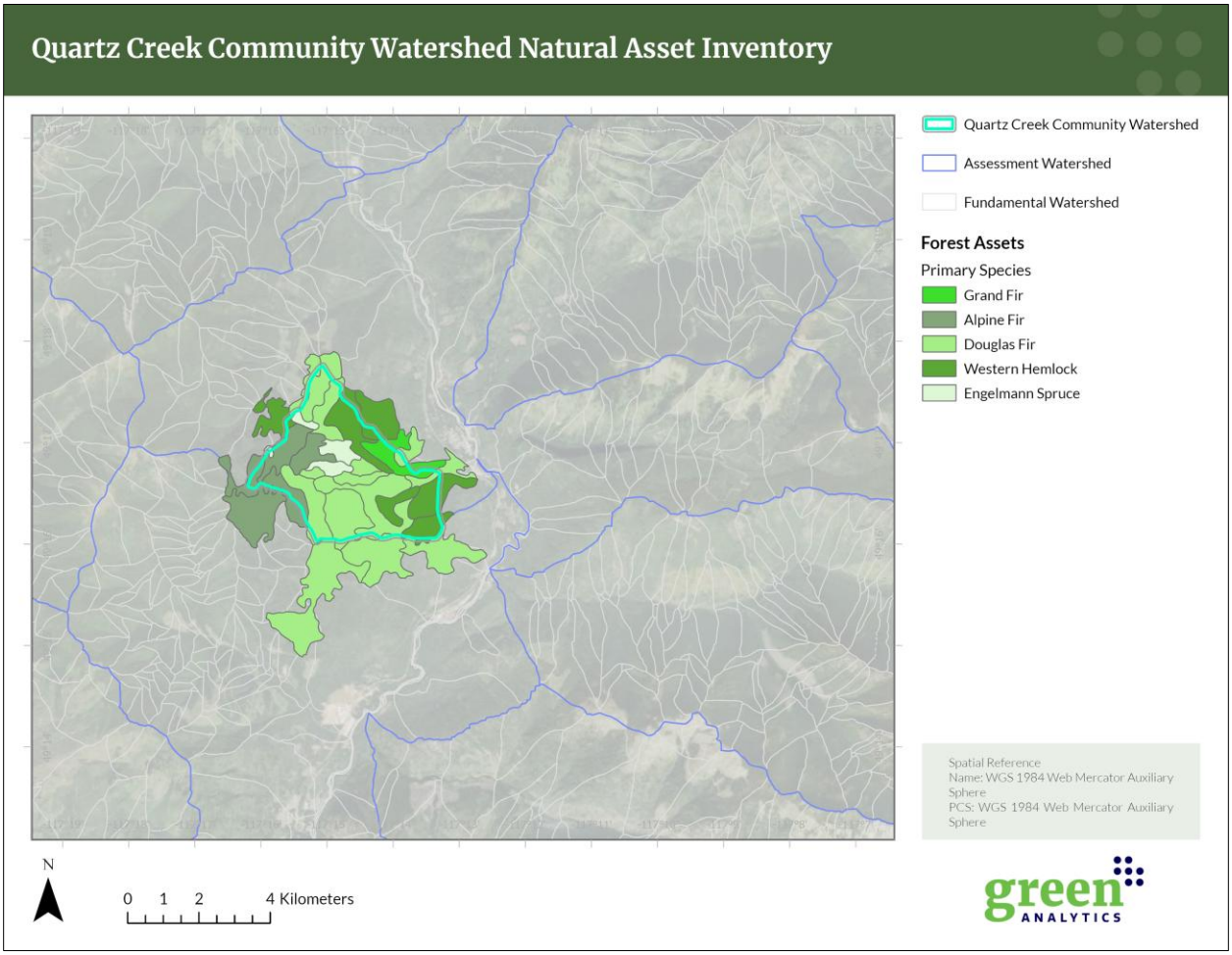


Figure 3-3. Location and distribution of primary forest species within the Quartz Creek Community Watershed.

Figure 3-4 demonstrates the forest age distribution within the watershed. The forest is primarily mature and old with small portions of younger age classes.

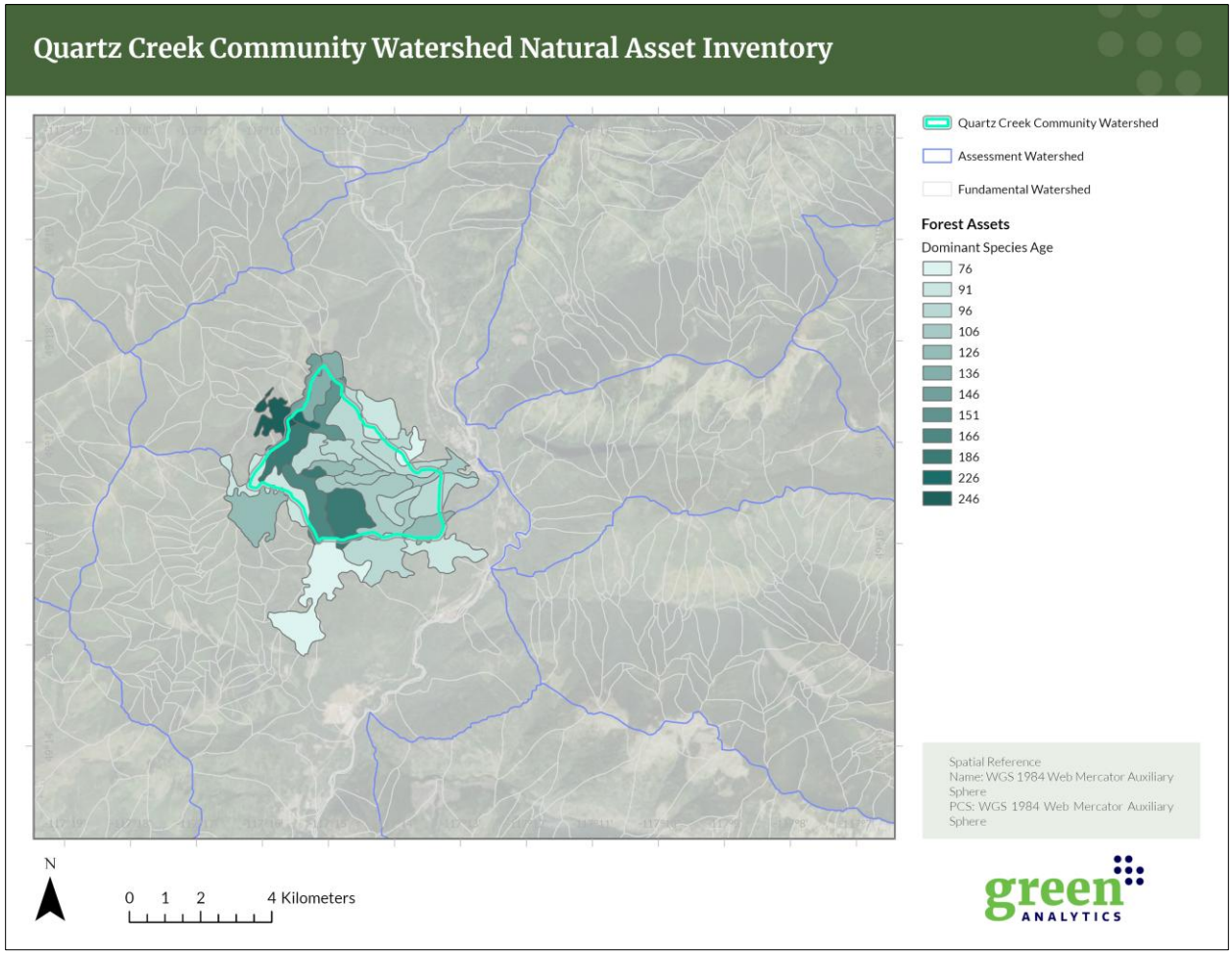


Figure 3-4. Forest age distribution within the Quartz Creek Community Watershed.

The British Columbia Cumulative Effects Framework (BC CEF)[1] is a provincial approach for assessing and managing the cumulative effects of natural resource activities on environmental, economic, social and cultural values. It evaluates the condition and trends of specific resources (i.e., fish habitat, water) across landscapes over time to inform land-use decisions. BC CEF data is available for the Quartz Creek Community Watershed. As is evident in Figure 3-5, as of 2023 the watershed had not been impacted by the disturbances captured within the BC CEF.

[1] Government of British Columbia. N.d. Cumulative Effects Framework. Accessed at https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/environment/natural-resource-stewardship/cumulative-effects-framework/overview

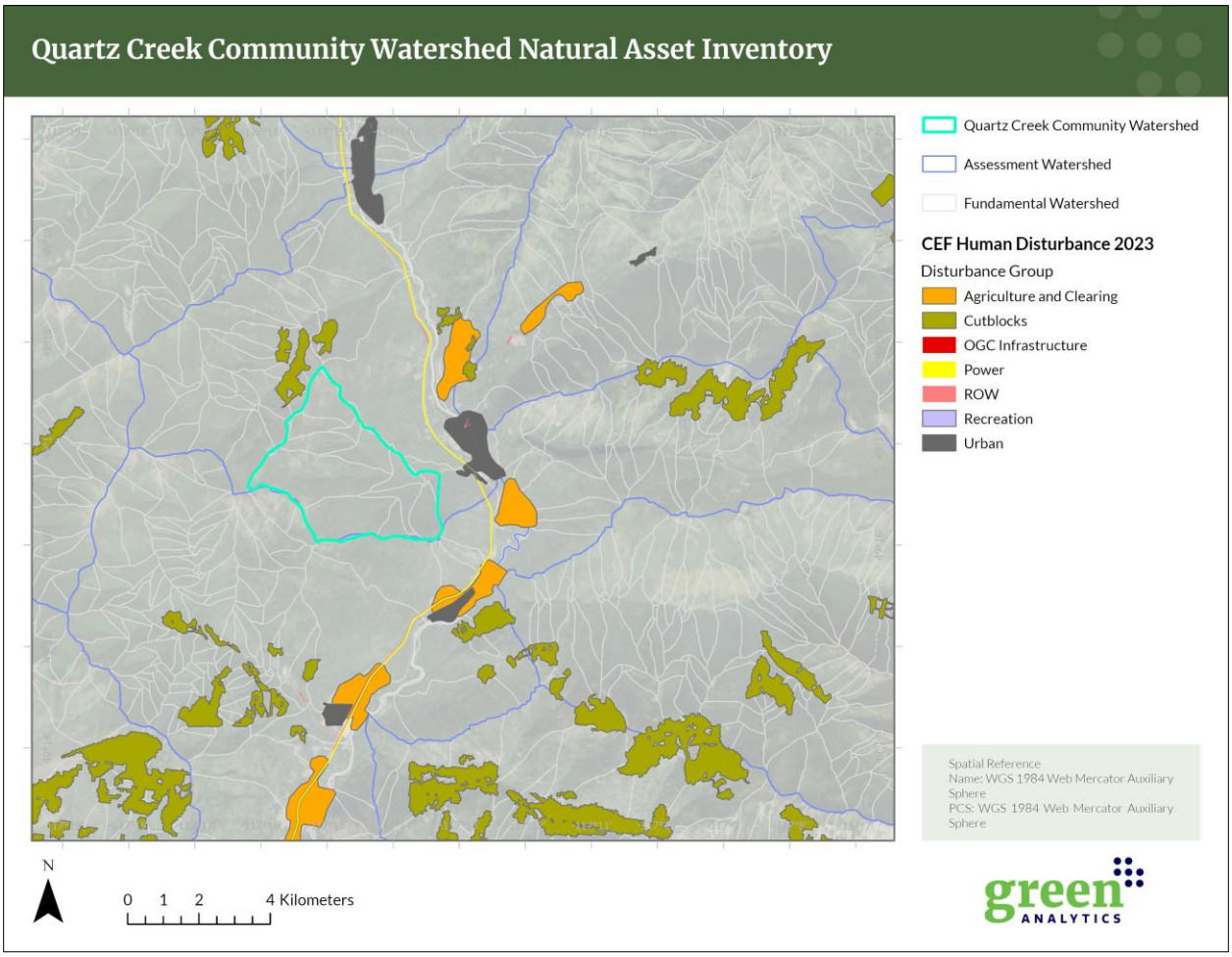


Figure 3-5. BC Cumulative Effects Framework disturbance measures in the area around the Quartz Creek Community Watershed.

Roads in and around the Quartz Creek Community Watershed were also considered when layering relevant asset attributes into the asset inventory. Figure 3-6 demonstrates the distribution of roads and forestry roads within the asset boundary. As can be seen, there is a section of forestry road that enters into the watershed on the north-east side of the watershed boundary. Based on the available data, there are approximately 0.8 kilometres of forest road within the formal boundary of the Quartz Creek Community Watershed.

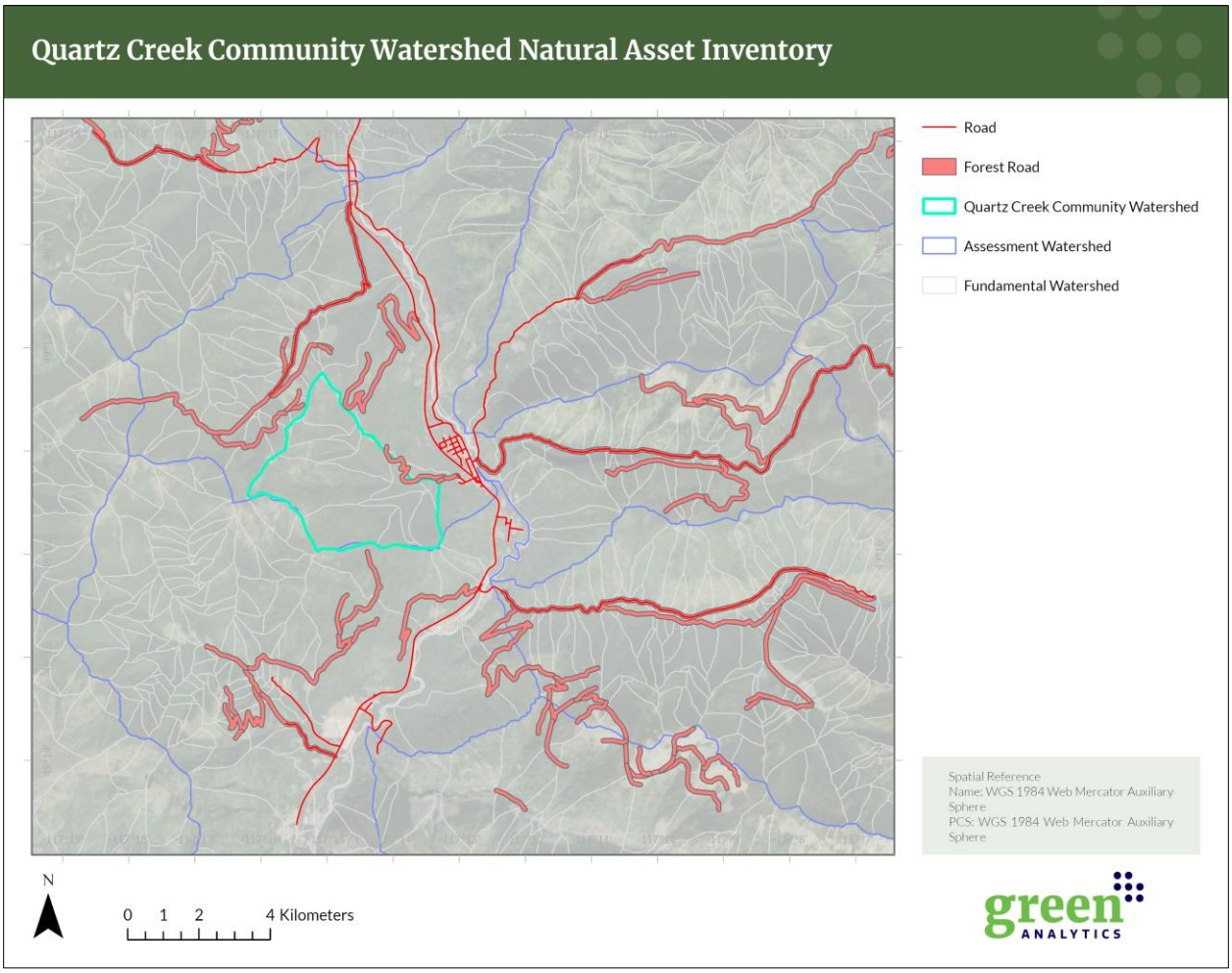


Figure 3-6. Roads and forestry roads in and around the Quartz Creek Community Watershed boundary.

As will be examined further in the risk assessment, there is a possibility of timber harvest taking place within the Quartz Creek Community Watershed. Figure 3-7 demonstrates the distribution and extent of forest licensee operating areas in and around the watershed. ATCO Lumber Limited is the exclusive licensee within the watershed boundary.

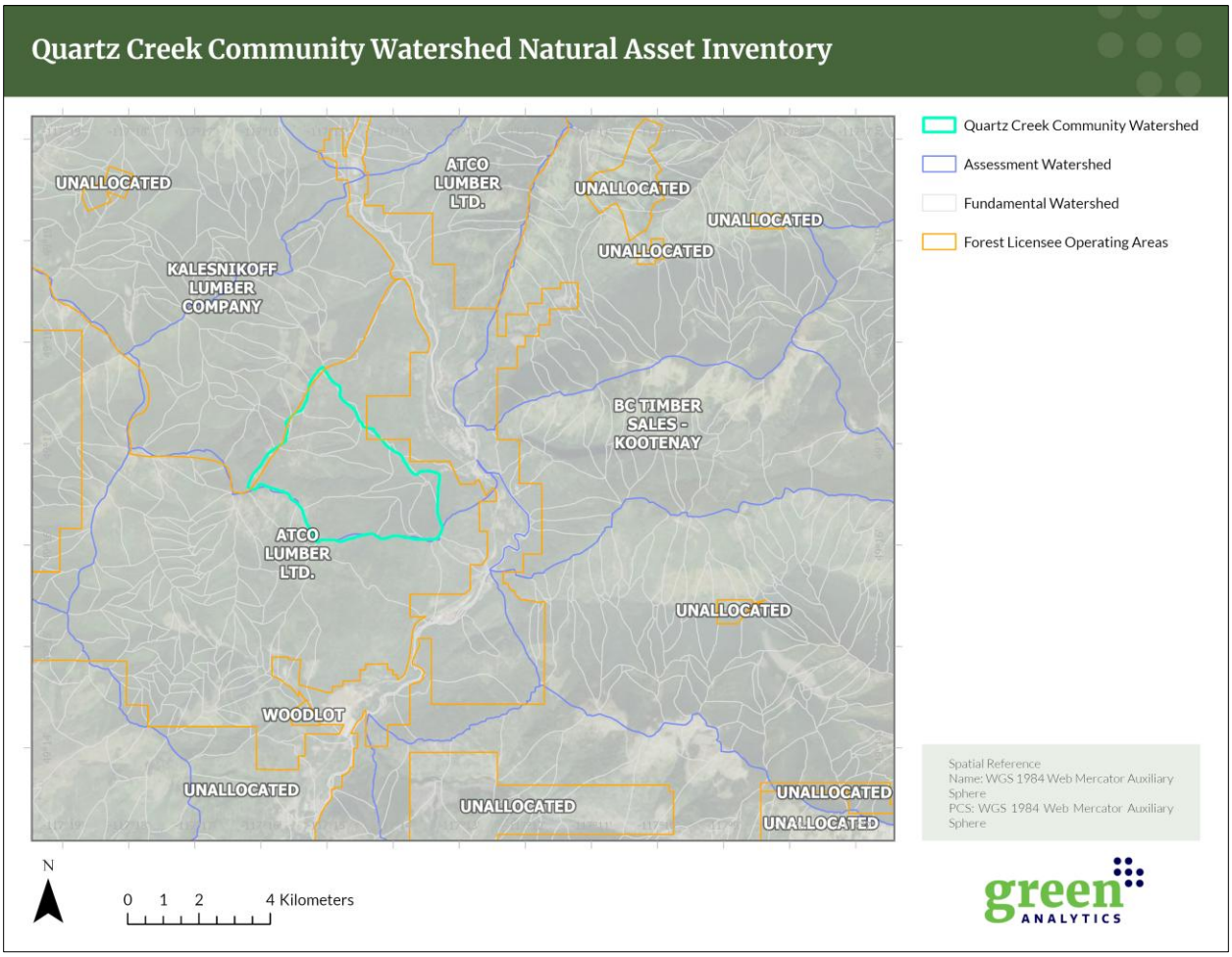


Figure 3-7. Forest licensee operating areas in and around the Quartz Creek Community Watershed.

Related to the image above, Figure 3-8 demonstrates timber harvest cut-blocks surrounding the Quartz Creek Community Watershed in the last 20 years. It is evident that ATCO has undertaken harvesting within their licensee operating area to the edge of the south boundary of the watershed. Harvesting has also taken place in close proximity to the north (by ATCO) and west (by Kalesnikoff) boundaries of the watershed.

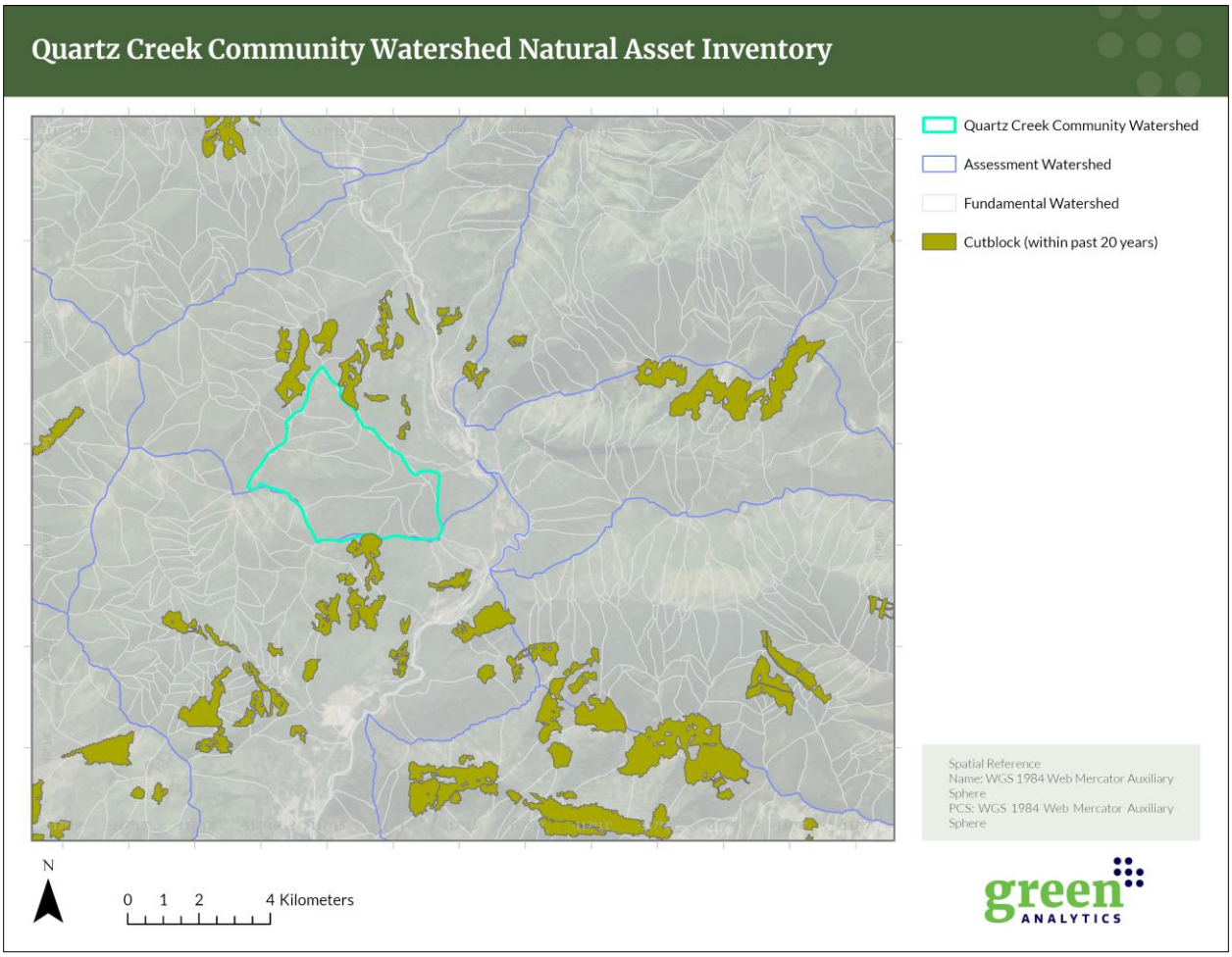


Figure 3-8. Cutblocks taking place within the last 20 years in proximity to the Quartz Creek Community Watershed.

Figure 3-9 demonstrates the location and extent of fires that have taken place in the area surrounding the Quartz Creek Community Watershed in the last 20 years. The risk of fire was revisited through the risk assessment approach (Section 6).

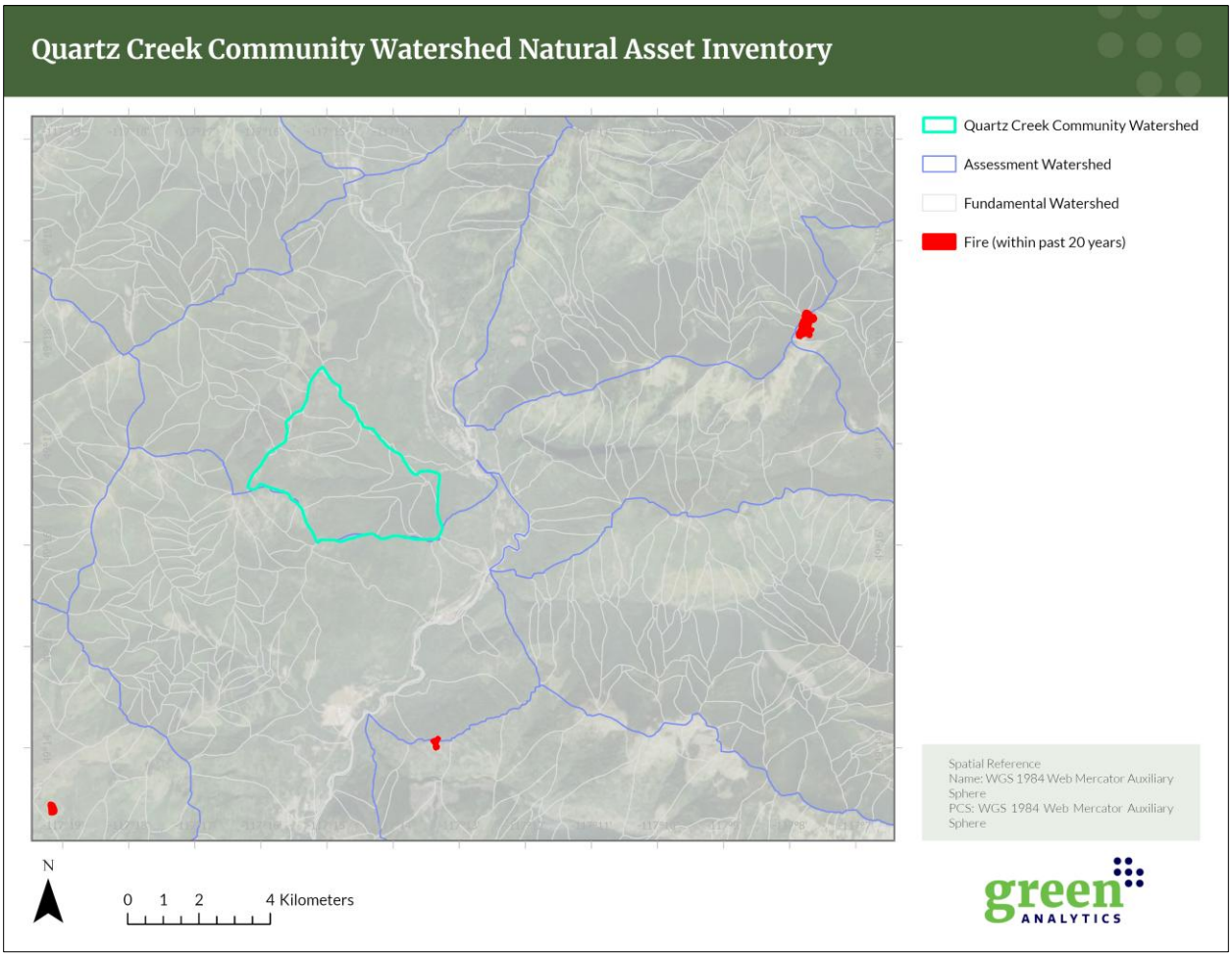


Figure 3-9. Location and extent of fires that have taken place in the last 20 years in the area surrounding the Quartz Creek Community Watershed.

The final attribute that was incorporated into the natural asset inventory for Quartz Creek Community Watershed is the location and extent of pests and disease impacts. Figure 3-10 demonstrates such impacts for the most prevalent pests and disease in the area over the last 20 years. Like fires, the risk of pests and diseases was further considered in the risk assessment for the watershed (Section 6).

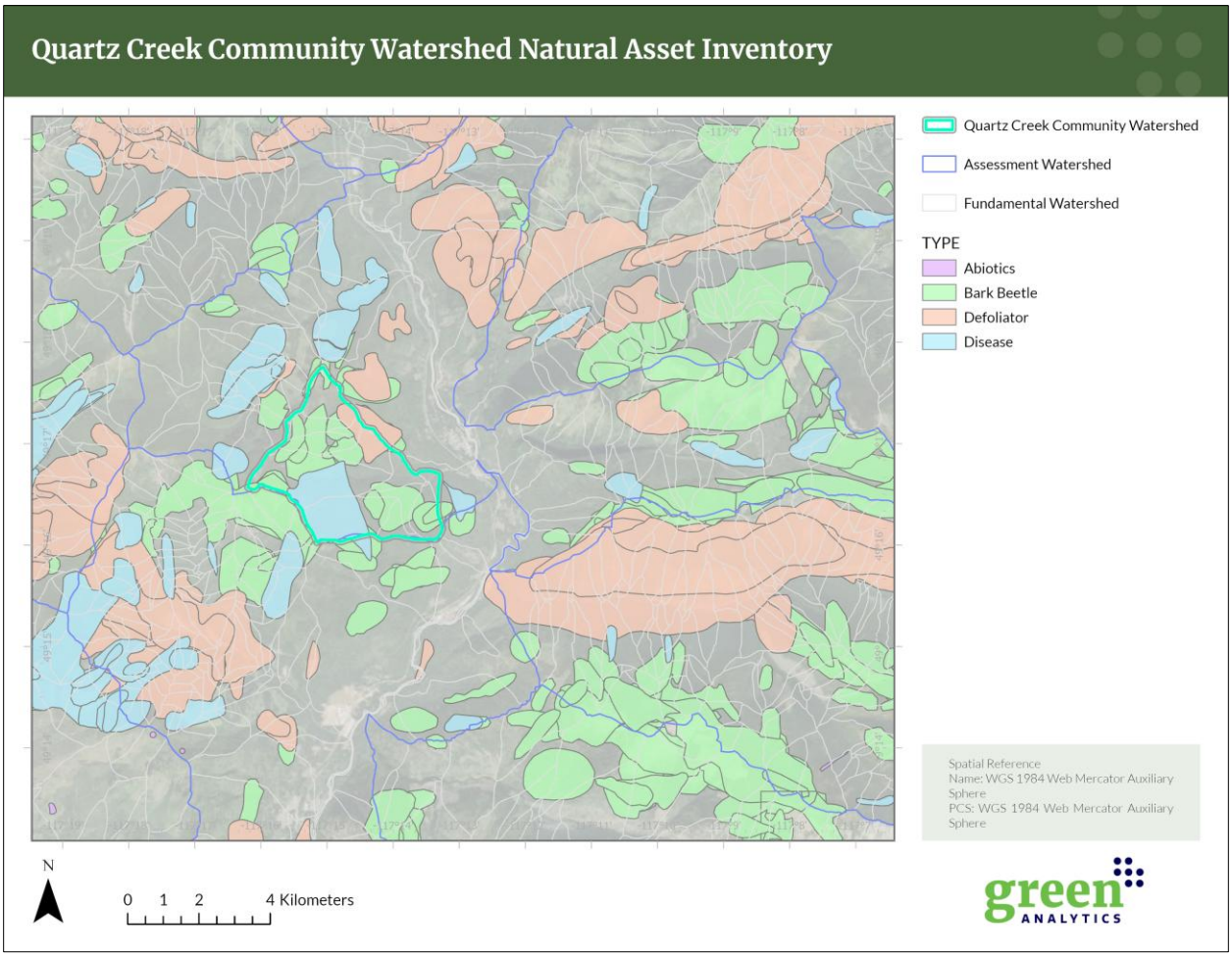


Figure 3-10. Location and extent of pests and disease impacts in and around the Quartz Creek Community Watershed within the last 20 years.

4. Condition Assessment

This section provides an overview of the condition assessment approach and results (with additional details contained in Appendix B).

4.1 Approach Overview

A natural asset condition assessment aims to evaluate a natural asset's ability to provide services at a high level. This approach uses the cascade model outlined in CSA (2023), which links biophysical processes, function, ecosystem services, and human benefits (Figure 4-1). For instance, a wetland's biophysical processes enable water storage, which reduces flood risks and provides human benefits by minimizing flood damages. Condition indicators capture ecological condition and connect it to ecosystem services and community value. The assessment assumes that a natural asset in "good" ecological condition is more likely to deliver a "good" level of ecological services, which, in turn, benefit the community. In the context of the Quartz Creek Community Watershed, the focus is the provision of drinking water to the community of Ymir.

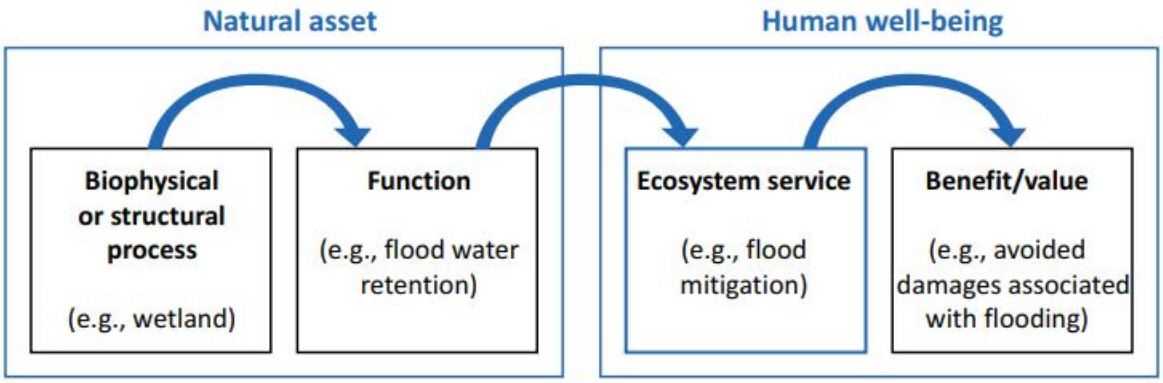


Figure 4-1. Cascade model upon which the condition assessment is based (CSA 2023).

The process used for the condition assessment aligns with that outlined in the Canada-wide standards and specifications for natural asset inventories (Figure 4-2) (CSA 2023). The standard provides guidance on condition assessment criteria, indicators and scoring in the context of natural assets. The standard identifies three criteria - landscape context, physical context and ecological condition – to guide the selection of indicators. For each of the indicators, a scoring system is established to allow the results of the assessment to be positioned within a standardized 5 point ranking system ranging from very good to very poor.

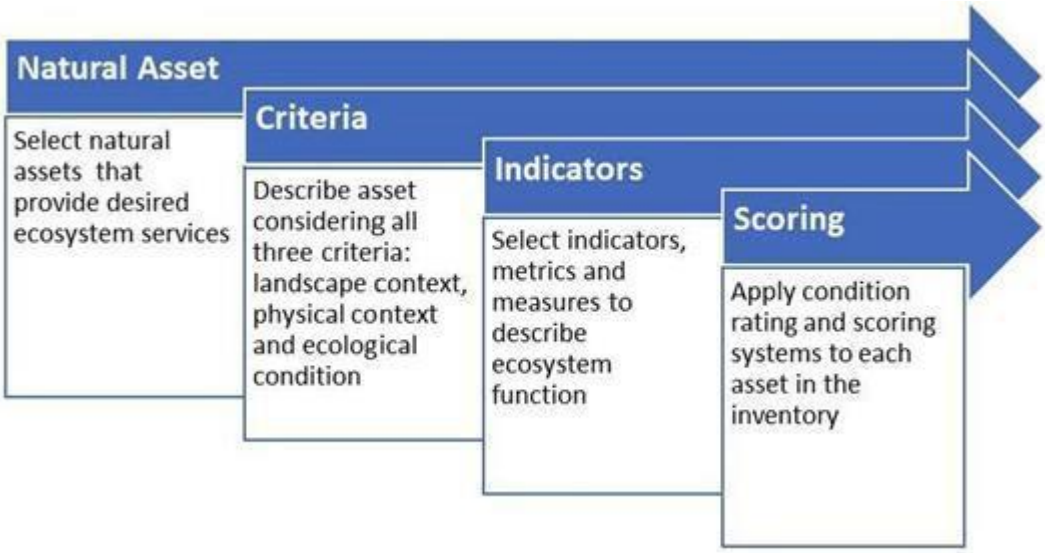


Figure 4-2. The natural asset condition assessment process (Source: CSA 2023).

While a specific scoring system is needed for each individual indicator (see Appendix B for details on the scoring system applied to each indicator employed in Quartz Creek Community Watershed condition assessment), the scores generally align with the condition descriptions presented in Table 4-1.

Table 44-1. Sample condition rating scale definitions (CSA 2023).

Rating	Explanation
Very Good	Well maintained, good condition, no signs of deterioration in ecological conditions. Natural asset service provision is high.
Good	Ecological conditions appear to be sufficient; some minor localized (or isolated) impacts noticeable, which might be a warning sign of possible decline. Natural asset service provision is acceptable.
Fair	Clear signs of deterioration in ecological function and service-influencing factors. Natural asset service provision, while still functional, is at risk of failing.
Poor	Condition is below standard with large portion(s) of the system exhibiting significant deterioration in ecological function. Natural asset service provision is impacted, and some services might be non-functioning.
Very Poor	Widespread signs of advanced deterioration; unlikely that the natural asset is providing any functional service.

The first step in the condition assessment for Quartz Creek was to identify a set of relevant condition indicators. Based on past project experience, Green Analytics identified a preliminary set of potential indicators. These were vetted with local environmental consultants – Ecoscape – and the RDCK and revised considering feedback received. The final set of condition indicators are organized into four categories that reflect the watershed's hydrological, ecological, and land-use conditions, with an emphasis on water quality, quantity, and resilience. The indicators focus on land cover and ecosystem health to establish a foundation for assessing watershed condition. The condition indicators chosen will be useful for measuring changes in water quality and hydrology in the future. The assumption behind the indicators is that a healthy resilient watershed is essential to maintaining

water quality and quantity. While the focus of this assessment is on the condition of the primary asset, namely the community watershed, it is important to also consider the condition of the source water derived from that asset. This was further explored in the context of the risks to the community watershed (Section 6). Table 4-2 summarizes and describes the condition indicators used for the Quartz Creek Community Watershed condition assessment.

Table 44-2. Condition categories, indicators, and description.

Category	CSA Criteria	Indicator	Description
Forest Cover and Composition	Ecological / Landscape	- Percent (%) forest cover	Evaluates ecosystem complexity, biodiversity potential, and overall resilience. A high percent cover and mature forest imply greater watershed condition.
Forest Health and Disturbance	Ecological	- Equivalent clearcut area	Detect stressors that may increase erosion, alter water yield, or degrade habitat. Less disturbance, good regeneration, and low pest impact imply greater watershed conditions.
Riparian and Canopy Integrity	Ecological / Landscape	- Riparian forest integrity - Overall canopy closure*	Assesses stream shading, erosion protection, and microclimate buffering. Higher riparian continuity and intact canopy implies better stream protection and microclimate conditions that support water supply.
Roads and Fragmentation	Physical / Ecological	- Road density - Interior forest habitat - Watercourse crossings	Roads and fragmentation increase erosion risk, reduce core habitat and watershed resilience that could ultimately impact water supply quantity and quality.

* Overall canopy closure was not able to be measured with available data and is recommended to be added as a measure of condition once LIDAR data for the area becomes available. Canopy closure is important for maintaining the necessary microclimate that helps slow the snowpack melt and maintain a steady water supply into the summer months.

The select condition indicators were applied to the natural assets within the Quartz Creek Community Watershed boundary through a desktop exercise relying on GIS. Details on the approach employed for each indicator is provided in Appendix A. While the desktop condition assessment is grounded in landscape ecology metrics, it is recommended that field-based verification of the condition of the natural assets be completed over time to support and improve natural asset condition monitoring. Field-based condition assessments provide details and information on the condition of assets as well as the factors contributing to the condition results. Observations of habitat structure and complexities, risks (e.g. invasive species) and factors contributing to service delivery (e.g. pests and disease) can be obtained through field-based assessments.

4.2 Summary of Condition Results

The results of the condition assessment are summarized in this section while results for individual indicators are presented in Appendix B. Each indicator is ranked on a scale from very good to very poor and a corresponding numerical score is assigned to each fundamental watershed: (5) very good, (4) good, (3) fair, (2) poor, and (1) very poor. These are averaged and rounded to the nearest

integer to establish overall condition results, which are presented in Figure 4-3 and detailed in Table 4-3.

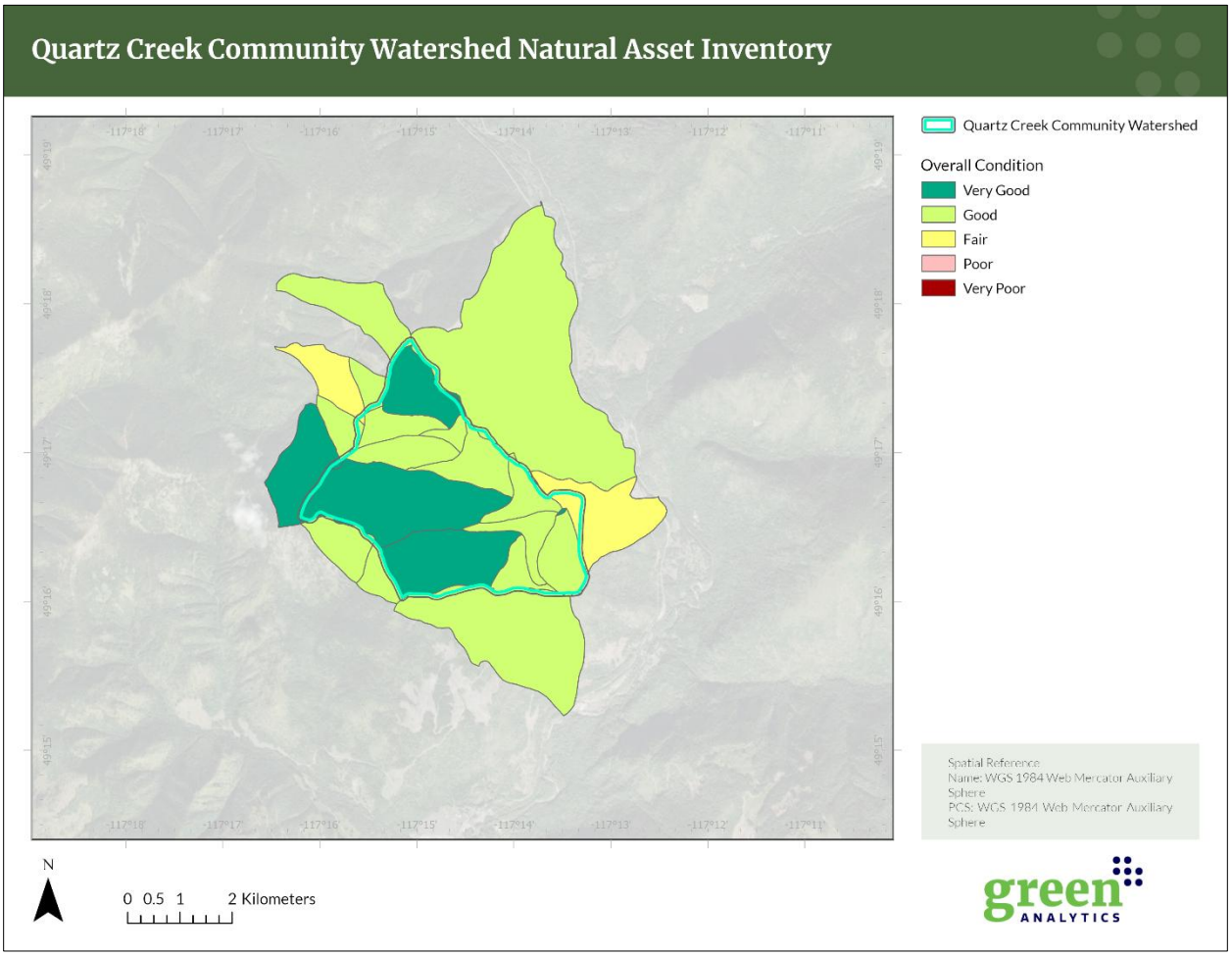


Figure 4-3. Overall condition ranking by fundamental watershed.

Table 4-3 shows the overall condition results for all mapped fundamental watersheds. These capture any watershed that intersects with the community watershed boundary. This broader area has some watershed area ranked as fair (8.6% of the total area). However, these areas are largely outside the main Quartz Creek catchment area. Focusing on the fundamental watersheds that are mainly within the Quartz Creek Community Watershed, the condition ranking ranges between good and very good. This is not surprising as the watershed has been largely undisturbed and is comprised of mostly intact mature and old forest cover. Given that the watershed is a key drinking water source, it will be important to maintain this overall condition to ensure a sustainable supply of clean water for the community of Ymir.

Table 44-3. Overall summary of condition results.

Condition Ranking	All Mapped Fundamental Watersheds*		Quartz Creek Community Watershed**	
	Area (ha)	Percent of Total Area	Area (ha)	Percent of Total Area
Very Good	400.28	24.43%	326.45	56.45%
Good	1097.36	66.97%	251.82	43.55%
Fair	141.03	8.61%	0	0%
Poor	0	0%	0	0%
Very Poor	0	0%	0	0%

* All fundamental watershed that intersect with the Quartz Creek Community watershed boundary.

** A subset of the fundamental watershed that have the majority of their area within the Quartz Creek Community watershed.

Drawing on the condition results by fundamental watershed, an overall condition score was determined for the Quartz Creek Community Watershed by taking an area weighted average of the individual fundamental watershed scores. This overall area weighted average is 4.48, which corresponds to a good condition score (4 is good and 5 is very good).

5. Replacement Cost

In traditional asset management, replacement costs represent the estimated expense of restoring an asset's function if it fails. These estimates support capital planning, depreciation accounting, and risk management by making the financial implications of asset failure explicit. For built infrastructure—such as Ymir's 617 m^3 steel storage tank, valued at $800,946 (2024 CAD)—this calculation is straightforward and forms the basis for lifecycle costing and service planning.

In contrast, natural assets like the Quartz Creek Community Watershed cannot be rebuilt in the same way. If the watershed is damaged—such as by a major wildfire—it may no longer provide critical service flows, including water supply and storage. While restoration and reforestation can help recover natural functions over time, service provision may be significantly disrupted for several years or even decades.

Given this context, the replacement cost for Quartz Creek must be estimated by identifying engineered systems that could replicate the key services it provides. In other words, this analysis estimates the cost of replacing the *services* provided by the Quartz Creek watershed, not the physical replacement of the natural assets themselves. This distinction is critical given the unique role the watershed plays as living infrastructure. Cost estimates represent the most feasible engineered analogues to replicate service provision (e.g. bulk water delivery, built storage), not ecological restoration. Specifically, this section focuses on the engineered alternatives for two essential hydrologic services currently provided by the watershed: (1) the delivery of drinking water and (2) the storage and regulation of water by forest cover. For each, realistic substitutes are identified — bulk-water trucking and engineered storage tanks — and the costs of delivering comparable service levels using built infrastructure are estimated.[2]

5.1 Replacement of Drinking-Water Supply via Bulk-Water Trucking

Quartz Creek provides approximately 26,625 m^3 per year of treated drinking water — an average of 73 m^3 per day — to 108 residential connections in the community of Ymir. According to the *Emergency Preparedness and Response Plan for the Quartz Creek Community Watershed*, no readily available alternate water source currently exists. In the event of a watershed failure that disrupts water quality or quantity (e.g., from wildfire or slope destabilization), emergency water would need to be transported into the community via bottled water, portable tanks, or bulk-water tankers until the original source is restored. Under these conditions, the only feasible near-term replacement is the delivery of bulk potable water by truck.

Replacing the watershed's supply function would require establishing a reliable bulk-water hauling system supported by certified infrastructure. This includes:

- A dedicated potable-water fill station, ideally located in Salmo or Nelson, with pumping, storage, and certification by Interior Health.

[2] The costs presented in this section represent conservative (lower-bound) estimates and do not reflect contingency, emergency surge premiums, or future inflation. Actual costs during drought or wildfire emergencies may be significantly higher.

- Access to a commercial fleet of potable-water trucks and certified operators, with minimum capacity to complete at least four 20 m^3 round trips per day to meet daily demand.
- An operational plan ensuring water quality standards, regulatory compliance, and emergency logistics capacity during peak season or wildfire events.

While the trucking approach is technically feasible, it presents significant logistical, financial, and strategic challenges. Nearby fill stations in Salmo and Nelson offer the most accessible options, but certified commercial haulers are located in distant communities such as Cranbrook, Vernon, and Golden. Moreover, regional capacity for bulk potable-water hauling is limited, particularly during drought or wildfire emergencies when multiple communities may be drawing on the same services (Janzen et al. 2022).

Bulk water could potentially be sourced from nearby systems such as Nelson or Salmo and transported by truck to Ymir. This approach assumes that these systems have surplus capacity; however, Salmo's system is already constrained, and Nelson's supply depends on seasonal sources, meaning water availability during drought or wildfire events is uncertain. Other potential source communities are located farther away, which would increase trucking distances and costs. For this reason, the estimates presented here should be considered lower-bound cost scenarios.

Bulk-water rates vary across BC. Table 55-1 summarizes published rates from municipal fill stations as of May 2024. The mean fill-station water price is approximately $3.50 per m^3, which has been used in this assessment.

Table 55-1. Bulk Potable Water Rates from Fill Stations in Select British Columbian Communities (2024 CAD).

Community	Price ($/$m^3$)	Use	Source (Accessed May 2024)
West Kelowna	$1.57	General	Bulk Water Station - City of West Kelowna
Maple Ridge	$1.70	General	Bulk Fill Water Stations | Maple Ridge, BC
Golden	$3.56	General	Bulk Water | Town of Golden
Houston	$8.00	Commercial & industrial	Bulk Water and Wastewater Station
Houston	$2.00	Residential	Bulk Water and Wastewater Station
Dawson Creek	$4.54	Domestic	Water Sales - City of Dawson Creek
Kamloops	$3.12	General	Bulk Water Supply | City of Kamloops
Mean	**$3.50**		

Table 5-2 summarizes the replacement cost of Quartz Creek's supply function using bulk-water hauling under 2024 cost assumptions, including trucking costs (per m^3), bulk-water purchase fees, and amortized fill-station costs.

Table 55-2. Annual Cost of Bulk-Water Trucking to Replace Drinking-Water Supply (*based on 26,625 m^3 annual demand; all values in 2024 CAD)*.

Source Location	Bulk Water Fee ($/$m^3$)	Trucking Cost ($/$m^3$)	Annual Delivery Cost	Fill Station (Amortized)	Total Annual Cost	Annual Cost per Connection
Salmo	$3.50	$7.44	$291,150	$12,000	$303,150	$2,808
Nelson	$3.50	$18.60	$588,750	$12,000	$600,750	$5,559

- Bulk-water fee reflects the average bulk water fill rates for municipal potable water from a selection of BC communities (see Table 5-2).
- Trucking costs are based on a cost model developed by Janzen et al. (2022), escalated to 2024 CAD using BCPI and diesel fuel index adjustments.
- Fill station costs assume a capital investment of $230,000–$350,000, amortized at $7,000 per year over a 50-year life, with $5,000 annual operations and maintenance. The cost to build a new filling station in Salmo or Nelson is informed by recent experience in the Capital Regional District (CRD 2024).

While the Salmo route offers a more cost-effective option, both scenarios result in annual system-wide costs exceeding $300,000 to $600,000, or $2,800 to $5,600 per connection. These costs do not include contingencies or environmental risk premiums.

Summary and Implications

- Bulk-water trucking is technically feasible but logistically complex, regionally constrained, and cost-prohibitive as a sustained water supply strategy.
- The high cost per connection and lack of delivery redundancy make this option suitable only as a short-term emergency measure, not a permanent replacement.
- This reinforces the economic and strategic value of maintaining the integrity of the Quartz Creek Community Watershed, which provides continuous, gravity-fed, and treatment-compatible water without the need for hauling, emissions, or third-party supply dependencies.

5.2 Replacement of Water Storage via Engineered Tanks

In addition to supplying potable water, the intact forest cover of the Quartz Creek Community Watershed provides a vital natural water storage function. Through canopy interception, forest soils, and sub-surface flow regulation, the watershed retains and gradually releases water, ensuring more stable base flows throughout the year.

Forest-mediated storage is not a static volume like a reservoir. Rather, it acts as a distributed, seasonal sponge, holding back and slowly releasing snowmelt and precipitation over time. The actual annual storage service capacity of the watershed is unknown. However, in the absence of this

natural buffering function, Ymir could require up to 26,625 m^3 of built storage (the equivalent of its annual water demand) as a theoretical maximum to maintain consistent year-round supply.

If forest cover were substantially lost or degraded, due to wildfire, disease, or clearcutting, this storage function could be significantly impaired, leading to increased flow variability, sedimentation, and potential shortages during low-flow periods. In this case, the only feasible engineered replacement would be to construct sufficient above-ground storage tanks to compensate for the loss of natural retention and flow regulation.

Ymir's current 617 m^3 storage tank, installed in 2018, serves as a useful cost benchmark (RDCK 2023). It was valued at $800,946 in 2024 CAD from the Ymir system's asset management plan. This implies a capital cost of $1,298 per m^3 of capacity. Assuming a conservative 55-year lifespan, the amortized replacement cost is $23.60 per m^3 per year.

This unit cost can be used to estimate the financial implications of constructing engineered tanks to replace different fractions of the watershed's storage function; up to a maximum of 26,625 m^3, equivalent to Ymir's annual demand (Table 5-3).

Table 55-3. Estimated Replacement Cost of Forest-Mediated Water Storage (*all values in 2024 CAD)*.

Storage Replacement Scenario	Volume Replaced (m^3)	Capital Cost	Annualized Cost	Cost per Connection (Annual)
Full replacement	26,625	$34,569,750	$610,373	$5,651
25% replacement	6,656	$8,642,437	$157,084	$1,454
5% replacement	1,331	$1,728,487	$31,730	$294

These estimates assume immediate construction of tanks to offset lost storage function. They do not include additional costs such as land acquisition, permitting, geotechnical site preparation, or operations and maintenance. Nor do they account for the co-benefits of natural forest storage, including filtration, habitat connectivity, and fire-risk mitigation, which cannot be replicated by built infrastructure.

Summary and Implications

- The forested watershed provides a distributed, passive storage system that requires no external energy, maintenance, or infrastructure investment.
- Replacing even a small fraction of this natural storage capacity with engineered tanks would result in substantial capital and annual costs, ranging from $6,000 to over $600,000 per year, depending on the scale of function loss.
- Theoretical storage needs could reach 26,625 m^3 (equivalent to Ymir's annual demand) if forest-mediated regulation were completely lost.

- These findings underscore the high economic value of forest integrity in the watershed and the importance of investing in forest protection, monitoring, and post-disturbance recovery strategies.

5.3 Consideration of Other Alternatives

In the event of a major service disruption in the Quartz Creek Community Watershed, alternative water sources beyond bulk-water trucking were also considered. These options are constrained by geography, infrastructure requirements, regulatory complexity, and system limitations. While some may serve as medium- to long-term solutions with significant investment, none currently offer a reliable or cost-effective substitute for the watershed's existing function. Options include:

1. **Connection to Salmo's water system**. Salmo is the nearest community with an established municipal water supply. However, its system has known capacity constraints and no confirmed surplus to support emergency exports to Ymir. It is not realistic to think that Salmo will have sufficient supply to support the community of Ymir. In addition, a connection would require construction of a pressurized main across very difficult terrain, along with costly upgrades to Salmo's treatment and storage infrastructure. The regulatory feasibility of this alternative is uncertain if not insurmountable. Given these substantial barriers, this option is not economically viable or technically feasible.
2. **Connection to other regional systems**. Beyond Salmo, the most prominent regional system is Nelson's. However, Nelson is approximately 30 km away and located at a significantly higher elevation. Interconnection would require new long-distance transmission infrastructure, pump stations, and storage facilities. Nelson's supply is also reliant on high-elevation, snow-fed creeks and may not have surplus capacity during low-flow periods. No formal agreements or infrastructure plans currently support such a connection.

3. **Development of a new surface water source**. Several alternative watersheds (Porcupine, Stewart, Oscar, and Ymir Creeks) were noted as potential alternative surface water sources for Ymir. However, none of these systems currently supply drinking water and would require full source development from the ground up. This includes hydrologic studies, a watershed assessment, and the design and construction of new intakes, treatment facilities, and storage infrastructure. Given the mountainous terrain, land ownership, and environmental permitting requirements, this approach would be expensive, slow, and technically complex.

4. **Development of a new groundwater source**. The most feasible long-term alternative is the development of a groundwater supply, specifically from Aquifer #0493 – the Salmo River Bedrock Aquifer. This aquifer lies beneath the Salmo River valley and extends beneath the Ymir townsite, making it geographically accessible and potentially suitable for community-scale use. Preliminary mapping identifies it as a bedrock aquifer with moderate productivity. However, to confirm viability, the community would require detailed hydrogeological studies, pump testing, and long-term monitoring to assess sustainable yields. If flow volumes prove adequate, this option offers key advantages: lower exposure to surface contamination, greater source protection potential, and proximity to existing distribution infrastructure. Despite its promise, uncertainty around flow volumes remains a critical limitation. Infrastructure investment would be required to construct wellheads, treatment systems, and

system connections. More realistically, this option could serve as a partial redundancy to offset risk and supplement Quartz Creek during times of disturbance. This potential role is noted as a future management consideration in Section 7.

All alternatives described above would require major capital investment, extended permitting timelines, and long-term infrastructure development. None are immediately deployable, and none guarantee adequate supply during periods of peak demand or climate-driven stress. In contrast, bulk-water trucking, while costly and logistically challenging, is the only immediately accessible solution. This reinforces the importance of maintaining the integrity and resilience of the existing watershed.

5.4 Replacement Cost Summary

This replacement cost assessment highlights the substantial financial value of the hydrologic services provided by the intact Quartz Creek Community Watershed. If these services were lost or impaired, whether by wildfire, land-use change, or other disturbance, the only viable substitutes would be costly, engineered interventions. These include bulk-water hauling to replace the drinking-water supply and above-ground tanks to replicate forest-mediated storage.

The findings are clear:

1. **The natural watershed is the least-cost, most reliable service provider.** Replacing Quartz Creek's drinking-water supply through bulk hauling would cost between **$303,000 and $601,000 annually**, or **$2,800–$5,600 per connection**. These figures are conservative and exclude costs associated with delivery failures or long-term inflation risks.

2. **Built storage is prohibitively expensive at scale.** Replacing even 25% of forest-mediated storage would require more than $8.6 million in tank infrastructure, with annualized costs exceeding $157,000. A full replacement of up to 26,625 m^3 (the theoretical maximum equivalent to Ymir's annual demand) would cost **over $34.5 million** to build, with more than **$610,000 in annualized costs**.

3. **Engineered replacements are not like-for-like.** Tanks and trucks replicate only volume, not the full ecological, hydrologic, or quality-regulating benefits of an intact watershed. Natural storage also provides fire-risk mitigation, sediment control, and long-term flow stabilization; services that built infrastructure cannot easily match.

4. **Investing in watershed health is fiscally prudent.** Proactive protection, forest stewardship, and post-disturbance recovery offer a far more cost-effective and resilient strategy. These actions safeguard long-term service delivery and reduce the financial risks of emergency replacements or service disruption.

By framing natural functions in terms of replacement cost, this analysis equips decision-makers with a tangible, infrastructure-based comparison. It underscores the critical insight that natural assets are service assets and that maintaining their integrity is a financially sound, risk-informed, and operationally reliable approach to long-term water management.

6. Risk Assessment

This chapter presents the risk assessment for the Quartz Creek Community Watershed, a 588-hectare, predominantly forested sub-basin that provides the sole source of drinking water to the nearby community of Ymir. As demonstrated in Section 4, the watershed is currently in a near-pristine state and functions as a living infrastructure system, providing essential ecosystem services including water storage, filtration, flow regulation, and quality protection. These natural services are essential to Ymir's high-quality and reliable water delivery.

The risk assessment is designed to evaluate two interrelated dimensions:

1. **Risks to the natural assets** that comprise the source watershed, particularly the forest, soils, and hydrologic features.
2. **Risks to the provision of drinking water** at the point of intake, with a specific focus on hazards that originate from or directly affect the watershed's condition and function.

This dual lens recognizes that damage or degradation of natural assets can directly reduce the quality, quantity, or reliability of drinking water. However, some risks may affect drinking water availability or quality without directly harming the natural asset base (e.g., shifts in snowmelt timing due to climate change). Importantly, this risk assessment excludes risks associated with built infrastructure (e.g., treatment facilities, pipes) and focuses strictly on the watershed and its functions up to the intake point.

A critical contextual factor underpinning this assessment is the absence of feasible alternative water sources (see Section 5). Given this reality, the integrity and functionality of these natural assets are paramount to ensuring reliable, safe drinking water provision. Any degradation or disruption to the watershed's natural systems directly translates to potential impacts on water security for the entire community.

Table 6-1 summarizes the identified hazards to the watershed and drinking water service, including their descriptions and relevance.

Table 66-1. Overview of identified hazards to the Quartz Creek Community Watershed.

Hazard	Description	Compounding Factors	Primary Relevance
Wildfire	Catastrophic loss of forest cover leading to reduced water storage capacity, increased erosion, creation of hydrophobic soils, and potential water quality degradation from ash and debris	Compounded by drought conditions, climate change patterns, and inappropriate forest management practices	Natural Assets
Drought	Extended periods of reduced precipitation resulting in diminished water storage, reduced groundwater recharge, and potential ecosystem stress	Compounded by climate change, increased consumption, and seasonal variations; may increase wildfire risk	Drinking Water Provision
Erosion	Surface soil loss and sediment delivery from disturbed slopes or bare soils	Vegetation loss, spring snowmelt, unmanaged runoff	Both
Landslides	Mass wasting events that alter channels, increase sediment load, and block or redirect flow	Significantly compounded by loss of forest cover (particularly from wildfire), steep terrain, and extreme precipitation events	Both
Forest Pest Outbreaks	Large-scale insect infestations (e.g., mountain pine beetle) causing widespread tree mortality and altering forest composition and hydrological function	Compounded by climate change creating favorable conditions for pest survival and reproduction, and by forest monocultures	Natural Assets
Commercial Logging	Commercial logging activities resulting in immediate loss of forest cover and disruption to natural hydrological processes	May compound wildfire and erosion risks by removing protective vegetation and altering local microclimates	Natural Assets
Forest Logging Roads	Construction and maintenance of logging access roads leading to habitat fragmentation, altered drainage patterns, and potential contamination sources	May compound erosion risks and provide vectors for inappropriate use and contamination	Natural Assets
Acid Rock Drainage	Presence of geological formations that may leach minerals or metals (e.g., acid rock drainage) into the water supply	May be compounded by changes in groundwater flow patterns, increased residence time during drought, or disturbance from development activities	Drinking Water Provision
Mining	Exploration or development could disturb sulfide-bearing rock or expose water to toxic materials	Lack of treatment infrastructure, sensitive intake location	Both
Climate Change - Precipitation Patterns	Altered timing, intensity, and distribution of rainfall affecting watershed recharge and seasonal water availability	Compounds drought, wildfire, and pest outbreak risks while potentially intensifying extreme weather events	Both

Hazard	Description	Compounding Factors	Primary Relevance
Climate Change - Snowpack Dynamics	Changes in snowmelt timing and rates affecting seasonal water storage and release patterns	Compounded by temperature increases and altered precipitation patterns, potentially leading to earlier spring peaks and summer water shortages	Drinking Water Provision
Seasonal Water Volume Variations	Natural fluctuations in water availability throughout the year creating periods of potential shortage or excess	Compounded by climate change, increased consumption, and altered snowpack dynamics	Drinking Water Provision
Recreation and Non-Sanction Uses	Sanctioned and non-sanctioned uses such as dumping, camping, and trail use could introduce contaminants and disturb ecosystems.	May be compounded by increased access from road development and lack of enforcement or monitoring	Both

6.1 Risk Approach

This natural asset risk assessment focuses on how the hazards may affect the health of the watershed and, by extension, the community's ability to rely on it for a consistent supply of clean drinking water. For each hazard, a risk score was developed using two considerations:

1. **Likelihood** — the expected probability of the hazard occurring within a relevant planning horizon.
2. **Consequence** — the severity of impact of the hazard on the watershed's ecological function or its capacity to provide clean drinking water if the hazard occurs.

To establish scores, a structured and transparent approach was employed that integrates:

- Local knowledge of watershed conditions and management history
- Empirical evidence from peer-reviewed literature and regional studies
- Historical precedents, where applicable
- Judgment of potential consequences based on expert review and precautionary principles

The scores were applied considering the Quartz Creek system's unique sensitivity as a small, snowmelt-dominated, high-elevation catchment with no feasible alternate drinking water sources, and no infrastructure for treating chemical or heavy metal contamination.

6.1.1 Framework Alignment

The framework used in this assessment is aligned with the Source Water Protection risk assessment approach outlined in the *Source to Tap Assessment Guide* (STTAG) (BC Ministry of Health et al., 2016). It also reflects principles from the BC Ministry of Environment's environmental risk characterization guidance and Interior Health's Drinking Water Source Assessment protocols.

The tables and terminology used in this report have been adapted to:

1. Reflect the broader ecosystem services context of natural asset management
2. Strengthen the emphasis on long-term service reliability
3. Improve accessibility for integration into land use, watershed, and climate planning processes

6.1.2 Risk Rating Definitions

Likelihood reflects how probable it is that the hazard will occur over the planning horizon. Table 6-2 contains likelihood rating and definitions.

Table 66-2. Likelihood scoring definitions.

Rating	Definition	Indicators
Rare	Highly unlikely; may occur in extreme or unprecedented conditions.	No recent occurrences; low climate projection alignment.
Unlikely	Possible but not expected within planning horizon.	Isolated cases in similar watersheds.
Moderate	Occurs occasionally; could plausibly happen in the next 10–20 years.	Past examples, moderate trend indicators.
Likely	Expected to occur intermittently or in certain conditions.	Recurring regional events; supported by projections.
High	Very likely to occur within planning horizon.	Strong historical precedent or consistent upward trend.

Consequence reflects the level of disruption or harm that would occur if the hazard materialized. Table 6-3 contains definitions and ratings for consequences.

Table 66-3. Consequence scoring definitions.

Rating	Definition	Indicators
Minor	Low or negligible impact on service or ecosystem. No disruption.	Temporary or small-scale ecological disturbance.
Moderate	Noticeable but manageable disruption. Temporary loss of service or decline in asset condition.	Short-term degradation, but recoverable.
High	Serious damage to natural asset or long-term disruption to service.	Requires intervention; significant user impacts.
Very High	Irreversible or systemic damage. Prolonged or complete loss of function.	Threat to water supply security, ecological collapse.

Table 6-4 demonstrates how likelihood and consequence ratings are combined to establish an overall risk score. No weighting is assigned to the likelihood or consequence scores implying equal weighting for both when the scores are combined into an overall risk score.

Table 66-4. Risk scores associated with combined likelihood and consequence ratings.

Likelihood ↓ / Consequence →	Minor	Moderate	High	Very High
Rare	Low	Low	Med	High
Unlikely	Low	Med	Med	High
Moderate	Low	Med	High	Very High
Likely	Med	High	High	Very High
High	Med	High	Very High	Very High

Table 6-5 provides information on how to interpret the risk scores by summarizing the typical response associated with each risk rating.

Table 66-5. Response guidance by risk score.

Score	Response Guidance
Low	Monitor, minimal action required unless conditions change.
Medium	Incorporate into ongoing planning and preparedness efforts.
High	Prioritize for proactive management and mitigation planning.
Very High / Extreme	Immediate planning action required. May warrant emergency preparedness or long-term adaptation measures.

6.1.3 Precautionary Lens

This risk assessment applies a precautionary lens due to the critical importance of the watershed as the sole source for drinking water for the community of Ymir. Where uncertainty exists, particularly for emerging or poorly quantified hazards, risk ratings prioritize consequence over probability, recognizing that the community has limited capacity to mitigate large-scale failures or secure alternate supply in the event of system failure (e.g. contamination or loss of flow).

6.2 Risk Assessment Results

6.2.1 Wildfire

Wildfire poses a severe risk to the ecological and hydrological integrity of the watershed. High-severity wildfires can remove the forest canopy, combust organic soil layers, and leave behind hydrophobic soils that repel water, resulting in increased surface runoff, peak flows, and sediment transport (Moody & Martin, 2001). These changes degrade the forest's ability to store and slowly release water, reducing the watershed's natural regulation of water quantity and timing.

The Ymir *Fire Protection Area Community Wildfire Protection Plan* (B.A. Blackwell & Associates Ltd. 2008) identifies the general area as having "high to extreme probability" and "moderate to high consequence" for wildfire, especially in and near developed areas. The plan noted over 270 fire events between 1950 and 2005, with 64% caused by lightning, confirming that ignition risk is not solely anthropogenic and will likely persist or increase under climate change. Although most past fires have been small (<4 ha), the trend toward larger, more severe events is well documented

provincially and nationally. Figure 6-1 demonstrates the fire history for the area in and around the Quartz Creek Community Watershed.

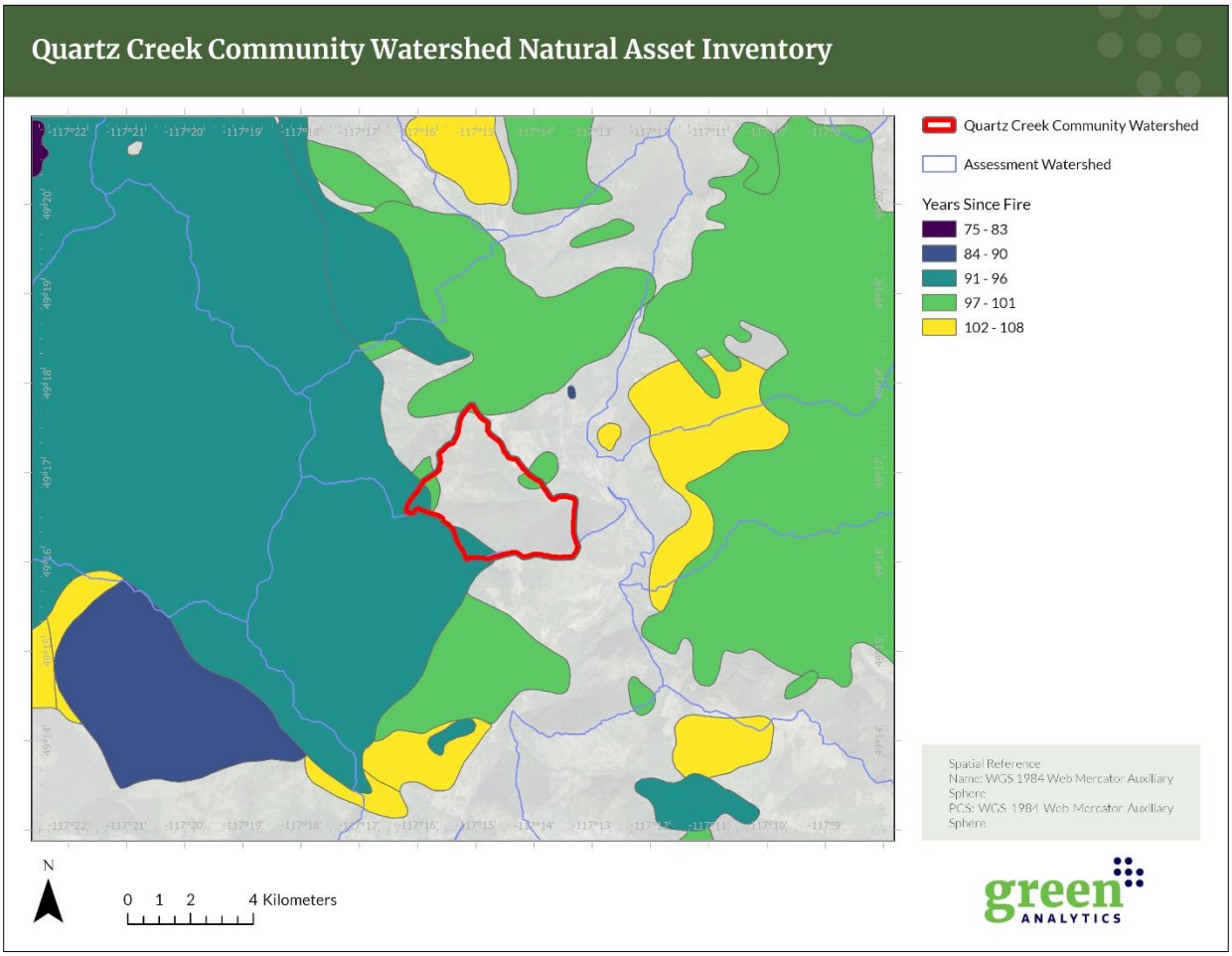


Figure 66-1. Fire history in and around the Quartz Creek Community Watershed.

The *Community Wildfire Protection Plan* explicitly states that Ymir's water supply is vulnerable to watershed disturbance, and that a large fire could cause severe infrastructure damage and contamination of water sources, especially if slope stability is compromised.

Post-fire conditions often result in long-term declines in water quality, including elevated turbidity, ash, nutrients, and heavy metals, with water treatment systems frequently overwhelmed by sediment and contaminant pulses (Silins et al., 2009; Emelko et al., 2011). In burned watersheds, revegetation may take decades, and in severe cases, ecosystem recovery may be incomplete or lead to permanent shifts in vegetation and hydrologic function.

Likelihood Rating: High

The likelihood of a significant wildfire affecting the watershed is high, based on local fire history, high-risk fuel types, and increasing climatic volatility.

Justification:

- The *Community Wildfire Protection Plan* maps Ymir as high to extreme in fire probability.
- Provincial wildfire data and recent trend analyzes indicate an increase in fire frequency and severity over the past two decades in the southern interior of BC (e.g., Jordan et al., 2015; Silins et al., 2009).
- Lightning-caused ignitions are common and beyond human control.
- Regional climate trends suggest longer, drier fire seasons.
- Lack of large-scale recent burns suggests fuel accumulation is significant.
- C2/C3/C4 fuels dominate the landscape surrounding Ymir and are priority targets for treatment.

Consequence Rating: Very High

The consequence of wildfire to the watershed's natural assets and their ability to support drinking water services is very high, due to both ecological degradation and service disruption.

Justification:

- Ymir's *Community Wildfire Protection Plan* confirms the water supply is highly vulnerable to wildfire disturbance.
- Post-fire effects (e.g., erosion, turbidity, water contamination) would significantly impair water quality.
- Given no alternative water source, even temporary impairment is critical.
- Recovery from high-severity wildfire can take decades or longer and may not fully restore original function.

Risk Score: Very High (High Likelihood × Very High Consequence)

6.2.2 Drought

Drought is a significant and growing threat to the reliability of drinking water services in small, forested, snowmelt-dependent watersheds like the one serving Ymir. The absence of an alternative water source elevates the importance of drought resilience.

In BC, droughts have become more frequent and severe, particularly in the southern Interior. According to the BC Drought Information Portal (BC Ministry of Water, Land, and Resource Stewardship 2025), much of the West Kootenay region has faced Level 3 or higher drought conditions in recent summers, including Level 4 and 5 (extreme drought) declarations affecting water licensing, agricultural activity, and fish habitat. These trends are projected to intensify with climate change, as spring snowmelt occurs earlier and summer precipitation declines.

For small communities relying on natural watersheds, drought can lead to:

- Critically low summer base flows, particularly in late July through September.

- Higher concentration of contaminants (e.g., naturally occurring metals) due to reduced dilution.
- Increased stress on vegetation and forest health, which in turn raises fire and pest risks.

Climate models for the Columbia Basin project reduced summer flows, earlier peak runoff, and increased year-to-year variability in streamflow (PCIC 2020). Quartz Creek, while relatively intact, is likely vulnerable to these trends due to its small size (588 ha) and dependency on snowpack for sustained flows. Section 9.2 of Appendix A further documents climate related impacts for the region.

While the 2008 Community Wildfire Protection Plan for the Ymir Fire Protection Area does not specifically address drought, its emphasis on climate-exacerbated wildfire risk and the vulnerability of the water supply highlights the compounding impact of hot, dry summers.

Likelihood Rating: Likely

The likelihood of experiencing seasonal or multi-year drought conditions is likely and increasing.

Justification:

- Historical drought levels in the region have reached Levels 4–5 under the BC Drought Response Plan.
- Climate projections show earlier snowmelt, reduced summer rainfall, and higher evapotranspiration rates.
- Small watersheds can be more sensitive to precipitation anomalies.

Consequence Rating: High

Consequences to drinking water provision are high, particularly because the watershed is the sole source of water for the community.

Justification:

- Sustained low flows could compromise water quantity and pressure, especially during peak demand.
- Reduced dilution during low flows could increase the risk of naturally occurring contaminant concentrations (e.g., acid rock drainage).
- Water treatment capacity may be affected if intake levels drop or turbidity increases due to drought-induced erosion.

Risk Score: High (Likely Likelihood × High Consequence)

6.2.3 Erosion

Erosion is a persistent hazard in steep forested watersheds, particularly where vegetation is disturbed or removed. In the Quartz Creek Community Watershed, surface erosion could increase sediment delivery to streams, raise turbidity at the intake, and degrade the watershed's filtration and

flow regulation functions. These effects are most acute during spring snowmelt and storm events, when peak flows can mobilize soil and debris.

The location of Ymir's water treatment infrastructure adds sensitivity to this hazard. The intake sits on an alluvial fan classified with a 'G' rating under the RDCK Floodplain Management bylaw, indicating that it has been mapped by air photo but lacks surveyed limits (E. Senyk, RDCK, pers. comm., 2025). This fan is geomorphically active and prone to sudden sediment deposition during runoff events, increasing the intake's vulnerability to surface erosion. This designation reflects both geomorphic activity and data uncertainty. In practice, this means that the erosion risk may be higher than currently quantified.

Forest cover plays a critical role in erosion control by stabilizing soils and intercepting rainfall. Logging, wildfire, pest outbreaks, or road construction can remove this protection and expose mineral soils, especially on steep slopes. These disturbances increase the risk of chronic surface erosion, rill and gully formation, and sediment-laden overland flow.

Given the limited treatment capacity of Ymir's system and uncertainty around its ability to effectively filter fine sediments or turbidity, even moderate erosion events could impair drinking water services temporarily or require intake shutdown.

Likelihood Rating: Moderate

The likelihood of damaging erosion affecting the intake area is currently rated as moderate but could rise significantly if forest cover is lost or altered.

Justification:

- The watershed is currently intact, with stable soils and no active disturbance.
- The 'G' classification of the alluvial fan suggests a geomorphically active area, but without defined recurrence interval.
- Forest loss due to wildfire or logging could sharply increase sediment yield and debris flow risk.
- Post-fire erosion is well documented in comparable BC watersheds.

Consequence Rating: Moderate

Consequences to drinking water provision are moderate, especially given the intake's location on an alluvial fan, the limited capacity of the existing filtration infrastructure, and the absence of backup supply.

Justification:

- Fine sediment can clog intakes and exceed turbidity thresholds for safe drinking water.
- Intake shutdowns would disrupt service to the entire community.
- Geotechnical or hydrological remediation of an active fan is complex and costly.

Risk Score: Medium (Moderate Likelihood × Moderate Consequence)

6.2.4 Landslide

Landslides pose a distinct and serious hazard in steep, forested headwater catchments like Quartz Creek. These events can occur suddenly and with high energy, transporting large volumes of soil, rock, and organic debris downslope. When they intersect watercourses or intakes, landslides can significantly disrupt both watershed function and drinking water services.

In southern interior BC, landslides have damaged both ecological systems and drinking water infrastructure, with turbidity and sediment loading among the most common impacts. In extreme cases, landslides can physically damage or block intakes, contaminate water supplies with fine sediments and nutrients, and alter hydrologic pathways permanently (Jakob & Weatherly, 2003; Jordan & Martin, 2004).

The *Ymir Fire Protection Area Community Wildfire Protection Plan* (B.A. Blackwell & Associates Ltd. 2008) notes that wildfire in this area would likely trigger slope instability, especially where steep slopes intersect high fuel load areas. The Community Wildfire Protection Plan also emphasizes that post-fire erosion risk must be considered in rehabilitation planning, especially for watershed protection. In this region, large storms and rain-on-snow events can rapidly mobilize material—especially where forest removal has exposed mineral soils or hydrophobic layers.

The consequences of a mass wasting event in this watershed could include:

- Complete or partial blockage of the intake.
- Long-term elevation in turbidity, nutrients, or metal concentrations.
- Physical redirection of channels or destruction of riparian zones.
- Emergency water service interruptions and expensive mitigation or restoration efforts.

Likelihood Rating: Unlikely

Landslides are not frequent in the current undisturbed state of the watershed, but the potential increases significantly with fire, vegetation loss, or road development.

Justification:

- The terrain is steep and known to be susceptible to slope failures.
- Climate models project more intense precipitation and rapid melt events.
- Post-fire landslides are well documented in similar BC watersheds.

Consequence Rating: High

The consequences are high for both natural assets and drinking water, particularly due to the lack of redundancy in supply and the potential for long-term ecological degradation.

Justification:

- Intakes could be blocked or buried, causing service outages.
- Channel structure and flow patterns may be permanently altered.

- Cleanup and restoration are technically complex and expensive.

Risk Score: High (Unlikely Likelihood × High Consequence)

6.2.5 Forest Pest and Disease Outbreaks

Forest pest outbreaks pose a chronic and escalating risk to the natural integrity of the Quartz Creek Community Watershed. Insect infestations can cause widespread canopy loss, tree mortality, and fuel accumulation, reducing forest ecosystem functions related to water retention, snow interception, transpiration, and slope stability.

In southern interior BC, mountain pine beetle (MPB) has affected millions of hectares over the past two decades, and while the most extreme outbreaks peaked in the early 2000s, localized infestations remain a concern. Existing data shows the historical pattern of forest pest outbreaks across the Quartz Creek Community Watershed (Figure 6-2).

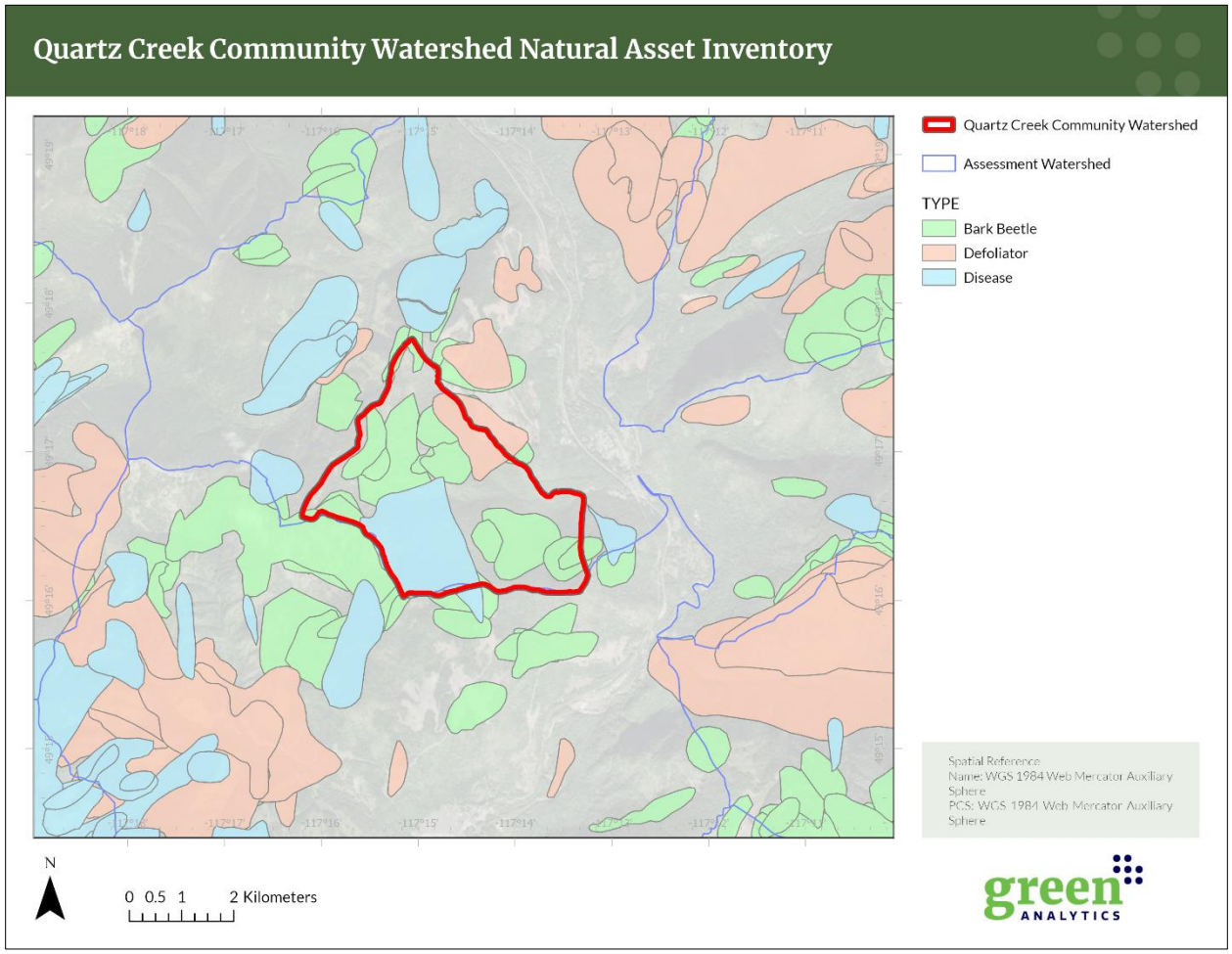


Figure 66-2. Location and extent of pests and disease impacts in and around the Quartz Creek Community Watershed within the last 20 years.

Kurz et al. (2008) show that climate change can facilitate pest expansion by:

- Shortening overwinter mortality periods.

- Increasing outbreak frequency.
- Enabling range expansion into higher elevations.

When pest outbreaks reach a threshold of stand-level mortality, key ecosystem service impacts include:

- Increased peak flows from snowmelt due to loss of canopy interception.
- Higher soil moisture and runoff in the short term, followed by reduced infiltration capacity.
- Elevated erosion and sediment risks as dead root systems decay and destabilize slopes.
- Increased wildfire risk, particularly when dead trees are left standing for years.

Studies from BC have shown that MPB-affected watersheds exhibit altered hydrology for up to 15 years post-outbreak (e.g., Winkler et al., 2010), including earlier snowmelt and increased water yield. While these changes may seem beneficial from a quantity perspective, they increase the risk of flood pulses, reduce late-summer baseflow, and elevate the risk of slope failure and sediment delivery.

The *Ymir Fire Protection Area Community Wildfire Protection Plan* (B.A. Blackwell & Associates Ltd. 2008) identifies pest-susceptible stands and recommends selective removal of beetle-prone species as part of wildfire mitigation, confirming that forest pests are a concern in this watershed's fire and fuel dynamics. Although pest outbreaks may not immediately impair water quality, they can significantly weaken the natural resilience of the forest to other risks (fire, erosion, drought) and reduce its long-term water regulation functions.

Likelihood Rating: Moderate

The risk of localized pest outbreaks is moderate given current climate trends and forest composition.

Justification:

- Regional data shows recurring pest cycles in southern interior BC forests (BC Ministry of Forests, Lands and Natural Resource Operations 2012).
- Climate projections suggest that warming winters will continue to support beetle persistence.

Consequence Rating: Moderate to High

Consequences to natural assets are moderate to high, depending on scale and duration of the outbreak, and should be interpreted in the context of cumulative risk pathways. This rating reflects both the direct impacts of pest outbreaks and their role in amplifying other hazards. Widespread tree mortality weakens the forest's ability to buffer snowmelt, reduce runoff, and stabilize soils—functions that are critical in a small, single-source watershed like Quartz Creek. Pest-killed stands also increase vulnerability to wildfire, erosion, and slope failure, intensifying cumulative risks to water quality and watershed health.

Justification:

- Significant loss of forest canopy and evapotranspiration function can alter watershed hydrology.
- Pest-killed trees lead to increased fuel loads, erosion susceptibility, and fire risk.
- Long-term ecological consequences (e.g., shift in species composition, habitat degradation) are possible.
- Impacts to drinking water are indirect but could be significant due to cumulative effects.

Risk Score: Moderate to High (Moderate Likelihood × Moderate to High Consequence)

6.2.6 Commercial Logging

Commercial logging — particularly clear-cutting in snowmelt-dominated headwater catchments like the Quartz Creek Community Watershed — has well-documented impacts on both water quantity and quality, though effects vary based on harvest extent, location, and mitigation practices. Figure 6-3 shows all known historical logging in the area surrounding Quartz Creek Community Watershed.

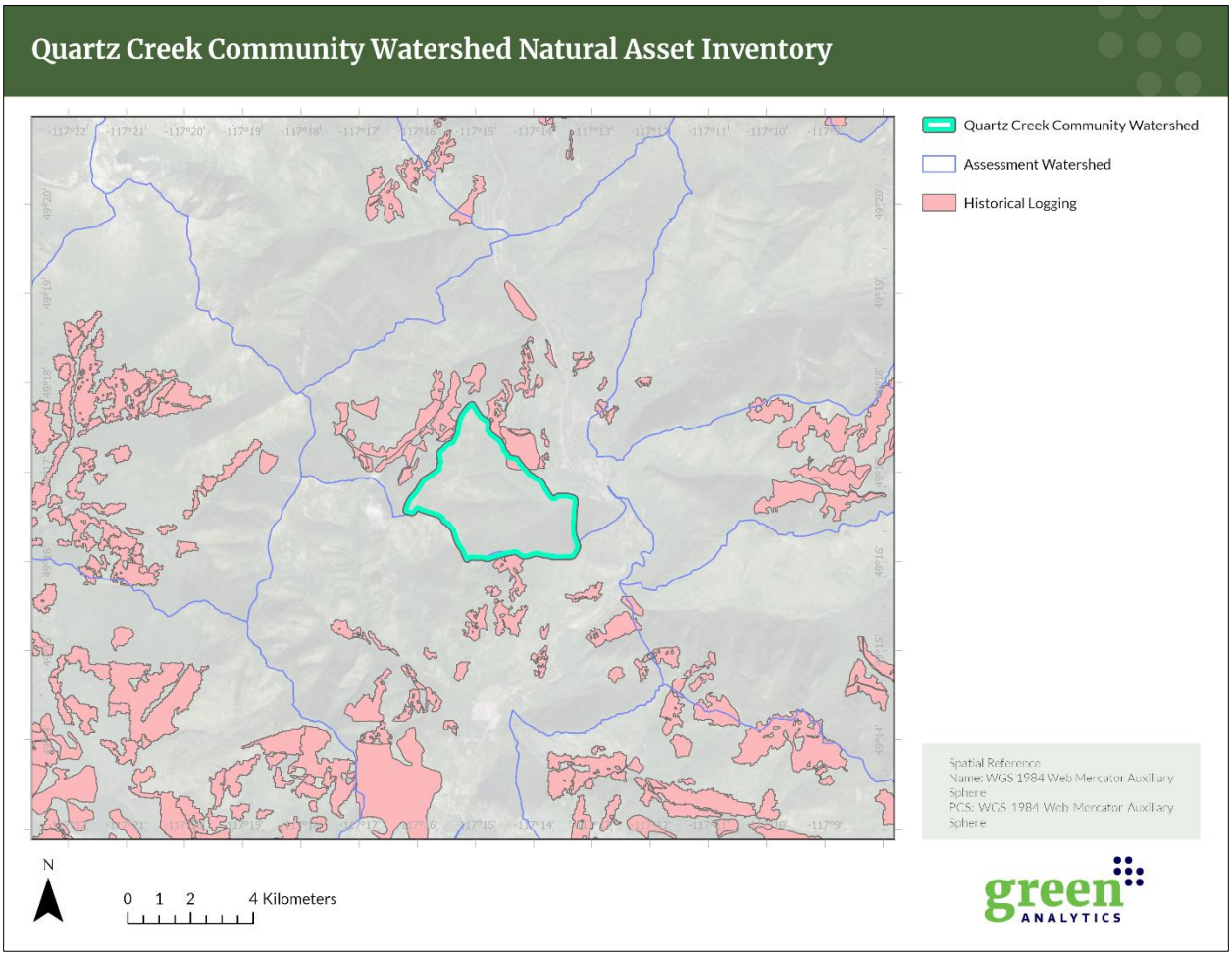


Figure 66-3. Logging areas around Quartz Creek Community Watershed in last 20 years.

Water Quantity Impacts

Clearcutting has been shown to reduce canopy interception and transpiration, which increases snow accumulation and accelerates melt, leading to (Winkler et al., 2021; Whitaker et al., 2002; Gronsdahl et al., 2019):

- Advanced timing of spring peak flows.
- Increased peak flow magnitude.
- Reduced late-summer low flows, especially when harvest exceeds 50% of the watershed area.

Simulations in Redfish Creek and studies at Upper Penticton Creek (watersheds similar in size and elevation to Quartz Creek) show peak flow increases of up to 22% with only 22% of the basin harvested (Whitaker et al., 2002). With 50% clearcutting, 100-year floods became 5–6.7 times more frequent and significantly advanced the timing of snowmelt-generated high flows and decreased late-summer low flows (Winkler et al., 2021). Similarly, Gronsdahl et al. (2019) show that as extent of logging increased to approximately 50% of the catchment area, reductions in daily summertime low flows became more significant, and seasonal low-flow yields were significantly lower.

The magnitude of change in streamflow depends on factors such as the annual precipitation, precipitation in years following cutting, the rate of revegetation, the percentage of the watershed harvested, the location and elevation of the cut blocks within the watershed, and the time since harvest (Laird & Cumming, 2001; Whitaker et al. 2002; Winkler et al. 2021).

Water Quality Impacts

Water quality impacts associated with clearcutting include:

- Suspended sediment and turbidity consistently increase post-harvest, particularly when soils are disturbed (Winkler et al., 2021).
- Colour (True Colour Units) increased from 17 TCU (control) to over 50 TCU in logged watersheds (Winkler et al. 2021). High colour values can be problematic for downstream water treatment plants.
- DOC (dissolved organic carbon) storm responses are larger and faster in clear-cut areas, stressing water treatment (Mistick & Johnson, 2020).
- Inorganic nitrogen (e.g., nitrate) can increase after harvest but typically remains below health thresholds (Hope, 2009).
- Temperature has been shown to increase up to 13°C post-harvest without riparian buffers (Gomi & Dhakal, 2006).

These effects are most severe when riparian zones are logged, harvest occurs in upper-elevation snow zones, or logging occurs on north-facing slopes, which normally function as key seasonal water storage areas.

Critical Considerations for Quartz Creek

- The dense, north-facing forest canopy in this watershed likely functions as a natural water storage and regulation system. Logging in these zones could reduce resilience to climate-driven low-flow conditions.
- Many of the common water quality issues noted above could be minimized with common mitigation strategies (e.g. maintaining sufficient riparian buffers). However, there are two key risks from commercial logging that are less easily mitigated:
    1. Increased risk of acid rock drainage, especially where roads expose mineralized geology. This is addressed separately in Section 6.2.8.
    2. Altered seasonal flow timing, which could jeopardize the community's water security during the dry season.

Likelihood Rating: Moderate

While no logging is presently occurring and the timber licence holder has expressed they have no current plans in place to harvest within the watershed, the potential for future commercial activity remains.

Justification:

- Logging is a permitted land use in many community watersheds in BC unless otherwise protected.
- The watershed's forest cover may be viewed as economically attractive.
- Without formal restrictions, logging remains a plausible scenario.

Consequence Rating: High

Consequences to natural asset function are high, particularly if harvesting exceeds 30–50% of watershed area or occurs on critical slope positions.

Justification:

- Proven hydrologic and water quality effects across multiple BC case studies.
- Even with mitigation (e.g., buffers), streamflow timing and peak magnitudes are altered.
- In a single-source drinking water system, even temporary increases in turbidity or low-flow conditions carry service-level risks.

Risk Score: High (Moderate Likelihood × High Consequence)

6.2.7 Forest Logging Roads

Forest logging roads are one of the most persistent and damaging forms of linear disturbance in headwater catchments. Even when temporary, poorly planned or maintained roads can significantly alter hydrologic connectivity, destabilize slopes, and mobilize sediment during rainfall or snowmelt events (Jordan & Martin, 2004).

In snowmelt-dominated regions like southern interior BC, road surfaces concentrate and accelerate surface runoff, while culverts or ditches can redirect flows in ways that exceed natural infiltration capacity, triggering erosion or shallow landslides. This is particularly hazardous on steep, dissected terrain (such as that surrounding Ymir) where a small road failure can result in long runout debris flows that overwhelm streams and water intakes.

The BC Ministry of Forests' (2019) provides detailed guidance for forest road planning, construction, and deactivation, including best practices for drainage design, slope stabilization, buffer zones, and erosion control. These measures are especially critical in sensitive areas such as community watersheds. The inclusion of this guidance in official provincial engineering standards reflects the recognized severity of the risks that forest roads pose to water quality, slope stability, and overall watershed function—particularly in unprotected or unmanaged catchments.

Empirical studies from BC have shown:

- Forest roads are often the largest contributors of fine sediment to streams following logging (Reid & Dunne, 1984; Jordan & Martin, 2004).
- Chronic sediment loading can degrade aquatic habitat and exceed turbidity thresholds for drinking water treatment, especially where intakes are unfiltered or close to road alignments (Reid & Dunne, 1984; Jordan & Martin, 2004).
- Legacy roads or decommissioned routes can continue to erode and contribute sediment decades after initial use (Jakob & Weatherly, 2003).

The *Ymir Fire Protection Area Community Wildfire Protection Plan* (B.A. Blackwell & Associates Ltd. 2008) also flags road networks as ignition vectors and notes that roads in steep areas with high fuel loads may serve as conduits for both wildfire spread and slope destabilization.

Roads also enable human access; raising the risk of fire, unauthorized dumping, camping, or off-road vehicle use, which can further degrade water quality or disturb wildlife habitat. Figure 6-4 demonstrates the location and extent of roads in the area surrounding Quartz Creek Community Watershed, including active and pending fire roads.

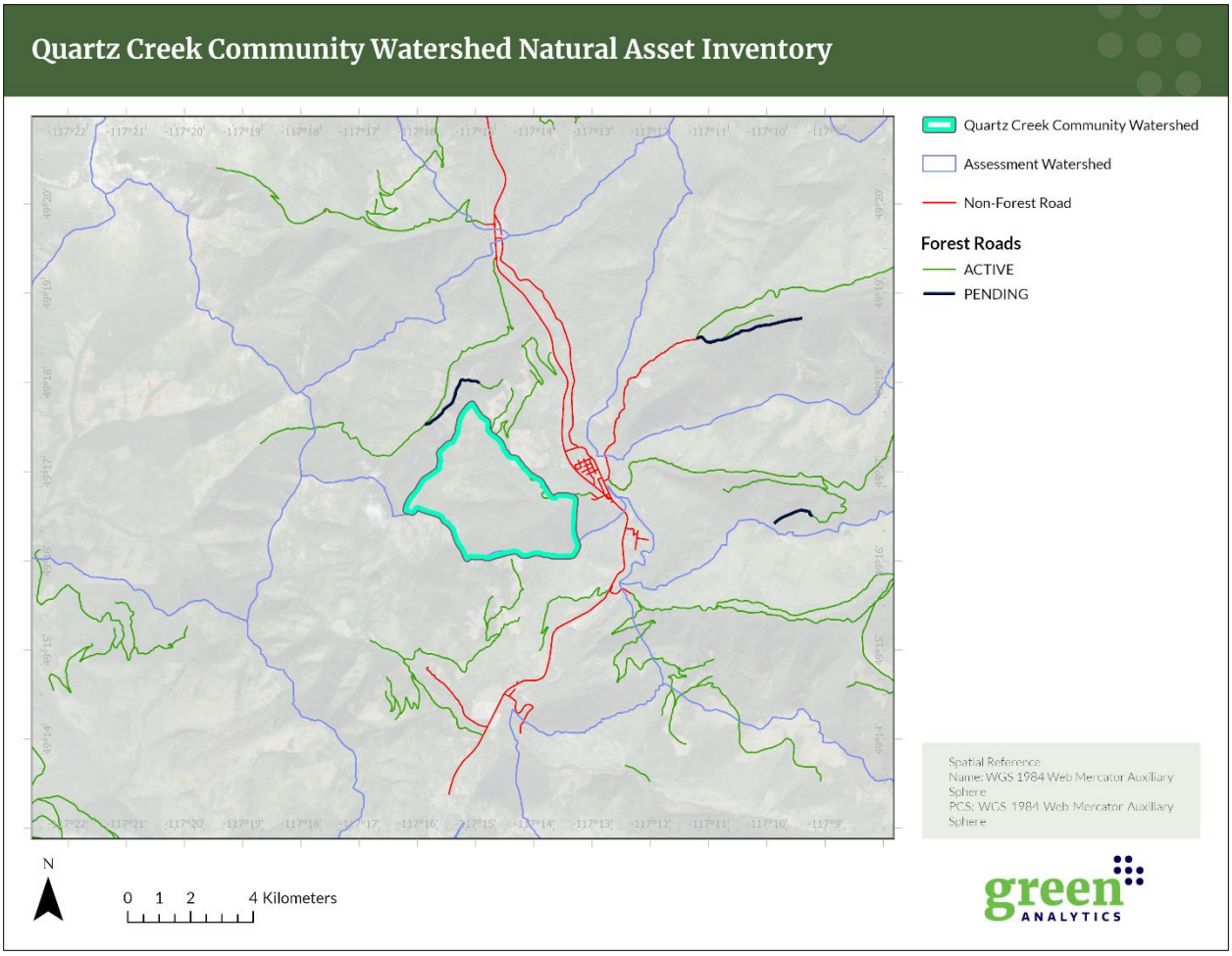


Figure 66-4. Roads in the area surrounding Quartz Creek Community Watershed, including active and pending fire roads.

Likelihood Rating: Moderate

No new road development is currently occurring, and the watershed remains largely intact. However, the potential for road construction exists if commercial logging resumes or expands.

Justification:

- Forest roads are required for timber access in steep terrain.
- The watershed may contain legacy roads or informal access routes, which present ongoing risks if not properly managed.

Consequence Rating: High

Consequences to the watershed's natural functions are high, especially if roads intersect riparian zones or destabilize slopes.

Justification:

- While some of the risks can be mitigated using provincial best management practices, in the absence of enforcement or oversight, their application cannot be guaranteed.

- Historical precedent in BC shows that even small-scale road construction can lead to persistent sedimentation and hydrologic disruption if poorly managed.
- Road-related sediment is well documented in the literature and is difficult to control once mobilized.
- Sediment mobilization can persist for years or decades.
- Road failures can initiate landslides or divert stream channels.
- Access roads increase non-natural disturbance risk (e.g., fires, dumping, invasive species).
- Drinking water systems relying on single-source surface intakes are especially vulnerable to suspended sediment and turbidity pulses.

Risk Score: High (Moderate Likelihood × High Consequence)

6.2.8 Acid Rock Drainage

Acid rock drainage occurs when sulfide minerals—particularly pyrite (iron sulfide)—are exposed to oxygen and water, leading to the production of sulfuric acid. This acidic runoff dissolves toxic metals such as copper, lead, mercury, and zinc, which can then enter surrounding water bodies. Acid rock drainage can be triggered by natural erosion, but is commonly associated with mining, road construction, or other forms of ground disturbance that expose sulfide-bearing rock.

In the Quartz Creek Community Watershed, the potential for acid rock drainage has been explicitly documented. A 2020 report by SNC-Lavalin, commissioned by BC Timber Sales, identified multiple potentially acid-generating rock types along planned forest road alignments. This was independently reviewed and substantiated by Dr. Steven Emerman, who concluded that the risk to the community water source was credible and under-assessed.

Their static and leachate tests on 16 rock samples confirmed that dacite, latite, and tonalite in the area are potentially acid-generating. Leach tests found runoff concentrations exceeding BC drinking water and aquatic life standards for pH, sulfate, and up to 10 metals, including aluminum, cadmium, copper, iron, mercury, nickel, and zinc.

Emerman (2020a), in a technical review, concluded that the SNC-Lavalin study likely underestimated the actual risk:

- It assessed only a portion of the watershed, limited to the proposed Phase 1 road alignment
- It lacked kinetic (long-term) tests, which are necessary to understand sustained leaching potential. Kinetic testing involves extended-duration experiments that simulate real-world geochemical conditions to evaluate the long-term release rates of acidity and metals from disturbed rock or soil. These tests are critical in identifying whether acid-generating reactions will persist, escalate, or taper off over time.
- The mitigation measures were generic and nonspecific, and the proposed monitoring plan lacked defined response actions.
- The assumption that runoff would not reach surface waters was not supported by evidence

- Soils in the area were also identified as potentially acid-generating, raising concerns about cumulative loading.

As Maest et al. (2002) note, predicting the long-term water quality impacts of acid-generating rock disturbance requires site-specific kinetic testing and careful modelling, both of which were lacking in the SNC-Lavalin assessment, as was highlighted by Emerman (2020a).

This potential risk is also compounded by the fact that the Quartz Creek Community Watershed has been identified as having moderate to high terrain sensitivity and shallow soils in several locations (Uunila, 2018), increasing the likelihood that exposed acid-generating rock could generate surface runoff with minimal buffering capacity.

Currently, no new road construction is planned, and the watershed remains in excellent condition, which supports a moderate likelihood rating. However, given the documented presence of potentially acid-generating materials and the lack of treatment infrastructure, any future disturbance to forest cover or terrain—particularly road construction—could rapidly elevate this to a high-impact event.

This latent risk is especially serious given the absence of redundancy in Ymir's drinking water system. If acid rock drainage is triggered near the water intake, it could cause sustained contamination, threaten human health, and require major infrastructure investment to address—potentially beyond the means of the community.

Likelihood Rating: Moderate

Acid rock drainage potential is confirmed in local geology, and the risk would increase significantly with additional road construction.

Justification:

- The watershed is currently undisturbed, and no roads are planned.
- However, potential acid rock drainage sources are known to exist, and even limited disturbance (e.g., test pits, access roads) could trigger exposure:
    - Static and leach tests show clear acid-generating potential of exposed rock and soils.
    - Road construction or slope disturbance could rapidly expose these materials to runoff.
    - The community has no water treatment system capable of removing heavy metals or neutralizing acid.
    - Past and proposed forestry activities increase the likelihood of disturbing potentially acid-generating rock.
    - Runoff modeling suggests exceedances of BC water quality standards even under conservative assumptions.
- Any new land use (e.g., commercial logging) would increase the likelihood dramatically.

Consequence Rating: High

Consequence is high due to the potential for water supply contamination in a system without mitigation infrastructure.

Justification:

- Drinking water standards would be exceeded for aluminum, fluoride, and mercury under modeled conditions.
- Acidic water can harm aquatic life, corrode infrastructure, and mobilize additional metals from sediment.
- If acid rock drainage occurs near or above the intake, it could render the entire supply unsafe, with no redundancy or alternate source.
- Remediation costs (e.g., water treatment facilities, containment) would be significant and unaffordable for a small community.
- Current assessments do not provide sufficient confidence that mitigation can fully prevent or manage the risk.

Risk Score: High (Moderate Likelihood × High Consequence)

6.2.9 Climate Change – Precipitation Patterns

Precipitation patterns in southern interior BC are becoming less predictable and more extreme, a trend expected to continue or intensify under future climate scenarios. In snowmelt-dominated watersheds like the one serving Ymir, the seasonal shift from snow to rain has profound implications for both the functioning of natural assets and the provision of drinking water. Section 9.2 of Appendix A further documents climate related impacts for the region.

The Pacific Climate Impacts Consortium (PCIC) projects the following for this region over the coming decades:

- More winter precipitation falling as rain rather than snow
- Shorter snow-covered season, with earlier and faster melt
- Increased frequency of high-intensity rainfall events, especially in fall and spring
- Longer summer dry periods, contributing to drought risk

These trends could interact with the watershed in multiple ways:

- Earlier spring runoff can lead to increased spring flooding and reduced water availability later in the year
- More frequent heavy rainfall events increase the risk of landslides and erosion, particularly if areas of the watershed are disturbed and steep
- The combination of greater peak flows and reduced late-season base flows reduces the watershed's natural regulation capacity

- Water quality may decline during intense storms due to sediment mobilization, turbidity spikes, and contaminant flushing

In forested watersheds, intact vegetation helps buffer extreme precipitation, but this capacity is diminished by logging, fire, or pests. The watershed's ability to maintain stable flow and filtration services will therefore be increasingly reliant on maintaining canopy cover, soil structure, and slope stability.

For the community of Ymir, these changes raise serious concerns given the absence of alternate water sources and the high dependence on natural flow regulation to sustain drinking water supply through the summer and fall.

Likelihood Rating: Likely

Based on regional climate model projections and observed trends in BC, significant changes in precipitation timing and intensity are likely over the next 10–30 years.

Justification:

- PCIC (2020) and Columbia Basin Trust (2021) both project greater hydrologic volatility, including increased rainfall intensity and reduced snowpack.
- Recent years have already shown more frequent rain-on-snow events, dry summers, and early melt in nearby areas.
- These changes are consistent across multiple emissions scenarios (RCP 4.5 and 8.5).

Consequence Rating: High

Consequences to watershed function and drinking water provision are high, especially given the lack of engineered storage or backup supplies.

Justification:

- Increased precipitation variability will lead to less predictable water supply and greater turbidity risks.
- Without natural or engineered buffering capacity, both flood and drought risks will increase.
- Watershed integrity may degrade if compounded by other stressors (e.g., fire, logging, pests), reducing resilience to precipitation extremes.
- Drinking water intakes may be exposed to seasonal water shortages or quality degradation.

Risk Score: High (Likely Likelihood × High Consequence)

6.2.10 Climate Change – Snowpack Dynamics

The Quartz Creek Community Watershed supplying Ymir is in a snowmelt-dominated hydroclimatic region, where seasonal snow accumulation and gradual spring melt are key to maintaining summer and fall base flows. However, climate change is rapidly altering snowpack dynamics across southern

interior British Columbia. Section 9.2 of Appendix A further documents climate related impacts for the region.

Key regional projections from the Pacific Climate Impacts Consortium (PCIC) and other studies show:

- Significant reductions in April 1 snow water equivalent (SWE) across most elevations.
- Earlier onset of snowmelt, with peak streamflows shifting weeks earlier in the spring.
- Faster melt rates, particularly during warm, high-radiation spring periods.
- Increased rain-on-snow events, which contribute to flashier hydrographs and slope instability.

These changes affect watershed function and water supply in several critical ways (Hamlet & Lettenmaier, 1999; Whitaker et al., 2002; Stewart, 2009):

- Spring runoff may be more concentrated, increasing early-season flood risk and reducing water availability later in the year.
- Late summer low flows may be lower and longer, increasing vulnerability during droughts
- The watershed's natural water storage function is diminished, especially if forest cover is compromised.
- Stream temperature and water quality may deteriorate, particularly in shallow, low-flow conditions.

The implications for drinking water provision are serious:

- The intake system may experience longer dry-season stress, with declining reliability during peak demand.
- Without artificial storage, the community may face shortages, restrictions, or degraded water quality.
- The risk is magnified by the fact that Ymir has no alternative water source.

Likelihood Rating: Likely

Changes in snowpack dynamics are already being observed and are projected to intensify under all future climate scenarios.

Justification:

- PCIC (2020) and other provincial studies show consistent trends of declining snowpack and earlier melt.
- These trends are likely to continue and worsen in the next 10–30 years.

Consequence Rating: High

Consequences to drinking water provision are high, especially during the summer and fall when demand is high and flows are lowest.

Justification:

- Earlier melt and reduced storage lead to longer late-season low flow periods.
- Without supplemental infrastructure, drought resilience depends entirely on snowpack timing.
- Small headwater systems like Quartz Creek are especially sensitive to interannual snowpack variability.
- Changes in snowpack also interact with other hazards (e.g., wildfire, pest outbreaks) that further impair watershed health.

Risk Score: High (Likely Likelihood × High Consequence)

6.2.11 Seasonal Water Volume

Watersheds in south-central BC commonly experience strong seasonal streamflow variability, driven by snow accumulation in winter and melt in spring. Peak flows typically occur in April to June, while low flows persist through late summer into early fall. This pattern is well document in the existing monitoring data summarized in Section 9.1.1 of Appendix A. In small catchments like Quartz Creek (~600 ha), the limited storage capacity of soils and subsurface systems means there is little buffering once snowmelt ends.

This seasonal pattern creates a well-documented risk to communities that rely on unregulated surface sources, particularly:

- Water shortages in August–September, when base flows are lowest and demand may be highest.
- Turbidity or water quality issues during spring runoff, especially if high flows mobilize sediment or debris.

The absence of supplemental storage or alternate sources makes the Ymir community highly vulnerable to intra-annual variability, particularly in dry years or after years with low snowpack. The BC Drought Information Portal (BC Ministry of Water, Land, and Resource Stewardship 2025) has documented increasing frequency of late-summer Level 3–5 drought conditions in this region, reducing streamflow and prompting water use restrictions in similar communities. Anticipated changes in climate could further amplify this hazard (see Section 9.2 of Appendix A).

Research in Upper Penticton Creek and Redfish Creek (Winkler et al., 2021; Whitaker et al., 2002) demonstrates that in small, snowmelt-dominated headwater catchments:

- Low flows can become critically low during dry years, even without disturbance.
- Clearcutting or other forms of canopy loss could further alter seasonal flow timing, often increasing spring runoff at the expense of summer baseflow.

- Hydrologic recovery can take decades, particularly in high-elevation, slow-growing forests.

Thus, while seasonal variability is a natural feature of the hydrologic cycle, its interaction with climate trends and land use changes elevates it to a service-level risk in single-source systems.

Likelihood Rating: Likely

Seasonal water volume variability is a perennial feature of the watershed and is becoming more pronounced due to climate change.

Justification:

- All snowmelt-dominated catchments in southern BC exhibit predictable seasonal highs and lows.
- Earlier snowmelt and longer dry periods are already being observed (PCIC, 2020).
- Summer low flows are getting lower, increasing the likelihood of stress in late-season months[3].

Consequence Rating: High

Consequences to water service are high, particularly during prolonged low-flow periods.

Justification:

- Without sufficient late-season flows, intake volumes could fall below operational thresholds.
- Low flows reduce dilution capacity, potentially increasing concentrations of naturally occurring contaminants (e.g., metals).
- Dry-season shortages may require rationing, emergency water sourcing, or infrastructure adaptation.
- Ecosystem health may also be affected, compounding long-term resilience.

Risk Score: High (Likely Likelihood × High Consequence)

6.2.12 Mining

Mining is not currently occurring within the Quartz Creek Community Watershed, but the region is considered geologically prospective, and mineral exploration interest has persisted intermittently over the past several decades. While no active claims overlap the watershed boundary as of 2025, nearby areas have experienced historical mining activity, and Quartz Creek remains within a zone of potential future interest for precious metals.

Mining activities—particularly exploration drilling, bulk sampling, or mine development—can expose acid-generating rock, disturb hydrologically sensitive terrain, and introduce contaminants or

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sediment into watercourses. In unfiltered, single-source drinking water systems like Ymir's, even low-level disturbance can pose a service-critical risk.

Potential pathways of impact include:

- Exposure of acid-generating rock and subsequent metal leaching.
- Construction of access roads that fragment slopes and increase erosion.
- Spills or discharges from exploration or development equipment.
- Legacy site reactivation or incidental disturbance of contaminated zones.

The community's vulnerability is heightened by its lack of engineered treatment capacity for heavy metals or acidic water, as well as the absence of alternate supply sources. In such settings, even early-stage exploration activities may require precautionary evaluation.

Likelihood Rating: Unlikely

No mining activity is currently occurring, and no active tenure overlaps the watershed. However, regional geological interest and historical precedent indicate that proposals may emerge in the future.

Justification:

- The area is known to be mineralized and is within a broader zone of exploration interest.
- Mineral tenure can be acquired without community consultation under current provincial legislation.

Consequence Rating: High

Consequences to drinking water provision are high due to the potential for long-term contamination and the lack of adaptive capacity.

Justification:

- Even minor disturbance in mineralized terrain could introduce toxic metals into the water supply.
- The community has no treatment infrastructure for heavy metals or pH adjustment.
- Any contamination near the intake would require extensive remediation or complete water source replacement.

Risk Score: Medium (Unlikely Likelihood × High Consequence)

6.2.13 Recreation and Non-Sanctioned Uses

Both sanctioned and non-sanctioned recreational uses present a growing source of pressure on sensitive drinking water source areas across British Columbia. While the Quartz Creek Community Watershed currently lacks formal road access and has no sanctioned trail infrastructure within its boundary, several sanctioned trails—including the "Quartz Climb" and "Descent" mountain biking

trails—are located adjacent to the watershed. These routes signal growing recreational interest in the area and could drive increased human presence in or near the community's drinking water source.

Non-sanctioned uses—including illegal dumping, unauthorized camping, and off-road vehicle activity—can introduce a range of contaminants and disturbances. These include:

- Leachate from dumped waste (e.g., oil containers, garbage).
- Pathogens or nutrients from human waste.
- Soil compaction, riparian disturbance, and sedimentation from off-road traffic.
- Unauthorized fires, which can elevate wildfire risk and leave chemical residues.

Even sanctioned trail networks can contribute to cumulative risk if use increases significantly or if off-trail activity and fire starts become more frequent. The *Ymir Fire Protection Area Community Wildfire Protection Plan* (B.A. Blackwell & Associates Ltd. 2008) specifically flags unmanaged public access as a wildfire ignition risk and recommends limiting access to sensitive areas. These concerns extend to watershed protection given the close link between fire, erosion, and drinking water quality.

Likelihood Rating: Unlikely

While current access is limited, sanctioned trails nearby and regional recreation trends suggest the likelihood of increased pressure in future years.

Justification:

- Limited public access exists within the watershed.
- Existing trails in adjacent areas attract users and increase landscape exposure.
- Human-caused ignitions and waste accumulation are increasing regionally in rural areas.
- New access routes (e.g., for logging) would likely raise the likelihood to moderate.

Consequence Rating: Minor

Impacts are expected to be localized or low-intensity under current use levels but could escalate with greater visitation or unmanaged access.

Justification:

- Small contamination inputs can have outsized effects in a single-source drinking water system.
- Inappropriate fires and off-trail erosion could cause temporary water quality degradation.
- Trail networks may act as disturbance corridors if unmanaged.

Risk Score: Low (Unlikely Likelihood × Minor Consequence)

6.3 Risk Assessment Summary

This risk assessment identifies and evaluates hazards that could impact the health of the Quartz Creek Community Watershed and the continued provision of drinking water to the community of Ymir. Table 6-6 organizes the hazards by overall risk rating and identifies considerations for potential response actions.

Table 6-6. Risk score by hazard with potential response considerations.

Hazard	Primary Relevance	Likelihood Score	Consequence Score	Risk Score	Potential Response Considerations
Wildfire	Natural Assets	High	Very High	Very High	Maintain mature canopy; develop fuel breaks; coordinate with Community Wildfire Protection Plan recommendations.
Drought	Drinking Water Provision	Likely	High	High	Promote water conservation; monitor flow thresholds; explore contingency planning.
Climate Change – Precipitation Patterns	Both	Likely	High	High	Use climate-informed forest practices; maintain slope stability; manage flood pathways.
Climate Change – Snowpack Dynamics	Drinking Water Provision	Likely	High	High	Protect high-elevation canopy; monitor snowmelt timing; assess dry-season flow risks.
Seasonal Water Volume Variations	Drinking Water Provision	Likely	High	High	Plan for seasonal flow gaps; quantify minimum flow thresholds; develop storage options or supplemental groundwater supply source.
Commercial Logging	Natural Assets	Moderate	High	High	Restrict logging; retain canopy in key areas; assess cumulative watershed impacts.
Forest Logging Roads	Natural Assets	Moderate	High	High	Prohibit new roads unless critical; follow BMPs rigorously; deactivate legacy roads.
Acid Rock Drainage	Drinking Water Provision	Moderate	High	High	Prohibit excavation in potentially acid-generating areas; conduct kinetic testing; monitor drainage chemistry.
Landslides	Both	Unlikely	High	High	Avoid slope disturbance; prioritize forest retention; monitor post-disturbance areas.
Forest Pest Outbreaks	Natural Assets	Moderate	Moderate to High	Medium to High	Maintain species diversity; monitor pest conditions; promote structural heterogeneity.
Erosion	Drinking Water Provision	Moderate	Moderate	Medium	Maintain canopy cover, avoid ground disturbance, stabilize high-risk slopes
Mining	Both	Unlikely	High	Medium	Monitor for mining interest in the area and initiate consultation with any potential mining organization as soon as possible.
Recreation and Non-Sanctioned Uses	Both	Unlikely	Minor	Low	Limit access; implement public education and signage; monitor known entry points.

A large proportion of the risks identified in this assessment are rated high, particularly in relation to consequence. This reflects a deliberate application of the precautionary principle given the unique characteristics of this watershed:

- Quartz Creek is the sole drinking water source for the community of Ymir.
- The watershed is small, snowmelt-dominated, and highly sensitive to hydrologic and ecological disruption.
- Degradation of water quality or flow could result in service disruption, public health risks, or long-term ecological damage.

Hazards were assessed based on their relevance either to the natural assets of the watershed (e.g., forest health, slope stability) or to the provision of drinking water (e.g., flow reliability, contamination risk). In some cases, risks affect both domains simultaneously, particularly where natural processes and human wellbeing are tightly coupled (e.g., wildfire, road construction, climate change impacts).

While the likelihood of certain hazards remains low or moderate in the current pristine state of the watershed (e.g., Acid Rock Drainage, Landslides), the potential consequences of exposure are high, warranting proactive prevention strategies. This is particularly true in scenarios where land use change or climate-driven variability could amplify underlying vulnerabilities.

The risk ratings presented here are grounded in:

- Peer-reviewed and jurisdictional studies (e.g., Winkler et al., 2021; PCIC, 2020),
- Local assessments (e.g., SNC-Lavalin 2020; B.A. Blackwell & Associates Ltd. 2008), and
- Watershed-specific geological and hydrological data.

Together, this analysis highlights the need for active watershed stewardship, protection, and scrutiny of future land use proposals that could compromise the long-term health and resilience of the source water system.

7. Management Implications and Recommendations

The Quartz Creek Community Watershed is a vital natural asset that provides the community of Ymir with clean, reliable drinking water—an essential service with no viable alternative. Its intact forest ecosystem performs critical hydrological and filtration functions, sustaining water quality and quantity at no operational cost. These ecological services are effectively irreplaceable; engineered solutions such as treatment infrastructure or alternate water sources would be prohibitively expensive, technically challenging, and likely less reliable. However, the watershed lies on Crown land outside the jurisdiction of the RDCK, which owns the water system but lacks authority over the land itself. Forest tenure in the watershed is held by a private licensee (ATCO Wood Products), creating a governance gap between the entity responsible for water delivery and the entity with rights to alter the land that supplies it.

Compounding this governance challenge is a high wildfire risk profile. The *Community Wildfire Protection Plan* for the Ymir Fire Protection Area identifies high to extreme wildfire probability in areas surrounding the community—including Quartz Creek. Wildfire or logging-induced disturbance could rapidly degrade water quality through sedimentation, altered flow regimes, or loss of forest cover. Given the RDCK's limited ability to directly control land-based threats, safeguarding drinking water services depends on proactive collaboration with the tenure holder, targeted mitigation efforts, and sustained recognition of the watershed as a critical public utility. This section outlines the management priorities and strategic options needed to protect the long-term integrity of the Quartz Creek Community Watershed and the essential drinking water service it provides.

7.1 Management Priorities

Safeguarding the long-term provision of clean drinking water to the community of Ymir requires clear and defensible management priorities for the Quartz Creek Community Watershed. These priorities must recognize both the ecological dynamics of the watershed and the institutional limitations of the RDCK, which operates the water system but has no jurisdiction over the land base that sustains it. In this context, strategic focus is essential: limited capacity must be aligned with high-leverage interventions. The priorities outlined below reflect this approach, linking the most critical risks to the most actionable points of influence.

Protect and Maintain Watershed Integrity

- The overarching management priority should be to protect and maintain the ecological integrity and functional resilience of the Quartz Creek Community Watershed. This priority underpins all others.
- The forested catchment acts as a natural filtration system and flow regulator, sustaining high-quality water at virtually no cost to the community.
- Its continued health is essential not only for water quality, but also for reducing the watershed's vulnerability to fire, erosion, and runoff events.
- All other management actions—whether focused on risk mitigation or adaptive planning—derive their effectiveness from the preservation of this foundational integrity.

Acknowledge and Plan for Unmanageable Risks

- Some risks to the watershed cannot be prevented or controlled through local action.
- Lightning-caused wildfires, climate-induced hydrologic shifts, landslides, and invasive species may all affect the watershed despite the best efforts of planners and stewards.
- Management must acknowledge these limitations and incorporate resilience strategies such as redundancy (e.g., emergency water supply), ecological buffering (e.g., maintaining mature forest cover), and emergency response planning, to ensure that service provision can continue even in the face of acute disturbance.

Foster Collaborative Governance and Stewardship

- Maintaining the condition and managing the risks associated with the Quartz Creek Community Watershed demands a strong commitment to partnership among all relevant stakeholders.
- The RDCK, as the water system operator, relies heavily on productive relationships with key parties such as ATCO and the Government of BC, which oversees the Vegetation Resource Inventory and regulates land use.
- Meaningful engagement with local community members, watershed users, First Nations, and non-governmental organizations like the Ymir Community Watershed Society can enrich monitoring efforts, ensure diverse perspectives are considered, and build shared responsibility for land and water stewardship.
- Open communication, joint planning, and transparent data sharing should form the backbone of a resilient, adaptive governance structure that can effectively address evolving challenges within the watershed.
- The engagement process of interested parties completed as part of this project and NAMP has provided an initial touch point from which the RDCK can continue to develop and foster collaborative stewardship. See Appendix D for more information on the engagement process and Appendix E for additional guidance on collaborative watershed governance.

7.2 Possible Management Actions

The management priorities outlined in Section 7.1 establish the protection and long-term sustainability of the Quartz Creek watershed as the central objective of this Natural Asset Management Plan. Ensuring the continued provision of clean, reliable drinking water to the community of Ymir depends on maintaining the watershed's ecological integrity and minimizing exposure to high-consequence risks. This section identifies four specific, implementable actions that align with these priorities and address the most pressing threats to watershed function.

7.2.1 Reduce Wildfire Risk

Description

Efforts to reduce wildfire risk in the watershed include implementing targeted fuel treatments and establishing defensible corridors around vulnerable areas. These actions should be guided by the *Community Wildfire Protection Plan*, which identified much of the landscape surrounding Quartz Creek as being at high or extreme risk for wildfire. By prioritizing these areas and regularly refining

readiness plans, management can protect not only the watershed's water quality but also the safety and resilience of the broader community. Ongoing collaboration among local stakeholders will be needed to ensure the approach remains adaptive and effective in addressing this pressing threat.

Current Status

Targeted fuel treatments, the creation of defensible corridors, and readiness coordination is already underway but must be continuously refined and spatially aligned with drinking water values at risk.

Valuation

Treating forests to reduce wildfire risk comes with substantial costs that vary depending on the chosen method and whether timber harvesting is involved. According to data from the Forest Enhancement Society of BC reported by LM Forest Resource Solutions Ltd (2020), manual thinning and debris disposal without timber harvesting averages about $3,839 per hectare (2020 CAD), increasing to roughly $4,556 in 2024 dollars. Mechanical thinning in the absence of harvesting is somewhat less expensive, averaging $1,853 per hectare (2020 CAD), or approximately $2,199 in 2024 dollars. When forest fuel treatments are combined with timber harvesting, average costs can decrease by 30 to 60 percent.

Relevant Parties

Reducing wildfire risk in the Quartz Creek community watershed requires the involvement of multiple stakeholders. These stakeholders need not be directly involved in the watershed's management since wildfire may spread from beyond its boundaries if it is ignited nearby.

- As the landowner, the Government of BC, has a direct role to play in mitigating wildfires in or near the watershed. The government also regulates forest harvest operations, and their ministries or agencies coordinate and respond to wildfires. Further, the Forest Enhancement Society of BC is a Crown agency involved in mitigating wildfire risk by funding actions to reduce fuel loads in the province's forests.
- The RDCK has engaged in fuel management in the region, for example in Selous Creek near the City of Nelson (Kalesnikoff 2021). The RDCK has also developed a *Community Wildfire Protection Plan* for Area G, which includes Ymir (Cathro Consulting Ltd and B.A. Blackwell & Associates Ltd 2017).
- Forest licensees, such as ATCO, play a key role in wildfire risk reduction by conducting timber harvesting operations that can strategically reshape forest structure and lower fuel loads, thereby aiding fire management in and around Quartz Creek Community Watershed (LM Forest Resource Solutions Ltd 2020). As noted above, the RDCK partnered with Kalesnikoff Lumber Co. Ltd to manage fuel loads in Selous Creek near the City of Nelson. Licensees also have a role to play by taking actions to reduce the risk of wildfire stemming from their forest harvest operations in the area and reporting wildfire ignition as early as possible.
- The local community, including residents, community groups such as the Ymir Community Watershed Society, and those engaging in recreation in the watershed can reduce the likelihood of wildfire through their actions, such as reducing fuel loads on private property, or raising awareness about how to mitigate the risk of wildfire. They have a stake in ensuring the watershed remains undisturbed given that it is the source of their drinking water. Local

community members can also report signs of wildlife in the region ensuring fire suppression activities start as early as possible.

- First Nations in the region are key partners and should be consulted during the assessment and development of fuel treatments and before any fuel reduction treatments proceed (Cathro Consulting Ltd and B.A. Blackwell & Associates Ltd 2017).

7.2.2 Prevent Degradation from Commercial Forestry

Description

Preventing the degradation of the Quartz Creek Community Watershed from commercial forestry requires proactive collaboration with forest tenure holders and a commitment to safeguarding the region's vital water resources. While the RDCK lacks direct jurisdiction over the land, engaging with licensees such as ATCO Wood Products is essential to promote practices that protect water quality and maintain forest ecosystem integrity. Preserving no-harvest buffer zones around drinking water supply areas remains the preferred strategy, but other mechanisms—such as negotiating harvest deferrals or exploring the purchase of timber rights—can also be effective tools. By aligning forestry activities with watershed protection priorities, it is possible to minimize the risks of sedimentation, slope destabilization, and water contamination that can arise from logging and related operations. Two specific actions for consideration are descried below:

1. **Leverage the Forest Landscape Planning (FLP) process.** The FLP process is a modernized approach to forest governance in BC, replacing traditional forest stewardship plans.[4] FLPs operate at a tactical scale, bridging the gap between broad, strategic land use priorities and on-the-ground operational planning, such as road and cutblock placement.[5] Developed in partnership with Indigenous groups and in collaboration with license holders, FLPs are designed to engage local governments and stakeholders more effectively. By evaluating and mitigating environmental impacts, applying scenario modelling, and considering cumulative effects, FLPs respond to changing conditions like climate change and wildfire threats. Although they cover larger areas than individual watersheds such as Quartz Creek and may take several years to develop, FLPs may provide a long-term opportunity to secure Ymir's drinking water supply by enabling agreements that balance timber access with the protection of community watersheds. For instance, given the larger spatial scale, the FLP process could offset any reduction in ATCO's timber supply resulting from prioritizing the Quartz Creek Community Watershed's drinking water use by allowing access to timber from other Crown lands with lower non-timber values.
2. **Purchase of Timber Rights.** Acquiring timber rights can serve to safeguard community watersheds and the drinking water they supply. By purchasing or leasing these rights, local governments, regional districts, or community organizations are able to directly manage the forested lands allowing them to prioritize water quality and environmental stewardship. For example, the Capital Regional District's fee simple purchase of its drinking watershed lands protects its water supply (Haddock 1999). Fee simple land ownership may not always be possible due to Crown land status. In these cases it may be possible to secure timber rights

[4] Forest landscape plans - Province of British Columbia

[5] https://www2.gov.bc.ca/assets/gov/farming-natural-resources-and-industry/forestry/forest-landscape-plans/flnrord_forest_landscape_planning_bulletin.pdf

as with Metro Vancouver's 999-year lease for the three watersheds supplying its drinking water. Smaller communities have also secured these leases including Enderby, Fernie, and Vernon (Haddock 1999). Another related option is Community Forest Agreements (CFAs) which are forest licenses granted to local communities or First Nations allowing them to manage nearby Crown lands. These communities may prioritize several management objectives, including water supply. For example, the Creston Community Forest's tenure overlaps with multiple community and domestic watersheds and a primary management objective is to maintain drinking water supply.[6]

Current Status

Forest harvest operations are currently not occurring in the watershed and the licensee, ATCO Wood Products, has no firm plans for timber harvest. However, the potential for commercial logging remains. Harvesting within the Quartz Creek Community Watershed is permitted provided operations adhere to regulations designed to protect local drinking water supplies. Governed by legislation such as the FRPA and its related regulations, timber harvest activities must demonstrate that they do not adversely impact water quality, quantity, or flow timing for licensed community water systems. A strict 100-metre no-harvest buffer is enforced upslope of water intakes, except in cases where it can be shown that sediment delivery will not increase. Within this buffer, tree removal is highly restricted and allowed only for essential access or maintenance. All harvesting plans require thorough risk assessments, including hydrological or terrain stability analyzes, to mitigate any threats to water resources, and licensees must submit and comply with approved Forest Stewardship Plans that detail the measures taken to safeguard water values during operations.

Valuation

The value of timber can be assessed as the net revenue—calculated by subtracting harvesting costs from the revenue generated by selling the timber. This figure reflects the profit a licensee would forgo if harvesting does not occur, providing a useful indication of the potential cost involved in purchasing timber rights. Since ATCO Wood Products has no current harvest plans, detailed information about cutblock locations or specific forest operations is unavailable. Therefore, the estimated net revenue is calculated for the licensee's entire portion of the watershed, though, in practice, harvesting would not encompass the whole area. Any negotiations to defer harvesting or acquire timber rights would require further analysis. These estimates are based on species-specific timber volumes (m^3), prices (per m^3), and harvest costs (per m^3).

Timber volumes by species for Quartz Creek were estimated from the Vegetation Resource Inventory (VRI) using data on volumes per hectare for live trees at a 17.5 cm utilization threshold.[7, 8] These fields represent the net live volume per hectare since they subtract decay, waste, and breakage from the gross volume. As part of estimating revenue a weighted average price was calculated using data from

[6] https://www.crestoncommunityforest.com/

[7] Volume fields included 'live_vol_per_ha_spp1_175', 'live_vol_per_ha_spp2_175', 'live_vol_per_ha_spp3_175', 'live_vol_per_ha_spp4_175', 'live_vol_per_ha_spp5_175', and 'live_vol_per_ha_spp6_175'.

[8] The VRI data also contained volumes for 12.5 cm and 22.5 cm utilization thresholds. A 12.5 cm utilization threshold yields similar results and the fields for a 22.5 cm threshold were all zero.

the Interior Log Market Values Reports covering June 2024 to May 2025.[9] Prices and volumes from transactions in BC's Interior are reported in $/m^3 based on the intended use of the harvested wood (e.g., sawlogs, peelers, or pulpwood). The weighted average prices were estimated for spruce-pine-fir (SPF), Douglas-fir/larch, hemlock-balsam fir (hem-bal), cedar, and other species across all product types by weighting by volume of intended use. As such prices represent the distribution of intended product types for the whole Interior Region (sawlogs account for 79% of volume, peelers account for 5%, and pulpwood 16%). Due to data limitations, no prices were assigned to deciduous species. The cost of harvesting a m^3 of coniferous or deciduous wood in the Southern Interior region was taken from Xu et al. (2018). These costs include expenses related to tree-to-truck operations, hauling, stumpage fees, forest planning and administration, road development and maintenance, and silviculture activities.

The VRI data indicates the presence of eleven species with Interior Douglas fir, Engelmann spruce, Western hemlock, and alpine fir account for 83% of live net volume (Table 77-1). Given assumed prices, the estimated total revenue amounts to $23 million, total costs near $13.5 million, and net revenue $9.6 million. Considering the size of ATCO's lease area in the watershed, this works out to a net revenue of over $16,500 per hectare.

Table 77-1: Volume, Revenue, Costs, and Net Revenue of Timber Harvests in Quartz Creek (2024 CAD).

Species Name (Code)	Volume (m^3)	Revenue[a]		Cost		Net Revenue (Total)
		$/m^3	Total	$/m^3	Total	
Alpine fir (BL)	24,118	$107.07	$2,582,167	$66.76	$1,610,037	$972,131
Western hemlock (HW)	33,393	$96.92	$3,236,356	$66.76	$2,229,262	$1,007,094
Interior Douglas fir (FDI)	68,464	$124.15	$8,500,040	$66.76	$4,570,498	$3,929,542
Engelmann spruce (SE)	41,003	$107.07	$4,389,962	$66.76	$2,737,236	$1,652,727
Grand fir (BG)	11,282	$107.07	$1,207,907	$66.76	$753,156	$454,751
Aspen (AT)	331	No data	-	-	-	-
Common paper birch (EP)	13	No data	-	-	-	-
Interior lodgepole pine (PLI)	5,083	$107.07	$544,243	$66.76	$339,347	$204,896
Western red cedar (CW)	5,085	$187.02	$950,912	$66.76	$339,435	$611,477
Western larch (LW)	10,706	$124.15	$1,329,210	$66.76	$714,720	$614,490
Western white pine (PW)	2,823	$107.07	$302,227	$66.76	$188,445	$113,782
Total	**202,300**		**$23,043,024**		**$13,482,135**	**$9,560,889**
Per Hectare	**352**		**$40,112**		**$23,469**	**$16,643**

[a] Prices were assigned to each species as follows: SPF (BL, SE, BG, PLI, and PW), Douglas fir / Larch (FDI and LW), Hem-Bal (HW), and cedar (CW).

While this analysis provides a rough snapshot of the current timber value on the land base, it does not account for longer-term revenue streams from future harvests. A more thorough analysis of harvest volumes would be based on a proper timber supply model. The cost estimates are based on data from Xu et al. (2018), which may not fully reflect present-day operational expenses, especially given the requirements for maintaining water quality and environmental standards in a community watershed would likely increase harvest costs. Furthermore, the pricing data reflects intended product uses for the entire Interior Forest region over the past year, which may differ from the actual distribution intended uses for wood harvested in the Quartz Creek Community Watershed. ATCO's

[9] Interior Log Market Values - Province of British Columbia

manufacturing operations are focused on veneer production using peelers as inputs but they also market logs and manufacture other wood products.[10] The absence of detailed cutblock location data means the analysis represents the overall license area overlapping with Quartz Creek rather than the areas likely to be harvested.

Relevant Parties

Preventing the degradation of the Quartz Creek Community Watershed's forest due to timber harvest involves several stakeholders.

- As the main licensee of the watershed's area ATCO Wood Products holds the rights to nearly all the timber. As such, they are a key player in avoiding impacts on the watershed from timber harvests. Licensees may forgo harvest altogether which eliminates any risk to the water supply although doing so likely impacts their finances. If harvest operations proceed, the licensee, along with any contractors they engage, have direct roles to play by taking actions to mitigate the harvest's impact on drinking water quality.
- The Government of BC has a direct role as the landowner and licensor of timber harvest rights. In doing so they collect fees related to forest tenure agreements as well as stumpage from timber harvested. Importantly, the Province also governs forestry via legislation, planning, or other avenues with legislation requiring actions to minimize harvest operation impacts in community watersheds. Finally, the government may also have a role to play in funding any timber rights buyout, deferrals, or allowing access to timber elsewhere to offset forgone harvest in Quartz Creek.
- As the water utility operator, the RDCK also has a role to play in avoiding negative impacts on drinking water stemming from harvest operations, monitoring for any impacts on raw water, and dealing with any negative outcomes. They may also be involved in negotiations required for timber licensee buyouts.
- The local community, including residents and community groups, is also directly involved as they must deal with any real or perceived negative impacts on drinking water quality stemming from forest operations. They can also play a role in monitoring for these negative impacts. Water utility ratepayers would also be directly impacted by any outcome of negotiations involving a license buyout—they may need to cover at least part of these costs.
- As partners in forest management, First Nations are also relevant to avoiding impacts of forest operations on drinking water quality in Quartz Creek. For instance, the new FLP process involves First Nations as a partner in forest management in British Columbia.
- Assuming the licensee forgoes timber harvests in Quartz Creek, they still require timber to supply their downstream operations (e.g., ATCO's veneer mill). In this case, timber harvests may be increased elsewhere to compensate for the reduction in timber from Quartz Creek. This introduces a new set of parties and stakeholders in the area from which this timber is harvested.

[10] ATCO Wood Products

7.2.3 Develop Emergency Backup Water Supply

Description

In response to the pressing need for a reliable backup to the primary water source at Quartz Creek, the community should prioritize the development of an emergency water supply system. Recognizing that wildfires or other disturbances could temporarily render the creek unsuitable for use, local leaders should focus on establishing a groundwater-based solution. This system could be designed not to replace Quartz Creek entirely, but to provide a dependable source of safe drinking water during periods of disruption. By investing in this backup infrastructure, the community could enhance its resilience, enabling more flexible emergency response planning, and reducing its vulnerability to unexpected environmental events.

Current Status

The community does not have an established backup water supply although groundwater has been recognized as a viable long-term solution. A test well was drilled in Ymir in 2003, however, it was neither properly completed nor tested for water yield (Golder Associates 2003). Theoretical water yields suggest that there is enough water to supply Ymir's daily needs. This groundwork highlights both the need and the potential for developing a dependable emergency water source to ensure resilience against disruptions to the main supply from Quartz Creek.

Valuation

The projected costs for establishing a backup groundwater supply system in Ymir include several critical components. Drilling costs are based on the assumption that wells will be constructed in aquifer #0493 (Salmo Bedrock Aquifer): the less vulnerable and higher quality source (Lengyel et al. 2024). Given yield data per well from existing registered wells, at least two new wells would need to be drilled to meet Ymir's daily water demand.[10] Cost estimates are based on pricing from other RDCK projects and staff experience and assume a 40 m depth per well. Shared costs (two wells) include mobilization/demobilization ($6,000), site clearing and access ($10,000), hydrology ($18,000) and engineering ($12,000), surveying and permitting ($3,500) for a subtotal shared cost of $49,500. Per-well costs (x2) include bedrock drilling and completion, testing, pad, bollards, signage and casing ($36,222); wellhead, isolation valving, pump, electrical and SCADA ($32,000) for a subtotal of $136,444 for 2 wells and a grand total of $185,944. This estimate does not include land acquisition costs, ongoing operations and maintenance costs, which depend on usage, nor does it cover the expenses associated with connecting the wells to the existing water supply system.

Relevant Parties

Developing a groundwater-based emergency backup water source involves several stakeholders.

- The Government of BC is directly involved in governing aquifers and licensing access via wells including issuing permits. Further, if a well is drilled on Crown land, then the Province is required to grant access. Their agencies, such as Interior Health, are also involved in permitting regulating new drinking water sources.[11]

[11] https://www.interiorhealth.ca/information-for/businesses/drinking-water-providers-and-operators#emergency-response-plans

- The RDCK operates Ymir's water utility and as such has a direct role to play in developing and operating any new backup water system.
- Members of the local community, notably water utility ratepayers, are also impacted by any new emergency backup water source as they may need to cover related costs. Water users, both drinking and fire suppression, will also be affected as the backup source ensures the availability of water if the supply from Quartz Creek is compromised.
- Yields from existing wells drilled nearby into aquifer #0493 may be influenced by any new backup well system which may influence water availability to certain private well users. For instance, the new wells may reduce supply to existing users and as such, assessments should be made to ensure that drawing additional water from this aquifer does not negatively impact existing users.

7.2.4 Implement Coordinated Watershed Monitoring

Description

Implementing watershed monitoring involves a collaborative approach, drawing on the efforts already underway by multiple stakeholders, including the RDCK, government agencies, and local resource licensees. To ensure comprehensive and reliable data collection, agreements should be established with all parties involved to facilitate regular sharing and review of monitoring information, such as turbidity, flow rates, temperature, and land use changes. Coordination among tenure holders and agencies helps to minimize duplication of effort while promoting shared stewardship of data. By prioritizing these key parameters and fostering cooperative data management, the monitoring program should aim to provide a clear and consistent picture of watershed health, equipping the community to respond adaptively to changing conditions based on robust evidence.

Current Status

A variety of organizations are actively engaged in data collection efforts within the Quartz Creek Community Watershed to safeguard water quality and monitor environmental changes. The RDCK regularly gathers water quantity and quality data at their intake weir, focusing on indicators such as raw water pH, turbidity, bacteriology, and volume. Much of this information is reported the RDCK's annual year end flow and water quality reporting, which is currently being funded by BC Timber Sales and Ymir Water Service.[12] ATCO, and previously BC Timber Sales, have enlisted Saso Consulting to monitor water flows in Quartz Creek, maintaining a current measuring station approximately 200 metres upstream from the RDCK intake. The Government of BC tracks land use changes in the region through its Vegetation Resources Inventories, employing satellite imagery, aerial surveys, and GPS data to monitor shifts in the landscape.[13]

[12] https://www.rdck.ca/environmental-service/environmental-services/water/rdck-water-systems/ymir-water-system/

[13] https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/industry/forestry/managing-our-forest-resources/forest-inventory

Valuation

Monetary estimates for establishing agreements with the different groups and coordinating its use and review are largely unknown. Based on conversations with ATCO and the RDCK, water quality monitoring efforts are estimated to cost roughly $7,000 per year.

Relevant Parties

Implementing coordinated watershed monitoring involves several stakeholders, including those involved in existing monitoring activities.

- Groups currently collecting data include the RDCK since they monitor the water system, ATCO Wood Products who engage Saso Consulting to monitor water quality, as well as the Government of BC who monitors land use change.
- The forest license holder, in this case ATCO, has a role to play in any initiative that coordinates data collection and sharing beyond their current work with Saso Consulting focusing on water supply such as changes in land cover.
- Community members, such as Ymir residents or those using the watershed for recreation, and the Ymir Community Watershed Society could contribute to monitoring changes in land use, water quality, or water supply.
- A lead agency or organization could lead the coordination of watershed monitoring. This may be a government agency, the RDCK, or a local NGO such as the Ymir Community Watershed Society.

7.3 Prioritized Recommendations

This section presents a phased roadmap for safeguarding the drinking water services of the Quartz Creek watershed. Recommendations are structured to address priority risks—wildfire, drought, and logging—within the context of governance and operational constraints. In addition to phased timing, each action is prioritized according to its urgency and potential impact on drinking water services.

Actions are prioritized according to the following definitions:

- **Top Priority:** Essential for protecting the watershed's most at-risk services.
- **High Priority:** Significant importance that follows or depends on top-priority work.
- **Supporting Priority:** Valuable but less time-sensitive or contingent on earlier outcomes.

7.3.1 Short-Term (Years 1–2) Planning, Scoping, Engagement

In the short-term, focus should be on building the knowledge base, fostering relationships, and developing feasible plans before implementation.

Top Priority Actions:

- **Collaborative Wildfire Risk Planning**
    - Engage BC Wildfire Service, ATCO Wood Products, and local experts on explicitly building the Quartz Creek community watershed into existing wildfire management plans.

    - Scope appropriate treatment areas, methods, and objectives.
    - Assess wildfire risk reduction benefits and potential timber value implications.
- **Backup Groundwater Supply Feasibility**
    - Commission a hydro-geological review of Aquifer #0493.
    - Identify potential drill sites, permitting needs, and technical constraints.
    - Develop preliminary feasibility and costing report.

High Priority Actions:

- **Stakeholder Dialogue on Timber Rights**
    - Initiate structured discussions with ATCO, the Province, and local First Nations.
    - Explore options including voluntary deferrals, conditional harvests, and partial buyouts.

Supporting Priority Actions:

- **Coordinated Watershed Monitoring Framework**
    - Align water quality, hydrology, and forest health monitoring across stakeholders.
    - Establish data sharing and joint reporting protocols.

7.3.2 Medium-Term (Years 3–5) Targeted Field Implementation and Testing

In the medium term, focus should be on initiating physical works based on completed planning and engagement (i.e. outcomes of the short-term actions).

Top Priority Actions:

- **Priority Wildfire Fuel Treatments**
    - Implement collaboratively agreed treatments in high-risk zones.
    - Balance water protection with timber considerations.
- **Backup Groundwater Test Wells and Design**
    - Drill and test production wells to confirm capacity and quality.
    - Develop construction and integration plan for connection to Ymir system.

High Priority Actions:

- **Conditional Timber Valuation Study**
    - Commission detailed valuation of timber resources within Quartz Creek Community Watershed to support negotiations (if deemed necessary from initial dialogue).

7.3.3 Long-Term (Years 6–10) Adaptive Management

In the long-term focus should be on maintaining gains, securing long-term control, and adapting to changing conditions.

Top Priority Actions:

- **Maintain Fuel Breaks**
    - Scheduled maintenance cycles for agreed upon wildfire management controls.
- **Backup Water Supply Integration**
    - Construct and connect backup groundwater system.
    - Ensure operational readiness for drought or emergencies.

High Priority Actions:

- **Advance Governance and Tenure Security Plans**
    - Execute easements, tenure adjustments, or acquisition plans for long-term watershed protection (See Appendix E for a description of collaborate watershed governance).

Supporting Priority Actions:

- **Adaptive Management and Climate Readiness**
    - Use monitoring data to adjust practices as necessary
    - Respond to evolving wildfire, hydrologic, and climate risks.

9. Conclusion

The Quartz Creek Community Watershed represents a critical component of Ymir's public infrastructure, providing high-quality drinking water to the community through naturally regulated hydrological and ecological processes. This NAMP has involved a comprehensive assessment of the watershed's condition, service provision, replacement cost, and associated risks to support long-term service reliability and informed decision-making. This information is contained within an inventory that is designed to be updated over time, allowing the RDCK and partners to track changes in asset extent, quality, and stress exposure as part of ongoing natural asset monitoring.

The condition assessment confirms that the watershed is currently in excellent ecological health. Indicators such as forest cover, riparian integrity, and habitat continuity reflect a largely undisturbed system with strong capacity to support water quality and quantity regulation. The intact forest landscape and low levels of fragmentation contribute to a high degree of natural resilience.

Despite its current condition, the risk assessment identified several high-consequence hazards to both the natural assets and the drinking water service they provide. These include wildfire, drought, climate-induced shifts in snowpack and precipitation patterns, and potential future commercial logging or road development. Many of these hazards are likely to increase in frequency or intensity under projected climate conditions. Given that the watershed is the sole source of drinking water for Ymir and that no feasible alternative supply currently exists, any degradation of its condition would pose immediate and significant service-level risks.

The replacement cost analysis illustrates the substantial financial value of the ecosystem services provided by the watershed. Replicating the water supply and natural storage functions through engineered infrastructure—such as bulk-water delivery or above-ground reservoirs—would result in prohibitively high capital and operational costs, while offering only partial functionality. Moreover, engineered alternatives do not provide the ancillary benefits of the intact forested watershed, such as sediment control, fire-risk mitigation, and long-term flow regulation.

In light of these findings, the principal conclusion of the NAMP is that maintaining the ecological integrity of the Quartz Creek Community Watershed is the most reliable and cost-effective strategy to ensure the continued provision of drinking water to the Ymir community. This conclusion underscores the importance of proactive management, including wildfire risk reduction, forest health monitoring, and engagement with land tenure holders and regulatory agencies to prevent land-use activities that could compromise watershed function.

Finally, this plan positions the watershed as a vital service-providing asset, aligning its management with best practices in infrastructure planning and risk mitigation. Ensuring service continuity will require sustained collaboration among the RDCK, tenure holders, provincial regulators, First Nations, and local residents. The outcomes of this NAMP provide the technical foundation and strategic direction necessary to support that ongoing stewardship.

10. Appendix A: Existing Flow, Water Quality and Climate Change Data for Quartz Creek

This appendix provides supporting data on hydrological and water quality monitoring within the Quartz Creek Community Watershed. Its purpose is to establish a baseline understanding of current watershed function, particularly in relation to flow variability, water quality parameters, and early climate-related changes that may influence service delivery. This data contributes essential context for interpreting the risk assessment presented in Section 6 and strengthens the overall condition assessment of the watershed.

Monitoring data has been compiled to capture flow volumes, turbidity, and temperature over multiple years. These datasets inform the plan's evaluation of service reliability, potential climate stressors, and the likelihood of future disruptions in water availability or quality.

Appendix A is intended to provide transparency around the current empirical record and highlight emerging trends that may affect the long-term provision of drinking water to Ymir. It also supports future monitoring design and provides a baseline for evaluating management effectiveness and adaptive responses to climate change or land-use pressures.

10.1 Quartz Creek Flow and Water Quality Monitoring

Land use activities, such as forest harvesting, can alter the vegetative cover and modify hydrologic and vegetative processes, especially in watersheds with snow-melt-dominated peak flows. Those changes may be amplified by the effects of climate change (Smith et al. 2024), so the maintenance of a properly functioning watershed can increase resilience to those effects (Forest Practices Board 2022). Risks to watershed values of relevance to the Quartz Creek Community Watershed arise from changes in timing, magnitude, and frequency of stream flows and increases or decreases in fine and coarse sediment in streams (Joint Professional Practice Guidelines 2020). Recent flow volumes and consumption patterns are summarized herein to establish a baseline characterization of the current state of the watershed for comparison to possible future climate scenarios.

10.1.1 Flow Volume

In 2019, a flow monitoring weir was installed on Quartz Creek at the intake of the Ymir water system with funding from BC Timber Sales. Funding for monitoring and reporting from January 2021 to present was provided by ATCO Wood Products Ltd. Since installation, the RDCK has issued five annual reports that summarize Quartz Creek flow and water quality monitoring (RDCK 2021 - 2025). Data throughout the monitoring period was intermittent and/or inaccurate due to a failed transmitter, level sensor malfunctions, icing that interfered with water level readings, and an overflow calculation error. Data types include daily average weir flow level (mm), creek flows (L/s), 15-min turbidity (NTU) readings, weekly testing of treated water bacteriological, bi-weekly raw water bacteriological, quarterly chemical and biological parameters based on Guidelines for Canadian Drinking Water Quality, quarterly treated water trihalomethanes (THMs) and haloacetic acids (HAAs) and pH when a technician was on site.

Secondary flow monitoring was undertaken by Saso Consulting above the Ymir water system intake by calculating flows through a natural creek section. This secondary monitoring, along with visual

level readings taken weekly, allowed for flow monitoring comparisons. Control upgrades took place in February 2024 substantially improving data reliability (RDCK 2024).

Flow measurements were provided by Eileen Senyk <esenyk@rdck.bc.ca> via email on April 7th and April 17th. Observation dates in that dataset span from January 2022 to January 2025. Flow observations in that dataset are sourced from both a logger instrument (primarily in 2022) and from visual level readings. Flow measurements ranged from near zero L/s to a maximum of around 690 L/s. See Table 9-1 for minimum / maximum flow measurements and the dates upon which those measurements were observed. Maximum flow volumes recorded for 2022-2024 were substantially lower than maximum flow volume recorded in 2020, in which a maximum flow of 1,699 L/s was recorded, or in 2021, in which a maximum flow of 1,057 L/s was recorded (Regional District of Central Kootenay 2021, 2022).

Table 10-1. Minimum and maximum flow values in Quartz Creek from 2022-2024.

Sample Year	Minimum Flow		Maximum Flow	
	Date	Flow (L/s)	Date	Flow (L/s)
2022	Sep 26, 2022	10.46[1]	May 6, 2022	1,758.34[2]
2023	Sep 19, 2023, Nov 13, 2023	5.00	May 16, 2023	526.49
2024	Sep 9, 2024, Sep 16, 2024, Sep 23, 2024	7.56	Apr 30, 2024	418.02

[1]Lower flow levels were recorded visually when the intake pond was frozen on November 21 and November 29 2022. Those values are not considered accurate (RDCK 2023).

[2]Peak flow level was automatically recorded when Quartz Creek was above overflow weir height- it is not considered accurate (RDCK 2023).

Flow volumes in 2022-2024 peaked on May 6th[st] in 2022, May 16th in 2023, and April 30th in 2024. These peak flow dates are in line with those in earlier reports; maximum flows occurred on May 22[nd] in 2020 and on April 30th in 2021 (Regional District of Central Kootenay 2021, 2022). In 2022-2024, flow volumes decreased from the peak to below 100 L/s in July (see Figure 9-1). This also appears to be consistent with the pattern of flow volumes in 2020 and 2021, although there is a gap in flow data from June to August in 2020 (Regional District of Central Kootenay, 2021).

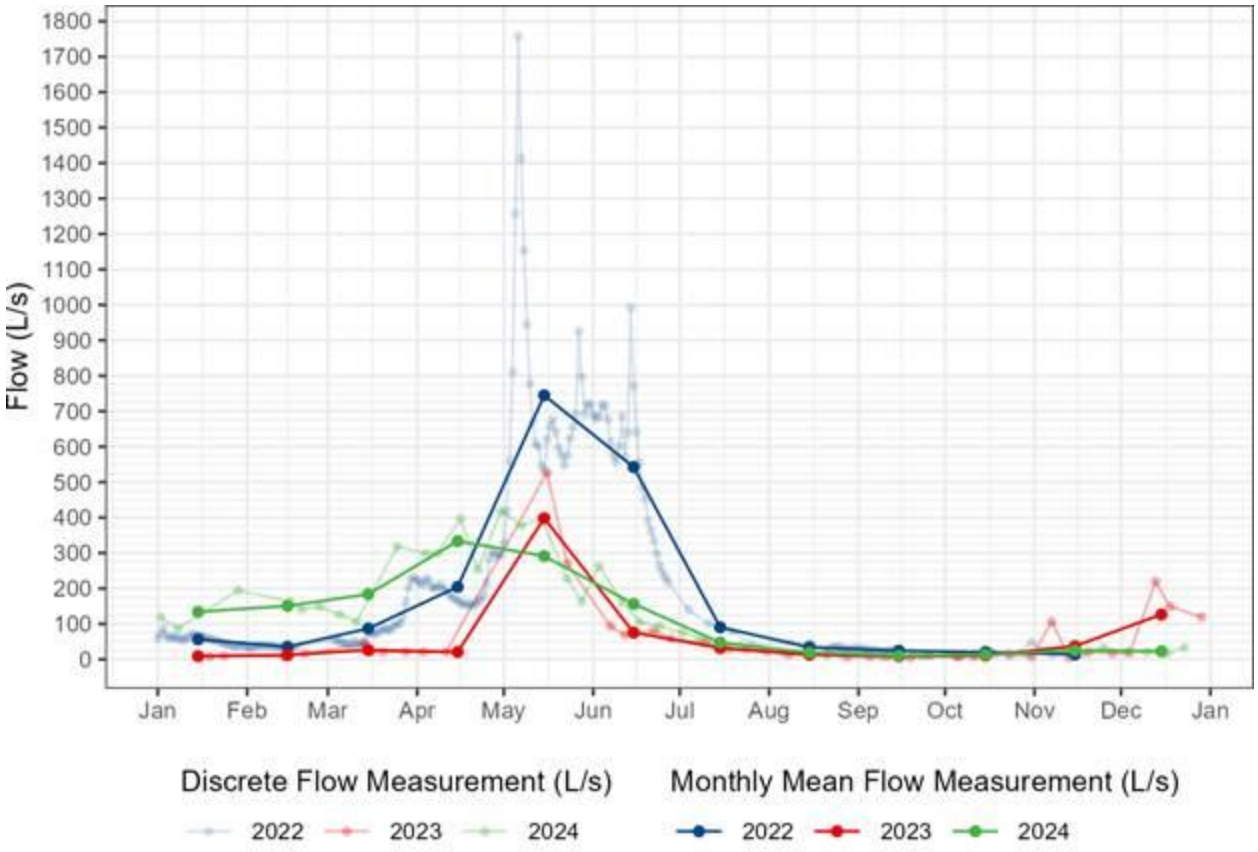


Figure 10-1. Flows in 2022-2024 in Quartz Creek, based on a combination of logger instrument records and visual level readings. Translucent lines and points indicate individual flow measurements and opaque lines and points indicate monthly average flow. Measurement from when the intake pond was frozen in 2022 (February 19th to March 2nd, November 21st, November 29th) are omitted.

10.1.2 Water Consumption

Water consumption values were provided by Eileen Senyk <esenyk@rdck.bc.ca> via email on February 7, 2025. These consumption values detail m^3 of treated water recorded weekly, from December 23rd 2019 to January 6th 2025. To determine the daily and monthly consumption volumes, the average consumption per day from a given weekly measurement was backfilled to each preceding date between weekly recordings and these consumption values were summed for each month. See Table 9-2 for a summary of consumption metrics. Total yearly consumption was highest in 2021 and decreased to be consistently around 26,000 m^3 per year in 2022, 2023, and 2024. Monthly consumption volumes were lowest in the fall and winter months, with the highest consumption totals in July, August, and September (Figure 9-2).

Table 10-2. Minimum and maximum consumption values in Quartz Creek from 2022-2024.

Metric	Year				
	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
Days in Year	366	365	365	365	366
Total Consumption (m^3)	34934	42610	26052	26133	25729
Maximum Daily Demand (m^3)	332	210	146	118	114
Average Daily Demand (m^3)	95	117	71	72	70
Consumption per Connection (m^3)	323	395	241	242	238
Consumption per Connection per Day (L)	884	1081	661	663	651

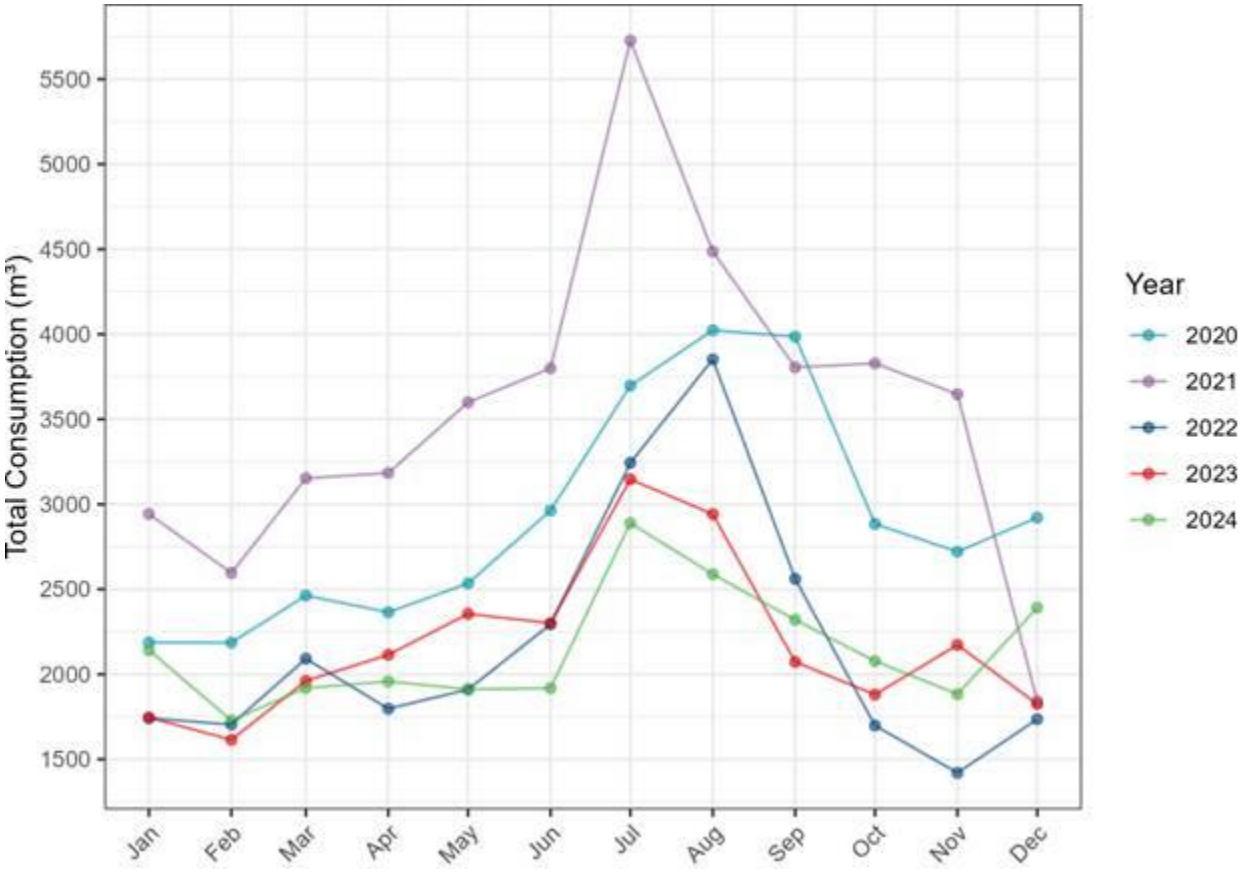


Figure 10-2. Total consumption volume by month from 2020 to 2024.

10.1.3 Available Water Volume and Water Consumption

To explore the relationship between available water volume flowing through Quartz Creek and water consumption, the average flow (as volume per second) was used to estimate the total volume of water that flowed through Quartz Creek for each month in 2022 to 2024 (see Equation 1).

$$Total\ Monthly\ Volume = Average\ Flow\ Measured\ in\ Month \times 60 \times 60 \times 24 \times Count\ of\ Days\ in\ Month \quad 1$$

These total volumes were compared to the corresponding volume of water consumed in that month to determine the ratio of volume available to volume consumed (see Table 9-3). In general, volume available as flow greatly exceeded the volume consumed; flow volumes ranged from one to three orders of magnitude higher than corresponding consumption volumes. In the spring and early summer, monthly volumes available were typically many times higher than the relevant volume consumed. In fall months, those ratios decreased; for example, in September of 2023 and 2024, roughly one tenth of the water flowing through Quartz Creek was extracted from the creek through the community water license. Generally, peak consumption months in 2022 through 2024 appear to coincide with the end of the falling limb of freshet (see Figure 9-3).

Table 10-3. Total flow volume ("Flow Vol. (m^3)") compared to volume consumed ("Vol. Consumed (m^3)") from 2022-2024. "Flow / Consumed" indicates the ratio between flow volume and volume consumed.

Month	2022			2023			2024		
	Flow Vol. (m^3)	Vol. Consumed (m^3)	Flow / Consumed	Flow Vol. (m^3)	Vol. Consumed (m^3)	Flow / Consumed	Flow Vol. (m^3)	Vol. Consumed (m^3)	Flow / Consumed
January	151,197	1,742	87	24,127	1,746	14	358,619	2,142	167
February	85,906	1,704	50	29,844	1,615	18	378,056	1,729	219
March	233,213	2,092	111	70,437	1,961	36	492,191	1,919	256
April	530,515	1,797	295	53,988	2,115	26	864,739	1,958	442
May	1,995,172	1,910	1,044	1,066,707	2,355	453	780,510	1,912	408
June	1,406,543	2,294	613	195,574	2,301	85	405,577	1,918	211
July	242,561	3,244	75	85,685	3,147	27	127,498	2,889	44
August	91,124	3,852	24	34,799	2,942	12	50,811	2,589	20
September	62,827	2,561	25	21,880	2,073	11	25,786	2,320	11
October	54,782	1,698	32	28,890	1,880	15	36,556	2,078	18
November	35,377	1,420	25	96,720	2,173	45	65,387	1,883	35
December	30,342	1,736	17	339,187	1,825	186	61,677	2,391	26

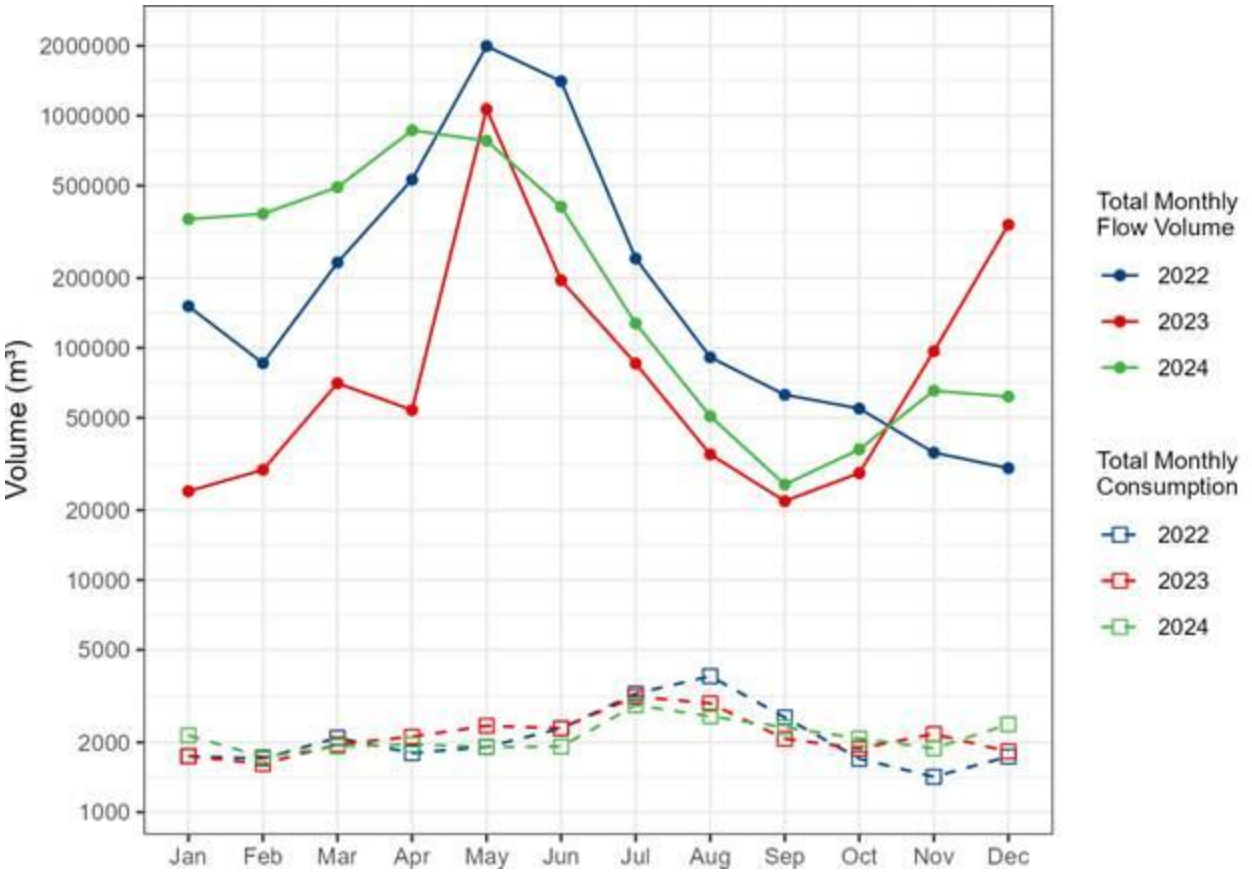


Figure 10-3. Comparison of total flow volume by month (based on average monthly flow / second) and total monthly consumption. Y axis (volume in m^3) is log-transformed to enable comparison between flow volume values and consumption volume values.

10.2 Regional Impacts of Climate Change

A Climate Projection Report was developed for the Kootenay Region to align with goals set out by the British Columbia Climate Action Charter and includes climate projections for both 2050 and 2080. The Kootenay Region is expected to experience significantly warmer summers with a potential decrease in precipitation. Other seasons may see increased precipitation in the form of rain rather than snow due to warmer temperatures. These changes are likely to result in an increased frequency and severity of wildfires, a shift in the growing season and changing crop suitability, and the potential for spring flooding risk (PCIC 2012).

10.2.1 Predicted Changes in Climate Variables

To explore the potential effects of climate change on water availability in the Quartz Creek Community Watershed, locally downscaled climate variables were obtained for the watershed using ClimateBC (Wang et al. 2016). Variables based on historical climate normals from 1991 to 2020 were compared to variables predicted for four future time spans: 2021-2040, 2041-2060, 2061-2080, and 2081-2100 (Mahony et al. 2022). Four different Shared Socioeconomic Pathways (SSPs) based on different greenhouse gas emission scenarios were included for comparison: SSP1-2.6 (low), SSP2-4.5 (intermediate), SSP3-7.0 (high), and SSP5-8.5 (very high) (IPCC 2023). These different SSPs

encompass a range of possible future climate scenarios. For each of these SSPs, ClimateBC's eight Global Circulation Model (8GCM) ensemble was used to predict future climate variables (Mahoney et al. 2022). All predicted values sampled from the historical climate normal or from the SSPs are representative of a typical year in each scenario; predicted values do not represent abnormal or extreme individual years from neither the historical dataset nor any future predicted years.

Consistent with general global climate change models, mean yearly temperature in the Quartz Creek Community Watershed is predicted to increase under all four included SSPs (Figure 9-4-A), although mean yearly temperature under SSP1-2.6 is predicted to level off and decrease in 2061-2080 to 2081-2100. At the same yearly scale, precipitation is also generally predicted to increase, with a deviation from that trend in SSP3-7.0 in 2061-2080 (Figure 9-4-B). Although precipitation overall is expected to increase, precipitation as snow is predicted to decrease (Figure 9-4-C), which is in line with the expected increase in overall temperature in the watershed.

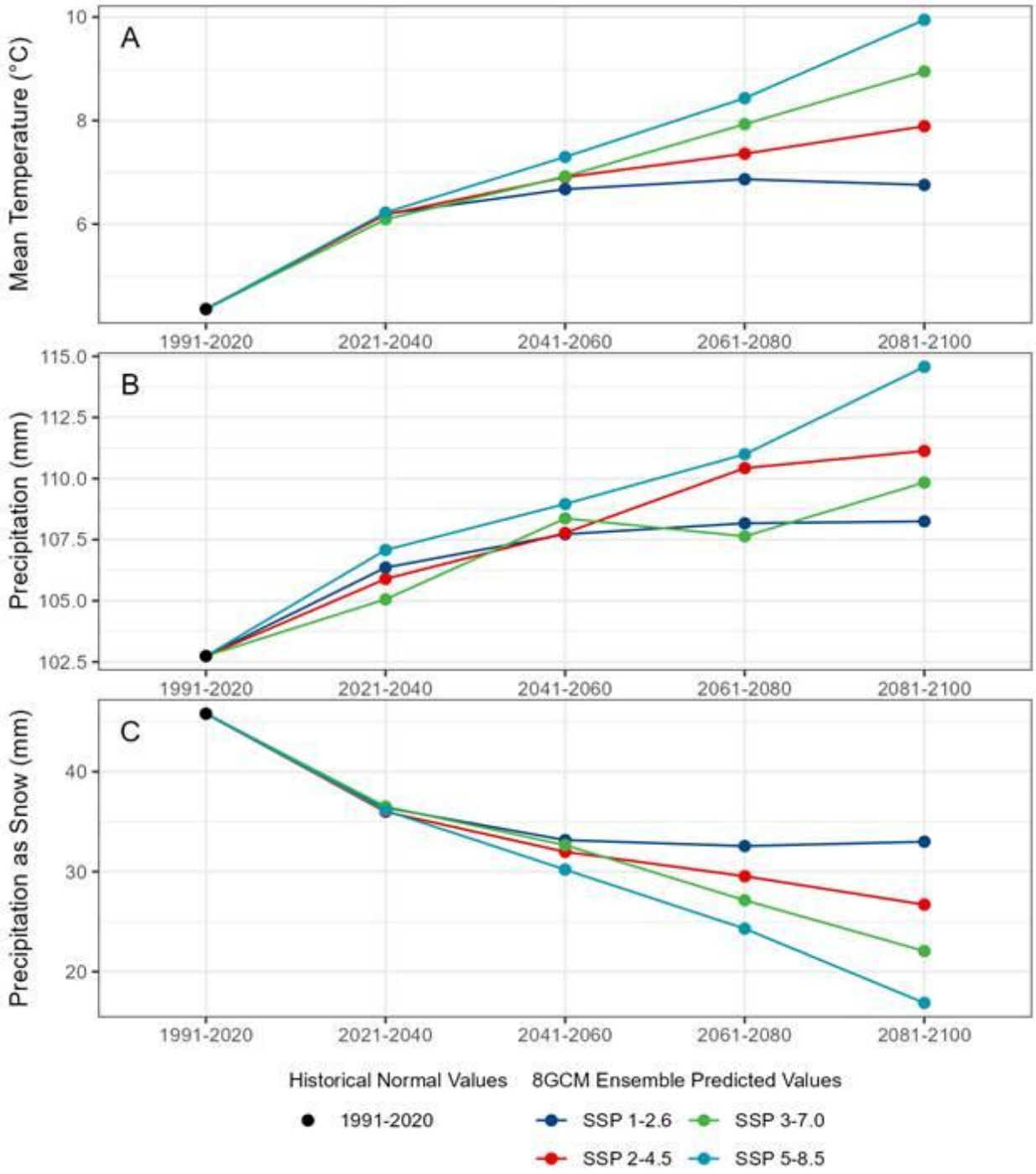


Figure 10-4. Historical and predicted yearly mean temperature, yearly mean precipitation, and yearly mean precipitation as snow based on locally downscaled climate variables in the Quartz Creek Community Watershed.

Hydrology in Quartz Creek is subject to seasonal effects; yearly averages are useful for the establishment of overall trends, but annual aggregation can obscure within-year variation. Monthly predictions of climate variables can provide additional insight into the likely effect of climate change on flow volumes and water availability.

Total precipitation is predicted to increase across all four SSPs (Figure 9-4-B), but the timing of that precipitation will likely affect flow volumes throughout the year. Across all four SSPs, increased precipitation is predicted to occur primarily in the winter, spring, and fall months (Figure 9-5), which may increase flow volumes in those months or affect the timing of peak flow. However, precipitation is predicted to decrease in the summer months (July and August). Since those months are typically when flows in Quartz Creek are low (Figure 9-1, Regional District of Central Kootenay 2021, 2022, 2023, 2024), the reduced precipitation in those months may further decrease the flow in Quartz Creek.

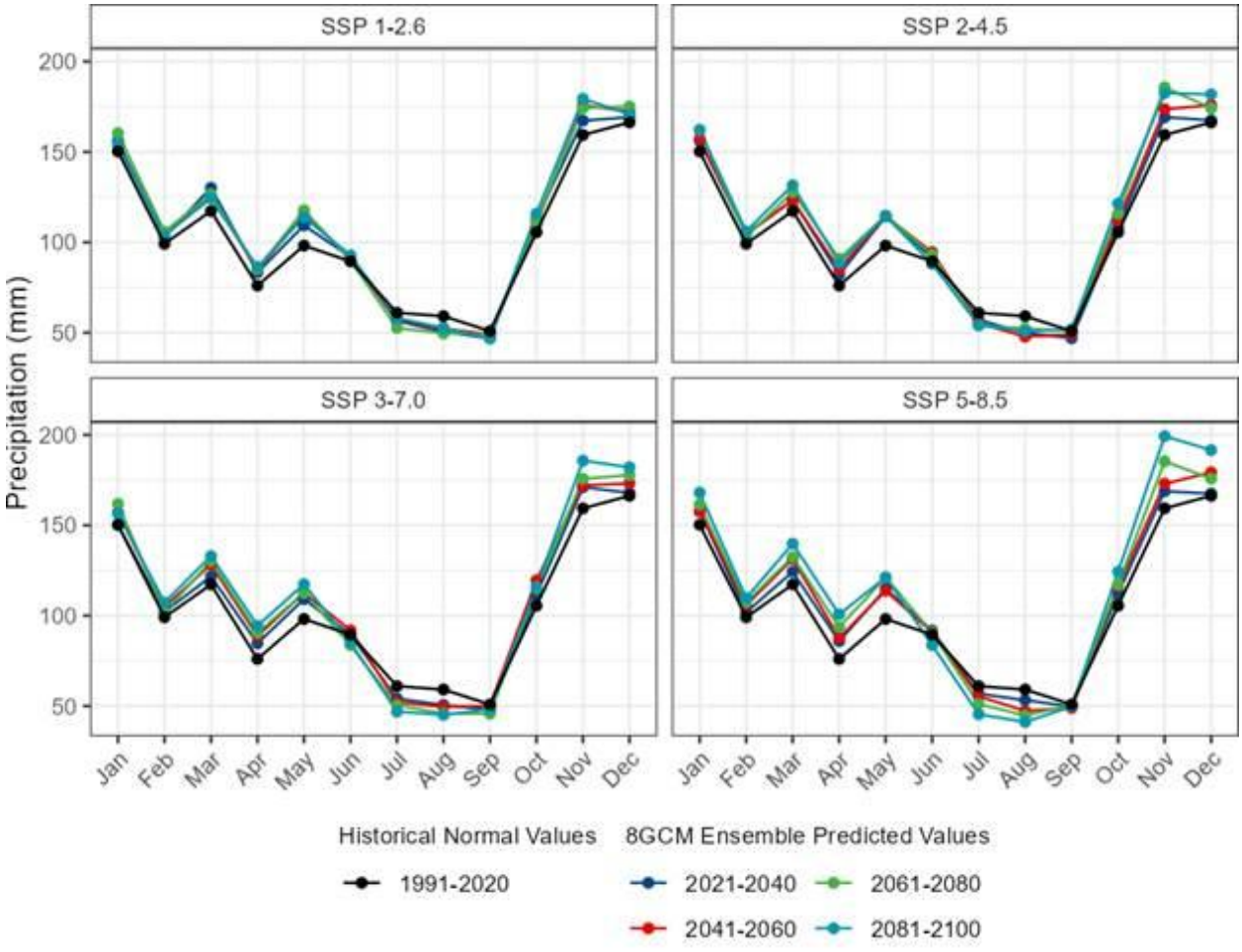


Figure 10-5. Historical and predicted monthly precipitation based on locally downscaled climate variables.

Although precipitation by month is predicted to increase in some cases and decrease in others, both precipitation as snow and average monthly temperatures are predicted to shift in the same direction across all months. Precipitation as snow predicted under all four SSPs is expected to decrease; the key difference between scenarios is the magnitude of the decrease (Figure 9-6). This predicted change would lead to a reduced overall snowpack.

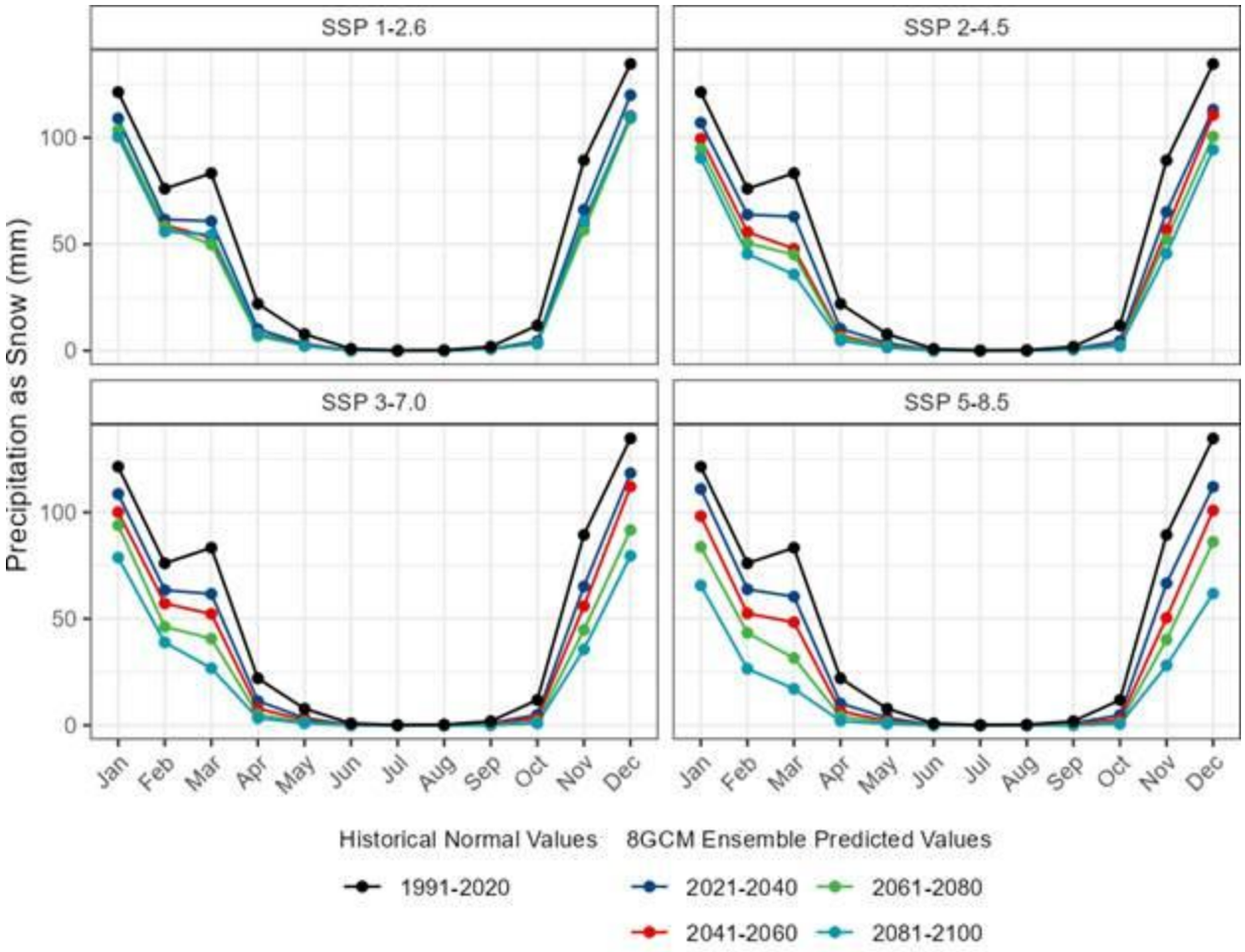


Figure 10-6. *Historical and predicted precipitation as snow based on locally downscaled climate variables.*

As with precipitation as snow, temperatures across all four SSPs are predicted to increase across all months (Figure 9-7). In the least extreme climate scenario evaluated (SSP 1-2.6), temperatures are expected to increase by a few degrees for the first twenty-year period (2021-2040), but then change little beyond that in the following three time spans. In the three other SSPs evaluated, the average monthly temperature is expected to increase incrementally at each timestep. With each more extreme SSP, the number of months with an average temperature below zero degrees decreases over time. For example, SSP 5-8.5 predicts that in the time span of 2081-2100, only December and January will have average monthly temperatures below zero degrees.

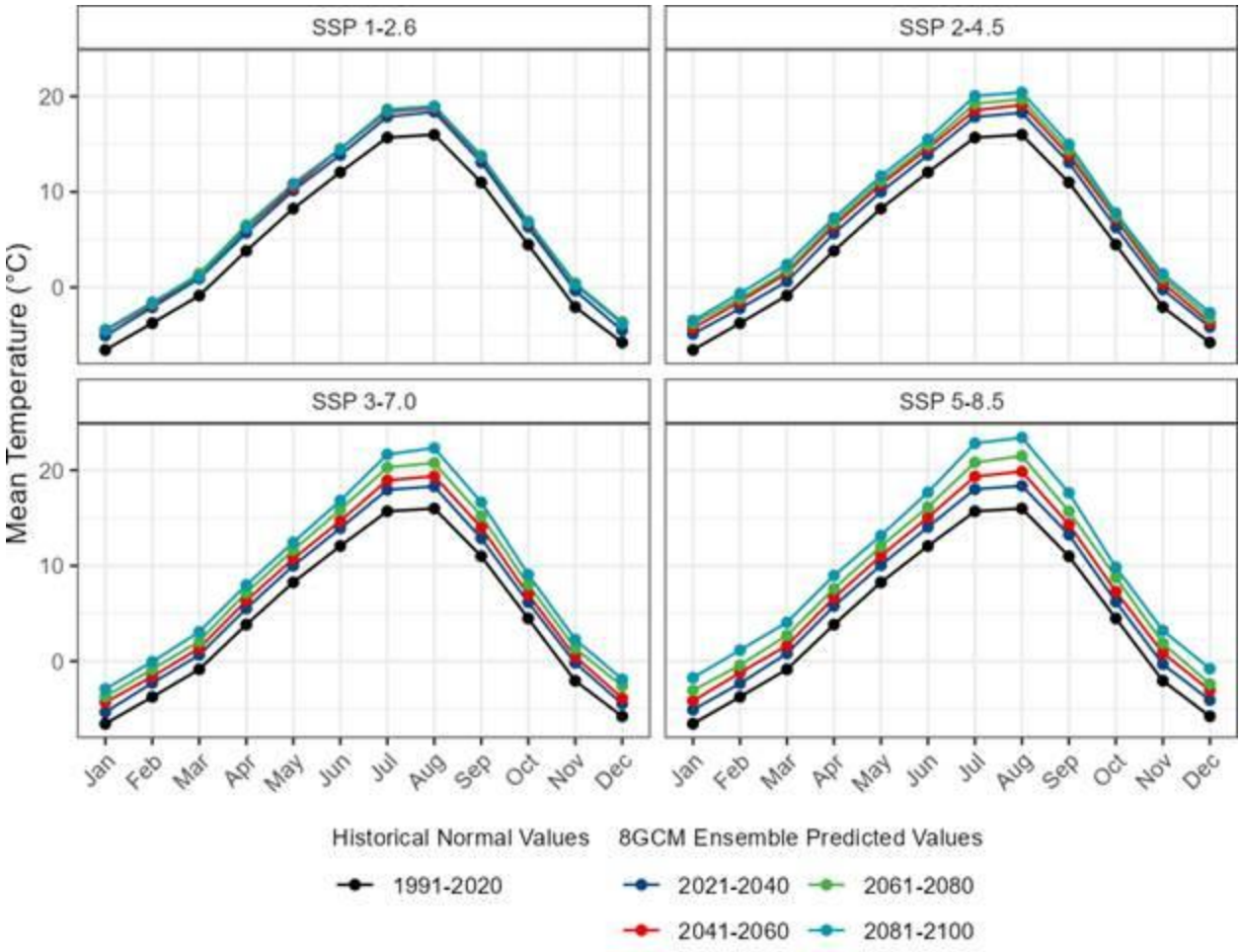


Figure 10-7. Historical and predicted average monthly temperature based on locally downscaled climate variables.

In the Quartz Creek Community Watershed, average monthly temperatures are predicted to increase, and precipitation as snow is predicted to decrease. The degree of impact from these changes will depend on the actual climate scenario that occurs, but in all cases evaluated herein it appears that climate change may cause a reduction in snow accumulation over winter in future years, which would decrease the total volume of water released in the spring melt. In addition, future snowpack may be subject to earlier melting which would lead to a corresponding change to the timing and duration of peak flow. As the snowpack influence on hydrological processes decreases, the predicted increase in precipitation as rain (Figure 9-5) would mean a shift towards higher importance of rainfall runoff on the flow patterns in the watershed.

These predicted changes are in line with findings from a model of a similar montane catchment, which showed that flow regime, including changes to the timing of peak flow, will be impacted (Smith et al. 2024) by climate change. However, there are interactions between climate change and stand-replacing disturbance such as forest fire or harvest that further complicate predictions of flow; Smith et al. (2024) found some cases where stand replacing disturbance effects offset the effects of climate change. If it is necessary to quantify the interactions between climate change and potential disturbance for Quartz Creek Community Watershed, it may be worth exploring a similar

comprehensive hydrological modelling approach to simulate different climate scenarios and / or different levels of stand-replacing disturbance.

10.2.2 Historical Snowpack

To contextualize the predicted decrease in precipitation as snow (see Figure 9-2, Figure 9-6) relative to the historical snowpack, data from the nearest Provincial Snow Survey Program stations were extracted from the BC Ministry of Environment Real-time water data tool (Ministry of Environment and Climate Change Strategy 2025). These two stations are Nelson (930 m elevation, 13.6 km from Quartz Creek Community Watershed) and Char Creek (1310 m elevation, 20.0 km from Quartz Creek Community Watershed). These sites are not directly adjacent to Quartz Creek Community Watershed, but their proximity is reasonable, each is in a Biogeoclimatic Ecosystem Zone also found in the community watershed (Nelson: Interior Cedar – Hemlock, Char Creek: Englemann Spruce – Subalpine Fir), and their elevations fall within the lower and upper elevation limits (780 m to 1694 m) of the community watershed (See Section 9.1). Snow water equivalent (SWE) values (the amount of water stored as snow, White et al. 2016) for each month were extracted and grouped into time spans of a maximum of ten years for comparison (see Figure 9-3). A qualitative assessment of those groupings suggests a general trend of decreasing SWE in the winter months. The predicted trend of decreasing precipitation as snow may represent a continuation of the apparent decreasing trend in SWE at both the Char Creek and Nelson survey stations.

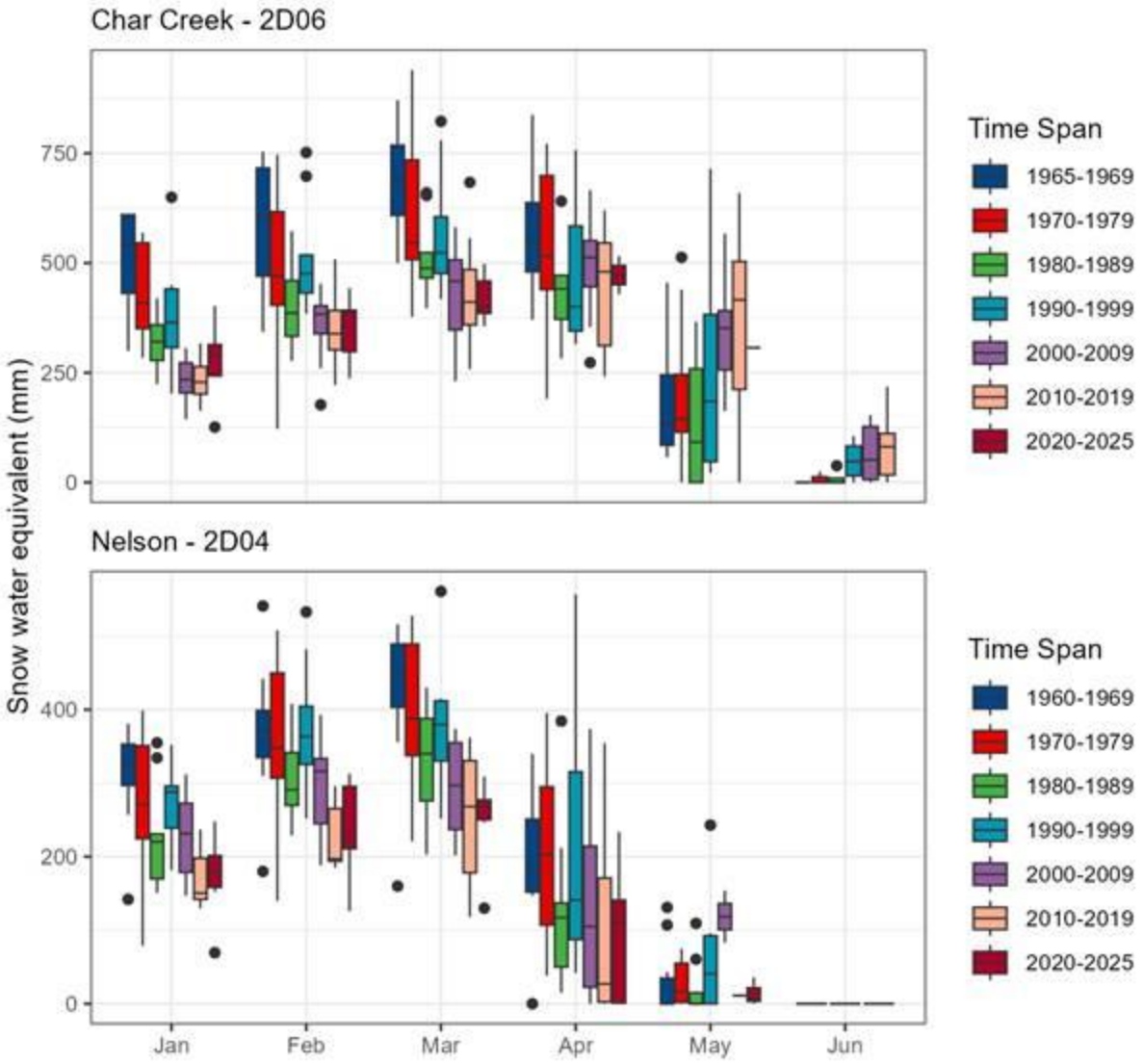


Figure 10-8. *Snow water equivalent (SWE) based on snow depth observations at Char Creek and Nelson snow monitoring stations. Colour-filled boxplots summarize the SWE by decade. Solid points indicate outlier values for a given decade. Note that the earliest data available from Char Creek are from 1965.*

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11. Appendix B: Condition Assessment Approach and Detailed Results

This appendix summarizes the specific rational, approach, and results for each condition indicator measured for the Quartz Creek Community watershed.

Table 1011-1. Category and descriptions for condition indicator.

Category	Indicator	Description
Forest Cover and Composition	- Percent (%) forest cover	Evaluates ecosystem complexity, biodiversity potential, and overall resilience. A high percent cover and mature forest imply greater watershed condition.
Forest Health and Disturbance	- Equivalent clearcut area	Detect stressors that may increase erosion, alter water yield, or degrade habitat. Less disturbance, good regeneration, and low pest impact imply greater watershed conditions.
Riparian and Canopy Integrity	- Continuity of riparian forest - Overall canopy closure*	Assesses stream shading, erosion protection, and microclimate buffering. Higher riparian continuity and intact canopy implies better stream protection and microclimate conditions that support water supply.
Roads and Fragmentation	- Road density - Interior forest habitat - Watercourse crossings	Roads and fragmentation increase erosion risk, reduce core habitat and watershed resilience that could ultimately impact water supply quantity and quality.

* Overall canopy closure was not able to be measured with available data and is recommended to be added as a measure of condition once LIDAR data for the area becomes available. Canopy closure is important for maintaining the necessary microclimate that helps slow the snowpack melt and maintain a steady water supply into the summer months.

11.1 Forest Cover and Composition

Forests regulate water yield, stabilize soil, and filter pollutants. Disturbances (e.g., logging, wildfire) can alter water flows and increase sedimentation. The type and extent of forest cover influence evapotranspiration, canopy interception, and soil infiltration, all of which affect streamflow regulation. Diverse, continuous forest cover also supports long-term watershed stability and resilience.

11.1.1 Percent of Forest Cover within Watersheds

INDICATOR: Percentage of watersheds covered by forest with higher forest cover ranking more favorably.

RATIONALE: According to Environment Canada (2013) research, it is recommended that between 30-50% of watersheds be forested. The greater the percent of forest cover, the greater the conservation and habitat quality of the watershed. From a management perspective, any forest asset within a watershed with a high degree of forest cover will generally require less management intervention.

APPROACH: Watershed boundaries were overlayed on the natural asset inventory. The total area of all forest assets was estimated and compared against the total watershed area to establish the percent of forest cover within the watershed. All individual forest assets within the watershed were allocated the same condition rating based on the scoring thresholds noted below.

RANKING: The area of forest assets within each watershed area was estimated as a percent of the watershed's area. Watersheds, and by extension the forest assets within them, were rated as follows:

- Very Good: watersheds with > 50% forest cover
- Good: watersheds with 41 to 50% forest cover
- Fair: watersheds with 31 to 40% forest cover
- Poor: watersheds with 16 to 30% forest cover
- Very poor: watersheds with <16% forest cover

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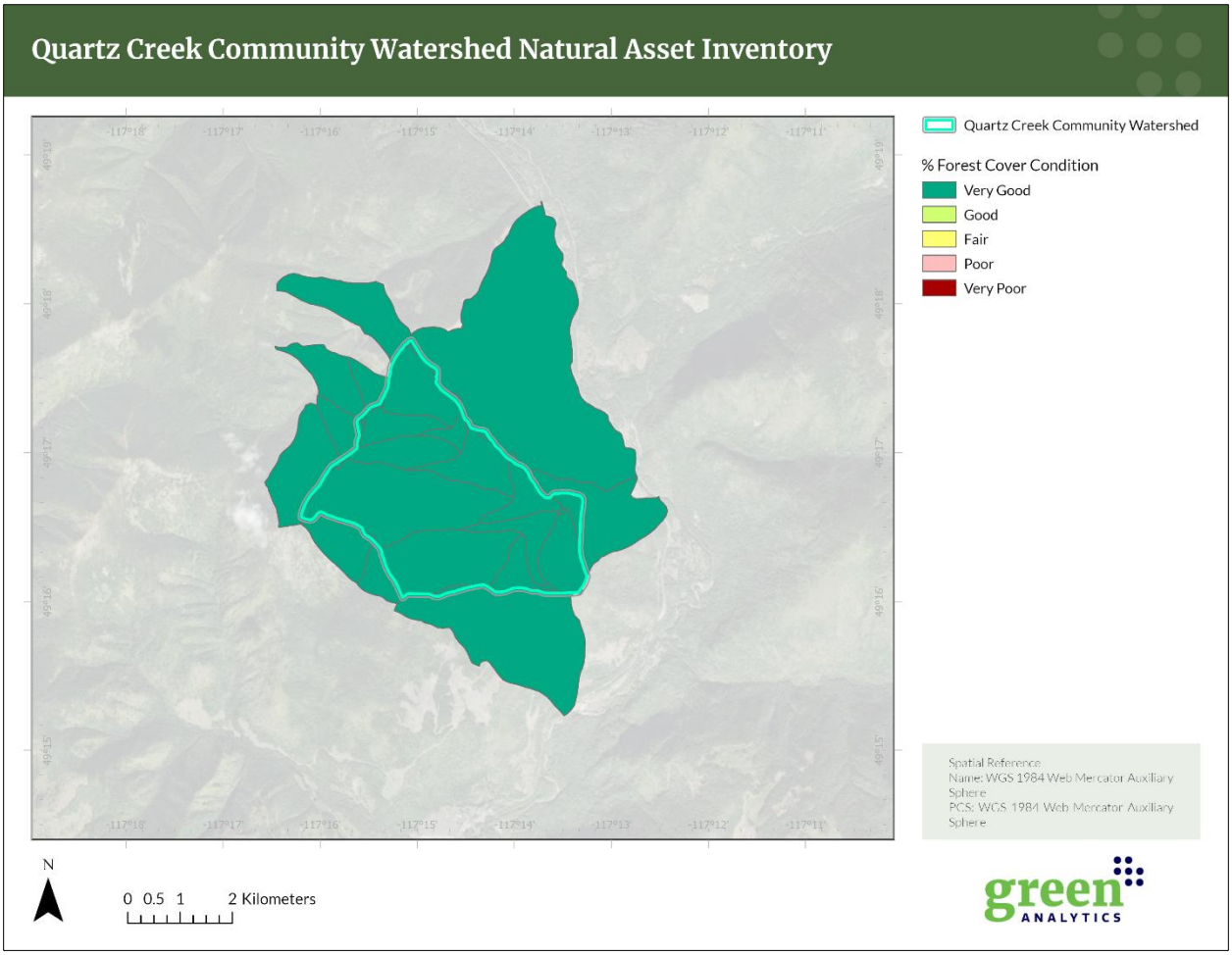


Figure 1011-1. Quartz Creek Community Watershed Forest Cover Condition.

Table 1011-2. Summary table of Quartz Creek Community Watershed forest cover condition.

Condition Ranking	All Mapped Fundamental Watersheds*		Quartz Creek Community Watershed**	
	Area (ha)	Percent of Total Area	Area (ha)	Percent of Total Area
Very Good	1638.67	100%	577.80	100%
Good	0	0%	0	0%
Fair	0	0%	0	0%
Poor	0	0%	0	0%
Very Poor	0	0%	0	0%

* All fundamental watershed that intersect with the Quartz Creek Community watershed boundary.

** A subset of the fundamental watershed that have the majority of their area within the Quartz Creek Community watershed.

11.2 Forest Health and Disturbance

Healthy forests filter precipitation, retain soil, and moderate runoff. Disturbances such as insect outbreaks, fire, or logging can increase erosion, nutrient loading, and sedimentation, leading to degraded water quality and altered flow regimes.

11.2.1 Equivalent Clearcut Area (ECA)

INDICATOR: Equivalent clearcut area (percent of area) within a watershed unit.

RATIONALE: Watersheds are highly sensitive to disturbances such as clear-cutting, fire scars, logging and pest outbreaks. Ecological and hydrological impacts can increase non-linearly with the amount of land disturbed. To assess the impact and the risk of forest disturbance, the concept of Equivalent Clearcut Area, or ECA, is a commonly used indicator. ECA is defined as the "area that has been clearcut, with a reduction factor to account for the hydrological recovery due to forest regeneration and subsequent growth" (BC Forest Practice Board n.d). According to Zhang and Wei (2012), ECA measures can be used to represent the forest disturbance, factoring in hydrological recovery after different types of disturbance (such as wildlife, logging and Mountain Pine Beetle infestations), accumulated across both space and time within the watershed. By measuring disturbances across time and space, ECA provides an indication of how cumulative land disturbances impact water, land, and overall ecological health.

APPROACH: ECA% was measured by first calculating the ECA and then dividing the ECA by the area of disturbance. Davidson et al. (2018) used the ECA metric to assess BC aquatic ecosystem cumulative effects, and calculated ECA using the following equation:

ECA =Area * (1 – Hydrological Recovery Rate)

For example, an area of 100 ha that was disturbed 66 years ago would be assigned a 90% hydrological recovery. ECA in this case would be equal to 10 ha, calculated as 100*(1-0.9) = 10 ha. The following table, adapted from Davidson et al. (2018), provides an easy reference of hydrological recovery rate based on the year since disturbance. It indicates that, as more time passes after a forest disturbance, hydrological recovery improves reflecting greater forest regeneration and growth, and results in a lower ECA estimate.

Table 1011-3. Hydrological recovery rate based on year since disturbance.

Time since disturbance	ECA Hydrologic Recovery
24	0%
39	25%
48	50%
60	75%
66	90%

After the ECA was calculated, the ECA% was calculated by dividing the ECA values by the area of disturbance, to yield the ECA%.

RANKING: Adapted from Davidson et al. (2018), the following 5-point scale was applied:

- Very good: ECA% < 10%
- Good: ECA% between 10 – 25%
- Fair: ECA% between 25 – 45%
- Poor: ECA% between 45 – 65%
- Ver poor: ECA% >65%

RESULTS:

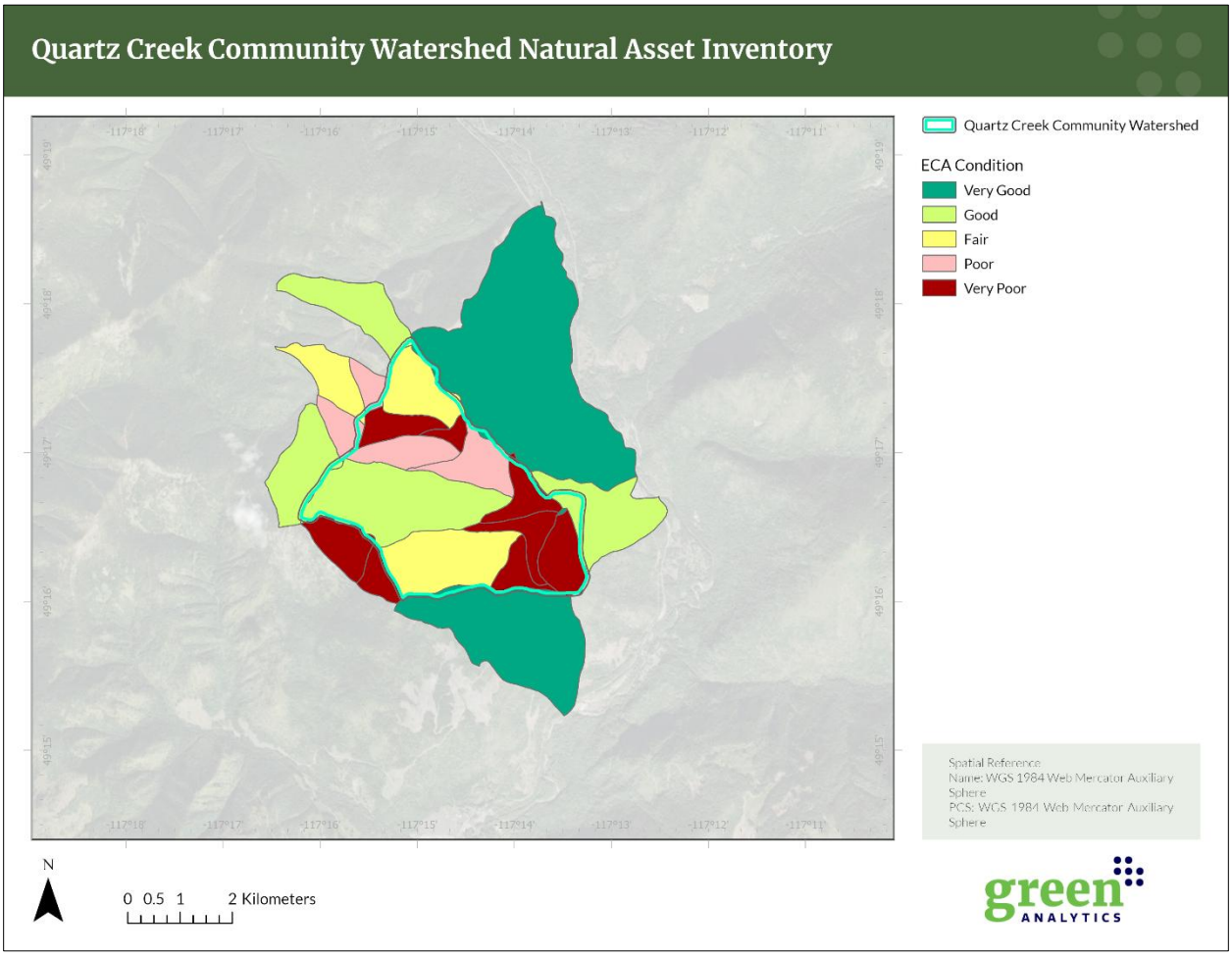


Figure 1011-2. Quartz Creek Community Watershed ECA condition.

Table 1011-4. Summary table of Quartz Creek Community Watershed ECA condition.

Condition Ranking	All Mapped Fundamental Watersheds*		Quartz Creek Community Watershed**	
	Area (ha)	Percent of Total Area	Area (ha)	Percent of Total Area
Very Good	669.93	40.88%	0	0%
Good	408.92	24.95%	164.83	28.53%
Fair	205.39	12.53%	161.14	27.89%
Poor	128.84	7.86%	86.91	15.04%
Very Poor	225.58	13.77%	164.91	28.54%

* All fundamental watershed that intersect with the Quartz Creek Community watershed boundary.

** A subset of the fundamental watershed that have the majority of their area within the Quartz Creek Community watershed.

11.3 Riparian and Canopy Integrity

Forested riparian zones buffer streams from upland impacts by stabilizing banks, filtering pollutants, and providing critical shade to regulate water temperature. Maintaining riparian integrity is essential for protecting aquatic habitat and maintaining drinking water quality. Overall canopy closure through the watershed is also important for maintaining the necessary microclimate that helps slow the snowpack melt and maintain a steady water supply into the summer months. This was not able to be measured with available data and is recommended to be added as a measure of condition once LIDAR data for the area becomes available.

11.3.1 Riparian Forest Integrity

INDICATOR: Percent Riparian Forest Cover

RATIONALE: Riparian zones are the transitional areas between terrestrial and aquatic ecosystems and are ecologically vital. Forested riparian areas filter sediments and nutrients, moderate stream temperatures through shading, stabilize streambanks, and provide habitat connectivity for both aquatic and terrestrial species. These functions are especially critical in watersheds that supply drinking water, such as the Ymir watershed, where maintaining water quality and hydrological stability is a high priority.

Percent riparian forest cover is a practical and effective indicator of riparian integrity. High forest cover within the riparian buffer suggests intact ecological function, while low cover indicates potential degradation due to logging, roads, or other disturbances.

APPROACH: This indicator measures the percent of riparian area that is currently forested. To estimate this, the following steps were taken:

- Generate a 100 m buffer on each side of all mapped streams within the relevant fundamental watersheds (200 m total width).
- Overlay forest cover data onto the buffer and calculate the proportion of the riparian buffer area that is classified as forested.

RANKING: The scoring thresholds are based on ecological research showing that most riparian functions — such as temperature regulation, sediment retention, and habitat connectivity — require at least 70–80% continuous forest cover within the buffer (Rex et al. 2012; Sweeny and Newbold 2014). The top score reflects near-natural conditions, while the lower scores correspond to increasing risk of water quality degradation, loss of biodiversity, and reduced system resilience.

- Very good: Percent (%) of riparian area forest > 90%
- Good: Percent (%) of riparian area forest 80 to 90%
- Fair: Percent (%) of riparian area forest 65 to 79%
- Poor: Percent (%) of riparian area forest 50 to 64%
- Ver poor: Percent (%) of riparian area forest < 50%

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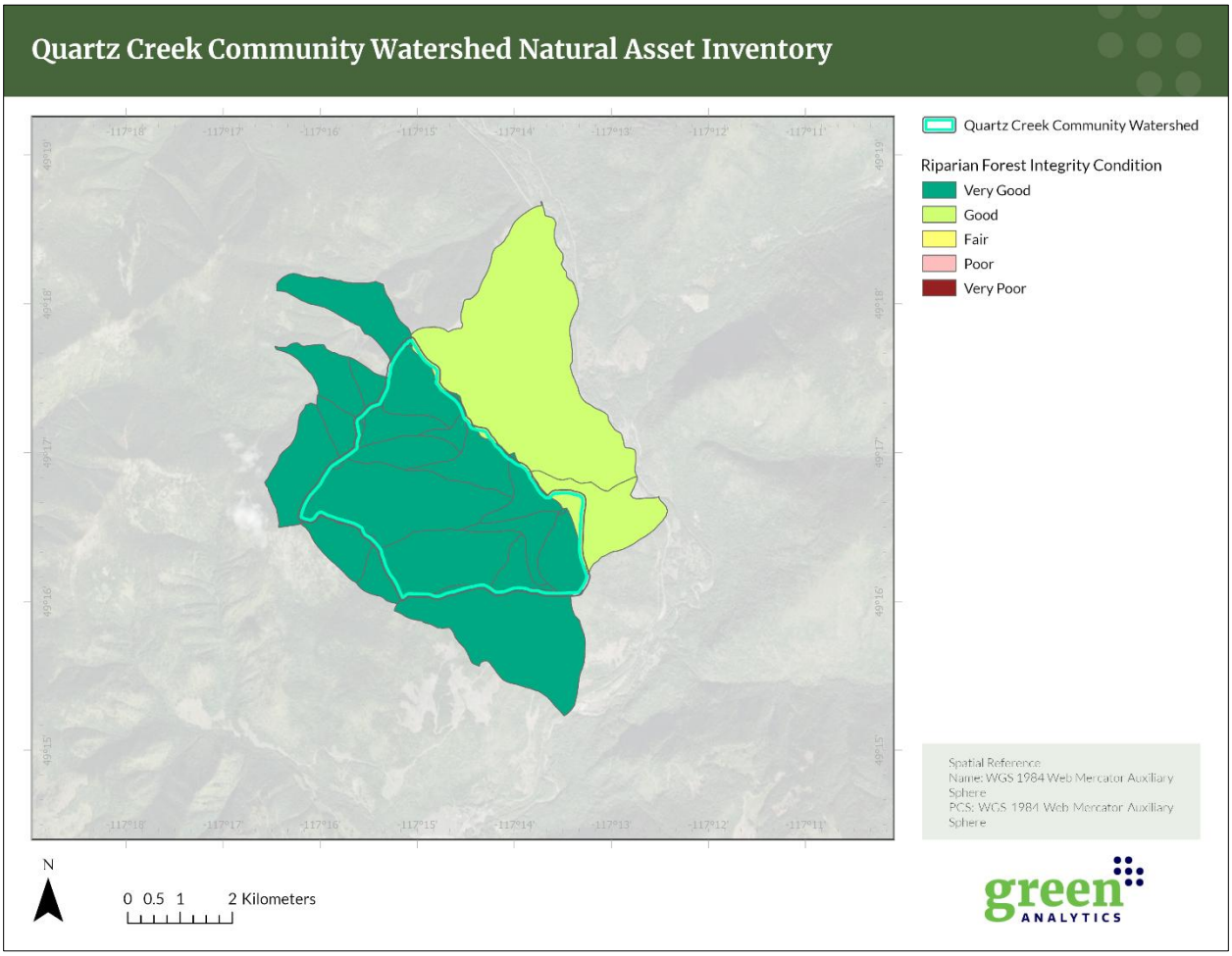


Figure 1011-3. Quartz Creek Community Watershed riparian forest Integrity condition.

Table 1011-5. Summary table of Quartz Creek Community Watershed riparian integrity condition.

Condition Ranking	All Mapped Fundamental Watersheds*		Quartz Creek Community Watershed**	
	Area (ha)	Percent of Total Area	Area (ha)	Percent of Total Area
Very Good	1078.61	66%	577.80	100%
Good	560.06	34%	0	0%
Fair	0	0%	0	0%
Poor	0	0%	0	0%
Very Poor	0	0%	0	0%

* All fundamental watershed that intersect with the Quartz Creek Community watershed boundary.

** A subset of the fundamental watershed that have the majority of their area within the Quartz Creek Community watershed.

11.4 Roads and Fragmentation

Road networks fragment landscapes and disrupt natural hydrology by increasing surface runoff, altering drainage patterns, and contributing to sediment and contaminant loading. Minimizing fragmentation helps preserve infiltration capacity and watershed connectivity.

11.4.1 Interior Forest Habitat

INDICATOR: The percent of interior forest habitat within each fundamental watershed.

RATIONALE: Interior forest habitat refers to areas of contiguous forest located far enough from human-induced or natural edges (such as roads, clearcuts, or openings) to maintain ecological conditions that are relatively undisturbed. These areas provide essential habitat for forest interior-dependent species, promote microclimate stability, and support processes such as nutrient cycling, hydrological buffering, and resistance to invasive species.

In the context of a drinking water supply watershed, interior forests also play a protective role by:

- Minimizing temperature fluctuations in soil and streams.
- Reducing sedimentation and erosion risk by maintaining canopy and ground cover continuity.
- Sustaining long-term forest health and resilience in the face of pests, disease, and climate stressors.

Measuring **percent interior forest** is a simple, spatially explicit way to assess fragmentation and habitat quality. It allows comparison over time and between watersheds.

APPROACH: The percent of interior forest habitat within each fundamental watershed was determined using the following steps:

- Identify all edge-generating features (roads, cutblocks, openings).
- All edge-generating features were buffered by 100 metres to define edge-affected zones.
- Edge buffers were subtracted from total forested area to delineate interior forest area.
- For each fundamental watershed the proportion of the watershed's forested area that qualifies as interior forest was calculated.
    - Percent Interior Forest = (Interior Forest Area / Total Forest Area) × 100

RANKING: Recognizing the landscape ecology principle, large "blocks" of habitat generally provide a greater range of better- quality habitats and imply less fragmentation, a scoring system was applied as follows:

- Very Good: Watersheds with > 80% interior forest
- Good: Watersheds with 65 to 80% interior forest
- Fair: Watersheds with 45 to 64% interior forest
- Poor: Watersheds with 25 to 44% interior forest
- Very Poor: Watersheds with <25% interior forest

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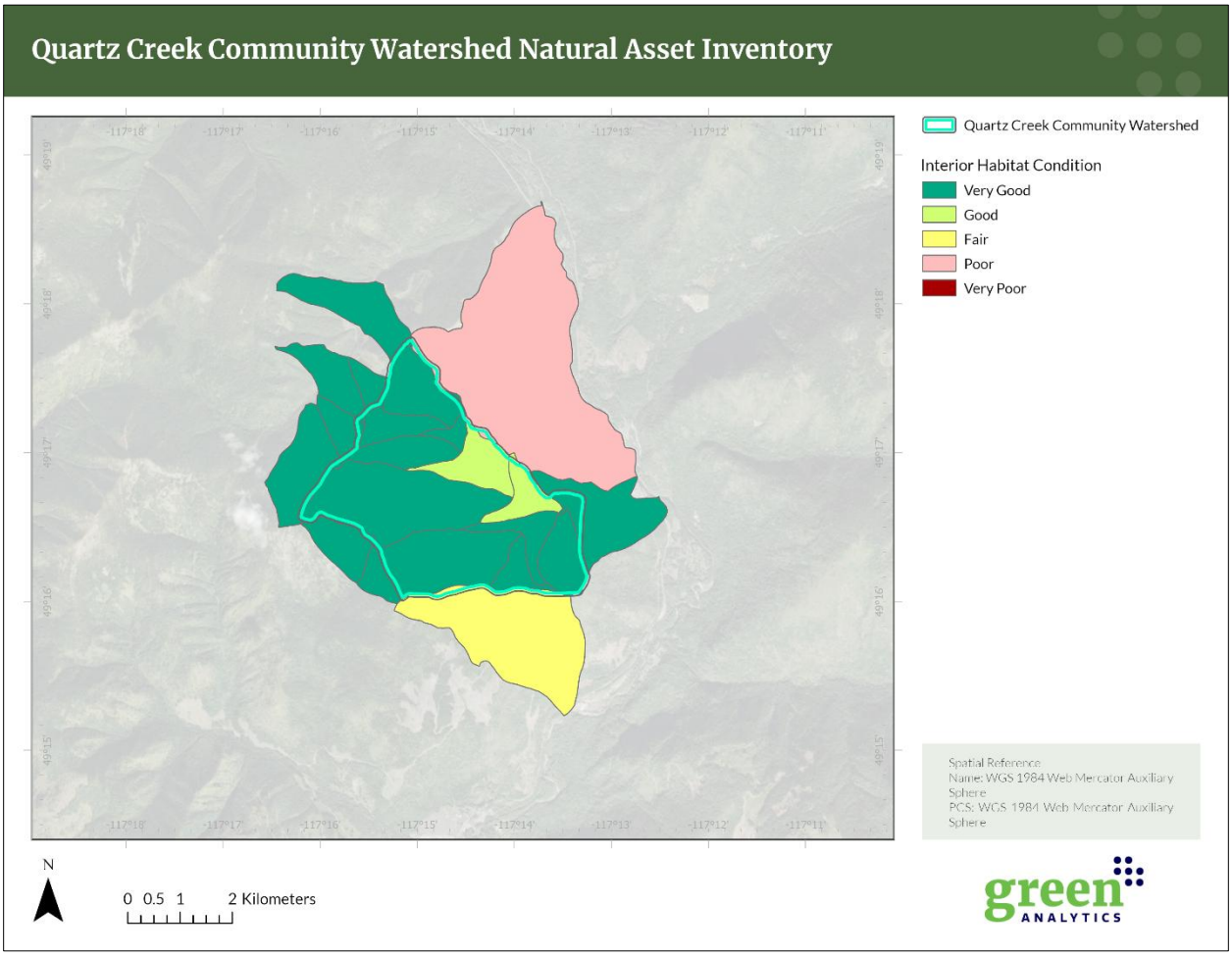


Figure 1011-4. Quartz Creek Community Watershed interior habitat condition.

Table 1011-6. Summary table of Quartz Creek Community Watershed interior habitat condition.

Condition Ranking	All Mapped Fundamental Watersheds*		Quartz Creek Community Watershed**	
	Area (ha)	Percent of Total Area	Area (ha)	Percent of Total Area
Very Good	890.60	54.35%	499.19	86.39%
Good	78.61	4.80%	78.61	13.61%
Fair	206.18	12.58%	0	0%
Poor	463.28	28.27%	0	0%
Very Poor	0	0%	0	0%

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11.4.2 Watercourse Crossings

INDICATOR: Density of watercourse crossing (crossings per km^2) within a watershed management unit.

RATIONALE: The density of water crossings within a watershed can be a useful measure of watershed condition as it provides insight into human impacts to the watershed's hydrology, ecology, and overall health. For instance, water crossings such as roads, bridges, and culverts can disrupt the natural flow of water within a watershed. A higher density of crossings can indicate increased alteration of stream networks, potentially leading to changes in stream hydrology. This can affect the timing and magnitude of water flow, contributing to increased erosion, sedimentation, and flooding downstream. Healthy watersheds rely on the connectivity of their ecosystems, and water crossings can fragment aquatic habitats by creating barriers that hinder the movement of aquatic life, such as fish and amphibians. Culverts and other crossings that are improperly designed or maintained may block species migration, reducing genetic diversity. Roads and crossings can contribute to sediment runoff and introduce pollutants into waterways, including oils, heavy metals, and road salts.

By analyzing the density of water crossings, areas can be prioritized for restoration. For instance, areas with high crossing densities but significant ecological value may be targeted for rehabilitation projects, such as improving or replacing problematic culverts, reestablishing natural flow regimes, or restoring connectivity for aquatic species.

APPROACH: Density of watercourse crossings (crossings per km^2) was estimated by intersecting relevant linear features (e.g. roads and pipelines) housed in the geospatial database with the linear features representing the watercourses. Density of crossings per unit area of the watershed was measured as follows:

Crossing Density = count of crossings / watershed areas (km^2)

RANKING: Thresholds are based on scoring used by the BC Cumulative Effects Framework (BC CEF) (British Columbia 2020a) as outlined in Table 10-7.

Table 1011-7: Metrics used to rank watercourse crossing density.

Impact Ranking	Threshold Criteria
Low	Crossing density < 0.24 crossings/km^2
Moderate	Crossing density between 0.24 and 0.6 crossings/km^2
High	Crossing density > 0.6 crossings/km^2

Drawing on the threshold scoring used by the BC CEF, the scoring for watercourse crossing was adapted to establish a consistent five-point ranking scale (Table 10-8).

Table 1011-8: Watercourse crossing density ranking.

Impact Ranking	Condition Ranking	Threshold Criteria
Very Low	Very Good	Crossing density = 0
Low	Good	Crossing density < 0.24 crossings/km^2
Moderate	Moderate	Crossing density between 0.24 and 0.6 crossings/km^2
High	Poor	Crossing density between 0.6 and 1 crossings/km^2
Very High	Very Poor	Crossing density > 1 crossings/km^2

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RESULTS:

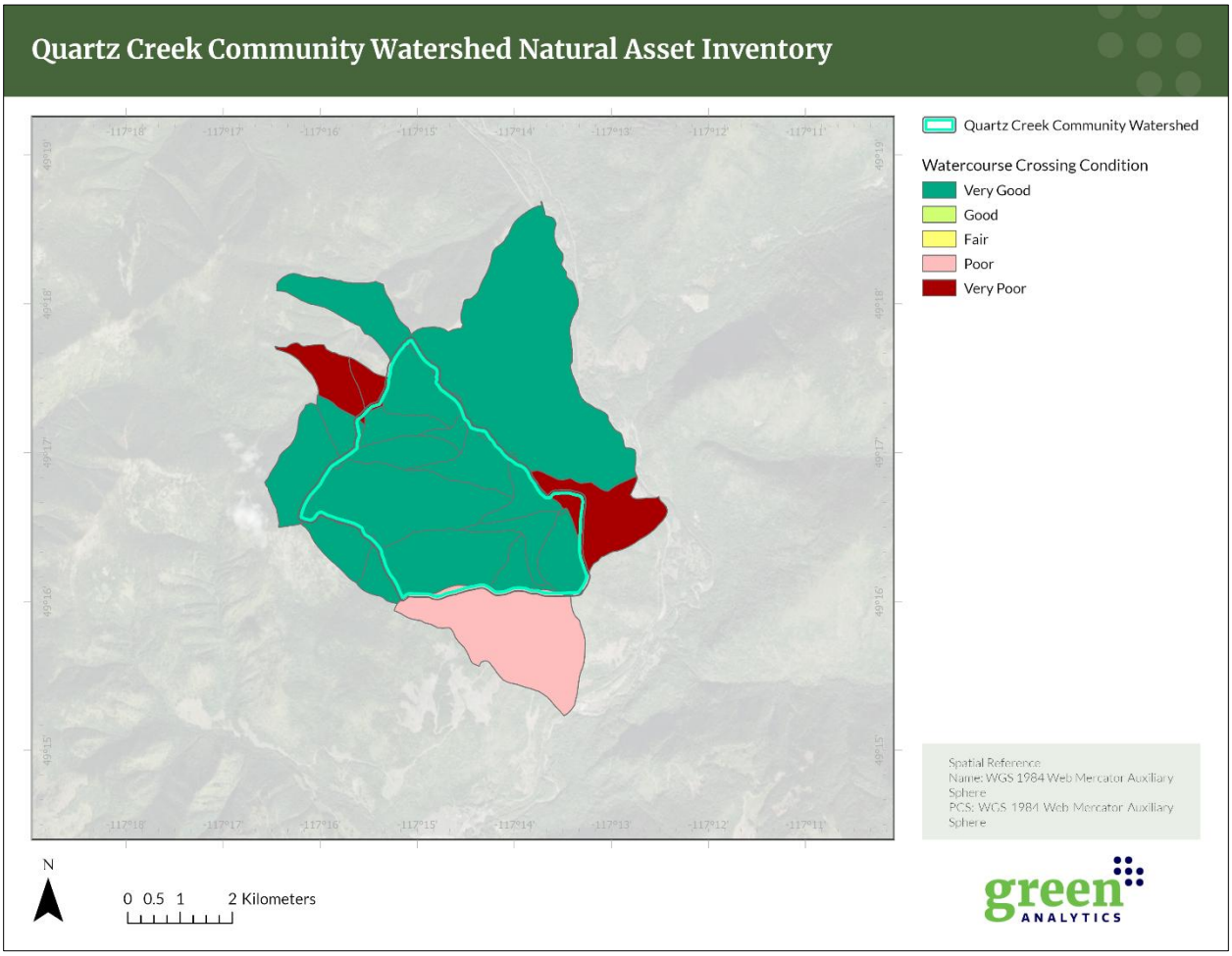


Figure 1011-5. Quartz Creek Community Watershed watercourse crossing condition.

Table 1011-9. Summary table of Quartz Creek Community Watershed watercourse crossing condition.

Condition Ranking	All Mapped Fundamental Watersheds*		Quartz Creek Community Watershed**	
	Area (ha)	Percent of Total Area	Area (ha)	Percent of Total Area
Very Good	1273.75	77.73%	577.80	100%
Good	0	0%	0	0%
Fair	0	0%	0	0%
Poor	206.18	12.58%	0	0%
Very Poor	158.75	9.69%	0	0%

* All fundamental watershed that intersect with the Quartz Creek Community watershed boundary.

** A subset of the fundamental watershed that have the majority of their area within the Quartz Creek Community watershed.

11.4.3 Road Density

INDICATOR: Road density (km/km^2) within each fundamental watershed management unit.

RATIONALE: Road density is a useful metric for assessing watershed condition since roads have significant environmental impacts and provide an indication of human disturbance in a watershed. Roads, especially unpaved ones, increase soil erosion, which can degrade water quality, harm aquatic habitats, and fill in stream beds. Roads can alter the natural flow of water in a watershed changing drainage patterns, increasing runoff, and reducing groundwater recharge. High road density can fragment natural habitats, limit or modify wildlife movement or behaviours and increase the likelihood of wildlife-vehicle collisions. Higher road density often correlates with more intensive land use, which can lead to further degradation of watershed health.[14]

APPROACH: Road density by fundamental watershed management unit was calculated by combining the length of all roads within the watershed and dividing by the watershed area.

RANKING: The BC CEF provides scoring criteria options which vary depending on the context in which they are applied. For instance, separate criteria are used when applied as a water quality (Table 10-10 and Table 10-11) metric versus a metric for grizzly bears (Table 10-12).

Table 10-10 describes the thresholds based on water quality metric applied to sensitive watershed as defined by BC CEF (British Columbia 2020a).

Table 1011-10: Metrics used to rank water quality for sensitive watersheds.

Impact Ranking	Threshold Criteria
Low	Road density < 0.6 km/km^2
Moderate	Road density between 0.6 and 1.2 km/km^2
High	Road density > 1.2 km/km^2

[14] While road density and stream crossing densities are highly correlated, the BC CEF uses both.

Table 10-11 describes an alternative (or secondary) water quality metric used by the BC CEF that is aligned with Watershed Assessment Procedure (WAP) benchmarks and was applied to all non-sensitive watersheds (British Columbia 2020a).

Table 1011-11: Metrics used to rank water quality for non-sensitive watersheds.

Impact Ranking	Threshold Criteria
Low	Road density < 1.5 km/km^2
Moderate	Road density between 1.5 and 2.1 km/km^2
High	Road density > 2.1 km/km^2

Table 10-12 defines the threshold criteria based on biodiversity metric used for Grizzly Bears by BC CEF (British Columbia 2020b).

Table 1011-12: Metrics used to rank impacts to grizzly bear biodiversity.

Impact Ranking	Threshold Criteria
Low	Road density >0 – 0.3 km/km^2
Moderate	Road density between 0.31 and 0.6 km/km^2
High	Road density between 0.61 – 0.75 km/km^2
Very High	Road density > 0.75 km/km^2

Given the highly sensitive nature of the watershed, the chosen road density criteria was a combination of the biodiversity metric used for Grizzly Bears by BC CEF (British Columbia 2020b) and the water quality rates for sensitive watersheds (British Columbia 2020a). The specific thresholds applied to the fundamental watersheds are defined below and were adapted to establish a consistent five-point ranking scale across all indicators.

Table 1011-13: Road density ranking criteria.

Impact Ranking	Condition Ranking	Threshold Criteria
Very Low	Very Good	Road density = 0
Low	Good	Road density >0 – 0.3 km/km2
Moderate	Moderate	Road density between 0.31 and 0.6 km/km2
High	Poor	Road density between 0.61 – 1.2 km/km2
Very High	Very Poor	Road density > 1.2 km/km2

RESULTS:

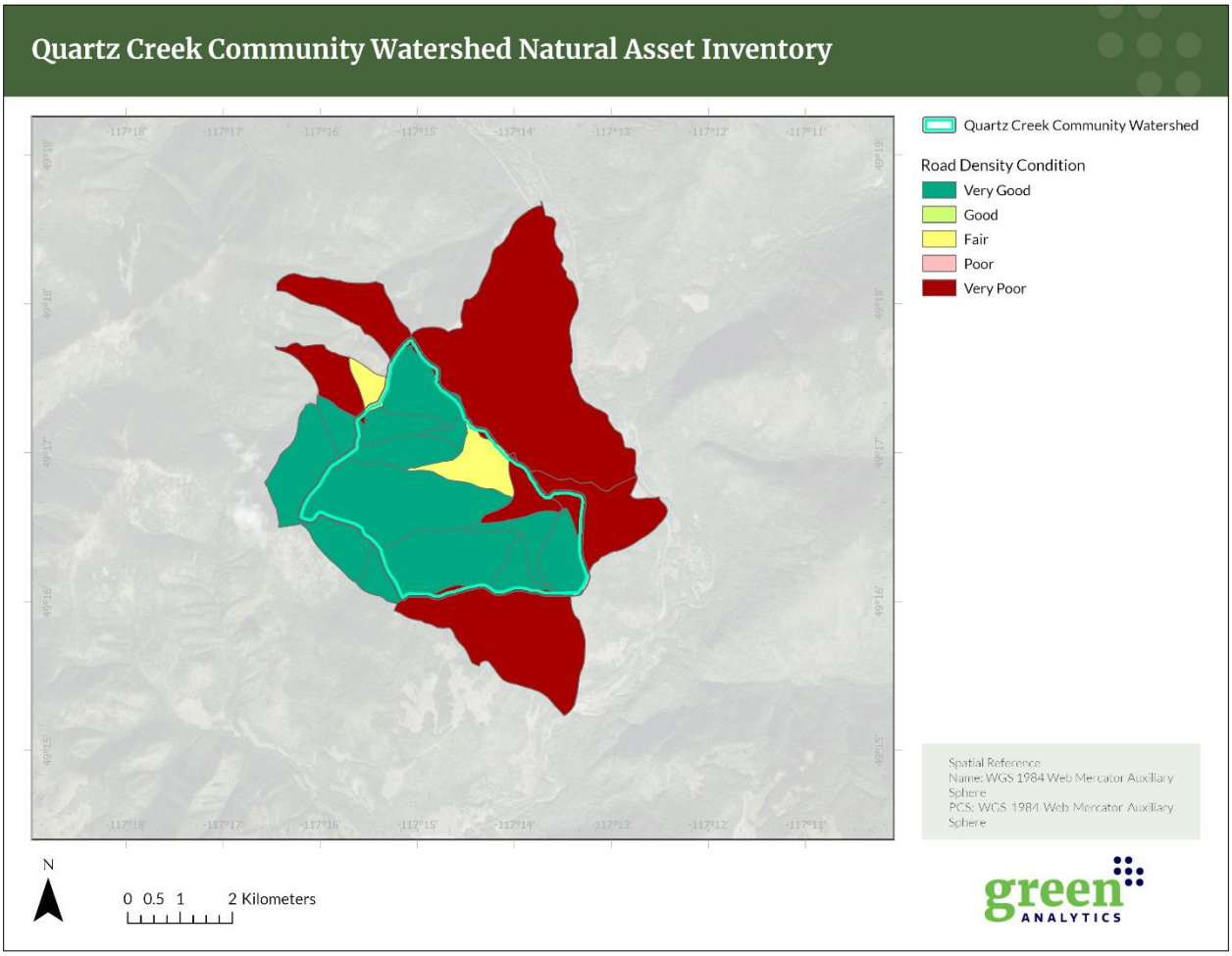


Figure 1011-6. Quartz Creek Community Watershed road density condition.

Table 1011-14. Summary table of Quartz Creek Community Watershed road density condition.

Condition Ranking	All Mapped Fundamental Watersheds*		Quartz Creek Community Watershed**	
	Area (ha)	Percent of Total Area	Area (ha)	Percent of Total Area
Very Good	658.38	40.18%	499.19	86.39%
Good	0	0%	0	0%
Fair	65.10	3.97%	47.39	8.20%
Poor	0	0%	0	0%
Very Poor	915.19	55.85%	31.22	5.40%

* All fundamental watershed that intersect with the Quartz Creek Community watershed boundary.

** A subset of the fundamental watershed that have the majority of their area within the Quartz Creek Community watershed.

12. Appendix D: Interested Parties Engagement

Engagement Process

As part of the Natural Asset Management Plan process, the consulting team assembled a list of interested parties including First Nations, government agencies (provincial, regional, municipal) and watershed users and interests. An email was sent on March 4, 2025, that introduced the project and goals of the Natural Asset Management Plan. The email also included a watershed information request, with particular interest in watershed activities (historic, current and proposed), existing data and/or reports and any available mapping layers (digital or hard copies).

Responses and information were received from Apex Geoscience Consultants Ltd., ATCO Wood Products Ltd., Interior Health, Malach Consulting, Ministry of Forests, Ministry of Water, Land and Resource Stewardship, Okanagan Nation Alliance, Regional District of Central Kootenay, Salmo Valley Trails Society, Saso Consulting, and the Ymir Watershed Action Team.

Engagement with Individual Parties

Following the request for information, multiple on-line meetings and phone calls were scheduled with individual organizations to gather additional information and to further understand watershed concerns. Individual meetings occurred between March and June 2025 with the following organizations: ATCO Wood Products Ltd., Ministry of Forests, Ministry of Water, Land and Resource Stewardship, Okanagan Nation Alliance, Regional District of Central Kootenay, Salmo Valley Trails Society, Saso Consulting and the Ymir Watershed Action Team.

Interested Parties Meeting

When the Natural Asset Management Plan was in draft, an on-line Teams meeting was held on June 13, 2025 from 9-10:30 am, to provide a summary of the report and to garner feedback and discussion with Interested Parties. Twenty-four attendees representing thirteen organizations participated in the meeting. The presentation of the draft Natural Asset Management Plan included a summary of the watershed content, risk assessment and asset replacement options. Discussion centered around watershed jurisdiction, the history of proposed harvesting, recreation as a potential hazard, a changing climate with enhanced wildfire potential and reduced snowpack, pine beetle and pest management, and the future of harvesting and potential alternatives. Participating Organizations included:

ATCO Wood Products
City of Nelson
Interior Health Authority
Ktunaxa/Yaqan Nukiy
Ministry of Forests
Ministry of Water, Land and Resource Stewardship
Ecoscape Environmental Consultants Ltd.
Okanagan Nation Alliance
Regional District of Central Kootenay
Salmo Trails Society
Sinixt Confederacy
Ymir Watershed Action Team (YWAT)
Green Analytics

13. Appendix E: Collaborative Watershed Governance

Collaborative Watershed Governance refers to a cooperative approach to managing and protecting watersheds that involves multiple stakeholders such as governments, Indigenous communities, local residents, environmental organizations, industry, and scientists, working together to make decisions and implement actions. Successful watershed governance typically incudes:

- **Shared Decision-making** – Collaborative governance encourages inclusive participation to develop goals, policies and strategies for watershed management.
- **Trust and Relationship Building** – Effective collaboration is built upon transparency, trust-building and development of long-term relationships.
- **Integration of Knowledge Systems** -Including scientific, local and Indigenous knowledge, recognizing that each offers unique insights into watershed health.
- **Science-based Monitoring and Adaptive Management** – Decisions should be regularly revisited and revised based on monitoring results and changing conditions.
- **A Focus on Ecosystem Health** – The goal is to maintain and/or restore the ecological integrity of the watershed, including water quality, biodiversity and natural hydrological processes.
- **Education and Community Engagement** - Public education on the importance of source drinking water and watershed health is a key component to watershed protection and management.
- **Legal and Institutional Support** - Truly effective collaborative governance often requires supportive polices, legislation and provincial staff and resource support.

To ensure a successful collaborative watershed governance for the Quartz Creek Watershed, prioritized recommendations outlined in this report (Section 7.3) should be pursued within the following framework:

- **Identify and Engage All Interested Organizations/Parties** – As part of the Natural Asset Management Plan process, interested organizations/parties have already been identified (see Appendix D). Contact information of engaged individuals will be provided to RDCK separately.
- **Meet Regularly** - Schedule regular meetings (ideally in-person) to develop relationships and trust, to discuss watershed concerns, to determine watershed priorities and to identify and secure funding to implement priorities. Annual or bi-annual meetings are recommended, with a walking tour of the watershed to facilitate connection of participants to each other and to the land.
- **Develop a Watershed Collaborative Governance Terms of Reference** - To specify conduct and application of rules/ procedures and to outline the purpose, scope, defined responsibilities, composition of participants, meeting expectations and reporting requirements.
- **Establish Working Committees** – To focus on individual priorities and funding securement. Committee progress should be reported at the larger annual or bi-annual meeting.
- **Encourage Communications Between Watershed Partners** – If there are no privacy concerns, consider sharing contact information of the watershed partners with each other, and/or establishing an effective communications strategy (i.e., list serve, Teams chat, etc.).

Additional information and strategies for effective watershed protection and governance can be accessed within the Source Water Protection Toolkit and through pre-recorded webinars at https://sourcewaterprotectiontoolkit.ca/.

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Board Report

June 18, 2026

Castlegar & Area J Arena and Walking Track Service Establishment and Loan Authorization Bylaws.

Author: Tom Dool, Research Analyst
File Reference: 3200/10
Electoral Area/Municipality: CASTLEGAR & AREA J
Services Impacted: Castlegar & J Arena and Walking Track Service

1.0 STAFF RECOMMENDATION

1. That the resolution 520/25 being:

   That the Board authorize staff to prepare a loan authorization bylaw for the City of Castlegar and Area J in the amount of fifteen million dollars ($15,000,000) to be repaid over 25 years for the purpose of constructing a walking track and a second arena at Castlegar and District Community Complex.

   Be amended to read:

   That the Board authorize staff to prepare a loan authorization bylaw for the City of Castlegar and Area J in the amount of fifteen million dollars ($15,150,000) to be repaid over 25 years for the purpose of constructing a walking track and a second arena at Castlegar and District Community Complex.

2. That the City of Castlegar and Area J Arena and Indoor Walking Track Construction and Asset Renewal Service Establishment Bylaw No. 3063, 2026 be read a FIRST and SECOND time.

3. That the City of Castlegar and Area J Arena and Indoor Walking Track Construction Loan Authorization Bylaw No. 3064, 2026 be read a FIRST and SECOND time.

2.0 BACKGROUND/HISTORY

Through the "Reimagining Recreation Services in Castlegar & District Area" engagement project that concluded in late 2024, the public identified a secondary ice arena and indoor walking track to be the priority recreation project for the community. The engagement process also identified that support for this project to move forward would require a separate service to be established. The participants in the new service are the City of Castlegar and Area J ratepayers only, as sufficient support was not indicated by Area I residents for the project.

The Castlegar and District Recreation Commission has recommended to the Board that a new service be established to fund a new arena and indoor walking track at the Castlegar & District Community Complex. The proposed service will fund the construction and ongoing asset management costs of the new facility.

At the Oct 16, 2025 Open Board meeting the Board passed two resolutions:

(519/25) That the Board authorize staff to prepare a service establishment bylaw for the City of Castlegar and Area J to fund a walking track and arena service, a service to fund RDCK - Castlegar & District Recreation Commission the construction and ongoing asset management of a walking track and second arena at the Castlegar & District Community Complex.

(520/25) That the Board authorize staff to prepare a loan authorization bylaw for the City of Castlegar and Area J in the amount of fifteen million dollars ($15,000,000) to be repaid over 25 years for the purpose of constructing a walking track and a second arena at Castlegar and District Community Complex.

The scope of this report is limited to the service establishment and loan authorization processes for the Castlegar and District Arena and Indoor Walking Track Service.

Information related to financial planning, procurement, public consultation, and construction can be found in the minutes of the Castlegar and District Recreation Commission minutes. The draft financial plan is Included as Attachment D to this report.

3.0 PROPOSED SOLUTION

City of Castlegar and Area J Arena and Indoor Walking Track Construction and Asset Renewal Service Establishment Bylaw No. 3063, 2026 (Attachment A) and City of Castlegar and Area J Arena and Indoor Walking Track Construction Loan Authorization Bylaw No. 3064, 2026 (Attachment B) have been prepared as directed and are recommended for two readings to allow more time for concurrent processes to better inform the service establishment and loan authorization processes.

Resolution 520/25 limits the loan authorization to $15,000,000. A loan of $15,000,000 will require a 1% ($150,000) MFABC Debt Reserve Fund Security Holdback, reducing the funding available for construction to $14,850,000. While the capital costs identified in the financial plan are currently not supported by a proponent, project proposal, or industry estimate, based on initial project cost projections from HCMA, staff consider the proposed costing to be optimistic and anticipate needing the entire $15,000,000 of borrowing proceeds to fund the design-build component of the project. Staff recommend increasing the loan authorization to $15,150,000. The $150,000 in financing holdback will be returned with interest to the new Arena and Walking track service after all of the debt servicing payments are complete over the projected 25 year term.

3.1 Legislative Considerations

Service establishment and loan authorization bylaw development is occurring concurrent to other processes including:

- Design and Development
- Request For Pre-Qualifications
- Request For Proposals
- Community Consultation

As the scope of the project is refined by these processes the service establishment and loan authorization bylaws are being updated. Two readings of the proposed bylaws as they are currently written will allow further updates prior to submitting them to the July Board meeting for third reading. While following Castlegar and

District Recreation Commissions direction to staff that an assent vote on the matter be completed no later than November 2026.

After third reading the bylaws and supporting information will be submitted to the Local Government Inspector (LGI) for statutory approval. The LGI will review the bylaw and grant approval based on a review of the following:

- **Financial Planning:** The financial plan must reflect the actual cost of the service and impact to rate payers.
- **Operating Budget:** Accurately describes revenues and expenditures for the service for the next five years. This is important because the service will have a large operating component. The budget must specify the methods to be used for initial financing and ongoing cost recovery for the service.
- **Capital Budget:** Capital budgets must reflect the full cost of construction, including engineering and contingency costs.
- **Community Consultation:** The Regional District must detail how it has explained the proposed service and resulting taxation impacts to the electors.
- **Requisition limit:** The Regional District must describe how the maximum requisition limit for the service was arrived at and prove that it will adequately support the service as described.
- **Method of Elector Approval:** The method of elector approval to be undertaken must be clearly outlined. Because of the taxation and borrowing requirements for the proposed service, the Regional District will require an assent vote.
- **Reports:** This includes all reporting from staff, the commission, and consultants related to the matter.

It is important to note that the information required by the inspector is the result of the previously mentioned concurrent processes.

Upon receiving statutory approval, the Regional District will have 80 days to seek approval of the electors within the proposed service area.

LGA S.342 requires, by default, the Board seek approval by participating area separately unless a resolution, adopted by at least 2/3 of the votes cast, provides that the participating area approval is to be obtained for the entire proposed service area.

Proceeding by participating area separately means if 50% or more of the participating electors in any one participating area do not support the service establishment, the bylaw will have failed to receive approval of the electors. Proceeding by entire service area requires that 50% or more of the electors within the proposed service area must vote in favour of the service in order for the Board to proceed with the matter.

Figure 1. Proposed Timeline describes a critical path for service establishment and loan authorization.

Figure 1. Proposed Timeline

Date	Step
June 18, 2026	Board grants 2nd Reading
July 16, 2026	Board grants 3rd Reading
July 24, 2026	Bylaw and supporting materials to LGI
September 18, 2026	Statutory Approval received from LGI
September 24th, 2026	Assent vote resolution received from Board
November 18th, 2026	Assent vote Advance Poll
November 28th, 2026	Assent vote General Poll

December 17th, 2026	Board Adoption of SEB and LA Bylaws

The November 28, 2026 assent vote date is included as an aspirational planning date to test the critical path and identify the work required to complete statutory approval, public information, and elector assent within 2026. A number of risk factors could push this date into 2027, including delays in LGI approval of the bylaws.

Prior to recommending third reading staff will ensure the information required to achieve statutory approval can be provided to the Local Government Inspector. At this time, staff do not have adequate information to recommend third reading.

Upon receiving statutory approval staff will provide the Board with a report outlining the process of seeking elector approval. The elector approval process requires the Board approve the assent vote date and the ballot question. At this time, staff do not have adequate information to recommend an assent vote date or ballot question.

This report is focused on the service establishment and loan authorization bylaws. Detailed decisions regarding procurement, public engagement, construction award, final project design, and final contract approval will return to the Board separately. However, because those processes inform the statutory approval and elector assent process, this report identifies their key interdependencies and risks.

3.2 Financial Considerations of the Proposed Solution

A preliminary financial plan for the service has been included as Attachment C - Proposed 5 Year Financial Plan.

As described in the proposed budget, Staff anticipate requiring $15 Million for the design-build component of the capital project. The required $150,000 in financing holdbacks are accounted for in the budget. However, they are not accounted for in current resolution authorizing the borrowing. To allow for $15 Million in borrowing proceeds to fund the design-build component of the project, the new service must borrow $15,150,000. The $150,000 in financing holdbacks will be returned with interest to the new Arena and Walking track service after all of the debt serving payments are complete over the projected 25 year term.

To address the identified financing holdback the Board may:

1. Direct staff to reduce the capital budget for the project by $150,000; or
2. Direct staff to increase the loan authorization by $150,000.

Staff recommends option 2 as it preserves the borrowing proceeds of $15 Million available to fund the design-build portion of the capital costs that are in the draft Financial Plan that was presented to the Commission.

The current financial plan for the service anticipates peak requisition amounts during the first 3 years of the service while the project is in its design-build phase, and that the maximum requisition will be $1,394,238 or $0.428/$1,000 of actual assessed value in 2027. This is the maximum anticipated requisition in the draft financial plan for the new service.

Based on the projected residential rate of $0.323/$1,000 for 2027, staff anticipate that an average single-family home assessed at $520,200 would pay $168 in property taxes for that year.

Based on the 5-year financial plan and current projections, staff are proposing a maximum annual allowable requisition of $1,650,000 or a rate of $0.507/$1,000 applied to the actual assessed value of land and improvements within the service area. This would be the maximum allowable annual taxation amount and rate to be included in the service establishment bylaw.

Considerations for the proposed maximum annual allowable requisition amount includes:

- Macro-economic uncertainty (short and long term interest rates, tariffs, CUSMA, Senior Government Support)
- Anticipated market volatility in the pricing of construction costs over the next 3 years
- Uncertainty regarding concurrent process inputs to the capital budget (professional estimates, qualified proponents, project proposals, unforeseen project related costs)

The $1,650,000 maximum annual allowable requisition is primarily based on interest rate volatility risk, allowing for an up to 2% increase in long term interest rates from the 4.83% rate used in the current long term loan repayment calculations. This amount equates to an annual taxation amount of $199 for the average residential property in the new service. Debt servicing costs make up approximately 85% of the ongoing post construction operating costs of the new service in the draft financial plan for the new service.

3.3 Risks with the Proposed Solution

Risk #1: Processes running concurrent to the statutory approval process may not have enough time to meet Statutory Approval requirements. To achieve the required timeline, submission to the inspector must be sent by July 24, 2026. Staff will not have received any project proposals at this time. The financial plans submitted for consideration may be missing required content.

This risk could be mitigated by further extending the Assent Vote timeline to ensure incorporation of the information provided by concurrent processes, in particular, the RFQ and RFP processes.

Risk #2: Processes running concurrent to the elector approval process may not have time to adequately inform the electors regarding the establishment of the service and borrowing. Community engagement, regarding the service establishment and borrowing, will begin September 24, 2026 once the Board has resolved to hold an Assent Vote. At this time, the Board may consider whether it has adequate information to present to the electors regarding the facility it is proposing to build.

This risk could be mitigated by deferring the assent vote resolution until the Board is confident that it has the information required to engage with the electors in a more fulsome manner.

3.4 Public Benefit and Stakeholder Engagement of Proposed Solution

The Regional District is planning to hold public engagement on the matter between Oct 2nd and November 16th.

3.5 Measuring Success

Success for the service establishment and loan authorization process should be measured by whether the RDCK provides a complete, accurate, and legally compliant submission; receives statutory approval; provides clear information to electors; and conducts an assent voting process that allows eligible electors to make an informed decision.

7.0 OPTIONS SUMMARY

That City of Castlegar and Area J Arena and Indoor Walking Track Construction and Asset Renewal Service Establishment Bylaw No. 3063, 2026 and City of Castlegar and Area J Arena and Indoor Walking Track Construction Loan Authorization Bylaw No. 3064, 2026 be read a second time.

Advantages

Allows further refinement of the bylaws based on concurrent processes;
Reduces risk of failure to achieve statutory approval;
Improves opportunities for elector engagement.

Disadvantages

The compressed timeline for service adoption and loan authorization is not a best fit for concurrent processes.

8.0 RECOMMENDATION

1. That the resolution 520/25 being:

   That the Board authorize staff to prepare a loan authorization bylaw for the City of Castlegar and Area J in the amount of fifteen million dollars ($15,000,000) to be repaid over 25 years for the purpose of constructing a walking track and a second arena at Castlegar and District Community Complex.

   Be amended to read:

   That the Board authorize staff to prepare a loan authorization bylaw for the City of Castlegar and Area J in the amount of fifteen million dollars ($15,150,000) to be repaid over 25 years for the purpose of constructing a walking track and a second arena at Castlegar and District Community Complex.

2. That the City of Castlegar and Area J Arena and Indoor Walking Track Construction and Asset Renewal Service Establishment Bylaw No. 3063, 2026 be read a FIRST and SECOND time.

3. That the City of Castlegar and Area J Arena and Indoor Walking Track Construction Loan Authorization Bylaw No. 3064, 2026 be read a FIRST and SECOND time.

Respectfully submitted,
Tom Dool

CONCURRENCE

Corporate Officer – Mike Morrison	Approved
General Manager Finance, IT and Procurement – Yev Malloff	Approved
Chief Adminstrative Officer – Stuart Horn	Approved

ATTACHMENTS:

Attachment A – City of Castlegar and Area J Arena and Indoor Walking Track Construction and Asset Renewal Service Establishment Bylaw No. 3063, 2026
Attachment B – City of Castlegar and Area J Arena and Indoor Walking Track Construction Loan Authorization Bylaw No. 3064, 2026
Attachment C – Financial Plan
Attachment D - Minutes of the Castlegar and District Recreation Commission

REGIONAL DISTRICT OF CENTRAL KOOTENAY

Bylaw No. 3063

A Bylaw to establish a service to fund the construction, long-term borrowing, and long-term asset renewal of an arena and indoor walking track located at the Castlegar and District Community Complex.

WHEREAS the regional district may, by bylaw, establish service under the provisions of the *Local Government Act (LGA)*;

AND WHEREAS a service has been established by the Regional District of Central Kootenay by Bylaw No. 1909 known as the "Castlegar and District Regional Facilities, Recreation, Parks and Leisure Service Area" to operate regional recreation facilities;

AND WHEREAS the Board of the Regional District of Central Kootenay deems it expedient to establish a service to fund the construction, long-term borrowing, and long-term asset renewal of an arena and indoor walking track;

AND WHEREAS pursuant to Section 342(2) (a) and Section 342 (3) of the LGA, the assent of electors is by participating area approval that must be obtained separately for each participating area in the proposed service area.

AND WHEREAS pursuant to Section 344 (1) (a) of the LGA the Regional Board has obtained the assent of the electors;

NOW THEREFORE, the Board of the Regional District of Central Kootenay in Open Meeting assembled enacts as follows:

1 The Regional District hereby establishes a service within the City of Castlegar and Electoral Area J, to be known as the "City of Castlegar and Area J Arena and Indoor Walking Track Construction and Asset Renewal Service" for the purpose of funding the construction, long-term borrowing to construct and long-term asset renewal of an arena and indoor walking track located at the Castlegar and District Community Complex.

2 The participants to the service established under section 1 of this bylaw shall be the City of Castlegar and Electoral Area J.

3 The service hereby established includes but is not limited to the following powers and authorities:

(1) To acquire all such real property, easements, rights-of-way, licenses, rights or authorities as may be requisite or desirable for or in connection with the construction, renovation and expansion of the arena and walking track at the Castlegar and District Community Complex;

(2) To provide effective stewardship of the arena and walking track by proactively planning for the costs of upgrading, renewing or replacing assets, as identified in asset management plans.

4 Pursuant of the *Local Government Act*, the annual cost of providing the service shall be recovered by one or more of the following:

(1) Property value taxes;
(2) Fees and other charges;
(3) Revenue raised by other means; or
(4) Revenue received by way of agreement, enterprise, gift, grant or otherwise.

5 The amount of monies that can be requisitioned annually for this service shall not exceed the greater of $ 1,650,000.00 or a rate of $0.507/$1,000 of assessment to the net taxable value of land and improvements in the service area.

6 This bylaw shall be cited as the "**City of Castlegar and Area J Arena and Indoor Walking Track Construction and Asset Renewal Service Establishment Bylaw No. 3063, 2026**".

READ A FIRST TIME this	18th	day of	June, 2026.
READ A SECOND TIME this	18th	day of	June, 2026.
READ A THIRD TIME this		day of	,2026.

I hereby certify that this is a true and correct copy of the **"City of Castlegar and Area J Arena and Indoor Walking Track Construction and Asset Renewal Service Bylaw No. 3063, 2026"** as read a third time by the Regional District of Central Kootenay Board on the_____day of _____, 2026.

_____
Mike Morrison, Corporate Officer

APPROVED by the Inspector of Municipalities on the _____day of _____,2026.

RECEIVED THE ASSENT OF THE ELECTORS in accordance with the *Local Government Act* on the day of , 2026.

ADOPTED this day of ,2026.

_____ _____
Aimee Watson, RDCK Board Chair Mike Morrison, Corporate Officer

REGIONAL DISTRICT OF CENTRAL KOOTENAY

Bylaw No. 3064

A bylaw to authorize the borrowing of up to Fifteen Million One Hundred and Fifty Thousand Dollars ($15,150,000) for the construction of an arena and walking track located at the Castlegar and District Community Complex.

WHEREAS the Board of the Regional District of Central Kootenay has adopted City of Castlegar and Area J Arena and Indoor Walking Track Construction and Asset Renewal Service Establishment Bylaw No. 3063, 2026 a bylaw to establish a service to fund the construction, long-term borrowing, and long-term asset renewal of an arena and indoor walking track located at the Castlegar and District Community Complex;

AND WHEREAS the estimated cost of constructing the City of Castlegar and Area J Arena and Indoor Walking Track including expenses incidental thereto is the sum of seventeen million nine hundred thousand dollars ($17,900,000), of which the sum of fifteen million one hundred and fifty thousand dollars ($15,150,000) is the amount of the debt intended to be borrowed by this bylaw;

NOW THEREFORE, the Regional Board of the Regional District of Central Kootenay in open meeting assembled, enacts as follows:

1 The Board of the Regional District of Central Kootenay is authorized to undertake the construction of an arena and walking track, serving the City of Castlegar and Area J Arena and Indoor Walking Track Construction and Asset Renewal Service area, in accordance with plans on file in the Regional District office and to do all things necessary in connection with and without limiting the generality of the foregoing:

(a) To borrow upon the credit of the Regional District a sum not exceeding Fifteen Million One Hundred and Fifty Thousand Dollars ($15,150,000).

(b) To acquire all such real property, easements, rights-of-way, licenses, rights or authorities as may be requisite for or in connection with the construction of the arena and walking track.

2 The maximum term for which debentures may be issued to secure the debt created by this bylaw is twenty-five (25) years.

3 This bylaw may be cited as **"City of Castlegar and Area J Arena and Indoor Walking Track Construction Loan Authorization Bylaw No. 3064, 2026"**.

READ A FIRST TIME this 18th day of June, 2026.

READ A SECOND TIME this 18th day of June, 2026.

READ A THIRD TIME this day of , 2026

I hereby certify that this is a true and correct copy of the **"City of Castlegar and Area J Arena and Indoor Walking Track Construction Loan Authorization Bylaw No. 3064, 2026"** as read a third time by the Regional District of Central Kootenay Board on the day of , 2026.

_____
Mike Morrison, Corporate Officer

APPROVED by the Inspector of Municipalities on the _____day of _____,2026.

RECEIVED THE ASSENT OF THE ELECTORS in accordance with the *Local Government Act* on the day of , 2026.

ADOPTED this day of , 2026.

_____ _____
Aimee Watson, Board Chair Mike Morrison, Corporate Officer

Castlegar & District Arena and Walking Track
Draft Financial Plan - May 22, 2026

Income	**2026**	**2027**	**2028**	**2029**	**2030**	**2031**	**2032**	**2033**	**2034**	**2035**	**2036**	**Totals**
Requisitions (Taxation)		1,394,238	1,389,150	1,388,784	1,303,074	1,290,547	1,292,570	1,294,644	1,299,269	1,301,447	1,303,680	13,257,403
Grants												-
Proceeds From Borrowing		8,585,000	5,960,000	455,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	15,000,000
Investment Income & Interest					2,288	4,633	7,036	9,500	9,525	12,113	14,766	59,859
Transfer from Reserves		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100,000	-	-	100,000
Transfer from Community Works												-
Prior Year Surplus/(Deficit)		(280,000)										(280,000)
	-	**9,699,238**	**7,349,150**	**1,843,784**	**1,305,361**	**1,295,180**	**1,299,606**	**1,304,143**	**1,408,794**	**1,313,560**	**1,318,446**	**28,137,262**
Expenses												
Contracted Services					10,000	10,250	10,506	10,769	11,038	11,314	11,597	75,474
Debenture/Financing Interest		150,238	404,775	525,000	731,744	731,744	731,744	731,744	731,744	731,744	731,744	6,202,221
Debenture/Financing Principal					386,382	386,382	386,382	386,382	386,382	386,382	386,382	2,704,674
Contribution to Reserve					91,506	93,794	96,139	98,542	101,006	103,531	106,119	690,638
Transfer to Other Service					14,500							14,500
Transfer to General Admin Fee		20,000	20,500	21,013	21,538	22,076	22,628	23,194	23,774	24,368	24,977	224,068
Transfer to Community Services		35,000	35,875	36,772	37,691	38,633	39,599	40,589	41,604	42,644	43,710	392,118
Transfer to Project Management		50,000	50,000	25,000								125,000
Transfer to Asset Management			3,000	6,000	12,000	12,300	12,608	12,923	13,246	13,577	13,916	99,569
Capital Expenditures - RDCK - Asset Management					-	-	-	-	100,000	-	-	100,000
Capital Expenditures - RDCK - Construction	280,000	1,444,000	835,000	230,000								2,789,000
Capital Expenditures - Design/Build		8,000,000	6,000,000	1,000,000								15,000,000
	280,000	**9,699,238**	**7,349,150**	**1,843,784**	**1,305,361**	**1,295,180**	**1,299,606**	**1,304,143**	**1,408,794**	**1,313,560**	**1,318,446**	**28,417,262**
Surplus/(Deficit)	**(280,000)**	**-**	**-**	**-**	**-**	**-**	**-**	**-**	**-**	**-**	**-**	**(280,000)**
Capital Expenditures - RDCK - Construction												
2026 Procurement (including OSR)	280,000											280,000
City of Castlegar Building Permit (on $18M)		144,000										144,000
FF&E (Furniture, Fixtures & Equipment)				100,000								100,000
Watermain & Hydrant Relocation		300,000										300,000
New 600v Electrical Service		175,000										175,000
Geotech & Environmental Testing		90,000										90,000
Traffic Flow Study		25,000										25,000
Asbestos Remediation			50,000									50,000
Quality Control Testing & Inspections			125,000									125,000
Commissioning Agent		60,000	60,000	30,000								150,000
Owner's Contingency (10% of construction)		650,000	600,000	100,000								1,350,000
	280,000	**1,444,000**	**835,000**	**230,000**								**2,789,000**
Capital Expenditures - Design/Build												2,509,000
Design		1,500,000										1,500,000
Build		6,500,000	6,000,000	1,000,000								13,500,000
	-	**8,000,000**	**6,000,000**	**1,000,000**								**15,000,000**

Commission Report

October 7, 2025

Castlegar and District Recreation Bylaws

- **New – Castlegar and Area J Second Arena and Walking Track**
- **Castlegar and District Regional Facilities, Recreation, Parks and Leisure Services Amendment**
- **Castlegar and Area Indoor Aquatic Centre Local Service Area Amendment**

Author:	Joe Chirico, General Manager of Community Services
File Reference:	01-0520-50
Electoral Area/Municipality:	Castlegar, Area I and J
Services Impacted	Castlegar and District Regional Facilities, Recreation, Parks and Leisure Services – S222 and Castlegar and Area Indoor Aquatic Centre Local Service Area – S227

1.0 STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Recommendation 1

Recommend that the Board authorize staff to prepare a service establishment bylaw for a Walking Track and Arena service, a service to fund the construction and ongoing asset management of a walking track and second arena within Castlegar and Area J.

Recommendation 2

Recommend that the Board authorize staff to prepare a loan authorization bylaw in the amount of fifteen million dollars ($15,000,000) to be repaid over 25 years for the purpose constructing a walking track and second arena in Castlegar and Area J.

Recommendation 3

Recommend to the Board that the “Castlegar and District Regional Facilities, Recreation, Parks and Leisure Services Amendment Bylaw No. XXXX, 2025” be read a FIRST, SECOND, and THIRD time by content.

Recommendation 4

Recommend to the Board that the “Castlegar and Area Indoor Aquatic Centre Local Service Area Amendment Bylaw No. XXXX, 2025” be read a FIRST, SECOND, and THIRD time by content.

2.0 BACKGROUND/HISTORY

At the March 4, 2025, regular Castlegar and District Recreation Commission the following recommendation to the Board was passed:

> That the Board authorize staff to prepare a draft service establishment bylaw and a draft loan authorization bylaw for the City of Castlegar and Area J to fund borrowing and asset management of a recreation facility addition to the Castlegar & District Community Complex.

The recommendation has not been to the Board. The Board is aware of the initiative. Staff has been tasked to bring back a more specific request to the Board.

At the July Board Meeting the following resolutions were passed:

> That the Board direct staff to prepare an amendment bylaw for the Castlegar and District Community Facilities, Recreation, Parks and Leisure Service Amendment Bylaw No. 1909, 2007 (S222) to amend Section 5 to define the following powers and authorities:
>
> - The operations/ maintenance and capital asset renewal for regional parks, the Castlegar and District Community Complex arena, multi-purpose rooms/ senior centre/ staff office space, and all indoor public circulation spaces, childcare centre and, all outdoor property that the RDCK owns or leases around the Castlegar and District Community Complex including but not limited to the skateboard park, parking lot/ emergency access and public outdoor amenity areas and;
> - all recreational and cultural programing staff for the service area.
>
> That the Board direct staff to prepare an amendment bylaw for the Castlegar and Area Indoor Aquatic Centre Local Service Area Establishment Bylaw No. 1221, 1997 (S227) to amend the Bylaw to define the following powers and authorities as:
>
> - The operations, maintenance and capital asset renewal for the Castlegar and District Community Complex Aquatic and Fitness Centre; and
> - All aquatic and fitness programing staff at the Castlegar and District Community Complex.

Attached to this report are three draft bylaws for commission to consider and the corresponding recommendations to the board.

3.0 PROBLEM OR OPPORTUNITY DESCRIPTION

The recommendations are as per commission direction informed by previous reports:

Attachment A - Reimagining Recreation Service Evaluation – March 4, 2025
Attachment B - Castlegar and District Establishment Bylaws – June 3, 2025
Attachment C - Castlegar and District Establishment Bylaws Update – July 7, 2025
Attachment D – Draft Bylaws

8.0 RECOMMENDATION

Recommendation 1

Recommend that the Board authorize staff to prepare a service establishment bylaw for a Walking Track and Arena service, a service to fund the construction and ongoing asset management of a walking track and second arena within Castlegar and Area J.

Recommendation 2

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Recommendation 4

Recommend to the Board that the "Castlegar and Area Indoor Aquatic Centre Local Service Area Amendment Bylaw No. XXXX, 2025" be read a FIRST, SECOND, and THIRD time by content.

Respectfully submitted,



Joe Chirico – General Manager of Community Services

CONCURRENCE

CAO – Stuart Horn - Reviewed
Trisha Davison – Regional Manager of Recreation and Client Services - Reviewed
Craig Stanley – Regional Manager of Operations and Asset Management - Reviewed

ATTACHMENTS:

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Committee Report

March 4, 2025

Reimagining Recreation Service Evaluation

Author: Joe Chirico, General Manager of Community Services
File Reference: 01-0520-50
Electoral Area/Municipality: Castlegar, Areas I and J
Services Impacted S222 and S227

1.0 STAFF RECOMMENDATION

That the Board authorize staff to prepare a draft service establishment Bylaw to fund borrowing and asset management of a recreation facility addition to the Castlegar and District Community Complex within the City of Castlegar and Area J.

2.0 BACKGROUND/HISTORY

The intent of this report is not to determine the type, timing or costs of a project that the Castlegar and District Recreation Commission may want to develop after consideration of the Reimagining Recreation Final Report – March 4, 2025 report.

The report intent is to evaluate if a current or the creation of a new service establishment bylaw is the best method of delivering a new recreation facility, addition or service level based upon community input through the Reimagining Recreation Community Engagement process.

The evaluation is based upon the results of the community feedback and RC Strategies' recommendations as it pertains to a service establishment bylaw.

Important Considerations

1. **Support for increased funding for enhancements or new amenities.**

How much would you support paying annually to fund borrowing for enhancements or new amenities?			
	Area I	Area J	Castlegar
None – no increase	34%	19%	13%
Up to $25 per year	7%	3%	9%
$25-$99 per year	11%	12%	14%
$100-$149 per year	8%	13%	12%
$150-$199 per year	12%	7%	12%
$200-$249 per year	9%	15%	14%
$250-$299 per year	11%	12%	10%
$300-$349 per year	3%	6%	4%
$350-$500 per year	5%	8%	6%
More than $500 per year	1%	6%	6%

Staff interpretation of the information:

a) Area I may support an increase of $100 on a property assessed at $500,000
b) Area J may support an increase of $200 on a property assessed at $500,000
c) City of Castlegar may support an increase of $200 on a property assessed at $500,000
d) At this stage of consultation, the constant for evaluation the value of property assessment. If Commission continues engagement, it will be important to test the communities' willingness to pay for enhancements or new amenities to a clearly defined and costed project including operational and asset management costs.
e) The maximum increase to property taxes is the lowest amount identified in a participating area.
f) The maximum increase to property taxes across one or more services is cumulative.

2. Support for enhancements or improvements

Do you think enhancements / improvements are needed to facilities, parks and recreation in the Castlegar & District Area?			
	Area I	Area J	Castlegar
Yes	52%	69%	77%
No	31%	19%	11%
Unsure	17%	12%	13%

Staff interpretation of the information:

a) The community may support enhancements but there is a strong correlation between willingness to pay and support.
b) That voter assent would be conducted on an area by area vote.

3. Summary of the current establishment bylaws:

S222 – Castlegar and District Community Facilities, Recreation, Parks and Leisure

- Participating Areas
  - City of Castlegar
  - Area I
  - Area J
- 2007 Bylaw No. 1909 combined 3 services into 1
  - 1966 – Recreational Program – no assent
  - 1966 - Regional Parks – no assent
  - 1974 - Community Centre and Ice Arena – assent voting
  - The service hereby amended may include, but is not limited, to the following powers and authorities:
  - To provide and operate regional facilities and amenities for recreational, leisure, regional park, athletic fields and cultural purposes, including the acquisition, construction, renovation, or expansion of properties and facilities;
  - To provide recreational, leisure, regional parks, athletic fields and cultural programming and associated planning services
  - In 2025 the maximum requisition could be $5,152,884
  - In 2025 the draft requisition is $2,829,670

S227 – Castlegar and Area Indoor Aquatic Centre

- Participating Areas
  - City of Castlegar
  - Defined Area I (does not include Shoreacres, Glade, Voykin Subdivision, Playmor Junction)
  - Area J
- 1997 Bylaw No. 1221
  - 1989 – Supplementary Letters Patent – assent voting
  - To construct, operate and maintain an Indoor Aquatic Centre within the City of Castlegar (limited scope)
  - A portion of Area I did not participate in the assent voting
  - In 2025 the maximum requisition could be $2,756,590
  - In 2025 the draft requisition is $1,502,522

3.0 PROBLEM OR OPPORTUNITY DESCRIPTION

The Reimagining Recreation Community Engagement indicates that the community may be willing to support an enhancement to the current Castlegar and District Community Complex. The Commission is wanting to understand the potential options to fund an enhancement through the current services or a new service. The opportunity for the Commission is to consider an alternative to the current services to fund an enhancement. A new service may decrease some frustration felt by some members of the community after the defeat of the last referendum process in 2018.

Through the engagement process many in the community expressed that an enhancement is needed but that a referendum under the same conditions as 2018 would not be successful. The feeling in the community is that a

referendum conducted as an overall service assent vote or an assent vote without Area I participating would pass.

The following evaluation considers the results of the engagement process and how different service options impact the financial scope of an enhancement. The comparison will be between three options:

1. Enhancement through Service S222
2. Enhancement through Service S227
3. Enhancement through a **NEW** Service including the City of Castlegar and Area J

Funding Comparison

Service	Taxation Increase based upon $500,000 property	Funding per year	Current Maximum Principal Borrowing 20 years @ 3.75%	Current Maximum Principal Borrowing 25 years @ 3.75%
S222	$100	$1,000,000	$13,182,000	$15,829,000
S227	$100	$933,330	$12,810,000	$14,774,000
NEW	$200	$1,620,000	$22,234,000	$25,643,460

- Further engagement could work with the community to determine the scope of project

Voter Assent

All services will require a process to get assent from voters. For S222 and S227 the commission will need to recommend to the Board to use the Assent Voting process and indicate if the Commission is seeking Board approval for an overall vote of the service area. If the direction from commission was to create the NEW service the Commission could recommend to the Board to use Assent Voting or Alternative Approval Process.

The Alternative Approval Process may be an option for the NEW service if the Actual Taxation Rate remains below $0.50/$1,000.

Establishment Bylaws

<u>S222</u>

The establishment bylaw does not need to be amended for any of the contemplated projects identified in the engagement process.

If the Commission is in support of a NEW service, the Commission may want to consider clearly defining the scope of S222 to differentiate it from the NEW service. The Province may require this.

<u>S227</u>

The scope of this service is very narrow and poorly defined. This service could only consider aquatic and fitness enhancements.

This establishment bylaw should be amended. The bylaw does not clearly define the scope of service and this is important to differentiate the scope of the service from S222. This will become more important if a NEW service is established.

NEW Service

This would require a new establishment bylaw. The Province will be expecting the scope of the bylaw to be clearly defined to distinguish the funding responsibilities of this service from S222 and S227.

If this option is the preferred way forward, the scope of the establishment bylaws for S222 and S227 should both be updated.

Staff Recommendation

This recommendation is based upon the results of the enhancement project, the Strategic Asset Management Planning process and my understanding as the General Manager of Community Services of the general political conversations around Area I support for enhancements.

I recommend that the Commission request a new draft establishment bylaw be written for review at the June regularly scheduled Recreation Commission meeting.

Although a project has not been defined at this time and further community consultation may be undertaken, the processes can work concurrently to be efficient with time.

I would also recommend that the Commission consider clearly redefining the scope of the establishment bylaws for services S222 and S227 at the same time.

I see this proceeding in this way. The NEW establishment bylaw would be drafted based upon the new service including the construction of a secondary ice surface. A workshop will be facilitated by staff in late April before the regularly scheduled May Commission meeting. The objective will be to clearly define scope of the new service from S222 and S227.

3.1 Alignment to Board Strategic Plan

The process and the establishing of clear scopes within the establishment bylaws of Recreation Services in Castlegar and Areas I and J will allow staff and elected officials to improve the “Management of our Assets and service Delivery in a Fiscally Responsible Manner”. The current establishment bylaws are overly broad or too specific to make decision and financial management efficient. Although the proposal of adding a third establishment bylaw may seem counterintuitive if it is well written and the other bylaws are rewritten this should result in increased clarity.

The third establishment bylaw does partially address the mission – “The Regional District of Central Kootenay works to support our communities through effective service delivery while respecting the diversity of challenges within our region.” Establishing the third bylaw is a result of extensive community engagement that recognizes the challenges of different priorities in our communities.

3.2 Legislative Considerations

The Province will be expecting a very clearly written establishment bylaw that clearly defines the scope of the new Service and how it relates to the current services that are already established.

3.3 What Are the Risks

The management of interrelated services is complicated by having three establishment bylaws. The risk is that poorly defined establishment bylaws will cause confusion when the present staff and commission members are not at the decision making table.

4.0 PROPOSED SOLUTION

The solution is improving the clarity of the scope of current establishment bylaws and clear scope in the NEW proposed establishment bylaw.

The establishment bylaws must clearly define:

- Which establishment bylaw is responsible for the operating budget of each facility/park/service;
- Which establishment bylaw is responsible for the capital budget of each facility/park/service;
- Tax impact and how this is portioned to each service;
- Method of participating area approval to revise the scope of service

4.1 Financial Considerations of the Proposed Solution

At this stage this cannot be defined.

4.3 Resource Allocation and Workplan Impact

The General Manager of Community Services and Regional Manager of Client Services with support from Corporate Administration and City of Castlegar staff will be required.

4.4 Public Benefit and Stakeholder Engagement of Proposed Solution

The results of the current Reimagining Recreation Community Engagement process has informed this proposed solution.

4.5 Leveraging Technology

Not applicable.

4.5 Measuring Success

That the community understands clearly what the NEW establishment bylaw is funding and that the community understand the choice that they are being asked in voter assent process.

5.0 ALTERNATIVE SOLUTION(S)

Based upon the results of the Reimagining Recreation Community Engagement process and the current perception that Area I residents do not support an enhancement to the project and staff's understanding that there is a desire to move a project forward with the City of Castlegar and Area J there is not another solution that is legislatively practical.

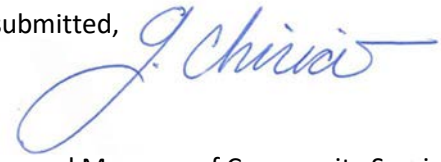
6.0 OPTIONS CONSIDERED BUT NOT PRESENTED

The process considers the other options of funding an enhancements through the present services but the results of consultation do not support those paths forward.

7.0 RECOMMENDATION

That the Board authorize staff to prepare a draft service establishment Bylaw to fund borrowing and asset management of a recreation facility addition to the Castlegar and District Community Complex with the service area being the City of Castlegar and Area J.

Respectfully submitted,



Joe Chirico, General Manager of Community Services

Declaration of Official Assent Voting Results

Title of Assent Vote: Area H Dangerous and Aggressive Dog Control Service Establishment Bylaw No. 306, 2026 Assent Vote

Date: June 1, **2026**

I, Tom Dool, Chief Election Officer, do hereby declare the unofficial results of the assent vote to be as follows:

Yes 282 votes

No 432 votes

Signed at Nelson, BC this 1st day of, June.

Chief Election Officer _____

Tom Dool

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REGIONAL DISTRICT OF CENTRAL KOOTENAY

Bylaw No. 3066

A Bylaw to establish a service for the regulation of dangerous and aggressive dogs.

WHEREAS the regional district may, by bylaw, establish a service under the provisions of the *Local Government Act.*

AND WHEREAS the Board of the Regional District of Central Kootenay deems it expedient to establish a service within Electoral Area H to regulate dangerous and aggressive dogs;

AND WHEREAS the *Community Charter* provides Regional Districts with special powers in relation to dangerous dogs;

AND WHEREAS the Regional District has adopted Regional District of Central Kootenay Dangerous and Aggressive Dog Bylaw No. 3009, 2025 a bylaw regulating ownership of dangerous or aggressive dogs;

NOW THEREFORE the Board of the Regional District of Central Kootenay, in open meeting assembled, HEREBY ENACTS as follows:

1 The Regional District hereby establishes a service within Electoral Area H to be known as the "Electoral Areas H Dangerous and Aggressive Dog Control Service", for the regulation of dangerous and aggressive dogs within Electoral Area H.

2 The participant of the service shall be Electoral Area H.

3 The boundary of the service area shall be the boundary of Electoral Area H.

4 Definitions within this bylaw shall be consistent with those definitions provided in Section 2 Definitions of the Regional District of Central Kootenay Dangerous and Aggressive Dog Bylaw No. 3009, 2025 as amended.

5 Pursuant of the *Local Government Act*, the annual cost of providing the service shall be recovered by one or more of the following:

(a) Property value taxes;
(b) Fees and charges;
(c) Revenue raised by other means; or
(d) Revenue received by way of the agreement, enterprise, gift, grant or otherwise.

6 The maximum amount that may be requisitioned annually for this service shall not exceed the greater of $109,741 or the amount resulting from a rate of $0.077/$1,000 applied to the actual net taxable value of land and improvements in the service area.

7 This Bylaw may be cited as **"Elector Area H Dangerous and Aggressive Dog Control Service Establishment Bylaw No. 3066, 2025."**

READ A FIRST TIME this	13th	day of	November, 2025.
READ A SECOND TIME this	13th	day of	November, 2025.
READ A THIRD TIME this	22nd	day of	January, 2026.

I hereby certify that this is a true and correct copy of the **"Elector Area H Dangerous and Aggressive Dog Control Service Establishment Bylaw No. 3066, 2025"** as read a third time by the Regional District of Central Kootenay Board on the 22nd day of January, 2026.

Mike Morrison, Corporate Officer

APPROVE by the Inspector of Municipalities on the 24 day of March, 2026

ASSENT RECEIVED as per the *Local Government Act – consent assent vote.*

ADOPTED this day of ,

Aimee Watson, Board Chair

Mike Morrison, Corporate Officer

Certified a true copy of Bylaw 3066 number as adopted.

Corporate Officer

Corporate Officer's Report

A, B, & C Dangerous & Aggressive Dogs
Alternative Approval Process - Results

Date: June 16, 2026
File No.: 3900-30-2026

Below are the results of the Alternative Approval Process (AAP) undertaken to seek elector approval from Electoral Areas A, B, and C for the Elector Areas A, B, and C Dangerous and Aggressive Dog Control Service Establishment Bylaw No. 3067, 2026.

The fair estimate of the total number of electors to whom the AAP applied was:	7674
The number of electors that were required to sign Electoral Response Forms was:	767
The number of Elector Response Forms received was	183
The number of Elector Response Forms verified as qualified electors	175

I hereby verify that elector approval was therefore obtained.

Mike Morrison
Corporate Officer

REGIONAL DISTRICT OF CENTRAL KOOTENAY

Bylaw No. 3067

A Bylaw to establish a service for the regulation of dangerous and aggressive dogs.

WHEREAS the regional district may, by bylaw, establish service under the provisions of the *Local Government Act.*

AND WHEREAS the Board of the Regional District of Central Kootenay deems it expedient to establish a service within Electoral Areas A, B, and C to regulate dangerous and aggressive dogs;

AND WHEREAS the *Community Charter* provides Regional Districts with special powers in relation to dangerous dogs;

AND WHEREAS the Regional District has adopted Regional District of Central Kootenay Dangerous and Aggressive Dog Bylaw No. 3009, 2026 a bylaw regulating ownership of dangerous and aggressive dogs.

NOW THEREFORE the Board of the Regional District of Central Kootenay, in open meeting assembled, HEREBY ENACTS as follows:

1 The Regional District hereby establishes a service within Electoral Areas A, B, and C, to be known as the "Electoral Areas A, B, and C Dangerous and Aggressive Dog Control Service", for the regulation of dangerous and aggressive dogs within Electoral Areas A, B, and C.

2 Participants in the service shall be Electoral Areas A, B, and C.

3 The boundary of the service area shall be Electoral Areas A, B, and C.

4 Definitions within this bylaw shall be consistent with those definitions provided in Section 2 Definitions of Regional District of Central Kootenay Dangerous and Aggressive Dog Bylaw No. 3009, 2026 as amended.

5 Pursuant of the *Local Government Act*, the annual cost of providing the service shall be recovered by one or more of the following:

(a) Property value taxes;
(b) Fees and charges;
(c) Revenue raised by other means; or
(d) Revenue received by way of the agreement, enterprise, gift, grant or otherwise.

6 The cost of the service shall be apportioned to participants based on population as described in the most recent federal census. Apportionments shall be updated within one year of a new census release.

Apportionment of Service Costs
Electoral Area A – 26%
Electoral Area B – 56%
Electoral Area C – 17%

7 The maximum amount that may be requisitioned annually for this service shall not exceed the greater of $90,000 or the amount resulting from a rate of $0.033/$1,000 applied to the net taxable value of land and improvements in the service area.

8 This Bylaw may be cited as **"Electoral Areas A, B, and C Dangerous and Aggressive Dog Control Service Establishment Bylaw No. 3067, 2026."**

READ A FIRST TIME this	13th	day of	November, 2025.
READ A SECOND TIME this	13th	day of	November, 2025.
READ A THIRD TIME this	19th	day of	February, 2026.

I hereby certify that this is a true and correct copy of the **"Electoral Areas A, B, and C Dangerous and Aggressive Dog Control Service Establishment Bylaw No. 3067, 2026"** as read a third time by the Regional District of Central Kootenay Board on the 19th day of February, 2026.

Mike Morrison, Corporate Officer

APPROVE by the Inspector of Municipalities on the 26 day of March , 2026.

ASSENT RECEIVED as per the *Local Government Act – Alternative Approval Process*

ADOPTED this day of , 2026.

Aimee Watson, Board Chair

Mike Morrison, Corporate Officer

REGIONAL DISTRICT OF CENTRAL KOOTENAY

Bylaw No. 3009

A bylaw for the regulation of dangerous and aggressive dogs.

WHEREAS the Regional District may, pursuant to the Local Government Act, enact a bylaw regulating the keeping and control of dogs;

AND WHEREAS the Community Charter Section 49 provides Regional Districts with special powers in relation to dangerous dogs;

NOW THEREFORE the Board of the Regional District of Central Kootenay, in open meeting assembled, HEREBY ENACTS as follows:

APPLICATION

1 This bylaw is applicable to Electoral Areas A, B, and C of the Regional District of Central Kootenay.

DEFINITIONS

2 In this bylaw all words or phrases shall have their normal or common meaning except where this is changed, modified or expanded by the definitions set forth in this section:

Aggressive Dog means:

(a) Any Dog which, without provocation, has displayed aggressive behaviour toward another person, dog or animal;
(b) Any Dog which, without provocation, has a known tendency or disposition to attack and / or cause injury to other animals or humans without provocation;
(c) Any Dog that has been deemed an Aggressive Dog by a Dog Control Officer; and
(d) Any Dog declared a Dangerous Dog by a Court in of the Province of B.C.

Animal means any animal, excepting for the purposes of this bylaw any human species, wildlife as defined in the Wildlife Act, or any animals of the "Rodent" variety, such as rats, mice or raccoons.

Animal Shelter means a building or part thereof, including the property that the building is located on, used by the Regional District for the temporary care of Dogs Impounded by the Dog Control Officer and includes the vehicle that is being used to transport the Dog.

At Large means a Dog that is not on the property of the Owner and not Under Effective Control by the Owner or a competent person.

Board means the Board of Directors of the Regional District of Central Kootenay.

Building means a roofed independent free-standing permanent structure enclosed within external walls or dividing walls that extend from the foundations to the roof and comprises one or more rooms or other space.

Charter means the *Community Charter* [S B C 2 0 0 3] Chapter 26, as amended from time to time.

Confined means the Dog is unable to escape from the owner's property.

Dangerous Dog means a Dog that has been determined to be a Dangerous Dog by a Judge of the Provincial Court of British Columbia under *Community Charter* Section 49.

Dog means an Animal of the canine species, including a dog-wolf or dog-coyote hybrid, and may include Aggressive and Dangerous Dogs. "Dog" shall include both the male and the female of the species over six (6) months of age.

Dog Control Officer means a person appointed by the Board as a Dog Control Officer, Animal Control Officer or Bylaw Enforcement Officer and includes a Peace Officer, an employee, servant, agent, or contractor of the Regional District. The Dog Control Officer is designated an Animal Control Officer for the purposes of Section 49 (Special Powers in Relation to Dangerous Dogs) of the *Community Charter*.

Enclosure means a structure at least 1.8 metres in height by 1.2 metres wide by 4 metres long; constructed with secure sides, and with impervious surfacing for the bottom to prevent digging; suitable for the size and strength of the Dog to prevent it from escaping; having protection and shelter from the varying weather conditions; and locked to prevent entry of young children or other unauthorized persons.

Fine means the penalty as set out in the Regional District's Bylaw Enforcement Notice and Dispute Adjudication System Bylaw and/or Regional District's Municipal Ticketing Information System Bylaw.

Injury means a physical injury to a person or Animal that includes scrapes, pinches, fractures, punctures, lacerations and any other injuries that require medical attention.

Impounded means any Dog seized, delivered, received or taken into the Animal Shelter, or in the custody of the Dog Control Officer as provided for in this bylaw.

Leash means a device of sufficient strength and design to restrain the Dog for which it is being used, where one end is securely affixed to the Dog and the other end is securely held by the Owner.

Muzzled means a humane fastening or covering device, of adequate strength, placed securely over the Dog's mouth and is designed to prevent the Dog from biting or inflicting injury.

Owner means any person who owns, possesses, shelters or bears responsibility for any Dog, or who lawfully permits any Dog to remain on private land, premises, or property, and includes the custodial parent or legal guardian of a child under the age of 18 years who would

otherwise be the Owner of any Dog.

Qualified Dog Trainer means, in the context of this bylaw, a person:

(a) Having a degree in veterinary medicine with a special interest in animal behaviour; or
(b) A person with a degree in animal behaviour together with a minimum of 5 years' supervised work experience;

and possessing current membership to a recognized professional canine behaviour organization.

Regional District means the Regional District of Central Kootenay and may be referred to as the Regional District in the context of this bylaw.

Under Effective Control means a Dog is within sight of its Owner, or on a leash, and responds and complies immediately with all commands at the direction of its Owner.

EFFECTIVE CONTROL OF DOGS

3 No Owner shall cause or permit their Dog to remain outside a fence, pen, or enclosure unless the *Dog is Under Effective Control.*

IMPOUNDING OF DOGS

4 (1) The Dog Control Officer may seize and impound any Aggressive or Dangerous Dog.

(2) The Dog Owner shall retrieve any impounded Dog, and:

(a) provide current, government issued identification and proof of ownership of the Dog;
(b) pay all impound, maintenance and sustenance and additional applicable fees related to that Dog, as set out in Schedule "A" of this bylaw; and
(c) prior to release of an Aggressive Dog, the Owner must read, complete and sign the Aggressive Dog Registration, as set out in Schedule B o f this bylaw;

(3) Without limiting the generality of section 4(2)(b) of this bylaw, any Owner of a Dog that has been impounded must pay all impound, maintenance and sustenance, and all other applicable fees regardless of whether or not the Owner claims the Dog from Impound.

(4) Where an Impounded Dog is not retrieved and released to the Owner within seventy-two (72) hours from the time the Dog is impounded and there have been no prior arrangements made with the Dog Control Officer, the Regional District may sell or dispose of the Dog.

AGGRESSIVE DOGS

5 (1) When not on the Owner's property the Owner of an Aggressive Dog shall secure the Dog by a collar and Leash that is a maximum length of one (1) metre and of adequate strength to restrain the Dog.

(2) When not on the Owner's property, the Owner of an Aggressive Dog shall keep the Dog effectively Muzzled. at all times to prevent the Dog from biting another Dog, Animal or person.

(3) The Owner of an Aggressive Dog shall ensure that the Leash referred in section 5 (1) of this bylaw is held by a person that is physically and mentally capable of keeping the Dog Under Control.

(4) The Owner of an Aggressive Dog shall ensure that while an Aggressive Dog is on private property it is at all times:

(a) Securely confined within an Enclosure; or
(b) Securely confined within a Building

(5) The Owner of an Aggressive Dog shall permit the Dog Control Officer to photograph the Dog for identification purposes.

(6) The Owner of an Aggressive Dog shall permit the Dog to be micro-chipped for identification purposes and must pay for the costs associated with the micro-chipping prior to release of the Dog.

(7) The Owner of an Aggressive Dog shall complete and sign the Regional District's Aggressive Dog Registration, as set out in "Schedule B" of this bylaw.

(8) Where a Dog has exhibited behaviour that meets the definition of an Aggressive Dog in this bylaw, and

(a) there have been no incidents of aggression within the previous twelve-month period; and in the opinion of a Qualified Dog Trainer, the Dog no longer has a propensity towards aggression;

the Owner may apply to the Regional District Manager of Building and Bylaw Enforcement to suspend the requirements of Section 5 of this bylaw as it applies to an Aggressive Dog.

(9) If the requirements of this bylaw are suspended pursuant to section 5 (8)(a) of this bylaw and, subsequent to that suspension, the Dog exhibits behaviour that meets the definition of an Aggressive Dog, the requirements of this bylaw as it applies to an Aggressive Dog shall immediately apply and no further relief pursuant to Section 5.8 will be granted with respect to that Dog.

(10) The Owner of an Aggressive Dog shall prominently display a sign stating "Beware of Dog" at all entrances to the owner's property. The sign shall be at least 12 inches x 12 inches in size.

DANGEROUS DOGS

6 The Dog Control Officer in accordance with Section 49 of the *Community Charter*, may apply to the Provincial Court for an order that the Dangerous Dog be humanely euthanized in the manner specified in the order.

ADMINISTRATION AND ENFORCEMENT

7 (1) The Dog Control Officer is hereby authorized to enter, at all reasonable times, upon any property in the Regional District in order to ascertain whether the regulations in this bylaw are being obeyed.

(2) No person shall prevent or obstruct, or attempt to prevent or obstruct, the Dog Control Officer from the exercise or performance of his or her powers, duties or functions under this bylaw.

(3) Any person who violated any provision of this bylaw commits an offence and is liable to a fine not exceeding $50,000.00 and cost of the prosecution.

(4) Each day a violation of the provisions of this bylaw exists or is permitted or suffered to exist shall constitute a separate offence.

(5) If any section, subsection, sentence, clause or phrase of this bylaw is, for any reason, held to be invalid by decision of any court of competent jurisdiction, the invalid portion must be severed and the decision that it is invalid will not affect the validity of the remaining portions of this bylaw.

(6) Schedules "A", "B" and “C” of this bylaw form a part of this bylaw and are enforceable in the same manner as this bylaw.

REVIEW PROCESS

8 An Owner of a Dog that has been deemed an Aggressive Dog by a Dog Control Officer and is subject to enforcement action under Section 4 of this Bylaw may, within 10 business days of the enforcement action submit a written request for a review to the RDCK’s General Manager with responsibility for Bylaw Enforcement. The request must include a statement outlining the basis for the review. The General Manager shall consider the relevant factors of the situation, the Owner’s representations, and the input from staff when conducting their review. Following the review the General Manager may:

(a) confirm the enforcement action;
(b) vary or remove conditions or terms under Section 5 of this bylaw; or
(c) cancel the enforcement action

CITATION

9 This bylaw may be cited as **"Regional District of Central Kootenay Dangerous and Aggressive Dog Regulatory Bylaw No. 3009, 2025."**

READ A FIRST TIME this	17th	day of	July, 2025.
READ A SECOND TIME this	17th	day of	July, 2025.
READ A THIRD TIME this	22nd	day of	January, 2026.
RE-READ A THIRD TIME this	18th	day of	June, 2026
ADOPTED this	18th	day of	June, 2026.

Aimee Watson, Board Chair

Mike Morrison, Corporate Officer

SCHEDULE A
Bylaw No. 3009

FEE SCHEDULE

First Impoundment Fee

$250 Per Aggressive Dog

In addition, there is a Maintenance and Sustenance Cost of $75 per day.

Second and Subsequent Impound Fee

$450 Per Aggressive Dog

In addition, there is a Maintenance and Sustenance Cost of $75 per day.

ADDITIONAL FEES

Aggressive and Dangerous Dog Registration

$250 per Dog as per this bylaw and Schedule B

Euthanasia

Actual Cost

Veterinarian

Actual Cost

SCHEDULE B
Bylaw No. 3009

AGGRESSIVE DOG REGISTRATION

(1) I, of
(Name of Owner)
(Address of Owner)

Hereby apply for the release of:

Dog's Name:

Breed:

Colour: Sex:

Age: Current Photograph of Dog Attached:

(2) I am the owner of the Dog.

(3) I am aware and have been informed that the Dog is an Aggressive Dog within the meaning of Bylaw No. 3009 and I am aware of the responsibility and potential liability which rest with me in keeping or harbouring the Dog, and state the Dog will be kept at:

(4) I hereby acknowledge, covenant and agree with the Regional District of Central Kootenay:

(a) That I will, at all times when the Dog is not kept on a leash and muzzle and under the control of a person who is competent to control the Dog, keep the Dog in a dwelling or accessory building, or within a securely locked enclosure complying with the requirements of Responsible Dog Ownership Bylaw No. 3009; and

(b) That I save harmless and indemnify the Regional District of Central Kootenay, its Dog Control Officer, and any of its officers, employees, agents or elected officials from and against any and all actions, causes of action, proceedings, claims, demands, losses, damages, cost or expense whatsoever and by whomever brought in any way arising from or caused by the release of the Dog to me or the keeping or harbouring of any Dog by me and, without limiting the generality of the foregoing, for any personal injury or death inflicted on or any other animal or any person by the Dog or any damages to property caused by the Dog.

(c) That, if the Dog Control Officer has reasonable grounds, the officer may apply to the Provincial Court for an order that the Dog be destroyed in the manner specified in the order and that a Dog that has been seized under this section may not be impounded and detained for more than twenty-one (21) days unless court proceedings for a destruction order are commenced within that time (Section 49 of the Charter).

(5) I submit herewith the sum of $250.00 in payment and all other fees payable by me pursuant to Bylaw No. 3009.

(Signature of Dog Owner) (Date)

(Print Name of Dog Owner)

(Signature of Witness) (Date)

(Print name of Witness)

REGIONAL DISTRICT OF CENTRAL KOOTENAY

Bylaw No. 3082

A Bylaw to amend Bylaw Enforcement Notice and Dispute Adjudication System Bylaw No. 2855, 2023.

WHEREAS it is deemed expedient to amend the Schedule 'A' – Appendices Index and Appendix 18 to bring the bylaw list up-to-date;

NOW THEREFORE the Board of the Regional District of Central Kootenay, in open meeting assembled, HEREBY ENACTS as follows:

1 The Regional District of Central Kootenay Bylaw Enforcement Notice and Dispute Adjudication System Bylaw No. 2855, 2023 is hereby amended and the following Schedule A – Designated Bylaw Contraventions and Penalties replace the associated appendices to form as part of this bylaw:

(a) Schedule 'A' – Appendices Index; and
(b) Schedule 'A' – Appendix 18.

2 This Bylaw shall come into force and effect upon its adoption.

CITATION

3 This Bylaw may be cited as **"Regional District of Central Kootenay Bylaw Enforcement Notice and Dispute Adjudication System Amendment Bylaw No. 3082, 2026."**

READ A FIRST TIME this	18th	day of	June, 2026.
READ A SECOND TIME this	18th	day of	June, 2026.
READ A THIRD TIME this	18th	day of	June, 2026.
ADOPTED this	18th	day of	June, 2026.

Aimee Watson, Board Chair

Mike Morrison, Corporate Officer

SCHEDULE A: APPENDICES INDEX

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Schedule A
APPENDIX 18
Regional District of Central Kootenay Water Bylaw No. 3078, 2026

Bylaw Section	Description The following fines apply to the Contraventions Below	**A1** Penalty Amount ($)	**A2** Discounted Penalty: Within 14 days ($)	**A3** Late Payment After 28 days ($)	**A4** Compliance Agreement Availability & Discount (%)
7 (1)	Unapproved Operation of the Water System	200	175	225	N/A
7 (2)	Intentional Destruction, Tampering, Alteration or Connection to the Water System	450	400	500	N/A
8 (2)	Failure to Make Application for Change of Use	100	75	125	N/A
8 (4)	Failure to Make Application for Temporary Water Usage	100	75	125	N/A
10.1 (3)	Failure to Maintain Customer Water Connection or Fixtures	100	75	125	N/A
10.1 (13)	Supplying Water to Another Property	450	400	500	N/A
10.2 (1)	Unauthorized Entry of Utility Structure	450	400	500	N/A
10.2 (2)	Obstruct Access to Water System or Water Connection	450	400	500	N/A
10.2 (3)	Obstruct Authorized Entry	450	400	500	N/A
11.1 (1)	Unauthorized Irrigation of Land	300	250	350	N/A
11.1 (2)	Unauthorized Water Supplied to Another Property	450	400	500	N/A
11.1 (3)	Commercial Sale of Water without Approval	450	400	500	N/A
11.1 (4)	Unauthorized Change or Addition to Number or Type of Fixtures	450	400	500	N/A
11.1 (5)	Unauthorized Installation of a Pump	450	400	500	N/A
11.1 (6)	Use of Free Flow Bleeder	450	400	500	N/A
11.3 & Schedule A	Failure to Comply with Stage One Water Conservation	100	75	125	N/A

Schedule A
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11.3 & Schedule A	Failure to Comply with Stage Two Water Conservation	150	125	175	N/A
11.3 & Schedule A	Failure to Comply with Stage Three Water Conservation	200	175	225	N/A
11.3 & Schedule A	Failure to Comply with Stage Four Water Conservation	400	350	450	N/A
11.3 (4) (a),(b),(c),(d)	Excessive Water Use	100	75	125	N/A
11.3 (4) (e)	Unauthorized Sprinkling From Unattended Open Pipe or Hose	100	75	125	N/A
11.6 (1)	Water Wastage	100	75	125	N/A
11.7 (1)	Illegal Water Connection	450	400	500	N/A
13.1 (1)(a)	No Cross Connection Control Device	300	250	350	N/A
13.1. (2)	Unauthorized Cross Connection	300	250	350	N/A
13.1 (10)	Unauthorized Removal or Modification of Backflow Preventer	300	250	350	N/A
13.2 (1)(2)	Failure to Report Problem or Failure to Repair Backflow Preventer	100	75	125	N/A
13.4 (2)	Refusal to Provide Backflow Preventer Test Report	100	75	125	N/A
14.1 (1)(2)(3)	Refusal to Provide Water Meter	100	75	125	N/A
14.1 (9)	Unmetered Water Use on Metered Property	400	350	450	N/A
14.2 (4)	No seal on Bypass	100	75	125	N/A
14.3 (2) & (3)	Failure to Report Problem with Water Meter	100	75	125	N/A
14.3 (4) (a),(b)	Interference or Tampering with Water Meter	200	175	225	N/A

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14.6 (3)	Refusal to Provide Meter Reading	50	40	60	N/A

REGIONAL DISTRICT OF CENTRAL KOOTENAY

Bylaw No. 3084

A bylaw to authorize the entering into of an Agreement respecting financing between the Regional District of Central Kootenay and the Municipal Finance Authority of British Columbia.

WHEREAS the Municipal Finance Authority of British Columbia (the "Authority") may provide financing of capital requirements for regional districts by the issue of debentures or other evidence of indebtedness of the Authority and lending the proceeds therefrom to the regional district on whose request the financing is undertaken;

AND WHEREAS under the provisions of Section 411 of the *Local Government Act*, the amount of borrowing authorized by each of the following loan authorization bylaws, the amount already borrowed under the authority thereof, the amount of authorization to borrow remaining thereunder, and the amount being issued under the authority thereof by this bylaw;

AND WHEREAS the tables contained in this bylaw are to provide clarity and information for the purposes of this bylaw;

AND WHEREAS the Regional Board, by this bylaw, hereby requests such financing shall be undertaken through the Authority;

NOW THEREFORE the Regional Board of the Regional District of Central Kootenay in open meeting assembled enacts as follows:

Regional District Loan Authorization Bylaws

Loan Authorization Bylaw #	Purpose	Amount of Borrowing Authorized	Amount Already Borrowed	Borrowing Authority Remaining	Term of Issue	Amount of Issue
3084	Phase 1 closure & berm of the Creston Landfill	$1,692,900	$	$1,692,900	25 yrs	$975,000
Total		**$1,692,900**	**$**	**$1,692,900**		**$975,000**

1 The Authority is hereby requested and authorized to finance from time to time the above noted undertakings, and further described in the Regional District Loan Authorization Bylaws table, at the sole cost and on behalf of the Regional District and its member municipalities up to, but not exceeding Nine Hundred Seventy Five Thousand Dollars ($975,000) in lawful money of Canada (provided that the Regional District may borrow all or part of such amount in such currency as the Trustees of the Authority shall determine but the aggregate amount in lawful money of Canada and in Canadian Dollar equivalents so borrowed shall not exceed $975,000 in Canadian Dollars) at such

interest and with such discounts or premiums and expenses as the Authority may deem appropriate in consideration of the market and economic conditions pertaining.

2 Upon completion by the Authority of financing undertaken pursuant hereto, the Chair and officer assigned the responsibility of financial administration of the Regional District, on behalf of the Regional District and under its seal shall, at such time or times as the Trustees of the Authority may request, enter into and deliver to the Authority one or more agreements, which said agreement or agreements shall be substantially in the form annexed hereto as Schedule "A" and made part of this bylaw (such Agreement or Agreements as may be entered into, delivered or substituted hereinafter referred to as the "Agreement") providing for payment by the Regional District to the Authority of the amounts required to meet the obligations of the Authority with respect to its borrowings undertaken pursuant hereto, which Agreement shall rank as debenture debt of the Regional District.

3 The Agreement in the form of Schedule “A” shall be dated and payable in the principal amount or amounts of monies and in Canadian dollars or as the Authority shall determine and subject to the *Local Government Act*, in such currency or currencies as shall be borrowed by the Authority under Section 1 and shall set out the schedule of repayment of the principal amount together with interest on unpaid amounts as shall be determined by the Treasurer of the Authority.

4 The obligation incurred under the said Agreement shall bear interest from a date specified therein, which date shall be determined by the Treasurer of the Authority, and shall bear interest at a rate to be determined by the Treasurer of the Authority.

5 The Agreement shall be sealed with the seal of the Regional District and shall bear the signature of the Chair and the officer assigned the responsibility of financial administration of the Regional District.

6 The obligations incurred under the said Agreement as to both principal and interest shall be payable at the Head Office of the Authority in Saanich and at such time or times as shall be determined by the Treasurer of the Authority.

7 During the currency of the obligations incurred under the said Agreement to secure borrowings in respect of the East Waste Management Subregion Refuse Disposal/Recycling Service (Creston Landfill - Phase 1 C/D Closure & Berm) Loan Authorization Bylaw No. 2971, 2024 if the anticipated revenues accruing to the Regional District from the operation of the East Waste Management Subregion Service Area are at any time insufficient to meet the annual payment of interest and the repayment of principal in any year, there shall be requisitioned an amount sufficient to meet such insufficiency.

8 The Regional District shall provide and pay over to the Authority such sums as are required to discharge its obligations in accordance with the terms of the Agreement, provided, however, that if the sums provided for in the Agreement are not sufficient to meet the obligations of the Authority,

any deficiency in meeting such obligations shall be a liability of the Regional District to the Authority and the Regional Board of the Regional District shall make due provision to discharge such liability.

9 The Regional District shall pay over to the Authority at such time or times as the Treasurer of the Authority so directs such sums as are required pursuant to Section 15 of the *Municipal Finance Authority Act* to be paid into the Debt Reserve Fund established by the Authority in connection with the financing undertaken by the Authority on behalf of the Regional District pursuant to the Agreement.

10 This bylaw may be cited as **"East Waste Management Subregion Refuse Disposal/Recycling Service (Creston Landfill - Phase 1 C/D Closure & Berm) Security Issuing Bylaw No. 3084, 2026"**.

READ A FIRST TIME this	18th	day of	June, 2026.
READ A SECOND TIME this	18th	day of	June, 2026.
READ A THIRD TIME this	18th	day of	June, 2026.
ADOPTED this	18th	day of	June, 2026.

Aimee Watson, Board Chair

Mike Morrison, Corporate Officer

Schedule "A" to Bylaw No. 3007

CANADA
PROVINCE OF BRITISH COLUMBIA
AGREEMENT
Regional District of Central Kootenay

The Regional District of Central Kootenay (the "Regional District") hereby promises to pay to the Municipal Finance Authority of British Columbia (the "Authority") at its Head Office in Saanich, British Columbia, the sum of Nine Hundred Seventy Five Thousand Dollars ($975,000) in lawful money of Canada, together with interest thereon from the ____ day of _____ 20__, at varying rates of interest, calculated semi-annually, in each and every year during the currency of this Agreement; and payments of principal and interest shall be as specified in the schedule attached commencing on the ____ day of _____ 20___, provided that in the event the payments of principal and interest hereunder are insufficient to satisfy the obligations of the Authority undertaken on behalf of the Regional District, the Regional District shall pay over to the Authority such further sums as are sufficient to discharge the obligations of the Regional District to the Authority.

DATED at _____, British Columbia, this ____ day of _____, 20____.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF and under the authority of Bylaw No. 3007 cited as **"East Waste Management Subregion Refuse Disposal/Recycling Service (Creston Landfill - Phase 1 C/D Closure & Berm) Security Issuing Bylaw No. 3084, 2026"**, this Agreement is sealed with the Corporate Seal of the Regional District of Central Kootenay and signed by the Chair and Treasurer thereof.

_____
Chair

_____
Treasurer

Pursuant to the *Local Government Act*, I certify that the within Agreement has been lawfully and validly made and issued and that its validity is not open to question on any ground whatsoever in any court of the Province of British Columbia.

_____
Deputy Inspector of Municipalities of British Columbia

PRINCIPAL AND/OR SINKING FUND DEPOSIT AND INTEREST PAYMENTS

Date of Payment	Total Payment	Principal/Sinking Fund Deposit	Interest
	$	$	$
	$	$	$
	$	$	$

BOARD Report

June 18, 2026

Goat River Watershed Collective Conversations Working Group: Terms of Reference, Workplan, and Inaugural Meeting Summary

Author:	Paris Marshall Smith, Sustainability & Resilience Supervisor
File Reference:	5200-20-WGI-GOAT
Electoral Area/Municipality:	AREA A,B,C AND TOWN OF CRESTON
Services Impacted	S105 Community Sustainable Living Advisory

1.0 STAFF RECOMMENDATION

THAT the RDCK Board receive for information the Terms of Reference and the 2026 Workplan for the Goat River Watershed Collective Conversations Working Group; and

THAT the Board acknowledge the Working Group as a tripartite, recommendation-making body comprised of yaqan nuʔkiy, the Regional District of Central Kootenay, and the Province of British Columbia, whose role is to develop joint recommendations for consideration by the respective leadership of each party.

2.0 BACKGROUND/HISTORY

The Goat River Watershed, located within the yaqan nuʔkiy amaʔkis (Creston Valley), has experienced documented and recurring water scarcity challenges. Domestic water users, agricultural operators, and the aquatic ecosystems of the watershed have all been affected by seasonal low-flow conditions and increasing demands on the shared water supply.

Over the past several years, yaqan nuʔkiy and the RDCK have worked in partnership to advance collaborative water governance in the watershed. This work has included joint letters to the Ministry of Water Lands and Resource Stewardship and a shared community engagement process. These efforts have consistently reinforced that any durable solution to water scarcity in the Goat River Watershed requires a collaborative approach.

In 2025 and early 2026, yaqan nuʔkiy, the RDCK, and the Province of British Columbia (represented by the Ministry of Water, Land and Resource Stewardship, Ministry of Forests, Ministry of Agriculture and Ministry of Indigenous Relationships and Reconciliation) agreed to work together through a structured intergovernmental working group. The working group is described as the Collective Conversations Working Group and is governed by a jointly developed Terms of Reference (TOR) and Workplan. The purpose of this Working Group is to work together to scope a water management solution for the water related challenges being experienced in yaqan nuʔkiy ʔamakʔis – Creston Valley, Goat River Watershed.

The inaugural working group meeting was held on May 28, 2026, in Creston, with hybrid attendance. Co-chairs Paris Marshall Smith (RDCK) and Tanji Zumpano (WLRS Policy) facilitated the session.

3.0 PROBLEM OR OPPORTUNITY DESCRIPTION

Water scarcity in the Goat River Watershed represents both a pressing public safety concern and an opportunity for meaningful, coordinated action across levels of government. Community engagement has consistently identified domestic water security, aquatic ecosystem health, and agricultural water needs as interconnected priorities that cannot be addressed by any single government or organization acting alone.

The Collective Conversations Working Group provides a structured mechanism for yaqan nuʔkiy, the RDCK, and the Province to develop a shared understanding of the watershed, evaluate available tools under BC's Water Sustainability Act and other legislation, and advance joint recommendations to their respective leadership. This process positions the RDCK as a collaborative, credible partner in regional water governance while supporting the Board's commitment to community water security.

3.1 Alignment to Board Strategic Plan

The Collective Conversations Working Group directly supports the Board's strategic priorities related to water security, strengthening relationship with community partners and regional sustainability. Sustained participation in the working group ensures that RDCK perspectives, community data, and local water system knowledge inform provincial and intergovernmental decision-making on tools available under BC's Water Sustainability Act.

3.2 Legislative Considerations

The primary legislative framework relevant to this work is BC's Water Sustainability Act (WSA), which provides a range of tools for water planning and management, including provisions for water sustainability planning, low-flow protections, and licensing. The Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples Act (DRIPA) and the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples (UNDRIP) also inform the process, particularly with respect to the recognition of Indigenous rights and governance in water decision-making. The Province has an existing bridging agreement with Ktunaxa Nation, within which yaqan nuʔkiy operates, which supports the government-to-government character of this work.

3.3 What Are the Risks

Without a coordinated intergovernmental approach, water scarcity in the Goat River Watershed is likely to worsen under climate change pressures, increasing risk to domestic water users served by RDCK-operated water systems and to agricultural operators who depend on surface and groundwater from the watershed. The absence of a shared governance framework also risks fragmented decision-making and missed opportunities to deploy tools available under BC's Water Sustainability Act in a manner responsive to community and Indigenous priorities.

For the RDCK, failure to participate meaningfully in the working group would undermine the RDCK’s commitment to work in partnership with yaqan nuʔkiy, diminish influence over watershed decisions that directly affect the communities it serves and negate the extensive community engagement to date.

4.0 PROPOSED SOLUTION

The proposed approach is to continue the RDCK's active participation as a co-chair and member of the Goat River Watershed Collective Conversations Working Group through the completion of its mandate, anticipated by October 2026.

The working group is a recommendation-making body. Recommendations developed through the working group will be brought forward by RDCK staff to the Board for direction. The Board retains full authority over any RDCK commitments or actions arising from working group recommendations.

The working group operates under an endorsed, by the working group, Terms of Reference and a 2026 Workplan structured around three milestones:

- Milestone 1 (May 2026): Establish the working group, including an endorsed TOR and Workplan.
- Milestone 2 (June to August 2026): Define watershed values, current state, desired future state, and jurisdictional mapping across parties.
- Milestone 3 (September to October 2026): Evaluate available water management tools and develop joint recommendations to leadership.

Meetings will be held roughly every month, in Creston, with virtual participation options. A joint secretariat shared between RDCK and WLRS Policy will manage logistics and document circulation.

4.1 Financial Considerations of the Proposed Solution

Participation in the working group is accommodated within existing RDCK staff capacity and budget. Travel to Creston for in-person meetings will be the primary discretionary cost. No new budget allocation is requested at this time. Should the working group's recommendations require additional RDCK resources or expenditures, those will be brought to the Board separately for approval.

4.2 Risks with the Proposed Solution

1. The working group process may take longer than anticipated or produce recommendations that require significant resourcing or policy commitments from the RDCK.
    - This risk is mitigated by the recommendation-only structure of the working group: no binding decisions will be made without Board direction, and staff will bring recommendations forward at each milestone.

2. The pace of the technical working group may outrun the capacity of elected officials and the broader public to meaningfully inform the values and desired future state that will anchor Milestone 2. The working group's deliberations on watershed values and long-term vision should reflect the perspectives of RDCK Directors and the communities they represent, not only technical and intergovernmental participants. If this grounding is absent, the credibility and durability of any eventual recommendation is at risk.
    - To address this, staff will convene workshops with elected officials in advance of each working group meeting, both to prepare Directors for upcoming topics and to gather their input to bring into working group discussions. This ensures elected judgment informs the process throughout, not only at the recommendation stage.

3. Key stakeholder groups and the broader public may not have adequate opportunity to contribute their perspectives before the working group moves into tool evaluation. Community voice, particularly from agricultural operators, improvement districts, and other water users, is essential to a credible desired state.
    - Staff will continue with Phase 3 - public engagement process planned for June and July 2026 to address this directly, focusing on watershed values and the desired future state and reaching residents, agricultural stakeholders, and other interest groups through channels consistent with prior community

engagement in the Goat River Watershed. Findings will be synthesized and brought into working group discussions before the group advances to Milestone 3.

4.3 Resource Allocation and Workplan Impact

Paris Marshall Smith (Sustainability & Resilience Supervisor) is leading RDCK participation as co-chair, supported by Camille LeBlanc (Community Resilience Coordinator). Participation is estimated at approximately two to three days per month including meeting preparation, attendance, and follow-up. This workload is integrated into current workplan commitments.

4.4 Public Benefit and Stakeholder Engagement of Proposed Solution

The working group process builds on prior community engagement in the Goat River Watershed, including a survey process that received approximately 220 responses and open houses. The working group's scope explicitly includes identifying how parallel community advisory input, including from improvement districts and other local interests, can be structured to ensure the process reflects the full range of watershed perspectives.

Community engagement remains an RDCK lead responsibility within the working group. And the working group has also agreed to develop shared communications going forward between all parties.

4.5 Measuring Success

Success will be measured by the working group's completion of the three milestones outlined in the 2026 Workplan and the production of joint recommendations to leadership by October 2026. The Board will receive updates at each milestone. Staff will also report any significant changes to scope, timeline, or resource requirements as they arise.

7.0 OPTIONS SUMMARY

Option 1 (Staff Recommendation): Receive the Terms of Reference, 2026 Workplan, and inaugural meeting summary for information, and acknowledge the recommendation-making (not decision-making) role of the working group. RDCK continues active participation as co-chair.

Option 2: Receive the materials for information only, without formally acknowledging the working group's role. This would not affect RDCK's operational participation.

Staff recommend Option 1. Clarity on the working group's role as a recommendation entity is important for public accountability and for managing expectations with provincial and Indigenous partners.

8.0 RECOMMENDATION

THAT the RDCK Board receive for information the Terms of Reference and the 2026 Workplan for the Goat River Watershed Collective Conversations Working Group; and

THAT the Board acknowledge the Working Group as a tripartite, recommendation-making body comprised of yaqan nuʔkiy, the Regional District of Central Kootenay, and the Province of British Columbia, whose role is to develop joint recommendations for consideration by the respective leadership of each party.

Respectfully submitted,
Paris Marshall Smith – Sustainability & Resilience Supervisor

CONCURRENCE

Chief Administrative Officer – Stuart Horn Approved
General Manager of Development and Community Sustainability Services – Amy Wilson Approved

ATTACHMENTS:

Attachment A – Goat River Watershed Collective Conversations Working Group Terms of Reference (endorsed May 28, 2026)
Attachment B – Goat River Watershed Collective Conversations Working Group 2026 Workplan (endorsed May 28, 2026

The yaqan nu?kiy – Regional District of Central Kootenay – Government of B.C. Collective Conversations on Water Management for the Goat River Watershed

Working Group
Terms of Reference

The Parties
These terms of reference are between:

(a) yaqan nu?kiy Lower Kootenay Band (**"YN"**) as represented herein by Lands staff and consultants.
(b) Regional District of Central Kootenay ("**RDCK"**) as represented herein by staff members from the RDCK Development & Community Sustainability Services Department.
(c) Province of British Columbia ("**BC"**) as represented herein by staff team members from the Ministry of Water, Land, and Resource Stewardship (Watershed Stewardship & Security Branch, Authorizations, Land Use Planning & Cumulative Effects), Ministry of Agriculture and Food, Ministry of Forests, and Ministry of Indigenous Relations and Reconciliation;

(together, the "**working group**").

Context
- Over the past several years, the **YN** and the **RDCK** have demonstrated sustained leadership and commitment in advancing collaborative work related to water scarcity and long-term water sustainability in the Goat River Watershed ("the watershed").
- **BC** has a bridging agreement with Ktunaxa Nation, the purpose of which is to foster a positive, collaborative and respectful government-to-government relationship.
- **YN,** the **RDCK**, and **BC** have a shared interest in protecting drinking water sources while balancing ecological integrity, cultural values, and regional livelihoods.
- The priority of this **working group** partnership is to have discussions to clarify and confirm foundational information about the watershed, drawing from the work all three parties have undertaken. This will be followed by collectively defining a shared long-term vision for the watershed and identifying and determining specific and tangible actions we can take separately and together to work towards that vision.

Purpose
The overall aim of this partnership is to work together on scoping a water management solution to address water related challenges experienced in the yaqan nu?kiy ?amak?is – Creston Valley, Goat River Watershed. Through a series of collective and sequenced conversations, the **working group** will identify and consider a path forward to address water issues being faced in the watershed.

BC seeks to support coordinated, collaborative, and informed planning and decision-making processes that build on the work already undertaken by **RDCK** and **YN**.

Scope
The **working group** will build a shared understanding of:
- values associated with the watershed;
- current state of the watershed;
- key issues, challenges, and pressures influencing the watershed;

- knowledge and data gaps that may warrant further consideration;
- respective interests and areas of alignment;
- a long-term vision for the watershed;
- expectations and authority for watershed governance and water management decision-making; and
- available next steps for long-term water management approaches for our respective decision-makers' consideration.

Milestones and outcomes included in this work are:

Milestones	Outcome
Establish a Working Group*	Establish a common understanding of the scope of work, along with shared goals, objectives, and commitments; and develop and approve a Terms of Reference and workplan.
Values, Future State, Issues	Collectively develop a shared understanding of core values, the current and desired future states, and the issues/problems affecting the Goat River watershed.
Determine if there is a suitable tool	Develop a shared understanding of available water management tools and advance a common set of recommended next steps to improve conditions in the Goat River watershed.

*A detailed workplan with tasks, deliverables and timelines has been developed. See attachment.

Out of Scope

- Issues and management tools related to forestry that are under consideration within the Forest Landscape Plan process.
- The working group does not have decision-making authority; rather, it serves in an advisory capacity, developing and providing recommendations to their respective leadership for consideration.
- Other issues identified as being out of scope through **working group** conversations.

Roles and Responsibilities

Member	Role/Responsibility
Ministry of Water, Land and Resource Stewardship (WLRS) – Watershed Stewardship & Security Branch	- Co-chair of Working Group - Co-secretariat & meeting logistics - Liaison to provincial leadership - Lead for water planning tools and water quality monitoring; co-lead for drought and water quantity
Ministry of Water, Land and Resource Stewardship (WRLS) – Authorizations	- Working Group member - Lead for water licensing and authorizations; co-lead for drought - Input into analysis of reports, as needed and as capacity allows
Ministry of Agriculture & Food (AF)	- Working Group member - Liaison/communication with agricultural industry

	- Support for outreach/education with agricultural industry - Technical support related to estimating water use, updating of the AG demand model, etc. - May provide guidance on agricultural funding requests
yaqan nu?kiy	- Working Group member - Provide the yaqan nu?kiy world view - Liaison/communication with community members/Chief & Council - Share watershed knowledge with working group, as appropriate
Ministry of Water, Land and Resources Stewardship – Land Use Planning and Cumulative Effects (LUPCE)	- Working Group member - Share information and learnings from other planning projects and initiatives in the Kootenays. - Alignment with other collaborative processes with Ktunaxa
Regional District of Central Kootenay	- Co-chair of Working Group - Co-secretariat & meeting logistics - Provide local government and water system purveyor perspective - Share existing watershed data, knowledge and work completed to date - Lead any community public engagement initiatives
Ministry of Indigenous Relationship and Reconciliation (IRR)	- Kept informed of process - Line of sight to other IRR initiatives - Expertise on First Nations engagement and consultation
Ministry of Forests	- Working Group member - Provide linkages to Forest Landscape Planning process currently in progress - Share expertise, updates, and information on forest permitting authorizations

Communication

We commit to the following:

- Ensure all discussions are cooperative and respectful
- Operate in an open and transparent manner
- Contribute professional opinions to the group
- Provide an opportunity for all active members to give input

Meetings

Over a 6–8-month period, **working group** meetings will be held monthly at a location in Creston, Nelson, or virtually. Meeting frequency may increase or decrease depending on working group priorities and other commitments, including preparation of **working group** documents.

Administrative and secretariat duties will be shared between BC and RDCK members.

The secretariat commits to providing meeting materials to all **working group** members a minimum of one week in advance of meetings. This will support and allow for **working group** members to have internal conversations with their respective leadership, if required, in advance of **working group** discussions. Prior to any meeting, members are expected to have completed preparatory work, such as review and provision of input on documents.

Working group members are requested to attend and participate in all meetings. Commitment is required at this time given we are in the early stages of collective conversations on water issues and challenges in the watershed. If a primary member cannot attend a meeting, participants are asked to send an alternate in their absence.

As a tripartite initiative, work will be shared across the **working group** members and not focused on one provincial team, YN or RDCK.

External parties may be invited to meetings as approved by the co-chairs.

Principles and Ethical Space Considerations

As **working group** members, we enter this partnership in a spirit of mutual respect and trust, and with a commitment to honesty and transparency in our interactions. All other representatives of any of the parties who interact with the working group are similarly expected to adhere to these commitments.

We commit to a government-to-government approach to this partnership, through which the knowledge systems, laws and governance structures of all parties are respected and recognized as equally legitimate.

Decision Making

The **working group** will make decisions by general agreement, which are recommendations to their respective leadership. General agreement implies a member can accept the decision while not necessarily being in full agreement with other members with respect to that decision.

If a member is absent from the session in which general agreement is proposed or needs time to check in with their respective leadership, general agreement will be sought by email. General agreement is assumed if a response is not received within a specified reasonable timeline.

The **working group** recognizes Indigenous science/knowledge, including that related to water and water governance, as inherently valid. We will also recognize there are two avenues of making recommendations and decisions and will respect both the western science and Indigenous science/knowledge equally.

The **working group** will honour the cultural protocols and practices of the **YN** that are shared, including with respect to the gathering, generation and transmission of Indigenous Science/Knowledge.

The **working group** will protect the privacy of Indigenous Science/Knowledge and confidentiality of **YN** members, and we will respect the principles of Ownership Control Access and Possession (OCAP) with respect to Indigenous Science/Knowledge.

The **working group** members will attempt to reach general agreement, following which they will make joint recommendations to senior decision-making levels of government within **BC**, **RDCK** and **YN** on items within scope.

Representatives from the Ministry of Water, Land and Resource Stewardship will facilitate inter-ministry discussions in advance of recommendations or concerns being raised to senior level decision makers.

Conflict Resolution Processes

The **working group** will make decisions by general agreement, ensuring that all members can provide input and fill information gaps to bridge understandings. In all situations, each member will make every effort to reach general agreement. In the rare case where this is not possible, the dissenting opinions will be recorded and shared with decision makers.

Concluding our Work Together

The mandate of the **working group** will conclude, by mutual agreement of the parties or upon submission of its recommendations to relevant decision-makers and leadership. A subsequent general agreement to focus efforts on implementation activities may extend our work together.

The yaqan nuʔkiy– Regional District of Central Kootenay – Government of B.C. Collective Conversations on Water Management for the Goat River Watershed

Working Group
2026 Work Plan

As described in the Terms of Reference, yaqan nuʔkiy Lower Kootenay Band (**"YN"**), Regional District of Central Kootenay ("**RDCK"**), and the Province of British Columbia ("**BC"**) have agreed to work together to scope a water management solution for the water related challenges being experienced in the yaqan nuʔkiy ʔamakʔis – Creston Valley, Goat River Watershed.

This **2026 Work Plan** lays out the milestones, key tasks, deliverables, and meeting schedule of our proposed work together. We acknowledge that work plans can change as we learn together and will seek general agreement of the Parties for any changes.

Scope
Over the proposed series of meetings, we will build and document a shared understanding of:

- each other's role in the watershed,
- the current state of the watershed,
- the water challenges,
- the important values in the watershed,
- the future state of the watershed,
- each other's tools available to address the challenges, and
- a common recommendation for future management actions for our respective leadership

Proposed Meeting Schedule
Meetings will be held in Goat River Watershed yaqan nuʔkiy ʔamakʔis - Creston Valley, if possible, with virtual attendance options available for those that require it. See below for additional details on deliverables for each milestone.

Meeting Number	Milestone	Outcome	Month
1	1. Establish a Working Group	• Completed Terms of Reference	May (1/2 day)

		• Completed workplan with meeting schedule	
2	2. Watershed Values, Future State, and Issues	• Characterize and understand current conditions, identify concerns, stressors and issues in the watershed • Summary documenting agreed upon values/goals and desired future state of watershed	June (1 day)
3	2. Watershed Values, Future State, and Issues	• Continued – summary of agreed upon values/goals and desired future state of watershed • Presentations on each party's perspective on current watershed state. • Slide decks and presentations shared	July (1 day)
4	3. Determine Suitable Tool(s)	• Identify possible tools available	August (1 day)
5	3. Determine Suitable Tool(s)	• Analysis of tools available	September (1 day)
6	3. Determine Suitable Tool(s)	• Recommendations for next steps/tool(s) to advance	October (1 day)

MILESTONE 1 Establish the Working Group				
Deliverable	**Joint Secretariat Role**	**Working Group Role**	**Key Outputs / Decision Points**	**Length of meeting**
[1] May Agenda	Develop and share agenda	Review agenda. Identify questions or items to raise. Confirm attendance.	Confirmed agenda. Attendance confirmed. Decision: purpose and scope of WG affirmed.	½ day
[2] Baseline Information Package	Following the first meeting, compile and distribute information package	Each party provides perspective of their work to date (what brings them to the table) and	Common factual baseline established to support values	

	covering: watershed overview and maps; aquifer and hydrological conditions; existing data and monitoring gaps; project history including Water Governance Initiative; relevant legislation (WSA, DRIPA/UNDRIP).	unique context. yaqan nuʔkiy members invited to share relevant land and water knowledge.	discussion. Data gaps identified for follow-up.	
[3] Working Group Terms of Reference	Prepare draft. Circulate TOR for comment. Discuss edits. Revise and share final version.	Review draft TOR prior to meeting. Provide written comments in advance. Participate in discussion. Endorse final TOR.	Decision: WG TOR endorsed by all parties.	
[4] Working Group 2026 Work Plan	Prepare draft work plan with proposed meeting dates, session objectives, pre-work expectations, and record-keeping approach. Share in advance. Confirm note-taking and record distribution responsibilities.	Review proposed dates and tasks. Flag conflicts or resourcing constraints. Participate in discussion. Endorse final work plan.	Decision: WG 2026 Work Plan endorsed. Meeting schedule discussed. Pre-work expectations agreed. Record-keeping process established.	
[4a] Escalation and Reporting Protocol	Draft protocol process describing: how unresolved issues are escalated to leadership; frequency and format of briefing notes to yaqan nuʔkiy Nasookin & Council, RDCK Board, and provincial leadership.	Review and confirm escalation triggers, format, and frequency.	Decision: Escalation and reporting protocol agreed. Leadership briefing schedule discussed.	
MILESTONE 2 Define Watershed Values, Issues, Current and Desired Future State				
Deliverable	**Joint Secretariat Role**	**Working Group Role**	**Key Outputs / Decision Points**	**Length of meeting**
[1a] June Agenda [1b] July Agenda	Develop and share agendas Design facilitation plan for values, current and future-state discussion.	Review agenda. Complete any assigned pre-work before the meeting.	Meeting-ready participants. Clear session objectives understood by all.	June & July – full days
[2] Party Presentations: Values, Current State, Issues	Draft facilitation plan. Prepare session design to guide structured presentations and discussion. Provide a	Each WG member or party conducts internal pre-work and prepares a presentation covering: values for the Goat River Watershed; current	Documented presentation summaries from each party. Initial picture of values, pressures, and priorities across all parties.	

	common template so each party's presentation covers comparable ground (current conditions, pressures, priorities).	conditions and stressors from their perspective; priority issues and challenges. yaqan nuʔkiy members are invited to share perspectives in the manner most appropriate to their governance and cultural protocols.		
[2a] yaqan nuʔkiy Pre-Engagement and Internal Process	Confirm with yaqan nuʔkiy what internal process, cultural protocols, or preparation time is needed before presenting values and traditional knowledge at the WG table. Adjust session timing accordingly.	yaqan nuʔkiy to advise JS on preferred process for sharing traditional ecological knowledge and cultural values in this multi-party setting.	Agreed process for respectful incorporation of yaqan nuʔkiy knowledge and values.	
[3] Summary of Commonalities and Differences	Draft synthesis document capturing: shared values; shared desired future state; areas of difference or tension; outstanding questions requiring further discussion or data. Prepare session design for discussion and decision-making on the synthesis.	Review draft summary prior to meeting. Flag corrections or additions. Participate in discussion to reach common understanding of shared and divergent values and desired future state.	Decision: Common understanding of watershed values and desired future state agreed and documented. Areas of difference clearly recorded for Milestone 3 consideration.	
[4] August Agenda	Develop and share agenda. Design session around jurisdiction, roles, and issue analysis.	Review agenda. Complete assigned pre-work on jurisdictional analysis.	Session objectives and pre-work confirmed.	Full day
[5] Summary of Jurisdiction, Roles, Responsibilities, and Decision Points	Prepare session design for structured jurisdictional mapping. Develop a shared framework for analyzing issues (using the 5 W's or WHIB: who, what, when, where, why, how, how much, if/conditions, if not/sanctions, but/exceptions).	For each identified issue or challenge, each party: • Maps their relevant authority and statutory responsibilities • Identifies what decisions — statutory and non-statutory — are contributing to the issue • Identifies who holds decision-making power • Notes where jurisdictions overlap or conflict	Decision: Agreed map of jurisdictions, roles, and decision-making authority across all parties for priority watershed issues. Decision points identified for Milestone 3.	

MILESTONE 3 Determine the Best Tool(s) for Watershed Stewardship				
Deliverable	**Joint Secretariat Role**	**Working Group Role**	**Key Outputs / Decision Points**	**Length of meeting**
[1] September Agenda	Develop and share agenda. Confirm presenter roles and tool presentation format.	Review agenda. Confirm readiness to present tools or receive tool information.	Meeting-ready participants. Presentation assignments confirmed.	Full day
[2] Tool Presentations: WSSB, Authorizations, RDCK, yaqan nuʔkiy	Support development of and share background documents on tools available to: Watershed Stewardship and Security Branch (WSSB), Authorizations, RDCK, and — in consultation with yaqan nuʔkiy — First Nations governance and stewardship mechanisms. Confirm with yaqan nuʔkiy in advance whether and how to present their tools in this setting.	Each party brings information on water management tools within their authority or jurisdiction. yaqan nuʔkiy to advise JS on how their governance tools and stewardship mechanisms are best presented. All WG members participate in discussion to develop common understanding of available tools.	Documented inventory of tools available across all parties. Common understanding of each tool's scope, legal basis, and applicability to Goat River Watershed issues.	
[2a] Agreed Evaluation Criteria	Facilitate discussion to establish agreed criteria for evaluating tools prior to assessment. Criteria may include: alignment with shared values and desired future state; effectiveness for identified issues; jurisdictional feasibility; resource implications; precedent and legal risk; alignment with DRIPA/UNDRIP.	Participate in discussion. Agree on evaluation criteria before tool assessment begins.	Decision: Agreed evaluation criteria for tool assessment documented and endorsed by all WG members.	
[2b] October Agenda	Develop and share agenda for tool assessment session.	Review agenda. Come prepared for structured deliberation.	Session objectives confirmed.	Full day
[2c] Tool Assessment: Pros, Cons, Implications	Draft comparative analysis of all proposed tools using agreed evaluation criteria. Circulate in advance.	Review draft analysis prior to meeting. Participate in structured discussion to assess each tool's pros, cons, and implications. Work toward joint recommendation.	Decision: Joint recommendation on preferred tool(s) documented, with rationale grounded in agreed evaluation criteria.	

[2d] Summary of Joint Recommendations to Leadership	Draft joint recommendation document for review by all WG members. Include: recommended tool(s); rationale; next steps required by each party (yaqan nuʔkiy, RDCK, Province); resource and timeline implications; unresolved issues requiring leadership direction.	Review draft recommendation. Confirm accuracy of each party's next steps. Endorse final document. Each party outlines the internal approvals or leadership decisions required to advance the recommended tool(s).	Decision: Joint recommendation document endorsed by WG. Next steps defined for yaqan nuʔkiy Nasookin & Council, RDCK Board, and provincial leadership. Handoff document prepared for leadership review and direction.	
[3] Leadership Briefing and Transition	Coordinate briefing notes or presentations to: yaqan nuʔkiy Nasookin & Council; RDCK Board; relevant provincial ministry leads. Confirm format and timing with each party.	Each party supports delivery of the recommendation(s) to their respective leadership. Participate in leadership briefings as requested.	Leadership from all parties briefed on WG recommendation(s). Confirmation of direction to proceed (or conditions to be resolved before proceeding). Clear transition to next phase of WSA process.	

Board Report – For Information

June 18, 2026

Goat River Watershed Water Sustainability Planning – What We Heard Report

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1.0 PURPOSE OF REPORT

This report presents the What We Heard Report (attachment A) for the Goat River Watershed Water Sustainability Planning initial engagement process to the Board for information.

The report brings together input gathered through a range of engagement activities carried out between 2025 and early 2026:

- Water Values Survey — 220 responses from residents across the watershed
- Six open houses held in Canyon, Erickson, Kitchener, Town of Creston, West Creston, and Wynndel — 137 participants in total
- Kitchen Table Conversations using a host guide and workbook to support small group discussions
- Online engagement through the Engage RDCK platform
- Dedicated producer engagement initiative including on-farm visits and direct conversations with 15 agricultural producers

2.0 BACKGROUND AND UDPATE

The Goat River Watershed Water Sustainability Planning process includes (at this time) 4 phases of engagement. Phase 1 and Phase 2 resident engagement were completed in December 2025 and Phase 3 with a focus on producers launched in January 2026.

The What We Heard Report is the formal summary of what was gathered through Phase 1, 2 and the first part of 3. It brings together input from a Water Values Survey (220 responses), six open houses across the watershed (137 participants), Kitchen Table Conversations (1), and a dedicated producer engagement initiative that included on-farm visits and direct conversations with 15 agricultural producers.

Of 220 survey respondents, 128 described themselves as very concerned about local water sustainability and another 62 said they were somewhat concerned, and 30 of respondents indicated low concern or did not know enough to say. Across all engagement streams, there was a consistent message that the quantity of water available in the Goat River Watershed is declining. Participants described lower river levels, declining well reliability, drought, changing runoff timing, infrastructure inefficiencies, forestry and land use impacts, and

concerns about fairness and accountability in water allocation. Instances of low concern existed in upper watershed communities (Kitchener). This reflects how location within the watershed shapes perspective.

Agricultural producers added a specific operational dimension, describing the mismatch between when water is available and when it is most needed as an increasingly acute reality for farms and orchards across the watershed. There was also a strong desire for clearer communication from the agencies that shape local water outcomes.

Seven themes emerged across the engagement:

- Changing water conditions and visible signs of stress: Participants widely reported observing real changes over time, including lower river levels, drier creeks and wetlands, reduced well productivity, and shifting seasonal patterns.
- Water availability, access, and seasonal reliability: Late summer shortages, falling wells, and seasonal restrictions were recurring concerns. Some residents described hauling water or losing access for extended periods.
- Infrastructure, storage, and system efficiency: Participants identified opportunities for practical improvement, including metering, loss reduction in irrigation and improvement districts, and better system-wide planning.
- Land use, forestry, and watershed health: Many participants linked water conditions to forestry, land use change, wetland function, and fish habitat, framing water sustainability as inseparable from broader watershed stewardship.
- Governance, fairness, and accountability: Comments reflected frustration and a desire for clearer roles, stronger policy, and greater transparency about how decisions are made and trade-offs managed.
- Communication, trust, and shared learning: Participants consistently asked for clearer communication and ongoing information sharing, with interest in ensuring engagement translates into meaningful action.
- Local adaptation, practical ideas, and long-term vision: Alongside concern, participants shared ideas and a willingness to be part of solutions, pointing toward a future of reliable water, healthy ecosystems, and a stronger culture of stewardship.

3.0 NEXT STEPS AND TIMELINE

The What We Heard Report will be shared publicly and used to inform the next phase of Goat River Watershed Water Sustainability Planning. The Report will be distributed through:

- Project page at engage.rdck.ca/projects/goatwatershed
- RDCK social media channels
- RDCK public newsletter
- Goat River Watershed mailing list newsletter

Staff will share findings back to open house participants, survey respondents, and the broader community to demonstrate how engagement informs the process.

The Board can expect a further update in fall/winter 2026, when a What We Heard Report summarizing the results of Phase 3 engagement will be brought forward for information, along with any considerations related to continued planning work.

Respectfully submitted,
Camille LeBlanc, Community Resilience Coordinator

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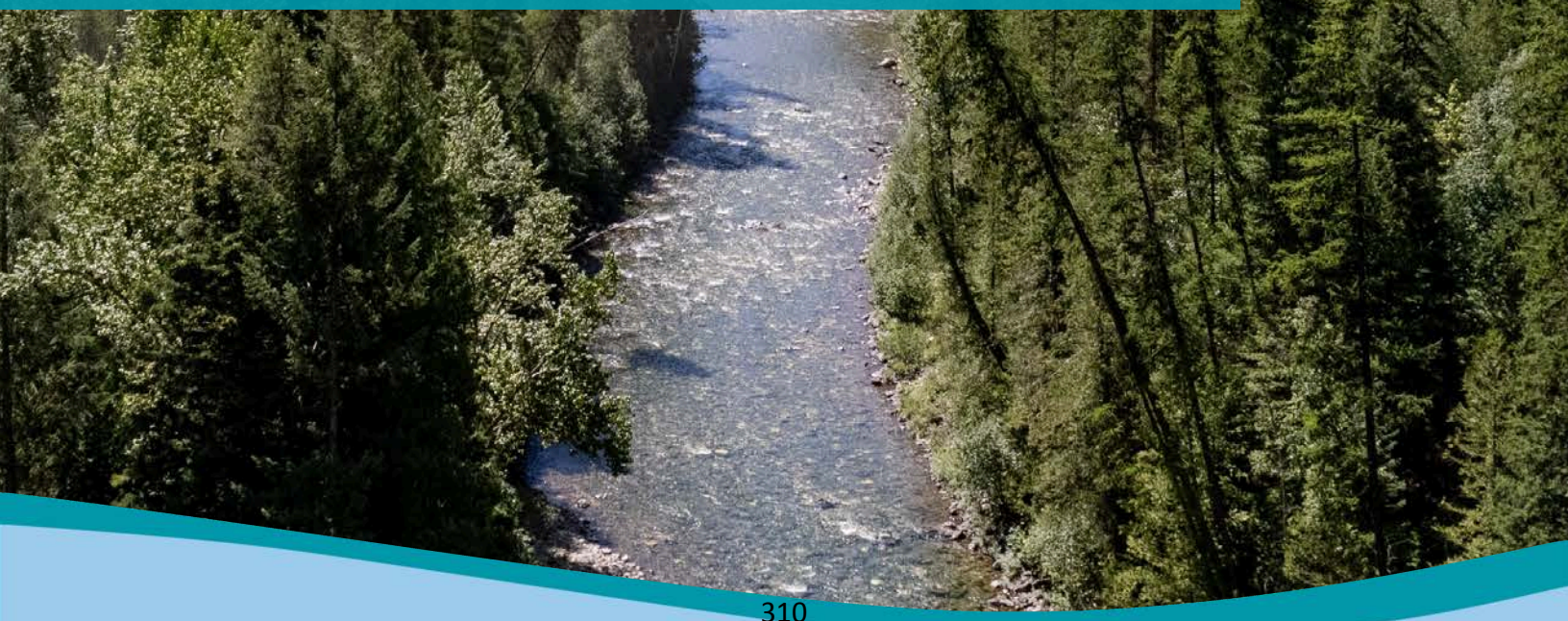
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ATTACHMENTS:
Attachment A - What We Heard Report for the Goat River Watershed Water Sustainability Planning (Phases 1,2 and 3a)

WHAT WE HEARD

ENGAGEMENT REPORT

Goat River Watershed
Water Sustainability Planning
JUNE 2026



EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This report brings together what was heard through engagement carried out in 2025 and into early 2026. Input was gathered in a variety of ways:

- a Water Values Survey (220 responses),
- six open houses in the Goat River Watershed communities of Canyon, Erickson, Kitchener, Town of Creston, West Creston, and Wynndel (137 participants),
- Kitchen Table Conversations (1 submitted),
- an online engagement platform,
- and a dedicated producer engagement initiative that included on-farm visits and conversations with 15 producers

Together, these engagement streams reached a broad cross-section of residents, agricultural producers, and community members.

Of 220 survey respondents, 128 described themselves as very concerned about local water sustainability, and another 62 said they were somewhat concerned. Across all engagement streams, there was a consistent message that the quantity of water available in the Goat River Watershed is declining. Participants described lower river levels, declining well reliability, drought, changing runoff timing, infrastructure inefficiencies, forestry and land use impacts, and concerns about fairness and accountability in water allocation.

Producers added a specific operational dimension, describing the mismatch between when water is available and when it is most needed as an increasingly acute reality for farms and orchards across the watershed. There was also a strong desire for clearer communication from the agencies that shape local water outcomes.

This report does not present decisions. It is a record of what the community shared, organized into themes that can help guide the next phase of planning, technical work, and continued engagement.

7 THEMES EMERGED:

1: Changing Water Conditions and Visible Signs of Stress
2: Water Availability, Access, and Seasonal Reliability
3: Infrastructure, Storage, and System Efficiency
4: Land Use, Forestry, and Watershed Health
5: Governance, Fairness, and Accountability
6: Communication, Trust, and Shared Learning
7: Local Adaptation, Practical Ideas, and Long-Term Vision



ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

THANK YOU

Engagement of this kind depends on people being willing to open their doors, share their experiences, and trust that what they say will be heard and reflected honestly. It also depends on those who work to build the relationships, create the spaces, and design the processes that make genuine community conversation possible.

Every person who took the time to complete a survey, attend an open house, welcome a conversation on their farm, or sit around a table with their neighbours has contributed something meaningful to this work. That generosity of knowledge and spirit is reflected throughout these pages.

The RDCK is grateful to the following for making this work possible:

- yaqan nuʔkiy staff, Nasookin and council
- RDCK Board of Directors
- RDCK Planning, GIS, and Water Services Staff
- Irrigation, Improvement and Diking Districts in the Goat River Watershed
- Kootenay Boundary Farm Advisors (KBFA) and Community Leaders
- Amy Allcock, photography and drone imagery
- Residents, producers, and community members across the Goat River Watershed



INTRODUCTION
SETTING THE CONTEXT

The Goat River Watershed (GRW) sits within the traditional territory of yaqan nuʔkiy ʔamakʔis, whose relationship with this land and water extends across millennia. In May 2024, yaqan nuʔkiy and the Regional District of Central Kootenay (RDCK) wrote jointly to the Ministry of Water, Land and Resource Stewardship (WLRS) requesting support for watershed sustainability planning, and have since been engaging residents across the communities of Canyon, Erickson, Kitchener, Town of Creston, West Creston, and Wynndel. This work is carried out by yaqan nuʔkiy and the RDCK as equal governments, with a shared commitment to building toward water sustainability for all beings who depend on the watershed.

Through engagement, it became clear that the roles of the many agencies involved in water stewardship are not always visible to residents and producers. Responsibility for water is divided across multiple bodies: yaqan nuʔkiy holds inherent rights and responsibilities for the stewardship of land and water within their traditional territory; the Province of British Columbia is responsible for water licensing and allocation under the Water Sustainability Act; the RDCK plays a role in infrastructure, service delivery, and regional planning; Irrigation and Improvement Districts manage local water delivery to agricultural and residential users; and the federal government holds jurisdiction over fisheries and fish habitat under the Fisheries Act, with responsibilities relating to Indigenous rights and title. Clarifying these distinctions, and helping residents understand where the RDCK has leadership and influence, emerged as an important need throughout the process.

The data in this report is compiled from engagement conducted from October 2025 to April 2026, covering Phases 1, 2, and a portion of Phase 3. For more information about the phases, **please visit engage.rdck.ca/projects/goatwatershed.**

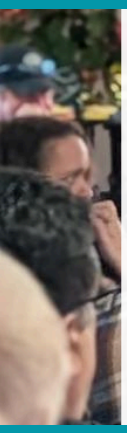
Resident and community input gathered through engagement is valued and integrated into a broader understanding of the watershed. This knowledge, grounded in direct observation and place-based experience, complements technical and scientific data and contributes to a more complete picture of conditions, pressures, and priorities across the watershed.



METHODOLOGY

HOW WE ENGAGED

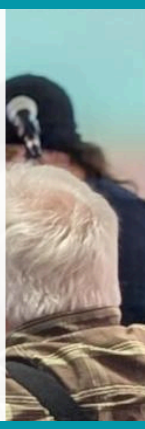
WATER VALUES SURVEY



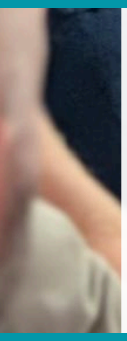
220 responses were received from communities across the watershed, with the largest numbers from the Town of Creston (60), Erickson (40), Canyon (32), and Wynndel (30). The survey asked about concern levels, observed changes, perceived threats, and interest in staying involved and was available online and in paper form at RDCK Creston office. The survey remains open at engage.rdck.ca/projects/goatwatershed

COMMUNITY EVENTS

Project staff attended the Creston Valley Fall Fair, the Creston Valley Farmers Market, and other community events to raise awareness, connect with residents, and create accessible opportunities for people to share their perspectives.



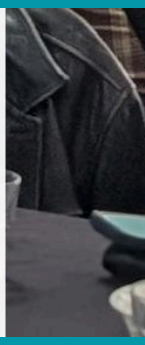
OPEN HOUSES



Six open houses were held between fall 2025 and early 2026 in Wynndel (16), West Creston (10), Town of Creston (37), Kitchener (18), Canyon (32), and Erickson (24), with 137 participants in total.

KITCHEN TABLE CONVERSATIONS

A guide and workbook were developed to support small group discussions hosted by residents in their homes or other informal settings. Participants were encouraged to share their experiences and perspectives among people they know. One completed workbook was submitted and its content is reflected in this report.



PRODUCER ENGAGEMENT

A dedicated initiative ran from January to April 2026, led by a RDCK Community Liaison with an agricultural and horticultural background. It began with a Lunch and Learn at Jimmy's Pub in collaboration with the Kootenay Boundary Farmers Association (KBFA), where 50 farmers and residents were in attendance. Following this, 15 farmers participated in on-farm visits, phone conversations, and attendance at producer events. Findings are integrated throughout this report.

3D MODELS AND MAP

A physical model of the Goat River Watershed is on display at the Creston Valley Visitor Centre, showing how water moves through the landscape from the upper Purcell slopes to the valley floor, with place names in both Ktunaxa and English.

An online 3D map with interactive data layers is available at engage.rdck.ca/projects/goatwatershed

WHAT WE HEARD

THEME 1: CHANGING WATER CONDITIONS AND VISIBLE SIGNS OF STRESS

Consistent across the survey, open houses, and producer conversations was that residents and producers are observing real changes in local water conditions, rooted in specific places, specific seasons, and specific years when things are noticeably different from before.

Not all participants shared the same level of concern. 14% of survey respondents indicated low concern or did not know enough to say, a perspective that was also reflected at some open houses. This is part of the full picture and reflects how location within the watershed shapes perspective.



Of 220 survey respondents, 52% reported significant changes in local water conditions and 24% reported minor changes, representing 76% of all respondents.

The changes described were wide-ranging:

- lower river levels
- drying creeks and springs
- reduced well productivity
- warmer water temperatures
- increased algae
- earlier and shorter freshet
- seasonal patterns that no longer follow rhythms people can anticipate.

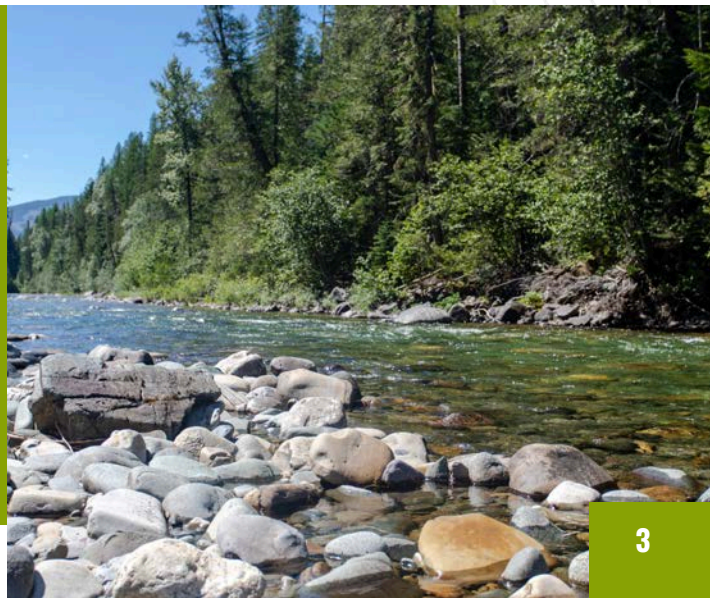
A consistent finding from producer conversations was that timing has become as significant a concern as total supply. Water is typically available in spring, but demand peaks in July and August are exactly when late-season flows have been declining most noticeably. As one producer put it: “We do not need more water in April. We need it when it is hot.” This showed that producers are experiencing this mismatch not as a future risk, but as a current operational reality.

Residents and producers were not speculating, but describing what they have already seen, in places they know well.

“I’ve never seen the Goat River this low. The holding ponds at the intersection of Reclamation Road and West Creston are bone dry.”

“The stream going through my yard has dried up for the first time in 30 years we have been here.”

“The Goat River peak flow date has been slowly moving from end of May to mid-May. The winter snowpack is less and melting sooner than before.”



WHAT WE HEARD

THEME 2: WATER AVAILABILITY, ACCESS, AND SEASONAL RELIABILITY

Late summer shortages, falling wells, and seasonal restrictions were among the most frequently described concerns.

Communities reporting water shortages and dried wells with notable frequency:

- Canyon
- Lister
- Alice Siding
- West Creston

This variability highlights the importance of understanding the watershed as a whole and responding to the specific vulnerabilities of communities and water systems.

Alongside observations of changing water conditions, a consistent message was that water concern extends beyond quantity. Availability, timing, and the reliability of delivery systems matter as much as total supply.

Residents access water through municipal or community systems, private or shared wells, irrigation districts, and direct surface water, and experiences of shortage and stress vary accordingly.



Agricultural producers described the access and reliability concern from the perspective of their operations. For producers growing crops such as tree fruit, water reliability is not only a seasonal operational question but also a long-term investment question. Tree fruit systems represent investments of 20 to 25 years, and water shortfalls during critical growing periods can compromise not just a single season's yield but the long-term viability of an entire orchard. The mismatch between when water is available and when it is most needed is particularly important for these operations.

Producers noted that uniform restrictions applied across all farm types may protect some operations while inadvertently leading to the end of others. They identified the need for planners to understand that water decisions have consequences that extend far beyond the current growing season.



"About five years ago, our street in Canyon ran out of water for a month. This year, at present [September 2026], we are on Stage 3 water restrictions."

"Many wells around me have dried up. Neighbours with springs have cut off those they used to share with and cut down fruit trees as there is not enough water."

WHAT WE HEARD

THEME 3: INFRASTRUCTURE, STORAGE, AND SYSTEM EFFICIENCY

A recurring theme across the survey and open houses was that the performance of existing water systems, how water is moved, stored, priced, and monitored, shapes the experience of water availability as significantly as natural supply itself.

Participants pointed to pressure inconsistencies, suspected leakage and distribution losses, and infrastructure that has not kept pace with demand.



The Erickson Improvement District transition to RDCK management drew particular attention in the survey, with respondents describing steep cost increases without corresponding improvements in service or water quality. The ongoing metering project in Erickson brings this into focus.

Metering came up across the survey and open houses as both a practical tool and a contested idea. Supporters cited data generation, leak detection, waste reduction, and fairer cost relationships, while others were concerned about the impact on those already paying high flat rates. The debate reflects a broader tension between water as shared public infrastructure and water as a service where pricing reflects individual use.

Producer conversations added technical detail to this theme. Infrastructure performance was the most immediate and actionable constraint identified by producers. Pressure inconsistencies, pipe sizing changes that were not communicated to producers prior to implementation, suspected leakage, and uneven distribution were all described, with significant and sometimes unexpected consequences for field-level water delivery.

Above-ground irrigation lines were identified as preferable by some producers precisely because leaks are visible and easy to address, unlike buried systems where problems can go undetected.

Where water costs are fixed regardless of actual use, there is little financial incentive to reduce consumption, a dynamic that can work against conservation goals even among producers who are motivated to improve water system efficiency.

"Water meters will help some people become more responsible, but others, where money is not a problem, will continue to waste water."

"I am concerned that in Erickson we pay more than three times for water than those living in the Town of Creston. Pretty sure we all get our water from the same source."



WHAT WE HEARD

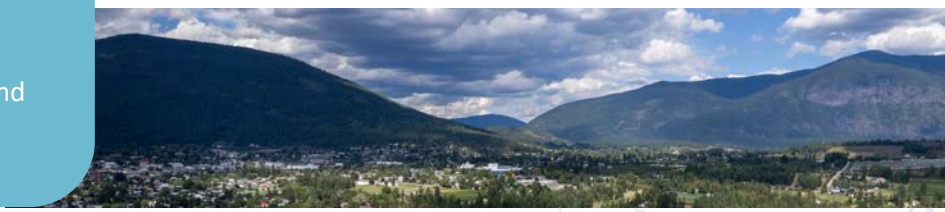
THEME 4: LAND USE, FORESTRY, AND WATERSHED HEALTH

Specific concerns raised through the survey and open houses:

- Duck Creek watershed in Wynndel named multiple times, with residents describing the threat of pending logging access and consequences for the Wynndel Irrigation District
- Arrow Creek, which feeds directly into the Goat River system, identified as severely affected by logging in surrounding areas
- Concerns about fish health, water temperature, invasive species, wetland function, and water quality

Residents, producers, and open house participants repeatedly drew a direct line between forestry practices, land clearing, and the water conditions they are observing. For many people in the watershed, the logging question is not separate from the water question. Forest conservation supports water conservation.

While this report notes the correlation between forestry practices and changes in water flow, forestry is considered beyond the scope of the current Water Sustainability Act tools being explored with the Ministry of Water, Land and Resource Stewardship.



Producer conversations reinforced the land-water connection from an agricultural perspective. Producers identified soil health as a water management tool in its own right, describing mulching, composting, and cover cropping as practices that improve water retention and reduce irrigation demand. The phrase "soil is storage" captured a key insight: how land is managed at the farm level has direct implications for how much water is needed from external sources. Producers expressed a clear understanding that their operations are part of a connected system.

The overall picture is one of strong community interest in treating the watershed as a connected system. Residents are asking for the conditions that produce water to be protected, including the forests, wetlands, soils, and stream corridors that regulate flow and maintain the ecological functions that a healthy water supply depends on.



"Mountain springs drastically affected by logging around Arrow Creek. These streams feed the Goat River. Extremely low water levels overall, small streams no longer year round, fish habitats lacking depth and coverage."

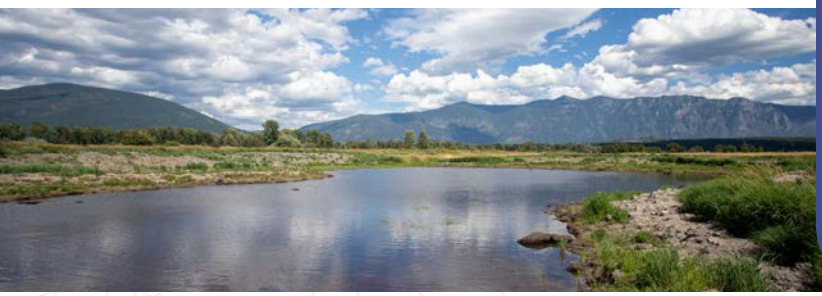
"Large amounts of forest removed in local watersheds. Appears to be altering stream flow timing and quantity over the years."

WHAT WE HEARD

THEME 5: GOVERNANCE, FAIRNESS, AND ACCOUNTABILITY

Survey respondents expressed frustration with how water is governed, who is responsible for what, and whether existing rules and systems are being applied fairly and effectively.

These concerns ranged from specific grievances about pricing and licensing to broader questions about who has power over watershed decisions and whether community voices are meaningfully included.



Key governance concerns raised through engagement:

- Water licensing identified as a persistent structural problem
- Regulatory timelines described as too slow to keep pace with farming and land management realities
- Licensing delays of several years creating investment uncertainty
- Disparity between water pricing in Erickson and the Town of Creston
- Questions about whether large agricultural users are contributing proportionately to the systems they depend on

Producer conversations added a specific governance dimension. The distinction between provincial and RDCK roles was not always clear to producers and contributed to confusion about who to contact and who has authority to act. Producers described regulatory processes that feel misaligned with the timelines of agricultural decision-making. Licensing timelines of several years are structurally misaligned with agricultural planning horizons, and decisions about what to plant, what to invest in, and how to manage risk cannot wait for regulatory processes that move on a different timeline.

Producers expressed a desire for more direct, ongoing communication channels with the agencies that shape their water access. What this theme reflects is a deeper need for clarity, consistency, and confidence that the systems governing water in the watershed are working in the public interest.

"Government needs to get involved in managing water usage and very soon as we are almost to the point where it is too late to change the current trajectory."

"Policies that support environmental protection of the watershed and public systems that are more efficient should be priorities."



WHAT WE HEARD

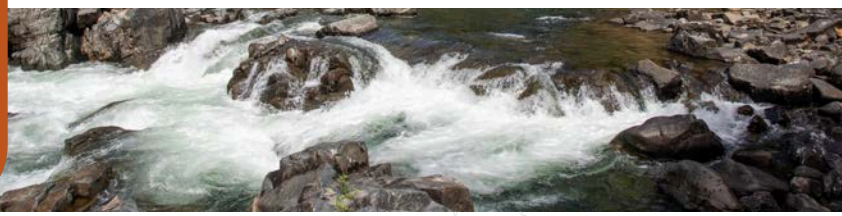
THEME 6: COMMUNICATION, TRUST, AND SHARED LEARNING

Of 220 survey respondents, 95 wanted to receive updates and information, and 36 expressed interest in attending future discussions or events. Many noted that the engagement process itself introduced them to new information about local watershed conditions.

Open house participants asked for continued information sessions in plain language, raised underlying concerns about process transparency and whether input would lead to real action, and sought clearer communication about agency roles and decision-making responsibilities.

Alongside concern about water conditions and governance, respondents and engagement participants want better information, more meaningful communication, and greater confidence that what they share will actually be used.

The communication concern operated on two levels: a practical need for information about what is happening and how the planning process is unfolding, and a deeper need for confidence that engagement leads somewhere.



Trust was identified as a significant factor in producer participation. Producers who felt their input would be heard and acted upon were more willing to share detailed operational information. Those who had experienced inconsistent communication or follow-through from agencies were more guarded. The relationship-based approach of the producer engagement initiative, beginning with the Kootenay Boundary Farm Advisors (KBFA) Lunch and Learn, was specifically designed to address this trust gap, and it made a meaningful difference.

Participants expressed a desire to be kept informed as the planning process moves forward. The level of interest in receiving updates and attending events indicates that the community is engaged and willing to remain involved. Maintaining accessible and transparent communication channels, and demonstrating clearly how input is being used, will be important to sustaining that engagement over time.



"The community engagement is important for informing residents because the average resident assumes our watersheds are being protected. Most people do not understand there is no sustainability plan in place."

"Why would we engage if nothing changes."

WHAT WE HEARD

THEME 7: LOCAL ADAPTATION, PRACTICAL IDEAS, AND LONG-TERM VISION

Alongside concern and frustration, engagement revealed genuine commitment, practical ideas, and a clear vision for what a healthier water future could look like in the Goat River Watershed.

People are adapting, thinking about solutions, and willing to be part of change.



Of 220 survey respondents, the most commonly chosen actions were:

- 69 said they would encourage businesses and farms to adopt water-efficient practices
- 64 said they would support policies that protect local water

Specific ideas raised through engagement:

- Metering coupled with fair pricing
- Protecting riparian areas through legislation
- Sourcing agricultural water from the Kootenay River
- Requiring rather than encouraging efficient practices among large users

Producer conversations contributed a range of practical examples of adaptation and innovation. Producers described drip irrigation systems, above-ground irrigation lines for easier leak detection, soil-building practices including mulching and composting, and crop transitions designed to reduce water demand over the long term.

On-farm water storage, including reservoirs, ponds, and tanks, was identified as a priority opportunity, with capital cost and permitting complexity cited as the primary barriers. Producers also identified shared equipment initiatives, mobile irrigation audit teams, and an agricultural bus tour for decision-makers modelled on Okanagan examples as practical near-term opportunities.

Across engagement, participants identified a consistent set of long-term priorities: reliable household water access, a viable agricultural sector operating in ways that support watershed health, functioning ecosystems, and a planning approach that addresses water sustainability over generations rather than in response to individual events.

"Water is more important than gold or oil or money. Water is life."

"This is such important work and needs to be dealt with better. It is also important to reach more people in this community to share the knowledge, concerns, and collaborative effort to protect our watershed."



RECOMMENDATIONS
WHAT THIS PHASE OF ENGAGEMENT POINTS TOWARD

Strengthen the evidence base while keeping lived experience visible

Technical work on groundwater, surface water connections, and watershed hydrology is responsive to what people described through engagement. The place-based observations that residents and producers shared are a form of knowledge that should remain visible alongside technical findings. Planning that integrates both will be more complete than planning that relies on either alone.

Address water availability through both system improvements and demand-side action

Infrastructure assessment and repair, loss prevention, storage development, and more coordinated planning across water systems were consistently identified as practical opportunities. These should be pursued alongside efforts to support water-efficient practices among households, farms, and businesses. Neither approach alone is sufficient.

Keep land use, forestry, and ecological health central to the conversation

The connection between what happens on the land and what happens to the water was one of the most strongly felt themes across engagement. Forestry practices, riparian health, wetland function, and soil management all belong at the table in water sustainability planning, alongside the agencies that make decisions about land use.

Clarify roles and establish more direct communication channels

The distinction between provincial and RDCK responsibilities was a source of genuine confusion, and clearer communication about how decisions are made and how input feeds into planning outcomes will be essential for maintaining trust. This applies equally to producers, who expressed strong interest in structured, recurring forums for direct dialogue with decision-makers, built on the foundation established through this engagement.

Plan for the long term across the full range of watershed priorities

Water sustainability planning in the Goat River Watershed needs to account for household water security, agricultural viability, ecosystem health, and fairness across communities and water users. These are not competing priorities. They are interconnected, and planning that addresses one while ignoring others will produce incomplete and potentially inequitable outcomes.



NEXT STEPS
THE WORK AHEAD

The engagement summarized in this report is one part of an ongoing water sustainability planning process for the Goat River Watershed.

The input gathered will inform the next phase of work in direct and specific ways. Following the publication of this report, the process will move into the second part of Phase 3, with more focused conversations with residents, irrigation and improvement districts, and industry.

In addition to engagement, technical work is underway to address information gaps identified through the planning process. A Preliminary Assessment of Hydraulic Connectivity in the Goat River Watershed will develop a clearer understanding of the relationships between bedrock groundwater, overlying aquifers, and surface water systems across the watershed.

The RDCK and yaqan nuʔkiy are also in conversation with the Ministry of Water, Land and Resource Stewardship to investigate the issues, desired outcomes, and possible tools available to support water sustainability in the Goat River Watershed.

The input gathered through this phase of engagement will be carried forward into the planning and technical work that follows.

For more information, please visit the Goat River Watershed Water Sustainability Planning page at **engage.rdck.ca/goatwatershed.**



Board Report

May 28, 2026

Erickson Water System – Residential Meter Contract Package 4 – Contract Award

Author: AJ Evenson, Senior Project Manager
File Reference: 01\0600\20\2025 Projects\PRJ25030
Electoral Area/Municipality: Area B and C
Services Impacted S250 Water Utility – Area B & C (Erickson)

1.0 STAFF RECOMMENDATION

That the Board direct staff to award the contract for the Erickson Water System – Residential Meter Contract Package 4 – Contract Award to Zarikoff Developments Inc; and that the Chair and Corporate Officer be authorized to sign the necessary documents to a maximum value of **$466,290.00 plus GST**; AND FURTHER, that the funds be paid from S250 Water Utility – Area B & C (Erickson).

2.0 BACKGROUND/HISTORY

The RDCK issued an Invitation to Tender for supply and installation services for 131 water meter pits in the Erickson Water System near Creston, BC on April 21, 2026 which closed on May 27, 2026.

The tendered scope of work consists of installation of 1316 meter pits which are a combination of ¾' and 1' pits servicing residential properties. This is the fourth of five contract packages to install 506 meter pits in Erickson as part of the $3,502,332.22 grant received from BC Ministry of Housing and Municipal Affairs to facilitate universal metering in Erickson. A map of the properties where these will be installed is is attached to this report.

There were three compliant bids received on the closing date as shown below:

Bidder	Bid	GST	Total with GST
Zarikoff Developments	$ 466,290.00	$ 23,314.50	$ 489,604.50
Valhalla Hydrovac	$ 573,095.00	$ 28,654.75	$ 601,749.75
Riteway Holdings	$ 701,422.63	$ 35,071.13	$ 736,493.76

The project is estimated to start in July 2026 with substantial completion by October 31, 2026.

3.0 PROBLEM OR OPPORTUNITY DESCRIPTION

Source water for the Erickson water system (Arrow Creek) has demonstrated summertime levels that are trending lower in recent years. Increased water demands from the agricultural sector/distribution leakage has resulted in a need to temporarily augment supply from the Town of Creston wells. The capacity challenges of this water system could be largely mitigated through demand side management.

Erickson Phase 1 metering is underway and will result in 136 meters installed on ICI (industrial, agricultural, and institutional) services along with agricultural land with 5 acres or more of irrigation privilege. This will aid in

identifying leakage and high consumption properties, but does not include the remaining smaller agricultural lands and residential properties, which can also be sources of high consumption through leakage.

Phase 2 of Erickson metering includes the remaining 506 services comprised of these small agricultural and residential properties. The application for the Provincial Metering Pilot Project identified Phase 2 as an ideal candidate both to meet primarily "residential" service preference and to incorporate Phase 1 data as part of the information sharing required under the pilot program.

Staff were notified on February 28, 2025 that the Erickson Water System was selected as a participant in the project, with 100% funding through the Province. The total amount provided in grant funding is $3,502,332.22. A Contribution Agreement between the Province and the RDCK was signed following the March Board meeting (Board Resolution 307/25) which requires all grant funding must be spent by March 31st, 2027.

3.1 Alignment to Board Strategic Plan

The project would meet the following Strategic Priorities:

- Organizational Excellence (ensure effective and efficient delivery of services through our Region, explore new and emerging technology to enhance customer service); and
- Energy Efficiency and Environmental Responsibility (ensure our watersheds are protected and well governed; support our local agriculture and food security).

3.2 Legislative Considerations

Per RDCK Bylaw No. 2894, meters installed in RDCK water systems must be installed in a meter pit at property boundary, within the road right-of-way (where possible).

However, the majority of the water meter pits under this project will be installed just inside of private property boundaries due to location of existing water mains. Under the Local Government Act (s. 290), the RDCK has the authority to enter private property to install water meters with adequate notification to the property owner.

3.3 What Are the Risks

Cost increases due to imminent tariffs on materials and equipment may reduce the scope of the project; delays in procurement may extend installation beyond the March 31, 2027 deadline.

4.0 PROPOSED SOLUTION

N/A

4.1 Financial Considerations of the Proposed Solution

The budget for the total project is $3,502,332.22 consisting of funds from BC Ministry of Housing and Municipal Affairs. The project budget is estimated as follows:

Water meters (supply only) - Complete	$291,480.48
Water meter pits (supply + installation)	$2,500,000.00
PM and Site Inspection Fees	$67,000.00
2 year endpoint/software costs	$22,000.00
Communications Costs	$5,000.00
Staff time for scheduling, logistics, location of services, etc.	$20,000.00

Project Contingency	$596,851.74
TOTAL	**$3,502,332.22**

The all-in cost per pit for Contract Package #1 (Valhalla Hydrovac) which includes all provisional items and a 10% contingency ($312,988.01 / 70 pits) = $4,471.25.

The all-in cost per pit for Contract Package #2 (Zarikoff Developments) which includes all provisional items and a 10% contingency ($333,850.00 / 80 pits) = $4,173.13.

The all-in cost per pit for Contract Package #3 (Valhalla Hydrovac) which includes all provisional items and a 10% contingency ($349,848.42 / 86 pits) = $4,068.00.

The all-in cost per pit for Contract Package #4 (Zarikoff Developments) which includes all provisional items and a 10% contingency ($466,290.00 / 131 pits) = $3,559.47.

The $2,500,000 budget for the supply and installation of the 506 meter pits works out to $4,940.71 per pit, so all Contract Packages remain below the proposed budget for that line item and show an encouraging trend of contractors lowering their pricing as the packages are tendered out.

4.2 Risks with the Proposed Solution

The RDCK has created 5 tender packages to ensure that the scope of work is spread around to various contractors to limit the risk of one contractor running into staffing/supply issues and not being able to deliver the project by March 31, 2027.

4.3 Resource Allocation and Workplan Impact

This project is in the work plan for project management staff.

4.4 Public Benefit and Stakeholder Engagement of Proposed Solution

The public will benefit due to reduced water usage and preservation of the watershed during times of drought.

4.5 Leveraging Technology

The Advanced Metering Infrastructure technology offered through the meter/endpoint provides the RDCK and customers with valuable data on water use and leakage.

4.5 Measuring Success

Success will be measured by delivering the project on time and within the identified budget.

5.0 ALTERNATIVE SOLUTION(S)

No award and a re-tender to acquire additional quotes from other suppliers.

5.1 Financial Considerations of the Alternative Solution(s)

May provide more competitive pricing from suppliers.

5.2 Risks with the Alternative Solution(s)

Unable to meet project deadlines outlined by the province for grant funding, delay in meter supply.

5.3 Resource Allocation and Workplan Impact

Other communities awarded Provincial grant funding for metering may also wish to install similar meter/endpoint configuration, which could result in supplier delays.

5.4 Public Benefit and Stakeholder Engagement of Alternative Solution

Not applicable.

5.5 Measuring Success

Reduced project costs.

6.0 OPTIONS CONSIDERED BUT NOT PRESENTED

Not applicable.

7.0 OPTIONS SUMMARY

Option 1:

Recommendation:

That the Board direct staff to award the contract for the Erickson Water System – Residential Meter Contract Package 4 – Contract Award to Zarikoff Developments Inc; and that the Chair and Corporate Officer be authorized to sign the necessary documents to a maximum value of **$466,290.00 plus GST**; AND FURTHER, that the funds be paid from S250 Water Utility – Area B & C (Erickson).

Option 2:

Recommendation:

That the Board direct staff to defer the Erickson Water System – Residential Meter Contract Package 2 project to later in the year as it may result in additional bids leading to lower overall construction costs.

8.0 RECOMMENDATION

That the Board direct staff to award the contract for the Erickson Water System – Residential Meter Contract Package 4 – Contract Award to Zarikoff Developments Inc; and that the Chair and Corporate Officer be authorized to sign the necessary documents to a maximum value of **$466,290.00 plus GST**; AND FURTHER, that the funds be paid from S250 Water Utility – Area B & C (Erickson).

Respectfully submitted,
AJ Evenson, Senior Project Manager

CONCURRENCE

Water Operations Manager – Alex Divlakovski	Approved
General Manager of Environmental Services – Uli Wolf	Approved
General Manager of Finance – Yev Malloff	Approved
Chief Administrative Officer – Stuart Horn	Approved

Board Report

June 4, 2026

Erickson Water System – Residential Meter Contract Package 5 – Contract Award

Author: AJ Evenson, Senior Project Manager
File Reference: 01\0600\20\2025 Projects\PRJ25030
Electoral Area/Municipality: Area B and C
Services Impacted S250 Water Utility – Area B & C (Erickson)

1.0 STAFF RECOMMENDATION

That the Board direct staff to award the contract for the Erickson Water System – Residential Meter Contract Package 5 – Contract Award to Valhalla Hydrovac Ltd; and that the Chair and Corporate Officer be authorized to sign the necessary documents to a maximum value of **$453,775.00 plus GST**; AND FURTHER, that the funds be paid from S250 Water Utility – Area B & C (Erickson).

2.0 BACKGROUND/HISTORY

The RDCK issued an Invitation to Tender for supply and installation services for 127 water meter pits in the Erickson Water System near Creston, BC on May 5, 2026 which closed on June 3, 2026.

The tendered scope of work consists of installation of 127-meter pits which are a combination of ¾' and 1' pits servicing residential properties. This is the fifth and final contract package to install 506-meter pits in Erickson as part of the $3,502,332.22 grant received from BC Ministry of Housing and Municipal Affairs to facilitate universal metering in Erickson. A map of the properties where these will be installed is is attached to this report.

There were three compliant bids received on the closing date as shown below:

Bidder	Bid	GST	Total with GST
Valhalla Hydrovac	$ 453,775.00	$ 22,688.75	$ 476,463.75
Riteway Holdings	$ 680,582.13	$ 34,029.11	$ 714,611.24

The project is estimated to start in July 2026 with substantial completion by October 31, 2026.

3.0 PROBLEM OR OPPORTUNITY DESCRIPTION

Source water for the Erickson water system (Arrow Creek) has demonstrated summertime levels that are trending lower in recent years. Increased water demands from the agricultural sector/distribution leakage has resulted in a need to temporarily augment supply from the Town of Creston wells. The capacity challenges of this water system could be largely mitigated through demand side management.

Erickson Phase 1 metering is underway and will result in 136 meters installed on ICI (industrial, agricultural, and institutional) services along with agricultural land with 5 acres or more of irrigation privilege. This will aid in identifying leakage and high consumption properties but does not include the remaining smaller agricultural lands and residential properties, which can also be sources of high consumption through leakage.

Phase 2 of Erickson metering includes the remaining 506 services comprised of these small agricultural and residential properties. The application for the Provincial Metering Pilot Project identified Phase 2 as an ideal candidate both to meet primarily "residential" service preference and to incorporate Phase 1 data as part of the information sharing required under the pilot program.

Staff were notified on February 28, 2025 that the Erickson Water System was selected as a participant in the project, with 100% funding through the province. The total amount provided in grant funding is $3,502,332.22. A Contribution Agreement between the Province and the RDCK was signed following the March Board meeting (Board Resolution 307/25) which requires all grant funding must be spent by March 31st, 2027.

3.1 Alignment to Board Strategic Plan

The project would meet the following Strategic Priorities:

- Organizational Excellence (ensure effective and efficient delivery of services through our Region, explore new and emerging technology to enhance customer service); and
- Energy Efficiency and Environmental Responsibility (ensure our watersheds are protected and well governed; support our local agriculture and food security).

3.2 Legislative Considerations

Per RDCK Bylaw No. 2894, meters installed in RDCK water systems must be installed in a meter pit at property boundary, within the road right-of-way (where possible).

However, the majority of the water meter pits under this project will be installed just inside of private property boundaries due to location of existing water mains. Under the Local Government Act (s. 290), the RDCK has the authority to enter private property to install water meters with adequate notification to the property owner.

3.3 What Are the Risks

Cost increases due to imminent tariffs on materials and equipment may reduce the scope of the project; delays in procurement may extend installation beyond the March 31, 2027 deadline.

4.0 PROPOSED SOLUTION

See Background/History.

4.1 Financial Considerations of the Proposed Solution

The budget for the total project is $3,502,332.22 consisting of funds from BC Ministry of Housing and Municipal Affairs. The project budget is estimated as follows:

Water meters (supply only) - Complete	$291,480.48
Water meter pits (supply + installation)	$2,500,000.00
PM and Site Inspection Fees	$67,000.00
2 year endpoint/software costs	$22,000.00
Communications Costs	$5,000.00
Staff time for scheduling, logistics, location of services, etc.	$20,000.00
Project Contingency	$596,851.74
TOTAL	**$3,502,332.22**

The all-in cost per pit for Contract Package #1 (Valhalla Hydrovac) which includes all provisional items and a 10% contingency ($312,988.01 / 70 pits) = $4,471.25.

The all-in cost per pit for Contract Package #2 (Zarikoff Developments) which includes all provisional items and a 10% contingency ($333,850.00 / 80 pits) = $4,173.13.

The all-in cost per pit for Contract Package #3 (Valhalla Hydrovac) which includes all provisional items and a 10% contingency ($349,848.42 / 86 pits) = $4,068.00.

The all-in cost per pit for Contract Package #4 (Zarikoff Developments) which includes all provisional items and a 10% contingency ($466,290.00 / 131 pits) = $3,559.47.

The all-in cost per pit for Contract Package #5 which includes all provisional items and a 10% contingency ($453,775.00 / 127 pits) = $3,573.03.

The $2,500,000 budget for the supply and installation of the 506 meter pits works out to $4,940.71 per pit.

Currently the project is well under budget:

Budget + contingency for meter and meter pit installations -	$3,096,851.74
Total of the first 4 contract packages -	$1,462,976.43
Total of the five contract packages if Package #5 is awarded to Valhalla -	$1,916,748.43
Remaining Contingency	$1,180,103.31

4.2 Risks with the Proposed Solution

As shown above there is a very healthy and sufficient contingency and the greatest risk to the project is not exceeding the budget, rather its running out of time to get the meter pits installed, tested and all deficiencies completed prior to March 31, 2027.

4.3 Resource Allocation and Workplan Impact

This project is in the work plan for project management staff.

4.4 Public Benefit and Stakeholder Engagement of Proposed Solution

The public will benefit due to reduced water usage and preservation of the watershed during times of drought.

4.5 Leveraging Technology

The Advanced Metering Infrastructure technology offered through the meter/endpoint provides the RDCK and customers with valuable data on water use and leakage.

4.5 Measuring Success

Success will be measured by delivering the project on time and within the identified budget.

5.0 ALTERNATIVE SOLUTION(S)

Award the contract to the highest bidder, Riteway Holdings Ltd.

5.1 Financial Considerations of the Alternative Solution(s)

Riteway Holdings Ltd is well versed in meter pit installations and undertook dozens of installations on a time plus materials basis for the RDCK in 2025.

Budget + contingency for meter pit installations -	$3,096,851.74
Total of the first 4 contract packages -	$1,462,976.43
Total of the five contract packages if Package #5 is awarded to Riteway -	$2,143,558.56
Remaining Contingency	$953,293.18

5.2 Risks with the Alternative Solution(s)

Awarding work to the highest bidder may cause the lowest bidder to be upset with the RDCK and may affect future bids from both the lowest bidder as well as other bidders who may view the RDCK's award process as unfair.

Having 3 contractors (Valhalla, Zarikoff and Riteway) undertaking installations instead of only Valhalla and Zarikoff may be an effective method of reducing the scheduling risk to the project while only moderately increasing the financial risks of the project.

5.3 Resource Allocation and Workplan Impact

Not applicable

5.4 Public Benefit and Stakeholder Engagement of Alternative Solution

Not applicable.

5.5 Measuring Success

Reduced project schedule.

6.0 OPTIONS CONSIDERED BUT NOT PRESENTED

Not applicable.

7.0 OPTIONS SUMMARY

Option 1:

Recommendation:

That the Board direct staff to award the contract for the Erickson Water System – Residential Meter Contract Package 5 – Contract Award to Valhalla Hydrovac Ltd; and that the Chair and Corporate Officer be authorized to sign the necessary documents to a maximum value of **$453,775.00 plus GST**; AND FURTHER, that the funds be paid from S250 Water Utility – Area B & C (Erickson).

Option 2:

Recommendation:

That the Board direct staff to award the contract for the Erickson Water System – Residential Meter Contract Package 5 – Contract Award to Riteway Holdings Ltd; and that the Chair and Corporate Officer be authorized to sign the necessary documents to a maximum value of **$680,582.13 plus GST**; AND FURTHER, that the funds be paid from S250 Water Utility – Area B & C (Erickson).

8.0 RECOMMENDATION

That the Board direct staff to award the contract for the Erickson Water System – Residential Meter Contract Package 5 – Contract Award to Valhalla Hydrovac Ltd; and that the Chair and Corporate Officer be authorized to sign the necessary documents to a maximum value of **$453,775.00 plus GST**; AND FURTHER, that the funds be paid from S250 Water Utility – Area B & C (Erickson).

Respectfully submitted,
AJ Evenson, Senior Project Manager

CONCURRENCE

Water Operations Manager – Alex Divlakovski	Approved
General Manager of Environmental Services – Uli Wolf	Approved
General Manager of Finance – Yev Malloff	Approved
Chief Administrative Officer – Stuart Horn	Approved

Board Report

June 18, 2026

Marblehead Transfer Station – Retaining Wall Repair

Author: Jeannine Bradley, Project Manager
File Reference: \\files\RDCK\01\0600\20\Projects\2026 Projects\24008_Marblehead_TS_Retaining_Wall
Electoral Area/Municipality: Area D
Services Impacted S187 Central Resource Recovery.

1.0 STAFF RECOMMENDATION

That the Board award the Marblehead Transfer Station Upgrades to Brenton Industries Ltd. and that the Chair and Corporate Officer be authorized to sign the necessary documents to a maximum value of $172,509 not including GST;

AND FURTHER, that the cost be included in the 2026 Financial Plan for S187 Central Resource Recovery;

AND FURTHER, that the Board approve an amendment to 2026 Financial Plan for Central Resource Recovery Service S187 to INCREASE Account Capital Expenditures by $53,032, and INCREASE Account Transfer from Reserves by $53,032.

2.0 BACKGROUND/HISTORY

In December 2025, an existing retaining wall at the Marblehead Transfer Station collapsed. The affected area was cordoned off to maintain safe operations at the site, and a consultant was retained to investigate the failure and prepare the design for a replacement retaining wall.

The replacement wall is designed as a largely like-for-like replacement, incorporating drainage and engineered fill improvements to reduce the risk of future deterioration, as well as minor alignment changes to improve site operations.

An Invitation to Tender for construction services was issued on May 4, 2026. Five bids were received by the closing date of May 29, 2026. The bids were evaluated by the consultant, with the results summarized in Appendix A.

The submitted bid prices (excluding GST) were:

- Brenton Industries Ltd. $172,508.84
- Marwest Industries Ltd. $226,271.22
- Green Leaf Enterprises Ltd. o/a O.K. Excavating $229,212.59
- Speers Construction Inc. $249,811.00

- RAM Remediation Ltd. $258,083.59

3.0 PROBLEM OR OPPORTUNITY DESCRIPTION

An existing retaining wall at the Marblehead Transfer Station has collapsed, and remains vulnerable to further deterioration. The site is currently operating with open bins, low hauling efficiency, and is non-ideal for site users. The retaining wall needs to be repaired to return to normal operations.

3.1 Alignment to Board Strategic Plan

Manage our Assets and Service Delivery in a Fiscally Responsible Manner:

- The solution must be designed with cost-effectiveness and practicality in mind.
- Construction services must be competitively procured to provide best-value.

3.2 Legislative Considerations

A building permit is understood to not be required based on Board Resolution 534/21: *"That the Board supports a building permit exemption for all RDCK resource recovery sites including all active and closed landfills, and all transfer stations, provided all buildings be designed by a qualified professional, and construction be overseen by qualified professionals and/or RDCK Site Inspectors".*

3.3 What Are the Risks

The collapsed retaining wall poses a health and safety risk to site users and staff and will result in on-going operational impacts if not remediated.

4.0 PROPOSED SOLUTION

Staff recommend that the Marblehead Transfer Station Upgrades project, involving construction services to replace the collapsed retaining wall, be awarded to Brenton Industries Ltd. based on:

- Having submitted the lowest, compliant bid;
- Their proposed completion date being earlier than the required completion date; and
- Their demonstrated experience and capability to perform the Work in accordance with the Contract Documents.

4.1 Financial Considerations of the Proposed Solution

Estimated project expenditures are as follows:

- Construction services: $172,508.84
- Design services: $56,611.00
- Project management: $10,000.00
- Contingency (10%): $23,911.98
- **Total Project Budget: $263,031.82**

To date, $15,738.25 has been expended on design services and project management services.

The project is funded through:

- $200,000.00 in Account 60000 Capital Expenditures funded from S187 Central Resource Recovery Regular Reserves;
- $10,000.00 in Account 59712 Transfer to Project Management funded from S187 Central Resource Recovery Regular Reserves.

The total available budget for the project is $210,000, resulting in a funding deficit of $53,031.82. Although project costs may be partially recoverable through an active (unresolved) insurance claim, staff are proposing an amendment to the 2026 Financial Plan to ensure there is adequate funding for this project. As there is adequate budget in Account 59712 Transfer to Project Management for Project Management costs, staff are proposing increasing Account 60000 Capital Expenditures by up to $53,031.82 through contribution from reserves (from Central Resource Recovery Regular Reserves). The current balance for Central Resource Recovery Regular Reserves is $785,856. Any recovered funds from the insurance claim will be returned to S187 reserves.

4.2 Risks with the Proposed Solution

Construction-related risks have been mitigated through completion of a detailed engineering design and competitive procurement process. A contingency allowance has been included to address unforeseen site conditions.

4.3 Resource Allocation and Workplan Impact

The project will be led by an RDCK Project Manager and has been included in their workplan.

4.4 Public Benefit and Stakeholder Engagement of Proposed Solution

The public will benefit from the return to normal operations at the Marblehead Transfer Station following construction. Construction activities will be planned to maintain service whenever practicable throughout the construction period.

4.5 Leveraging Technology

N/A

4.6 Measuring Success

Success shall be measured by the completion of the project within budget by the planned project end date (September 18, 2026).

5.0 ALTERNATIVE SOLUTION(S)

That the Board direct staff not to award the Marblehead Transfer Station Upgrades project as tendered and instead obtain quotations for interim work necessary to make the site safe.

5.1 Financial Considerations of the Alternative Solution(s)

Additional funds would be required to re-develop and re-tender a new scope of work; however short-term expenditures would be reduced if the retaining wall replacement is deferred and only interim safety measures are implemented. Future construction costs to replace the wall may increase due to inflation.

5.2 Risks with the Alternative Solution(s)

The collapsed wall would continue to pose a health and safety risk to the public and staff until remedial work can be procured and completed, and service levels at the site would remain reduced thereafter.

5.3 Resource Allocation and Workplan Impact

Similar effort requirements would be required from the RDCK project team.

5.4 Public Benefit and Stakeholder Engagement of Alternative Solution

The public would receive reduced service at this transfer station until such a time the retaining wall was replaced.

5.5 Measuring Success

N/A

6.0 OPTIONS CONSIDERED BUT NOT PRESENTED

An option to redesign the retaining wall to accommodate a second bin was considered. This option was not presented because it would increase project costs and extend the scope beyond what is required to restore safe operations at the site.

7.0 OPTIONS SUMMARY

Option 1:

Recommendation:

That the Board award the Marblehead Transfer Station Upgrades to Brenton Industries Ltd. and that the Chair and Corporate Officer be authorized to sign the necessary documents to a maximum value of $172,509 not including GST;

AND FURTHER, that the cost be included in the 2026 Financial Plan for S187 Central Resource Recovery;

AND FURTHER, that the Board approve an amendment to 2026 Financial Plan for Central Resource Recovery Service S187 to INCREASE Account Capital Expenditures by $53,032, and INCREASE Account Transfer from Reserves by $53,032.

Option 2:

Recommendation:

That the Board direct staff not to award the Marblehead Transfer Station Upgrades as tendered and instead obtain quotations for interim work necessary to make the site safe.

8.0 RECOMMENDATION

That the Board award the Marblehead Transfer Station Upgrades to Brenton Industries Ltd. and that the Chair and Corporate Officer be authorized to sign the necessary documents to a maximum value of $172,509 not including GST;

AND FURTHER, that the cost be included in the 2026 Financial Plan for S187 Central Resource Recovery;

AND FURTHER, that the Board approve an amendment to 2026 Financial Plan for Central Resource Recovery Service S187 to INCREASE Account Capital Expenditures by $53,032, and INCREASE Account Transfer from Reserves by $53,032.

Respectfully submitted,
Jeannine Bradley, Project Manager

CONCURRENCE

Resource Recovery Manager – Projects & Programs – Alayne Hamilton Approved
Acting General Manager of Development and Community Sustainability – Amy Wilson Approved
General Manager Finance, IT & Procurement – Yev Malloff Approved

ATTACHMENTS:

Attachment A – *Bidders Recommendation Letter: RDCK PRJ#26008 Marblehead Transfer Station Upgrades*, Sperling Hansen Associates, June 3, 2026 (Appendices excluded due to level of procurement-related detail)

June 3, 2026 PRJ26022

Jeannine Bradley, P.Eng.
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Regional District of Central Kootenay

Via Email: JBradley@rdck.bc.ca
CC: SEckman@rdck.bc.ca

Re: Bidders Recommendation Letter: RDCK PRJ#26008 Marblehead Transfer Station Upgrades

Dear Jeannine,

Sperling Hansen Associates (SHA) is pleased to submit for consideration by the Regional District of Central Kootenay (RDCK) a review of the tenders submitted on May 29, 2026, for the Marblehead Transfer Station Upgrades (PRJ#26008). This letter provides an evaluation of the submissions, complete with SHA's recommendation.

TENDER REVIEW

During the tender period, two addenda were issued to address questions and comments received from the proponents, with a revised Schedule of Quantities (SOQ) issued under Addendum No. 1. A total of five (5) bids were submitted by the following construction companies:

1) Brenton Industries
2) Marwest Industries
3) OK Excavating
4) RAM Remediation
5) Speers Construction

EVALUATION CRITERIA

SHA reviewed all tender submissions based on the following criteria:

- Tender Compliance
- Tender Price
- Proposed Construction Schedule
- Experience of Superintendent
- Comparable Work Experience
- Listed Subcontractors

TENDER AMOUNT VALIDATION

A detailed review of all submitted prices and calculations was undertaken. The unit price bid for each line item was entered into a comparative spreadsheet, and the total amount for each task was verified. The detailed bid validation and comparison evaluation is provided in Attachment 1.

SOQ Items 03.01 and 03.02 were calculated within the Excel spreadsheet. Although the displayed cells were rounded to the nearest whole number, the underlying calculated quantities were non-integer values (specifically 24.1865 and 17.08, respectively). For a more conservative analysis, these items have been measured by their exact values and original bid amounts have been adjusted accordingly.

Table 1 provides a summary of the original and adjusted bids. Corrected prices, highlighted in yellow, were used in the final evaluation. It was noted that Marwest Industries and RAM Remediation did not provide a unit rate for the Provisional Task 'Excavate, Manage, and Dispose of Waste Encountered'. Any missing information is coloured in orange, and all prices shown exclude GST.

Table 1: Bid Submission Summary

Description	Brenton Industries	Marwest Industries	OK Excavating	RAM Remediation	Speers Construction
Tasks	**$**	**$**	**$**		**$**
01 - General Requirements	$30,026.00	$43,021.77	$64,050.00	$31,960.28	$40,100.00
03 - Concrete	$38,379.84	$71,499.69	$52,158.44	$69,443.94	$73,128.00
05 - Metals	$21,338.00	$28,780.49	$30,727.97	$32,957.50	$22,300.00
31 - Earthworks	$55,388.00	$59,814.62	$63,351.87	$88,330.17	$88,075.00
32 - Roads and Site Improvements	$23,280.00	$22,769.60	$13,976.80	$29,467.20	$22,400.00
33 - Utilities	$4,097.00	$385.05	$4,947.51	$5,924.50	$3,808.00
Total	**$172,508.84**	**$226,271.22**	**$229,212.59**	**$258,083.59**	**$249,811.00**
Corrected	**$172,508.84**	**$226,271.22**	**$229,367.99**	**$258,083.59**	**$249,944.89**
Provisional Tasks (Unit Rate)	**$/tonne**	**$/tonne**	**$/tonne**		**$/tonne**
00 - Excavate, Manage, and Dispose of Waste Encountered	$460.00	Missing	$88.52	Missing	$120.00

TENDER WITHDRAWALS

No Tender Withdrawal requests were submitted.

COMPLIANCE EVALUATION

The bid submitted by RAM Remediation did not include the mandatory deliverables related to bonding and comparable work experience. Accordingly, their submission has been deemed non-compliant with the tender requirements.

It was noted that Marwest Industries did not provide a unit rate for the Provisional Works; however, all mandatory requirements for tender compliance were satisfied. As the Provisional Works are not binding quantities, the missing unit rate may be treated as a minor irregularity that can be clarified with the contractor should RDCK wish to do so.

A summary of the compliance assessment is provided in Table 2.

Table 2: Compliance Assessment Summary

Description		Brenton Industries	Marwest Industries	OK Excavating	RAM Remediation	Speers Construction
Bid Bond						
	Bid Bond (10%)	Y	Y	Y	Missing	Y
Agreement to Bond						
	Performance Bond (50%)	Y	Y	Y	Missing	Y
	Labour and Material Payment Bond (50%)	Y	Y	Y	Missing	Y
Addenda						
	Addenda Acknowledged	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Appendices						
	SOQ Rev1	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
	Construction Schedule	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
	Experience of Superintendent	Sean Brenton	Shawn Seminoff	Todd Horak	Joshua Lapage	Jason Richardson
	Comparable Work Experience	Y	Y	Y	Missing	Y
Subcontractors						
	Concrete	Rokform	-	Forma Construction	Rokform	Reimer Contracting
	Metal	Arcright	-	-	Arcright	Arcright
	Survey	Harrier	-	-	-	-
	Quality Control	-	-	-	Kootenay Testing	-
	Compliance Assessment	**Y**	**Y**	**Y**	**N**	**Y**

EVALUATION OF COMPLIANT BIDS

The four compliant tenders were submitted by Brenton Industries, Marwest Industries, OK Excavating, and Speers Construction. Only compliant submissions were considered in the final evaluation process.

TENDER PRICE

Excluding provisional tasks and GST, the total tendered prices submitted are summarized in Table 3, presented in descending order.

Table 3: Bid Prices in Descending Order

No.	Company	Total Bid (excl. GST)
1	Brenton Industries	$ 172,508.84
2	Marwest Industries	$ 226,271.22
3	OK Excavating	$ 229,367.99
4	Speers Construction	$ 249,944.89

As shown above, Brenton Industries submitted the lowest bid at $172,508.84. Marwest Industries and OK Excavating each proposed bids in the range of approximately $230,000, while Speers Construction submitted a bid closer to $250,000.

The total price proposed by Brenton Industries is substantially lower than the other submissions. It is worth noting, however, that Brenton Industries has proposed the highest unit rate for the Provisional Works at $460 per tonne.

PROPOSED CONSTRUCTION SCHEDULE

The proposed construction schedules are summarized in Table 4. These timelines include mobilization, demobilization, and project closeout activities, and exclude any preliminary tasks prior to site mobilization. Brenton Industries and Speers Construction both anticipate completing the Work prior to the Substantial Completion Date of September 4, 2026.

Table 4: Proposed Construction Schedules

Proposed Construction Schedule				
	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct
Brenton Industries				
Marwest Industries				
OK Excavating				
Speers Construction				

EXPERIENCE OF SUPERINTENDENT

The proposed superintendents are listed in Table 5. The most relevant experience is offered by Todd Horak (OK Excavating), who has previously completed work at solid-waste facilities. Given that

the scope of the Marblehead Transfer Station Upgrades is relatively straightforward, all proposed superintendents appear suitably qualified to perform the work.

Table 5: Proposed Superintendents

	Superintendent	Years Experience	Summary of Experience
Brenton Industries	Sean Brenton	10	Watermains, fused HDPE pipe, pump stations
Marwest Industries	Shawn Seminoff	26	Ferry terminals, water works, streets
OK Excavating	Todd Horak	-	Landfill operations, upgrades, and closures; drainage ponds, liner installation,
Speers Construction	Jason Richardson	20	Complex civil, hydroelectric, and residential works; road re-construction, major drainage infrastructure

COMPARABLE WORK EXPERIENCE

Marwest Industries has demonstrated experience delivering projects with multi-million-dollar budgets, while Brenton Industries typically undertakes smaller, local projects within the regional district. OK Excavating offers a mixed portfolio of small- to medium-scale projects, whereas Speers Construction generally completes medium- to large-scale civil works. Overall, all proponents have experience relevant to the scope of the Works.

LISTED SUBCONTRACTORS

Proponent-preferred subcontractors are summarized in Table 6. As shown, Marwest Industries intends to complete all work internally. Arcright Plumbing & Heating has previously completed railing installation work for other transfer stations within the regional district, demonstrating relevant experience with similar facility upgrades.

Table 6: Proposed Subcontractors

Scope	Brenton Industries	Marwest Industries	OK Excavating	Speers Construction
Concrete	Rokform	-	Forma Construction	Reimer Contracting
Metal	Arcright	-	-	Arcright
Survey	Harrier	-	-	-

RECOMMENDATION

According to SHA's assessment, Brenton Industries submitted the lowest tender at $172,508.84, excluding Provisional Items and GST. Their bid is substantially lower than the other submissions and represents a competitive price. The proponent's proposed construction schedule anticipates completion prior to the Substantial Completion Date. In addition, Brenton Industries is based in Kaslo, BC, and routinely completes work at local sites within the regional district.

As Brenton Industries submitted the lowest bid, anticipates early completion, and provided a fully compliant submission, SHA recommends that the project be awarded to Brenton Industries. We expect that the proponent possesses the competencies required to perform the Work in accordance with the Contract Documents.

We look forward to supporting RDCK and the Contractor in the execution of the construction contract. Should you have any questions or require clarification regarding this recommendation, please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned at 604-803-7120.

Kind regards,

SPERLING HANSEN ASSOCIATES

Scott Garthwaite, AScT
Vice President-Operations

Attachments:
Attachment 1: Bid Validation and Comparison Evaluation
Attachment 2: Brenton Industries Tender Submission

Board Report – For Information

June 18,2026

MOSQUITO CONTROL PROGRAM 2025 FINAL SEASON ANNUAL REPORT

Author:	Todd Johnston, Environmental Coordinator
File Reference:	12-6030-04
Electoral Area/Municipality:	AREA D
Services Impacted	Meadow Creek Mosquito Control Program Service S184 & Pine Ridge Community Mosquito Control Program Service S185

1.0 PURPOSE OF REPORT

Since 2012, the RDCK has administered and coordinated a Mosquito Control Program (the Program) in a Portion of Electoral Area D (Meadow Creek area) and the Pineridge community south of Kaslo. The program is delivered by Morrow Biosciences Ltd. (MBL); 2025, concluded the 4th year of their five-year contract.

Most of the Program activity takes place along the north side of Kootenay Lake, Pine Ridge, along the Duncan River, Meadow Creek, and the Marblehead area. The Program uses the methods of Integrated Pest Management to provide mosquito control in an effective, safe, and environmentally responsible manner.

This report is to present the 2025 annual report (See Attachment A for the full 2025 Annual Report).

2.0 BACKGROUND AND UDPATE

Staff brought forward a report to Board on March 16, 2023 both to provide the Board of Directors with the 2022 Annual Report for the Mosquito Control Program delivered in a Portion of Electoral Area D (Meadow Creek area –Service S184) and the Pineridge community (Service S185); and to present the details of a proposal from Morrow Biosciences Ltd., which would significantly modify the current service model and pricing (See Attachment B).

The program focused on monitoring, managing, and mitigating nuisance mosquito populations, primarily floodwater and snowmelt species, throughout the 2025 season. Environmental conditions, including below-average snowpack, early freshet, and relatively low precipitation, resulted in reduced mosquito development compared to high-water years. Targeted ground and limited aerial larvicide applications were implemented, and treatment efficacy was high across all known sites.

Approximately 77.5 hectares were treated during the 2025 season using the bacterial larvicide *Bacillus thuringiensis* var. *israelensis* (Bti), primarily through ground applications, and one aerial (helicopter) application conducted in Meadow Creek. Aerial applications are used to treat large areas, areas inaccessible by foot and/or with high larval hatching activity.

Public responses were limited to a small number of mosquito-related concern calls and emails received during the season. All inquiries were responded to promptly, and education regarding mosquito biology and household mitigation measures was provided as needed.

3.0 NEXT STEPS AND TIMELINE

At the time of writing this report (May 2026), the MBL Mosquito Control Field Crew have begun monitoring larvae in the Meadow Creek and Pine Ridge service areas, and are planning a helicopter aerial treatment the week of May 17.

In 2025 MBL submitted an Annual Use Report for the use of pesticides in 2025 (See Attachment C), and in 2026, MBL completed their Notice of Intent to Treat, as required by the provincial government (see attachment D), which has been approved.

Lastly, the use of drones for Bti applications has been in development by MBL for several years. The company owns several commercial drones, and has developed their skills in the use of this technology. MBL has gone through the Federal licensing and training processes required by Transport Canada, but is awaiting certification from the Province; at the time of writing this report, the estimate from the Province was an 18-month period before issuing licensing. See Attachment E: 2025 letter to Minister of Environment and Parks regarding Drone Use Certification.

Respectfully submitted,
Todd Johnston, Environmental Coordinator

CONCURRENCE

General Manager of Environmental Services – Uli Wolf	Approved
Chief Administrative Officer – Stuart Horn	Approved

ATTACHMENTS:
Attachment A – MCP 2025 Annual Report
Attachment B – 2023 Board Report – MCP Annual Report for 2022 and Final Contract 2023-2027
Attachment C – 2025 Annual Summary of Pesticide Use
Attachment D – 2026 Notice of Intent to Treat
Attachment E - Letter to Minister – Drone use

Regional District of Central Kootenay
Meadow Creek and Pine Ridge
Mosquito Control Program

2025 Year-End Report



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Executive Summary

The 2025 nuisance mosquito program for Meadow Creek and Pine Ridge within the Regional District of Central Kootenay (RDCK) is now complete. The mosquito control program assesses, manages, and mitigates floodwater and snowmelt mosquito abundance within the program purview. Most control activities take place along the Duncan River foreshore (below the Lardeau River), along the Kootenay Lake foreshore, and at associated seepage sites.

In April, immediately preceding the mosquito monitoring season, snowpack in the contributing basins within the RDCK program reach was 85% of average for the West Kootenay basin and 80% of average for the Upper Columbia basin. The below-average snowpack gradually melted during May and June with seasonably warm temperatures leading to the melt of high elevation snowpack and the gradual arrival of freshet. In response to warm high elevation temperatures in early July, the Duncan River seasonal peak was on 30 May (2.48 m) while Kootenay Lake peaked on 15 June (2.29 m). The peaks were higher than in 2024 yet did not trigger compounded numbers of dormant floodwater mosquito eggs to hatch.

Local precipitation accumulation in 2025 was below normal and contributed little to mosquito development.

One aerial treatment took place in 2025 due to low regional lake and river levels, reducing the area of floodwater mosquito development sites. A bacterial larvicide, Vectobac® (active ingredient - *Bacillus thuringiensis* var *israelensis)* was used to treat approximately 77.50 ha (310 kg granules) using ground treatments within the Meadow Creek and Pine Ridge area in 2025. At all known sites, treatment efficacy was assessed as high.

A real-time monitoring and treatment data dashboard was provided to the RDCK program manager. When operational, the dashboard enabled the program manager to view up-to-date treatment information and ensure quality control.

There were seven concern calls or emails from residents in 2025, which relatively low for the program area. Reduced floodwater mosquito activity due to lower-than-average sustained peak water levels affects mosquito annoyance.

Season Highlights

- The 2025 freshet resulted in a Duncan River level peak of 2.49 meters (m) at the gauge below the Lardeau River on 01 June (technically a higher peak late Aug, but no new mosquitoes).
- The 2025 Kootenay Lake peak water level at the Queens Bay gauge occurred on 22 May at 532.943 meters.
- On 1 April, the snowpack levels in the West Kootenay Basin and the Upper Columbia Basin were 85 and 80 percent of normal, respectively.
- Seasonal weather patterns gradually melted the snowpack in contributing basins from mid-May through early July.
- The freshet was relatively early in 2025.
- An aerial campaign was required within the Meadow Creek mosquito program purview over 2 different days totalling 673.4 ha.
- Ground treatments at floodwater mosquito development sites in Meadow Creek were applied to 40.1 ha (160 kg granular Vectobac®).
- Ground treatments at snowmelt and permanent-water mosquito development sites in Pine Ridge were applied to 3.25 ha (14 kg).
- No concern calls or emails were received to the Mosquito Hotline in 2025.
- In July 2025, BCCDC and partners commenced a pilot project to monitor mosquito-borne viruses in B.C.'s Sea to Sky region following 4 encephalitis cases reported in late 2024.
- As of 29 September, the British Columbia Centre for Disease Control (BCCDC) reported zero human cases of West Nile Virus originating in the province of British Columbia and four travel-related cases reported throughout Canada.
- The Center for Disease Control (CDC) reports zero human cases of West Nile Virus in Washington and seven in Idaho State as of 7 October.
- The Climate Prediction Center (CPC) at the U.S. National Weather Service / NOAA noted La Niña conditions were present in February 2025 and are favored to persist through December 2025 - February 2026. ENSO-neutral conditions are likely in January-March 2026.

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Introduction

Morrow BioScience Ltd. (MBL) is the longest-operating mosquito control firm in British Columbia, having conducted mosquito control in this province for nearly four decades. MBL has been the mosquito control providers for Meadow Creek and Pine Ridge within the Regional District of Central Kootenay (RDCK) since 2000.

The Meadow Creek and Pine Ridge mosquito control program is a complex enterprise. Many factors affect this regional district, including its considerable mosquito habitat reach, inter-annual regional river and lake peak variations, and the environmental influence of the Duncan Dam. Over the years, MBL has acquired extensive familiarity with the region and knowledge regarding effective treatment strategies and management of the numerous mosquito development sites.

In addition to the knowledge base, many improvements have been made to the program since its inception, including intensive site survey along Duncan River and Kootenay Lake floodplains, identification of new mosquito development sites, the addition of a real-time data collection and review portal, increased public engagement both through social media and in-person events, and improved environmental awareness through annual carbon offset purchases. MBL's goal is to continue to provide effective mosquito control to the Meadow Creek and Pine Ridge residents, while remaining socially and environmentally responsible.

Methodology

As large areas of the mosquito control program are within the floodplains of the Duncan River and Kootenay Lake, the primary targets of the Meadow Creek and Pine Ridge mosquito control program are floodwater mosquito larvae. Female floodwater mosquitoes (e.g., *Aedes vexans*, *Ae. sticticus*) deposit their eggs on damp substrate that experiences inter-annual flooding. Within the program purview, floodwater mosquito development sites primarily exist along the flooding corridor of the Lower Duncan River and Kootenay Lake, including associated seepage sites. When water floods these sites, due to the freshet and/or significant localized precipitation, the result is large-scale floodwater mosquito egg hatching. If more than one season has passed between high-water years, then high river and lake levels may trigger a compounded number of mosquito eggs to hatch, resulting in a compounded number of mosquito larvae. While study results vary, Breeland and Pickard (1967) estimate that *Aedes vexans* eggs can remain viable for up to four years while they await environmental hatching cues.

MBL field technicians began monitoring floodwater mosquito development sites within the program purview prior to consistently increasing regional Duncan River and Kootenay Lake levels. Consequently, the 2025 mosquito-monitoring season began on April 8 as regional temperatures increased and the local snow began to melt. At the height of the mosquito season, MBL staff may monitor highly productive sites multiple times a week. Adaptive management techniques allow MBL staff to most accurately time treatments, when necessary. Prescribed monitoring methods increase the risk of missing optimal treatment windows due to potential accelerated mosquito development rates with rising

temperatures (Read and Moon 1996). Hence, as regional river levels, lake levels, and ambient temperatures begin to rise consistently, monitoring efforts increase accordingly.



Image 1. Standard dip (350 ml) with 3rd and 4th instar floodwater mosquito larvae.

Larval mosquitoes in sufficient number (i.e., >4/dip; Image 1) are treated by applications of a microbial larvicide product, Vectobac®. This product has the active ingredient *Bacillus thuringiensis* var. *israelensis* (Bti). In 2024, only the granular formulations of Vectobac® was used, which is carried on a corncob mixture. The mode of action is relatively simple and with a high degree of target species specificity. Receptors within the mid-gut region of the mosquito larvae are compatible with the toxin proteins that are produced alongside each bacterial spore. After the mosquito larvae ingest the toxin protein, disruption of the larval mid-gut cells occurs. This event causes damage to the wall of the gut and quickly leads to larval death (Boisvert and Boisvert 2000).

As the season progresses and more mosquito development sites become flooded, it is increasingly difficult to treat sites by ground due to access challenges and concurrent site activation. At this point, a helicopter can be used to conduct aerial treatments, though this is an uncommon practice within this program. The aerial treatments use the same pesticide as ground applications, although typically with a higher application rate to penetrate canopy cover. All sites are checked within 1 or 2 days of the initial treatment to ensure treatment efficacy. If necessary, touch-up treatments are conducted.

Treatments are timed to target the 3rd and 4th larval instars. If treatments are applied too early, the larvae will not have reached their highest feeding rate yet and may not ingest the Bti spore. If applied too late, the larvae molt into pupae (i.e., non-feeding stage). Both circumstances may result in the development of adult mosquitoes. Additionally, by waiting until the majority mosquito larvae are in the 3rd and early 4th instar stages, early instar larvae are available as food sources in the ecosystem.

Sites are treated when a standard dip (350ml) collects >4 late instar (3rd or 4th instar) larvae per dip. When flooding commences and ambient temperatures rise, many dips easily exceed this threshold. Larval densities within the range of 200-500 per dip are commonly detected (Image 1). All sites are checked within one or two days of the initial treatment to ensure treatment efficacy. If necessary, touch-up treatments are conducted.

Environmental Conditions

The three primary environmental conditions that affect Duncan River and Kootenay Lake levels throughout the mosquito season (i.e., April – August) are: 1) snowpack in the West Kootenay Basin and Upper Columbia Basin, 2) local precipitation contributing to the Duncan River and Kootenay Lake, and 3) ambient temperature in the West Kootenay Basin and Upper Columbia Basin, Local ambient temperature is also of interest due primarily to the effect local ambient temperature can have on mosquito egg hatching and development rates. As such, all noted conditions are tracked throughout the season.

Snowpack

Floodwater mosquito abundance within Meadow Creek is primarily governed by regional Duncan River (Below Lardeau River gauge; 08NH118) and Kootenay Lake (Queens Bay gauge; 08NH064) water levels. In turn, the water levels of those systems are largely determined by the freshet released from the West Kootenay Basin and, to a lesser degree, the Upper Columbia Basin. When snowpack exceeds 100 percent of normal immediately prior to the springtime snowmelt, higher-than-average Duncan River and Kootenay Lake levels are expected during the mosquito season. Duncan Dam freshet attenuation dampens and alters the normal Duncan River level trend.

On 1 April, immediately preceding the 2025 Meadow Creek and Pine Ridge mosquito monitoring season, the snowpack within the West Kootenay Basin and Upper Columbia Basin was 85 and 80 percent of normal, respectively[1]. Last year, the May 1st average of all snow stations in British Columbia was extremely low at 66% of normal[2]. Snow basin indices are greater in higher elevation regions of the province compared to 2024 due to more snow accumulation through the season. Lower elevation basins tend to have a lower snowpack compared to last year due to an earlier rate of melt in April. These environmental conditions resulted in an early peak of 2.49 meters on 01 June, 2025.

Snow survey stations throughout the West Kootenay Basin and Upper Columbia Basin provide a more refined perspective of regional snowmelt trends. The East Creek Snow Survey Station (ID: 2D08P) reflects weather trends in the West Kootenay Basin and serves as a representative site for the regional snowmelt trajectory of high-elevation snowpack (2,030 m).

Notably, snowpack increased through April but gradually melted from mid-May until mid-June, as reflected in the spikes in Duncan River levels through this period of time. The trend in visible snowpack reduction started in mid-May, below 2024 snowpack levels. (**Figure 1**). This trend is consistent with other high elevation snow survey station data throughout the influential basins[3]. Seasonably warm weather in May and June resulted in the depletion of high elevation snowpack at the East Creek snow survey station by mid-June.

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[3] Snow Survey Stations Interactive Map

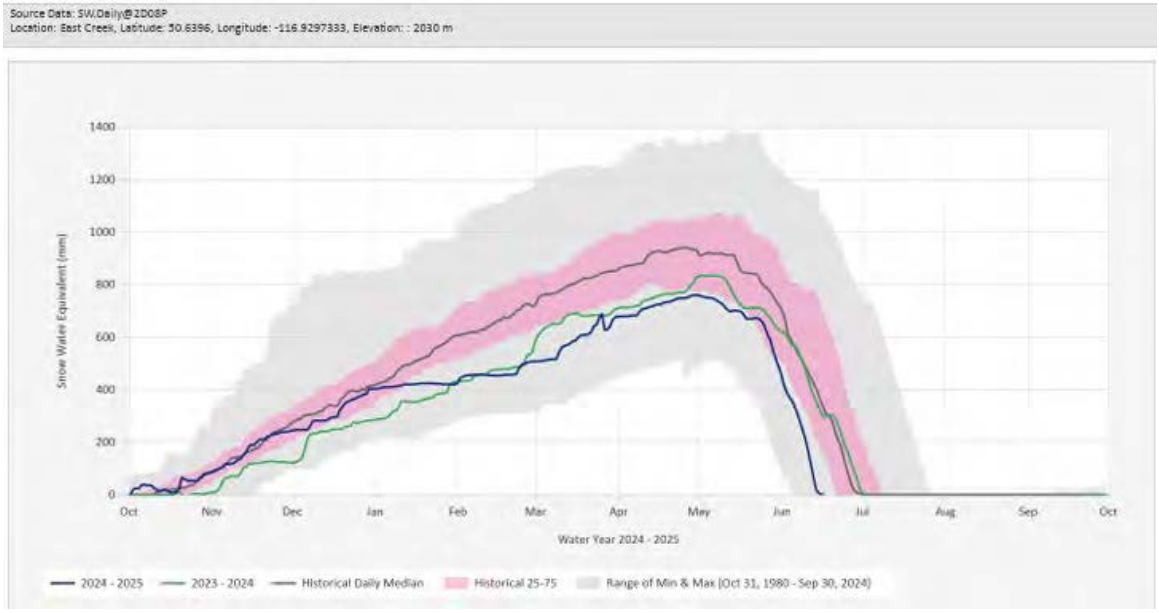


Figure 1. Snow Water Equivalent (SWE; mm) 2025 data from the East Creek snow survey (station ID: 2D08P) within the West Kootenay Basin (2023-2024 data represented by green line).

The 15 June 2025 Snow Survey and Water Supply Bulletin identified low snowpack readings across most provincial basins. Consistent with this data, the West Kootenay and Upper Columbia basins were at 30% and 9% of normal, respectively. This season's snowmelt trended earlier than normal with approximately 90% of the annual snow accumulation having melted by mid-June. The early-June arrival of the Duncan River freshet reflects this data.

Local Precipitation

Substantial temporally and spatially concentrated precipitation accumulation may elevate Duncan River levels and increase seepage site levels. Tracking local precipitation accumulation can aid MBL field staff in determining how long mosquito development sites may require management. The Nelson Rixen Creek weather station (ID: 114EMDM) provides weather information allowing for inter-annual comparison of environmental conditions. This comparison facilitates some level of prediction regarding larval mosquito hatching and treatment timing requirements. When more than average precipitation is received within peak hatching months, seepage site levels may be created, be higher or sustained for longer. All scenarios may lead to additional floodwater mosquito egg hatches. Precipitation accumulation during the mosquito season (Apr-Aug) was at or below the 3-year station averages for those months. (**Figure 2**). Due to the size of Kootenay Lake, it is unlikely that any precipitation received those months measurably augmented lake levels. Similarly, while the Duncan River is relatively small in comparison, precipitation likely did not further increase river levels beyond those solely due to the freshet. Precipitation accumulation would have contributed to ephemeral mosquito sites within Pine Ridge. Ephemeral mosquito development sites include those created within human-made containers, tree holes, and small depressions on the forest floor. These are difficult to

locate, transient, and may only exist for a few days, thus some (e.g., tree hole and container mosquito habitats) are outside the scope of the mosquito program. Any floodwater and snowmelt mosquito development sites that were augmented as a result of high precipitation were monitored and treated, if necessary.

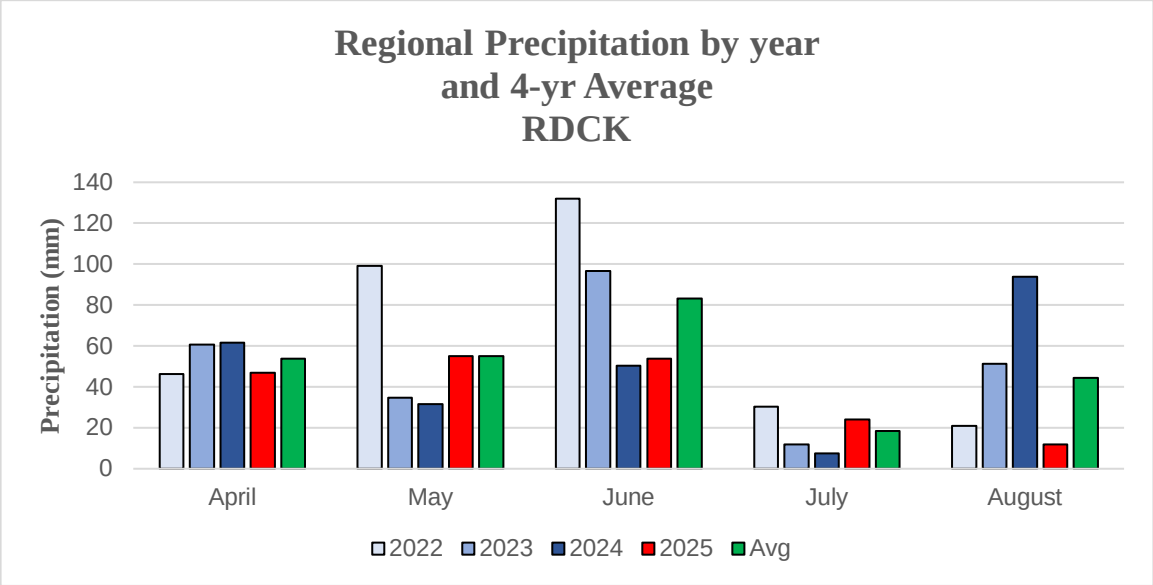


Figure 2. Precipitation values (rainfall and snow accumulation; mm) recorded at the Nelson Rixen Creek weather gauge (ID: 114EMDM) for 01 April – 31 August 2025; 2022-2025 average (green); 2025 (red).

Precipitation received to the Nelson Rixen Creek weather station in April 2025 was slightly lower-than-average (**Figure 2**) which, combined with below average temperature and the lack of additional hatching cues present, likely did not impact target mosquito development in April. On the whole, relatively lower than average precipitation accumulated throughout the remainder of the mosquito season as recorded at the Nelson Rixen Creek weather station. (**Figure 2**).

Although floodwater mosquito development habitat was unproductive in August, the precipitation received to the region combined with warm temperatures and provided the necessary cues for container mosquito development. Thus, adult mosquito presence toward the end of the season was likely due to mosquito development from container sites, not floodwater mosquito species in certain areas. Releases from the Duncan Dam did not appear to produce late season mosquitoes, despite water levels reaching a season high.

Ambient Temperature

Local ambient temperature and ambient temperature within the Duncan River-associated basins are important variables to track. Local ambient temperature fluctuations from April through August can affect mosquito egg hatching, larval development rates, adult dispersal, and adult survival within Meadow Creek and Pine Ridge mosquito development habitat.

Within contributing snow basins, ambient temperature dictates the commencement and often the intensity of the freshet, which directly impacts floodwater mosquito development habitat.

West Kootenay and Upper Columbia Basin Temperatures

Temperatures were slightly above normal to above normal (+0.5°C to +2.5°C) throughout British Columbia in April due to generally stable weather conditions[4]. Precipitation accumulations during April augmented high elevation snowpack, providing additional snowpack prior to the arrival of meltwater to regional water systems on 1 May.

Overall, temperatures in May were near normal throughout the province, averaging between -1.5℃ to +1.5℃ relative to average[5]. A high-pressure ridge impacted the region during the first week of June, bringing dry and seasonally warm temperatures. Seasonably warm ambient temperatures occurred across much of the southern portion of the province, with warm temperatures and above average precipitation locally. The increase in ambient temperatures in mid-May gradually released freshet to regional river and lake systems. As of 15 June, most areas of B.C. recorded the warmest temperatures of the year and rapidly melted the remaining high elevation snow. Temperature data are consistent with 2025 automated snow station data[6] depicting snowmelt points correlating with warm regional ambient temperatures.

Ambient temperatures continued to rise through July and August with negligible effect on floodwater mosquito habitat. Generally, after the depletion of the Duncan River-associated snowpack, ambient temperatures within those basins do not typically impact floodwater mosquito habitat within the program purview.

Local temperatures

Local ambient temperature is a predictive tool when gauging floodwater egg hatch commencement. If the ground proximate to the Duncan River and Kootenay Lake contains floodwater mosquito eggs and if hatching conditions are present (i.e., low dissolved oxygen, higher ambient temperatures), then floodwater mosquito egg hatching will commence (Mohammad and Chadee 2011). Local ambient temperature data are acquired from the Nelson Rixen Creek weather station (ID: 114EMDM).

To illustrate the effect of ambient temperature on floodwater mosquito egg hatching events, Trpis and Horsfall (1969) exposed submerged eggs of a common univoltine floodwater mosquito species, *Aedes sticticus*, to various constant air temperatures and recorded hatching success. Results revealed that eggs began to hatch at 8°C, although larval development was slow, and survivorship was low. Eggs held at 21°C provided the optimal

[4] 2025_may1.pdf
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[6] Daily Data Report for August 2025 - Climate - Environment and Climate Change Canada

temperature, of the five temperatures tested, for hatching and larval development (**Figure 3**). While *Ae. sticticus* is not the sole floodwater species present in the Meadow Creek and Pine Ridge areas, it serves as a representative species for our purposes and provides general developmental benchmarks.

Local ambient temperature also impacts snowmelt mosquitoes. Snowmelt mosquito eggs hatch earlier than floodwater mosquito eggs. Certain snowmelt mosquito species begin to hatch at a water temperature of approximately 4°C and can complete development to adult emergence at 10°C (Kardatzke 1979, Clements 1992). Thus, snowmelt mosquito eggs laid along the mountain bench area were triggered to hatch in April as sites began to show initial melting (**Figure 3**). Of note, **Figure 3** shows ambient temperature, not water temperature. The delay in realized water temperature is likely a few days in relatively small, shallow sites, such as the majority of snowmelt-influenced sites found in along the mountain benches in Meadow Creek.

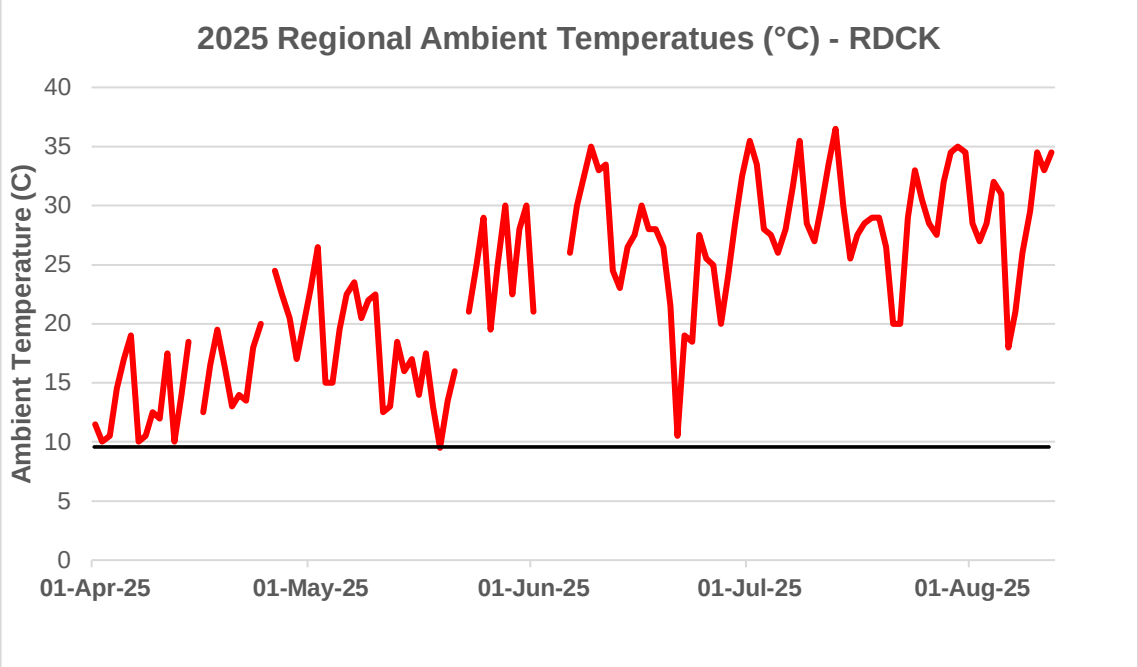


Figure 3. Maximum daily ambient temperatures (C) as recorded at the Nelson Rixen Weather Station (ID: 114EMDM) 01 April – 31 August 2025. Black lines represent minimum (8˚C) mosquito hatching threshold temperature.

The monthly average temperature for April was 15.55°C, 1.91°C higher than the historical station average for April of 13.64° C (1995-2025). Given that April temperatures were frequently above the lower temperature threshold for successful floodwater mosquito egg hatching, floodwater mosquito eggs within the program purview were likely triggered to hatch within April if exposed to flooding conditions. (**Figure 3**). If mosquito eggs were exposed to water during this month, the larval development at warm temperatures would have been moderate and survivorship likely high (Trpis and Horsfall 1969).

Local ambient temperatures in May were warm and within the temperature range for favourable larval development conditions for target mosquito species. The average maximum daily temperature for May was 20.02°C, 0.72°C above the historical station average of 19.3° C. Mosquito egg hatching and larval development rates increased within May, with flood water conditions and warm ambient temperatures prevalent. Appropriately, larval mosquito treatments increased in mid-May as local ambient temperatures approached the upper bounds of temperatures associated with higher floodwater mosquito hatching success rates. (**Figure 3**).

Ambient temperatures in June were higher than those in May, providing sufficient hatching cues for all floodwater mosquito eggs exposed to water. When river and lake levels are high during periods of higher heat, the result is large-scale mosquito egg hatching events and increased larval development rates. Locally warm ambient temperatures in June combined with favourable environmental cues allowed for floodwater mosquito hatching events. In July, however, floodwaters levels receded leaving many mosquito development sites dry by August.

July and August ambient temperatures were higher than average. Local daily maximum ambient temperatures for July and August were well above the historical average (**Figure 3**). Seasonably warm weather coupled with insufficient habitat farther into the summer meant that floodwater mosquito treatments were not required beyond early July in 2024. High ambient temperatures, such as those noted in late July and August, increase the lifecycle of adult mosquitoes (Ciota et al. 2014). Thus, any mosquitoes that successfully emerged during July and August would have had a reduced lifespan in light of the high ambient temperatures present.

While not a target of the Meadow Creek and Pine Ridge mosquito control program, container mosquito abundance typically increases in July and August. Container mosquito habitats near residential homes can be created throughout warmer summer months whenever is allowed to collect somewhere and is accompanied by high ambient temperatures. MBL technicians regularly inform residents that container-bred mosquitoes can be reduced around homes by ensuring that conducive environments (i.e., bird baths, kiddy pools, flowerpot holders, etc.) are either free of water or refreshed frequently.

River and Lake Levels

Within the Meadow Creek area, floodwater mosquito development sites primarily exist along the flooding corridor of the Duncan River (Below Lardeau River gauge, ID: 08NH118) and Kootenay Lake (Queens Bay gauge, ID:08NH064), including associated seepage sites. The presence of water is a hatching cue and, thus, tracking regional river and lake levels provides predictive capabilities with regards to floodwater mosquito hatching and larval development.

Warm high elevation temperatures from late-May until mid-June released the annual Duncan River freshet. Following the depletion of high elevation snowpack in contributing basins, freshet came through regional water systems. The arrival of freshet resulted in the

rise of the Duncan River and Kootenay Lake. The Duncan River levels increased beginning in early-May, peaking on 1 June at 2.49 metres, while Kootenay Lake peaked on 15 June at 532.289 metres. (**Figure 4 and 5**). The timing and extent of these peaks presented the necessary hatching cues for floodwater mosquito eggs, requiring Bit treatment. High-elevation snowpack within the Upper Columbia and West Kootenay Basins was completely depleted by early July. Despite depleted snowpack, the Duncan River had a secondary peak at 2.60 metres on 22 August, 2025. This secondary peak, however, was due to water released from the Duncan Dam, and likely did not contribute to mosquito development activity.

The 2025 season was considered a low-water year with the local Duncan River peaking only 0.28 meters higher than the 2024 peak and 1.06 meters lower than the 2023 peak. (**Figure 4**).

By mid-June 2025, the West Kootenay Basin and Upper Columbia Basin were completely depleted of snow. This depletion corresponds with a decline in the Kootenay Lake water levels into early July. (**Figure 5**). Duncan River levels increased rapidly in July due to the release of water from Duncan dam. **(Figure 4)**.

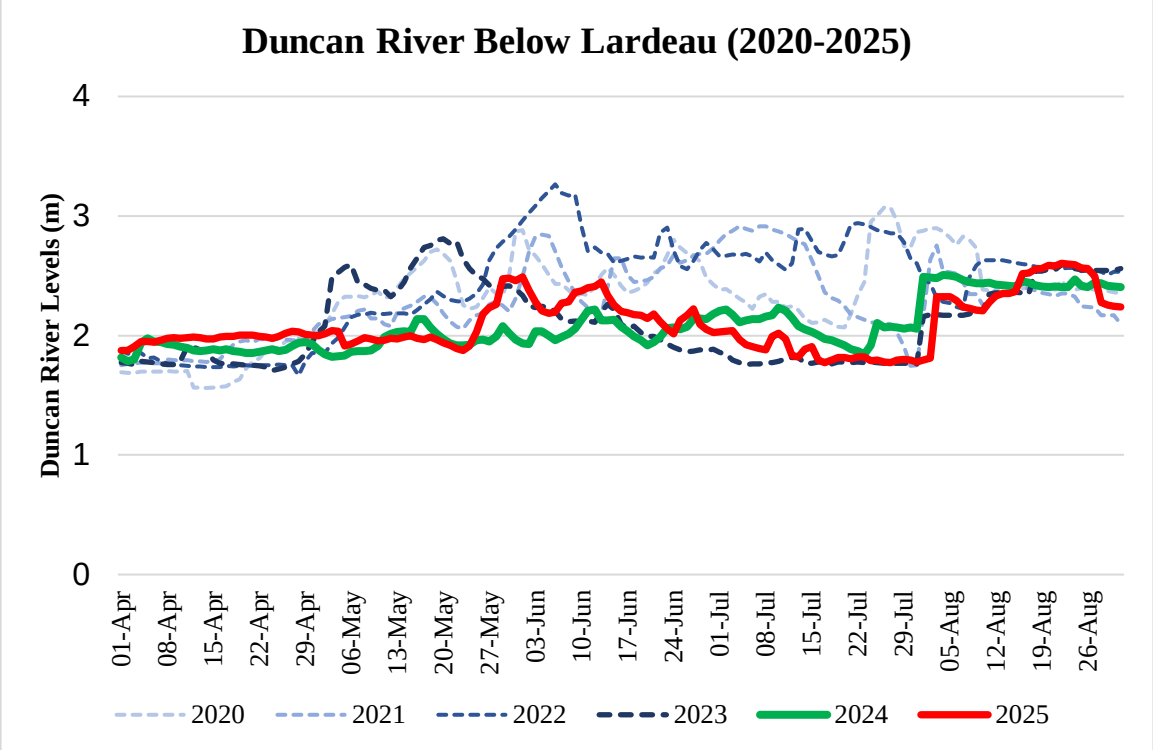


Figure 4. 2020-2025 water levels (m) as recorded for the Duncan River (Below Lardeau gauge, 08NH118); 2025 data (red) as reported by the River Forecast Centre (01 April – 31 August).

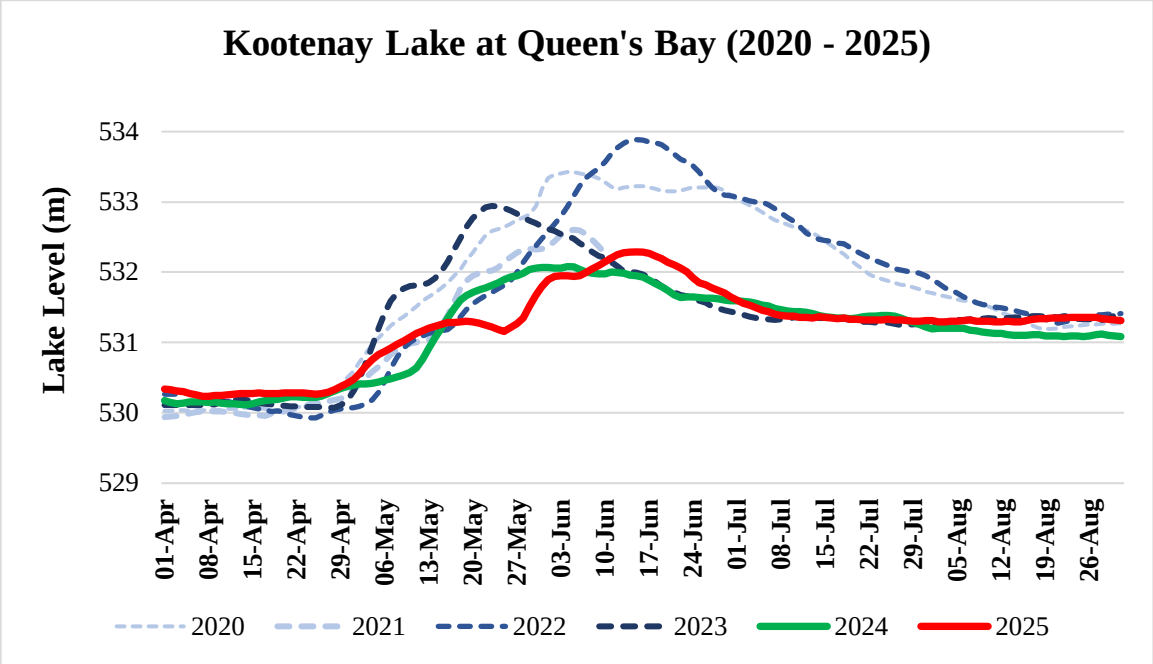


Figure 5. 2020-2025 water levels (m) as recorded for Kootenay Lake (Queens Bay gauge, 08NH064); 2025 data (red) as reported by the River Forecast Centre (01 April – 31 August).

Warm ambient temperatures and below average regional precipitation were recorded from April to early June resulting in high elevation melting and depletion of West Kootenay Basin and Upper Columbia Basin snowpack by mid-June, 1-2 weeks earlier than the historical average. Low regional peak water levels and lower than average regional precipitation through July reduced floodwater and seepage mosquito development habitat.

Regional river and lake peaks relative to those of recent seasons is a predictive variable that may help explain an associated year's larval abundance. If the current year's regional river or lake levels far exceed those of the preceding season, mosquito eggs laid between the high-water mark of both years could have remained dormant until current-year flood waters trigger their hatching. Figures 4 and 5 show the Duncan River and Kootenay Lake levels, respectively, since 2020.

The 2025 peak of the local Kootenay Lake was approximately 0.28 m higher than the 2024 peak. (**Figure 5**). Duncan River and Kootenay Lake peaks would not have peaked as low if high elevation ambient temperatures had been warmer in May. Given the relative peak water levels between 2022, 2023, and 2024, it is likely that the 2025 peak Duncan River and Kootenay Lake levels briefly triggered the hatching of floodwater mosquito larvae within a reduced area of site activity.

In the prime floodwater mosquito development period (May – June), both the Duncan River and Kootenay Lake levels were high enough to create mosquito development habitat. When River and Lake levels rise at high rates in the early portion of the season, the typically cool, highly oxygenated water moving through the system makes it more challenging for mosquito eggs to hatch.

Larval Control

Monitoring within the Meadow Creek and Pine Ridge program began on 8 April 2025, primarily at snowmelt sites in Pine Ridge. Floodwater sites were monitored beginning approximately a week later than snowmelt sites. Although most of the floodwater mosquito development sites are not active until the Duncan River (below Lardeau) levels and Kootenay Lake levels exceed winter levels, sites were monitored in early April to evaluate site conditions and catch the leading edge of any potential hatching events that resulted from the considerable precipitation received in April. The warm ambient temperatures through April coincided with increased monitoring and resulted in the first larval mosquito treatment on 9 April.

The areas with highest recorded larval abundance and associated treatment needs sites are located along the Duncan River, Meadow Creek, and Marblehead areas.

Higher Duncan River and Kootenay Lake levels in 2025 compared to 2024 resulted in the need for increased treatments in 2025. A total of approximately 77.5 ha (310 kg) was treated within the Meadow Creek and Pine Ridge mosquito control programs in 2025. For comparison, MBL treated approximately 34.14 more hectares in 2025 than in 2024. No known sites were missed in ground-based efforts; however, it is possible that there has been unidentified floodwater mosquito habitat in high-water years at the head of the lake. Additional reconnaissance at the head of Kootenay Lake and ground-based treatments should occur in high-water years.

Ground Application Summary

Floodwater mosquito development sites within Meadow Creek and Pine Ridge are visited on a weekly basis unless conditions require more frequent monitoring (i.e., peak Duncan River and Kootenay Lake levels, ambient temperatures > 20°C, large precipitation event). Sites are treated when a standard dip (350ml) collects 4 or more late instar (3^{rd} or 4^{th} instar) larvae per dip. All sites are checked within two days of the initial treatment to ensure high treatment efficacy. If necessary, touch-up treatments are conducted.

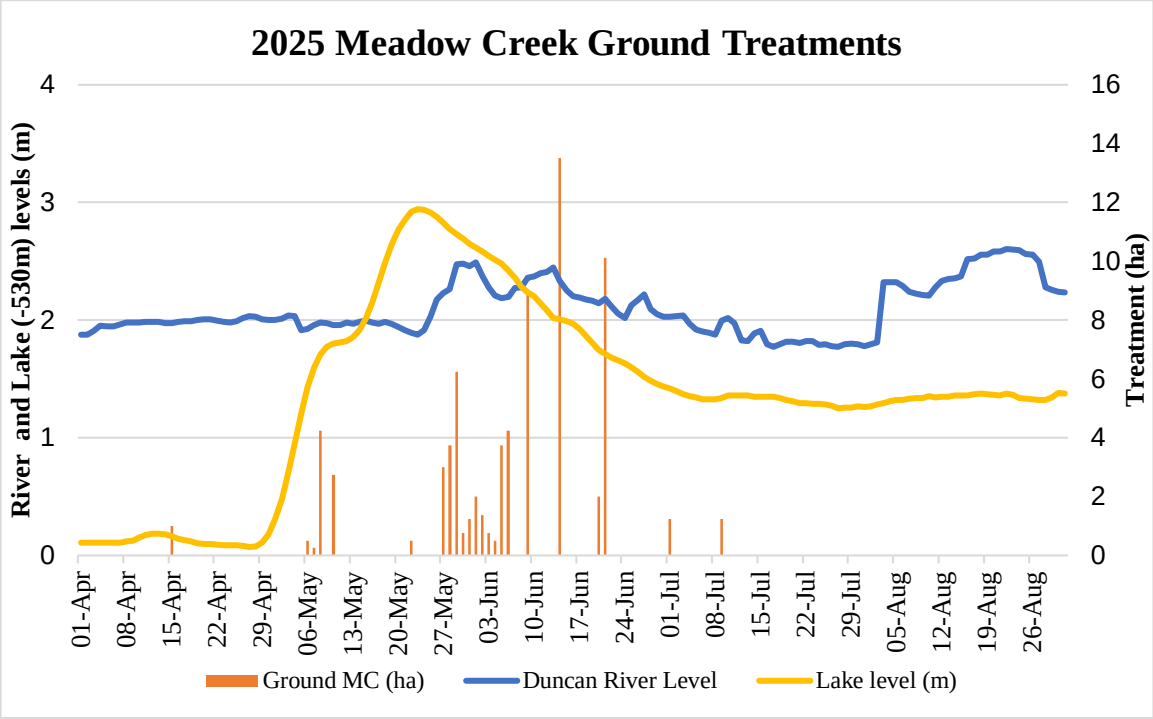


Figure 6. Duncan River levels (m; Below Lardeau gauge) and Kootenay Lake (m; Queens Bay gauge) with total mosquito development area treated by ground (ha) from 1 April–31 August 2025 for Meadow Creek. Note ground treatments (ha) are recorded on the alternate y-axis.

The first snowmelt mosquito development site was treated in Meadow Creek by ground on 15 April. Snowmelt development site treatments were clustered between 6 May – 27 May. Floodwater mosquito habitat required treatment beginning on 30 May. Floodwater sites were treated in response to increasing Kootenay Lake and Duncan River levels. Due to higher peak water levels in 2025, a greater treatment area was necessary through early July. No treatments were needed in August. (**Figure 6**).

Ground treatments in Pine Ridge took place between 9 April and 31 May. (**Figure 6**), with warm ambient temperatures helping to activate snowmelt mosquito habitat in early April and activity at floodwater and permanent water mosquito development sites noted later in June.

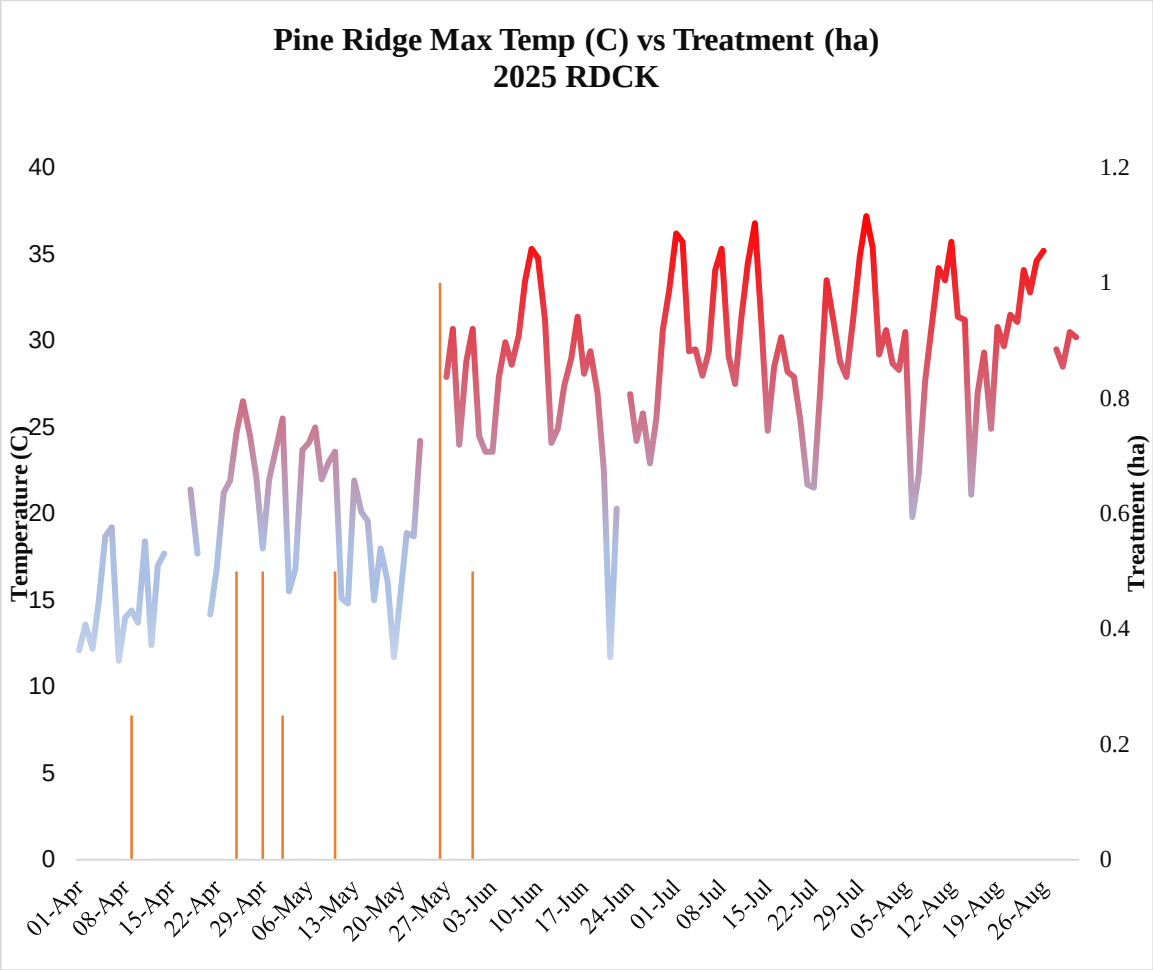


Figure 7. Daily high ambient temperature (C°; Nelson Rixen weather station) with total mosquito development area treated by ground (ha) from 1 April – 31 August 2025 for Pine Ridge. Note ground treatments (ha) are recorded on the alternate y-axis.

Vectobac® (a.i., *Bacillus thuringiensis* var. *israelensis* (BTI)) is the product used for all larval mosquito treatments conducted by MBL. Bti has high target specificity and achieves 95% - 100% efficacy in typical field conditions (Vectobac® Mosquito Biolarvicide - Technical Bulletin). Within the Meadow Creek and Pine Ridge's highly organic water conditions at floodwater sites, MBL staff note an average field efficacy rate of approximately 85%-90%. The granular formulation was used in 2025. Certain sites in the Meadow Creek and Pine Ridge require a ground application rate of 6 kg/ha, although the majority require 4 kg/ha.

The total area treated by ground and air in Meadow Creek was approximately 438 ha (1752 kg) and the total area treated in Pine Ridge was approximately 3.5 ha (14 kg) (**Tables 1, 2**). Numerous properties have opted out of the mosquito control program resulting in fewer areas are available to treat. Untreated areas may result in increased adult floodwater mosquito production.

Meadow Creek	April	May	June	July	August	TOTAL
Ground (ha)	1	23.25	47.25	2.5	0	74
Aerial (ha)	0	0	364	0	0	364

Table 1. 2025 treated area (ha) by method (i.e., ground vs. aerial) from April – August for Meadow Creek.

Treatments in Pine Ridge were relatively low in comparison to those required in Meadow Creek. The reduction in floodwater mosquito habitat and lower number of snowmelt mosquito development sites creates a reduced need for treatment. This season resulted in a slightly less than average treatment requirement as treatments usually amount to approximately 4 ha. (Table 2). No known sites were missed, and no new sites were identified in Pine Ridge.

Pine Ridge	April	May	June	July	August	TOTAL
Ground (ha)	1.25	2.25	0	0	0	3.5
Aerial (ha)	0	0	0	0	0	0

Table 2. 2025 treated area (ha) by method (i.e., ground vs. air) from April – August for Pine Ridge.

The increase in ground- and air-based treatment totals in Meadow Creek is due to the rise in Duncan River and Kootenay Lake peak levels compared to 2024 records. Consequently, one aerial campaign was required on 14 June. (**Figure 8**). If sites are inaccessible by ground, they are included in aerial treatment campaigns. Real-time data associated with each treatment are available through MBL's client-registered, real-time program portal.

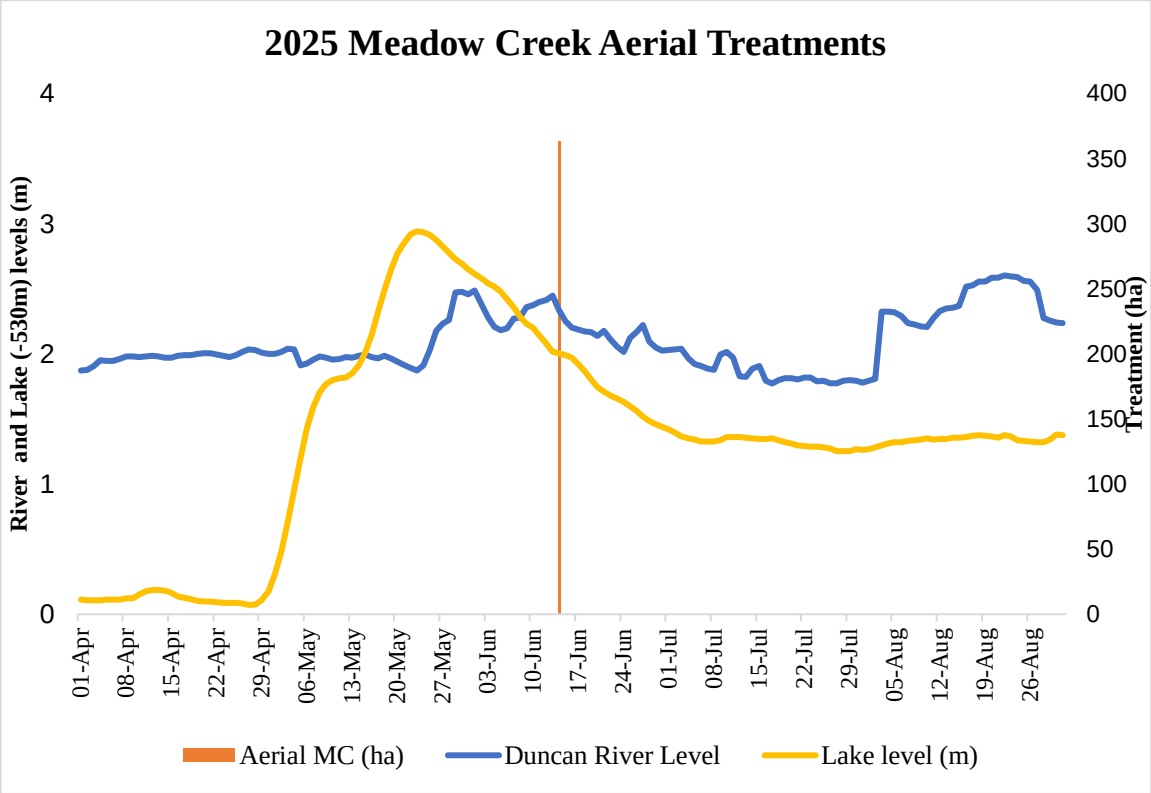


Figure 8. Duncan River levels (m; Below Lardeau gauge) and Kootenay Lake (m; Queens Bay gauge) with total mosquito development area treated by air (ha) from 1 April–31 August 2025 for Meadow Creek. Note air treatment (ha) is recorded on the alternate y-axis.

Aerial Application Summary

Floodwater mosquito development sites are treated by air when multiple large-scale sites become active at once and/or when site-access by ground is unsafe. One aerial campaign was required within the Meadow Creek area in 2025. For comparison, none were conducted in 2024, and only one was required in 2023. The difference in required aerial treatment events signifies the relatively low abundance of floodwater mosquito larvae within the treatment region in 2025, which directly correlates with peak Duncan River and Kootenay Lake levels compared to an average season.

RPAS (Drone Update)

Despite a promising start in early 2024, the Province has since reprioritized its efforts and paused further development of a certification category for pesticide applications using drones for the foreseeable future. The latest mandate letters from the Ministers did not include advancing RPAS (Remotely Piloted Aircraft Systems) certifications to support larvicide applications with this technology. While some other provinces have established categories for drone-based pesticide applications, others have simply adapted their existing “aerial application” classifications to include drones.

Currently, the only barrier preventing MBL from using drones to treat larval mosquitoes as part of its mosquito control program is the absence of a drone-specific pesticide applicator certification from the Province. To help move this forward, MBL recommends that each local government contact their MLA to advocate for the development of this certification. MBL is prepared to provide a draft letter that councils can send to the relevant Ministers to support this initiative.

Given the significant financial and environmental benefits this technology offers, MBL remains committed to working with the Province to help establish the necessary certification framework.

Public Relations

Maintaining positive public relations continues to be a high priority for MBL. Public relations occur on several levels: in-person communication with members of the public, the mosquito hotline, presentations to stakeholders, email correspondence, and social media presence. MBL continues to look for new areas to expand this aspect of our program.

Phone Calls and Emails

Meadow Creek and Pine Ridge residents have multiple venues to communicate with MBL. MBL's Mosquito Hotline (877-986-3363) and email form are outlined prominently on the contact tab of the MBL website (www.morrowbioscience.com). Additionally, RDCK has developed a web page devoted to mosquito control updates and providing program-based contact information[7]. All calls and emails received from the RDCK are forwarded to MBL staff for follow-up. Residents may also voice concern with MBL staff through social media platforms.

MBL received seven annoyance-based emails and Mosquito Hotline messages from the Meadow Creek and Pine Ridge areas in 2025. By comparison, there were zero complaint calls or emails in 2024 due to low water levels. All calls and emails are responded to within 24 hours of receipt if contact information is provided.

In the early part of the season, it typically takes 2-3 weeks for mosquitoes to emerge and disperse following hatching events associated with peak river levels. When rivers rise at slow rates as occurred this year beginning in April and May, mosquitoes may emerge and disperse prior to peak river levels. Thus, the potential timeline for mosquito emergence and dispersal in 2025 likely ranged from June through early July.

MBL remains committed to continuing reconnaissance efforts to identify floodwater mosquito development sites, adaptive site management, and expanding internal knowledge of sites. Expanding public engagement reach may also result in the identification of new sites and the reduction of mosquito larvae in the region. Through these efforts, MBL aims

[7] https://rdck.ca/EN/main/services/environmental-initiatives/mosquito-control-program.html

to further reduce adult mosquito nuisance within the Meadow Creek and Pine Ridge mosquito control program purview.

Direct Communications

Direct communication between MBL staff and the public occurs in many situations. The most common direct interfacing with the public occurs when technicians are in the field. While conducting site visits, MBL technicians are often asked questions by residents which provides an excellent opportunity to assess program residents' observations as well as to disseminate various avenues for contacting MBL's resource information.

MBL staff often provide residents with an outreach pamphlet. (**Image 2**). The pamphlet includes information about the larval control product used, mosquito biology, and personal protective tips. Additionally, these pamphlets identify MBL contact information, including its website address, an email, phone number, and social media sites (Facebook, Instagram).

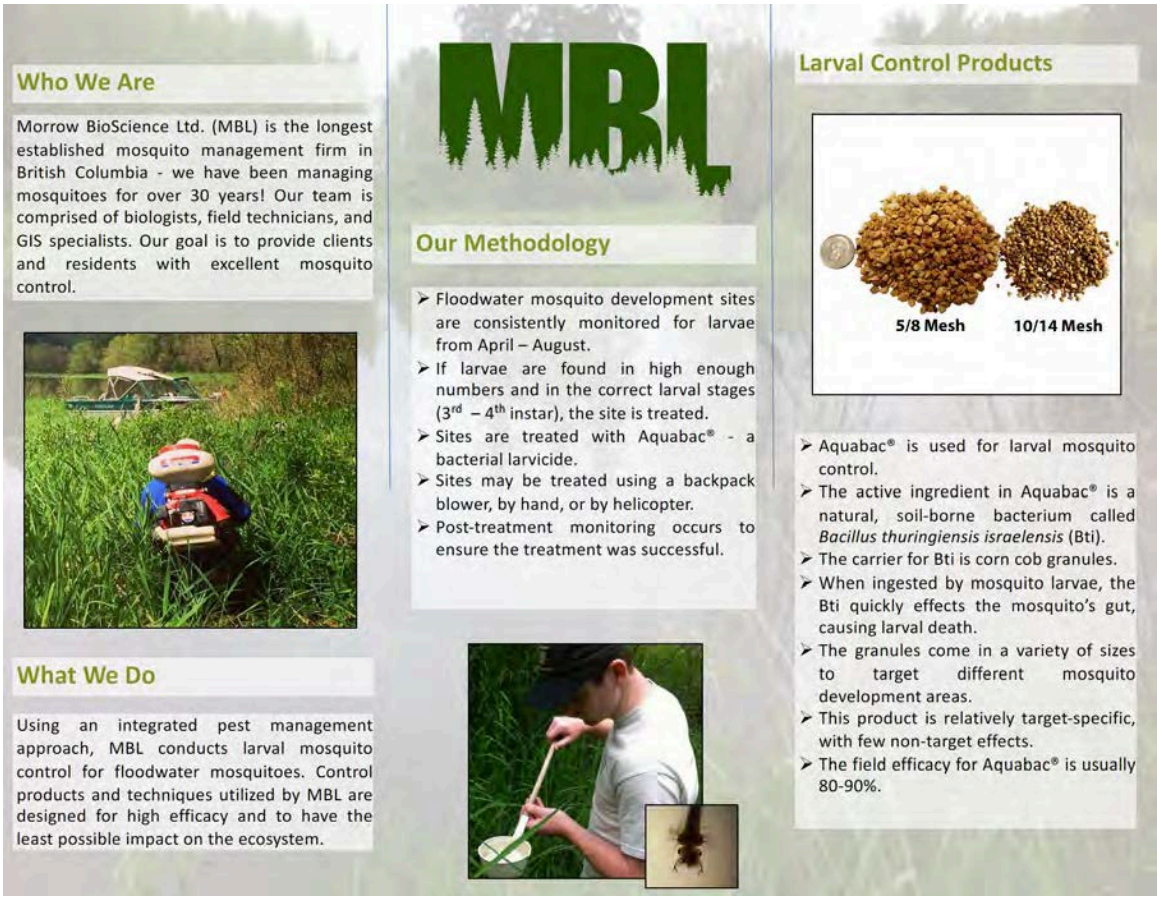


Image 2. MBL education outreach pamphlet.

Public Engagement / Outreach

There are five goals for MBL's social media presence: 1) provide timely and up-to-date information regarding conditions pertinent to mosquito production; 2) relay MBL's current efforts to control mosquitoes; 3) inform the public about MBL's efforts at environmental

sustainability; 4) provide the community with opportunities to get involved with related public events; and 5) offer a platform for mosquito-related discussion amongst program residents and the MBL team.

To provide residents with further avenues of contact, MBL has developed a simple to use "Mosquito Reporter". A link has been provided that allows residents and visitors to easily create a comprehensive, georeferenced mosquito report that staff are able to easily follow up on. We also continue to offer a toll-free Mosquito Hotline (877-986-3363).

MBL's website (**www.morrowbioscience.com**) was launched in 2015 and redesigned in 2025. (**Image 3**). This site was developed to allow clients and the public to have access to information about MBL's background, activities, outreach, and company. To further support residents in contract areas, the homepage includes visible tabs for resources and the contact information. The 'Contact' tab allows users to directly send a message to MBL.

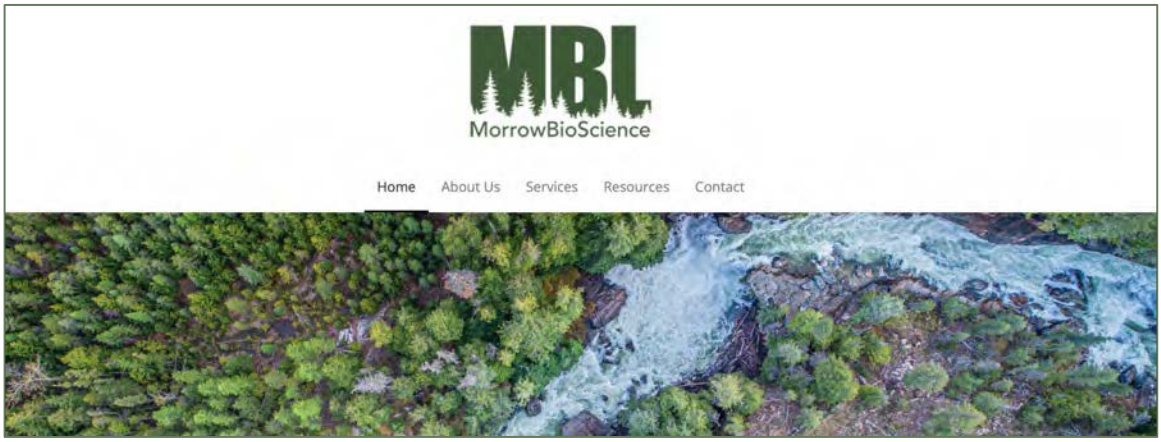


Image 3. Morrow BioScience Ltd. homepage (www.morrowbioscience.com)

The website highlights two sets of FAQs focused on (1) mosquito biology and disease transmission, and (2) the active ingredient used in control efforts (*Bacillus thuringiensis* var. *israelensis*). MBL has added new blogs discussing relevant education outreach topics. Information dedicated specifically to mosquitoes and COVID-19 (published in May 2020) remains available on the website.

In 2023, MBL made the decision to move away from posting on social media. We have found that the negative aspects of social media far outweigh the positive aspects. MBL has, upon request, provided material for the RDCK to post updates for program activities. This was not requested in 2025.

Education

Morrow BioScience Ltd. is available to participate in educational presentations to program residents during which MBL staff engage in discussions, provide key personal protection tips, and distribute informative pamphlets regarding non-pesticide mosquito control strategies and invasive plant management.

West Nile Virus Summary

Although floodwater mosquito species in Canada are not the main West Nile virus (WNv) vectors, it is important to remain current in regional mosquito-related diseases. Monitoring West Nile virus nationally is a joint effort between the Government and its partners, including provincial and territorial ministries of health, First Nations authorities, and blood supply agencies[8]. Along with its partners, Health Canada compiles on-going provincially reported surveillance data of WNv cases in humans, animals, and mosquito pools.

As of the 29 September 2025 update, zero human cases of WNv have been reported originating from British Columbia and four cases have been reported among residents of Canada who became infected while travelling outside of the country.[9]

Washington State and Idaho State share a border with British Columbia, so it is important to follow WNv activity in those areas, as well. According to the Center for Disease Control, as of 7 October, zero human cases of WNv have been reported in Washington and seven in Idaho [10].

BCCDC Mosquito Surveillance Study

In late 2024, four cases of encephalitis, originating from the Sea to Sky corridor of BC, were reported to Vancouver Coastal Health (VCH) and the BC Centre for Disease Control (BCCDC).

In July 2025, VCH and the BCCDC, together with partners from Lilwat Nation, Squamish Nation, and the University of BC, commenced a mosquito surveillance pilot project in the Sea to Sky region to better understand the local mosquito population and the viruses they carry[11]. The study implements the use of Encephalitis Virus Surveillance (EVS) mosquito traps.

Zika Virus Summary

According to the CDC, Canada is not known to have mosquitos that transmit Zika[12]. HealthLinkBC reports that no Zika cases have originated in Canada due to presumed lack of vector mosquito species[13].

[8] Surveillance of West Nile virus - Canada.ca
[9] Seasonal update: Mosquito-borne disease surveillance in Canada — Canada.ca
[10] Current Year Data (2025) | West Nile Virus | CDC
[11] https://www.vch.ca/en/news/new-pilot-project-study-mosquito-population-sea-sky-region
[12] Countries & Territories at Risk for Zika | Zika Virus | CDC
[13] Zika Virus | HealthLink BC

According to Peach (2018), the primary Zika mosquito vectors (i.e., *Aedes aegypti*, *Ae. albopictus*) are not found in British Columbia. *Ae. albopictus* has been found on east coast but tested negative for Zika. There is currently a low risk for Zika virus to circulate within British Columbia.

2026 Program Recommendations

- Budgeting should consider a high-water year for 2026.
- Ground-based treatments should increase in future high-water years.
- Ensure the electronic data entry program is working throughout the season by conducting early and frequent QA/QC evaluations.
- Increase community engagement through phone calls to landowners, mail-out campaigns, field tour, and/or attendance at the Lardeau Valley Sunday Market.
- Notify the Ministry of Environment of the RDCK intent to treat mosquitoes in 2025 under the RDCK Pest Management Plan. Notification should take place 2 months before the start of the season (the end of February at the latest).
- It is important to attach copies of all the mosquito development site maps with the Notice of Intent to Treat (NIT).
- Develop a protocol and information for distribution regarding the introduction of Drones (likely for 2026).

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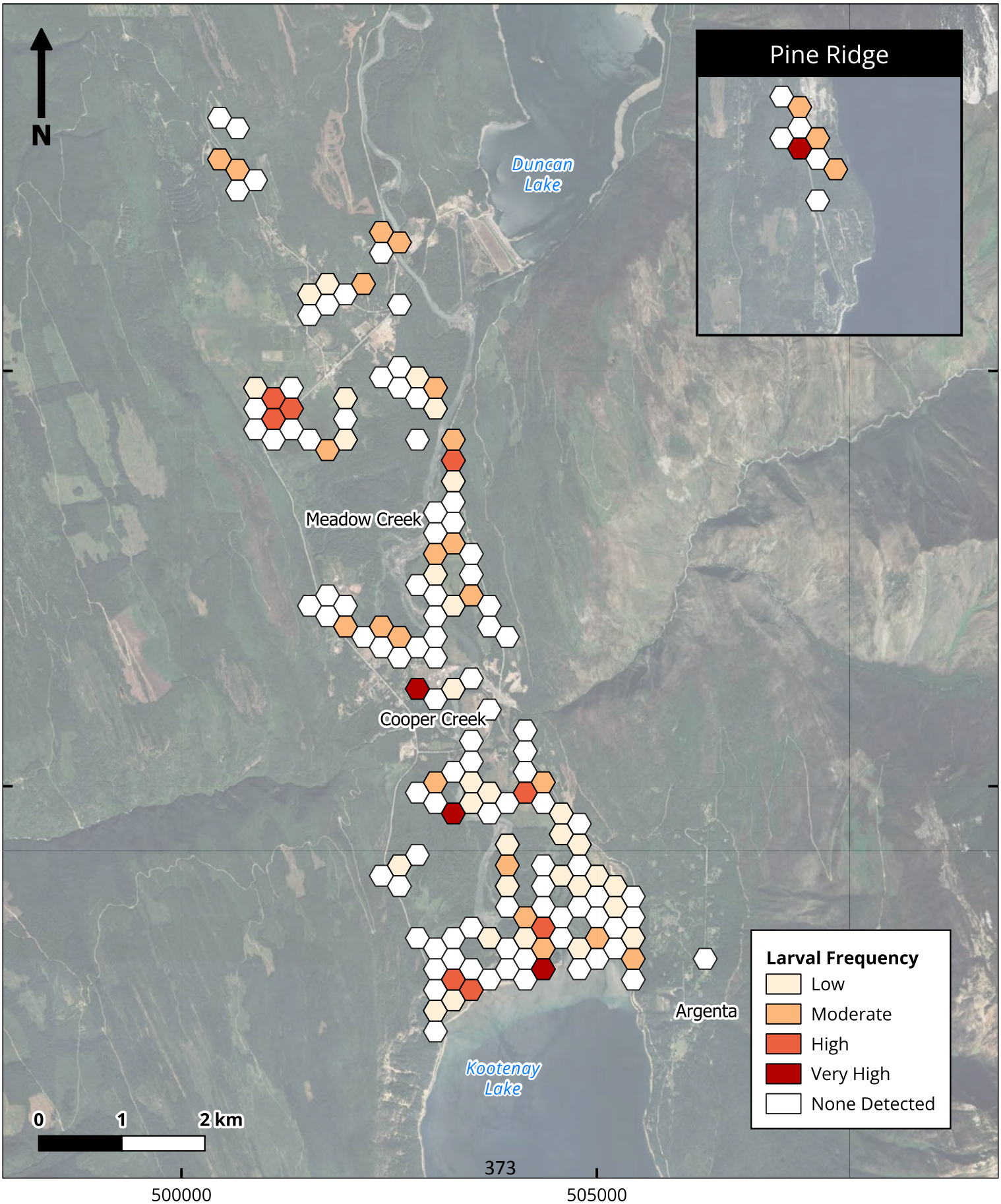
2025 Mosquito Larval Frequency at Sample Locations

Appendix I

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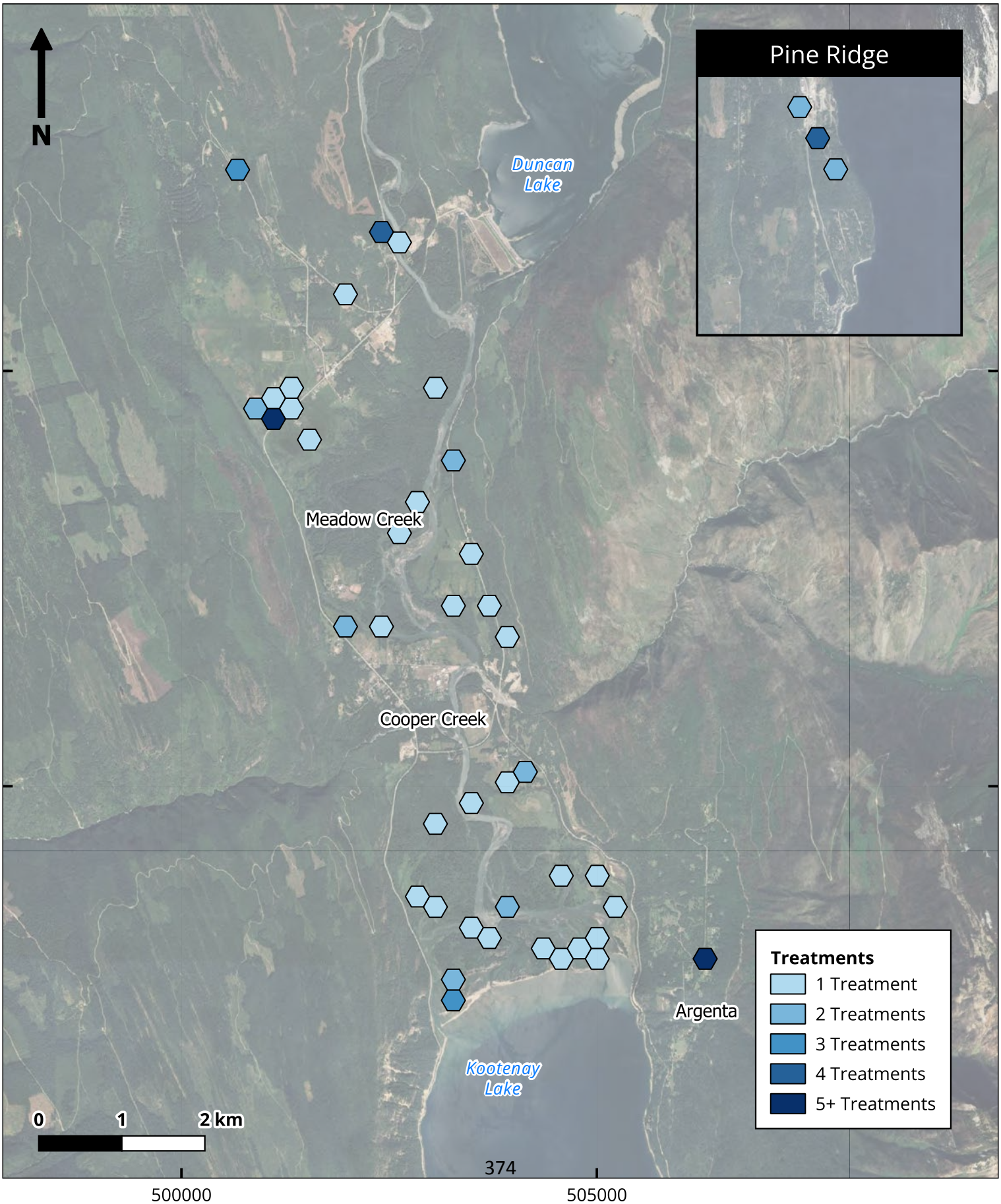
2025 Mosquito Larvicide Treatment Locations

Appendix II

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Board Report

Date of Report:	March 03, 2023
Date & Type of Meeting:	March 16, 2023 Regular Open Board Meeting
Author:	Todd Johnston, Environmental Coordinator
Subject:	2023 MOSQUITO CONTROL PROGRAM 2023-2027 CONTRACT
File:	6030-04
Electoral Area/Municipality	Electoral Areas D

SECTION 1: EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The purpose of this report is to provide the RDCK Board of Directors with a final contract between Morrow Biosciences Ltd. and the Regional District of Central Kootenay for providing the Mosquito Control Program service in a Portion of Electoral Area D and the Pineridge community (the Program) for the period of April 1, 2023 to March 31, 2027 for approval.

SECTION 2: BACKGROUND/ANALYSIS

At the February 16, 2023 Board meeting, a staff report (Attachment A) and proposal from Morrow Biosciences Ltd. (MBL) was presented, which provided detailed information of proposed changes to the Mosquito Control Program service in a Portion of Electoral Area D (Meadow Creek area, Service S184) and the Pineridge community (Service S185), with substantially higher costs and a different model of delivery.

At that meeting, the RDCK Board of Directors passed the following resolution:

131/23 *That the Board direct staff to prepare a five year contract, between RDCK and Morrow BioSciences Ltd. for providing the Mosquito Control Program service in a Portion of Electoral Area D (Meadow Creek area, Service S184) and the Pineridge community (Service S185) between 2023-2027, not to exceed a total of $587,199 (S184) and $52,720 (S185) including 5% contingency and excluding GST, for the duration of the contract.*

Prior to this, on June 16, 2022, the RDCK Board of Directors passed the following resolution:

399/22 *That the Board direct staff to negotiate a five year direct award contract between RDCK and Morrow BioSciences Ltd. for providing the Mosquito Control Program service in a Portion of Electoral Area D (Meadow Creek area) and the Pineridge community in 2023-2027, and that the results be brought back to the Board of Directors for consideration at the August 18, 2022 Board meeting.*

Since the passing of the above two resolutions, Staff have drafted a contract between MBL and the RDCK for delivering the Program between 2023-2027, that contains all of the changes presented to the Board in February (Attachment B).

SECTION 3: DETAILED ANALYSIS

3.1 Financial Considerations – Cost and Resource Allocations:

Included in Financial Plan:	☒ Yes	☐ No	**Financial Plan Amendment:**	☐ Yes	☒ No
Debt Bylaw Required:	☐ Yes	☒ No	**Public/Gov't Approvals Required:**	☐ Yes	☒ No

The total cost for delivery of the Program for the duration of the five year (2023-2027) contract, including a 5% contingency and excluding GST is $587,199 for the service in a Portion of Electoral Area D (Meadow Creek area, Service S184) and $52,720 for the service in the Pineridge community (Service S185).

The details of these costs were provided in the report (Attachment A) presented to the Board February 16, 2023.

3.2 Legislative Considerations (Applicable Policies and/or Bylaws):

See Attachment A.

3.3 Environmental Considerations

See Attachment A.

3.4 Social Considerations:

See Attachment A.

3.5 Economic Considerations:

See Attachment A.

3.6 Communication Considerations:

See Attachment A.

3.7 Staffing/Departmental Workplace Considerations:

See Attachment A.

3.8 Board Strategic Plan/Priorities Considerations:

See Attachment A.

OPTIONS & PROS / CONS

Option 1: That the Board approve the RDCK enter into a Services Agreement with Morrow Bio Science Ltd. for providing the Mosquito Control Program service in a Portion of Electoral Area D and the Pineridge community for the period of April 1, 2023 to May 31, 2028, and that the Chair and Corporate Officer be authorized to sign the necessary documents.

AND FURTHER that the costs be paid from Service S184: Mosquito Control – Area D not to exceed $587,199 and Service S185: Mosquito Control – Pineridge not to exceed $52,720 including 5% contingency and excluding GST.

PROS:

- See Attachment A.

CONS:

- See Attachment A.

Option 2: That the Board NOT approve the RDCK enter into a Services Agreement with Morrow Bio Science Ltd. for providing the Mosquito Control Program service in a Portion of Electoral Area D and the Pineridge community for the period of April 1, 2023 to May 31, 2028.

PROS:

- None identified.

CONS:

- In order to offer an effective mosquito control program for a Portion of Electoral Area D and the Pineridge community, mosquito larvae sampling and pesticide applications need to start in April.

SECTION 5: RECOMMENDATIONS

That the Board approve the RDCK enter into a Services Agreement with Morrow Bio Science Ltd. for providing the Mosquito Control Program service in a Portion of Electoral Area D and the Pineridge community for the period of April 1, 2023 to March 31, 2028, and that the Chair and Corporate Officer be authorized to sign the necessary documents.

AND FURTHER that the costs be paid from Service S184: Mosquito Control – Area D not to exceed $587,199 and Service S185: Mosquito Control – Pineridge not to exceed $52,720 including 5% contingency and excluding GST.

Respectfully submitted,
Todd Johnston – Environmental Coordinator

CONCURRENCE

General Manager of Environmental Services – Uli Wolf	Approved
Chief Administrative Officer – Stuart Horn	Approved

ATTACHMENTS:
Attachment A: RDCK Staff Report: 2023 Mosquito Control Program Contract and 2022 Final Season Report Reporting
Attachment B: Contract #: 2023-043-ENV Mosquito Control Program – Area D/Pineridge

Board Report

Date of Report:	January 31, 2023
Date & Type of Meeting:	February 16, 2023 Regular Open Board Meeting
Author:	Todd Johnston, Environmental Coordinator
Subject:	2023 MOSQUITO CONTROL PROGRAM CONTRACT AND 2022 FINAL SEASON REPORT REPORTING
File:	6030-04
Electoral Area/Municipality	Electoral Areas D

SECTION 1: EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The purpose of this report is to both provide the Board of Directors with the 2022 Annual Report for the Mosquito Control Program delivered in a Portion of Electoral Area D (Meadow Creek area –Service S184) and the Pineridge community (Service S185); and to present the details of a proposal from Morrow Biosciences Ltd., which would significantly modify the current service model and pricing.

SECTION 2: BACKGROUND/ANALYSIS

The RDCK administers and coordinates a Mosquito Control Program (the Program) in a Portion of Electoral Area D (Meadow Creek area) and the Pineridge community south of Kaslo. Most of the Program activity takes place along the north side of Kootenay Lake, Pine Ridge, along the Duncan River, Meadow Creek, and the Marblehead area. The Program uses the methods of Integrated Pest Management to provide mosquito control in an effective, safe, and environmentally responsible manner. Last season, 2022, concludes the 5th year of a five year contract.

Large areas of the mosquito control program are within the Duncan River's and Kootenay Lake's floodplains, and the primary targets of the Program are floodwater mosquito larvae; these mosquitos deposit their eggs on damp substrate that experiences inter-annual flooding.

When freshet or high precipitation events flood these sites, the result are large-scale floodwater mosquito egg hatching.

Morrow Biosciences Ltd. (MBL) technicians monitor these sites for floodwater mosquito larvae to determine the treatment application schedules. Larval mosquitoes in sufficient number are treated by applications of a microbial larvicide product, which contains the active ingredient Bacillus thuringiensis var. israelensis (Bti). Bti is a target-specific larvicide, meaning that the mid-gut receptors in the mosquito larvae are targeted by a toxin protein in the Bti, which is not toxic to any other species excepting black flies.

Aerial (helicopter) applications are used later in the season when more mosquito eggs are triggered to hatch, and when keeping ahead of larvae production through ground-applied treatments becomes more difficult.

2022 Annual Report

The Program has been delivered by MBL for 22 seasons. MBL prepares year-end reports for the RDCK as part of their contract agreement, which they recently submitted for the 2022 season (See Attachment B).

2022 environmental conditions included higher than normal peaks for both the Duncan River and Kootenay Lake, higher April snowpacks in the West Kootenay Basin and the Upper Columbia Basin (101 and 115 percent of normal, respectively), a delayed freshet, local precipitation accumulation for May and June >40 mm above average, and higher peak river and Lake levels; all of which contribute to mosquito production.

Two aerial (helicopter) pesticide applications campaigns were conducted in June, treating a total area of 673 ha with 2,694 kg of Bti.

Ground-applied treatments in Meadow Creek were applied to 90 ha with 361 kg of Bti; ground-applied treatments in Pine Ridge were applied to 4.4 ha, using 17.5 kg of Bti.

High and sustained Duncan River and Kootenay Lake levels created optimal conditions for floodwater mosquito development in 2022, resulting in more concern calls and emails to the MBL.

On May 13, 2022, RDCK collaborated with MBL in hosting a virtual Town Hall for in-program residents, to review the 2021 season, provide information on the program, and discuss issues and concerns, including treatment alerts and communication processes in general.

MBL Proposal for Mosquito Control Services 2023-2027

On June 16, 2022, RDCK Board of Directors passed the following resolution:

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Since the passing of the above resolution, MBL has submitted a proposal (See Appendix B) for the delivery of the 2023-2027 Program, with substantially higher costs and a different model of delivery.

The proposal identifies a need to increase both the frequency and amount of area treated through ground applications of Bti, improve the visibility and interactions between ground crews and the community, and decrease dependence on the use of aerial (helicopter) applications, which in recent years has become less reliable and substantially more expensive.

Certain larger properties in Meadow Creek contain seasonal flood waters which influence the intensity of nuisance mosquito production for other residents in the vicinity; some of these property owners have not allowed access for either aerial or ground Bti treatments, due to a perception of environmental and/or health risks. In addition, there appears to be a growing amount of misinformation circulated within the community about how the Program works and what are realistic expectations for mosquito nuisance reductions in a wetland-influenced community.

Given the conditions described above, MBL has proposed a different model for delivering the program, with a base rate designed to cover additional staffing, and out-of-region support crews to assist with larger treatment applications in a less disruptive manner (than helicopters). Additional ground-application crews should serve to improve the Program optics, and in doing so; invite community input, provide educational opportunities, and promote best practices for homeowners. Improved education and an increased visible Program presence may also encourage voluntary access for treatment on properties owned by people skeptical of Bti use.

The previous base rate was capped at a maximum of 500 Ha of ground and aerial treatments; the proposed base rate would remove that cap and add two ground crew members on an as-needs basis to "front end load" ground-applied treatments, which should offset the amount of aerial applications required. Further, the base rate would cover a portion of additional support crews, pulled from other MBL programs in the province. The proposed base rate will provide more monitoring hours, which should improve strategic applications to higher mosquito production areas. The proposed base rate would also provide compensation for time spent working directly with the community, such as attendance at information sessions, problem solving, and receiving feedback.

The previous base rate, which included aerial treatments, did not fully compensate helicopter costs in 2022, which ran over by $5,000. Unstable fuel prices and inability to guarantee helicopter availability (especially during wildfire season) has made dependence on this mode of application expensive and unreliable; and is the driver for creating a separate budget line for aerial applications. The proposed Program can not entirely replace aerial applications, which are required later in the season when larval hatching is peaking, however rigorous ground-applied treatments, should reduce dependence on aerial applications.

The use of drones for Bti applications has been in development by MBL for several years. The company owns several commercial drones, has developed their skills in the use of this technology, and has all of the Provincial licensing in place. MBL is however experiencing a bureaucratic obstacle in obtaining licensing from the Federal Government, specifically that pesticide containers must have the correct labels identifying acceptable modes of application use as acceptable; if the label doesn't specify drone use, the Federal Government will not issue a license for drone applications. MBL is investigating sourcing Bti from other companies which provide the appropriate labelling, and is seeking support in lobbying the federal government to relax these restrictions.

As the service model proposed has substantial changes from the status-quo, MBL has proposed building in a program review at the two year mark to gauge the effectiveness of the new model in reducing nuisance mosquitos and also public support. Although the Board passed a resolution in June of 2022 to direct award a five year contract with MBL, the issuing of a Request for Proposal for this service is worth considering. It is however, also worth acknowledging that the MBL is the longest-operating mosquito control firm in BC with close to 40 years experience; they began the program in Meadow Creek and Pine Ridge in 2000. Over the past 22 years MBL has developed relationships, and gained region-specific understanding of the geography, history, climate and ecosystems necessary for developing an effective mosquito control program in Meadow Creek and Pine Ridge. It is not likely that a new contractor would be able to immediately pick up where MBL left off; a change to the service provider would likely result a diminished program, at least for the first few years.

SECTION 3: DETAILED ANALYSIS

3.1 Financial Considerations – Cost and Resource Allocations:

Included in Financial Plan:	☒ Yes	☐ No	**Financial Plan Amendment:**	☐ Yes	☒ No
Debt Bylaw Required:	☐ Yes	☒ No	**Public/Gov't Approvals Required:**	☐ Yes	☒ No

Mosquito Control Program funding is included in the Environmental Services 2023 budget considerations. The proposed Program costs, for the five year contract (2023-2027) are significantly higher than those in the previous contract, and as such need to be examined in determining whether to direct award as originally directed or issue a Request for Proposals.

Area D Base Rates - $69,000/year

The Base Rate for the 2023-2027 contract would see a $19,621 increase, with an estimated 2% increase for inflation each successive year of the contract. The previous contract included up to 500 Ha of both ground and helicopter treatments whereas the new base rate would not include helicopter expenses. The proposed contract would however cover all primary field technicians, specifically the current full time technician plus additional part time support technician from a neighbouring program for larval sampling, ground applications, and the guiding and ground support for helicopter aerial applications; and additional field and admin support from both an experienced Nelson-based technician, and the owner of MBL.

Helicopter Rates - $15,000/year (Cost + 18%)

The intention of the proposed pricing is to dedicate more resources towards intensive ground-applied treatments to minimize helicopter use, and ideally keep costs below the budgeted amount. It is not a given that $15,000 will be spent each year on helicopters, and should a particularly challenging season require more than $15,000 in aerial applications, it is hoped that surpluses will be available for carry-over. The 18% is to cover the extra staff, (outside of those covered in the Base Rate); three field staff are required for aerial supports. It is worth noting that in the 2022 season, radical fluctuations in helicopter costs resulted in excessive aerial treatment costs for MBL, creating a ~$5,000 deficit for the company, which were subsidized with community grants from the Area D Director.

Bti Costs (Cost + 12%)

The costs for Operating Supplies is anticipated to remain close to what we have historically paid, with 2% adjustments for inflation.

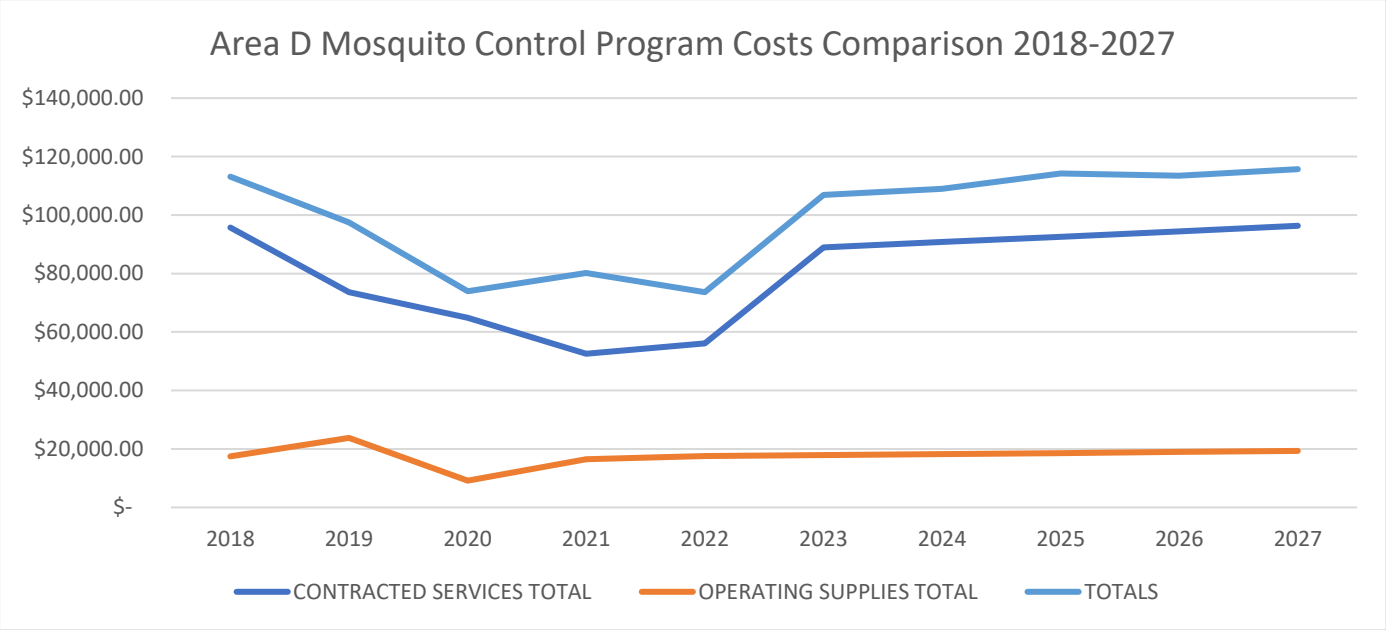
Additional Crews - $38/Ha, capped at $5,000

MBL proposes bringing in experienced crews from other regions, under the guidance of the company owner, to “front end load” ground applications early in the season and minimize helicopter dependence. Moving support ground crews from other MBL programs is typically easier and quicker to arrange than helicopters. MBL has highly trained and experienced field staff who mobilize to different regions as required; East Kootenay ground crews would provide the majority of additional coverage. The proposed base rate should cover most of these costs, however this proposed budget item of $5,000 is intended to cover any overages experienced in higher demand seasons. Additional resources spent on larval treatments is an overall more efficient approach, as it typically reduces required aerial treatments.

The table and chart below provides a comparison summary between the 2018-2022 actual costs and the estimated 2023-2027 costs for Area D, based on the attached proposal from MBL.

	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026	2027
Base Contracted Services	$95,720	$73,652	$64,830	$52,567	$56,098	$69,000	$70,380	$71,788	$73,223	$74,688
Additional Crews						$ 5,000	$ 5,100	$ 5,202	$ 5,306	$ 5,412
Helicopters						$15,000	$15,300	$15,606	$15,918	$16,236
Contracted Services Total	$95,720	$73,652	$64,830	$52,567	$56,098	$89,000	$90,780	$92,596	$94,448	$96,336
Operating Supplies Total	$17,450	$23,779	$9,158	$16,447	$17,535	$17,886	$18,243	$18,608	$18,980	$19,360
PMP				$2,625				$3,000		
Consulting				$8,564						
TOTALS	**$113,170**	**$97,431**	**$73,988**	**$80,203**	**$73,633**	**$106,866**	**$109,023**	**$114,204**	**$113,428**	**$115,697**
5% Contingency						**$112,230**	**$114,475**	**$119,914**	**$119,099**	**$121,481.35**

Grand Total of Five Year Contract, including 5% contingency = $587,199, not including GST.



There are no proposed changes to the Pine Ridge Mosquito Control Program. The table below summarizes the proposed program costs, which starts with a 2% increase of the base rate paid in 2022, and successive 2% increases for each year of the contract.

	2023	2024	2025	2026	2027
Base Contracted Services	$9,648	$9,841	$10, 038	$10,239	$10,444
Base Price with 5% Contingency	$ 10,131	$ 10,333	$ 10,540	$ 10,751	$ 10,966

3.2 Legislative Considerations (Applicable Policies and/or Bylaws):

Mosquito Control Services are provided by Morrow BioSciences Ltd. in accordance with the Ministry of Environment approved Pest Management Plan (PMP 2021-2026).

3.3 Environmental Considerations

N/A

3.4 Social Considerations:

N/A

3.5 Economic Considerations:

The proposed increased costs would make the program more expensive for Area D residents, however some of the price increases could be offset through grant dollars provided by the Area D Director.

3.6 Communication Considerations:

Virtual Town Hall Meeting will be offered to the affected residents in May of 2023 to discuss the MCP program, its challenges, strategies for the 2023 season, and receive feedback from the communities. There have been discussions with two long-term Area D local business operators who are supportive of the program, and have expressed their willingness to play a role in improving communication between the community and the service contractor through advocating for better cooperation with property owners, addressing misinformation, and providing feedback to the contractor on potential treatment areas identified by locals.

3.7 Staffing/Departmental Workplace Considerations:

N/A

3.8 Board Strategic Plan/Priorities Considerations:

Efforts to improve this service address the following strategic objectives of the RDCK Board:

- To Excel in Governance and Service Delivery
- To Strengthen our Relationships with our Community Partners
- To Adapt to Our Changing Climate and Mitigate Greenhouse Gas Emissions

SECTION 4: OPTIONS & PROS / CONS

Option 1: That the Board direct Staff to direct award a five year contract, between RDCK and Morrow BioSciences Ltd. for providing the Mosquito Control Program service in a Portion of Electoral Area D (Meadow Creek area, Service S184) and the Pineridge community (Service S185) between 2023-2027, not to exceed a total of $587,199 (S184) and $52,720 (S185) including 5% contingency and excluding GST, for the duration of the contract.

PROS:

- Morrow BioSciences Ltd. (MBL) have 21 years experience delivering mosquito control programs to many regions in the province, and have developed a specialized niche in delivering this service;
- MBL have demonstrated an ability to work effectively with RDCK Staff and provide quick responses in an unpredictable and quick-changing environment;
- The previous contract between RDCK and MBL was proving to be financially unsustainable for MBL, and did not include all of the actual costs;
- MBL have the relationships established within the community, local employees and own the proper equipment;
- MBL has begun a community engagement process with experienced locals to integrate historical knowledge in to current service delivery, improve community education, and encourage community;
- The increased contract costs would provide compensation for contractor time spent working directly with the community;
- MBL are based in the Kootenays (Rossland).

CONS:

- Putting the contract out to tender may result in a less expensive contract.

Option 2: That the Board direct Staff to issue a Request for Proposal for a five year contract for providing the Mosquito Control Program service in a Portion of Electoral Area D (Meadow Creek area, Service S184) and the Pineridge community (Service S185) between 2023-2027.

PROS:

- A competitive bid may present some cost-effective options for delivering the program.

CONS:

- Staff are not aware of another local company with experience and the assets to deliver a mosquito control program;
- A company based out of a larger urban area will not have the established relationships with the affected community;
- Issuing an RFP is a labour intensive process, which may not result in any viable competitors

SECTION 5: RECOMMENDATIONS

That the Board direct staff to prepare a five year contract, between RDCK and Morrow BioSciences Ltd. for providing the Mosquito Control Program service in a Portion of Electoral Area D (Meadow Creek area, Service S184) and the Pineridge community (Service S185) between 2023-2027, not to exceed a total of $587,199 (S184) and $52,720 (S185) including 5% contingency and excluding GST, for the duration of the contract.

Respectfully submitted,
Todd Johnston – Environmental Coordinator

CONCURRENCE

General Manager of Environmental Services – Uli Wolf	Approved
Chief Administrative Officer – Stuart Horn	Approved

ATTACHMENTS:
Attachment A: Morrow BioScience Ltd. Mosquito Control Program Proposal for 2023-2027 contract.
Attachment B: Morrow BioScience Ltd. Mosquito Control 2022 Year-End Report

Services
Agreement

Contract #: 2023-043-ENV
Project: Mosquito Control Program – Area D/Pineridge
GL Code: See Schedule B
Board Resolution #: 131/23

THIS AGREEMENT executed and dated for reference the:

_____ day of _____, 2023
(Day) (Month) (Year)

BETWEEN

REGIONAL DISTRICT OF CENTRAL KOOTENAY (hereinafter called the "RDCK") at the following address: Box 590, 202 Lakeside Drive Nelson, BC V1L 5R4	**AND**	**MORROW BIOSCIENCE LTD.** (hereinafter called the "Contractor") at the following address: PO BOX 1013 Rossland, BC V0G 1Y0
Agreement Administrator: Todd Johnston Telephone #: 250.352.1523 Email: tjohnston@rdck.bc.ca		Agreement Administrator: Dirk Lewis Telephone: 604.317.1413 Email: dirk@morrowbioscience.com

1 FOR GOOD AND VALUABLE CONSIDERATION, THE RECEIPT OF WHICH IS CONFIRMED, THE RDCK AND THE CONTRACTOR AGREE AS FOLLOWS:

(a) **SERVICES**: The Contractor shall provide the services detailed in Schedule "A" of this Agreement (the "**Services**").

(b) **CHANGES TO SERVICES:** The RDCK and the Contractor acknowledge that it may be necessary to modify the Services, the Project schedule and/or the Budget in order to complete the Project. In the event that the RDCK or the Contractor wishes to make a change or changes to the Services, the Project schedule and/or the Budget it shall notify the other of the proposed change and reason(s) therefore. The party receiving the notification shall review and consider the proposal for change and shall as soon as is reasonably possible and no longer than within five (5) working days, advise in writing the party proposing the change whether it agrees to the change. Where the parties agree to the change, such agreement will form part of this Agreement and be formalized by means of an Agreement Amendment.

(c) **TERM:** Notwithstanding the date of execution of this Agreement the Contractor shall provide the Services described in Schedule A hereof commencing on **April 1, 2023** and ending on **March 31, 2028** (the "**Term**").

(d) **LOCATION:** The location for delivery of the Services shall be Portion of Electoral Area D Mosquito Extended Service Area and Pineridge Subdivision Area.

(e) **CONTRACT PRICE/RATE:** At the rates and on the terms set out in Schedule B.

(f) **BILLING DATE:** Monthly.

(g) Schedules A and B are incorporated into, and form part of this Agreement.

(h) The following terms and conditions are incorporated into, and form part of this Agreement:

THE CONTRACTOR'S OBLIGATIONS

2 The Contractor shall:

(a) Undertake all work and supply all materials necessary to perform the Services, unless stipulated otherwise in Schedule A;

(b) Upon the request of the Regional District of Central Kootenay (herein after called the "**RDCK**") fully inform the RDCK of the work done by the Contractor in connection with the provision of the Services and permit the RDCK at all reasonable times to inspect, review and copy all works, productions, buildings, accounting records, findings, data, specifications, drawings, working papers, reports, documents and materials, whether complete or otherwise, that have been produced, received or acquired by the Contractor as a result of this agreement;

(c) Comply with all applicable municipal, provincial and federal legislation and regulations;

(d) At its own expense, obtain all permits and licenses necessary for the performance of the Services, and on request provide the RDCK with proof of having obtained such licenses or permits;

(e) Promptly pay all persons employed by it;

(f) Not assign this Agreement, not subcontract any of its obligations under this Agreement, to any person, firm or corporation without the prior written consent of the RDCK;

(g) At all times, exercise the standard of care, skill and diligence normally exercised and observed by persons engaged in the performance of services similar to the Services;

(h) At all times, treat as confidential all information and material supplied to or obtained by the Contractor or subcontractor as a result of this Agreement and not permit the publication, release or disclosure of the same without the prior written consent of the RDCK;

(i) Not perform any service for any other person, firm or corporation which, in the reasonable opinion of the RDCK, may give rise to a conflict of interest;

(j) Be an independent Contractor and not the servant, employee or agent of the RDCK;

(k) Ensure all persons employed by it to perform the Services are competent to perform them, adequately trained, fully instructed and supervised;

(l) Accept instructions from the RDCK, provided that the Contractor shall not be subject to the control of the RDCK in respect of the manner in which such instructions are carried out;

(m) At its own expense, obtain Workers Compensation Board coverage for itself, all workers and any shareholders, directors, partners or other individuals employed or engaged in the execution of the Services. Upon request, the Contractor shall provide the RDCK with proof of such compliance;

(n) Be responsible for all fines, levies, penalties and assessments made or imposed under the *Worker's Compensation Act* and regulations relating in any way to the Services, and indemnify and save harmless fines, levies, penalties and assessments;

(o) Ensure that all personnel hired by the Contractor to perform the Services will be the employees of the Contractor and not to the RDCK with the Contractor being solely responsible for the arrangement of reliefs and substitutions pay supervision, discipline, employment insurance, workers compensation, leave and all other matters arising out of the relationship of employer and employee;

(p) Not in any manner whatsoever commit or purport to commit the RDCK to the payment of any money;

(q) Establish and maintain time records and books of account, invoices, receipts, and vouchers of all expenses incurred;

(r) Notwithstanding the provision of any insurance coverage by the RDCK, indemnify and save harmless the RDCK, its successor(s), assign(s) and authorized representative(s) and each of them from and against losses, claims, damages, actions, and causes of action (collectively referred to as "**Claims**"), that the RDCK may sustain, incur, suffer or be put to at any time either before or after the expiration or termination of this Agreement, that arise out of errors, omissions or negligent acts of the Contractor or its subcontractor(s), servant(s), agent(s) or employee(s) under this Agreement, excepting always that this indemnity does not apply to the extent, if any, to which the Claims are caused by errors, omissions or the negligent acts of the RDCK its other contractor(s), assign(s) and authorized representative(s) or any other persons;

(s) Use due care that no person or property is injured and no rights infringed in the performance of the Services, and shall be solely responsible for all losses, damages, costs and expenses in respect to any damage or injury, including death, to persons or property incurred in providing the Services or in any other respect whatsoever;

(t) The Contractor must provide the RDCK with a certificate of insurance upon execution of this Agreement in a form acceptable to the Chief Financial Officer of the Regional District and shall, during the Term of this Agreement, take out and maintain the following insurance coverage:

(i) comprehensive commercial general liability insurance against claims for bodily injury, death or property damage arising out of this Agreement or the provision of the Services in the amount of **$5,000,000 dollars per occurrence** with a **maximum deductible of $5,000**;

~~(ii) professional liability coverage in the amount of **$ Amount of Insurance dollars per occurrence** and **$ Amount of Insurance dollars aggregate,** with a **maximum deductible of $50,000;**~~

~~(iii) pollution/environmental impairment liability insurance in the amount of **$ Amount of Insurance dollars per occurrence** and **$ Amount of Insurance dollars aggregate,** with a **maximum deductible of $50,000;**~~

(iv) Automobile Liability (third party) insurance with a minimum limit of $5,000,000.

Such insurance will:

(v) name the Regional District, its elected officials, employees, officers, agents and others as an additional insured;

(i) include the Contractor's Blanket contractual liability;

(ii) include a Cross Liability clause;

~~(iii) include occurrence property damage;~~

~~(iv) include premises & operations insurance;~~

(v) include a Waiver of Subrogation clause in favor of the RDCK whereby the insurer, upon payment of any claim(s), waives its right to subrogate against the RDCK for any property loss or damage claim(s);

(vi) be primary in respect to the operation of the named insured pursuant to the contract with the RDCK. Any insurance or self-insurance maintained by the RDCK will be in excess of such insurance policy (policies) and will not contribute to it;

(vii) require the insurer not cancel or materially change the insurance without first giving the RDCK thirty days' prior written notice; provided that if the Contractor does not provide or maintain in force the insurance required by this Agreement, the Contractor agrees that the RDCK may take out the necessary insurance and the Contractor shall pay to the RDCK the amount of the premium immediately on demand.

(u) Inspect the site where the Services are to be performed (the "Site") and become familiar with all conditions pertaining thereto prior to commencement of the Services;

(v) Where materials and supplies are to be provided by the Contractor, use only the best quality available;

(w) Where samples of materials or supplies are requested by the RDCK, submit them to the RDCK for the RDCK's approval prior to their use;

(x) Not cover up any works without the prior approval or consent of the RDCK and, if so required by the RDCK, uncover such works at the Contractor's expense; and

(y) Keep the Site free of accumulated waste material and rubbish caused by it or the Services and, on the completion of the Services, leave the Site in a safe, clean and sanitary condition.

THE REGIONAL DISTRICT OF CENTRAL KOOTENAY'S OBLIGATIONS

3 The RDCK shall:

(a) Subject to the provisions of this Agreement, pay the Contractor, in full payment for the Services which in the opinion of the RDCK at the times set out is Schedule B of this Agreement (herein called "**Contract Price**"), and the Contractor shall accept such payment as full payment for the Services;

~~(b) Notwithstanding Subsection 3(a), not be under any obligation to advance to the Contractor more than 90% of the Contract Price for Services rendered in accordance with Schedule A to the satisfaction of the RDCK. The 10% holdback shall be retained and paid back in accordance with the *Builder Lien Act*;~~

~~(c) Providing that it is not in breach of any of its obligations under this Agreement, holdback from the Contract Price in addition to the 10% holdback contemplated in Subsection 3(b), sufficient monies to~~

~~indemnify the RDCK completely against any lien or claim of lien arising in connection with the provision of the Services;~~

(d) Make available to the Contractor all available information considered by the RDCK to be pertinent to the Services;

(e) Give the Contractor reasonable notice of anything the RDCK considers likely to materially affect the provision of the Services; and

(f) Examine all studies, reports, sketches, proposals and documents provided by the Contractor under this Agreement, and render decisions pertaining thereto within a reasonable time.

TERMINATION OF AGREEMENT

4 In the event of a substantial failure of a party to perform in accordance with the terms and conditions of this Agreement, it may be terminated by the other party on five (5) days' written notice.

5 The RDCK may, at its sole discretion, terminate this Agreement on ten (10) days' notice, and the payment of funds required to be made pursuant to Section 6 shall discharge the RDCK of all of its liability to the Contractor under this Agreement.

6 Where this Agreement expires or is terminated before 100% completion of the Services, the RDCK shall pay to the Contractor that portion of the Contract Price which is equal to the portion of the Services completed to the satisfaction of the RDCK prior to expiration or termination.

7 Where the Contractor fails to perform or comply with the provisions of this Agreement the RDCK may, in addition to terminating this Agreement, pursue such remedies as it deems necessary.

GENERAL TERMS

8 The RDCK shall be the sole judge of the work, material and the standards of workmanship in respect of both quality and quantity of the Services, and his decision on all questions in dispute with regard thereto, or as to the meaning and intentions of this contract, and as to the meaning or interpretation of the plans, drawings and specifications, shall be final, and no Services shall be deemed to have been performed as to entitle the Contractor to payment therefrom, until the RDCK is satisfied therewith.

9 The RDCK certifies that the Service purchased pursuant to this Agreement are for the use of and are being purchased by the RDCK and are therefore subject to the *Excise Tax Act* (Canada).

10 This Agreement shall be governed by and construed in accordance with the laws of the Province of British Columbia.

11 Time shall be of the essence of this Agreement.

12 Any notice required to be given hereunder shall be delivered or mailed by prepaid certified or registered mail to the addresses above (or at such other address as either party may from time to time designate by notice in writing to the other), and any such notice shall be deemed to be received 72 hours after mailing.

13 This Agreement shall be binding upon the parties and their respective successors, heirs and permitted assigns.

14 A waiver of any provision or breach by the Contractor of any provision of this Agreement shall be effective only if it is in writing and signed by the RDCK.

15 A waiver under Section 14 shall not be deemed to be a waiver of any subsequent breach of the same or any other provision of this Agreement.

16 Everything produced, received or acquired (the "**Material**") by the Contractor or subcontractor as a result of this Agreement, including any property provided by the RDCK to the Contractor or subcontractor, shall:

(a) be the exclusive property of the RDCK; and

(b) be delivered by the Contractor to the RDCK immediately upon the RDCK giving notice of such request to the Contractor.

17 The copyright in the Material belongs to the RDCK.

18 The RDCK may, at its discretion, notify the Contractor that the terms, amounts and types of insurance required to be obtained by the Contractor hereunder be changed.

19 Where the Contractor is a corporation, it does hereby covenant that the signatory hereto has been duly authorized by the requisite proceedings to enter into and execute this Agreement on behalf of the Contractor.

20 Where the Contractor is a partnership, all partners are to execute this Agreement.

21 Sections 2 b), i), j), r), and 17 of this Agreement will, notwithstanding the expiration or earlier termination of the Term, remain and continue in full force and effect.

~~**22** Parts 2, 3 and 4 of the Request for Quote/Request for Proposals/Invitation to Tender of the RDCK dated [Date] and the Contractor's Quote/Proposal/Bid provided in response are hereby incorporated into and forms part of this Agreement.~~

23 Except as expressly set out in this Agreement, nothing herein shall prejudice or affect the rights and powers of the RDCK in the exercise of its powers, duties or functions under the *Community Charter* or the *Local Government Act* or any of its bylaws, all of which may be fully and effectively exercised as if this Agreement had not been executed and delivered.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF the parties hereto have duly executed this Agreement as of the day and year first above written.

REGIONAL DISTRICT OF CENTRAL KOOTENAY	**MORROW BIOSCIENCE LTD.**
(Signature of Authorized Signatory)	(Signature of Authorized Signatory)
Mike Morrison, Corporate Officer (Name and Title of Authorized Signatory)	(Name and Title of Authorized Signatory)
(Signature of Authorized Signatory)	(Signature of Authorized Signatory)
Aimee Watson, Board Chair (Name and Title of Authorized Signatory)	(Name and Title of Authorized Signatory)

SCHEDULE A: SERVICES

The Contractor shall supply mosquito control services for the areas outlined in Portion of Electoral Area D Mosquito Extended Service Area Bylaw No. 1293 and Pineridge Subdivision Area Mosquito Control Bylaw No. 1642.

Mosquito Control Program shall consist of (but not be limited to):

- Staffing of one on-site “Lead Mosquito Control Technician” plus two additional part time Mosquito Control Technicians, from other MBL programs to provide support as required, to meet the performance requirements outlined in the agreement.
- Coordinate the Mosquito Control Program, including: aerial and ground application equipment; aerial application crew; procurement and transportation of larvicide; provision of associated application equipment; and the identification of breeding sites by ground or aerial means.
- Supply the necessary training for any new staff members (if any) to qualify to write the "BC Mosquito and Biting Fly Pesticide Applicators Certification" exam. Training will also include discussions of the various regulations for the proper and safe transportation, storage and use of pesticides.
- Survey and classify the control area by ground and air if necessary. Determine larval breeding sites and take and identify larval samples. Records and maps indicating bodies of water, physical characteristics, presence of predators, dip count details and determination of treatment shall be maintained.
- Monitor breeding sites within the control area to determine if treatment is required.
- Pre- and post-monitoring of larval populations to determine the pesticide induced mortality rates.
- Treat affected areas by ground and aerial application. Mosquito control will be initiated within an appropriate timeframe to control detected larval populations.
- Maintain records and maps indicating areas treated, pesticide application parameters, complaints, inquiries and inventories for pesticides, equipment and program costs.
- Operation of a public “hotline” to report mosquito activity.
- Conduct public relations in a timely and professional manner.
- Operation of an informative Mosquito Control Website to disseminate general mosquito facts as well as specific program information.
- Participate in Town Hall Meetings and other community engagement projects deemed necessary to educate the affected residents and improve access to private properties with floodwaters for treatment, and overall community participation (e.g., reporting areas with suspected high larval production) and acceptance.
- Make recommendations to the RDCK for improvements to the program.
- Documentation to the RDCK including year-end report and maps of the control area.
- At any time, Morrow BioScience Ltd. will avail its staff to speak to the staff and politicians of the RDCK or other stakeholders to:
    - Provide data,
    - Provide or receive feedback,
    - Provide relevant information and provide response to questions or concerns.

The Mosquito Control Services shall be provided in accordance with the principles of Integrated Mosquito Management and as generally described below

Timeline / Staff Commitment

The timing of activities for the mosquito control program vary depending upon the prevailing environmental conditions, but generally unfold as follows:

- Larval Sampling and Surveillance: April 1 – September 15
- Ground Larvicide Treatments: April 15 – August 15
- Aerial Larvicide Treatments: May 15 – Jul 30
- Annual Report: by October 31

MBL's Lead Mosquito Control Technician is officially employed between April 1 and September 30 and is always on hand during that timeframe. This translates to a minimum of 600+ hours. However, as this role employs a local resident, the position should generally be made available outside those dates to respond the issues (attend meetings etc.) which may arise.

Mosquito Surveillance: General

Mosquito Surveillance will be conducted in accordance with Integrated Pest Management principles and in cooperation with the RDCK and the BC Centre for Disease Control (although not specifically a 'West Nile Virus Program', surveillance information relevant to WNV will be shared with the BCCDC). This strategy is to be divided into pre-emergent and post-emergent strategies.

Pre-emergent surveillance consists of larval dip sampling in known mosquito development sites and exploration for new, unmapped sites. New sites will be mapped and added to a regular monitoring schedule.

Post-emergent surveillance (performed only if required) consists of adult mosquito trapping using CDC light traps (the same as those used by the BC Centre for Disease Control), site surveillance, and incorporation of public input.

Larval Mosquito Sampling and Surveillance

Larval monitoring for all mosquito development sites will be performed on a weekly basis. The process of larval monitoring will consist of site exploration, dip sampling, species identification, and tabulation of the results. Site access will be gained by land, boat, or helicopter. When threshold levels of larval mosquito activity are detected and/or exceeded treatment activities will be initiated. All details concerning larval sampling and surveillance will be recorded for reference purposes.

Adult Mosquito Trapping and Surveillance

Adult monitoring will be conducted, as required, using CDC UVB Light Traps at predetermined locations. The traps will be used to determine species distribution and abundance. Adult monitoring can help to determine whether there have been sufficient efforts during larval surveillance and control and identify measures to correct any deficiencies. Examples of information to be gained from adult trapping may include:

- **abundant adult mosquitoes:** perhaps indicating a missed development site adult species distribution not matching known larval distribution, perhaps indicating that inappropriate sites (and corresponding species) have been targeted;
- **lack of adult mosquitoes:** indicating appropriate larval control measures have been undertaken.

All details concerning adult monitoring and surveillance will be tabulated for reference purposes.

Surveillance of River Levels, Snowpack, Rainfall, and Temperature

Rainfall, river levels, snowpack, and temperature all play important roles in mosquito development and are always considered during the control season. These parameters enable the MBL some predictive abilities in terms of identifying major mosquito production periods.

Keeping track of these parameters will assist Morrow BioScience Ltd. in timing larvicide applications to match ideal conditions for treatment.

Mosquito Control Operations

Mosquito control operations are typically divided into larval control and adult control. As an integral portion of a comprehensive program, these features (particularly the adult control) are usually the most controversial. Ideally, a good program will be able to control mosquitoes while in their larval stages. Adult control has not been conducted in this program during the time that Morrow has conducted it, nor is it anticipated in the future.

Larvicide Application

It is the goal of Morrow to control mosquitoes exclusively in their larval stages using Bacillus thuringiensis israeliensis (B.t.i) larvicide. B.t.i. is a naturally occurring bacterium, toxic to mosquito and blackfly larvae, but having no adverse effects on non-target organisms at the rates used.

The granular product will be used in snowmelt pool and river floodwater situations where larval mosquitoes have been identified. It will be applied either by hand, backpack blower or, when the scale warrants, by helicopter. Helicopter treatments allow large areas to be treated in a timely manner as is required during a river flooding event.

GIS Data Management and Analysis

All field data (monitoring, treatment, etc.) will be collected using a dedicated application developed by MBL on field mobile devices. This data will be synchronized daily and available for the RDCK to view at the end of each day.

Unique to MBL will be the geo-tagged location of each larval dip, allowing program staff and clients to see exactly where field technicians have been, where floodwaters have moved to, and what is happening with larval development. We feel that this is a key to showing real-time accountability.

A web portal is set up to provide clients with near real-time access to all field activities. The portal will be in a webmap format that will have for an easy to visualize representation of surveillance and treatment activities, along with access to detailed site information.

All data collected is available to the RDCK at any time in any format requested.

Public Relations / Education / Communications

All public meetings, information phone lines, and client meetings regarding nuisance mosquitoes are included in the contract price.

Morrow BioScience Ltd. will operate a mosquito control hotline. This service will allow residents to call and

report mosquito nuisance in their area. The local mosquito control technician will respond all calls within 24 hours or sooner.

Morrow BioScience Ltd. has an informative web site (www.morrowbioscience.com) that provides background mosquito information, personal protection information, links to related sites (Health Canada, BC Centre for Disease Control etc.), as well as contact numbers and a dedicated e-mail address for mosquito comments and concerns.

Equipment

A partial list of equipment which would be provided by MBL, as required, to execute the contract, is as follows:

- Heavy duty pick-up truck
- Small boat
- All terrain vehicle
- Light Traps (up to 6 available)
- Larval mosquito surveillance dippers
- Helicopter services anticipated to be sub-contracted through Kootenay Valley Helicopters, however the sub-contractor is subject to change based on availability and market conditions.

Reporting

MBL recommends that three reports are provided as a baseline for each year; a pre-season report, a mid-season summary, and a final detailed end-of-season analysis and report. Real-time access to up-to-date activities (treatments, monitoring, and river levels) will be available at anytime through a dedicated secure portal.

SCHEDULE B: CONTRACT PAYMENT TERMS

1 Total budget shall exceed a total of $587,199 (S184) and $52,720 (S185) including 5% contingency and excluding GST for the duration of the Agreement.

2 Invoices to be submitted monthly.

The following contract number and GL code(s) **must** be quoted on the invoice(s):
Contract Number: 2023-043-ENV
GL Code: Account: 54030 / WorkOrder (see below)

WorkOrder: OPR291-100: Service S184 Meadow Creek

	2023	2024	2025	2026	2027
Base Contracted Services	$69,000	$70,380	$71,788	$73,223	$74,688
Additional Crews	$5,000	$5,100	$5,202	$5,306	$5,412
Helicopters	$15,000	$15,300	$15,606	$15,918	$16,236
Contracted Services Total	$89,000	$90,780	$92,596	$94,448	$96,336
Operating Supplies Total	$17,886	$18,243	$18,608	$18,980	$19,360
PMP			$3,000		
Consulting					
TOTALS	$106,866	$109,023	$114,204	$113,428	$115,697
5% Contingency	$112,230	$114,475	$119,914	$119,099	$121,481.35

WorkOrder: OPR292-100: Service S185 Pineridge

	2023	2024	2025	2026	2027
Base Contracted Services	$9,648	$9,841	$10, 038	$10,239	$10,444
Base Price with 5% Contingency	$10,131	$10,333	$10,540	$10,751	$10,966

Invoices should be emailed to ap@rdck.bc.ca, with the contract administrator identified on the first page of this contract in cc.

3 Invoices to be paid on net 30 day term.

4 The Contractor's GST number must be included on invoices where GST is applicable, in which case, GST shall also be listed as a separate line item.

5 The Contractor's name on the invoice must match the name identified in the first page of this contract.

6 Invoices for work performed in the calendar year shall be emailed to ap@rdck.bc.ca, with the contract administrator identified on the first page of this contract in cc, no later than January 15th of the following year.

APPENDIX A: CONTRACTOR'S RATES

AREA D MOSQUITO CONTROL AREA

Annual Base Contract Price: $69,000**
Covers all primary field technicians (1.5 positions) including one full time Lead Mosquito Control Technician plus0.5 additional field support from a Mosquito Control Technician and admin and field support from Dirk L.). Base rate does not cover helicopter costs.

Primary field technician costs Includes salaries, disbursements, equipment, ground transportation, and treatments, monitoring/surveillance, mapping, data collection and management, advertising, meetings, consultation etc.

Additional Crews Price: $38/Ha; cap at $5,000
Experienced crews brought in from other programs under MBL's guidance. Overages during higher demand periods and/or seasons i.e., larval treatment application hours above and beyond the 1.5 full time hours of Lead Mosquito Control Technician and support Staff.

Helicopter Rates - $15,000/year (Cost + 18%)
Available funding for aerial applications. The 18% is to cover the extra staffing required for aerial supports.
Bti Pesticide Costs (Cost + 12%)
Operating Supplies with 2% annual adjustments for inflation.

PINERIDGE SUBDIVISION MOSQUITO CONTROL AREA

Annual Total Contract Price: $9,648**
(includes all salaries, disbursements, equipment, pesticides, ground transportation, monitoring/surveillance, mapping, data collection and management, advertising, meetings, consultation etc.)

Note - Prices above do not include taxes.
Monthly invoices will be provided. Terms 15 days.
Morrow is the Western Canadian distributor for the mosquito larvicide, Aquabac 200G.
Larvicide will be stored in Meadow Creek with additional supply available from Morrow inventory in Rossland, BC.

Charge-Out Rates for Additional Work
Mosquito Control Technicians: $50/hour
Biologist – Dirk Lewis: $100/hour
GIS work – Barry McLane: $80/hour
Research and Outreach – Morgan Sternberg: $100/hour
Travel: $0.65/km

Pest Management Plan
All consultation and management of the Pest Management Plan renewal (to take place beginning January 2025) will be included for a one-time fee of $3,000. To be billed separately upon successful renewal of the PMP (est. March 2025).

***Annual price increases for "Area 'D' Annual Base Contract Price" and for "Pineridge Annual Total Contract Price" will be 2% per annum beginning 2024. (Area D = 2024-$109,023, 2025-$114,204, 2026 - $113,428, 2027 - $115,697).*

APPENDIX B: CONTRACTOR'S PROPOSAL

Ministry of Environment and Climate Change Strategy

Annual Use Report for Confirmation Holders

FORM REFERENCE CODE: EPD-IPM-02.2

INSTRUCTIONS:

The annual use report for a calendar year must be submitted to the Ministry of Environment & Climate Change Strategy by January 31 of the next calendar year.

Please do not complete this form if you are a:

- Licence holder reporting *annual sales* information - instead use **Annual Summary of Pesticide Sales**
- Licence holder reporting *annual use* information - instead use **Annual Use Report for Licence holders**
- Licence holder that has treated more than 20 hectares of private forest land and is reporting annual use information - instead use **Annual Use Report for Pesticide User Licence Holders reporting treatment on more than 20 ha of private forest land**

This report must be submitted to the ministry by email at IPMReporting@gov.bc.ca. Files in PDF format are preferred.

Please follow this format when naming the subject line of your email:

- YYYY AUS Confirmation#
- E.g. 2020 AUS 126-233-20-25

Maps must be submitted electronically with this form. If large files prevent email submission, please use the ministry's File Transfer Service. Instructions are located here: http://www.env.gov.bc.ca/csd/imb/soft/soft.shtml.

Section 1: Reporting Year Confirmation Holder Information

Report for the Year (YYYY) 2025

Confirmation Number	698-0005-21-26			1
Confirmation Holder Name	Regional District of Central Kootenay			2
Address	Unit # / Street 202-Lakeside Drive			3
	City Nelson	Province BC	Postal Code V1L 6B9	4
Contact First and Last Name	Todd Johnston			5
Contact Numbers *e.g. (999) 999-9999*	Phone 250.352.1523	Mobile		6
Email Address	tjohnston@rdck.bc.ca			7

Section 2: Treatment Location

Describe the treatment location and attach one or more maps identifying the gross boundaries of the treatment location. The map(s) should contain enough detail for the ministry to be able to locate the treatment location(s) with respect to towns, major roads or other named geographic features.

The geographic boundaries of the Program are, at this time, limited to public and private lands within the following existing program areas:

• The floodplain area below the Duncan Dam, between the south end of Duncan Lake and the north end of Kootenay Lake. Within this floodplain are the following communities: Duncan Dam, Meadow Creek, and Cooper Creek.
• Within the boundary of the RDCK bylaw 1642 for the Pineridge subdivision area.

Most mosquito development sites are located in floodwater areas and rainwater catchments associated with the Duncan and Lardeau Rivers, and the head of Kootenay Lake.

☒ Map(s) provided electronically with this report

Section 3: Annual Summary of Pesticide Use

- An annual summary is required each year a confirmation is held even if no pesticides were applied during that calendar year. If multiple confirmations are held, an annual summary is required for each confirmation number.
- Report all non-excluded class pesticides used over the previous calendar year (January 1 – December 31).
- Please enter information accurately. A common mistake is recording an incorrect *P.C.P. Act* Registration Number.
- The only acceptable units for reporting quantities used are kilograms (kg) of product (not "jugs", "cases", "L", "mL" etc.). Record the amount used from the product container before mixing. Do not report diluted quantities. Do not report the quantity of active ingredient. For this report you may consider 1 L of product to weigh 1 kg.
- If pesticide was applied by a licensee as a service for the confirmation holder, please provide the name(s) and the Pesticide User License Number(s) of each company that provided the service.

☐ **Check this box if no applications were completed this year.**

	Name of the company that provided the service	Pesticide User Licence Number
1.	Morrow BioScience Ltd	259
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If more space is needed, please attach an additional page.

Pesticide Product Name	Active Ingredient(s)	P.C.P. Registration Number	Quantity Used (kg)	Size of area treated (ha)[1]	Method(s) of application
Vectobac 200G	bacillus thuringiensis is	18158	310	77.5	ground application
Vectobac 200G	bacillus thuringiensis is	18158	1456	364	helicopter
			Total area treated with pesticides (ha):	441.5	

[1]Report the total area treated for pesticide used to manage: forest pests on public or private land used for timber production; vegetation on facilities or rights of way for railways, highways, public utilities and pipelines on public or private land or other industrial sites on public land; and invasive or noxious weeds on public land. Total area treated does not need to be reported for other pesticide uses.

Section 4: Annual Summary of Non-Pesticide Pest Controls

Report all methods of non-pesticide controls used and the size of the area treated in hectares (ha). Examples of acceptable non-pesticide control methods are listed below.

Please choose one or more of the following non-pesticide control options: brush mats, burning, deer repellent/browsing guards, excavating, girdling, hand pulling, manual brushing, mechanical removal, mosquito traps, sheep grazing, or stem bending/knockdown.

☒ **Check this box if no non-chemical methods were used.**

Non-pesticide control method(s)	Size of area treated (ha)
Choose from one of following options	
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Choose from one of following options	
Total area treated with non-pesticide pest controls (ha):	

Section 5: Authorization Declaration

I am:	☐ A confirmation holder ☒ Signing on behalf of the confirmation holder	1
Certification:	☒ I certify that this is an accurate and true summary of the pesticides used by this confirmation holder for the 12 months ending December 31.	2
Reporting Year:	2025	3

Full Name:	Dirk Lewis	4
Title:	Owner	5
Signature:	Dirk Lewis	6
Date signed: *(YYYY / MM / DD)*	2026-01-27	7

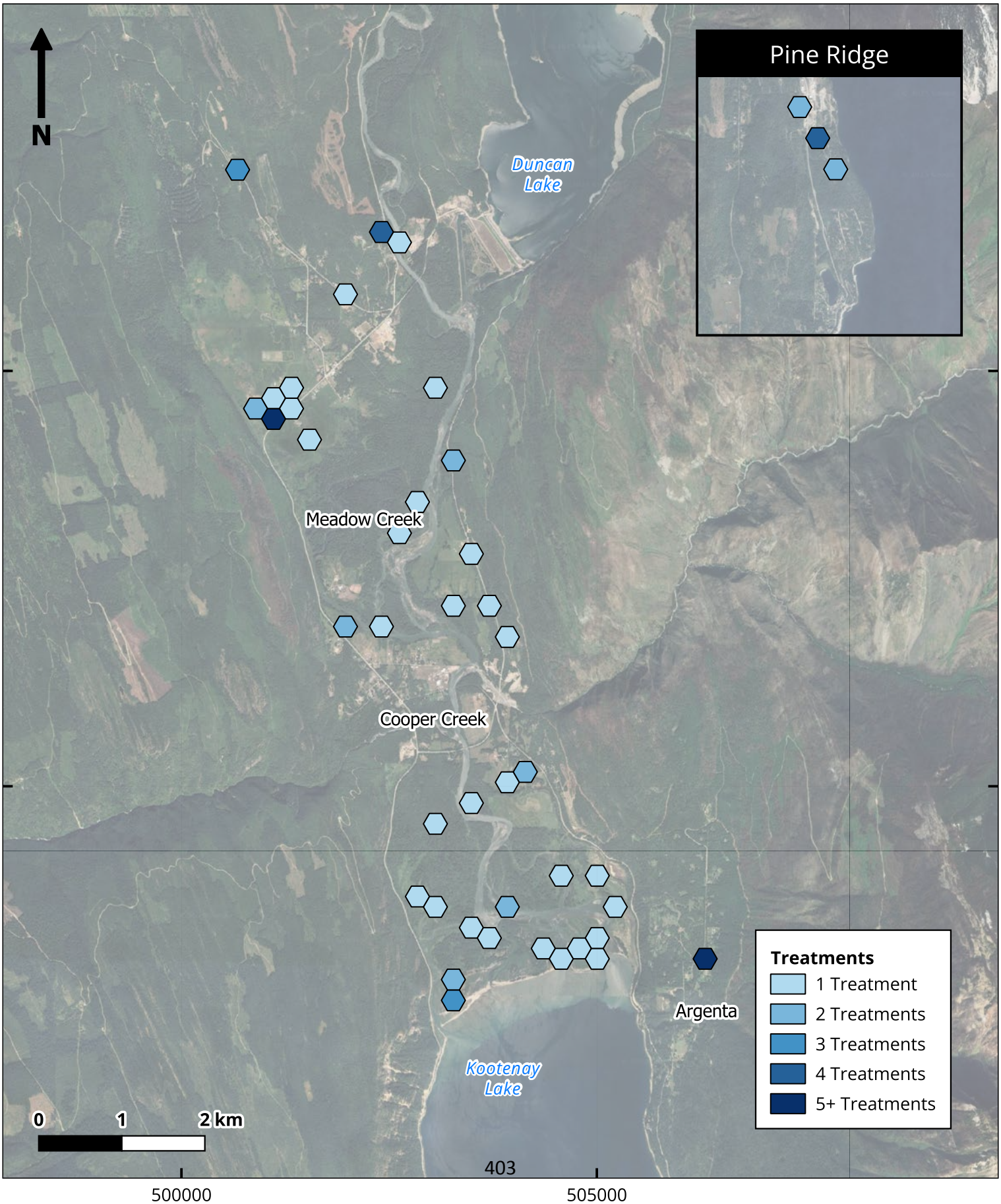
2025 Mosquito Larvicide Treatment Locations

Appendix II

Morrow BioScience Ltd
PO Box 1013 Rossland, BC V0G 1Y0
gis@morrowbioscience.com 1(877)986-3363

Scale = 1 : 60,000 CRS = NAD83 UTM Zone 11N

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Ministry of Environment and Climate Change Strategy

Notice of Intent to Treat for Confirmation Holders

FORM REFERENCE CODE: EPD-IPM-06.3

INSTRUCTIONS:

A confirmation holder must submit a Notice of Intent to Treat to the Ministry of Environment and Climate Change Strategy at least 21 days before the first use of pesticides in a calendar year.

Please submit the Notice of Intent to Treat (this form) electronically to IPMReporting@gov.bc.ca. Files in PDF format are preferred.

Please follow this format when naming the subject line of your email:

- YYYY NIT Confirmation#
- E.g. 2020 NIT 126-343-19-24

Maps and additional information must be submitted electronically with this form. If large files prevent email submission, please use the ministry's File Transfer Service: http://www.env.gov.bc.ca/csd/imb/soft/soft.shtml.

Section 1: Confirmation Holder Information

Confirmation Number as issued by the ministry	RDCK-PMP-2026-2031			1
Confirmation Holder Name Exactly as it appears on the Confirmation	Regional District of Central Kootenay			2
Address	Unit # / Street 202 Lakeside Drive			3
	City Nelson	Province BC	Postal Code V1L5R4	4
Contact First and Last Name	Todd Johnston			5
Contact Numbers *e.g. (999) 999-9999*	Phone (250) 352-1523	Mobile		6
Email Address	tjohnston@rdck.bc.ca			7

Section 2: Authorized Agent Information

The confirmation holder may authorize an agent to deal with the ministry directly on future aspects of this registration. This section must be completed in full if an agent is used. An agent is a person who is not an employee of the confirmation holder.

Agent's Company Legal Name *as registered with the BC Registrar of Companies*	Morrow BioScience Ltd			1
Doing Business As *if different than above*				2
Agent's Last Name	Lewis			3
Agent's First Name	Dirk			4
Agent's Title	Owner			5
Mailing Address	Unit # / Street PO Box 1013, 2615 Columbia Ave			6
	City Rossland	Province BC	Postal Code V0G1Y0	7
Contact Numbers *e.g. (999) 999-9999*	Phone (604) 317-1413	Mobile		8
Email Address	dirk@morrowbioscience.com			9

In this section:

"confirmation holder" means the applicant as identified in section 1 of this form;

"agent" means the agent as identified in section 2 of this form.

I/we (the confirmation holder) hereby authorize the above-named agent to deal with the ministry directly on all aspects of this Notice.

Confirmation Holder Name *NOT the Agent*	Regional District of Central Kootenay	10
Date signed *(YYYY / MM / DD)*		11
Signature of Confirmation Holder		12

Section 3: Treatment Location Information

Treatment Year (YYYY) 2026

Please provide a general description of the treatment locations for the year below
For example, regional district, nearest community, watershed The geographic boundaries of the Program are, at this time, limited to public and private lands within the following existing program areas: " The floodplain area below the Duncan Dam, between the south end of Duncan Lake and the north end of Kootenay Lake. Within this floodplain are the following communities; Duncan Dam, Meadow Creek, and Cooper Creek. " Within the boundary of the RDCK bylaw 1642 for the Pineridge subdivision area.

Provide a description of the proposed treatment for each treatment area, including the pesticide to be used and the method(s) of application in the provided table.

- Treatment location identifier refers to where the pesticide is to be used. (e.g. cutting permit and block # in forestry; lease site identifier in oil & gas; mile-markers for railway, etc.)
- Treatment locations noted should be identified on an attached reference map.
- Use an additional page if further description is required.
- As an alternative to filling out the table below, it is acceptable to submit an Excel file or other spreadsheet, provided that the data is submitted in the same format as the table below and is accompanied by the completed and signed form.

Treatment location identifier	Pesticide product name	Active ingredient(s)	P.C.P. Registration Number	Size of area treated (ha)[1]	Method(s) of application
ısonal snown	Vectobac 200G	ıs thuringensis israel	18158	1,500	backpack, RPAS, helicopt
ısonal snown	Vectobac 1200L	ıs thuringensis israel	21062	500	backpack, RPAS
seasonal snowmelt	Vectolex CG	bacillus sphaericus	28008	500	backpack, RPAS

Treatment location identifier	Pesticide product name	Active ingredient(s)	P.C.P. Registration Number	Size of area treated (ha)[1]	Method(s) of application
Total area treated with pesticides (ha):				2,000	

Section 3: Map

A map or diagram must be submitted that identifies the proposed treatment locations that are listed in the table above. This map or diagram does not need to go down to the level of detail that would show exact treatment areas and the geographic features that require a pesticide-free zone (PFZ) or a no-treatment zone. This type of detailed map must be prepared and retained by the confirmation holder and must be provided to a ministry inspector upon request. However, if the confirmation holder chooses, it is acceptable to submit these detailed maps with this Notice of Intent to Treat. For example, this may be the case if the confirmation holder is sending the Notice of Intent to Treat to other stakeholders as well.

This information should be consistent with the pest management plan and the pesticide use notice that relate to this confirmation.

☒ **Map is attached to this form or provided as an electronic attachment.**

Section 4: Wood Poles

Only complete this section if you intend to treat wood poles as a confirmation holder.

Number of poles proposed to be treated:

Section 5: Authorization Declaration

I am:	☐ A confirmation holder ☒ An agent	1
Certification:	☒ I declare that the information contained on this form is complete and accurate.	2
Reporting Year:	2026	3

Full Name:	Dirk Lewis	4
Title:	Owner	5
Signature:	Dirk Lewis	6
Date signed: *(YYYY / MM / DD)*	2026-04-01	7

Aimee Watson
RDCK Director of Electoral Area D

September 8, 2025

Honourable Tamara Davidson
Minister of Environment and Parks
PO BOX 9063
VICTORIA, BC, V8W 9E2

Dear Minister Davidson:

RE: REQUEST TO EXPEDITE THE DEVELOPMENT OF A DRONE CERTIFICATION PROCESS IN BC

As the Area D Director for North Kootenay Lake, where the RDCK has two mosquito abatement programs, I am writing to you about large commercial drones capable of transforming our contracted mosquito control services. The purpose of my letter is to highlight the current limitations for the use of this important tool that our contractors are currently unable to utilize, as there is not yet a certification process or category specific for drone applications

Commercial drones have been on the horizon since 2015. At that time contractors could not use them in any pesticide application work, primarily because drones were not on the pesticide labels, which is a Federal requirement.

Since 2015, however, safety and efficiency has dramatically improved, and Transport Canada now has regulations and protocol that guide the use of commercial drones; many contractors have gone through the licensing and training processes in preparation.

Many registered pesticides now have updated RPAS (Remotely Piloted Aerial Systems) labels allowing for application by drones, with more pesticides currently being reviewed for label changes.

Commercial drones will positively transform the mosquito control industry, and deliver on many priorities highlighted in the mandate letters issued at the start of your terms:

1. **Employment:** Contractors will need to hire and train crews to operate and maintain the drones.
2. **GHG contributions:** replacing helicopters with drones will significantly reduce the operational reportable GHG as the drones are electric.

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Phone: 250.304.5842| Email: awatson@rdck.ca | Fax: 250.352.9300

3. **Tax Burden:** Drones can be operated at a small fraction of the cost of helicopters, where costs for fuel and insurance, as well as demand for their use, have risen dramatically in the past decade.

Pesticide applicators for mosquito control are required to undergo training and certification processes developed and administered by the province in which the work will take place. Despite successful certification models operating in many provinces, this certification is still not available in BC. The delay in providing this in BC has serious ramifications.

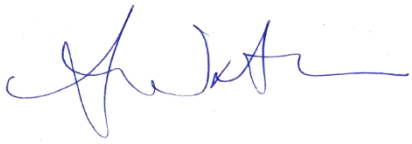
Increased drought and fires are now limiting the availability of helicopters for lower priority pesticide applications. This is further exacerbated by climate impacts on the timing and severity of annual overland flooding during Spring freshet.

The gap in helicopter availability traps communities in their homes due to un-liveable mosquito conditions, creates economic impacts for tourism and other businesses unable to operate, and increases health risks for the locals that are prevented from living active lives.

The good news is we have a solution. The ability to use commercial drones will not only improve the control of mosquitoes by enabling less business interruptions, reducing the pressure on the helicopter resources available for front-line fire fighting, and reducing the tax burden on communities relying on mosquito control; but will also significantly reduce the emissions from use of helicopters.

Please consider expediting the development of a drone certification process in BC.

Respectfully,



Aimee Watson
Area D Director

COPY:

1. **Hon. Randene Neill**
   Minister of Water, Land and Resource Stewardship, Powell River-Sunshine Coast
   Randene.Neill.MLA@leg.bc.ca
2. **Hon. Lana Popham**
   Minister of Agriculture and Food, Saanich South
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Board Report

June 18, 2026

RDCK – BC Transit 2026-27 Annual Operating Agreement

Author:	Tom Dool, Research Analyst
File Reference:	8020/20
Electoral Area/Municipality:	All Areas
Services Impacted	S234 Creston Valley Transit, S237 Castlegar and Area Transit, S238 North Shore Slocan Valley Transit, and S239 Kootenay Lake West Transit

1.0 STAFF RECOMMENDATION

That the Board approve the RDCK enter into an Annual Operating Agreement with British Columbia Transit for the provision of a Public Passenger Transportation System for the period of April 1, 2026, to March 31, 2027, and that the Chair and Corporate Officer be authorized to sign the necessary documents.

2.0 BACKGROUND/HISTORY

Background

The 2026-27 Annual Operating Agreement (AOA), effective from April 1, 2026, to March 31, 2027, formalizes the partnership between the Regional District of Central Kootenay (RDCK) and BC Transit for the provision of public transit services within the RDCK. This agreement outlines the operational, financial, and administrative responsibilities of both parties. It incorporates detailed schedules covering service specifications, fare structures, and budget allocations for Creston Valley and West Kootenay Transit. The AOA ensures compliance with provincial legislation, establishes cost-sharing mechanisms, and provides a framework for dispute resolution, privacy protection, and service continuity, ensuring the delivery of accessible and efficient transit services across the RDCK.

Creston Valley Transit

Creston Valley Transit System, serves the Town of Creston and defined portions of Electoral Areas A, B, and C. The Paratransit Service model offers a high degree of flexibility allowing the provision of local fixed-route, curb-to-curb, door-to-door, and regional Health Connections services under a single agreement.

West Kootenay Transit

West Kootenay Transit is a partnership between the Regional District of Central Kootenay, Regional District of Kootenay Boundary (RDKB), and the City of Nelson. The Annual Operating Agreement is specific to those portions of the RDCK serviced by West Kootenay Transit. This includes Areas A, D, E, F, G, H, I, J, K, Castlegar, Kaslo, Nakusp, Nelson, New Denver, Salmo, Silverton, and Slocan. Service to these jurisdictions is provided through the Nelson 555, Kootenay West Para 530, Kootenay Boundary 520 Conventional, and Kootenay Boundary 525 Custom Operating Areas.

3.0 PROBLEM OR OPPORTUNITY DESCRIPTION

To continue to provide public transit services within the Regional District, the BC Transit Act requires Regional District authorization of the 2026-27 Annual Operating Agreement.

The BC Transit Act provides basic guidelines regarding the relationship between BC Transit and Local Governments throughout the province for the provision of 58 different transit services. This act provides guidance to BC Transit and Local Government partners regarding, cost shares, taxation, governance, roles, and responsibilities, and means by which to settle disputes. These matters are not subject to negotiation because they are enshrined in Provincial legislation.

As per the BC Transit Act, to ensure the ongoing provision of public transit services the RDCK and BC Transit must enter into an annual operating agreement. 2026-27 AOA provides details about the relationship between BC Transit and the Regional District and the provision of transit services within the Regional District. This includes types of service, fares, services levels, and costs. The AOA contains those transit related matters that are at the discretion of the Board.

3.1 Alignment to Board Strategic Plan

Consideration of the service levels and costs associated with BC Transits operating contracts, as described in the Annual Operating Agreement, demonstrates the Boards commitment excellence in governance.

3.2 Legislative Considerations

The BC Transit Act provides the roles and responsibilities of Operations Contractors, BC Transit, and Local Government Partners. This includes the sharing of transit operating and capital costs.

As per the BC Transit Act, the continued provision of public transit services in the Regional District requires that the Board authorize signing of the 2026-27 AOA.

As per the BC Transit Act, if a municipality fails or refuses to enter into an agreement that BC Transit considers necessary for the purposes of this Act, the Lieutenant Governor in Council may, on the recommendation of BC Transit, establish the contents of the agreement and order that it be binding on the parties named in it.

The Board has committed to funding its portion of 2026 operating and capital costs with the adoption of 5 Year Financial Plans for transit funding services.

BC Transit has committed to funding its portion of the 2026-27 operating and capital costs with the adoption of the provincial budget.

3.3 What Are the Risks

Not signing the 2026-27 Annual Operating Agreement will result in the Regional District being in contravention of the BC Transit Act. As per the Act the Lieutenant Governor in Council may, on the recommendation of BC Transit, establish the contents of the agreement and order that it be binding on the parties named in it.

4.0 PROPOSED SOLUTION

That the Board authorize signing of the 2026-27 AOA with BC Transit based on its support for the continued provision of transit services by BC Transit and the positive alignment of costs in the 2026-27 AOA with contract amounts in the 2026-2030 Financial Plan.

4.1 Financial Considerations of the Proposed Solution

The shared cost model, defined in the BC Transit Act, reduces the cost of public transit for local government partners through cost sharing with the Provincial Government. Shared costs include operating costs, rolling stock lease fees, and capital costs exclusive of transit shelters and stops. All revenues are used to reduce operating costs for local government.

The total cost of operations for Creston Valley Para Transit is $587,792. The local government's share of operations is $336,316. That amount is inclusive of $102,501 in Health Connections Services. The contract cost to the Regional District is $233,815 or 40% of the total operating cost.

The total cost of operations for Kootenay West Para Transit is $2,932,839. The local government's share of operations is $1,752,213. That amount is inclusive of $273,898 for Health Connections Services. The contract cost to the Regional District is 60% of the total operating cost.

The total cost of operations for the Regional District portion of Nelson Conventional Transit is $819,186. The Regional District share of operations is $436,708 or 53% of the total operating cost.

The combined cost of operations for the Regional District portion of Kootenay Boundary Conventional and Custom Transit is $1,071775. The Regional District share of operations is $536,077 or 50% of the total operating cost.

Cost increases are largely attributed to vehicle lease fee rates which have increased by 5% in all categories compared to 2025/26 rates.

The expiry of the Federal Government Public Transit Infrastructure Fund credit at the end of the 2025/26 fiscal year also will affect costs, resulting in a higher year over year increase to vehicle lease fees. Vehicle lease fee rates are scheduled to increase by 5% in all categories compared to 2025/26 rates.

However, the Federal Canada Public Transit Fund has committed $3.9 Million to be dispersed to West Kootenay Transit over the next 10 years, starting in 2026. Credits from the Canada Public Transit Fund’s Baseline Funding stream have not been accounted for in AOA budgets as discussions regarding eligible cost areas are still ongoing.

4.2 Risks with the Proposed Solution

There are no risks associated with the proposed solution.

4.3 Resource Allocation and Workplan Impact

The Annual Operating Agreement and BC Transit Act define the roles and responsibilities of Local Government, BC Transit, and Operating Companies. Without the partnership created through the Annual Operating Agreement, Local Government would be required to staff and fund a Transit Department to provide Public Transit Services at a cost of $5.7 million to local taxpayers.

4.4 Measuring Success

Measurements of success include

1. Continued provision of public transit services in the Regional District;
2. Positive alignment between BC Transit cost estimates and Local Government budgets; and
3. Continuation of the current cost-sharing model.

5.0 OPTIONS CONSIDERED BUT NOT PRESENTED

The Board may decline to authorize the signing of the Annual Operating Agreement. This would be a contravention of the BC Transit Act and result in intervention by the Provincial Government.

6.0 RECOMMENDATION

That the Board approve the RDCK enter into an Annual Operating Agreement with British Columbia Transit for the provision of a Public Passenger Transportation System for the period of April 1, 2026, to March 31, 2027, and that the Chair and Corporate Officer be authorized to sign the necessary documents.

Respectfully submitted,
Tom Dool, Research Analyst

CONCURRENCE

Corporate Officer – Mike Morrison	Approved
Chief Administrative Officer – Stuart Horn	Approved

ATTACHMENTS:
Attachment A – 2026-27 RDCK-BCT Annual Operating Agreement (AOA)

ANNUAL OPERATING AGREEMENT

between

Regional District of Central Kootenay

and

British Columbia Transit

Effective
April 1, 2026

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ANNUAL OPERATING AGREEMENT

April 1, 2026 – March 31, 2027

BETWEEN: **Regional District of Central Kootenay**
(the "Municipality")

AND: **British Columbia Transit**
(the "Authority")

WHEREAS the Authority is authorized to contract for transit services for the purpose of providing and maintaining those services and facilities necessary for the establishment, maintenance and operation of a public passenger transportation system in the Transit Service Area;

WHEREAS the Municipality is authorized to enter into one or more agreements with the Authority for transit services in the Transit Service Area;

WHEREAS the parties hereto have entered into a Transit Service Agreement which sets out the general rights and responsibilities of the parties hereto;

WHEREAS the Municipality and the Authority are authorized to share in the costs for the provision of a Public Passenger Transportation System pursuant to the *British Columbia Transit Act*;

AND WHEREAS the parties hereto wish to enter into an Annual Operating Agreement which sets out, together with the Transit Service Agreement, the specific terms and conditions for the Public Passenger Transportation System for the upcoming term.

NOW THEREFORE THIS AGREEMENT WITNESSETH that in consideration of the premises and of the covenants hereinafter contained, the parties covenant and agree with each other as follows:

SECTION 1: DEFINITIONS

Unless agreed to otherwise in the Annual Operating Agreement, the definitions set out in the Transit Service Agreement shall apply to this Annual Operating Agreement including:

a) *"Annual Operating Agreement"* shall mean this Annual Operating Agreement and any Annual Operating Agreement Amendments negotiated and entered into by the parties subsequent hereto;

b) *"Transit Service Agreement"* shall mean the Transit Service Agreement between the parties to this Annual Operating Agreement, including any amendments made thereto;

c) *"Incurred"* means an event or transaction has taken place for which an obligation to pay exists, even if an invoice has not been received, such that the underlying evidence indicates there is little or no discretion to avoid the obligation. The value of the obligation is to be calculated in accordance with recognized Canadian accounting standards.

SECTION 2: INCORPORATION OF SCHEDULES

All schedules to this agreement are incorporated into the agreement, and form part of the agreement.

SECTION 3: INCORPORATION OF TRANSIT SERVICE AGREEMENT

Upon execution, this Annual Operating Agreement shall be deemed integrated into the Transit Service Agreement and thereafter the Transit Service Agreement and Annual Operating Agreement shall be read together as a single integrated document and shall be deemed to be the Annual Operating Agreement for the purposes of the *British Columbia Transit Act*, as amended from time to time.

SECTION 4: TERM AND RENEWAL

a) The parties agree that the effective date of this agreement is to be April 1, 2026, whether or not the agreements have been fully executed by the necessary parties. Once this agreement and the associated Transit Service Agreement are duly executed, this agreement will replace all provisions in the existing Transit Service Agreement and Master Operating Agreement with respect to the rights and obligations as between the Authority and the Municipality.

b) Upon commencement in accordance with Section 4(a) of this agreement, the term of this agreement shall be to March 31, 2027, except as otherwise provided herein. It is acknowledged by the parties that in the event of termination or non-renewal of the Annual Operating Agreement, the Transit Service Agreement shall likewise be so terminated or not renewed, as the case may be.

c) Either party may terminate this agreement as follows:

   i. Cancellation by the Authority: In the event that the Authority decides to terminate this Agreement for any reason whatsoever, the Authority shall provide at least one hundred and eighty (180) days prior written notice. Such notice to be provided in accordance with Section 10.

   ii. Cancellation by the Municipality: In the event that the Municipality decides to terminate this Transit Service Agreement for any reason whatsoever, and by extension the Annual Operating Agreement, the Municipality shall provide at least one hundred and eighty (180) days prior written notice. Such notice to be provided in accordance with Section 12.

SECTION 5: FREEDOM OF INFORMATION AND PROTECTION OF PRIVACY ACT

This Agreement and the parties hereto are subject to the provisions of the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act* (FOIPPA). Any information developed in the performance of this Agreement, or any personal information obtained, collected, or stored pursuant to this Agreement, including database information, shall be deemed confidential and subject to the provisions of FOIPPA including the handling, storage, access and security of such information. Confidential information shall not be disclosed to any third party except as expressly permitted by the Authority or pursuant to the requirements of FOIPPA.

SECTION 6: SETTLEMENT OF DISPUTES

In the event of any dispute arising between or among the parties as to their respective rights and obligations under this Agreement, or in the event of a breach of this Agreement, the parties agree to use their best efforts to find resolution through a mediated settlement. However, in the event that mediation is not successful in finding a resolution satisfactory to all parties involved, any party shall be entitled to give to the other notice of such dispute and to request arbitration thereof; and the parties may, with respect to the particular matter then in dispute, agree to submit the same to a single arbitrator in accordance with the applicable statutes of the Province of British Columbia.

SECTION 7: MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS

a) Amendment: This agreement may only be amended in writing as signed by the Municipality and the Authority and specifying the effective date of the amendment.

b) Assignment: This Agreement shall not be assignable without prior written consent of the parties.

c) Enurement: This Agreement shall be binding upon and enure to the benefit of the parties hereto and their respective successors.

d) The parties agree that this agreement is in substantial compliance with all relevant legislative requirements to establish the rights and obligations of the parties as set out in the *British Columbia Transit Act*.

e) BC Transit acknowledges receipt of a copy of the Community Transit Partnership Agreement between the Municipality and the Interior Health Authority (the "Partner") effective April 1, 2005. BC Transit hereby provides written consent for the Municipality to enter into the Community Transit Partnership Agreement provided, however, that:

   i. In the event the Partner provides one year's notice of its intention to terminate the Community Transit Partnership Agreement, the Municipality will immediately notify the Authority in writing of such termination;

   ii. In the event the Partner provides the Municipality with a payment in lieu of providing notice of termination pursuant to Section 4 of the Community Transit Partnership Agreement, the Municipality will immediately forward to BC Transit the full amount of such payment, without set-off whatsoever; and,

   iii. In the event the Partner provides the Municipality with payment in accordance with the subsection above, and the Municipality fails or neglects to forward such payment to the Authority, the Authority shall have the right to include such amount in its monthly invoice to the Municipality for immediate payment by the Municipality.

SECTION 8: LOCAL CONTRIBUTIONS AND RESERVES

British Columbia Transit service is provided using a cost-sharing model. Where any transit-related contributions are received and/or third-party revenues are earned that are in excess of expenses, the Authority is required to hold these excess funds in a reserve account for use against transit-related expenditures in future years. When unanticipated expenditures occur that were not included in the budget and cannot be covered by reserves, the Authority will seek to recover these based on the cost-sharing ratios between the Municipality and the Authority.

Eligible Operating Expenses

The Authority will invoice the Municipality and collect on monthly invoices based on incurred eligible operating expenses to provide Transit Service. Eligible operating expenses are comprised of the following costs of providing Public Passenger Transportation Systems:

a) For *Conventional Transit Service:*
   i. the operating costs for providing Conventional Transit Service excluding interest and amortization;
   ii. the amount of any operating lease costs of BC Transit for Conventional Transit Services;
   iii. the amount of the municipal administration charge not exceeding 2% of the direct operating costs payable under an Annual Operating Agreement;
   iv. an amount of the annual operating costs of the authority not exceeding those costs payable under an Annual Operating Agreement;

b) For *Custom Transit Service:*
   i. the operating costs for providing Custom Transit Service excluding interest and amortization, but including the amount paid by the Authority to redeem taxi saver coupons issued under the Taxi Saver Program after deducting from that amount the amount realized from the sale of those coupons;
   ii. the amount of any operating lease costs of the Authority for Custom Transit Service;
   iii. the amount of the municipal administration charge not exceeding 2% of the direct operating costs payable under an Annual Operating Agreement; and,
   iv. an amount of the annual operating costs of the authority not exceeding those costs payable under an Annual Operating Agreement;

c) Eligible operating expenses exclude the costs of providing third-party 100%-funded services.

d) Annual operating costs of the Authority are operations, maintenance and administration costs that are for the shared benefit of all transit systems operated by the Authority. These costs are allocated to each transit system on a pro rata basis, based on the nature of the costs.

Lease Fees

The Authority will invoice the Municipality and collect on monthly invoices for lease fees on tangible capital assets owned by the Authority that are used in the provision of transit service. Lease fees are comprised of the following:

a) The Municipality's fee for use of the asset, including for the costs of acquisition, construction, development and betterment of the asset and the costs of installing the asset at the location and condition necessary for its intended use;

b) Debt financing and risk-related charges or costs payable on assets;

c) Payment into a reserve fund for preventative maintenance and major repair of assets owned or leased by the authority;

d) Amounts sufficient for the Authority to recover all other costs relating to the asset, including, but not limited to taxes and administrative charges.

Where lease fees are received that exceed actual asset-related expenses in any given period, these will be placed in a pooled reserve. This reserve will be used to offset against future lease fees as outlined above.

Reserve Funds

The Authority will establish the following for each transit system to record the contributions that have been received but not yet earned as follows:

a. **Local Transit Fund:** Contributions by the Municipality towards eligible operating expenses that have been received but not matched with a Provincial share contribution will be deferred in the Local Transit Fund.
    i. Any expenditure of monies from the Local Transit Fund will:
        1. only be credited towards the Municipality's share of expenses for the transit system for which it was collected.
        2. be applied to reduce Municipal invoices at the discretion of the Municipality as agreed to under the Annual Operating Agreement or amendments as required.
    ii. The Local Transit Fund may be used towards lease fees.
    iii. The Authority will provide a quarterly statement of account of the Local Transit Fund balance including contributions, amounts utilized and interest earned.

SECTION 9: GOVERNING LAW

This agreement is governed by, and shall be construed in accordance with, the laws of the Province of British Columbia, with respect to those matters within provincial jurisdiction, and in accordance with the laws of Canada with respect to those matters within the jurisdiction of the Government of Canada.

SECTION 10: COUNTERPARTS

This contract and any amendment hereto may be executed in counterparts, each of which shall be deemed to be an original and all of which shall be considered to be one and the same contract. A signed facsimile or PDF copy of this contract, or any amendment, shall be effective and valid proof of execution and delivery.

SECTION 11: NOTICES AND COMMUNICATIONS

All notices, claims and communications required or permitted to be given hereunder shall be in writing and shall be sufficiently given if personally delivered to a designated officer of the parties hereto to whom it is addressed where an electronic signed document is emailed to the parties or if mailed by prepaid registered mail to the Authority at:

British Columbia Transit
c/o Executive Assistant, Strategy, Planning and Public Affairs
PO Box 9861
520 Gorge Road East
Victoria, BC V8W 9T5

and to the Municipality at:

Regional District of Central Kootenay
202 – Lakeside Drive
Nelson, BC V1L 5R4

and, if so mailed, shall be deemed to have been received five (5) days following the date of such mailing.
IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties have hereunto set their hand this _____ day of _____, 2026.

Regional District of Central Kootenay

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British Columbia Transit

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Vice President, Strategy, Planning and Public Affairs

_____
Vice President, Finance and Chief Financial Officer

SCHEDULE A: FARES

West Kootenay Transit System

Conventional Fixed-Route Transit:

Single Ride:

All	$2.25
Children 12 and under	Free

Day Pass:

All	$4.50

10 Rides:

Adult/Student/Senior	$20.25

Passes:

30-Day Adult Pass	$60.00
30-Day Concession Pass*	$45.00
Semester Pass**	$125.00

BC Bus Pass valid for the current calendar year and available through the Ministry of Housing and Social Development.

CNIB Pass available from the local office of the CNIB.

BC Transit Employee Bus Pass

(*) Reduced fare with valid I.D. for persons 65, reduced fare for students in full-time attendance to Grade 12 and post-secondary students.

(**) Available with valid I.D. to students in full-time attendance to Grade 12 and post-secondary students.

Custom Transit:

	Nelson	Castlegar	Boundary
Registered Users, Companions	$2.00	$2.50	$2.50
Attendants Accompanying Registered Users	Free	Free	Free
Registered Users 12 and under	Free	Free	Free
Tickets (20 trips)	$40.00	$50.00	$50.00

Creston Valley Transit System

Fixed Route Local Service:

a) Cash Fares:

Passenger	$1.00
Children, 12 and under	Free

b) BC Bus Pass valid for the current calendar year and available through the Government of British Columbia BC Bus Pass Program.

c) CNIB Identification Card available from the local office of the CNIB.

d) BC Transit Employee Bus Pass

HandyDART: One-way trip

Registered Passengers	$1.50
Companions	$1.50
Attendants	Free
Registered Children, 12 and under	Free

Note: Visitors may register for temporary handyDART service. Proof of registration in another jurisdiction or proof of eligibility is required.

Health Connections - Creston/Cranbrook:

Passengers, one way	$2.50
Children, 12 and under	Free

SCHEDULE B: SERVICE SPECIFICATIONS

West Kootenay Transit System

Kootenay Lake West Paratransit Service

Transit Service Area: The boundaries of Central Kootenay Transit Service Area (Kootenay Lake West) shall be all municipalities and electoral areas included in the Regional District of Central Kootenay Kootenay Lake West Transit Service Establishment Bylaw No. 1783, 2005 as amended.

Annual Service Level: for the Regional District of Central Kootenay shall be **15,700** Service Hours

Kootenay Boundary Conventional Transit Service (West Kootenay Transit System)

Transit Service Area: The boundaries of the Kootenay Boundary Transit Service Area shall be the area encompassed by the Municipal boundaries of the City of Trail, the City of Rossland, the Village of Montrose, the Village of Fruitvale, the Village of Warfield and all of the area encompassed by the boundaries of Regional District of Kootenay Boundary Electoral Areas A and B. The boundaries of the Kootenay Boundary Transit Service Area shall also include the City of Castlegar and defined portions of Regional District of Central Kootenay Electoral Areas I an J as specified in Regional District of Central Kootenay Local Transit Service Area Establishment Bylaw 1359, 1999.

Annual Service Level: for the Regional District of Central Kootenay shall be **4,100** Service Hours

Kootenay Boundary Custom Transit Service (West Kootenay Transit System)

Transit Service Area: The boundaries of the Kootenay Boundary Transit Service Area shall be the area encompassed by the Municipal boundaries of the City of Trail, the City of Rossland, the Village of Montrose, the Village of Fruitvale, the Village of Warfield and all of the area encompassed by the boundaries of Regional District of Kootenay Boundary Electoral Areas A and B. The boundaries of the Kootenay Boundary Transit Service Area shall also include the City of Castlegar and defined portions of Regional District of Central Kootenay Electoral Areas I and J as specified in Regional District of Central Kootenay Local Transit Service Area Establishment Bylaw 1359, 1999.

Annual Service Level: for Regional District of Central Kootenay shall be **1,400** Service Hours

Nelson Conventional Transit Service (West Kootenay Transit System)

Transit Service Area: The boundaries of the Nelson Transit Service Area shall be the municipal boundaries of the City of Nelson.

Annual Service Level: for the for the Regional District of Central Kootenay shall be **4,500** Service Hours

Exception Days recognized annually for the West Kootenay Transit System are:

Exception Days	**Service Level**
Good Friday	No Service
Easter Monday	No Service
Victoria Day	No Service
Canada Day	No Service
BC Day	No Service
Labour Day	No Service
Truth and Reconciliation Day	No Service
Thanksgiving Day	No Service
Remembrance Day	No Service
Christmas Day	No Service
Boxing Day	No Service
New Year's Day	No Service
Family Day	No Service

Creston Valley Regional Transit

Transit Service Area: The boundaries of the Creston Valley Transit System shall be the Town of Creston and defined portions of Electoral Areas A, B and C as specified in Regional District of Central Kootenay Transit Local Service Area Establishment Bylaw 2700, 2020.

Annual Service Level: for the Creston Valley Transit System shall be **5,000** Service Hours

Exception Days recognized annually for the Creston Valley Transit System are:

Exception Days	**Service Level**
Good Friday	No Service
Easter Monday	No Service
Victoria Day	No Service
Canada Day	No Service
BC Day	No Service
Labour Day	No Service
Truth and Reconciliation Day	No Service
Thanksgiving Day	No Service
Remembrance Day	No Service
Christmas Day	No Service
Boxing Day	No Service
New Year's Day	No Service
Family Day	No Service

SCHEDULE C: BUDGET

KOOTENAY WEST PARA TRANSIT

	OFFICIAL AOA 2026/27
TOTAL REVENUE	107,356
TOTAL OPERATING COSTS	2,932,839
TOTAL COSTS (including Local Government Share of Lease Fees)	3,233,297
NET LOCAL GOVERNMENT SHARE OF COSTS	**1,752,213**

KOOTENAY BOUNDARY CONVENTIONAL

	OFFICIAL AOA 2026/27	Regional District of Central Kootenay	Regional District of Kootenay Boundary
TOTAL REVENUE	519,901	99,598	420,302
TOTAL OPERATING COSTS	4,232,483	850,967	3,381,516
TOTAL COSTS (including Local Government Share of Lease Fees)	4,961,518	997,544	3,963,973
NET LOCAL GOVERNMENT SHARE OF COSTS	**2,464,104**	**480,521**	**1,983,583**

KOOTENAY BOUNDARY CUSTOM

	OFFICIAL AOA 2026/27	Regional District of Central Kootenay	Regional District of Kootenay Boundary
TOTAL REVENUE	16,570	9,279	7,291
TOTAL OPERATING COSTS	693,778	220,808	472,970
TOTAL COSTS (including Local Government Share of Lease Fees)	793,033	252,398	540,635
NET LOCAL GOVERNMENT SHARE OF COSTS	**304,788**	**92,999**	**211,789**

NELSON CONVENTIONAL

	OFFICIAL AOA 2026/27	CITY OF NELSON	REGIONAL DISTRICT OF CENTRAL KOOTENAY
TOTAL REVENUE	407,790	272,812	134,979
TOTAL OPERATING COSTS	2,150,148	1,330,962	819,186
TOTAL COSTS (including Local Government Share of Lease Fees)	2,478,071	1,533,950	944,121
NET LOCAL GOVERNMENT SHARE OF COSTS	**1,021,776**	**612,103**	**409,672**

CRESTON PARA TRANSIT

	OFFICIAL AOA 2026/27	REGIONAL DISCTRICT OF CENTRAL KOOTENAY	KOOTENAY EAST REGIONAL HOSPITAL DISTRICT
TOTAL REVENUE	25,574	25,574	
TOTAL OPERATING COSTS	503,813		
TOTAL COSTS (including Local Government Share of Lease Fees)	587,792	485,291	102,501
NET LOCAL GOVERNMENT SHARE OF COSTS	**336,316**	**233,815**	**102,501**

2026 Financial Service Grant Listing

SERVICE & NAME	2026 Amount	RECIPIENT
S108 - ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT	**87,550.00**	Town of Creston - Economic Development
S109 - ECOMOMIC DEVELOPMENT	**7,500.00**	Kaslo & Area Chamber of Commerce
S109 - ECOMOMIC DEVELOPMENT	**6,800.00**	Lardeau Valley LINKS
S111 - ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT	**114,000.00**	City of Nelson - Share of Economic Development
S113 - ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT	**12,240.00**	Salmo & District Chamber of Commerce
S116 - ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT	**2,992.61**	Nakusp & Area Development Board
S143 - FAUQUIER FIRE SERVICE	**15,572.00**	Fauquier Volunteer Fire Brigade
S150 - SEARCH & RESCUE	**30,690.00**	Kaslo Search and Rescue Society
S151 - SALMO JAWS OF LIFE	**15,094.00**	Village of Salmo
S152 - JAWS OF LIFE SERVICE	**50,000.00**	Town of Creston
S153 - SEARCH & RESCUE	**21,000.00**	Arrow Lakes Search & Rescue
S154 - SEARCH & RESCUE	**34,530.00**	Nelson Search & Rescue
S155 - SEARCH & RESCUE	**19,180.00**	Castlegar Search & Rescue
S157 - EMERGENCY PLANNING	**80,325.00**	Town of Creston
S157 - EMERGENCY PLANNING	**32,938.00**	Town of Creston
S163 - EMERGENCY PLANNING	**15,790.00**	Castlegar & District Community Services Society
S174 - CEMETERY	**96,010.00**	Town of Creston Cemetery
S176 - CEMETERY	**20,000.00**	City of Nelson
S177 - CEMETERY	**22,032.00**	Village of Nakusp
S178 - CEMETERY	**18,298.00**	Village of New Denver
S191 - MUSEUM & ARCHIVES	**169,538.00**	Creston & District Historical & Museum Society
S192 - MUSEUM	**21,457.00**	Salmo & Area Museum Society
S192 - MUSEUM	**7,800.00**	Ymir Arts & Museum Society
S193 - CRESTON LIBRARY	**587,653.10**	Creston Public Library Association
S193 - CRESTON LIBRARY	**20,400.00**	East Shore Community Library Society
S193 - CRESTON LIBRARY	**20,400.00**	Riondel Reading Centre
S193 - CRESTON LIBRARY	**15,300.00**	Yahk/Kingsgate Recreation Society (Yahk Library Association)
S194 - KASLO & DISTRICT LIBRARY	**137,366.00**	Kaslo & District Public Library Association
S195 - SALMO LIBRARY	**125,000.00**	Salmo Public Library Association
S196 - NAKUSP LIBRARY	**115,172.54**	Nakusp Public Library Association
S197 - LIBRARY	**107,533.00**	Castlegar & District Public Library
S198 - LIBRARY	**94,403.00**	Castlegar & District Public Library
S199 - LIBRARY	**108,515.00**	Nelson Public Library
S200 - LIBRARY	**77,126.00**	Nelson Public Library
S208 - SKI HILL	**17,976.00**	Nakusp Ski Club Association
S210 - RECREATION FACILITY	**10,300.00**	Ymir Community Hall Association
S212 - RECREATION FACILITY	**21,191.00**	Burton Community Association
S213 - RECREATION FACILITY	**12,952.00**	Fauquier Community Club Society
S215 - SALMO WELLNESS CENTRE	**10,000.00**	Village of Salmo
S217 - CRAWFORD BAY BEACH AND COMMUNITY HALL	**39,347.00**	Crawford Bay & District Hall & Parks Association
S218 - SALMO VALLEY YOUTH & COMMUNITY CENTRE	**66,800.00**	Salmo Valley Youth and Community Centre Society
S219 - TV SOCIETY	**23,799.00**	Area H North TV Society
S220 - TV SOCIETY	**24,603.00**	Slocan Valley TV Society
S221 - COMM FACILITY - REC & PARKS	**11,000.00**	Ainsworth Recreation Association
S221 - COMM FACILITY - REC & PARKS	**12,450.00**	Argenta Community Association
S221 - COMM FACILITY - REC & PARKS	**13,825.00**	Johnson's Landing Community Association
S221 - COMM FACILITY - REC & PARKS	**56,000.00**	Kaslo & District Arena Association
S221 - COMM FACILITY - REC & PARKS	**10,000.00**	Village of Kaslo (Kaslo & District Arena Association Reserves)
S221 - COMM FACILITY - REC & PARKS	**10,000.00**	Village of Kaslo - Regional Park
S221 - COMM FACILITY - REC & PARKS	**10,000.00**	Kaslo Curling Club
S221 - COMM FACILITY - REC & PARKS	**41,233.00**	Lardeau Valley Community Club
S221 - COMM FACILITY - REC & PARKS	**11,500.00**	Village of Kaslo (Recreation Grants)
S222 - ARENA - CAST COMPLEX	**55,000.00**	Castlegar Friends of Parks & Trails
S222 - ARENA - CAST COMPLEX	**5,000.00**	Kootenay Family Place
S222 - ARENA - CAST COMPLEX	**350,000.00**	City of Castlegar
S223 - RECREATION FACILITIES	**480,000.00**	Village of Nakusp - Arena
S224 - RECREATION FACILITIES	**21,550.00**	Canyon Community Association
S224 - RECREATION FACILITIES	**16,150.00**	Town of Creston
S224 - RECREATION FACILITIES	**21,550.00**	Kitchener Valley Recreation & Fire Protection Society
S224 - RECREATION FACILITIES	**21,550.00**	Lister Community Association
S224 - RECREATION FACILITIES	**21,550.00**	West Creston Community Hall Society
S224 - RECREATION FACILITIES	**21,550.00**	Wynndel Community Centre
S224 - RECREATION FACILITIES	**24,250.00**	Yahk/Kingsgate Recreation Centre
S226 - RECREATION FACILITIES	**39,100.00**	City of Nelson

2026 Financial Service Grant Listing

SERVICE & NAME	2026 Amount	RECIPIENT
S228 - RECREATION COMMISSION NO. 4	**3,091.00**	Burton Community Association
S228 - RECREATION COMMISSION NO. 4	**1,546.00**	Fauquier Community Club Society
S228 - RECREATION COMMISSION NO. 4	**589.00**	Edgewood Community Club
S228 - RECREATION COMMISSION NO. 4	**2,134.00**	Inonoaklin Recreation Commission
S240 - CRESTON VALLEY AIRPORT	**218,650.00**	Town of Creston
S293 - EDGEWOOD FIRE	**9,700.00**	Edgewood Volunteer Fire Department Society
S294 - EDGEWOOD LEGION	**4,928.78**	Royal Canadian Legion Branch 203
S295 - MUSEUM-NAKUSP FINANCIAL CONTRIBUTION	**25,235.00**	Nakusp & District Museum Society
S296 - ARROW LAKES HISTORICAL ARCHIVE GRANT-IN-AID	**28,990.00**	Arrow Lakes Historical Society - Grants
S297 - CEMETERY-YMIR	**5,185.00**	Ymir Cemetery Society - Grants
S298 - ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT	**116,000.00**	City of Castlegar

June 19, 2026

Ministry of Municipal Affairs
PO Box 9838 Stn Prov Govt
Victoria, B.C. V8W 9T1

Dear Sir or Madam:

RE: FILING UNDER THE FINANCIAL INFORMATION ACT STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL INFORMATION

On June 18th, 2026, the Board passed the following motion:

"The Schedule and Statement of Financial Information for the Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 2025, having been received, be approved for release in accordance with the Financial Information Act, with a copy to be filed with the Ministry of Community, Sport and Cultural Development."

Enclosed are the following documents as required under the Financial Information Act in draft format until Board approval:

- Statement of Financial Information Approval;
- Schedule and Statement of Financial Information for the year ended December 31, 2025;
- Financial Information Regulation – Schedule 1 – Checklist – Statement of Financial Information (SOFI)

Please contact me if you require any further information.

Sincerely,

Yev Malloff, CPA, CMA
Chief Financial Officer

Enclosures

REGIONAL DISTRICT OF CENTRAL KOOTENAY

Nelson, BC

SCHEDULE AND STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL INFORMATION

For the Year Ended

December 31, 2025

REGIONAL DISTRICT OF CENTRAL KOOTENAY

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL INFORMATION APPROVAL

The undersigned, as authorized by the Financial Information Regulation, Schedule 1, subsection 9 (2) approves all the statements and schedules included in this Statement of Financial Information, produced under the Financial Information Act.

Yev Malloff, CPA, CMA

Chief Financial Officer

June 19th , 2026

Aimee Watson

Chair

June 19th , 2026

Regional District of Central Kootenay

Financial Statements

For the year ended December 31, 2025

Regional District of Central Kootenay
Financial Statements
For the year ended December 31, 2025

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Management's Responsibility for Financial Reporting

The accompanying financial statements of the Regional District of Central Kootenay (the "Regional District") are the responsibility of management and have been approved by the Board of Directors of the Regional District.

The financial statements have been prepared by management in accordance with Canadian public sector accounting standards. Financial statements are not precise since they include certain amounts based on estimates and judgments. When alternative accounting methods exist, management has chosen those it deems most appropriate in the circumstances, in order to ensure that the financial statements are presented fairly, in all material respects.

The Regional District of Central Kootenay maintains systems of internal accounting and administrative controls of reasonable quality, consistent with reasonable cost. Such systems are designed to provide reasonable assurance that the financial information is relevant, reliable and accurate and the Regional District's assets are appropriately accounted for and adequately safeguarded.

The Regional District of Central Kootenay is responsible for ensuring that management fulfills its responsibilities for financial reporting and is ultimately responsible for reviewing and approving the financial statements.

The Board of Directors review the Regional District's financial statements and recommend their approval. The Board of Directors meet periodically with management, as well as the external auditors, to discuss internal controls over the financial reporting issues, to satisfy themselves that each party is properly discharging their responsibilities, and to review the annual report, the financial statements and the external auditor's report. The Board of Directors take this information into consideration when approving the financial statements for issuance to the taxpayers. The Board of Directors also appoint the engagement of the external auditors.

The financial statements have been audited by BDO Canada LLP in accordance with Canadian generally accepted auditing standards on behalf of the taxpayers. BDO Canada LLP has full access to the Board and management.

Signed by:
Yen Malloff
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Chief Financial Officer

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Independent Auditor's Report

To the Members of the Board of Director of the Regional District of Central Kootenay

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of the Regional District of Central Kootenay (the "Regional District"), which comprise the statement of financial position as at December 31, 2025, and the statement of change in net debt, statement of operations, and statement of cash flows for the year then ended, and notes to the financial statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies.

In our opinion, the accompanying financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Regional District as at December 31, 2025, and its results of its changes in net debt, operations, and cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with Canadian public sector accounting standards.

Basis for Opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with Canadian generally accepted auditing standards. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements section of our report. We are independent of the Regional District in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in Canada, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

Other Matters

We have not audited, reviewed or otherwise attempted to verify the accuracy or completeness of Schedules 1 and 2 on pages 32 and 33 of these financial statements.

Responsibilities of Management and Those Charged with Governance for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these financial statements in accordance with Canadian public sector accounting standards, and for such internal control as management determines is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, management is responsible for assessing the Regional District's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless management either intends to liquidate the Regional District or to cease operations, or has no realistic alternative but to do so.

Those charged with governance are responsible for overseeing the Regional District's financial reporting process.

Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with Canadian generally accepted auditing standards will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.

As part of an audit in accordance with Canadian generally accepted auditing standards, we exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit. We also:

- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks, and obtain audit evidence that is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control.

- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Regional District's internal control.

- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates and related disclosures made by management.

- Conclude on the appropriateness of management's use of the going concern basis of accounting and, based on the audit evidence obtained, whether a material uncertainty exists related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on the Regional District's ability to continue as a going concern. If we conclude that a material uncertainty exists, we are required to draw attention in our auditor's report to the related disclosures in the financial statements or, if such disclosures are inadequate, to modify our opinion. Our conclusions are based on the audit evidence obtained up to the date of our auditor's report. However, future events or conditions may cause the Regional District to cease to continue as a going concern.

- Evaluate the overall presentation, structure and content of the financial statements, including the disclosures, and whether the financial statements represent the underlying transactions and events in a manner that achieves fair presentation.

We communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit and significant audit findings, including any significant deficiencies in internal control that we identify during our audit.

Chartered Professional Accountants

Kamloops, British Columbia
April 16, 2026

Regional District of Central Kootenay
Statement of Financial Position

As at December 31	2025	2024
Financial assets		
Cash (Note 2)	$50,272,427	$ 43,334,630
Temporary investments (Note 2)	24,152,229	23,397,749
Accounts receivable	3,627,536	5,627,140
Due from member municipalities (Note 4)	21,428,107	16,619,355
Due from member municipalities - accrued interest	182,102	194,018
	99,662,401	89,172,892
Liabilities		
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	6,378,551	7,542,051
MFA short term financing (Note 6)	2,619,116	4,125,700
Asset retirement obligation liability (Note 5)	31,820,528	30,451,420
HB Mines - contaminated site liability (Note 14)	3,659,627	3,659,627
Nelson transfer station-contaminated site liability (Note 15)	740,000	740,000
Debenture debt MFA (Note 6)	52,792,314	46,806,795
Equipment financing loans (Note 7)	1,373,668	2,180,252
Deferred revenue (Note 8)	6,362,201	3,620,333
	105,746,005	99,126,178
Net debt	(6,083,604)	(9,953,286)
Non-financial assets		
Tangible capital assets (Note 9)	128,553,176	125,333,290
Prepaid expenses	609,145	568,284
	129,162,321	125,901,574
Accumulated surplus (Note 12)	$123,078,717	$115,948,288

Signed by: Yeu Malloff
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Chief Financial Officer

Signed by: Aimee Watson
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Chair of the Board

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements.

Regional District of Central Kootenay
Statement of Operations

For the year ended December 31	Financial Plan (Note 17)	2025	2024
Revenue			
Taxation - net	$46,204,014	$46,193,373	$ 42,953,626
User fees, sales and rentals	15,184,848	15,493,414	14,718,197
Government grants and transfers	5,548,219	6,932,327	6,761,456
Gas tax grant - Community Works	665,385	1,522,134	1,550,730
Committed funding - Columbia Basin Trust	70,000	1,569,204	1,511,271
Interest income	558,250	622,807	959,898
Actuarial earnings	-	945,983	901,019
Interest earnings - reserve funds	-	1,335,178	1,408,709
Rental revenue	1,218,177	1,291,666	1,235,245
Permit fees	903,000	774,648	1,614
Cost recoveries and contract revenue	2,437,384	3,032,206	4,518,767
Sale of materials	54,400	71,475	62,184
Gain on disposal of equipment	245,000	39,118	26,628
	73,088,677	79,823,533	76,609,344
Expenses			
General government	13,132,067	12,822,644	12,623,230
Protective services	9,652,641	9,682,589	10,471,885
Transportation services	3,146,208	2,970,371	3,216,158
Recreation, parks, and culture	21,887,196	22,864,634	20,893,773
Waste disposal and resource recovery	11,411,014	13,790,904	11,653,946
Water, utilities, and lighting	2,959,618	4,007,067	3,921,885
Planning, development, and sustainability	2,598,172	2,100,985	2,068,211
Grants	496,968	3,591,802	3,397,386
Economic development	806,031	862,108	767,219
	66,089,915	72,693,104	69,013,693
Annual surplus	6,998,762	7,130,429	7,595,651
Accumulated surplus, beginning of year	115,948,288	115,948,288	108,352,637
Accumulated surplus, end of year	$122,947,050	$123,078,717	$115,948,288

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements.

Regional District of Central Kootenay
Statement of Change in Net Debt

For the year ended December 31	Financial Plan (Note 17)	2025	2024
Annual surplus	$ 6,998,762	$ 7,130,429	$ 7,595,651
Acquisition of tangible capital assets including works-in-progress	(22,929,564)	(10,244,744)	(8,971,540)
Amortization of tangible capital assets including leases	-	7,024,858	7,054,205
	(15,930,802)	3,910,543	5,678,316
Increase (decrease) in prepaid expense	-	(40,861)	(339,000)
Net change in net debt	(15,930,802)	3,869,682	5,339,316
Net debt, beginning of year	(9,953,286)	(9,953,286)	(15,292,602)
Net debt, end of year	$(25,884,088)	$(6,083,604)	$ (9,953,286)

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements.

Regional District of Central Kootenay
Statement of Cash Flows

For the year ended December 31	2025	2024
Operating transactions		
Annual surplus	$ 7,130,429	$ 7,595,651
Items not involving cash		
Amortization	7,024,858	7,054,205
Accretion	1,369,108	1,311,238
Actuarial adjustment on debt	(934,066)	(887,436)
Changes in non-cash operating balances		
Accounts receivable	1,996,856	(2,392,632)
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	(1,163,500)	2,324,732
Contaminated site liability	-	(704,391)
Deferred revenue	2,741,868	1,026,517
Prepaid expenses and deposits	(40,861)	(339,000)
	18,124,692	14,988,884
Capital transactions		
Acquisition of tangible capital assets	(10,244,744)	(8,971,542)
Investing transaction		
Purchase of short-term investments	(754,480)	(839,059)
Financing transactions		
Temporary borrowing proceeds	3,756,117	3,007,676
Equipment finance loan proceeds	69,000	520,000
Repayment of principal on temporary borrowing	(1,536,937)	(976,381)
Repayment of principal debt on equipment financing loans	(875,584)	(555,703)
Repayment of long-term debt	(1,600,267)	(1,482,571)
	(187,671)	513,021
Net increase in cash	6,937,797	5,691,304
Cash, beginning of year	43,334,630	37,643,326
Cash, end of year	$50,272,427	$ 43,334,630

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements.

1. Significant Accounting Policies

Basis of Presentation

The financial statements reflect all revenues, expenditures, assets and liabilities of the Regional District. The statements have been prepared in accordance with Canadian public sector accounting standards (PSAS), as established by the Public Sector Accounting Board (PSAB).

These statements include accounts of all the funds of the Regional District of Central Kootenay. Inter-fund transactions and balances have been eliminated. Revenues are accounted for in the period in which the transactions or events occurred that gave rise to the revenues. Expenditures are accounted for in the period the goods and services are acquired and a liability is incurred or transfers are due.

Revenue Recognition

Taxes are recorded at estimated amounts when they meet the definition of an asset, have been authorized and the taxable event occurs. For property taxes, the taxable event is the period for which the tax is levied. As taxes recorded are initially based on management's best estimate of the taxes that will be received, it is possible that changes in future conditions, such as reassessments due to audits, appeals and court decisions, could result in a change in the amount of tax revenue recognized. Taxes receivable are recognized net of an allowance for anticipated uncollectible amounts.

Revenues from transactions with performance obligations are recognized when (at a point in time) or as (over a period of time) the Regional District satisfies the performance obligations, which occurs when control of the benefits associated with the promised goods or services has passed to the payor.

The Regional District recognizes revenue from users of the water, sewer, solid waste disposal, and rentals of Regional District property services on a straight-line basis over the period of time that the relevant performance obligations are satisfied by the Regional District.
The Regional District recognizes revenue from administrative services, building permits, development permits, sales of goods and other licenses and permits at the point in time that the Regional District has performed the related performance obligations and control of the related benefits has passed to the payors.

Revenue from transactions without performance obligation is recognized at realizable value when the Regional District has the authority to claim or retain an inflow of economic resources received or receivable and there is a past transaction or event that gives rise to the economic resources.

The Regional District recognizes revenue from tax penalties and interest, parking ticket fines, and other revenue without associated performance obligations at the realizable value at the point in time when the Regional District is authorized to collect these revenues.

1. Significant Accounting Policies (Continued)

Government Transfers — Government transfers are recognized as revenue in the financial statements when the transfer is authorized and any eligibility criteria are met, except to the extent that transfer stipulations give rise to an obligation that meets the definition of a liability. Transfers are recognized as deferred revenue when transfer stipulations give rise to a liability. Transfer revenue is recognized in the statement of operations as the stipulation liabilities are settled.

Deferred Revenue — Funds received for specific purposes which are externally restricted by legislation, regulation or agreement and are not available for general municipal purposes are accounted for as deferred revenue on the statement of financial position. The revenue is recognized in the statement of operations in the year in which it is used for the specified purpose.

Contaminated sites — Governments are required to accrue a liability for the costs to remediate a contaminated site. Liabilities are recognized when an environmental standard exists, contamination exceeds the standard, the government has responsibility for remediation, future economic benefits will be given up, and a reasonable estimate can be made.

Use of Estimates — The preparation of financial statements in accordance with Canadian public sector accounting standards requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements, and the reported amounts of revenues and expenditures during the reporting period. Significant areas requiring estimates include the useful life of tangible capital assets for amortization, asset retirement obligations, contaminated site costs, and the provision for any contingencies. Actual results could differ from management's best estimates as additional information becomes available in the future.

1. Significant Accounting Policies (continued)

Tangible Capital Assets

Tangible capital assets, comprised of capital assets and capital works in progress, are recorded at cost less accumulated amortization and are classified according to their functional use. Cost includes all costs directly attributed to acquisition or construction of the tangible capital asset including transportation costs, installation costs, design and engineering fees, legal fees, and site and preparation costs. Amortization is recorded on a straight line basis over the estimated useful life of the asset. Donated tangible assets are reported at fair value at the time of donation. Estimated useful lives are as follows:

Building and building components	20 to 40 years
Engineering structures (including land improvements)	5 to 60 years
Paving	15 to 40 years
Operating and office equipment	5 to 20 years
Leasehold improvements	term of the lease

Tangible capital assets are written down when conditions indicate that they no longer contribute to the Regional District's ability to provide goods and services, or when the value of future economic benefits associated with the tangible capital assets are less than their net book value. The net write-downs are accounted for as expenses in the statement of operations.

Contributed tangible capital assets are recorded at their fair value on the date of contribution, except in unusual circumstances where fair value cannot be reasonably determined, in which case they are recognized at nominal value.

1. Significant Accounting Policies (continued)

Financial Instruments

Cash and equity instruments quoted in an active market are measured at fair value (hierarchy level one – quoted market prices). All other financial instruments, are measured at cost or amortized cost. The carrying amount of each of these financial instruments is presented on the statement of financial position

Unrealized gains and losses from changes in the fair value of financial instruments are recognized in the statement of remeasurement gains and losses. Upon settlement, the cumulative gain or loss is reclassified from the statement of remeasurement gains and losses and recognized in the statement of operations. Interest and dividends attributable to financial instruments are reported in the statement of operations.

When investment income and realized and unrealized gains and losses from changes in the fair value of financial instruments are externally restricted, the investment income and fair value changes are recognized as revenue in the period in which the resources are used for the purpose specified.

For financial instruments measured using amortized cost, the effective interest rate method is used to determine interest revenue or expense.

For portfolio measurements measured at cost, the cost method records the initial investment at cost and earnings from such investments are recognized only to the extent received or receivable. When an investment is written down to recognize an impairment loss, the new carrying value is deemed to be the new cost basis for subsequent accounting purposes.

All financial assets are tested annually for impairment. When financial assets are impaired, impairment losses are recorded in the statement of operations.

Transaction costs are added to the carrying value for financial instruments measured using cost or amortized cost. Transaction costs are expensed for financial instruments measured at fair value.

1. Significant Accounting Policies (continued)

Retirement Benefits and Other Employee Benefit Plans

The Regional District's contributions due during the period to its multi-employer defined benefit plan are expensed as incurred. The costs of other pensions and other retirement benefits that accumulate over the period of service provided by employees are actuarially determined using the projected benefit method prorated on services based on management's best estimate of retirement age, inflation rates, investment returns, wage and salary escalation, insurance and health care costs trends, employee turnover and discount rates. Actuarial gains and losses are amortized on a straight-line basis over the expected average remaining service life of the employee group.

Asset Retirement Obligation

A liability for an asset retirement obligation is recognized when there is a legal obligation to incur retirement costs in relation to a tangible capital asset; the past transaction or event giving rise to the liability has occurred; it is expected that future economic benefits will be given up; and a reasonable estimate of the amount can be made. The liability is recorded at an amount that is the best estimate of the expenditure required to retire a tangible capital asset at the financial statement date. This liability is subsequently reviewed at each financial reporting date and adjusted for the passage of time and for any revisions to the timing, amount required to settle the obligation or the discount rate. Upon the initial measurement of an asset retirement obligation, a corresponding asset retirement cost is added to the carrying value of the related tangible capital asset if it is still in productive use. This cost is amortized over the useful life of the tangible capital asset. If the related tangible capital asset is unrecognized or no longer in productive use, the asset retirement costs are expensed.

Reserve Funds

Reserves represent amounts set aside for specific or future expenditures. Statutory reserves require the passing of a by-law to be established.

2. Cash and Temporary Investments

	2025	2024
Reserve funds and temporary investments (Note 13)	$51,836,300	$ 46,606,279
Deferred funds (Note 8)	6,362,201	3,620,333
Funded landfill closure & post closure liability	4,199,830	4,199,830
Unrestricted cash and temporary investments	12,026,325	12,305,936
	$74,424,656	$ 66,732,378

Cash and temporary investments are comprised as follows:

	2025	2024
Cash	$50,272,427	$ 43,334,630
Guaranteed Investment Certificates	12,360,159	12,211,156
MFA Money Market Funds	4,767,952	4,634,739
Pooled Investment Funds	7,024,118	6,551,853
	$74,424,656	$ 66,732,378

The market value of the Municipal Finance Authority ("MFA") money market fund is $4,767,952 (2024 - $4,634,739), and the market value of pooled investment funds is $6,899,401 (2024 - $6,399,145).

2. Cash and Temporary Investments (continued)

	2025	2024
Manulife bank GIC bearing interest of 2.15% and matures on December 9, 2026	$ 1,000,000	$ 1,000,000
CIBC bank GIC bearing interest of 3.0% and matures on September 22, 2028	1,008,131	1,000,000
CIBC bank GIC bearing interest of 1.4% and matures on June 16, 2026	1,000,000	1,000,000
CIBC bank GIC bearing interest of 4.3% and matures on January 2, 2029	1,000,000	1,000,000
CIBC trust GIC bearing interest of 4.4% and matures on June 17, 2027	1,000,000	1,000,000
CIBC bank GIC bearing interest of 4.1% and matures on February 10, 2028	1,000,000	1,000,000
CIBC trust GIC bearing interest of 4.2% and matures on June 25, 2029	1,000,000	1,000,000
CIBC bank GIC bearing interest of 3.4% and matures on June 20, 2030	1,000,000	1,000,000
CIBC bank GIC bearing interest of 1.75% and matures on March 27, 2026	4,352,028	4,211,156
	$ 12,360,159	$ 12,211,156

3. Credit Facility

The Regional District has a credit facility agreement with a financial institution which provides for a total commitment of $5,000,000. At December 31, 2025, the Regional District had drawn an amount of $Nil (2024 - $Nil) on this agreement.

4. Due From Member Municipalities

The Regional District of Central Kootenay borrows funds from the Municipal Finance Authority on behalf of its member municipalities. The amounts due from the municipalities is their portion of the debenture debt outstanding.

5. Asset Retirement Obligation

The Regional District's asset retirement obligation consists of the following obligations:

a) Asbestos abatement obligation

The Regional District owns buildings that contain asbestos, which various regulations require specific considerations upon removal and disposal. The Regional District recognized an obligation relating to the removal and disposal of the asbestos in these buildings. The buildings have estimated useful lives of 35-80 years from the date of completion of construction, of which various numbers of years remain. Estimated costs of $642,000 (2024 – $642,000) have been discounted to the present value using a discount rate of 4.50% per annum (2024 – 4.50%).

b) Landfill closure and post-closure costs

The Regional District records a liability for Landfill Closure and Post Closure costs based on the presently known obligations that will be incurred over multiple closure dates and monitoring periods as various phases of the landfill are completed. The closure of the landfills is expected to occur in various years with the latest closure currently expected to be in 2085. Monitoring of the landfill will be required for 25 years after final closure. Estimated costs of $55,272,487 (2024 – $55,272,487) have been discounted to the present value using a discount rate of 4.50% per annum (2024 – 4.50%).

c) Well decommissioning obligation

The Regional District has water wells which require decommissioning at the end of their useful lives under the Water Sustainability Act. The Regional District recognized an obligation relating to the decommissioning of the wells. The wells have an estimated useful life of 60 years, of which various numbers of years remain ranging from 3 to 60. Estimated costs of $135,000 (2024 – $135,000) have been discounted to the present value using a discount rate of 4.50% per annum (2024 – 4.50%).

5. Asset Retirement Obligation (continued)

Changes in the asset retirement obligation in the year are as follows:

Asset Retirement Obligation	Asbestos remediation	Landfill closure and monitoring	Well decommissioning	2025
Opening balance	$ 399,994	$ 29,983,903	$ 67,523	$ 30,451,420
Accretion	18,000	1,348,066	3,042	1,369,108
Closing balance	$ 417,994	$ 31,331,969	$ 70,565	$ 31,820,528

Asset Retirement Obligation	Asbestos remediation	Landfill closure and monitoring	Well decommissioning	2024
Opening balance	$ 382,769	$ 28,692,730	$ 64,683	$ 29,140,182
Accretion	17,225	1,291,173	2,840	1,311,238
Closing balance	$ 399,994	$ 29,983,903	$ 67,523	$ 30,451,420

The asset retirement liability has been estimated using a net present value technique using the assumptions as described above. The related asset retirement costs are being amortized on a straight-line basis over the remaining useful lives of the assets.

Significant estimates and assumptions are made in determining the asset retirement costs as there are numerous factors that will affect the amount ultimately payable. Those uncertainties may result in future actual expenditures that are different than the amounts currently recorded. At each reporting date, as more information and experience is obtained as it relates to these asset retirement obligations, the estimates of the timing, the undiscounted cash flows and the discount rates may change. Adjustments to these factors are accounted for as an adjustment to the asset retirement obligation and the related tangible capital asset in the current period on a prospective basis.

6. Municipal Finance Authority Financing

MFA Debenture Debt principal is reported net of sinking fund balances, and interest expense is reported net of sinking fund earnings Included in the debenture debt is debt that the District has incurred on behalf of its member municipalities.

	2025	2024
Amounts due from member municipalities (Note 5)	$ 21,428,107	$ 16,619,355
Amounts owing by the Regional District, maturing between 2026 and 2050, with interest rates between 3.03% and 4.13%	31,364,207	30,187,440
Debenture debt outstanding in Canadian funds	$ 52,792,314	$ 46,806,795

The debenture debt and short term financing bears various interest rates set at the time of borrowing and adjusted on the 10th anniversary if applicable; debt has varying maturity dates. The Regional District's short term financing amount is $2,619,116 (2024 - $4,125,700) with interest rates between 2.80% and 4.25%.

The estimated principal payments required until maturity, on the Regional District's portion of debenture debt, are as follows:

2026	$ 1,086,358
2027	1,025,883
2028	1,025,883
2029	1,020,255
2030	1,020,255
Thereafter and actuarial earnings	47,613,680
	$ 52,792,314

7. Equipment Financing Loans - Municipal Finance Authority

Equipment financing is repayable to Municipal Finance Authority and bears interest at 3.31% per annum and mature in periods 2026 to 2030.

The Regional District's cash payments for interest in 2025 were $62,203 (2024 - $104,055).

The estimated principal payments required until maturity, on the equipment financing debt, are as follows:

2026	$ 656,802
2027	355,429
2028	265,328
2029	96,109
	$ 1,373,668

8. Deferred Revenue

Included in deferred revenue are amounts relating to grant funding for the coming year:

	2024	Collected	Recognized	2025
Recreation Centres	$ 1,125,184	$ 2,755,709	$ (2,734,160)	$ 1,146,733
Columbia Basin Trust	229,742	1,548,132	(1,601,396)	176,478
CBT - Organics Curbside	181,920	-	-	181,920
West Creston Fire Protection Society	90,000	-	(90,000)	-
Cottonwood - Trans Canada	28,800	-	-	28,800
Risk Tolerance Policy - CEPF	65,000	-	(44,277)	20,723
Age-friendly Communities Grant	19,813	-	(19,813)	-
Indigenous Engagement	40,000	-	-	40,000
CBT - Wildfire preparedness	184,937	-	(184,937)	-
UBCM Complete Communities	98,857	-	(98,857)	-
Watershed Security Fund 2024	142,285	-	(142,285)	-
Creston Valley Flood Management Partnership	102,812	-	(15,843)	86,969
IAFBC - Agricultural	211,034	-	(211,034)	-
WM0002 Erickson Universal Meterings	-	3,198,363	-	3,198,363
Recreational Enhancements in Accessibility for Children - Crescent Valley	-	21,000	-	21,000
Other	15,836	-	-	15,836
	$ 2,536,220	$ 7,523,204	$ (5,142,602)	$ 4,916,822

The Regional District has performance obligations related to the transactions entered into, which have not been satisfied as at December 31, 2025. The amount of revenue that will be recognized in future periods once performance obligations are satisfied are as follows:

	2024	Collected	Recognized	2025
Building Permits	$ 648,761	$ 996,564	$ (769,225)	$ 876,100
Development Services Deposit	357,059	309,447	(182,745)	483,761
Other	78,294	29,262	(22,038)	85,518
	$ 1,084,113	$ 1,335,273	$ (974,008)	$ 1,445,379

9. Tangible Capital Assets

	Land	Building & building components	Vehicles	Engineering Structures (including land improvements)	Paving	Operating & office equipment	Bus Shelters	Work in progress	2025 Total	2024 Total
Cost, beginning of year	$ 15,828,418	$ 88,697,895	$ 18,084,966	$ 69,170,253	$ 2,855,862	$ 19,714,684	$ 817,554	$ 10,243,735	$225,413,367	$ 216,970,144
Additions	515,000	197,051	877,432	7,200,457	-	1,668,076	-	5,935,830	16,393,846	8,971,540
Disposals	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	(528,320)
Transfers	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	(6,149,102)	(6,149,102)	-
Cost, end of year	16,343,418	88,894,946	18,962,398	76,370,710	2,855,862	21,382,760	817,554	10,030,463	235,658,111	225,413,364
Accumulated amortization, beginning of year	-	51,283,845	11,406,531	24,605,503	861,940	11,545,580	376,677	-	100,080,076	93,554,189
Amortization	-	2,918,621	894,539	1,932,765	79,047	1,159,008	40,879	-	7,024,859	7,054,205
Disposals	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	(528,320)
Accumulated amortization, end of year	-	54,202,466	12,301,070	26,538,268	940,987	12,704,588	417,556	-	107,104,935	100,080,074
Net carrying amount, end of year	$ 16,343,418	$ 34,692,480	$ 6,661,328	$ 49,832,442	$ 1,914,875	$ 8,678,172	$ 399,998	$ 10,030,463	$128,553,176	$ 125,333,290

Included in tangible capital assets are $10,030,463 in work in progress (2024 - $ $10,243,735) that is not being amortized as the related assets are not ready for use.

10. Debt Reserve Funds - Municipal Finance Authority

The District and its member municipalities issues its debt instruments through the Municipal Finance Authority. As a condition of these borrowings a portion of the debenture borrowings is withheld by the Municipal Finance Authority as a debt reserve fund. The District also executes demand notes in connection with each debenture whereby the District may be required to loan certain amounts to the Municipal Finance Authority. These demand notes are contingent in nature. Upon maturity of a debt issue, the unused portion of the Debt Reserve Fund established for that issue will be discharged to the Regional District or the Municipality. The proceeds from these discharges will be credited to income in the year they are received. These amounts are not included in the Regional District's financial statements. The details of the cash deposits and demand note requirements at year end are as follows:

	Cash Deposits	Demand Note Requirement	2025	2024
Balance, beginning of year	$ 1,300,592	$ 2,092,582	$ 3,393,174	$ 3,260,278
Add: Interest earnings	139,069	5,636	144,705	132,896
Deduct: Payouts on debt retirement	(149,933)	-	(149,933)	-
Balance, end of year	1,289,728	2,098,218	3,387,946	3,393,174
Member municipalities portion	415,364	706,599	1,121,963	1,277,840
Regional District's portion	874,364	1,391,619	2,265,983	2,115,334
	$ 1,289,728	$ 2,098,218	$ 3,387,946	$ 3,393,174

11. Municipal Pension Plan

The Regional District of Central Kootenay and its employees contribute to the Municipal Pension Plan (a jointly trusteed pension plan). The board of trustees, representing plan members and employers, is responsible for administering the plan, including investment of assets and administration of benefits. The plan is a multi-employer defined benefit pension plan. Basic pension benefits are based on a formula. As at December 31, 2024, the plan has about 273,000 active members and approximately 133,000 retired members. Active members include approximately 47,000 contributors from local governments.

Every three years an actuarial valuation is performed to assess the financial position of the plan and the adequacy of plan funding. The actuary determines an appropriate combined employer and member contribution rate to fund the plan. The actuary's calculated contribution rate is based on the entry-age normal cost method, which produces the long-term rate of member and employer contributions sufficient to provide benefits for average future entrants to the plan. This rate may be adjusted for the amortization of any actuarial funding surplus and will be adjusted for the amortization of any unfunded actuarial liability.

The most recent actuarial valuation for the Municipal Pension Plan as at December 31, 2024, indicated a $2,675 million funding surplus for basic pension benefits on a going concern basis.

The Regional District of Central Kootenay paid $1,567,849 (2024 - $1,383,864) for employer contributions to the plan in fiscal year 2025.

The next valuation will be as at December 31, 2027.

Employers participating in the Plan record their pension expense as the amount of employer contributions made during the fiscal year (defined contribution pension plan accounting). This is because the plan records accrued liabilities and accrued assets for the plan in aggregate, resulting in no consistent and reliable basis for allocating the obligation, assets, and cost to the individual employers participating in the plan.

12. Accumulated Surplus

The Regional District segregates its accumulated surplus in the following categories:

	2025	2024
Unrestricted	$ 9,866,761	$ 10,953,531
Restricted (Note 13)	51,836,300	46,606,279
Equity in tangible capital assets	61,375,658	58,388,478
	$ 123,078,719	$ 115,948,288

The investment in tangible capital assets represents amounts already spent and invested in infrastructure and other non-financial assets.

Reserve funds represent funds set aside by bylaw or Board resolution for specific purposes.

13. Restricted Reserve Funds

The District has several reserve funds held for specific purposes. The changes in these funds were as follows:

	2025	2024
Fund Balance, beginning of year	$ 46,606,279	$ 43,779,341
Add: Interest Earnings	1,335,178	1,613,224
Contributions to reserves	12,471,911	9,918,839
Transfers out of reserves	(8,577,068)	(8,705,125)
Fund balance, end of year	$ 51,836,300	$ 46,606,279

14. Liability for Contaminated Site - HB Mines

The Regional District, as the current property owner, has responsibility for the remediation and post-remediation monitoring and maintenance costs of a contaminated site (HB mine tailings dam) in accordance with the BC Environmental Management Act. The property is a contaminated site on the provincial contaminated site registry. Contaminated sites are a result of contamination being introduced to air, soil, water or sediment of a chemical, organic or radioactive material or live organism that exceeds the maximum acceptable concentrations under an environmental standard. The accrual as at December 31, 2025 represents management's best estimate at the financial statement date and has been quantified by an environmental consultant. The District concluded the remediation project in 2022 and thus the remaining accrual is for post-remediation monitoring and maintenance costs.

Remediation and post-remediation monitoring period in years	100
Projected year of final post remediation monitoring costs	2124
Discount rate	3.0%
Total undiscounted remediation and post-remediation costs	9,204,360

	2025	2024
Post remediation liability	$ 3,659,627	$ 3,659,627

15. Liability for Nelson Transfer Station Closure

The Regional District is responsible for the closure of the Nelson transfer station to industrial land standards in accordance with the landfill legislation with the Ministry of Environment. The property is a contaminated site on the provincial contaminated site registry. The accrual as at December 31, 2025 represents managements best estimate at the financial statement date. The amount has been estimated by a environmental scientist. A more detailed analysis of costs was performed in 2025. The Regional District plans to commence the project in 2027. The total remediation liability in 2025 was $740,000 (2024 - 740,000).

16. Commitments

In the normal course of business, the Regional District enters into commitments for both capital and operational expenses, for periods ranging from one to five years. These commitments have been budgeted for within the appropriate annual budgets approved by the Board of Directors.

The total minimum future payments are as follows:

2026	$ 214,929
2027	202,016
2028	136,847
	$ 553,792

17. Financial Plan

The budgeted figures are based on the adopted Five-Year Financial Plan for the year 2025 approved under bylaw 3023 on March 20, 2025.

The Financial Plan Bylaw anticipated use of surpluses accumulated in previous years to balance against current year expenditures in excess of current year revenues. The Financial Plan was not budgeted in a manner consistent with PSAS, but has been adjusted in the financial statements to conform with PSAS requirements.

	2025
Financial Plan (Budget) Bylaw surplus for the year	$ -
Add:	
Capital expenditures	22,929,564
Long-term debt principal payments	1,622,448
Equipment financing principal repayments	966,064
Short-Term debt principal repayments	1,602,064
Less:	
Borrowing	(6,032,817)
Proceeds from asset disposal	(245,000)
Transfers to/from reserves and own funds	(13,843,561)
Financial Plan Bylaw surplus per statement of operations	$ 6,998,762

18. Contingent Liabilities

The Regional District is a participant in the Municipal Insurance Association of British Columbia. Should the Association pay out claims in excess of premiums received, it is possible the Regional District, along with other participants, would be required to contribute towards the deficit.

From time to time the Regional District is brought forth as a defendant in various lawsuits. The Regional District reviews its exposure to any potential litigation for which it would not be covered by insurance and assesses whether a successful claim against the District would materially affect the financial statements of the District. The Regional District reserves a portion of its operating surplus for future payment of insurance deductibles and payment of claims for which it would not be covered by insurance. The Regional District is currently not aware of any claims brought against it that if not defended successfully would result in a material change to the financial statements of the District.

19. Financial instruments

Financial Instrument Risk Management

The Regional District is exposed to credit risk, liquidity risk, and interest rate risk from its financial instruments. This note describes the Regional District's objectives, policies, and processes for managing those risks and the methods used to measure them. Further qualitative and quantitative information in respect of these risks is presented below and throughout these financial statements.

There have not been any changes from the prior year in the Regional District's exposure to above risks or the policies, procedures and methods it uses to manage and measure the risks.

Credit risk

Credit risk is the risk that one party to a financial instrument will cause a financial loss for the other party by failing to discharge an obligation. The Regional District is exposed to credit risk through its cash, accounts receivable, and portfolio investments. The risk exposure is limited to their carrying amounts at the date of the consolidated statement of financial position.

The Regional District manages it credit risk by the use of credit applications, monitoring accounts receivable aging and balances, holding cash with Schedule 1 Chartered Banks with AA credit Rating or fully insured Credit Union accounts, diversifying investment holdings by maturity and issuer and making investments in accordance with section 183 of the Community Charter and processing borrowing from Member Municipalities by the policies put in place by the Municipal Finance Authority of BC. The maximum exposure to credit risk at the financial statement date is the carrying value of its cash, accounts receivable and investments as outlined in Notes 2, 4 & 10. Accounts receivable arise primarily as a result of resource recovery fees, water utility fees and government receivable. Based on this knowledge, credit risk of cash, accounts receivable and investments are assessed as low.

19. Financial instruments (continued)

Liquidity risk

Liquidity risk is the risk that the Regional District will encounter difficulty in meeting obligations associated with financial liabilities. The Regional District is exposed to liquidity risk through its accounts payable, long-term debt, and investments.

The Regional District manages this risk by maintaining an adequate balance of highly liquid investments, closely monitoring cash flows, having access to temporary borrowing through an annual bylaw and staggering the maturity dates of investments. Also to help manage and measure this risk, the Regional District has in place a planning, budgeting and forecasting process to help determine the funds required to support normal operating activities, capital expenditures, reserve contributions and debt servicing requirements. The Regional District's five-year financial plan is approved by the Board of Directors.

Interest rate risk

Interest rate risk is the risk that the fair value or future cash flows of a financial instrument will fluctuate because of changes in market interest rates. The Regional District is exposed to interest rate risk through the value of long-term debt and portfolio investments.

It is management's opinion that the Regional District is not exposed to significant interest rate risk as it manages interest rate risk on its long-term debt by holding all debt through MFA at a fixed rate, with refinancing typically being completed at the ten- or fifteen-year mark. Therefore, fluctuations in market interest rates would not impact future cash flows and operations relating to long-term debt. See Note 6 & 7 for interest rates and maturity dates for long term debt.

Investments that are subject to interest rate risk are MFA pooled investment funds and GIC's (see note 2). The risk is caused by changes in interest rates. As interest rates rise, the fair value of the MFA pooled investment funds notes decrease and, as interest rates fall, the fair value of these investments increase.

As a result of diversification by security type, only a portion of the overall investment portfolio is exposed to interest rate risk per note 2. To mitigate interest rate risk and market risk on its portfolio investments, the Regional District holds its MFA long term pooled investment funds for 10 years or longer.

20. Comparative Figures

Certain of the comparative figures have been restated to conform with the current year financial statement presentation.

21. Segmented Information

The Regional District of Central Kootenay is a diversified regional district government institution that provides a wide range of over 180 operational and administrative services for its citizens. Distinguishable functional segments have been separately disclosed in the segmented information. The nature of the segments and the activities they encompass are as follows:

General government
General government operations include the functions of governance, general and corporate administration, finance, human resources, information technology, legislative services, and building services.

Protective services
Protective services includes fire protection, fire rescue, 911 services, emergency program management, emergency operations centre management and bylaw enforcement. The mandate of emergency program management is to protect public safety through mitigation, emergency preparedness, emergency response and recovery.

Transportation services
Transportation services includes the rural transit and paratransit services as well as custom transit that carry persons who are unable to access the conventional transit system. This segment also includes funding for airport operations.

Recreation, parks, and culture
Recreation, parks, and culture includes the delivery of recreation programs and services, management of recreation facilities, development & management of parks and the funding of various community organizations including museums, libraries and community centres.

Grants
A multitude of grant programs are managed through the application, board approval, payment, tracking and reporting process. These include discretionary, community development, Community Works and Columbia Basin Trust Resident Directed grant programs.

Waste disposal and resource recovery
Waste disposal and resource recovery services include waste handling facilities (transfer stations and landfills), composting facilities, community recycling depots, materials recovery, transportation of materials and environmental education.

Planning, development, and sustainability
Planning and development includes the administration of zoning, land use and development applications. The department is also involved in the development of long-term community plans which focus on the future vision and objectives of communities within the rural electoral areas of the Regional District. Sustainability includes initiatives to reduce greenhouse gases, increase renewable energy, increase local food production, support water conservation and source water protection, increase active transportation and increase affordable housing.

21. Segmented Information (continued)

Economic development
This segment includes projects and initiatives with multiple stakeholders to pursue opportunities for economic development, enhance capacity-building for sustainable economic growth and diversification, and create more resilient, prosperous communities across the region.

Water, utilities and lighting
This segment includes the treatment and distribution of potable water as well as providing street lighting for various communities and locations in the region.

The accounting policies used in these segments are consistent with those followed in the preparation of the financial statements as disclosed in Note 1.

The segmented amounts do not include inter-service transfers, debt proceeds and repayments, capital expenditures and reserve transfers and contributions. Amortization has been added to the segmented amounts.

21. Segmented Information (continued)

2025

	General Government	Protective Services	Transportation Services	Recreation, Parks & Culture	Waste Disposal & Resource Recovery	Water, Utilities & Lighting	Planning, Development & Sustainability	Grants	Economic Development	Total
Revenue										
Taxation	$ 5,281,167	$ 10,743,181	$ 2,470,780	$ 18,534,998	$ 6,212,001	$ 642,294	$ 1,464,319	$ 169,488	$ 675,146	$ 46,193,374
User Fee	8,414	87,040	93,259	2,652,024	8,263,562	4,327,534	61,581	-	-	15,493,414
Government grants and transfers	1,198,009	1,423,330	309,653	1,086,419	218,980	546,187	554,004	1,416,543	179,202	6,932,327
Gas Tax grant - Community Works	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,522,134	-	1,522,134
Committed funding - Columbia Basin Trust	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,569,204	-	1,569,204
Interest earnings	644,800	229,110	21,271	184,755	353,253	261,934	742	258,318	3,801	1,957,984
Actuarial earnings	945,983	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	945,983
Rental revenue	1,200	21,640	-	1,262,747	-	6,079	-	-	-	1,291,666
Permit Fees	774,648	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	774,648
Cost recoveries and contract revenue	240,591	583,571	2,565	978,891	305,906	630,809	182,430	78,207	29,236	3,032,206
Sale of materials	-	-	-	71,475	-	-	-	-	-	71,475
Gain on disposal of equipment	-	19,075	-	3,843	11,200	5,000	-	-	-	39,118
	9,094,812	13,106,947	2,897,528	24,775,152	15,364,902	6,419,837	2,263,076	5,013,894	887,385	79,823,533
Expenditures										
Legislative - directors' expenses	1,031,891	98	22,191	19,557	90,063	15,392	20,343	-	-	1,199,535
Administration services	1,069,830	396,290	1,703	633,606	214,659	136,322	41,067	9,949	3,874	2,507,300
Wages and employees benefits	8,944,071	3,546,006	1,292	10,609,006	4,798,432	1,335,347	1,279,421	-	155,396	30,668,971
Utilities	40,082	127,227	-	1,121,871	34,862	205,935	7,173	-	-	1,537,150
General - operations and maintenance	165,620	314,356	9,647	1,370,758	2,016,119	289,462	15,376	1,078	30,600	4,213,016
Vehicles - operations and maintenance	77,539	298,778	262	101,942	185,601	44,250	3,703	-	-	712,075
Equipment - operation and maintenance	402,956	318,598	-	223,403	19,080	12,180	32	-	1,570	977,819
Grants	56,000	302,382	216,175	3,735,131	1,103,913	-	121,549	3,580,775	461,024	9,576,949
Services contracted out	587,242	2,955,192	2,670,580	801,040	3,794,952	398,891	612,321	-	209,644	12,029,862
Debt services charges - interest	12,988	234,942	-	1,221,232	644,252	132,154	-	-	-	2,245,568
Amortization	434,425	1,188,720	48,521	3,027,088	888,971	1,437,134	-	-	-	7,024,859
	12,822,644	9,682,589	2,970,371	22,864,634	13,790,904	4,007,067	2,100,985	3,591,802	862,108	72,693,104
Surplus (deficit)	$ (3,727,832)	$ 3,424,358	$ (72,843)	$ 1,910,518	$ 1,573,998	$ 2,412,770	$ 162,091	$ 1,422,092	$ 25,277	$ 7,130,429

21. Segmented Information (continued)

2024

	General Government	Protective Services	Transportation Services	Recreation, Parks & Culture	Waste Disposal & Resource Recovery	Water, Utilities & Lighting	Planning, Development & Sustainability	Grants	Economic Development	Total
Revenue										
Taxation	$ 4,619,216	$ 9,892,666	$ 2,106,925	$ 17,656,689	$ 5,910,061	$ 611,653	$ 1,334,070	$ 165,489	$ 656,857	$42,953,626
User Fee	10,230	106,753	92,245	2,520,321	7,557,566	4,101,269	79,813	-	-	14,468,197
Government grants and transfers	1,639,888	816,331	324,378	307,031	885,877	321,916	1,088,575	1,309,569	317,891	7,011,456
Gas Tax Grant - Community Works	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,550,730	-	1,550,730
Committed funding - Columbia Basin Trust	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,511,271	-	1,511,271
Interest earnings	775,385	222,803	36,096	250,938	371,542	330,709	953	375,008	5,173	2,368,607
Actuarial earnings	901,019	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	901,019
Rental revenue	1,200	36,440	-	1,191,870	-	5,735	-	-	-	1,235,245
Permit fees	1,614	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,614
Cost recoveries and contract revenue	1,005,177	1,580,262	1,905	963,824	129,701	620,888	128,787	66,142	22,031	4,518,717
Sale of materials	-	-	-	62,184	50	-	-	-	-	62,234
Gain on disposal of equipment	9,500	17,128	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	26,628
	8,963,229	12,672,383	2,561,549	22,952,857	14,854,797	5,992,170	2,632,198	4,978,209	1,001,952	76,609,344
Expenditures										
Legislative - directors expenses	1,003,389	704	4,158	11,162	78,868	14,161	17,349	-	202	1,129,993
Administration services	970,927	436,913	2,071	697,217	226,385	122,182	36,036	17,997	3,441	2,513,169
Wages and employees benefits	9,001,548	3,673,054	207	9,468,862	4,496,909	1,264,893	1,310,810	66	135,830	29,352,179
Utilities	36,938	113,996	-	1,195,062	37,872	226,075	8,922	-	5,944	1,624,809
General - operations and maintenance	153,546	267,140	6,008	952,947	1,188,147	238,122	14,571	2,426	25,624	2,848,531
Vehicles - operations and maintenance	85,066	279,488	-	79,261	182,275	47,937	3,776	-	152	677,955
Equipment - operation and maintenance	357,241	250,847	-	140,220	13,251	17,246	-	-	-	778,805
Grants	42,000	190,029	218,635	3,440,116	-	-	123,457	3,376,013	417,308	7,807,558
Services contracted out	525,522	3,753,338	2,936,558	955,489	3,989,599	327,155	553,290	884	178,718	13,220,553
Debt services charges - interest	12,857	281,807	-	968,657	610,683	131,932	-	-	-	2,005,936
Amortization	434,196	1,224,569	48,521	2,984,780	829,957	1,532,182	-	-	-	7,054,205
	12,623,230	10,471,885	3,216,158	20,893,773	11,653,946	3,921,885	2,068,211	3,397,386	767,219	69,013,693
Surplus (deficit)	$ (3,660,001)	$ 2,200,498	$ (654,609)	$ 2,059,084	$ 3,200,851	$ 2,070,285	$ 563,987	$ 1,580,823	$ 234,733	$ 7,595,651

Regional District of Central Kootenay
Schedule 1: COVID-19 Safe Restart Grant
(Unaudited)

For the year ended December 31		2025
Balance, beginning of year	$	33,482
Expenses		(33,482)
Balance, end of year	$	-

Regional District of Central Kootenay
Schedule 2: Growing Communities Fund
(Unaudited)

For the year ended December 31	2025
Balance, beginning of year	$ 1,679,804
Interest earned	36,008
	1,715,812
Expenses	
Capital expenditures	(534,745)
Balance, end of year	$ 1,181,067

The Growing Communities Fund (GCF) provided a one time grant to the Regional District to support local government to deliver infrastructure projects necessary to enable community growth and address infrastructure and amenities demands. Local governments are required to annually report about how GCF grants were spent to ensure transparency regarding the use of those funds. The grant is being carried forward to 2025 to be used for eligible infrastructure projects.

	2025	2024
RSRV Climate Action - Service 100	480,882	553,711
Office Equipment Reserve - Service 100	2,453	2,387
Administrative Office Capital Projects and Equipment - Service 100	341,067	414,660
Vehicle Replacement - Service 100	187,889	204,934
Contingency, legal, project fund - Service 100	377	367
Records conversion Reserve - Service 100	28,172	27,417
Liability Insurance Reserve - Service 100	5,727	5,574
Property Insurance Reserve - Service 100	31,042	30,210
Vehicle Deductible Reserve - Service 100	1,617	1,574
Other projects - Service 100	1,221	1,188
Information Technology Equipment Reserve - Service 100	181,086	194,203
COVID Restart Funds - Service 100	461	33,482
General Administration Stabilization - Service 100	3,471	252,282
General Administration Kootenay Boundary Farm Advisor Program Reserve - Service 100	62,593	60,915
Election Cost Reserve - Service 101	49,872	33,438
Rural Admin Structure Protection Unit (SPU) Reserve - Service 101	186,470	4,658
Vehicle Replacement Reserve - Bylaw - Service 101	23,158	22,843
GIS Reserve - Service 102	133,449	129,870
Building Rehab Reserve - Service 103	106,875	104,008
Building Legal Reserve - Service 103	55,292	53,809
Vehicle Replacement Reserve - Service 103	171,254	133,426
Planning & Land Use - Service 104	27,668	26,926
Feasibility Studies Reserve - Service 106	74,255	125,149
Vehicle Replacement Reserve - Regional Fire - Service A107	162,737	133,525
Kaslo Fire Reserve - Service 280	198,017	276,566
Riondel Fire - Service 128	212,155	159,621
Wynndel Fire - Service 129	553,363	460,194
Canyon Lister Fire Reserve - Service 130	843,778	632,130
Creston Fire Contract - Service 131	54,159	52,706
Blewett Fire Contract Reserve - Service 133	10,990	10,695
North Shore Fire Reserve - Service 134	1,148,151	1,102,419
Ymir Fire Reserve - Service 136	589,360	413,401
Tarrys Fire - Service 137	882,607	856,314
Pass Creek Fire - Service 137	53,961	17,984
Robson Fire Reserve - Service 138	49,606	70,329
New Denver Fire - Service 140	1,097	1,067
Balfour Fire Reserve - Service 141	777,974	575,679
Winlaw Fire Building & Major Equipment - Service 142	894,185	798,250
Subtotal	8,588,490	7,977,910

	2025	2024
Carried forward	8,588,490	7,977,910
Passmore Fire Building & Major Equipment - Service 142	158,024	130,569
Slocan Fire Building & Major Equipment - Service 142	192,706	135,654
Crescent Valley Fire Building & Major Equipment - Service 142	202,491	105,249
Beasley Fire - Service 144	470,738	397,907
Blewett Fire - Service 144	258,946	177,881
Ootischenia Fire Reserve - Service 145	242,657	196,685
Yahk-Kingsgate fire Reserve - Service 148	292,249	231,714
Area I and J Jaws Fund - Service 149	79,462	41,000
Jaws of Life - Kaslo - Service 150	755	735
Emergency 911 Capital Reserve Fund - Service 156	131,968	128,429
Emergency Planning - Creston and Areas A, B and C - Service 157	2,391	2,327
Emergency Planning - Salmo and Area G - Service 158	2,391	2,327
Emergency Planning - Nakusp and Area K - Service 159	2,391	2,327
Emergency Planning - Silverton, Slocan, New Denver and Area H - Service 161	2,391	2,327
Emergency Planning - Kaslo and Area D - Service 162	2,391	2,327
Emergency Planning - Areas I and J - Service 163	2,391	2,327
Consolidated Emergency Services - Service A101	58,690	22,525
Riondel Drainage Reserve - Service 165	8,546	51,463
Riondel Street Light Reserve - Service 166	6,731	5,973
Ymir Street Light Reserve - Service 167	19,882	21,188
South Slocan Street Light Reserve - Service 168	11,393	10,988
Brilliant Street Light Reserve - Service 169	26,239	25,473
Robson Street Light Reserve - Service 170	11,231	10,320
Edgewood Street Light Reserve - Service 171	2,329	2,168
Area I (Voykin Subdivision) Street Light Reserve - Service 172	3,436	2,381
Area H (Mt. Sentinel) Street Light Reserve - Service 173	3,364	2,423
Mosquito Control Area D Reserve - Service 184	14,491	14,103
East Waste Reserve - Service 186	447,623	342,479
Refuse East - Stabilization - Service 186	545,850	1,263,478
East Refuse Landfill Liability Reserve - Service 186	1,744,471	1,081,890
East Septage Reserve - Service 186	20,276	-
Central Waste Reserve - Service 187	785,858	863,150
Central Septage Reserve - Service 187	31,080	54,368
Refuse Central - Stabilization - Service 187	4,115	4,005
Refuse West - Stabilization - Service 188	3,480,261	2,480,754
West Refuse Landfill Closure Reserve - Service 188	2,231,438	-
West Waste Reserve - Service 188	3,804,745	3,889,162
Subtotal	23,894,882	19,685,988

	2025	2024
Carried forward	23,894,882	19,685,988
West Rural Septage Reserve - Service 190	1,353,894	901,030
Creston Library - Service 193	600,123	554,430
Library - Kaslo & Defined Area D - Service 194	2,737	2,663
Library - Area J - Service 197	2,352	2,289
Library - Area I - Service 198	1,936	1,884
Vehicle Replacement Reserve - Parks - Service A104	42,099	63,527
Parkland Dedication Area B Reserve - Service 201	1,205	24,277
Parkland Dedication Area C Reserve - Service 201	25,944	25,248
Parkland Dedication Area E Reserve - Service 202	51,114	49,743
Parkland - Area G - Service 202	69,096	67,243
Parkland Dedication Area A Reserve - Service 205	291	283
Riondel Recreation Facility - Service 209	419,521	311,132
North Shore Hall - Service 211	34,934	30,880
South Slocan School House - Service 214	51,747	64,732
Salmo Valley Youth & Community Services Reserve - Service 218	31,431	20,722
Castlegar Complex - Service 222	124,399	121,063
Union Employee's Unused Sick Leave - Service 222	84,876	82,599
Parkland Dedication Area J Reserve - Service 222	795	774
Creston Recreation Complex - Service 224	1,909,438	1,825,670
Nelson & District Facility - Master Plan - Service 226	26,892	26,171
Nelson Facility Reserve - Service 226	855,587	832,640
Castlegar Aquatic Reserve - Service 227	252,793	1,339,589
Krestova Park - Donations Reserve - Service S231	8,416	8,190
Transit Castlegar - Service 237	525,559	511,464
Transit Creston - Service 234	56,834	77,018
Transit Slocan Valley - Service 238	4,619	27,757
Transit North Shore - Service 238	1,356	1,319
Transit Kootwest - Service 239	126,565	232,459
Riondel Water Reserve - Service 241	250,761	247,510
Sanca Park Water Capital Utility - Service 242	135,394	112,662
Lister Water Capital Utility - Service 243	159,024	120,445
Ymir Water Utility - Service 244	148,241	129,631
South Slocan Water Capital Utility - Service 245	117,299	98,671
Macdonald Creek Water Capital Utility - Service 246	310,509	288,477
Lucas Road Water Capital Utility -Service 247	56,748	51,088
Duhamel Creek Water Capital Utility - Service 248	13,899	8,381
Subtotal	31,753,310	27,949,648

	2025	2024
Carried forward	31,753,310	27,949,648
Erickson Water Capital Utility - Service 250	2,029,761	2,059,845
Arrow Creek Membrane - Service 251	1,703,117	1,382,032
Arrow Creek Water Capital Utility - Service 251	692,786	1,065,900
Burton Water Utility BC Hyrdro Reserve - Service 252	57,659	416,408
Edgewood Water Utility BC Hydro Reserve - Service 253	266,374	252,112
Fauquier Water Utility BC Hydro Reserve - Service 254	260,792	179,251
Balfour Water Utility - Service 255	90,943	169,652
West Robson Utility BC Hydro Reserve - Service 256	1,365,684	1,417,112
Def F - Woodland Heights - Service 257	73,907	59,179
Def E - Grandview - Service 258	86,440	81,327
Def D - Woodbury - Service 259	129,740	163,309
Def H - Rosebery - Service 260	109,628	101,773
Regional Parks Fund - Various Services	1,166,750	966,816
Vehicle Replacement Reserve - Utilities - Service A103	72,589	99,602
Vehicle Replacement Reserve - Project Management - Service A112	5,069	-
Recycling Reserve – East Subregion - Service A116	13,304	9,001
Recycling Reserve – Central Subregion - Service A117	22,294	16,763
Nelson Recycling Depot Funds - Service A117	2,007,283	-
Recycling Reserve – West Subregion - Service A118	18,181	12,760
Organics Reserve – East Subregion - Service A119	20,890	15,397
Organics Reserve – Central & West Subregions - Service A120	15,481	10,133
Utilities Construction Crew Reserve - Service A113	75,506	73,481
GCF Reserve - Asset Management - Service 100	91,631	89,174
GCF Reserve - Groman Depot Expansion - Service A117	90,487	129,932
GCF Reserve - Fire Apparatus x 1 - Service 129	102,714	99,959
GCF Reserve - Fire Apparatus x 1 - Service 130	117,837	114,676
GCF Reserve - Fire Apparatus x 1 - Service 134	161,807	157,467
GCF Reserve - Fire Apparatus x 1 - Service 137	141,454	137,660
GCF Reserve - Fire Hall addition - Service 145	1,106	80,247
GCF Reserve - Septage Receiving Facility - Service 186	1,453	105,459
GCF Reserve - Fleet Hauling Buidling - Service 187	91,509	92,158
GCF Reserve - NAK/ROS TS Upgrades - Service 188	314	22,827
GCF Reserve - Accessibility Project - Service 202	39,324	38,270
GCF Reserve - Crawford Bay Park Upgrades - Service 205	1,378	27,754
GCF Reserve - Glacier Creek Park Upgrades - Service 221	80,263	102,324
GCF Reserve - Arena Roof Replacement - Service 222	14,138	13,759
GCF Reserve - Aquatic Center Roof Replacement - Service 224	16,831	16,380
Subtotal	42,989,737	37,729,549

Regional District of Central Kootenay

Schedule 3: Reserves

(unaudited)

	2025	2024
Carried forward	42,989,737	37,729,549
GCF Reserve - Boiler Replacement - Service 226	16,832	16,381
GCF Reserve - Slocan Schoolhouse Demo / Site Prep - Service 231	-	16,678
GCF Reserve - Water Line Replacement - Service 252	-	78,977
GCF Reserve - Distribution Upgrades - Service 254	44,579	60,747
GCF Reserve - Water Line Replacement - Service 256	-	90,840
GCF Reserve - Water Quality Upgrades - Service 259	-	25,216
GCF Reserve - Fire Hall Construction - Service 291	167,408	162,918
Community Works Reserve - Service X102	8,617,744	8,424,973
	$ 51,836,300	$ 46,606,279

REGIONAL DISTRICT OF CENTRAL KOOTENAY
SCHEDULE OF GUARANTEE AND INDEMNITY AGREEMENTS
5 (1) 2025 SCHEDULE OF GUARANTEE AND INDEMNITY AGREEMENTS

The RDCK has not given any guarantees or indemnities under the the Guarantees and Indemnities Regulation.

REGIONAL DISTRICT OF CENTRAL KOOTENAY
SCHEDULE OF REMUNERATION AND EXPENSES
6 (2) (a) 2025 SCHEDULE OF ELECTED OFFICIAL'S REMUNERATION AND EXPENSES

Name	Posiiton	Monthly Allowance	Board & Committee	Total Payroll	Total Expenses	Total
Bogle, Brian Douglas	Alternate Director		$ 1,596	$ 1,596	$ 203	$ 1,799
Buller, Ezra	Alternate Director		3,590	3,590	97	3,687
Casley, Leonard	Director Municipal	18,648	1,848	20,496	2,017	22,513
Cunningham, Hans	Director Electoral Area	48,084	10,839	58,923	12,825	71,748
Davidoff, Andrew	Director Electoral Area	48,084	7,595	55,679	-	55,679
DeBoon, Arnold Frank	Director Municipal	18,648	1,189	19,837	3,731	23,568
Dumas, Denise	Alternate Director		3,514	3,514	697	4,211
Fyke, John G	Alternate Director		5,357	5,357	-	5,357
Gordon, Tany	Alternate Director		1,732	1,732	133	1,865
Graham, Cheryl Elaine	Director Electoral Area	48,084	7,093	55,177	4,218	59,395
Hanegraaf, Henny (Henrica)	Director Electoral Area	48,084	9,063	57,147	4,351	61,498
Hewat, Suzan	Director Municipal	18,648	12,443	31,091	22,933	54,024
Jackman, Garry	Director Electoral Area	48,084	27,015	75,099	11,679	86,778
Lang, Robert	Alternate Director		798	798	96	894
Lockwood, Diana LD	Director Municipal	18,648	7,467	26,115	7,438	33,553
Lunn, Jessica	Director Municipal	18,648	2,660	21,308	8,751	30,059
Main, Leah	Director Municipal	18,648	8,098	26,746	17,713	44,459
McFaddin, Maria June	Director Municipal	18,648	17,611	36,259	17,342	53,601
McLaren-Caux, Aiden(Kenneth)	Director Municipal	18,648	20,363	39,011	13,204	52,215
Newell, Thomas	Director Electoral Area	48,084	18,837	66,921	1,069	67,990
Page, Keith	Director Municipal	18,648	4,773	23,421	2,386	25,807
Popoff, Walter A	Director Electoral Area	48,084	19,601	67,685	14,620	82,305
Smienk, Johannes	Alternate Director		2,762	2,762	300	3,062
Tierney, Roger Bruce	Director Electoral Area	48,084	10,538	58,622	14,956	73,578
Vandenberghe, Kelly	Director Electoral Area	48,084	13,269	61,353	12,678	74,031
Watson, Aimee	Director Electoral Area/Chair	48,084	62,388	110,472	13,837	124,309
Weatherhead, Teresa A	Director Electoral Area	48,084	11,133	59,217	12,201	71,418
Woodward, Jesse	Alternate Director		2,560	2,560	58	2,618
Zeleznik, Thomas M	Alternate Director		2,444	2,444		2,444
Grand Total		$ 696,756	$ 298,176	$ 994,932	$ 199,531	$ 1,194,463

REGIONAL DISTRICT OF CENTRAL KOOTENAY
SCHEDULE OF REMUNERATION AND EXPENSES
6 (2) (b) & (c) 2025 SCHEDULE OF EMPLOYEES REMUNERATION & EXPENSES

Name	Position	Renumeraton	Renumeration Retroactive Includes Adjustments for Prior Year (s)	Remuneration Emergency Operations	Total Remuneration	Expenses
Archibald, Russel	Driver Foreman	$ 79,807			$ 79,807	$ 68
Armstrong, Wendy	Business Applications Analyst	105,260			105,260	5,608
Barnhart, David	Safety Advisor	98,846			98,846	3,369
Bench, Heidi	Resource Recovery Projects Advisor	81,769			81,769	30
Benson, Marty G	Human Resource Advisor	100,964			100,964	664
Bjarnason, Evan	Utility Tech 2 Erickson	88,581			88,581	328
Bourgeois, Jesse	Regional Recreation Programmer	85,335			85,335	48
Bradley, Jeannine	Project Manager	92,784			92,784	912
Braithwaite, Mark	Purchasing Agent	91,198			91,198	
Briscoe, Ian	Emergency Program Coordinator - Nelson	81,192		570	81,762	2,932
Brohman, Mike	Facility Operations 5th Class - Nelson	77,707	8,559		86,265	
Brown, Larry	Resource Recovery Mechanical Operations & Site Supervisor	102,073			102,073	200
Chernenko, Rob	Operations Supervisor Nelson	97,586	11,145		108,731	9
Chezenko, Sadie	Planner 1	81,792			81,792	2,112
Chirico, Joseph	General Manager Community Services	171,031			171,031	256
Chmara, Erick	Systems Support Technician	75,428			75,428	
Clarke, Ryan	Resource Recovery Field Supervisor	80,429			80,429	6,004
Colley, Jay	Utility Supervisor Nelson	95,846			95,846	244
Contini, Nia	Regional Recreation Programmer	76,738			76,738	417
Crowe, Mark M	Parks Planner	92,780			92,780	2,316
Daignault, Shane	Facility Maintenance 3 - CDCC	84,820			84,820	637
Davison, Trisha	Regional Manager - Recreation and Client Services	131,796			131,796	2,449
Denny, Shawn	Building Plumbing Official 2 - Nelson	76,222			76,222	623
Divlakovski, Alexandra	Water Operations Manager	116,813			116,813	70
Dool, Tom	Research Analyst	93,084			93,084	2,762
Drabik, Fernando	Corporate Applications & Data Administrator	94,979			94,979	
Durning, Stuart	Facility Manager - CDCC	102,698			102,698	1,228
Elliott, Dan	Communications Coordinator	92,834			92,834	1,128
Evenson, AJ	Senior Project Manager	116,849			116,849	701
Fehst, Tristan	Regional Fire Chief	148,655			148,655	
Feit, Joseph	Creston Facility Maintenance Foreman	90,857	10,473		101,330	1,018
Friesen, Matthew	Financial Analyst and Team Supervisor	102,284			102,284	1,280
Fuhr, Sarah	Communications & Community Engagement Lead	81,653			81,653	889
Gaba, Rishab	Planner 2	86,110			86,110	3,088
Gainham, Christopher	Utility Manager	115,450			115,450	848
Gaynor, Cary	Regional Parks Manager	102,298			102,298	2,270
Gillender, Anne	Facility Manager - CDRD/Assistant Facility Manager - NDCC	97,273			97,273	4,210
Gordon, Graham R	Building Plumbing Official 2 - Nelson	81,699			81,699	1,930
Hamilton, Alayne	Environmental Services Project Lead	101,155			101,155	2,777
Hannon, Nora	Disaster Mitigation & Adaptation Supervisor/Emergency Program Manager	99,021		527	99,548	3,021
Hay, Thomas	Facility Maintenance 2 - CDCC	73,409	8,062		81,471	218
Hergott, Patrick	Fire Chief Balfour/Harrop	92,763			92,763	597
Hogan, Carolyn	Project Manager	86,305			86,305	
Horn, Stuart	Chief Administrative Officer	312,925	5,835		318,760	11,366
Hume, Grant	Regional Deputy Fire Chief	139,243			139,243	588
Ihlen, Gord	Regional Assistant Fire Chief, Prevention	88,384			88,384	1,485
Johnson, Stephanie	Planner 2	90,882		182	91,064	5,921
Johnston, Todd	Environmental Coordinator	81,796			81,796	16
Johnstone, Quin	Facility Operator 5th Class - CDRD	74,500	8,207		82,707	167
Jones, Stefan	Building Official 2	76,257			76,257	272
Kanigan, Dayna	Regional Recreation Programmer	77,687			77,687	
Kootnikoff, Amy (Aimee)	Resource Recovery Senior Teams Operations Supervisor	102,242			102,242	80
Lau, Dwayne	IT Manager	131,796			131,796	
Lehnert, Chris	Senior Systems Administrator	120,298			120,298	
Lund, Angela	Deputy Corporate Officer	82,083			82,083	2,149
Malloff, Yevgeny (Steven)	General Manager - Finance, IT, & Economic Development	193,754	20,350		214,104	1,339
Marshall Smith, Paris	Sustainability Planner	98,201			98,201	3,559
Matheson, Janet P	Payroll Lead	81,397			81,397	576
McCracken, Garett	Facility Operator - CDRD	74,442	8,343		82,784	150
McCrea, Steve	CDCC Facility Maintenance Technician	80,595	9,348		89,943	1,639
Merupati, Durga	Payroll Systems Analyst	79,111			79,111	
Morrison, Michael	Manager of Corporate Administration/Corporate Officer	149,902	12,443		162,345	4,617
Niminiken, Justin	Nelson Facility Maintenance Technician	95,176	10,858		106,034	345
Pauls, Tanya	Emergency Program Coordinator - Nelson	87,212		907	88,119	1,845
Peck, Cody	Utility Tech 2 Erickson	86,526			86,526	638
Phillips, Jeff	Parks & Trails Operations Supervisor	81,892			81,892	730
Poirier, Guillaume	Facility Maintenance 3 - CDCC	71,851	8,089		79,940	105
Pranke, Stephen	Facility Operator 5th Class - CDRD	72,380	6,423		78,803	
Renwick, Brian	Facility Maintenance Technician - CDRD	82,525	8,887		91,412	882
Rezaie, Siyamack	IT Systems Administrator	91,155			91,155	
Ricalton, Ryan	Facility Manager - NDCC	102,398			102,398	2,658
Richardson, Allan K	Water Services Supervisor Erickson	104,298			104,298	2,708
Richichi, Guiseppe	Facility Operations 5th Class - NDCC	77,520	8,643		86,162	
Rowe, David	GIS/CAD Technician	85,882			85,882	51
Saari-Heckley, Connie	Human Resources Manager	171,125			171,125	199
Schilman, Nathan	Environmental Technologist	81,780			81,780	10
Seguin, Daniel	Manager Community Sustainability/General Manager of Fire and Emergency Services	123,621			123,621	4,453
Senyk, Eileen	Water Services Liason	92,780			92,780	
Shorter, Greg	Resource Recovery Field Supervisor	81,645			81,645	2,720
Siminoff, Daniel	Building Official 3 - Nelson	104,379			104,379	4,282
Siminoff, Steven	Building Plumbing Official 3 - Nelson/Senior Building Official - Nelson	82,940			82,940	1,953
Singla, Sayena	Senior Energy Specialist	85,115			85,115	2,875
Smith, Heather	Finance Manager	131,799			131,799	4,489
Stanley, Craig	Regional Manager - Operations and Asset Management	131,846			131,846	1,706
Storey, Bryan	IT Technician - Creston	81,239			81,239	471

Stout, Erik	Senior Building Official - Creston/Building & Bylaw Manager	117,044			117,044	9,232
Sudan, Sangita	General Manager Development & Community Sustainability	171,224			171,224	5,389
VanRuyskensvelde, Christy	Facility Maintenance 3 - CDCC	72,562	8,099		80,660	378
Voykin, Chad	Facility Operator - CDRD	69,967	7,732		77,700	
Wayling, Tia	Regional Programming Supervisor/Community Development	101,951			101,951	1,435
West, Michelle	Senior GIS Analyst	108,779			108,779	
Wight, Nelson	Planning Manager	116,849			116,849	6,219
Williams, Chrystal	Senior GIS Analyst	79,822			79,822	1,733
Wilson, Amy	Resource Recovery Manager	138,385			138,385	8,594
Wolf, Uli S	General Manager of Environmental Services	193,746	20,484		214,230	1,743
Wood, Roy	Nelson Facility Maintenance Technician	82,525	9,174		91,700	174
Worden, Shiree	Records and Information Management Coordinator	93,242		152	93,394	
Zayac, Daniel B	Regional Deputy Fire Chief	129,979			129,979	861
Zol, Darryl	Financial Analyst and Team Supervisor	102,464			102,464	
	Total Over $75k				**$ 10,240,784**	$ 160,061
	Consolidated Other under $75k				**$ 12,928,681**	$ 305,213
					$ 23,169,465	$ 465,274

REGIONAL DISTRICT OF CENTRAL KOOTENAY
SCHEDULE OF REMUNERATION AND EXPENSES
6 (2) (d) 2025 PAYROLL RECONCILIATION TO FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Total Remuneration Elected Officials	994,932	
Total Remuneration Other	23,169,465	24,164,397
Wages/Benefits per Financial Statements	30,668,971	
Reconciling Items:		
Non Wage Items: Travel, Training, Incentives, Accruals, Heatlh & Safety, Incentives, Training, Tavel	-620,365	
Benefits Employer Cost	-5,884,209	
		24,164,397
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REGIONAL DISTRICT OF CENTRAL KOOTENAY
SCHEDULE OF REMUNERATION EXPENSES
6(6) 2025 SCHEDULE OF EMPLOYER COSTS

EMPLOYEE	INC TAX	CPP	EI	PENSION	LIFE INSURANCE & HEALTH BENEFITS	TOTAL
RP01	783,142	322,566	101,735	130,988		1,338,432
RP02	2,571,799	757,140	201,150	1,300,912		4,831,002
Combined					250,880	250,880
EMPLOYEE TOTALS	**3,354,941**	**1,079,706**	**302,886**	**1,431,900**	**250,880**	**6,420,313**

EMPLOYER	CPP	EI	PENSION	WCB	Employer Hlth Tax	LIFE INSURANCE & HEALTH BENEFITS	TOTAL
RP0001	322,566	142,428					464,994
RP0002	757,140	235,919					993,059
Combined			1,567,851	744,842	477,135	1,636,327	4,426,156
EMPLOYER TOTALS	**1,079,706**	**378,346**	**1,567,851**	**744,842**	**477,135**	**1,636,327**	**5,884,209**

REGIONAL DISTRICT OF CENTRAL KOOTENAY
SCHEDULE OF REMUNERATION AND EXPENSES
6 (7) (a) & (b) 2025 STATEMENT OF SEVERANCE AGREEMENTS

There were no severance agreements under which payment commenced between the Regional District of Central Kootenay and it's non union employees during fiscal year 2025

REGIONAL DISTRICT OF CENTRAL KOOTENAY
SCHEDULE OF SUPPLIERS OF PROVISION OF GOODS AND SERVICES
7 (1) (a) & (b) 2025 SCHEDULE OF SUPPLIERS AND PAYMENTS EXCEEDING $25,000

0906751 BC Ltd. DBA; Somerson Design Build	$	29,695
1022117 Alberta Ltd.		62,121
1290062 BC Ltd		45,762
Agilyx Solutions Limited		27,325
AIG Insurance Company of Canada		53,780
Akokli Construction LTD.		32,625
Andex Equipment Rentals		52,682
Andrew Sheret Ltd		92,124
Arrow Lakes Aggregates		202,695
Arrow Mountain Carwash & Mini Storage Ltd		35,000
Arrow Professional Landscaping		38,600
Associated Engineering		72,508
Associated Fire Safety Equipment		132,221
AtSource Recycling Systems Corp.		421,090
B A Blackwell & Associates Ltd		95,548
B.C. Scale Co. Ltd.		25,845
Backburn Mechanical Ltd.		83,482
BC Hydro & Power Authority		33,903
BC Transit		2,826,329
BDO Canada LLP		85,391
BES-Building Energy Solutions Ltd.		82,450
BGC Engineering Inc.		58,298
Bibby-Fox, Garry dba Radon Protect Nelson		25,033
Bill´s Heavy Duty Enterprises (2004) Ltd.		44,049
Black Press Group Ltd		26,129
Boughton Law Corporation		525,181
Brault Roofing (BC) Inc.		100,766
Brenton Industries Ltd		373,287
Brogan Fire & Safety		134,394
BWS Enterprise Ltd		72,845
CanGas Propane Inc.		25,998
Canoe - EMCO (Cranbrook)		57,516
Carvello Law Corporation		29,000
Castlegar, City Of		6,215,294
Cathro Consulting Ltd		110,338
CDW Canada Corp		74,882
Central Kootenay Invasive Species Society		46,073
CJ Industries Inc.		127,105
Cleartech Industries Inc		113,274
College Of The Rockies		55,726
Colliers Project Leaders Inc.		70,115
Columbia Basin Broadband Corporation		55,378
Comfort Welding Ltd		75,732
Community Futures of Central Kootenay		104,845
Cover Architectural Collaborative Inc.		26,418
Cowan´s Office Supplies		52,934
Creston Electric Inc.		599,896
Creston, Town Of		1,448,990
Dave´s Plumbing Ltd		116,763
DB Perks & Associates Ltd		102,871
DHC Communications Inc		71,872
Drillwell Enterprises Ltd.		79,854
Ember Leaf Consulting Inc.		29,383
Environmental 360 Solutions BC Ltd.		264,471
Escribe Solutions		29,087
Esri Canada Ltd		66,156
Evoke Buildings Engineering Inc.		141,164

Expertec Van Systems Inc	56,688
Federated Co-Operatives Ltd	42,464
FortisBC - Electricity	656,719
Fortisbc - Natural Gas	261,406
Frazer Excavation Ltd.	415,544
Frozen Solutions Inc. dba Frozen Refrigeration	128,009
Fusion West Manufacturing Ltd	88,376
Geographic Technologies Group Inc.	40,000
GFL Environmental Inc.	1,361,676
Green Analytics Corp.	74,557
HCMA Architecture and Design	43,476
Heritage Roofing & Sheet Metal Ltd.	1,440,632
Highland Consulting Ltd	73,743
Hitchon, William DBA: 5th Gear	31,402
Holman DBA ARI Financial Services	386,945
Hywood Truck & Equipment Ltd	161,395
I.T. Blueprint Solutions Consulting Inc.	258,521
Inland Allcare	97,056
Insight Canada Inc.	311,492
Insurance Corporation of BC	173,699
ISL Engineering And Land Services Ltd	25,298
Jakubow Enterprises Ltd o/a Canadian Tire Castlegar (492)	29,771
Justice Institute Of Bc	79,674
Kaslo Infonet Society	230,055
Keefer Ecological Services Ltd.	189,486
Kelly´s Maintenance and Services	51,045
Kendrick Equipment (2003) Ltd	52,519
Komline Pure Water Inc. dba BI Purewater Canada	77,607
Kone Inc	56,076
Kootenay Employment Services Society	90,000
Kootenay Industrial Supply Ltd	39,984
Kootenay Lake Electric Ltd	34,682
Kootenay Swiftwater Specialists	38,104
Koots Konstruction	58,320
Lesperance Mendes	30,607
Licker Geospatial Consulting Ltd.	103,711
Lidstone & Company	899,892
Lifesaving Society (Burnaby)	35,914
Little h Design Works	29,770
LIVunLtd	37,190
M´akola Development Services	47,750
Martech Electrical Systems Ltd	65,704
Martech Motor Winding Ltd	30,006
Masse Enviromental Consultants Ltd.	143,308
Mayday Electric Ltd	47,118
Medteq Solutions CA Ltd.	59,540
Metercor Inc.	307,905
Minister of Finance	96,770
Minister Of Finance - Product Distribution Centre	28,636
Mofab Metal Works Inc.	46,298
Morrow Bioscience Ltd	108,218
Municipal Insurance Association Of BC	589,154
Nakusp, Village Of	201,614
Nanaimo, City of	73,012
NDB Construction Ltd.	93,327
Nelson Building Centre Ltd	56,548
Nelson Farmers Supply Ltd	27,651
Nelson Hydro	505,785
Nelson Leafs Hockey Society	76,985
Nelson Tiny Houses	31,131
Nelson Toyota	77,512
Nelson, City Of	400,313

North Mountain Construction	454,434
Okanagan Office Systems	34,526
Ottoted Engineering Corp.	35,847
Overland West Freight Lines Ltd	31,012
Paper Crane Media Ltd.	36,309
PerfectMind Inc.	30,159
Polar Engineering Ltd.	186,287
Power Paving	148,995
R.D. of Fraser-Fort George	354,396
RC Strategies Inc.	61,289
Receiver General	39,511
Regional District of Central Okanagan	226,198
Regional District of Kootenay Boundary	28,456
Riptide Marine Sales Ltd.	63,823
Riteway Holdings Ltd. dba Tremlock Properties Ltd	632,331
Riverside Farm	113,984
Rocky Mountain Agencies	176,853
Rocky Mountain Phoenix	405,674
Roth IAMS	74,350
Score Construction Ltd	51,079
SFJ Inc.	40,982
Shaw Cable	44,533
SHI Canada ULC	171,581
Simply Clean Kootenay	28,750
Sk Electronics Ltd	124,696
SLR Consulting (Canada) Ltd.	80,116
Speedpro Signs	36,752
Sperling Hansen Associates Inc	160,563
SRK Consulting (Canada) Inc.	234,744
Stafford Welding	53,758
Strong Data Inc.	61,974
Sullivan Stone Company Ltd	38,067
Sundry Vendor	514,633
Tetra Tech Canada Inc.	28,395
The Corporation of the Village of Salmo	84,076
Tip-it Waste Solutions Kootenay	140,355
Trainor Mechanical Contractors Ltd	468,327
Tratech Mechanical Ltd	64,003
Troy Life & Fire Safety Ltd	27,818
Uline Canada Corporation	47,413
Unit4 Business Software Corporation	117,306
Urban Systems Ltd.	29,863
Valhalla Hydrovac Ltd.	363,709
Valhalla Refrigeration Ltd	61,800
Venture Mechanical Systems Ltd	240,532
VH Sport Canada	31,433
Wasp Manufacturing Ltd.	35,954
Waste Management	264,732
Wells Fargo Equipment	30,961
West Kootenay Boundary Regional Hospital District	525,538
WEX Canada Ltd.	41,292
WFR Wholesale Fire & Rescue Ltd	208,200
Wild West Drilling Inc	33,006
Wildland Recreation Solutions	53,019
Wildsight	42,240
Wishbone Industries Ltd.	28,437
Wood Wyant Inc	63,805
Woodland Equipment (Fort St. John) Inc.	284,395
WSP Canada Inc.	26,126
Zarikoff Developments Inc.	112,635
Z-KO Construction Ltd.	363,360
	$ 36,085,473

REGIONAL DISTRICT OF CENTRAL KOOTENAY
SCHEDULE OF SUPPLIERS OF PROVISION OF GOODS AND SERVICES
7 (1) (c) 2025 RECONCILIATION TO FINANCIAL STATEMENT

RECONCILIATION TO CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Total aggregate payment exceeding $25,000 paid to suppliers (a)	$ 36,085,473	
Total online lease payments	-	
Consolidated total of payments of $25,000 or less paid to suppliers (b)	3,835,341	
Consolidated total of all grants and contributions exceeding $25,000 (c)	7,759,089	
Consolidated total of all grants and contributions of $25,000 or less	2,140,660	$ 49,820,563
Reconciling Items:		
Payroll & Severance Agreements	$ 23,169,465	
Directors Remuneration & Expenses	994,932	
Change in work in progress, payables and accruals	(18,930,773)	
less capital portion of lease payments	-	
HST/GST rebate re purchases	1,245,072	
Acquisition of tangible capital assets	16,393,846	
Equipment disposal		$ 22,872,542
		$ 72,693,104
Per Consolidated Financial Statements:		
Consolidated expenses		$ 63,422,677
Amortization		7,024,859
Provision for Landfill closure		-
Provision for Contaminated Site costs		-
Debt service charges - interest and exchange		2,245,568
		$ 72,693,104
Difference		$ 0

REGIONAL DISTRICT OF CENTRAL KOOTENAY
SCHEDULE OF SUPPLIERS OF PROVISION OF GOODS AND SERVICES
7 (2) (b) 2025 SCHEDULE OF PAYMENTS OF GRANTS AND CONTRIBUTIONS EXCEEDING $25,000

Arrow & Slocan Lakes Community Services (ASLCS) - Grants	$ 45,660
Arrow Lakes Historical Society - Grants	30,121
Burton Community Association - Grants	35,760
Castlegar & District Community Services Society (CDCSS) - Grants	49,256
Castlegar & District Curling Club - Grants	29,399
Castlegar & District Public Library - Grants	194,169
Castlegar Friends of Parks and Trails Society (2001) - Grants	55,000
Castlegar Sculpturewalk Society - Grants	34,384
Castlegar Snowmobile Association - Grants	30,000
Castlegar, City of - Grants	1,074,738
CBT Property Corporation - Grants	30,000
Central Kootenay Food Policy Council - Grants	26,000
Central Kootenay Invasive Species Society - Grants	33,326
Columbia Basin Broadband Corporation - Grants	842,559
Community Futures - Grants	59,000
Crawford Bay & District Hall & Parks Association - Grants	46,566
Creston & District Historical & Museum Society - Grants	135,238
Creston Community Auditorium Society - Grants	25,213
Creston Public Library Association - Grants	570,537
Creston Valley Regional Airport Society - Grants	201,175
Creston Valley Tourism Society - Grants	44,000
Creston, Town of - Grants	468,270
Deer Park Recreation Society - Grants	81,934
Edgewood Volunteer Fire Department - Grants	25,150
Fauquier Community Club Society - Grants	41,053
Fields Forward - Grants	30,762
Kaslo & District Arena Association - Grants	56,000
Kaslo & District Public Library Association - Grants	130,825
Kaslo Community Services Society - Grants	46,126
Kaslo Search & Rescue - Grants	40,371
Kaslo, Village of - Grants	130,500
KBRH Health Foundation - Grants	25,514
Kitchener Improvement District - Grants	30,000
Lardeau Valley Community Club - Grants	70,522
Lardeau Valley Opportunity Links Society - Grants	41,320
Lower Kootenay Band - Grants	423,240
Nakusp & District Museum Society - Grants	30,017
Nakusp Public Library Association - Grants	116,768
Nakusp Rotary Club - Grants	25,772
Nakusp Ski Club Association - Grants	46,997
Nakusp, Village of - Grants	501,300
Nelson Cycling Club - Grants	41,403
Nelson Public Library - Grants	200,309
Nelson Search & Rescue - Grants	33,754
Nelson, City of - Grants	991,853
Okanagan Nation Alliances - Grants	33,502
Protecting Animal Life Society (P.A.L.S.) - Grants	29,000
Robson Fire & Rescue Society - Grants	33,000
Robson Recreation Society - Grants	25,000
Salmo Public Library Association - Grants	110,123
Salmo Valley Youth & Community Centre - Grants	78,126
Salmo, Village of - Grants	49,398
Taghum Community Hall Society - Grants	39,998
WE Graham Community Service Society - Grants	25,092
West Creston Community Hall Society - Grants	33,800
West Shores Leisure Advancement Society - Grants	25,242
Yahk-Kingsgate Recreation Society - Grants	54,950
	$ 7,759,089

Print Form

Financial Information Act
Financial Information Regulation (FIR), Schedule 1

Statement of Financial Information (SOFI)
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Ministry Information

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Page 3: Schedule of Guarantee and Indemnity Agreements: Section Five

5(1)	List agreements under the Guarantees and Indemnities Regulation
5(2)	State the entities and amounts involved
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6(1)	[Definitions for reference]
6(2)(a)	List remuneration / expenses for each elected official, member of board, Cabinet appointees
6(2)(b)	List each employee with remuneration exceeding $75,000, plus expenses
6(2)(c)	Consolidated total for all employees with remuneration of $75,000 or less
6(2)(d)	Reconcile difference in total remuneration above with operational statement
6(3)	Exclude personal information other than as required

Page 3 & 4: Schedule of Remuneration and Expenses: Section Six (continued)

6(4) & (5)	[Explanatory information for reference]
6(6)	Report employer portion of EI and CPP as a supplier payment
6(7)(a) & (b)	Statement of severance agreements
6(8)	Explain an omission of statement of severance agreements
6(9)	[Statement of severance agreements to minister – not required unless requested]

Page 4: Schedule of Suppliers of Goods or Services: Section Seven

7(1)(a)	List suppliers receiving payments exceeding $25,000
7(1)(b)	Consolidated total of all payments of $25,000 or less
7(1)(c)	Reconcile difference in total above with operational statement
7(2)(a)	[Explanatory information for reference]
7(2)(b)	Statement of payments of grants or contributions
7(2)(c)	[Explanatory information for reference]

Page 5: Inactive Corporations: Section Eight

8(1)	Ministry to report for inactive corporations
8(2)(a)	Contents of report – statements and schedules under section 1(1) to extent possible
8(2)(b)	Contents of report – operational status of corporation

Approval of Financial Information: Section Nine

9(1)	Approval of SOFI for corporations (other than municipalities)
9(2)	Approval of SOFI for municipalities
9(3)	Management report
9(4)	Management report must explain roles and responsibilities
9(5)	Signature approval is for all contents of the SOFI

Access to the Financial Information: Section Ten

10(1) to (3)	[Explanatory information for reference]

Financial Information Regulation, Schedule 1

Checklist – Statement of Financial Information (SOFI)

For the Corporation:

Corporate Name:	Regional District of Central Kootenay	Contact Name:	Heather Smith
Fiscal Year End:	December 31, 2025	Phone Number:	250-352-8181
Date Submitted:	June 19, 2026	E-mail:	hsmith@rdck.bc.ca

For the Ministry:

Ministry Name:		Reviewer:				
Date Received:		Deficiencies:	Yes	☐	No	☐
Date Reviewed:		Deficiencies Addressed:	Yes	☐	No	☐
Approved (SFO):		Further Action Taken:				

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FIR Schedule 1 Section	Item	Yes	No	N/A	Comments
	General				
1 (1) (a)	Statement of assets and liabilities	☒	☐	☐	
1 (1) (b)	Operational statement	☒	☐	☐	
1 (1) (c)	Schedule of debts	☒	☐	☐	See schedule of debenture debt
1 (1) (d)	Schedule of guarantee and indemnity agreements	☐	☐	☒	
1 (1) (e)	Schedule of employee remuneration and expenses	☒	☐	☐	See 6(2)(b)&(c)
1 (1) (f)	Schedule of suppliers of goods and services	☒	☐	☐	See 7(1)(a)&(b)
1 (3)	Statements prepared on a consolidated basis or for each fund, as appropriate	☒	☐	☐	
1 (4) 1 (5)	Notes to the financial statements for the statements and schedules listed above	☒	☐	☐	

FIR Schedule 1 Section	Item	Yes	No	N/A	Comments
Statement of Assets & Liabilities					
2	• A balance sheet prepared in accordance with GAAP or stated accounting principles / policies, and • Show changes in equity and surplus or deficit due to operations	☒	☐	☐	
Operational Statement					
3 (1)	Prepared in accordance with GAAP or stated accounting principles / policies and consists of: • a Statement of Income or Statement of Revenue and Expenditures, and • a Statement of Changes in Financial Position	☒	☐	☐	
3 (2) 3 (3)	• The Statement of Changes in Financial Position may be omitted if it provides no additional information • The omission must be explained in the notes	☒	☐	☐	
3 (4)	Community colleges, school districts, and municipalities must prepare a Statement of Changes in Financial Position for the Capital Fund	☒	☐	☐	
Schedule of Debts					
4 (1) (a) 4 (2)	List each long-term debt (secured by debentures, mortgages, bonds, etc.), stating the amount outstanding, the interest rate, and the maturity date	☒	☐	☐	
4 (1) (b)	Identify debts covered by sinking funds or reserves and amounts in these accounts	☐	☐	☒	
4 (3) 4 (4)	• The schedule may be omitted if addressed under section 2 or 5 and it provides no additional information • The omission must be explained in a note to the schedule	☐	☐	☒	

FIR Schedule 1 Section	Item	Yes	No	N/A	Comments
Schedule of Guarantee and Indemnity Agreements					
5 (1)	List financial agreements that required government approval prior to being given (see Guarantees and Indemnities Regulation in FIA Guidance Package)	☒	☐	☐	
5 (2)	State the entities involved, and the specific amount involved if known	☐	☐	☒	
5 (3) 5 (4)	• The schedule may be omitted if addressed under section 2 or 4 and it provides no additional information • The omission must be explained in a note to the schedule	☐	☐	☒	
Schedule of Remuneration and Expenses (See Guidance Package for suggested format)					
6 (2) (a)	List separately, by name and position, the total remuneration and the total expenses for each elected official, member of the board of directors, and employee appointed by Cabinet	☒	☐	☐	
6 (2) (b)	List alphabetically each employee whose total remuneration exceeds $75,000 and the total expenses for each [excluding the persons listed under 6 (2) (a)]	☒	☐	☐	
6 (2) (c)	Include a consolidated total for employees whose remuneration is $75,000 or less [excluding the persons listed under 6 (2) (a)]	☒	☐	☐	
6 (2) (d)	Reconcile or explain any difference between total remuneration in this schedule and related information in the operational statement	☐	☐	☒	
6 (3)	Exclude personal information other than name, position, function or remuneration and expenses of employees	☐	☐	☒	

FIR Schedule 1 Section	Item	Yes	No	N/A	Comments
Schedule of Remuneration and Expenses (See Guidance Package for suggested format)					
6 (6)	Report the employer portion of EI and CPP as a supplier payment to the Receiver General for Canada rather than as employee remuneration	☒	☐	☐	
6 (7) (a) 6 (7) (b)	Include a statement of severance agreements providing: • the number of severance agreements under which payment commenced in the fiscal year being reported on for non-union employees, and • the range of equivalent months' compensation for them (see Guidance Package for suggested format)	☒	☐	☐	
6 (8)	Provide the reason for omitting a statement of severance agreements in a note to the schedule of remuneration and expenses	☐	☐	☒	
Schedule of Suppliers of Goods or Services (See Guidance Package for suggested format)					
7 (1) (a)	List in alphabetical order all suppliers of goods and services who received aggregate payments exceeding $25,000	☒	☐	☐	
7 (1) (b)	Include a consolidated total of all payments to suppliers who received $25,000 or less	☒	☐	☐	
7 (1) (c)	Reconcile or explain any difference between the consolidated total and related figures in the operational statement	☒	☐	☐	
7 (2) (b)	Include a statement of payments for the purposes of grants or contributions	☒	☐	☐	

FIR Schedule 1 Section	Item	Yes	No	N/A	Comments
	Inactive Corporations				
8 (1)	The ministry reports for the corporation if the corporation is not operating to the extent required to produce a SOFI	☐	☐	☒	
8 (2) (a)	The ministry's report contains the statements and schedules required under section 1 (1), to the extent possible	☐	☐	☒	
8 (2) (b)	The ministry's report contains a statement of the operational status of the corporation (see Guidance Package regarding what to include)	☐	☐	☒	
	Approval of Financial Information				
9 (1)	Corporations other than municipalities – the SOFI is signed as approved by the board of directors or the governing body (see Guidance Package for example)	☐	☐	☒	
9 (2)	Municipalities – the SOFI is approved by its council and by the officer assigned responsibility for financial administration (see Guidance Package for example)	☒	☐	☐	
9 (3)	A management report is included, signed by the head and chief financial officer, or by the municipal officer assigned responsibility for financial administration (see examples in annual report at http://www.gov.bc.ca/cas/popt/)	☒	☐	☐	
9 (4)	The management report explains the roles and responsibilities of the board of directors or governing body, audit committee, management, and the auditors	☒	☐	☐	
9 (5)	Signature approvals required in section 9 are for each of the statements and schedules of financial information, not just the financial statements	☒	☐	☐	

Board Report – For Information

June 19, 2026

2026 Local Government Elections

Author: Tom Dool, Chief Elections Officer
File Reference: 3500/20
Electoral Area/Municipality: RURAL ELECTORAL AREAS
Services Impacted Rural Administration

1.0 PURPOSE OF REPORT

This report informs the Board of significant dates and statutory requirements regarding the 2026 Local Government Elections. The Elections Act, Elections Campaign Financing Act, Community Charter and the Local Government Act will inform several processes under the direction of the Board and decisions for individual Rural Area Directors.

In addition to running Local Government Elections the Regional District will be providing election services to School Districts, 8, 10, and 20 upon request and as required by the Local Government Act.

Municipal Elections will be enacted by the municipalities.

2.0 BACKGROUND AND UDPATE

2026 Local Government Elections Budget

The proposed budget for the 2026 Local Government Election was developed assuming an election in each Electoral Area and School District Trustee Division. If this were the case it would require a total of 57 polling locations with a total of 228 elections workers. It should be noted that this is very unlikely. Best practices in determining the logistical requirement of a local government election 5 months prior to the announcements of candidacy requires that staff allow all possible outcomes.

Based on the previously mentioned assumptions staff would anticipate attributing the cost of the 2022 Local Government and Assent Voting Process in the following fashion. The Regional District portion of the cost will be funded through Rural Administration.

Figure 2. Apportionment of 2026 Local Government Election Costs

Revenue	Amount	Comments
SD8	$ 23,710.49	Based on 25 polls
SD10	$ 6,638.94	Based on 7 polls
SD20	$ 5,690.52	Based on 6 polls
RDCK	$ 72,079.88	Based on 57 polls

Key Dates & Timlines

Key Dates in the 2026 Election calendar for consideration by the Board are included in Figure 3.

Figure 3. 2026 Election Key Dates

Date	Action Item	Legislation
Jan 1 – Sept 18	Start of Election Period • Subject to the applicable regulations election period expenses may now be incurred	CFA s10(1)
Mar 10	Last Day To Meet 6-Month BC Residency Requirement For Candidates	LGA s81
June 18	General Open Board Meeting Last opportunity to amend Election and Assent Voting Bylaw	LGA 56
May 31	Election Expense Limits Are Made Public By Elections BC	CFA s63
July 20 – Sept 18	Pre-Campaign Period	CFA s10
Aug 26	Adoption of Provincial Voters List	LGA 76
Sept 1-11	Nomination Period	LGA s84
Sept 1-15	Challenge to nomination & endorsement period	LGA s91
Sept 18	Nomination withdrawal deadline	LGA s101
Sept 19 – Oct 17	Campaign Period	CFA s10
Sept 21	Declaration of Election by Voting or Acclamation	LGA s98
Oct 7	Required Advanced Voting	LGA s107
Oct 14	Additional Advanced Poll	LGA s107
Oct 17	General Polling Day	LGA s52
Oct 17	Announcement of preliminary results	LGA s144
Oct 20	Last day for LCEO to submit election by acclamation report	LGA s158
Oct 21	Last day to LCEO to submit election by voting report	LGA s146
Oct 21 -26	Period For Judicial Recount	LGA s148
Oct 22	October Board Meeting	
Oct 30	Deadline for Judicial Recount	LGA s149
Oct 31- Dec 19	Run-off election period	LGA s152
Jan 15	End of period to File campaign finance disclosure with Elections BC	CFA s47

Campaign Financing Periods

It is important that potential candidates for public office are aware of which campaign financing period they are in while recording campaign finance expenditures accordingly. Figure 2. Election Periods describe the phases. For more information, please refer to the Guide to Campaign Financing for Local Candidates and Financial Agents in B.C. as provided on the Elections BC web page.

Figure 2. Election Campaign Financing Periods

Election Period	Pre-campaign Period	Campaign Period	Filing Period	Assessment Period
→	→	→	→	→
Start of Election Period	**Start of Pre-campaign Period**	**Start of the Campaign Period**	**Filing Deadline**	**Assessment Period**
January 1 for general local elections, or the date the seat becomes vacant for by-elections Expenses used in this period must be reported on the campaign financing disclosure statement.	**89 days before General Voting Day** Election advertising transmitted to the public must include an authorization statement. Expenses used in this period must be reported on the campaign financing disclosure statement.	**28 days before General Voting Day** Definition of election advertising is expanded to include issue based advertising, and limits apply to the value of election expenses used.	**90 days after General Voting Day** Campaign financing disclosure statements must be filed with Elections BC.	Elections BC conducts compliance reviews and audits of financial reports, and if non-compliance is identified, the file is forwarded for investigation and possible enforcement.

It should be noted that Election BC staff are available to provide candidates with advice regarding what is allowed or disallowed during the various periods of the elections process.

Legislative Considerations

Regional District of Central Kootenay Election and Assent Voting Bylaw No. 2823, 2022 was adopted at the April 21, 2022 Board Meeting. The Local Government Act requires that a regional district adopt an elections bylaw to address specifics regarding

- The authority of the Chief Elections Officer
- Nominations and endorsements
- Elector registration
- The organization and availability of the ballot

The Local Government Act provides the framework for provision of local government elections within Part 3 – Electors and Elections.

The Local Elections Campaign Financing Act legislates the campaign spending and accounting.

Elections BC provides detailed guidelines regarding all aspects of the elections and assent voting process at https://elections.bc.ca/local-elections/forms-and-guides/local-forms .

It should be noted that Election BC staff are available to provide candidates with advice regarding what is allowed or disallowed during the various periods of the Elections and Assent Voting process.

CONCURRENCE

Corporate Officer – Mike Morrison	Approved
Chief Administrative Officer – Stuart Horn	Approved

Board Report – For Information

June 18, 2026

Local FireSmart Collective Program

Author:	Jessie Lay, FireSmart Coordinator
File Reference:	14/7625
Electoral Area/Municipality:	RDCK
Services Impacted	A101 Emergency Consolidated Services

1.0 PURPOSE OF REPORT

In April 2026, FireSmart BC launched the Local FireSmart Collective Program (LFCP), which replaces the FireSmart Canada Neighbourhood Recognition Program (FCNRP) throughout the Province of British Columbia.

This report is to provide an update to Elected Officials on the implementation of the new Collective Program throughout the Regional District of Central Kootenay (RDCK).

2.0 BACKGROUND AND UDPATE

The RDCK has championed FireSmart neighbourhood programming with several communities involved since 2016. Previously, the FireSmart Canada Neighbourhood Recognition Program played a key role in driving individual home assessments, cultivating awareness and interest in FireSmart in general, and building relationships throughout the region. In 2025, the RDCK supported 33 communities in achieving FireSmart Canada Neighbourhood Recognition.

The goal of the new Local FireSmart Collective Program is aligned with former programming. The Local FireSmart Collective Program is about empowering people to work together to take achievable actions that can make a real difference in protecting their homes and communities from wildfire.

The new Local FireSmart Collective Program is offered through FireSmart BC:

- Hosted by FireSmart BC on an improved online platform
- Requires an updated Collective Assessment and Plan (community wildfire risk assessment, goal-setting exercise, and action plan) for each participating community group
- Emphasizes quantitative goals, focused on Home Ignition Zones (the area immediately surrounding homes) rather than qualitative goals and educational activities
- Will implement a four-tier system to track progress:
    - Participation Tier – launched April 2026
    - Bronze Tier – launching 2027
    - Silver Tier – estimated 2029-2031
    - Gold Tier – estimated 2029-2031

The previous FireSmart Neighbourhood Recognition Program offered through FireSmart Canada:

- Hosted by FireSmart Canada
- Is no longer available in the Province of BC
- Centers around qualitative goals including educational events with low barriers to participation

Informed by feedback from community leaders and RDCK staff experience, there are pros and cons to both programs:

Old FireSmart Canada Neighbourhood Recognition	
Pros	Cons
Familiar programming and processes	Challenging user interface and administrative processes
Encourage education and engagement	Qualitative requirements created a wide variety of conditions in FireSmart recognized neighbourhoods
Community pride in accomplishments and recognition	Strictly residential properties
Funding and administration was via CIFFC and FireSmart Canada	No longer available to residents of BC

New Local FireSmart Collective Program	
Pros	Cons
Improved user interface and accessible administrative processes	Requires significant investment of staff time with all neighbourhood groups requiring a new Collective Assessment
Action oriented with quantitative goals	No recognition of education initiatives and limited recognition of past FireSmart projects through FCNRP
Indication of future tiered recognition, with increased financial support (releasing 2027-2031)	Insurance is a significant funding partner. Although privacy policy is in place, residents are weary of the connection
Recognizes homes, parks, campuses and businesses alike	Limited resources available at FireSmart BC to support change management and program implementation in rural areas

Analysis

The new Local FireSmart Collective Program represents a significant shift from an education-focused recognition program to one that emphasizes measurable wildfire risk reduction activities.

While this approach is intended to improve community resilience, aspects of the new program remain under development, including the future Bronze, Silver, and Gold recognition tiers. As a result, communities are being asked to transition to a new system without a clear understanding of future requirements or how progress will be measured over time.

The transition also requires each participating neighbourhood to complete a new Collective Assessment and Action Plan before seeking recognition under the new program. This will require a greater investment of staff time.

These change and uncertainty have created challenges for community engagement. Some neighbourhoods that have already achieved FireSmart recognition have expressed frustration that previous investments, completed projects, and volunteer efforts are not being immediately recognized within the new framework.

3.0 NEXT STEPS AND TIMELINE

Implementation phases of the transition to the new Local FireSmart Collective Program are outlined below. Maintaining resident engagement and providing community support are key priorities.

Phase	Timeline	Status
FireSmart BC Program Launch	April 10th	-
Phase 1 – Collective Advocate Engagement	April 15th online information session Additional meetings as required	Complete – with ongoing support as required
Phase 2 – Staff Training	May 1st to 30th	Complete – with the consideration that there may be further information and resources released from FireSmart BC
Phase 3 – Schedule and execute Collective Assessments	June 1st to September 1st	Ongoing
Phase 4 – Staff support development of goals and Collective Action Plans	June 1st to September 1st	Ongoing – seeking clarity on requirements from FireSmart BC
Phase 5 – Seek neighbourhood recognition through new Collective program	Fall/Winter 2026	Process and dates to be determined by FireSmart BC
Phase 6 – Reporting	Winter 2026/Spring 2027	Analyze first year of Collective program with an emphasis on informing future programming

After several attempts to engage with FireSmart BC on program development throughout fall and winter 2025, RDCK staff are drafting a letter to FireSmart BC to express concern over the lack of recognition for community lead education initiatives in this new program. Throughout the region, neighbourhood education events have been integral to creating social trust and buy-in, which creates the foundation for collective action and meeting the goals of the new Local FireSmart Collective Program. Staff feel this advocacy is necessary to avoid losing participation in this transition and continuing to offer wholistic and impactful FireSmart programming.

Respectfully submitted,
Jessie Lay – FireSmart Program Coordinator

CONCURRENCE

Chief Administrative Officer – Stuart Horn	Approved
Acting GM Fire and Emergency Management Services – Dan Seguin	Approved
Acting Emergency Program Manager – Nora Hannon	Approved

Board Report

June 18th, 2026

Temporary Access into Evacuation Order Areas Policy – Director Feedback

Author:	Nora Hannon, Acting Emergency Program Manager
File Reference:	14/7625
Electoral Area/Municipality:	All Electoral Areas
Services Impacted	A101 Emergency Consolidated Services

1.0 STAFF RECOMMENDATION

That the Board adopt Policy Number 800-01-03, Temporary Access into Evacuation Order Areas Policy, effective immediately.

2.0 BACKGROUND/HISTORY

Staff brought the Temporary Access into Evacuation Order Areas Policy Board Report and Draft Policy: 800-01-03, Temporary Access into Evacuation Order Areas Policy to the May, 2026 Regular Open Board Meeting.

The Board resolved that: *249/26 That the draft Temporary Access into Evacuation Order Areas Policy No. 800-01-03 be received and that Directors provide feedback on the draft policy to staff prior to June 1st, 2026, AND FURTHER, that staff be directed to bring an update to the draft policy to the June 18, 2026 Open Board Meeting.*

Director Feedback

Feedback was received from two RDCK Directors.

In the Draft Temporary Access into Evacuation Order Areas Policy No. 800-01-03 under:

Definitions:

- Feedback was provided on the definition of a Subject Matter Expert.

  Staff reviewed this feedback and do not recommend further changes to the draft policy.

Policy:

<u>2. Minors in Evacuation order Areas</u>

- Feedback and rationale were provided to reduce the age of a minor to 16 years of age.

Staff reviewed this feedback and do not recommend changing the provincially defined age of a minor, and do not recommend further changes to the policy.

3. Authority to Approve Temporary Access

- Feedback was provided around how the EOC Director may designate this authority to other EOC staff positions as required to maintain operational capacity in terms of how the designation is authorized.

  Staff have reviewed this feedback and determined this would be procedural, defined in a subsequent supporting procedure, not in policy.

- Feedback was provided around how the EOC Director or their designate shall consult with Subject Matter Experts to determine whether conditions are safe for temporary access and whether there would always be a subject matter expert and if without a subject matter expert there would be zero access throughout the evacuation.

  Staff reviewed this feedback. Under. *6. Limiting or Expanding Access*, the EOC Policy Group would be able to make a recommendation to exclude the utilization of a subject matter expert. Further, staff are recommending adding another section to the policy: *9. Exemptions to the policy.*

4. Authority to Control Checkpoints

- Feedback was received on the wording for 4. Authority to Control Checkpoints.

  The draft policy wording is:

  - Authorized personnel may include:
    - RDCK staff, contractors, and volunteers;
    - Staff, contractors, and volunteers of RDCK municipal partners;
    - Employees, contractors, and volunteers of the Provincial Government;
    - Employees or contractors of the Federal Government;

  The suggested wording provided through the feedback is:

  - Authorized personnel may include:
    - RDCK staff, contractors, and volunteers;
    - RDCK municipal partners' Staff, contractors, and volunteers of RDCK municipal partners;
    - Provincial Government Employees, contractors, and volunteers of the Provincial Government;
    - Federal Government Employees or contractors of the Federal Government;

  Staff have reviewed this feedback and incorporated this change in the revised policy.

5. Approved Purposes for Temporary Access

- Feedback was provided on the core purposes for Temporary Access. Specifically, for:

  - *Agricultural purposes, including evacuation, tending, or feeding of livestock.* Feedback around more clarity under what would be included was requested.

  Staff have reviewed this feedback and are recommending this change in the revised policy:

  > Members of the agriculture sector, including small-scale and hobby farmers for the evacuation, feeding and tending of livestock, apiaries and aquaculture.

- Feedback to remove 'verified by physician or pharmacist' from:

  iii. Essential medication verified by a physician or pharmacist.

  Staff have reviewed this feedback and are recommending this change in the revised policy:

  > iii. Essential Medication that cannot readily be replaced.

- Feedback was provided that there should be further clarification on whether escorts may be required, time restrictions, whether stopping is permitted. This was highlighted as particularly important in areas with only one access route.
  - Travel through an evacuation order area to access a non-evacuated area;

  Staff have reviewed this feedback and do not recommend any changes to the revised draft policy. The parameters determining travel through an evacuation are operational may change between different evacuation orders.

- Feedback on including additional purposes was provided given the rural context of some RDCK residents.

  Staff reviewed this feedback and do not recommend including any additional core purposes. The rational for an evacuation order is a *significant threat to the health, safety, and welfare of persons.* As such staff strongly recommend the core purposes remain limited.

- Feedback was provided on setting a time limit to receive confirmation from a subject matter expert on receiving confirmation of safe entry.

  Staff reviewed this feedback and do not recommend setting a time limit on confirmation for safe entry. Further, often circumstances in evacuation order areas may be so dangerous that temporary access may not be possible, and a subject matter expert may be prioritizing a stabilization of the incident and the safety of responders over reviewing temporary access requests.

6. Limiting or Expanding Access

- Feedback was provided that *5. Approved Purposes for Temporary Access* require a subject matter expert however *6. Limiting or Expanding Access* does not recommend the inclusion of a subject matter expert.

Staff have reviewed this feedback and do not recommend making any changes.

- Feedback and clarity were requested around the involvement of municipal directors or Mayors in the policy group.

  Staff have reviewed this feedback; as previously established the Mayor of an impacted area is included in the EOC Policy Group. Staff will be providing refresher Policy Group training to elected officials.

- Feedback was provided to better understand and clarify the role of the Area Director and request that the Electoral Area Directors be informed of significant access restrictions and consulted where operationally feasible. Clarification on whether Directors have an advisory role only or any decision-making authority.

  Staff have reviewed this feedback. Electoral Area Directors do not have an operational role in the Emergency Operations Center. Should guidance from the Policy Group be requested, the impacted Electoral Area Director or Mayor and Board Chair will be involved to make policy level decisions.
  Staff do not recommend making any changes to draft policy.

- Feedback was provided requesting further definition of exceptional or low risk circumstances to ensure consistency between emergencies.
  - *The EOC Director or designate may approve temporary access requests outside the approved purposes identified in this policy in exceptional or low-risk circumstances where operationally feasible and considered safe by a Subject Matter Expert.*

  Staff have reviewed this feedback and do not recommend providing further definitions for exceptional or low risk circumstances.

<u>7. Operational Considerations</u>

- Feedback and request for clarification was provided around accountability for people that refuse to leave under an evacuation order.
  - *The RDCK shall maintain accountability for individuals entering evacuation order areas;*

  Staff have reviewed this feedback and do not recommend any changes to the draft policy. This policy is intended for individuals requesting *entry into* an evacuation order area and not those choosing to not abide by the Evacuation Order.

- Feedback was provided for clarification on which staff were meant by this in the draft policy.
  - *Temporary access operations shall be limited to available staffing and operational capacity.*

  Staff have reviewed this feedback and do not recommend any changes to the draft policy. Staffing and operational capacity reflect the RDCK Emergency Operations Center and related field staff.

<u>8. Communication</u>

- Feedback was provided in requesting clarification of the waiver releasing local government accountability.

- *Individuals granted access shall be informed of risks, conditions, and limitations associated with entering evacuation order areas through the completion of a waiver issued by the RDCK, and written or verbal briefing at the checkpoint.*

Staff reviewed this feedback and do not recommend any changes to the draft policy.

Additional Feedback provided outside of policy sections:

- Feedback was provided on establishing process to address appeals for those denied temporary access.

  Staff have reviewed this feedback. Temporary Access into evacuation order areas is provided when it is operationally feasible, and an evacuation order area is deemed safe to enter for the purpose requested. Residents that meet the core purposes and are denied entry can reapply for entry the following day. Staff do not recommend making any changes to the revised draft policy.

Staff recommend amending the following sections of the revised policy:

Staff recommend the addition of a new section within **Scope:**

This policy applies to all RDCK staff, contractors, volunteers, and partner agencies involved in:

- Approving temporary access to evacuation order areas;
- Issuing temporary access passes; and
- Managing and controlling access at designated checkpoints.

This policy applies to evacuation order areas within RDCK electoral areas.

-- NEW -- This policy applies to evacuation order areas within municipal boundaries where the RDCK Emergency Program Municipal Partner has entered into an agency agreement with the RDCK constituting the RDCK as the municipality's agent during a state of local emergency, and the municipality authorizes the RDCK to allow people into evacuation order areas in accordance with the RDCK's policies.

Staff recommend the addition of a new section within **Policy**:

9. Exemptions to the policy:
Categorical exemptions or standing access provisions are provided to personnel from agencies or entities that form part of the response to an emergency within the evacuation order area:

- RDCK Fire Departments;
- Royal Canadian Mounted Police and partnering police services ;
- Public Safety Lifeline Volunteers under Search and Rescue Groups;
- Emergency Program Partnering Municipal Fire Departments;
- BC Ambulance Service

Personnel operating under a categorical exemption must comply with any operational conditions established by the EOC Director, Incident Commander, or lead response agency.

- BC Wildfire Service Staff: An order made by a local authority has no effect to the extent that it prevents or interferes with an exercise of power related to carrying out fire control under the Wildfire Act.

Local authorities do not need to provide authorization for BC Wildfire Service (BCWS) staff, or persons authorized by BCWS, to access evacuated areas.

- The EOC Director or designate may establish categorical exemptions or standing access provisions for specified agencies, responders, or personnel, other than BCWS, where appropriate. Such access should be limited to personnel who are authorized, trained, equipped, and assigned to the emergency response, critical service, damage assessment, or re-entry preparation functions.

Examples of eligible personnel may include:

- Third-party wildfire protection resources (e.g. Wildfire Defense Systems);
- Utility providers and critical infrastructure operators;
- Emergency management personnel and supporting agencies;
- Other personnel or organizations authorized by the EOC Director or designate based on operational requirements.

Personnel operating under a categorical exemption must comply with any operational conditions established by the EOC Director, Incident Commander, or lead response agency.

3.0 PROBLEM OR OPPORTUNITY DESCRIPTION

The draft Policy Number 800-01-03, Temporary Access into Evacuation Order Areas policy establishes a framework for the Regional District of Central Kootenay (RDCK) to manage temporary access to evacuation order areas in a manner that:

- Prioritizes public and responder safety;
- Reflects operational capacity of the RDCK Emergency Operations Centre (EOC);
- Incorporates advice from subject matter experts; and
- Addresses legal and liability considerations

3.1 Alignment to Board Strategic Plan

Organizational excellence;
Develop relationships and partnerships;

3.2 Legislative Considerations

Emergency and Disaster Management Act

3.3 What Are the Risks

- Emergency Operations Center Staff capacity in emergencies with evacuation orders being able to issue temporary access passes.
- Social and economic harms from restricted access to evacuation order areas.
- Danger to those entering an evacuation order area with a temporary access pass.

4.0 PROPOSED SOLUTION

Proposed Policy Solution

The Draft RDCK Temporary Access into Evacuation Order Areas Policy has been updated based on Director and Staff feedback in these areas. Revised Draft Policy Number 800-01-03 RDCK Temporary Access into Evacuation Order Areas Policy forms Attachment A of this report.

4.1 Financial Considerations of the Proposed Solution

Staffing resources in the Emergency Operations Center (EOC) and the site of emergencies:

The processing of temporary access requests can place significant strain on staffing in the EOC and in the field. The cost of staffing the EOC in terms of loss of staff to deliver on regular RDCK workplan commitments needs to be considered.

4.2 Risks with the Proposed Solution

Risk if the RDCK EOC does not have capacity to operationalize the policy or other operational changes to temporary access.

4.3 Resource Allocation and Workplan Impact

This operationalization of the changes to temporary access in evacuation order areas is an anticipated impact on the RDCK Emergency Management staff workplan.

4.4 Public Benefit and Stakeholder Engagement of Proposed Solution

The process for requesting temporary access to evacuation orders will be shared with the public through the RDCK website and stakeholder agencies.

4.5 Leveraging Technology

The processing of temporary access requests is digitized.

4.6 Measuring Success

Temporary Access requests from agencies and individuals that can be processed within Policy 800-01-01 Temporary Access into Evacuation Order Areas.

7.0 OPTIONS SUMMARY

Option 1:

Recommendation:

That the Board adopt Policy Number 800-01-03, Temporary Access into Evacuation Order Areas Policy, effective immediately

Option 2:

Recommendation:

That the Board direct staff to seek further Director feedback on the draft policy prior to July 1st, 2026, AND that staff be directed to bring an update to the draft policy to the July 16th, 2026 Open Board Meeting.

8.0 RECOMMENDATION

That the Board adopt Policy Number 800-01-03, Temporary Access into Evacuation Order Areas Policy, effective immediately.

Respectfully submitted,
Nora Hannon – Acting Emergency Program Manager

CONCURRENCE

Chief Administrative Officer – Stuart Horn	Approved
GM Fire and Emergency Services – Dan Seguin	Approved
Corporate Officer – Mike Morrison	Approved

ATTACHMENTS:

Attachment A – Revised Draft Policy Number 800-01-03 Temporary Access into Evacuation Order Areas
Attachment B – Draft Policy Number 800-01-03 Temporary Access into Evacuation Order Areas
Attachment C – May 21 2026 Board Report Temporary Access into Evacuation Order Areas

Chapter:	Emergency Management Services				
Section:	800				
Subject:	Temporary Access into Evacuation Order Areas Policy				
Board Resolution:	[Board resolution number]	**Established Date:**	[Date of policy]	**Revised Date:**	[Revised date of policy]

POLICY:

PURPOSE:

The Emergency and Disaster Management Act (EDMA) provides authority for local authorities to issue evacuation orders to protect public safety during emergency events.

The Province of British Columbia has issued guidance titled *Managing Temporary Access to Areas under Evacuation Order: A Guide for Local Authorities* to support local authorities in managing requests for temporary access into evacuation order areas.

This policy establishes a framework for the Regional District of Central Kootenay (RDCK) to manage temporary access to evacuation order areas in a manner that:

- Prioritizes public and responder safety;
- Reflects operational capacity of the RDCK Emergency Operations Centre (EOC);
- Incorporates advice from subject matter experts; and
- Addresses legal and liability considerations.

DEFINITIONS:

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Evacuation Order Area means a geographic area for which an evacuation order has been issued under the Emergency and Disaster Management Act.

Minor means an individual under the age of 19 years**.**

Subject Matter Expert means an agency or qualified professional with expertise relevant to the emergency event (e.g., wildfire, flood, geotechnical hazards) who provides advice to the RDCK EOC regarding safety conditions.

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Temporary Access Pass means authorization issued by the RDCK permitting an individual to enter an evacuation order area for a defined purpose and duration.

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SCOPE:

This policy applies to all RDCK staff, contractors, volunteers, and partner agencies involved in:

- Approving temporary access to evacuation order areas;
- Issuing temporary access passes; and
- Managing and controlling access at designated checkpoints.

This policy applies to evacuation order areas within RDCK electoral areas.

This policy applies to evacuation order areas within municipal boundaries where the RDCK Emergency Program Municipal Partner has entered into an agency agreement with the RDCK constituting the RDCK as the municipality's agent during a state of local emergency, and the municipality authorizes the RDCK to allow people into evacuation order areas in accordance with the RDCK's policies

POLICY:

1. **General Conditions**
   - Temporary access to evacuation order areas may only be permitted when it is deemed safe by a Subject Matter Expert and approved by the EOC Director or designate;
   - Temporary access is not guaranteed and may be denied, restricted, or revoked at any time;
   - All individuals entering an evacuation order area must sign a liability waiver provided by the RDCK and present valid photo identification at a designated checkpoint;
   - Temporary access shall be managed through the issuance of Temporary Access Passes.

2. **Minors in Evacuation Order Areas**
   - Minors shall not be permitted to enter evacuation order areas;

- The RDCK will not issue Temporary Access Passes to Minors under any circumstances.

3. **Authority to Approve Temporary Access**
   - The EOC Director is authorized to approve Temporary Access Passes;
   - The EOC Director may designate this authority to other EOC staff positions as required to maintain operational capacity;
   - The EOC Director or their designate shall consult with Subject Matter Experts to determine whether conditions are safe for temporary access;
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4. **Authority to Control Checkpoints**
   - The RDCK EOC shall designate personnel to establish and operate checkpoints controlling entry into evacuation order areas;
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     - Federal Government Employees or contractors of the Federal Government;
   - Checkpoint personnel are responsible for:
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5. **Approved Purposes for Temporary Access**
   - Temporary Access Passes may be issued for the following core purposes:
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     - ~~Agricultural purposes, including evacuation, tending, or feeding of livestock;~~

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- Members of the agriculture sector, including small-scale and hobby farmers for the evacuation, feeding and tending of livestock, apiaries and aquaculture.
- Travel through an evacuation order area to access a non-evacuated area;
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   - The EOC Policy Group, upon recommendation from the EOC Director or designate, may restrict the approved purposes for temporary access based on:
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   - Decisions regarding temporary access shall align with the response priorities of the British Columbia Emergency Management System;
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   - All public communications regarding temporary access shall be coordinated through the RDCK Emergency Operations Center;
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9. **Exemptions to the Policy**

Categorical exemptions or standing access provisions are provided to personnel from agencies or entities that form part of the response to an emergency within the evacuation order area:

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- Royal Canadian Mounted Police and partnering police services;
- Public Safety Lifeline Volunteers under Search and Rescue Groups;

- Emergency Program Partnering Municipal Fire Departments;
- BC Ambulance Service

Personnel operating under a categorical exemption must comply with any operational conditions established by the EOC Director, Incident Commander, or lead response agency.

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Examples of eligible personnel may include:
- Third-party wildfire protection resources (e.g. Wildfire Defense Systems);
- Utility providers and critical infrastructure operators;
- Emergency management personnel and supporting agencies;
- Other personnel or organizations authorized by the EOC Director or designate based on operational requirements.

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RELATED LEGISLATION:

Emergency and Disaster Management Act [SBC 2023]

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   - Temporary Access Passes may be issued for the following core purposes:
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     - Access by critical infrastructure and utility providers to inspect, refuel, or repair infrastructure;
     - Access by authorized third-party emergency response resources;
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RELATED LEGISLATION:

Emergency and Disaster Management Act [SBC 2023]

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Board Report

May 21, 2026

Temporary Access into Evacuation Order Areas Policy

Author:	**Author: Nora Hannon**
File Reference:	**File Reference: 14/7625**
Electoral Area/Municipality:	**Electoral Area/Municipality: All Electoral Area**
Services Impacted	**Services Impacted: A101 Emergency Consolidated Service**

1.0 PURPOSE OF REPORT

The purpose of this report is to provide the Board with a draft Temporary Access into Evacuation Order Areas Policy for review and feedback.

The draft policy has been developed in response to updates issued by the Province of British Columbia to the document *Managing Temporary Access to Areas under Evacuation Order: A Guide for Local Authorities*, which was revised in September and November 2024 to align with the Emergency and Disaster Management Act (EDMA).

The proposed policy is intended to support a consistent and operationally feasible approach for managing temporary access into evacuation order areas while prioritizing public safety, responder safety, operational capacity, and liability considerations.

Directors are requested to provide any written comments or feedback on the draft policy to staff by June 1, 2026.

2.0 BACKGROUND AND UDPATE

Background

On September 16th, and November 27th, 2024, the province updated 'Managing Temporary Access to Areas under Evacuation Order A Guide for Local Authorities' to align with the EDMA.

The update to this guide provided some substantive changes in terms of provincial recommendations regarding how local authorities have been managing temporary access for evacuation order areas. A component of the Evacuation Operational Guide, this guide provides a recommended process for local authorities to manage temporary access into areas under an evacuation order.

EDMA provides authority for municipalities, regional districts and Modern Treaty Nations ("local authorities") to issue evacuation orders in certain circumstances. This guide refers to the use of certain powers (such as making an evacuation order) under the Act by a local authority.

While this guide is not prescriptive, it provides considerations for local authorities when allowing individuals and agencies into evacuated areas. As each community and emergency event differs, each local authority will need to implement a process that works best for them.

Entering evacuated areas can be dangerous. The guide repeatedly recommends local authorities should seek independent legal advice to clarify liability for the risks associated with temporary access for individuals or agencies entering the evacuated area.

Provincially policy varies between local authorities, with some being very restrictive in providing temporary access and others less so. The rationale for this may be based on a number of factors including operational capacity, population and the most frequent types of emergencies requiring evacuations.

Historically the RDCK Emergency Operations Center (EOC) has provided options for temporary access when the conditions of the emergency event allowed, and EOC staffing was sufficient.

Proposed Policy Solution

The Draft RDCK Temporary Access into Evacuation Order Areas Policy addresses:

1. Minors in Evacuation Order Areas:

The provincial guide: *Managing Temporary Access to Areas under Evacuation Order A Guide for Local Authorities'* contemplates allowing minors into evacuation order areas.

Historically the RDCK has not allowed minors into evacuation order areas.

Given the inherent potentially dangerous nature of an evacuation order area, and the changing dynamics of emergency events, an evacuation order area may not be a safe place for a minor.

Further waivers are required for anyone entering an evacuation order area with a temporary access pass. The current case law in BC says that it is likely a waiver of liability signed on behalf of a child would not be enforceable in court.

There are additional liability considerations associated with allowing minors under the age of 19 to enter evacuation order areas, including limitations around the effectiveness of liability waivers signed on behalf of minors. If minors were permitted entry, the RDCK would need to ensure appropriate insurance coverage is in place for potential injury-related claims.
Based on the potentially dangerous nature of evacuation order areas, and concern around the enforceability of waivers, RDCK staff recommend against allowing minors in evacuation order areas.

2. The designation of authority to grant access or approve temporary access passes to an evacuation order.

The designation of authority to grant access or approve temporary access passes to an evacuation order defines who is authorized within the RDCK to grant access or approve temporary access passes to an evacuation order areas.

While access may be granted by a position within the RDCK, a subject matter expert in the type of emergency that is occurring is consulted by the RDCK EOC to determine if an area is safe to enter by those holding temporary access passes. For example, BC Wildfire is consulted for areas under evacuation order due to wildfire to determine if an area is safe to enter.

Further, depending on the type, nature or severity of the emergency, granting temporary access into an evacuation order area may not be contemplated during certain periods or at all by those with designated authority.

The RDCK EOC Operates under the British Columbia Emergency Management System (BCEMS) Emergency Response Goals, with these informing EOC incident response priorities:

1. Ensure the Health and Safety of Responders
2. Save Lives
3. Reduce Suffering
4. Protect Public Health
5. Protect Infrastructure
6. Protect Property
7. Protect the Environment
8. Reduce Economic and Social Losses

Staff recommend the position authorized to grant access or approve temporary access passes to an evacuation order area be the EOC Director.

The EOC Director may designate this authority to other EOC staff positions to ensure capacity to approve temporary access passes if the emergency warrants this.

Staff recommend that the Board consider the budgetary and workplan impact for RDCK Staff to fill RDCK EOC Staff positions to process and approve temporary access passes for evacuation order areas. While the Province of BC will reimburse the RDCK for incremental overtime directly related to a staff response to an EOC activation for an emergency, regular staffing costs are not reimbursed.

3. The designation of authority to control checkpoints and allow people with temporary access passes into the evacuation order area at the designated checkpoints.

The designation of authority at checkpoints determines who is authorized to allow entry into evacuation order areas at checkpoints.

Individuals entering an evacuation order area with an approved temporary access pass will be required to sign a waiver prior to entering the evacuation order area and present photo identification to enter at a checkpoint.

Those operating checkpoints into evacuation order areas will be required to validate and/ or issue temporary access passes to those individuals that are approved by the EOC Director, or their designate, to enter an evacuation order area and confirm photo identification for those approved to enter.

Given the variation in scale and geographic location of evacuation orders, it is important to allow a range of people to control check points.

The RDCK EOC will request and direct specific people to control checkpoints.

Staff recommend a broad list of people with authorization to control checkpoints to account for possible changes or unexpected needs.

Staff recommend that the list of people to have designated authority to control checkpoints when requested or directed by the RDCK EOC be:

- Staff, Contractors and Volunteers of the Regional District Central Kootenay
- Staff, Contractors and Volunteers of RDCK Municipal Partners
- Employees, Contractors and Volunteers of the BC Provincial Government
- Employees or Contractors of the Canadian Federal Government

4. **The purposes for temporary access to an evacuation order area.**

The purposes for temporary access into an evacuation order area define the purpose for which an individual may be issued a temporary access pass for entry into an evacuation order area.

At the time of an emergency, the RDCK can include those purposes in the emergency instrument with the evacuation order.

As the number of permitted purposes for temporary access increases, the number of individuals eligible to enter evacuation order areas may also increase. This can create additional operational complexity for the RDCK in administering and tracking temporary access requests and may increase organizational risk if staffing capacity becomes strained during emergency operations.
Temporary access into evacuation order areas only occurs if the subject matter expert for the emergency confirms to the RDCK EOC it is safe to do so.

Access and the duration of access are never guaranteed.

BCEMS Response Goals help determine if issuance of temporary access passes is appropriate.

RDCK Staff recommend the core purposes for entering an evacuation order area be:

- RDCK or RDCK Municipal partner staff or volunteers delivering emergency services and maintaining critical infrastructure.
- Critical infrastructure or utility agencies may require access to service (e.g., refuel, inspect) or make repairs to affected critical equipment and sites.
- Third party resources in response to a wildfire.

- Members of the agriculture sector, including small-scale and hobby farmers, to evacuate their livestock. In cases where livestock cannot be evacuated for example dairy cattle, the tending and feeding of livestock.
- Individuals or agencies may need to travel through the evacuated area to gain access to another area that is not under an evacuation order.
- One time access to retrieve all or one of the following:
    - Critical legal documents that cannot be replaced readily.
    - Domestic animals.
    - Medication that is essential and cannot otherwise be replaced as verified by a physician or pharmacist.

Staff recommend policy language that allows the EOC Policy group, upon recommendation from the EOC Director, or their designate to further limit the core purposes for entry into an evacuation order area during an emergency if RDCK EOC staff capacity cannot support the scope of temporary access outlined in the policy. As an example, rapidly expanding regional evacuations due to wildfire with an immediate need for ensuring public and responder safety would require limited staff resources to be prioritized for that over facilitating temporary access into evacuation order areas that have already evacuated. The EOC Policy Group may also be requested by the EOC Director to expand the purposes for entry into an evacuation order area as informed by the nature, type and duration on the emergency.

There are some liability risks to the RDCK in allowing temporary access into evacuation areas. The 'policy defense' may provide a local governments immunity from liability if it can be shown that service levels are set by the local government on the basis of core policy decisions. The current standards were established on the basis of the 2021 Nelson (City) v. Marchi Supreme Court decision

This case established a four-factor test to determine what constitutes a core policy decision:

1. ***Level and responsibilities:*** *Is the decision made by high-level officials, or by staff far removed from democratic accountability?* A Board -approved policy is considered the highest standard of approval a local government can achieve

2. ***Process:*** *Was the decision made through a deliberative, public process involving debate, or was it a reactive, routine, or ad hoc decision?* Deliberation of Board-approved policies occurs in public meetings, and there is an opportunity for director comments.

3. ***Budgetary considerations:*** *Does it involve high-level allocation of resources, or day-to-day budgetary decisions of employees?* While EOC costs are recoverable from the province, in an EOC activation staff resources are limited and may need to be prioritized under emergent am rapidly changing conditions. The policy expressly allows for service levels to be adjusted on the basis of available resources and expected impacts on other parts of RDCK business considering that primary EOC staffing comes from existing RDCK staff.

4. ***Objective Criteria:*** *Was the decision based on value judgments (social, economic, political), or can it be assessed against technical or reasonable standards?* There is currently no consistent provincial standard among local authorities regarding temporary access into evacuation order areas. Approaches vary across

jurisdictions, with many local authorities taking a more restrictive approach based on operational capacity, risk tolerance, and the nature of the emergency.

The provincial guidance on temporary access under the Emergency and Disaster Management Act is relatively new, and many local authorities are still reviewing and operationalizing the updated recommendations. The RDCK has been proactive in developing a formal policy framework to support consistent, operationally informed, and risk-based decision making regarding temporary access during emergencies.

In light of the above , staff believes the policy, when adopted and implemented in a comprehensive way, will provide the RDCK adequate liability protection under the policy defence argument.

3.0 NEXT STEPS AND TIMELINE

Staff will continue refining operational procedures and implementation processes associated with temporary access into evacuation order areas, including public communications materials, digital request processes, and EOC operational guidance.

Directors are requested to submit written comments to staff on the draft policy by **June 1, 2026**. Following review of Board feedback, staff intend to finalize the policy and bring it forward for formal consideration and adoption at the June Board meeting.

Given that the RDCK is already well into the 2026 hazard season, staff consider timely completion of the policy important to ensure there is a clear, operationally realistic, and legally informed framework in place to support temporary access decisions during emergency events. Delaying implementation further may create operational uncertainty during periods where evacuation orders and temporary access requests are most likely to occur.

4.0 RECOMMENDATION

That the draft Temporary Access into Evacuation Order Areas Policy No. 800-01-03 be received and that Directors provide feedback on the draft policy to staff prior to June 1st, 2026, AND FURTHER, that staff be directed to bring an update to the draft policy to the June 18, 2026 Open Board Meeting.

Respectfully submitted,
Nora Hannon – Acting Emergency Program Manager

CONCURRENCE

Stuart Horn – Chief Administrative Officer	Approved
Mike Morrison – Corporate Officer	Approved
Dan Seguin – Acting GM Fire and Emergency Management Services	Approved

ATTACHMENTS:
Attachment A – Policy Number 800-01-03, Temporary Access into Evacuation Order Policy

Discretionary Fund Grant Program
Application Form

REGIONAL DISTRICT OF CENTRAL KOOTENAY

202 Lakeside Drive, Box 590, Nelson, B.C. V1L 5R4
Phone 250-352-6665 Fax 250-352-9300
Toll Free in B.C. 1-800-268-7325

FILE NO. 1860-20-___

Contact Information:

Note: Applicants are encouraged to discuss their project with the applicable RDCK elected official prior to submitting their grant application.

Organization/Society Name: Alice Siding Water Society	**Date of Application:** 05/12/2026
Contact Name: Lana Stace-Smith	**RDCK Electoral Area/Member Municipality:** ☐ RDCK Electoral Area: C ☐ Municipality:
Mailing Address: 337 Stace Road Creston BC V0B1G8	**Payment Type:** ☐ Electronic Fund Transfer ◉ Mailed cheque
Phone #: (250) 254-0934	**Email:** lana_ss@yahoo.com

Project/Service Description

Please provide an overview of the project and/or service and how the funds will be used. (600 characters max.) *Attach supporting project documentation, organization's list of directors and their respective executive position, plus overall number of members. Grant requests exceeding $5,000 must be accompanied by the organization's most recently approved financial statements.*

Alice Siding Water Society has been participating in many meetings and contributing information and resources to feasibility studies in the Creston Valley to ensure our small community is not forgotten on its fight to get water to its residents. The volunteers have done so out of pocket and we want to have some support funds to aid them to continue advocating for our communities needs.

Grant Application:

Total Grant Requested: $ 350.	Which funding criterial objective does this project meet? ☑ Social ☑ Economic ☐ Cultural
Other Funding Sources - Identify all sources of project funding and amounts. Both funds requested and received:	
Previous Discretionary Grants Received – Year and Amount: 2022	

By submitting this application for the Discretionary Fund Grant Program, I confirm I am an authorized signatory of the recipient organization and I agree to the Discretionary Fund Grant Program Recipient Obligations detailed on page two of this application.

Signed at: 2026-05-14 17:00:58 — Signature

Lana Stace-Smith — Print Name

Authorization

Signature of Area Director Signed by Director	Total Grant Approved $ $350
Board Approved Date:	Resolution #

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Contact Information:

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Organization/Society Name: Nelson and District Chamber Of Commerce	**Date of Application:** 05/25/2026
Contact Name: Tom Thomson	**RDCK Electoral Area/Member Municipality:** ☐ RDCK Electoral Area: F ☐ Municipality:
Mailing Address: 91 Baker Street Nelson BC V1L4G8	**Payment Type:** ☐ Electronic Fund Transfer ☐ Mailed cheque
Phone #: (250) 352-3433	**Email:** tom@discovernelson.com

Project/Service Description

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Grant Application:

Total Grant Requested: $ 1000.00	Which funding criterial objective does this project meet? ☐ Social ☑ Economic ☑ Cultural

Other Funding Sources - Identify all sources of project funding and amounts. Both funds requested and received:
Celebrate Canada...

Previous Discretionary Grants Received – Year and Amount: $1000.00 2025

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Signed at: 2026-05-25 13:49:01 — Signature

Tom Thomson — Print Name

Authorization

Signature of Area Director Signed by Director	Total Grant Approved $ $1,000
Board Approved Date:	Resolution #

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FILE NO. 1860-20-___

Contact Information:

Note: Applicants are encouraged to discuss their project with the applicable RDCK elected official prior to submitting their grant application.

Organization/Society Name: Slocan Solutions Society	**Date of Application:** 05/12/2026
Contact Name: Nicky Blackshaw	**RDCK Electoral Area/Member Municipality:** ☐ RDCK Electoral Area: H ☐ Municipality:
Mailing Address: 411 Derosa Drive New Denver BC V0G 1S1	**Payment Type:** ☐ Electronic Fund Transfer ◉ Mailed cheque
Phone #: (250) 505-8057	**Email:** slocansolve@gmail.com

Project/Service Description

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Friends of the Valley Voice is organizing a June 20 celebration from 4pm-7pm, in Centennial Park in New Denver, to honour the legacy ownership of Jan McMurray and Dan Nicholson upon their retirement. The community party will involve a range of activities including a formal program with Master of Ceremony Gary Wright and various community representatives, children's activities and games, roving musicians, and an exhibit chronicling Jan and Dan's more than 20-year tenure with the Valley Voice.
Funds will be used to cover: event insurance, honorariums, exhibit materials and advertising costs.

Grant Application:

Total Grant Requested: $ 1500	Which funding criterial objective does this project meet? ☐ Social ☐ Economic ☐ Cultural

Other Funding Sources - Identify all sources of project funding and amounts. Both funds requested and received:
$1,500 is requested from the Columbia Basin Trust Event Sponsorship Program but is not confirmed.

Previous Discretionary Grants Received – Year and Amount: 0

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Nicky Blackshaw — Print Name

Authorization

Signature of Area Director Signed by Director	Total Grant Approved $ $1,500
Board Approved Date:	Resolution #

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FILE NO. 1860-20-___

Contact Information:

Note: Applicants are encouraged to discuss their project with the applicable RDCK elected official prior to submitting their grant application.

Organization/Society Name: Treehugger Events Society	**Date of Application:** 06/04/2026
Contact Name: Lisa Parente	**RDCK Electoral Area/Member Municipality:** ☐ RDCK Electoral Area: H ☐ Municipality:
Mailing Address: po box 82 slocan bc v0g 2c0	**Payment Type:** ☐ Electronic Fund Transfer ☐ Mailed cheque
Phone #: (514) 612-6319	**Email:** treehuggersocietybc@outlook.com

Project/Service Description

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4th annual HARMONY festival
Slocan Beach
July 3-5, 2026
By donation, family friendly, no alcohol served
Supporting and showcasing local artists from the Slocan Valley and West Kootenays with live music, performance art, dance, spoken word, workshops and art exhibits.
Activities for children, games for all ages, vendors. ...

Grant Application:

Total Grant Requested: $ 500	Which funding criterial objective does this project meet? ☑ Social ☑ Economic ☑ Cultural
Other Funding Sources - Identify all sources of project funding and amounts. Both funds requested and received: ReDI $700...	
Previous Discretionary Grants Received – Year and Amount: 2026 $500	

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Signed at: 2026-06-04 10:21:00 — Lisa Parente

Signature — Print Name

Authorization

Signature of Area Director: Signed by Director	Total Grant Approved $: $500
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FILE NO. 1860-20-___

Contact Information:

Note: Applicants are encouraged to discuss their project with the applicable RDCK elected official prior to submitting their grant application.

Organization/Society Name: City of Castlegar	**Date of Application:** 05/26/2026
Contact Name: Ginger Lester	**RDCK Electoral Area/Member Municipality:** ☐ RDCK Electoral Area: J ☐ Municipality:
Mailing Address: 460 Columbia Avenue, City of Nelson, Castlegar BC V1N 1G7	**Payment Type:** ☐ Electronic Fund Transfer ☐ Mailed cheque
Phone #: (250) 304-0205	**Email:** glester@castlegar.ca

Project/Service Description

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Castlegar's Canada Day 2026 celebration will bring the community together at Millennium Park & Ponds on Wednesday, July 1 for a free, family-friendly event. The celebration will include live entertainment, children's activities, chalk art by Peter Vogelaar, opportunities for kids to create their own chalk masterpieces, adult-friendly games, free hot dogs and cupcakes, and community connection in a welcoming outdoor setting. The event will run until 2 p.m. and celebrate Canadian pride, creativity, and community spirit.

Grant Application:

Total Grant Requested: $ 2000	Which funding criterial objective does this project meet? ☑ Social ☐ Economic ☑ Cultural

Other Funding Sources - Identify all sources of project funding and amounts. Both funds requested and received:
Funding support $7,000 from the Government of Canada, $1,500 from the Columbia Basin Trust, $1,000 from Teck, $750 from ...

Previous Discretionary Grants Received – Year and Amount: 2025 - $2000

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Signed at: 2026-05-26 11:38:54 — Signature

Ginger Lester — Print Name

Authorization

Signature of Area Director: Signed by Director	Total Grant Approved $: $2,000
Board Approved Date:	Resolution #

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FILE NO. 1860-20-___

Contact Information:

Note: Applicants are encouraged to discuss their project with the applicable RDCK elected official prior to submitting their grant application.

Organization/Society Name: The Just Bee Cause Society	**Date of Application:** 06/01/2026
Contact Name: Liana Zwick	**RDCK Electoral Area/Member Municipality:** ☐ RDCK Electoral Area: J ☐ Municipality:
Mailing Address: 498 Ootischenia Road Castlegar BC V1N 4L5	**Payment Type:** ☐ Electronic Fund Transfer ☐ Mailed cheque
Phone #: (250) 365-1917	**Email:** justbeecause@icloud.com

Project/Service Description

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Petrykivka Painting Workshop
with Tanya Znak, Ukrainian designer and artist from Lviv, now living in Vancouver, BC.
Discover and learn to paint your own Petrykivka — a vibrant Ukrainian folk art tradition recognized by UNESCO as Intangible Cultural Heritage, known for its stunning floral designs, birds, and nature-inspired motifs passed down through generations.
Sunday, June 21, 2026 | 9:00–11:00 am
Harry's Hall, Castlegar, BC
$35/participant...

Grant Application:

Total Grant Requested: $ $150.00	Which funding criterial objective does this project meet? ☐ Social ☐ Economic ☑ Cultural

Other Funding Sources - Identify all sources of project funding and amounts. Both funds requested and received:
Just the RDCK funding for the rental of Harry's Hall. The workshop fee goes toward the cost of materials and instructor fees.

Previous Discretionary Grants Received – Year and Amount: 2026 -- $500 (Area J) and $250 (Area I)

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Liana Zwick — Print Name

Authorization

Signature of Area Director Signed by Director	Total Grant Approved $ $150
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FILE NO. 1865-20-___

Contact Information:

Note: Applicants are encouraged to discuss their project with the applicable RDCK elected official prior to submitting their grant application.

Organization/Society Name: Crawford Bay & District Hall & Parks Association	**Date of Application:** 06/07/2026
Contact Name: Leona Keraiff	**RDCK Electoral Area/Member Municipality:** ☐ RDCK Electoral Area: A ☐ Municipality:
Mailing Address: Box 71 Crawford Bay British Columbia V0B 1E0	**Payment Type:** ☐ Electronic Fund Transfer ◉ Mailed cheque
Phone #: (250) 551-6146	**Email:** lkeraiff@cbhall.ca

Project/Service Description

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This project will preserve and enhance our nearly 90 year old community hub, vital for weddings, festivals, programs, elections, emergency response, and much more. Key improvements include a new accessible entrance, energy-efficient windows and lighting, fire-resistant siding and roofing, foundation work, and upgraded heating, insulation, and electrical systems.
Project will dramatically improve climate adaptation, fire resistance, and accessibility, while honoring the original Arts and Crafts design of the historic building.

Grant Application:

Total Grant Requested: $ 20,000

Which funding criterial objective does this project meet?
☑ Social ☑ Economic ☑ Cultural

Other Funding Sources – Identify all sources of project funding and amounts. Both funds requested and received:
Please see the attached document with contributors, professional consultants, and our 2026 Board of Directors.
We are happy to share the Construction Drawings and any other engineering reports that may be of interest. The drawings are a large file and will need to be sent separately to which ever email suits you best.

Previous Community Development Grants Received – Year and Amount:
2023 ($45k), 2020 ($10k)

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Signed at: 2026-06-07 14:32:18

Signature

Nicole Schreiber

Print Name

Authorization

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FILE NO. 1865-20-___

Contact Information:

Note: Applicants are encouraged to discuss their project with the applicable RDCK elected official prior to submitting their grant application.

Organization/Society Name: Creston Valley Chamber of Commerce	**Date of Application:** 05/08/2026
Contact Name: Jessica Piccinin	**RDCK Electoral Area/Member Municipality:** ☐ RDCK Electoral Area: A ☐ Municipality:
Mailing Address: PO Box 268 Creston BC V0B 1G0	**Payment Type:** ☐ Electronic Fund Transfer ◉ Mailed cheque
Phone #: (250) 402-8475	**Email:** executivedirector@crestonvalleychamber.com

Project/Service Description

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This coworking space fills a long identified gap in Creston's economic development and the Chamber took the initiative to bring this project to life. Working closely with the building owners, Impact Toolbox, ETSIBC, and local stakeholders, we developed a model rooted in Community Wealth Building principles: shared assets, local ownership, and long term economic sustainability.
Support is needed to complete the space with furniture and equipment. These elements aren't cosmetic; they are essential to ensure the space meets the expectations of the professionals we will attract.

Grant Application:

Total Grant Requested: $ 10000	Which funding criterial objective does this project meet? ☐ Social ☑ Economic ☐ Cultural

Other Funding Sources - Identify all sources of project funding and amounts. Both funds requested and received:
Additional funding has been requested from ETSIBC ($5K), the West Kootenay Regional Arts Council ($2500), Columbia Basin Trust ($46,500), RDCK Areas B ($10K) and C ($10K) and the Town of Creston ($10k).
To further strengthen the project, the Chamber has also launched a local business sponsorship drive to support what's needed to ...

Previous Community Development Grants Received – Year and Amount:
2025 on behalf of the Christmas Hampers Program

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Jessica Piccinin — Print Name

Authorization

Signature of Area Director Signed by Director	Total Grant Approved $ $10,000
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Mailing Address: PO Box 268 Creston BC V0B 1G0	**Payment Type:** ☐ Electronic Fund Transfer ◉ Mailed cheque
Phone #: (250) 402-8475	**Email:** executivedirector@crestonvalleychamber.com

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Grant Application:

Total Grant Requested: $ 10000.00

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2025 on behalf of the Christmas Hampers

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Signature

Jessica Piccinin

Print Name

Authorization

Signature of Area Director: Signed by Director	Total Grant Approved $: $10,000
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FILE NO. 1865-20-___

Contact Information:

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Organization/Society Name: Lardeau Valley Opportunity LINKS Society	**Date of Application:** 06/02/2026
Contact Name: Chelsey Jones	**RDCK Electoral Area/Member Municipality:** ☐ RDCK Electoral Area: D ☐ Municipality:
Mailing Address: PO 194 Meadow Creek British Columbia V0G 1N0	**Payment Type:** ☐ Electronic Fund Transfer ◉ Mailed cheque
Phone #: (250) 353-8675	**Email:** links@lardeauvalley.ca

Project/Service Description

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Operations funding includes wages for ED and project coordinators, subscriptions and memberships, insurance, office rental and supplies. This funding will help us deliver our various projects and 2025: $5000 Grid Stability top up; $5000 Argenta Community Workshopprograms and respond to the needs of the community with continued capacity.

Grant Application:

Total Grant Requested: $ 15,000

Which funding criterial objective does this project meet? ☑ Social ☑ Economic ☑ Cultural

Other Funding Sources - Identify all sources of project funding and amounts. Both funds requested and received:
LINKS: $10,000
REDIP: $5000
Various Projects Admin: $8000

Previous Community Development Grants Received – Year and Amount:
2025: $5000 Grid Stability top up; $5000 Argenta Community Workshop; $6000 AED devices

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Chelsey Jones — Print Name

Authorization

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FILE NO. 1865-20-___

Contact Information:

Note: Applicants are encouraged to discuss their project with the applicable RDCK elected official prior to submitting their grant application.

Organization/Society Name: Nelson & District Chamber of Commerce	**Date of Application:** 06/09/2026
Contact Name: Tom Thomson	**RDCK Electoral Area/Member Municipality:** ☐ RDCK Electoral Area: E ☐ Municipality:
Mailing Address: 91 Baker St Nelson BC V1L 4G8	**Payment Type:** ☐ Electronic Fund Transfer ☐ Mailed cheque
Phone #: (250) 352-3433	**Email:** tom@discovernelson.com

Project/Service Description

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Grant Application:

Total Grant Requested: $ 1000	Which funding criterial objective does this project meet? ☑ Social ☑ Economic ☐ Cultural

Other Funding Sources - Identify all sources of project funding and amounts. Both funds requested and received:
Celebrate Canada & Area G Discretionary

Previous Community Development Grants Received – Year and Amount:
1,000 in 2025

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Monique St Louis moved application to CD from ... — Print Name

Authorization

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FILE NO. 1865-20-___

Contact Information:

Note: Applicants are encouraged to discuss their project with the applicable RDCK elected official prior to submitting their grant application.

Organization/Society Name: Nelson Public Library	**Date of Application:** 05/20/2026
Contact Name: Laura Harris	**RDCK Electoral Area/Member Municipality:** ☐ RDCK Electoral Area: H ☐ Municipality:
Mailing Address: 602 Stanley Street Nelson British Columbia V1L 1N4	**Payment Type:** ◉ Electronic Fund Transfer ☐ Mailed cheque
Phone #: (250) 352-8256	**Email:** lharris@nelson.ca

Project/Service Description

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This project seeks funding to sustain core library operations amid rising costs. As expenses continue to outpace annual funding increases, library services face growing pressure. Grant funds will help bridge this gap, ensuring the library can maintain access to essential programs, collections, and community space.

Grant Application:

Total Grant Requested: $ $3400	Which funding criterial objective does this project meet? ☑ Social ☑ Economic ☐ Cultural

Other Funding Sources - Identify all sources of project funding and amounts. Both funds requested and received:
RDCK Area F - $4000; RDCK Area E - $20,000

Previous Community Development Grants Received – Year and Amount:
2024 $3,000

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Signed at: 2026-05-20 09:45:29 — Signature

Laura Harris — Print Name

Authorization

Signature of Area Director Signed by Director	Total Grant Approved $ $3,400
Board Approved Date:	Resolution #

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FILE NO. 1865-20-___

Contact Information:

Note: Applicants are encouraged to discuss their project with the applicable RDCK elected official prior to submitting their grant application.

Organization/Society Name: Rosebery-Bonanza-Summit Trail Alliance	**Date of Application:** 05/13/2026
Contact Name: Wendy King	**RDCK Electoral Area/Member Municipality:** ☐ RDCK Electoral Area: H ☐ Municipality:
Mailing Address: 516 Railway Street New Denver BC V0G1S1	**Payment Type:** ☐ Electronic Fund Transfer ☐ Mailed cheque
Phone #: (250) 358-2826	**Email:** wkconsul@telusplanet.net

Project/Service Description

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To improve safety and usability for walkers, cyclists and cross country skiers while protecting water courses, beaver habitat and management of invasives in wetland areas. Project scope will cover the following:
- Replace existing bridge with 12 metre bridge/boardwalk to protect water channel and seepage area in the Upper Bonanza Wetland Bypass; improve approaches to two bridges; smooth/siden 1.7km of bypass trail to enhance user safety
- Brushing and invasive control in high traffic areas at Summit Marsh and identified invasive hot spots bordering wetland areas.

Grant Application:

Total Grant Requested: $ $5000	Which funding criterial objective does this project meet? ☐ Social ☑ Economic ☑ Cultural

Other Funding Sources - Identify all sources of project funding and amounts. Both funds requested and received:
Rosebery-Bonanza-Summit Trail Alliance. $1,150

Previous Community Development Grants Received – Year and Amount:
July 2025 - $5,000

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Signed at: 2026-05-13 14:47:18 — Signature

Wendy A King — Print Name

Authorization

Signature of Area Director Signed by Director	Total Grant Approved $ $5,000
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FILE NO. 1865-20-___

Contact Information:

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Organization/Society Name: Slocan Valley Community Service Society	**Date of Application:** 05/12/2026
Contact Name: Chantal Smith	**RDCK Electoral Area/Member Municipality:** ☐ RDCK Electoral Area: H ☐ Municipality:
Mailing Address: 1001 Harold Street PO Box 10 Slocan British Columbia V0G2C0	**Payment Type:** ☐ Electronic Fund Transfer ◉ Mailed cheque
Phone #: (250) 355-2484	**Email:** coordinator@wegcss.org

Project/Service Description

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This project proposes the purchase of a hybrid passenger van to establish a reliable, accessible, and sustainable transportation service for seniors in the community. The purpose of the service is to reduce transportation barriers and improve access to essential services, including medical appointments, grocery stores, pharmacies, community programs, and social activities.

Grant Application:

Total Grant Requested: $ 7000.00

Which funding criterial objective does this project meet? ☑ Social ☐ Economic ☐ Cultural

Other Funding Sources - Identify all sources of project funding and amounts. Both funds requested and received:
Requested funding:
CBT - $61,582.13

Previous Community Development Grants Received – Year and Amount:
$4000 - 2025 $4000 - 2024 & $4000 - 2023

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C Smith Signed at: 2026-05-12 11:11:39 — Signature

Chantal Smith — Print Name

Authorization

Signature of Area Director Signed by Director	Total Grant Approved $ $7,000
Board Approved Date:	Resolution #

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FILE NO. 1865-20-___

Contact Information:

Note: Applicants are encouraged to discuss their project with the applicable RDCK elected official prior to submitting their grant application.

Organization/Society Name: Destination Castlegar (Castlegar and District Chamber of Commerce)	**Date of Application:** 05/14/2026
Contact Name: Andrea Miller	**RDCK Electoral Area/Member Municipality:** ☐ RDCK Electoral Area: ☐ Municipality:
Mailing Address: 1995 6 Ave Castlegar BC V1N 2W6	**Payment Type:** ☐ Electronic Fund Transfer ☐ Mailed cheque
Phone #: (250) 608-1579	**Email:** destination@castlegar.com

Project/Service Description

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The Bringing Home the Salmon Invasive Fishing Derby returns to the Lower Columbia River August 14–23, uniting community members around the shared goal of protecting local waterways from invasive walleye and northern pike. The event supports environmental stewardship while extending the tourism season and benefiting local businesses through increased visitation. Using the Angler Atlas app for real-time tracking, the derby blends conservation, citizen science, education, and community pride into an accessible and engaging outdoor initiative.

Grant Application:

Total Grant Requested: $ 1500.00	Which funding criterial objective does this project meet? ☐ Social ☐ Economic ☑ Cultural

Other Funding Sources - Identify all sources of project funding and amounts. Both funds requested and received:
Okanagan Nation Alliance
ONA. $1,500.00
CBT $1,500.00...

Previous Community Development Grants Received – Year and Amount:
2025 - $1,875.00

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Signed at: 2026-05-14 18:08:13

Signature

Andrea Miller

Print Name

Authorization

Signature of Area Director Signed By Director	Total Grant Approved $ $1,500
Board Approved Date:	Resolution #

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FILE NO. 1865-20-___

Contact Information:

Note: Applicants are encouraged to discuss their project with the applicable RDCK elected official prior to submitting their grant application.

Organization/Society Name: Shoreacres Hall Society	**Date of Application:** 05/18/2026
Contact Name: Dasha Stoochnoff	**RDCK Electoral Area/Member Municipality:** ☐ RDCK Electoral Area: ☐ Municipality:
Mailing Address: 2625 Shoreacres Road Castlegar BC V1N 4P8	**Payment Type:** ☐ Electronic Fund Transfer ☐ Mailed cheque
Phone #: (250) 608-9985	**Email:** dasha.stoochnoff@gmail.com

Project/Service Description

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The Shoreacres Hall Society works to provide communal space for Shoreacres residents and the wider community to use for a multitude of events and occasions. We are applying for this grant to assist the Shoreacres Hall Society to offset its 2025 operational costs so that we may continue to provide these facilities for the community to use.

Grant Application:

Total Grant Requested: $ 2000	Which funding criterial objective does this project meet? ☑ Social ☑ Economic ☑ Cultural

Other Funding Sources - Identify all sources of project funding and amounts. Both funds requested and received:

Previous Community Development Grants Received – Year and Amount:
2024 $2000

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Signed at: 2026-05-18 16:55:02

Signature

Dasha Stoochnoff

Print Name

Authorization

Signature of Area Director Signed by Director	Total Grant Approved $ $2,000
Board Approved Date:	Resolution #

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FILE NO. 1865-20-___

Contact Information:

Note: Applicants are encouraged to discuss their project with the applicable RDCK elected official prior to submitting their grant application.

Organization/Society Name: Cops for Kids	**Date of Application:** 05/19/2026
Contact Name: Ronald GEORGE	**RDCK Electoral Area/Member Municipality:** ☐ RDCK Electoral Area: ☐ Municipality:
Mailing Address: 440 Columbia Avenue Castlegar BC V1N 1G7	**Payment Type:** ☐ Electronic Fund Transfer ◉ Mailed cheque
Phone #: (250) 365-7721	**Email:** Ronald.George@rcmp-grc.gc.ca

Project/Service Description

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Cops for Kids is a charitable organization which assist children that have suffered medical, physical or traumatic crisis. Funding supports local children within the Central Kootenay Region to offset associated costs not covered by Provincial Medical Coverage.

Grant Application:

Total Grant Requested: $ 3000

Which funding criterial objective does this project meet?
☑ Social ☐ Economic ☐ Cultural

Other Funding Sources - Identify all sources of project funding and amounts. Both funds requested and received:
Personal fundraising from other Coperate and Personal contacts.

Previous Community Development Grants Received – Year and Amount:
2020-$2000 / 2021-$2000 / 2022-$2000 / 2023-$2000 / 2024-$2000 / 2025-$3000

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Signed at: 2026-05-19 14:23:47 — Signature

Ronald GEORGE — Print Name

Authorization

Signature of Area Director Signed by Director	Total Grant Approved $ $3,000
Board Approved Date:	Resolution #

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FILE NO. 1865-20-___

Contact Information:

Note: Applicants are encouraged to discuss their project with the applicable RDCK elected official prior to submitting their grant application.

Organization/Society Name: Deer Park Recreation Society	**Date of Application:** 05/18/2026
Contact Name: Anna Krista	**RDCK Electoral Area/Member Municipality:** ☐ RDCK Electoral Area: ☐ Municipality:
Mailing Address: 7630 Broadwater Road Castlegar BC V1N 4V8	**Payment Type:** ☐ Electronic Fund Transfer ☐ Mailed cheque
Phone #: (250) 999-3182	**Email:** DeerParkTreasure@protonmail.com

Project/Service Description

Please provide an overview of the project and/or service and how the funds will be used. (600 characters max.) *Attach supporting project documentation, organization's list of directors and their respective executive position, plus overall number of members. Grant requests exceeding $5,000 must be accompanied by the organization's most recently approved financial statements.*

Our main tanker truck that we use for fire protection was failing power with brake pressure and ABS lights on. The repair needed special equipment and so we could not do it ourselves.

Grant Application:

Total Grant Requested: $ $7,912.01	Which funding criterial objective does this project meet? ☐ Social ☐ Economic ☑ Cultural

Other Funding Sources - Identify all sources of project funding and amounts. Both funds requested and received:

Previous Community Development Grants Received – Year and Amount:
2026 $22,000

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A Krista Signed at: 2026-05-18 13:53:56 — Signature

Anna Krista — Print Name

Authorization

Signature of Area Director Signed by Director	Total Grant Approved $ $7,912.01
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Contact Information:

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Organization/Society Name: Destination Castlegar (Castlegar and District Chamber of Commerce)	**Date of Application:** 05/14/2026
Contact Name: Andrea Miller	**RDCK Electoral Area/Member Municipality:** ☐ RDCK Electoral Area: ☐ Municipality:
Mailing Address: 1995 6 Ave Castlegar BC V1N 2W6	**Payment Type:** ☐ Electronic Fund Transfer ☐ Mailed cheque
Phone #: (250) 608-1579	**Email:** destination@castlegar.com

Project/Service Description

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The Fish Out Derby returns to the Lower Columbia River August 14–23 as a community-driven environmental initiative focused on reducing invasive walleye and northern pike populations that threaten native fish species and aquatic ecosystems. Bringing people of all ages to the shorelines combining conservation, citizen science, outdoor recreation, and environmental education. Through realtime catch tracking using the Angler Atlas app, participants contribute valuable ecological data while building stewardship, community connection, and awareness around the long-term health of local waterways.

Grant Application:

Total Grant Requested: $ 1500.00	Which funding criterial objective does this project meet? ☐ Social ☐ Economic ☑ Cultural

Other Funding Sources – Identify all sources of project funding and amounts. Both funds requested and received:

Okanagan Nation Alliance $1500.00
CBT $1,500.00
FWCP $1,500.00...

Previous Community Development Grants Received – Year and Amount:

2025 - $1,500.00

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Signed at: 2026-05-14 18:21:04	Andrea Miller
Signature	Print Name

Authorization

Signature of Area Director Signed by Director	Total Grant Approved $ $1,500
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Contact Information:

Note: Applicants are encouraged to discuss their project with the applicable RDCK elected official prior to submitting their grant application.

Organization/Society Name: Grand Forks ATV	**Date of Application:** 05/19/2026
Contact Name: Doug Zorn	**RDCK Electoral Area/Member Municipality:** ☐ RDCK Electoral Area: J ☐ Municipality:
Mailing Address: Box 2020 Grand Forks BC V0H1H0	**Payment Type:** ☐ Electronic Fund Transfer ☐ Mailed cheque
Phone #: (250) 442-3359	**Email:** doug@grandforksatv.ca

Project/Service Description

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In 2025 GF ATV worked on placing amenities, creating safety and direction signs and clearing trails in RDCK area J. We would like to finish the work this year.

Grant Application:

Total Grant Requested: $ $5,000

Which funding criterial objective does this project meet?
☑ Social ☐ Economic ☑ Cultural

Other Funding Sources - Identify all sources of project funding and amounts. Both funds requested and received:
ATV BC, Phoenix Foundation, RDKB.

Previous Community Development Grants Received – Year and Amount:
2025 $5,000

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Signed at: 2026-05-19 17:15:10 — Signature

Doug Zorn — Print Name

Authorization

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FILE NO. 1865-20-___

Contact Information:

Note: Applicants are encouraged to discuss their project with the applicable RDCK elected official prior to submitting their grant application.

Organization/Society Name: Emergency Support Services -Area K	**Date of Application:** 05/19/2026
Contact Name: Marilyn Gustafson	**RDCK Electoral Area/Member Municipality:** ☐ RDCK Electoral Area: K ☐ Municipality:
Mailing Address: 132 Brouse Loop Rd Nakusp British Columbia V0G 1R1	**Payment Type:** ☐ Electronic Fund Transfer ◉ Mailed cheque
Phone #: (250) 265-8777	**Email:** marilyn.gustafson53@gmail.com

Project/Service Description

Please provide an overview of the project and/or service and how the funds will be used. (600 characters max.) *Attach supporting project documentation, organization's list of directors and their respective executive position, plus overall number of members. Grant requests exceeding $5,000 must be accompanied by the organization's most recently approved financial statements.*

As an ESS team we annually and regularly host emergency preparedness events. We promote awareness with current relevant information. We help to keep the public informed as to their personal responsibility during major events, where to get information and provincial assistance that will be available to them.

Grant Application:

Total Grant Requested: $ $1000.00

Which funding criterial objective does this project meet?
☑ Social ☐ Economic ☐ Cultural

Other Funding Sources - Identify all sources of project funding and amounts. Both funds requested and received:
No other funding at this time.

Previous Community Development Grants Received – Year and Amount:
None

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Signed at: 2026-05-19 11:33:42 — Signature

Marilyn Gustafson — Print Name

Authorization

Signature of Area Director: Signed by Director	Total Grant Approved $: $1,000
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FILE NO. 1865-20-___

Contact Information:

Note: Applicants are encouraged to discuss their project with the applicable RDCK elected official prior to submitting their grant application.

Organization/Society Name: Fauquier Communications Centre Society	**Date of Application:** 05/19/2026
Contact Name: CJ MacKinnon-Scott	**RDCK Electoral Area/Member Municipality:** ☐ RDCK Electoral Area: K ☐ Municipality:
Mailing Address: 304 Spruce Street Fauquier BC V0G 1J0	**Payment Type:** ☐ Electronic Fund Transfer ◉ Mailed cheque
Phone #: (778) 879-5985	**Email:** cjmac613@gmail.com

Project/Service Description

Please provide an overview of the project and/or service and how the funds will be used. (600 characters max.) *Attach supporting project documentation, organization's list of directors and their respective executive position, plus overall number of members. Grant requests exceeding $5,000 must be accompanied by the organization's most recently approved financial statements.*

A monthly concert series, featuring local musicians and performers in a 30 seat venue at The Fauq Centre. The concert series is part of an ongoing initiative to attract local and Columbia basin wide musicians, singer-songwriters, and talent to showcase their work before a live community audience. The funds will be used to support the travel expenses for the performers and/or or partial payment for the performances - as a subsidy for suggested donations collected at the door.

Grant Application:

Total Grant Requested: $ $1200.00	Which funding criterial objective does this project meet? ☑ Social ☐ Economic ☐ Cultural

Other Funding Sources - Identify all sources of project funding and amounts. Both funds requested and received:

Previous Community Development Grants Received – Year and Amount:

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Signed at: 2026-05-19 10:56:54 — CJ MacKinnon-Scott

Signature — Print Name

Authorization

Signature of Area Director Signed by Director	Total Grant Approved $ $1,200
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FILE NO. 1865-20-___

Contact Information:

Note: Applicants are encouraged to discuss their project with the applicable RDCK elected official prior to submitting their grant application.

Organization/Society Name: Fauquier Community Club	**Date of Application:** 05/27/2026
Contact Name: Heather Fraser	**RDCK Electoral Area/Member Municipality:** ☐ RDCK Electoral Area: K ☐ Municipality:
Mailing Address: 117 Oak Street Fauquier BC V0G 1J0	**Payment Type:** ◉ Electronic Fund Transfer ☐ Mailed cheque
Phone #: (250) 269-0028	**Email:** hfraser38@gmail.com

Project/Service Description

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We have some upgrades at the Fauquier Pavilion that are not covered under the Redi Grants. This funding will allow us to finish the upgrades needed by providing labour costs.

Grant Application:

Total Grant Requested: $ 2870.00

Which funding criterial objective does this project meet?
☑ Social ☐ Economic ☐ Cultural

Other Funding Sources - Identify all sources of project funding and amounts. Both funds requested and received:
Redi Grant for all of the material only.

Previous Community Development Grants Received – Year and Amount:
2025 $2163.35

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Chris Galea Signed at: 2026-05-27 15:58:35 — Signature

Chris Galea — Print Name

Authorization

Signature of Area Director Signed by Director	Total Grant Approved $ $2,870
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FILE NO. 1865-20-___

Contact Information:

Note: Applicants are encouraged to discuss their project with the applicable RDCK elected official prior to submitting their grant application.

Organization/Society Name: Nakusp and Area Bike Society	**Date of Application:** 05/28/2026
Contact Name: Keara SHEPHERD	**RDCK Electoral Area/Member Municipality:** ☐ RDCK Electoral Area: K ☐ Municipality:
Mailing Address: 137 Alexander Rd Nakusp BC V0G1R1	**Payment Type:** ☐ Electronic Fund Transfer ☐ Mailed cheque
Phone #: (250) 870-0559	**Email:** info@nakuspbikesociety.ca

Project/Service Description

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As Mount Abriel approaches it's ten year anniversary (2027), we are thrilled to propose a significant expansion to our campground facilities. This project aims to develop an additional 10 campsites, including another group site to compliment our other two, highly sought-after group sites. This expansion is designed to enhance our capacity to accommodate more visitors, fostering community engagement, outdoor recreation and provide a boost to the local economy. Additionally, adding another ten sites will increase revenue which goes directly back to the trails via payroll for the trail crew.

Grant Application:

Total Grant Requested: $ $20,000	Which funding criterial objective does this project meet? ☑ Social ☑ Economic ☐ Cultural

Additional $5k is required for the top road ski cross which will apply to NACFOR and NACF for funding

Other Funding Sources – Identify all sources of project funding and in dollars. Both funds ACCEPTED and RECEIVED:

Previous Community Development Grants Received – Year and Amount:

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Signed at: 2026-05-28 11:41:14 — Keara Shepherd

Signature — Print Name

Authorization

Signature of Area Director Signed by Director	Total Grant Approved $ $20,000
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FILE NO. 1865-20-___

Contact Information:

Note: Applicants are encouraged to discuss their project with the applicable RDCK elected official prior to submitting their grant application.

Organization/Society Name: Salmo Emergency Support Services Team	**Date of Application:** 04/28/2026
Contact Name: Keith Vonk	**RDCK Electoral Area/Member Municipality:** ☐ RDCK Electoral Area: ☐ Municipality: Salmo
Mailing Address: 609 Sayward Ave PO Box 984 Salmo British Columbia V0G 1Z0	**Payment Type:** ☐ Electronic Fund Transfer ◉ Mailed cheque
Phone #: (250) 357-0009	**Email:** salmoessteam@gmail.com

Project/Service Description

Please provide an overview of the project and/or service and how the funds will be used. (600 characters max.) *Attach supporting project documentation, organization's list of directors and their respective executive position, plus overall number of members. Grant requests exceeding $5,000 must be accompanied by the organization's most recently approved financial statements.*

To provide support for our local Salmo Valley and Area G ESS Team of volunteers as they carry out their duties in assisting community members before, during, and after being displaced from their residences due to emergency events. These funds will cover costs for refreshments during monthly meetings, training exercises, and community outreach events, as well as small out of pocket expenses while performing their ESS duties. We will also be purchasing a small stockpile of "incident care" items (Teddy bears, snacks, games) to disperse during both callouts and Emergency Reception Centre openings.

Grant Application:

Total Grant Requested: $ $500	Which funding criterial objective does this project meet? ☑ Social ☐ Economic ☐ Cultural

Other Funding Sources - Identify all sources of project funding and amounts. Both funds requested and received:

Previous Community Development Grants Received – Year and Amount:
2024 $800.00

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Keith Vonk Signed at: 2026-04-28 15:23:52 — Signature

Keith Vonk — Print Name

Authorization

Signature of Area Director Signed by Director	Total Grant Approved $ $500
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FILE NO. 1865-20-___

Contact Information:

Note: Applicants are encouraged to discuss their project with the applicable RDCK elected official prior to submitting their grant application.

Organization/Society Name: Village of Salmo	**Date of Application:** 05/20/2026
Contact Name: Derek Kwiatkowski	**RDCK Electoral Area/Member Municipality:** ☐ RDCK Electoral Area: ☐ Municipality: Salmo
Mailing Address: 423 Davies Avenue Salmo BC V0G 1Z0	**Payment Type:** ☐ Electronic Fund Transfer ☐ Mailed cheque
Phone #: (250) 357-9433	**Email:** cao@salmo.ca

Project/Service Description

Please provide an overview of the project and/or service and how the funds will be used. (600 characters max.) *Attach supporting project documentation, organization's list of directors and their respective executive position, plus overall number of members. Grant requests exceeding $5,000 must be accompanied by the organization's most recently approved financial statements.*

Salmo Council has approved the creation of an event to celebrate Salmo's 80th birthday. The celebration will take place on September 26, 2026. Council has approved a volunteer working group to spearhead the hosting of the event, which includes 4 local non-profit groups & one Councillor representative. The Village Council has directed staff to apply for $2,000 for the event's program.

Grant Application:

Total Grant Requested: $ 2000	Which funding criterial objective does this project meet? ☑ Social ☑ Economic ☐ Cultural

Other Funding Sources – Identify all sources of project funding. The Village funds. Both funds requested and received: The working group will be potentially fundraising. The village is also providing some minor staff support.

Previous Community Development Grants Received – Year and Amount: 2026-300

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Signed at: 2026-05-20 14:20:57 — Signature

Derek Kwiatkowski — Print Name

Authorization

Signature of Area Director Signed by Director	Total Grant Approved $ $2,000
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Contact Information:

Note: Applicants are encouraged to discuss their project with the applicable RDCK elected official prior to submitting their grant application.

Organization/Society Name: HARMONY FESTIVAL	**Date of Application:** May 13, 2026
Contact Name: Michelle Gordon, CAO	**RDCK Electoral Area/Member Municipality:** ☐ RDCK Electoral Area: ☑ Municipality: SLOCAN
Mailing Address: PO Box 50 503 Slocan Street Slocan, BC V0G 2C0	**Payment Type:** ☐ Electronic Fund Transfer ☑ Mailed cheque To Village of Slocan, Box 50
Phone #: 250-355-2277	**Email:** cao@villageofslocan.ca

Project/Service Description

Please provide an overview of the project and/or service and how the funds will be used. (600 characters max.)
Attach any supporting documentation such as engineering reports, feasibility studies, and budget documents. All applicants must submit their organization's list of directors showing their respective executive positions, plus overall number of members. Grant requests exceeding $5,000 must be accompanied by your organization's most recently approved financial statements..)

HARMONY Festival - Council Contribution (Portable Toilet)

Grant Application:

Total Grant Requested: $ 950

Which funding criterial objective does this project meet?
☑ Social ☑ Economic ☑ Environmental

Other Funding Sources - Identify all sources of project funding and amounts. Both funds requested and received:

Previous Community Development Grants Received – Year and Amount:

By submitting this application for the Community Development Grant, I confirm I am an authorized signatory of the recipient organization and I agree to the Community Development Grant Recipient Obligations detailed on page two of this application.

Signature

Michelle Gordon, CAO
Print Name

Authorization Jessica Lunn, MAYOR

Signature of Area Director	Total Grant Approved $ 950.00
Board Approved Date:	Resolution #

Community Development Grant Application Form

REGIONAL DISTRICT OF CENTRAL KOOTENAY

202 Lakeside Drive, Box 590, Nelson, B.C. V1L 5R4
Phone 250-352-6665 Fax 250-352-9300
Toll Free in B.C. 1-800-268-7325

FILE NO. 1865-20-___

Contact Information:

Note: Applicants are encouraged to discuss their project with the applicable RDCK elected official prior to submitting their grant application.

Organization/Society Name: Village of Slocan - Legion	**Date of Application:** April 13, 2026
Contact Name: Michelle Gordon, CAO	**RDCK Electoral Area/Member Municipality:** ☐ RDCK Electoral Area: ☑ Municipality: SLOCAN
Mailing Address: Village of Slocan PO Box 50 503 Slocan Street Slocan, BC V0G 2C0	**Payment Type:** ☐ Electronic Fund Transfer ☑ Mailed cheque (To the Village of Slocan, Box 50)
Phone #: 250-355-2277	**Email:** cao@villageofslocan.ca

Project/Service Description

Please provide an overview of the project and/or service and how the funds will be used. (600 characters max.)
Attach any supporting documentation such as engineering reports, feasibility studies, and budget documents. All applicants must submit their organization's list of directors showing their respective executive positions, plus overall number of members. Grant requests exceeding $5,000 must be accompanied by your organization's most recently approved financial statements..)

Legion Heating Costs - Grant in Aid

Grant Application:

Total Grant Requested: $ 1,382.37

Which funding criterial objective does this project meet? ☑ Social ☑ Economic ☑ Environmental

Other Funding Sources - Identify all sources of project funding and amounts. Both funds requested and received:

Previous Community Development Grants Received – Year and Amount:

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Signature

Michelle Gordon, CAO
Print Name

Authorization Jessica Lunn, MAYOR

Signature of Area Director	Total Grant Approved $ 1,382.37
Board Approved Date:	Resolution #

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FILE NO. 1865-20-___

Contact Information:

Note: Applicants are encouraged to discuss their project with the applicable RDCK elected official prior to submitting their grant application.

Organization/Society Name: WEG Community Garden	**Date of Application:** April 13, 2026
Contact Name: Michelle Gordon, CAO	**RDCK Electoral Area/Member Municipality:** ☐ RDCK Electoral Area: ☑ Municipality: SLOCAN
Mailing Address: Village of Slocan PO Box 50 503 Slocan Street Slocan, BC V0G 2C0	**Payment Type:** ☐ Electronic Fund Transfer ☑ Mailed cheque (To the Village of Slocan, Box 50)
Phone #: 250-355-2277	**Email:** cao@villageofslocan.ca

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Attach any supporting documentation such as engineering reports, feasibility studies, and budget documents. All applicants must submit their organization's list of directors showing their respective executive positions, plus overall number of members. Grant requests exceeding $5,000 must be accompanied by your organization's most recently approved financial statements..)

WE Graham Community Garden Supplies

Grant Application:

Total Grant Requested: $ 1,000.00

Which funding criterial objective does this project meet?
☑ Social ☑ Economic ☑ Environmental

Other Funding Sources - Identify all sources of project funding and amounts. Both funds requested and received:

Previous Community Development Grants Received – Year and Amount:

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Signature

Michelle Gordon, CAO
Print Name

Authorization Jessica Lunn, MAYOR

Signature of Area Director	Total Grant Approved $ 1,000.00
Board Approved Date:	Resolution #

Regional District of Central Kootenay

RURAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE MEETING

Open Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, June 17, 2026
9:00 a.m.
Hybrid Model - In-person and Remote

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT	Director G. Jackman	Electoral Area A – In Person
	Director R. Tierney	Electoral Area B – In Person
	Director K. Vandenberghe	Electoral Area C – In Person
	Director A. Watson	Electoral Area D – In Person
	Director C. Graham	Electoral Area E – 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
COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT	Director T. Newell	Electoral Area F

STAFF PRESENT

S. Horn	Chief Administrative Officer
A. Wilson	Acting General Manager of Development and Community Sustainability Initiatives
E. Stout	Manager of Building and Bylaw
N. Wight	Planning Manager
Z. Giacomazzo	Planner
S. Johnson	Planner

S. Chezenko	Planner
C. Hopkyns	Corporate Administrative Coordinator – Meeting Coordinator

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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/97918675110?pwd=GmVSuFaa2RntNTq5nTyh8CpcKj5tAL.1

Join by Phone:
833 955 1088 Canada Toll-free

*6 to unmute or mute
*9 to raise or lower your hand

Meeting ID: 979 1867 5110
Meeting Password: 527524

In-Person Location:
RDCK Board Room
202 Lakeside Dr. Nelson

2. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Jackman called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

3. TRADITIONAL LANDS ACKNOWLEDGEMENT STATEMENT

We acknowledge and respect the Indigenous peoples within whose traditional lands we are meeting today.

4. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

Moved and seconded,
And resolved:

The agenda for the June 17, 2026 Rural Affairs Committee meeting be adopted as circulated.

Carried

5. RECEIPT OF MINUTES

The May 20, 2026 Rural Affairs Committee meeting minutes, have been received.

6. DELEGATIONS

Item 7.2 – Dave Comer
Item 7.3 – Jeffrey Smith

STAFF PRESENT: Director Cunningham joined the meeting at 9:05 a.m.

7. PLANNING & BUILDING

7.1 CANCEL - BUILDING BYLAW CONTRAVENTION – TOMEK
File No.: 3130-20-H-707.22252.000
9301 Highway 6
(Mark and Jennifer Tomek)
Electoral Area H

The Memorandum dated May 20, 2026 from Erik Stout, Manager Building and Bylaw, re: Cancel - Building Bylaw Contravention – Tomek, has been received.

- Erik Stout provided background to the Committee regarding the file and answered the Committee's questions.
- Property owner was not present.
- Chair Jackman thanked staff and referred the recommendation to Committee for consideration.

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

That the Corporate Officer of the Regional District of Central Kootenay be directed to remove the Notice on Title relating to land at 9301 Highway 6, Electoral Area H, legally described as BLOCK A, DISTRICT LOT 13146, KOOTENAY LAND DISTRICT PID 008-132-178, the RDCK Building Department has confirmed that the reason for placing the Notice on Title on April 29, 2010 has been rectified.

Carried

7.2 DEVELOPMENT VARIANCE PERMIT – COMER
File No.: 3135-20-B-786.05543.100
File No.: V2607A – Comer
5033 Highway 3A
(Property Owner - Dawn Margaret Belle Joy; Agent - David Comer)
Electoral Area A

The Committee Report dated June 1, 2026 from Zachari Giacomazzo, Planner, re: Development Variance Permit - Comer, has been received.

Zachari Giacomazzo, Planner, provided an overview to the Committee regarding the Development Variance Permit that would authorize the applicant to construct a detached garage 5 metres from the lot line that is adjacent to an Agricultural Land Reserve (ALR) boundary.

The agent, David Comer, provided the Committee with background on the property.

Staff answered the Committee's questions.

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

That the Board APPROVE the issuance of Development Variance Permit V2607A to David Comer for the property located at 5033 Highway 3A, Electoral Area A and legally described as LOT 1, DISTRICT LOT 191, KOOTENAY DISTRICT PLAN NEP72779, EXCEPT PLAN EPP118106 (PID: 025-583-468) to vary Section 18.18 of Electoral Area 'A' Comprehensive Land Use Bylaw No. 2315, 2013 in order to permit a 5.0 metre setback from the lot line that is adjacent to the ALR Boundary whereas the bylaw requires a 15 metre setback from a lot line that is adjacent to the ALR.

Carried

7.3 SUBDIVISION IN THE AGRICULTURAL LAND RESERVE – SMITH
File No.: A2601K – Smith
225 Barnes Creek FSR
(Jeffrey Smith)
Electoral Area K

The Committee Report dated May 28, 2026 from Zachari Giacomazzo, Planner, re: Subdivision in the Agricultural Land Reserve - Smith, has been received.

Zachari Giacomazzo, Planner, provided an overview to the Committee regarding the Agricultural Land Commission application for a subdivision within the ALR which seeks to subdivide the existing lot based on the right of way for Forest Service Road which would create a 5.82 hectares and 1.5 hectares lot on either side of the Highway.

The property owner, Jeffrey Smith, provided background to the Committee regarding the property and answered questions.

The Committee had a discussion regarding the challenges with the property and staff answered questions.

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

That the Board SUPPORT regarding application A2601B for the proposed subdivision in the Agricultural Land Reserve proposed by Jeffrey L. Smith for the property located at 225 Barnes Creek FSR, Edgewood, Electoral Area 'K' and legally described as LOT 36 DISTRICT LOT 7893 KOOTENAY DISTRICT PLAN 1194 EXCEPT PLAN NEP22023 (PID: 014-025-779).

Carried

7.4 FOR INFORMATION: PLANNING SERVICES WORK PLAN
File No.: 10\4720\01
All Electoral Areas

The Committee Report dated June 17, 2026 from Nelson Wight, Planning Manager, re: Planning Services Work Plan, has been received.

Nelson Wight, Planning Manager, provided an overview to the Committee regarding the report which provides a history of Board resolution providing direction on the Planning Services work plan. He was available to answer questions.

The Committee had a discussion regarding the work plan and timelines. Staff answered questions.

8. ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES
No items.

9. RURAL ADMINISTRATION
9.1 DIRECTOR GRAHAM: RURAL ENCAMPMENTS

Director Graham requested a discussion regarding rural encampments. She shared the challenges of the growing homeless encampment in the Bealby Point and Horlicks Point region of Electoral Area E. Director Graham requested input from the Committee.

STAFF ABSENT: Director Cunningham left the meeting at 10:00 a.m.

The Committee had a discussion regarding the challenges around rural homeless encampments; the issues regarding affordable housing, the lack of adequate support services, public safety, provincial downloading, and mental health issues. They also discussed the opportunities for advocacy.

Staff answered the Committee's questions.

RECESS/ RECONVENE

The meeting recessed at 10:38 a.m. for break and reconvened at 10:45 a.m.

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

That the Board direct staff to prepare a report outlining the RDCK's potential response options related to homeless encampments in rural electoral areas; AND FURTHER, to bring that report back to the Rural Affairs Committee for discussion.

Carried

The Committee will submit input to staff regarding topics and direction they would like to see in the staff report.

10. PUBLIC TIME

The Chair called for questions from the public and members of the media at 11:06 a.m.

No media or public had questions.

11. ADJOURNMENT

Moved and seconded,
And resolved:

The meeting be adjourned at 11:07 a.m.

Carried

Digitally approved

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Garry Jackman, Chair

Angela Lund

From: Walter Popoff
Sent: May 29, 2026 9:40 AM
To: Aimee Watson; Angela Lund
Cc: Stuart J. Horn; Mike Morrison; Tom Dool; Peter Kabel
Subject: Director Popoff Motion June Board Agenda
Attachments: 2026-05-14 SVTVS 2026 AGM minutes.docx

Categories: BOARD

Hi Aimee/ Angela

I would appreciate if the follow could be on the Board Agenda as a Director's motion.

Recommended to the Board:
"That staff be directed to prepare a report outlining the processes and service establishment bylaw amendments required to amend the boundaries of Service 220 (Portion of Area H Television Financial Aid) to remove all properties north of Passmore from the service area, and to include the proposed amending bylaw with the report."
Supporting Documentation: SVTVS May 14,2026 AGM Minutes.

Walter Popoff | Director Electoral Area H

Regional District of Central Kootenay | [Satellite Office]

Phone: 250.359.7455

Slocan Valley TV Society

Annual General Meeting for 2026
Winlaw Community Hall

Minutes

1. Meeting to order 7pm May 14th 2026

2. Minutes of 2025 AGM meeting read, moved and adopted

3. Financial statement for 2026 reviewed, moved and adopted

Walter Popoff spoke about Slocan Valley services committee and financial reporting going forward

4. Report from the President

Due to the failure of Pedro creek transmission infrastructure and the soon to be decommissioning of CBC Power transmission cable, the board is recommending that this tower be decommissioned. The survey results for Appledale to Village of Slocan had 10 households respond that they use the TV services. Walter Popoff asked the board if they were willing to pursue other options and the SVTV board responded to his query by stating they were not willing to invest large amounts of funds or energy towards seeking an alternative power source or upgrade the tower at this time.

5. Special Resolution

"Be it resolved that due to the failure of our Pedro Tower's ability to provide TV signals, the Board of Directors of the Slocan Valley TV Society recommend to the Regional District Central Kootenay that all residences in the Area H catchment north of Passmore with a fire number greater than 5000 be removed from the tax roll for Slocan Valley TV Society."

Vote was held by 4 members and was unanimous in favor of the special resolution.

- Floor open for discussion

6. Meeting adjournment 8pm

REGIONAL DISTRICT OF CENTRAL KOOTENAY

AREA E ADVISORY PLANNING AND HERITAGE COMMISSION
OPEN MEETING MINUTES

3:00 PM
Thursday, March 26, 2026
Hybrid Meeting

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Join by Video:
https://rdck-bc-ca.zoom.us/j/91508161342?pwd=j0AaGfFVV6sFIAMrkCvmqyWWXvTcpw.1

Join by Phone: 855 703 8985 Canada Toll-free

Meeting ID: 915 0816 1342
Passcode: 311862

In-Person Location: RDCK Board Room, 202 Lakeside Drive, Nelson, BC

5 out of 6 voting Commission/Committee members were present – quorum was met.

COMMISSIONERS ATTENDED

Commissioner Marvin Paisner	Electoral Area E
Commissioner Dan Rye	Electoral Area E
Commissioner Kevin Skarbo	Electoral Area E
Commissioner Jim Demers	Electoral Area E
Commissioner Erin Flichett	Electoral Area E

STAFF

Zachari Giacomazzo	Planner
Shelly Kindred	Meeting Coordinator

Regarding Item 6.1 Director Graham declared a potential conflict of interest. Director Graham left the meeting at 3:03 pm and did not participate in the discussion.

1. ELECTION OF CHAIR

CALL FOR NOMINATIONS (3 Times)

Member Jim Demers nominated Member Dan Rye
Member Kevin Skarbo nominated Member Dan Rye.
Member Marvin nominated Member Dan Rye

DECLARATION OF ELECTED OR ACCLAIMED CHAIR

Planner Zac Giacomazzo ratifies the appointed Member Dan Rye as Chair of the Area E Advisory Planning and Heritage Commission for 2026.

2. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Rye called the meeting to order at 3:01 p.m.

3. TRADITIONAL LANDS ACKNOWLEDGEMENT STATEMENT

We acknowledge and respect the Indigenous peoples within whose traditional lands we are meeting today.

4. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

MOVED and seconded,
AND Resolved:

The Agenda for the March 26, 2026 Electoral Area E Advisory Planning and Heritage Commission meeting, be adopted as circulated.

Carried

5. RECEIPT OF MINUTES

The May 22, 2025 Electoral Area E Advisory Planning and Heritage Commission minutes, have been received.

6. STAFF REPORTS

6.1 Development Permit Application (DP2601E) – Don Faust

The Development Permit Referral Form dated March 18, 2026 from Planner Zachari Giacomazzo, was received.

Planner Zac Giacomazzo gave a detailed summary of the application.

Both the Planner and applicant answered questions from the Commission.

Following an extensive discussion on the natural boundary shown on the site plan (Figure 3, of the Riparian Assessment and Restoration Plan prepared by Keefer Ecological Services Ltd.), the Commission did not have any concerns with the proposed development permit application.

Moved and seconded,
AND Resolved:

That the Area E Advisory Planning Commission **SUPPORT** the Development Permit Application to Don Faust for the property located at 7782 Highway 3A, Balfour, LOT A DISTRICT LOT 192 KOOTENAY DISTRICT PLAN EPP11283, Electoral Area 'E'.

Carried

6. PUBLIC TIME

The Chair will call for questions from the public at 354: p.m.

7. NEXT MEETING

The next Electoral Area E Advisory Planning and Heritage Commission Meeting is scheduled for April 30, 2026.

8. ADJOURNMENT

MOVED and seconded,
AND Resolved:

The Electoral Area E Advisory Planning and Heritage Commission meeting be adjourned at 3:55 p.m.

Carried

Approved by
Dan Rye, Chair

REGIONAL DISTRICT OF CENTRAL KOOTENAY

AREA A ADVISORY PLANNING AND HERITAGE COMMISSION
OPEN MEETING MINUTES

3:00PM
Monday, May 11, 2026
Hybrid Meeting

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Join by Video:
https://rdck-bc-ca.zoom.us/j/91557144774?pwd=yG19tegqcHLayPeWG9wCzFhIarzne4.1

Join by Phone:
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*6 to unmute or mute
*9 to raise or lower your hand

Meeting ID: 915 5714 4774
Meeting Password: 290445

In-Person Location: Gray Creek Hall 15047 Highway 3A Gray Creek, BC

COMMISSIONERS

Commissioner Shawn Ryks	Electoral Area A, Chair
Commissioner Michella Moss	Electoral Area A
Commissioner Julie March	Electoral Area A

COMMISSIONERS ABSENT

Commissioner Branca Lewandowski	Electoral Area A

DIRECTORS

Gary Jackman	Electoral Area A, Director

STAFF

Sadie Chezenko	Planner 1
Zachari Giacomazzo	Planner

Robin Baril Meeting Coordinator

3 out of 4 voting Commission/Committee members were present – quorum was met.

1. CALL TO ORDER

Director Jackman called the meeting to order at 3:04 p.m.

2. ELECTION OF CHAIR

Director Jackman called for Nominations of the Chair 3 times.
Member March nominated Member Ryks
Member Moss nominated Member Ryks

Director Jackman ratifies the appointed Member Ryks as Chair of the Area A Advisory Planning and Heritage Commission for 2026.

3. COMMENCEMENT OF APHC MEETING

Chair Ryks assumed the Chair and called the meeting to order.

4. TRADITIONAL LANDS ACKNOWLEDGEMENT STATEMENT

We acknowledge and respect the Indigenous peoples within whose traditional lands we are meeting today.

5. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

MOVED and seconded,
AND Resolved:

The Agenda for the May 11, 2026 Electoral Area A Advisory Planning and Heritage Commission meeting, be adopted with the Inclusion of Item 9.1 Geothermal East Shore Helicopter Activity before circulated.

Carried

6. RECEIPT OF MINUTES

The November 24, 2026 Electoral Area A Advisory Planning and Heritage Commission minutes, have been received.

7. STAFF REPORTS

7.1 Development Variance Permit Application - Comer

Staff gave a brief overview of the Development Variance Permit Application:

- Applicant has confirmed the use of the top floor of newly proposed garage will be utilized for personal use only.
- Staff confirmed that the access road from Packing Shed Road is not regularly used by homeowners.
- Applicant has abided by the set procedures.

MOVED and seconded,
AND Resolved:

That the Area A Advisory Planning Commission SUPPORT the Development Variance Permit Application to David Comer for the property located 5033 Highway 3A, Wynndel and legally described as LOT 1 DISTRICT LOT 191 KOOTENAY DISTRICT PLAN NEP72779 EXCEPT PLAN EPP118106 (PID: 025-583-468).

Carried

7.2 Bylaw Amendment Referral Form

Staff gave an overview of the updated amendments that Planning has been working on. The Bylaw Amendment will revert allowing secondary dwellings on land parcels dependant on lot size without needing to subdivide the parcel in question. Staff cautioned that Agricultural Land Commission rules will be stricter that RDCK Bylaws of what is permitted in certain cases.

The Commission felt that the Bylaw Amendments are a progressive step forward.

Moved and seconded,
AND resolved:

That the Area A Advisory Planning and Heritage Commission SUPPORT the Bylaw Amendment Referral Form for Electoral Area A.

Carried

8. OLD BUSINESS

8.1 Good Company Coffee

The Commission had questions for staff in relation to the land use issue of Good Company Coffee. Staff answered the Commissioner's questions and gave an overview of the Agricultural Land Commission application and procedures.

9. NEW BUSINESS

9.1 Geothermal East Shore Helicopter Activity

Commission had questions about the helicopter activity recently on the East Shore. This is exploration work that the South Kootenay Lake Community Services Society has been doing to find hot spots to potentially provide alternative energy sources.

10. PUBLIC TIME

No public present

11. NEXT MEETING

The next Electoral Area A Advisory Planning and Heritage Commission Meeting is scheduled for June 15, 2026 at 3:00pm.

ADJOURNMENT

MOVED and seconded,
AND Resolved:

The Electoral Area A Advisory Planning and Heritage Commission meeting be adjourned at 4:51 p.m.

Carried

Digitally approved by

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Shawn Ryks, Chair

REGIONAL DISTRICT OF CENTRAL KOOTENAY

AREA B ADVISORY PLANNING AND HERITAGE COMMISSION
OPEN MEETING MINUTES

7:00 PM
Tuesday, May 26, 2026
Hybrid Meeting

To promote openness, transparency and provide accessibility to the public we provide the ability to attend all RDCK meetings in-person or remote.

Join by Video:
https://rdck-bc-ca.zoom.us/j/94587073424?pwd=4jkdnipZZM89MQZGZz3fj0dPx9wr8y.1

Join by Phone:
+1 778 907 2071 Canada Toll-free

Meeting ID: 945 8707 3424
Meeting Password: 147647

In-Person Location: Creston Valley Public Library - 531B 16 Avenue South, Creston, BC

COMMISSIONERS

Commissioner Daryl Bjarnason	Electoral Area B
Commissioner Brock Lillico	Electoral Area B
Commissioner Lon Main	Electoral Area B, Acting Chair
Commissioner Jon Delcaro	Electoral Area B
Commissioner Randy Meyer	Electoral Area B
Commissioner Jeff Karbonik	Electoral Area B
Commissioner Petra Flaa	Electoral Area B
Commissioner Adam Mjolsness	Electoral Area B

ABSENT COMMISSIONERS

Commissioner Wade Brunham	Electoral Area B, Chair
Commissioner Karen Kraan	Electoral Area B
Commissioner Jerry Bauer	Electoral Area B

DIRECTORS

Roger Tierney	Electoral Area B, Director

STAFF

Sadie Chezenko	Planner
Zachari Giacomazzo	Planner
Robin Baril	Meeting Coordinator

PUBLIC

Rebecca and Cory Huscroft	Applicant
Jenna Traxel	Applicant
Jeshua Gibson	Applicant

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

1. CALL TO ORDER

Vice Chair Main called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m.

2. TRADITIONAL LANDS ACKNOWLEDGEMENT STATEMENT

We would like to acknowledge that this meeting is being held on the unceded traditional territory of the Ktunaxa Nation and the Yaqan Nuʔkiy People.

3. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

MOVED and seconded,
AND Resolved:

The Agenda for the May 26, 2026 Electoral Area B Advisory Planning and Heritage Commission meeting, be adopted as circulated.

Carried

4. RECEIPT OF MINUTES

The Electoral Area B Advisory Planning and Heritage Commission minutes, have been received.

5. STAFF REPORTS

5.1 Development Variance Permit Application – Traxel/Gibson

The Referral Package dated May 12, 2026 from Planner Sadie Chezenko, has been received.

- The Commission was in favor of applicants home based business of working on large machinery to be fitting of the large shop size that they have applied to build.
- Planners reported that the location of the shop on the applicants' parcel is located well within the property boundaries, located centrally on the parcel.

MOVED and seconded,
AND Resolved:

That the Area B Advisory Planning Commission SUPPORT the Development Permit Variance Application to Jenna Traxel and Jeshua Gibson for the property located 7745 Highway 3, Yahk, Electoral Area B. DISTRICT LOT 12974 KOOTENAY DISTRICT, EXCEPT THE MOST SOUTHERLY 40 CHAINS (PID: 013-872-664).

Carried

5.2 Agricultural Land Reserve Referral - Huscroft

The Referral Package dated May 12, 2026 from Planner Zachari Giacomazzo, has been received.

- The applicants closed the business for personal health reasons in 2019 and want to reopen in 2027. Agricultural Land Commission requirements were missed by local government on first start up. Applicants have been proactive in searching out approvals they that are required for them to re-open the business.
- The applicants raise some of the product that they process on their parcel, 90% of the meat is supplied by local farmers.
- The proposed cut and wrap business is a service that the valley needs.

MOVED and seconded,
AND Resolved:

That the Area B Advisory Planning Commission SUPPORT the Agricultural Land Reserve Referral for Cory and Rebecca Huscroft for the property located 924 25 Avenue South, Erickson, Electoral Area B. LOT 26 DISTRICT LOT 891 KOOTENAY DISTRICT 698 EXCEPT (1) PARCEL A (SEE DD 18512) AND (2) PART INCLUDED IN PLAN 3031 (PID: 015-493-211).

Carried

5.3 Agricultural Land Reserve (Inclusion) Referral – Town of Creston

The Referral Package dated May 14, 2026 from Planner Zachari Giacomazzo, has been received.

- Town of Creston has proposed a land swap where a large parcel of land on airport lands be included for a smaller parcel of land be excluded from the Agricultural Land Reserve.
- The Commission was curious why the exclusion referral did not come to them for discussion. Staff explained that the exclusion did not have to come for referral according to the bylaws.

MOVED and seconded,
AND Resolved:

That the Area B Advisory Planning Commission SUPPORT the Agricultural Land Reserve Referral for Town of Creston c/o Joel Comer for the property located at 1993 Airport Roads, Lister, Electoral Area B. BLOCK A SECTION 13 TOWNSHIP 7 KOOTENAY DISTRICT (PID: 009-724-991).

Carried

5.4 Bylaw Amendment Referral Form

The Referral Package dated May 4, 2026 from Planner Sadie Chezenko, has been received.

- Commission is concerned that there is not enough appropriate checks and balances for property development, especially for residential zoned properties.

- Agricultural Land Commission bylaws will be more stringent than RDCK.
- Commission feels that there needs to be public consultation to find out what the community wants for future development in the Creston Valley.

MOVED and seconded,
AND Resolved:

That the Area B Advisory Planning Commission NOT SUPPORT the Bylaw Amendment Referral Form for Electoral Area B.

Carried

6. PUBLIC TIME
No public present

7. NEXT MEETING
The next Electoral Area B Advisory Planning and Heritage Commission Meeting is scheduled for June 24, 2026 at 7:00 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT
MOVED and seconded,
AND Resolved:

The Electoral Area B Advisory Planning and Heritage Commission meeting be adjourned at 8:38 p.m.

Carried

Digitally approved by:

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Lon Main, Acting Chair

REGIONAL DISTRICT OF CENTRAL KOOTENAY

CRESTON VALLEY AGRICULTURAL ADVISORY COMMISSION
OPEN MEETING MINUTES

7:00 PM
Wednesday, May 27, 2026
Hybrid Meeting

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Join by Video:
https://rdck-bc-ca.zoom.us/j/97534145331?pwd=DuyTclwGKeM2lqFR7Zr267aYqtnTSI.1

Join by Phone:
833 955 1088 Canada Toll-free

Meeting ID: 975 341 45331
Meeting Password: 846516

In-Person Location: Creston & District Community Complex – Erickson Room
312 19 Avenue North, Creston, BC

COMMISSIONERS

Commissioner Randy Meyer	Electoral Area B, Chair
Commissioner David Mutch	Electoral Area B
Commissioner Dean Eastman	Electoral Area C
Commissioner Dale McNamar	Electoral Area C

COMMISSIONERS ABSENT

Commissioner Larry Rast	Electoral Area C
Commissioner Owen Edwards	Electoral Area B

DIRECTORS

Garry Jackman	Electoral Area A, Director
Roger Tierney	Electoral Area B, Director
Kelly Vandenberghe	Electoral Area C, Director

STAFF

Robin Baril	Meeting Coordinator

PUBLIC

Cory and Rebecca Huscroft	Applicant

4 out of 6 voting Commission/Committee members were present – quorum was met.

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Meyer called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

2. TRADITIONAL LANDS ACKNOWLEDGEMENT STATEMENT

We acknowledge and respect the indigenous peoples within whose traditional lands we are meeting today.

3. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

MOVED and seconded,
AND Resolved:

The Agenda for the May 27, 2026 Creston Valley Agricultural Advisory Commission meeting, be adopted as circulated.

Carried

4. RECEIPT OF MINUTES

The March 20, 2026 Creston Valley Agricultural Advisory Commission minutes, have been received.

5. STAFF REPORTS

5.1 Agricultural Land Reserve Referral - Huscroft

The Referral Package dated May 13, 2026 from Planner Zachari Giacomazzo, has been received.

- The applicants presented their plans to the Commission.
- With what was happening in the neighbourhood with other businesses, the applicants started asking questions and that is when they found out that they needed Agricultural Land Commission (ALC) approval.
- Applicants want to abide by rules and took it upon themselves to search out the approvals that they need.
- 30% of retail sales was raised local product.
- 100% of product is outsourced (not raised on farm). Which is outside of the 50/50 rule set by the ALC.
- Applied to Interior Health to meet health requirements.

The Commission feels that this facility and the butcher shop is a service that is desperately needed in the area for meat producers.

MOVED and seconded,
AND Resolved:

That the Creston Valley Agricultural Advisory Commission SUPPORT the Agricultural Land Reserve Referral to Cory and Rebecca Huscroft for the property located 924 25 Avenue South, Erickson, Electoral Area B. LOT 26 DISTRICT LOT 891 KOOTENAY DISTRICT 698 EXCEPT (1) PARCEL A (SEE DD 18512) AND (2) PART INCLUDED IN PLAN 3031 (PID: 015-493-211).

Carried

5.2 Agricultural Land Reserve (Inclusion) Referral – Town of Creston

The Referral Package dated May 14, 2026 from Planner Zachari Giacomazzo, has been received.

- Airport use only; zoning prevents agricultural use.

MOVED and seconded,
AND Resolved:

That the Creston Valley Agricultural Advisory Commission SUPPORT/NOT SUPPORT the Agricultural Land Reserve Referral to Town of Creston c/o Joel Comer for the property located at 1993 Airport Road, Lister, Electoral Area B. BLOCK A SECTION 13 TOWNSHIP 7 KOOTENAY DISTRICT (PID: 009-724-991).

Referred

5.3 Bylaw Amendment Referral Form

The Referral Package dated May 4, 2026 from Planner Sadie Chezenko, has been received.

- Director Jackman reviewed the proposed changes for the Bylaw Amendment Referral
- The Commission has concerns regarding Residential zoned properties in the Agricultural Land Reserve (ALR) and questioned how this proposed bylaw effects those properties.
- The Commission voiced that they would like further clarity from staff.
- The Commission feels that the Official Community Plan is a better avenue to address these issues.

MOVED and seconded,
AND Resolved:

That the Creston Valley Agricultural Advisory Commission SUPPORT the Bylaw Amendment Referral Form for Electoral Areas A, B and C.

Carried

6. PUBLIC TIME

The Chair called for questions from the public at 8:58 p.m.

No questions or comments from the public online.

7. NEXT MEETING

That the Creston Valley Agricultural Advisory Commission Meeting is scheduled for June 3, 2026 at 7:00pm.

ADJOURNMENT
MOVED and seconded,
AND Resolved:

The Creston Valley Agricultural Advisory Commission meeting be adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

Carried

Digitally approved by

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Randy Meyer, Chair

REGIONAL DISTRICT OF CENTRAL KOOTENAY

AREA I ADVISORY PLANNING AND HERITAGE COMMISSION
OPEN MEETING MINUTES

6:30PM
Wednesday, May 27, 2026
Hybrid Meeting

To promote openness, transparency and provide accessibility to the public we provide the ability to attend all RDCK meetings in-person or remote.

Join by Video:
https://rdck-bc-ca.zoom.us/j/98440624910?pwd=9JQyXil1Zannf7mif5hF90fAswn5qj.1

Join by Phone:
1 778 907 2071 Canada

Meeting ID: 984 4062 4910
Passcode: 640628

Meeting Location:
Brilliant Cultural Centre
1875 Brilliant Road
Castlegar, BC

COMMISSIONERS

Commissioner Brian Bebelman	Electoral Area I, Chair
Commissioner Kelly Poznikoff	Electoral Area I
Commissioner Andy Ozeroff	Electoral Area I

DIRECTORS

Andy Davidoff	Electoral Area I, Director

STAFF

Sadie Chezenko	Planner
Zachari Giacomazzo	Planner
Shelly Kindred	Meeting Coordinator

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Bebelman called the meeting to order at 6:32 p.m.

2. TRADITIONAL LANDS ACKNOWLEDGEMENT STATEMENT

We acknowledge and respect the Indigenous peoples within whose traditional lands we are meeting today.

3. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

MOVED and seconded,
AND Resolved:

The Agenda for the May 27, 2026 Electoral Area I Advisory Planning and Heritage Commission meeting, was adopted with the following amendment:

- Inclusion of Item 6.1 Brilliant Headpond Stewardship Collaborative

Before circulation.

Carried

4. RECEIPT OF MINUTES

The April 15, 2026 Electoral Area I Advisory Planning and Heritage Commission minutes, were received.

5. STAFF REPORTS

5.1 **DEVELOPMENT VARIANCE PERMIT APPLICATION (V2609I) – Allie & Jarred Batchelor**

The Development Variance Permit Application dated May 07, 2026, from Zachari Giacomazzo, Planner, was received.

Planner Zachari Giacomazzo gave an overview of the application and answered questions from the Commission.

The applicants answered questions from the Commission and spoke to the Notice of Intent sent to the Agricultural Land Commission.

Moved and seconded,
AND Resolved:

That the Area I Advisory Planning and Heritage Commission **SUPPORT** the Development Variance Permit Application to Allie Batchelor and Jarred Batchelor for the property located at 1993 Highway 3A, Tarrys Lot 2 DISTRICT LOT 1239 KOOTENAY DISTRICT PLAN 857.

Carried

5.2 **DEVELOPMENT VARIANCE PERMIT APPLICATION (V2606I) – Brandon Loukianoff**

The Development Variance Permit Application dated May 05, 2026, from Sadie Chezenko, Planner 1, was received.

Planner Sadie Chezenko introduced the application and described the three variances being requested.

The planner and applicants answered questions from the Commission.

Moved and seconded,
AND Resolved:

That the Area I Advisory Planning and Heritage Commission **SUPPORT** the Development Variance Permit Application to Brandon Loukianoff for the property located at 2295 Highway 3A, Block 8 DISTRICT LOT 302A KOOTENAY DISTRICT PLAN 781.

Carried

5.3 **BYLAW AMENDMENT APPLICATION (Z2602I) – Stacey Posnikoff**

The Bylaw Amendment Application dated April 27, 2026, from Sadie Chezenko, Planner 1, was received.

Planner Sadie Chezenko outlined the bylaw amendment proposal and responded to questions from the Commission. The Planner flagged concerns for the property's water service and is expecting comments from Interior Health regarding this aspect of the proposed development.

The applicants also answered questions from the Commission and shared their intention for the multi-generational shared property.

Moved and seconded,
AND Resolved:

That the Area I Advisory Planning and Heritage Commission **SUPPORT** the Bylaw Amendment Application to Stacey Posnikoff for the property located at 1625 Highway 3A, Thrums, LOT 1 DISTRICT LOT 1239 KOOTENAY DISTRICT PLAN 4105.

Carried

5.4 **ZONING BYLAW AMENDMENT APPLICATION (Z2405I) – Glade General Store LTD**

The Zoning Bylaw Amendment Application dated April 20, 2026, from Sadie Chezenko, Planner 1, was received.

Planner Sadie gave a summary of the application and answered questions from the Commission.

The applicant addressed the application and provided answers to the Commission's questions.

The Commission recognized that the Glade Esso and Cornerstone Cafe serve as a social gathering place for the community.

Moved and seconded,
AND Resolved:

That the Area I Advisory Planning and Heritage Commission **SUPPORT** the Zoning Bylaw Amendment Application to Glade General Store LTD c/o Michelle Kooznetsoff for the property located at 2347 Highway 3A, Glade, LOT 3 DISTRICT LOT 302A KOOTENAY DISTRICT PLAN 781.

Carried

5.5 **BYLAW AMENDMENT REFERRAL FORM – RDCK Planning Department**

The Zoning Bylaw Amendment Application dated May 4, 2026, from Sadie Chezenko, Planner 1, was received.

Planner Sadie Chezenko described the contents of the amendments to the Commission and identified some of the concerns regarding the amendments a land use planning perspective.

Director Davidoff identified community feedback he received to the initial 2024 amendments and that some residents preferred the flexibility to develop cluster housing on their lots. He also identified that the proposed amendments would allow potential cluster housing on large lots.

Moved and seconded,
AND Resolved:

That the Area I Advisory Planning and Heritage Commission **SUPPORT** the Amendment Bylaw No. 3076.

Carried

6. DIRECTOR ITEM

6.1 BRILLIANT HEADPOND STEWARDSHIP COLLBORATIVE

The Zoning Bylaw Amendment Application dated May 4, 2026, from Sadie Chezenko, Planner 1, was received.

Moved and seconded,

AND Resolved:

That the Area I APHC Advisory Planning and Heritage Commission SUPPORT the investigation of reinstatement of the Brilliant Headpond Stewardship Collaborative.

Carried

7. PUBLIC TIME

There were no members of the public in attendance.

8. NEXT MEETING

The next Electoral Area I Advisory Planning and Heritage Commission Meeting is scheduled for June 1, 2026.

ADJOURNMENT

MOVED and seconded,
AND Resolved:

The Electoral Area I Advisory Planning and Heritage Commission meeting be adjourned at 8:49 p.m.

Carried

Approved by
Brian Bebelman, Chair

REGIONAL DISTRICT OF CENTRAL KOOTENAY

NELSON & DISTRICT RECREATION COMMISSION NO. 5
OPEN MEETING MINUTES

9:00a.m.
May 27, 2026

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).

COMMISSION/COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Commissioner K. Page	City of Nelson- Chair
Commissioner K. Tait	City of Nelson
Commissioner T. Newell	Electoral Area F

MEMBERS ABSENT

Commissioner J. Morrison	City of Nelson
Commissioner C. Graham	Area E

STAFF

Trisha Davison	General Manger of Community Services
Craig Stanley	Regional Manager of Operations and Asset Management
Tia Wayling	Regional Programming Manager
Anne Gillender	Nelson & District Community Complex Facility Manager
Alana Jenkins	Meeting Coordinator

3 out of 5 voting Commission members were present – quorum was met.

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Page called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

2. TRADITIONAL LANDS ACKNOWLEDGEMENT STATEMENT

We acknowledge and respect the Indigenous peoples within whose traditional lands we are meeting today.

3. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

MOVED and seconded,
AND Resolved:

The Agenda for the May 27, 2026 Nelson & District Recreation Commission No. 5 meeting, be adopted as circulated.

Carried

4. RECEIPT OF MINUTES

The January 28, 2026 Nelson & District Recreation Commission No. 5 minutes, have been received.

MOVED and seconded,
AND Resolved:

That Andy Leathwood of the Nelson Sports Council be granted freedom of the floor.

Carried

5. DELEGATE

Jason Asbell, Eleanor Stacey, and Devon Caron from the Nelson Civic Theatre Society will present a request Society request to use the back of the parking lot between the NDCC and the Curling rink to the Commission.

Request was addressed by staff preceding the meeting.

6. STAFF REPORTS

6.1 Nelson & District Community Complex Operations Update

The Commission Report dated May 27, 2026 from Anne Gillender, NDCC Facility Manager, re: Nelson & District Community Complex Operations update, has been received.

- Reviewed facility maintenance updates.
- Discussed current lifeguard shortage and ongoing recruitment efforts with focus on leadership development for existing staff.
- New Assistant Manager will begin role June 1.
- Reviewed summer operating schedules for Gyro Pool, Paddle Rental Centre, and summer camps.

6.2 Nelson & District Quarterly Programming Update

The Commission Report dated May 27, 2026 from Tia Wayling, Regional Programming Manager re: Nelson & District Quarterly Programming Update, has been received.

- Reviewed January–March winter season statistics and budget status.
- Reported strong participation in themed programs, fitness, and swim lessons.
- Noted cancellation of non-themed Pro-D Day camps due to low enrollment.
- Discussed increasing public skating opportunities and improving facility schedules/guides.

6.3 Nelson & District Community Complex Pool – Summer Hours of Operation

The Commission Report dated May 27, 2026 from Tia Wayling, Regional Programming Manager re: Nelson & District Community Complex Pool - Summer Hours of Operation, has been received.

- Reviewed minor adjustments to the summer pool schedule.
- Adjusted opening times to improve clarity and reduce user confusion.

6.4 Recreation Campus Capital Funding Service: Process & Impact

The Commission Report dated May 27, 2026 from Trisha Davison, General Manager of Community Services, re: Recreation Campus Capital Funding Service: Process & Impact, has been received.

MOVED and seconded,
AND Resolved:

That the Commission direct staff to defer item 6.4 Recreation Campus Capital Funding Service: Process & Impact to a future Recreation Commission No. 5 meeting.

Carried

7. OLD BUSINESS

7.1 Nelson & District Art Council Meeting

Craig Stanley, Regional Manager of Operations and Asset Management to provide a verbal overview of the Nelson & District Art Council letter dated, February 17, 2026 re: A proposed Mural at the Nelson & District Community Complex.

- Advised mural agreement with the Nelson & District Arts Council is nearing completion
- Anticipated mural installation to begin in June
- Discussed maintenance and lifecycle provisions included in the agreement

8. CORRESPONDENCE

8.1 Civic Centre Studio Space Letter

The letter from Keith Page, Nelson & District Recreation Commission No. 5 re: The City of Nelson's RFP for the Civic Centre Studio Space located at 719 Vernon Street, Nelson BC, has been received.

Chair Page clarified the point of process addressed via the letter.

8.2 Nelson Leaf's E-mail

E-mail dated May 7, 2026 from John Dooley representative of the Nelson Leaf's has been received.

- Discussed proposed Nelson Leafs dressing room renovation project.
- Advised project must proceed through RDCK processes to meet risk and approval requirements.
- Discussed updating long-term facility use agreement language.

MOVED and seconded,
AND Resolved:

That John Dooley and Corey Viala of the Nelson Leafs be granted freedom of the floor.

Carried

- Nelson Leafs advised current dressing room size impacts coaching and recruitment and confirmed they would fund the project.
- Matter to return to the All Recreation Committee next month.

RECESS/ RECONVENE The meeting recessed at 9:56 a.m. for break and reconvened at 10:04 a.m.

- Staff advised concession RFPs are expected to be released within the next few weeks with preference for longer-term agreements.

9. PUBLIC TIME

The Chair called for questions from the public and members of the media at 10:13 a.m.

- Public asked whether the Commission was considering taking over the Civic studio space.
- The public asked the difference between the All Recreation Committee and Recreation No. 5 Commission.

10. NEXT MEETING

The next Nelson & District Recreation Commission No. 5 meeting is scheduled for June 16, 2026 at 9:00 a.m.

11. ADJOURNMENT

MOVED and seconded,
AND Resolved:

The Nelson & District Recreation Commission meeting be adjourned at 10:24 a.m.

Carried

Approved by

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Keith Page, Chair

THE FOLLOWING ITEMS ARE PROVIDED FOR CONVENIENCE ONLY AND WILL BE CONSIDERED AT ITS APPROPRIATE MEETING AS STATED.

Future Nelson & District Recreation Commission No. 5 Meetings

1. *That the Commission direct staff to defer item 6.4 Recreation Campus Capital Funding Service: Process & Impact to a future Recreation Commission No. 5 meeting.*

REGIONAL DISTRICT OF CENTRAL KOOTENAY

ROSEBERY PARKLAND AND TRAILS COMMISSION
OPEN MEETING AGENDA

7:00 p.m.
May 28, 2026

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-bc-ca.zoom.us/j/94622492138?pwd=ag3VcbZD7rb3TH88U2hX0tWo7HKCWe.1
Join by Phone:
833 958 1164
Meeting ID: 946 2249 2138
Meeting Passcode: 607279
Virtual Meeting

COMMISSION/COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Director W. Popoff	Electoral Area H
Director T. Gordon	Village of Silverton
Commissioner R. Allin	Area H
Commissioner G. McRae	Area H
Commissioner S. Kipkie	Area H
Commissioner S. Rouselle	Silverton

MEMBERS ABSENT

Director L. Casley	Village of New Denver
Director J. Lunn	Village of Slocan
Commissioner D. Hammond	New Denver
Commissioner R. Reitmeier	Area H
Commissioner P. Schwartz	Area H

STAFF

Cary Gaynor	Regional Parks Manager
Jeff Phillips	Regional Parks Operations Supervisor
Alana Jenkins	Meeting Coordinator

4 out of 7 voting Commission/Committee members were present – quorum was met.

1. CALL TO ORDER

Director Popoff called the meeting to order at 7:20 p.m.

2. ELECTION OF CHAIR

CALL FOR NOMINATIONS (3 Times)

No nominations received.

Referred

MOVED and seconded,
AND Resolved:

That Commissioner Allin act as Chair of the Rosebery Parklands and Trails Commission for the May 28, 2026, meeting only.

Carried

Following the election of a Chair for the Rosebery Parklands and Trails Commission, Commissioners agreed to request the implementation of a procedure to confirm attendance in advance of upcoming Commission meetings.

3. TRADITIONAL LANDS ACKNOWLEDGEMENT STATEMENT

We acknowledge and respect the Indigenous peoples within whose traditional lands we are meeting today.

4. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

MOVED and seconded,
AND Resolved:

The Agenda for the May 28, 2026 Rosebery Parkland and Trails Commission meeting, be adopted as circulated.

Carried

5. RECEIPT OF MINUTES

The November 6, 2025 Rosebery Parkland and Trails Commission minutes, have been received.

6. DELEGATE

There are no Delegates scheduled for this Commission meeting.

7. STAFF REPORTS

7.1 Operations Update

Jeff Phillips, Regional Parks and Trails Operations Supervisor to provide the Commission with an Operations Update.

- Staff reported that major capital projects have largely been completed, with current efforts focused on routine repair and maintenance.

- Recent work included refinishing and painting picnic tables, replacing the cable car rope prior to opening, and completing winter debris cleanup.
- Priorities for 2026 include invasive species removal and park beautification initiatives.
- Washrooms at Bigelow Bay Regional Park were vandalized and repairs are planned.

DIRECTOR ABSENT: Director Gordon left the meeting at 7:30 p.m.

8. NEW BUSINESS

8.1 Commission Appointment

Commissioner Koolen representative of Slocan has provided resignation for the Rosebery Parklands and Trail Commission.

MOVED and seconded,
AND Resolved and Recommended to the Board:

The Board send a letter to outgoing member Mike Koolen thanking them for their service at the RDCK.

Carried

9. PUBLIC TIME

The Chair called for questions from the public at 7:36 p.m.

No questions received.

10. NEXT MEETING

The next Rosebery Parkland and Trails Commission meeting is scheduled for August 27, 2026 at 7:00p.m.

11. ADJOURNMENT

MOVED and seconded,
AND Resolved:

The Rosebery Parkland and Trails Commission meeting be adjourned at 7:38 p.m.

Carried

Digitally Approved

R. Allin, Chair

RECOMMENDATION(S) TO THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

1. ***The Board send a letter to outgoing member Mike Koolen thanking them for their service at the RDCK.***

REGIONAL DISTRICT OF CENTRAL KOOTENAY

AREA A ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION

OPEN MEETING MINUTES

2:00 p.m. PT
Tuesday, June 2, 2026
Location: Hybrid Model – In-person and Remote

WEBEX 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.

Join by Video:
https://rdck-bc-ca.zoom.us/j/93079902753?pwd=1DnbzuIpvRtHNZyPqjp7NKEtfkguO3.1

Join by Phone:
+1-778-907-2071 Canada

Meeting Number (access code): 930 7990 2753
Meeting Password: 881036

In-Person Location: Kokanee Springs Resort – lower level of the 1st Lodge building at the rear of the building, 16083 Woolgar Road, Crawford Bay, BC

COMMISSION MEMBERS PRESENT

Director G. Jackman	Area A
Commissioner G. Medhurst	Crawford Bay – Chair
Commissioner G. MacMahon	Kootenay Bay
Commissioner R. Bertram	Crawford Bay/Gray Creek
Commissioner F. Demman	Wynndel

COMMISSION MEMBERS ABSENT

Commissioner P. Cullinane	Boswell

STAFF PRESENT

R. Baril	Meeting Coordinator

GUEST
A. Hotchkiss

5 out of 6 voting Commission/Committee members were present – quorum was met.

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Medhurst called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m.

2. TRADITIONAL LANDS ACKNOWLEDGEMENT STATEMENT

We acknowledge and respect the Indigenous peoples within whose traditional lands we are meeting today.

3. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Moved and seconded,
and resolved:

The agenda for the June 2, 2026 Area A Economic Development Commission meeting, be adopted as circulated.

Carried

4. RECEIPT OF MINUTES

The March 17, 2026 Area A Economic Development Commission minutes have been received.

ORDER OF AGENDA CHANGED

The order of Business was changed at this time due to the Kootenay Lake Chamber of Commerce not being able to attend, with Item 6.1 Kootenay Lake Geothermal Update considered at this time.

6. OLD BUSINESS

6.1 Kootenay Lake Geothermal Update

Since the Commission last met, plans have been in place to do the airborne survey for the Kootenay Lake Geothermal project. The survey was completed quickly and effectively. Data that was collected went smoothly with one day of flying. The powerline in Riondel had a disruptive effect on the data collected. Features are evident, and information will be coming to this Commission once data integration and interpretation are complete, including a full 3D model if there is sufficient funding remaining. This will guide the next steps of the project going forward. There are going to be focus groups organized to take place in the fall.

5. NEW BUSINESS

5.1 Kootenay Lake Chamber of Commerce

This item will be added to the July 7, 2026 Area A Economic Development Commission agenda.

7. PUBLIC TIME

The Chair called for questions from the public at 2.24 p.m.

No questions or comments from the public.

8. NEXT MEETING

The next Area A Economic Development Commission meeting is scheduled for July 7, 2026 at 2:00 p.m. PT.

9. ADJOURNMENT

Moved and seconded,
and resolved:

The Area A Economic Development Commission meeting be adjourned at 2:25 p.m.

Carried

Digitally approved by

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Chair Gina Medhurst

REGIONAL DISTRICT OF CENTRAL KOOTENAY

CASTLEGAR & DISTRICT RECREATION COMMISSION
OPEN MEETING AGENDA

4:00 p.m.
June 2, 2026

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:
4:00 p.m. PDT

COMMISSION/COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Commissioner Member M. McFaddin	City of Castlegar
Commissioner Member B. Bogle	City of Castlegar
Commissioner Member S. Heaton-Sherstobitoff	City of Castlegar
Commissioner Member H. Hanegraaf	Director Area J
Commissioner Member A. Davidoff	Director Area I

STAFF

Trisha Davison	General Manager of Community Services
Craig Stanley	Regional Manager of Operations and Asset Management
Kristi Calder	Regional Manager of Recreation & Client Services
Jenna Chapman	Meeting Coordinator

5 out of 5 voting Commission/Committee members were present – quorum was met.

1. CALL TO ORDER
Chair Bogle called the meeting to order at 4:06 p.m.

2. TRADITIONAL LANDS ACKNOWLEDGEMENT STATEMENT
We acknowledge and respect the Indigenous peoples within whose traditional lands we are meeting today.

3. ADOPTION OF AGENDA
MOVED and seconded,
AND Resolved:

The Agenda for the June 2, 2026, Castlegar & District Recreation Commission meeting, be adopted as circulated.

Carried

4. RECEIPT OF MINUTES

The May 25, 2026 Castlegar & District Recreation Commission meeting minutes, have been received.

5. DELEGATE

Ryan Niddery, Manager of Engineering and Infrastructure with the City of Castlegar presented an overview of the proposed Parks Master Plan (PMP), which will provide a long-term strategic framework to guide the development, maintenance, and investment in parks, trails, and recreation amenities throughout the city.

Freedom of the Floor Chris Barlow, City of Castlegar CAO have freedom of the floor.

Key Discussion Points:

- The PMP builds upon the Parks Asset Management Plan initiated in 2022, which included asset inventories, condition assessments, lifecycle analysis, and funding reviews.
- The project supports objectives within the Official Community Plan related to enhancing amenities, reducing barriers to access, growing parks alongside community needs, and strengthening connectivity through parks and trail networks.
- Project work is anticipated to begin in 2026, with engagement activities occurring throughout the year.
- A draft Parks Master Plan is expected in 2027, followed by presentation to Council for consideration and adoption**.**
- While recognizing the importance of engaging with municipal partners, there has been consistent feedback from Area I (Davidoff) indicating that funding allocations are not being equitably directed toward their community.

6. STAFF REPORTS

6.1 Castlegar & District Arena and Walking Track Project – Timeline Update

Trisha Davison, General Manager of Community Services, provided the Commission with an update on the Arena and Walking Track Expansion Project as it progresses toward a referendum, highlighting key milestones and ongoing monthly reporting to the Commission including:

- The Request for Pre-Qualifications was issued May 29, 2026, with submissions closing June 26, 2026.
- General Voting Day for the referendum is scheduled for November 28, 2026, with official results expected by November 30, 2026.
- Staff are developing a public engagement strategy, including community meetings, pop-up events, digital communications, and advertising, with engagement anticipated from October to November 2026.

6.2 Castlegar & District Arena and Walking Track Project: Naming Rights Guideline Update

The Commission Report dated June 2, 2026, from Trisha Davison, General Manager of Community Services re: Castlegar & District Arena and Walking Track Project: Naming Rights Guideline has been received.

Key Notable Items:

- Guidelines are now included in the RFPQ package released May 29, 2026

7. CORRESPONDENCE

7.1 Kootenay-Columbia Educational Heritage Society Letter

A letter from Mac Gregory, with the Kootenay-Columbia Educational Heritage Society has been received.

- Commissioner Davidoff volunteered his time to liaise with Mac Gregory and bring this back to the next Castlegar & District Recreation Commission in July.

MEMBER ABSENT: Member Hanegraaf left the meeting at 5:12 p.m.

8. PUBLIC TIME

The Chair will call for questions from the public at 5:14 p.m.

9. NEXT MEETING

The next Castlegar & District Recreation Commission meeting is scheduled for July 7, 2026 at 4:00 p.m.

10. ADJOURNMENT

MOVED and seconded,
AND Resolved:

The Castlegar & District Recreation Commission meeting be adjourned at 4:00 p.m.

Carried

Digitally Approved

B. Bogle, Chair

***If there are recommendations that need to go to the Board of Directors please add them to the list below and forward to Angela Lund, alund@rdck.bc.ca to be put on the Board agenda.**

RECOMMENDATION(S) TO THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

1. *N/A*

THE FOLLOWING ITEMS ARE PROVIDED FOR CONVENIENCE ONLY AND WILL BE CONSIDERED AT ITS APPROPRIATE MEETING AS STATED.

Future Castlegar & District Recreation Commission Meetings

1. Kootenay-Columbia Educational Heritage Society findings from member Davidoff.

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BRITISH COLUMBIA

The *Ombudsperson Act* requires that investigations be conducted in private. Ombudsperson investigation documents are not available through the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act* and may be subject to rules preventing their use in court and tribunal proceedings. **Please contact the Office of the Ombudsperson before disclosing this document, or any responses, to any third parties.**

April 15, 2026

Aimee Watson
Chair
Regional District of Central Kootenay
202 Lakeside Drive
PO Box 590
NELSON BC V1L 5R4

Dear Aimee Watson:

Re: Office of the Ombudsperson Quarterly Report for the period covering January 1 - March 31, 2026

This package of documents details the complaint files the Office of the Ombudsperson closed for Regional District of Central Kootenay between January 1 and March 31, 2026. Though no action is required on your part, we hope that you will find this information useful and share it within your organization.

These reports provide information about the complaint files we closed regarding your organization within the last quarter, including both files we investigated and files we closed without investigation. Files currently open with the office are not included in these reports.

If you would like further information about the complaints our office received about your organization, or you have identified inaccuracies in the data, please contact our office's Policy, Research and Continuous Improvement team. They can provide further details upon request and can be reached at PRCI@bcombudsperson.ca or by phone at 250-953-4171.

Enclosed you will find detailed reports containing the following:

- A one-page report listing the number of files closed and the category under which they were closed. The categories we use to close files are based on the sections of the *Ombudsperson Act*, which gives the Ombudsperson the authority to investigate complaints from the public regarding authorities under our jurisdiction. A more detailed description of our closing categories is available on our website at:

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Type of complaint closure for Authority: Regional District of Central Kootenay	# closed
Enquiries – Many people who contact us are not calling to make a complaint, but are seeking information or advice. These contacts are classified as *Enquiries* to distinguish them from *Complaints*, which are requests that our office conduct an investigation.	0
Complaints with No Investigation – Our office does not investigate every complaint it receives. First, we determine whether we have authority to investigate the complaint under the *Ombudsperson Act*. We also have discretion to decline to investigate for other reasons specified in the *Ombudsperson Act*.	1
Early Resolution Investigations – Early Resolution investigations provide an expedited process for dealing with complaints when it appears that an opportunity exists for the authority to take immediate action to resolve the issue. Typical issues that are addressed through Early Resolution include timeliness, communication, and opportunities for internal review.	0
Complaint Investigations – When we investigate a complaint we may conclude with a determination that a complaint is not substantiated, or with a negotiated settlement of the complaint, or with public findings and recommendations. We may also exercise discretion to cease investigation for a number of other reasons specified in the *Ombudsperson Act*.	0
Reason for closing an Investigation	
Pre-empted by existing statutory right of appeal, objection or review.	0
Investigation ceased with no formal findings under the *Ombudsperson Act*.	
More than one year between event and complaint	0

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Complaints Closed from 1 January - 31 March, 2026
Regional District of Central Kootenay

The tables below summarize the complaint topics we are tracking for your sector and/or authority and the number of times this topic was identified in the files (investigated and non-investigated complaints) that were closed in the most recent quarter.

If you would like more information on the types of complaints we receive, please contact our Public Authority Consultation and Training Team: email us at consult@bcombudsperson.ca or call us at 250-508-2950.

Sector-Specific Complaint Topics – All Local Government

Business Licensing	3	1%
Bylaw Enforcement	69	28%
Council Member Conduct (incl. Conflict of Interest)	19	8%
Fees/Charges (incl. Taxes)	18	7%
Official Community Plan/Zoning/Development	53	21%
Open Meetings	7	3%
Other	51	21%
Procurement	2	1%
Response to Damages Claim	5	2%
Services (incl. Garbage, Sewer, Water)	20	8%

General Complaint Topics – All Local Government

Accessibility	5	1%
Administrative Error	7	2%
Communication	70	18%
Delay	16	4%

The Corporation of the District of Saanich | Mayor's Office
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VIA EMAIL
May 19, 2026

The Honourable David Eby, Premier
The Honourable Adrian Dix, Minister of Energy and Climate
The Honourable Kelly Greene, Minister of Emergency Management and Climate Readiness
The Honourable Christine Boyle, Minister of Housing and Municipal Affairs
The Honourable Brenda Bailey, Minister of Finance

Email: Premier@gov.bc.ca, ECS.Minister@gov.bc.ca, EMCR.Minister@gov.bc.ca, HMA.Minister@gov.bc.ca, FIN.Minister@gov.bc.ca

Dear Premier Eby, Minister Dix, Minister Greene, Minister Boyle, and Minister Bailey:

RE: BC Local Government Climate Action Program (LGCAP) – Funding Continuation

On May 11, 2026, Saanich Council passed the following motion:

That Council direct the Mayor to send a letter to the Province and Local MLA's, as per the draft provided, outlining the need for continued Local Government Climate Action Program (LGCAP) funding and share this letter with the Capital Regional District Board of Directors, other BC municipal elected officials and Chief Administrative Officers.

On behalf of Saanich Council, I'm respectfully requesting your consideration for the need for the Province to continue to fund the Local Government Climate Action Program (LGCAP). In February 2026, the Provincial Government released the 2026/27–2028/29 Service Plan for the Ministry of Energy and Climate Solutions. The plan does not appear to include funding for the renewal of the LGCAP. As long-standing local government partners of the Province, we are concerned that the implications of allowing this funding to lapse may not be fully understood.

For more than 15 years, the Province has provided consistent annual climate action funding to local governments, recognizing our essential role in meeting provincial greenhouse gas (GHG) reduction targets and climate adaptation goals. LGCAP and its predecessor, the Climate Action Revenue Incentive Program (CARIP), have provided a critical and reliable source of dedicated funding that enables municipalities to resource staff capacity, support community climate initiatives, deliver key GHG reduction and adaptation programs, and leverage other utility funding and provincial and federal grants. Many of these initiatives directly support the goals of the CleanBC Roadmap and the Climate Preparedness & Adaptation Strategy.

This funding arrangement and the projects and programs enabled have led to a nearly 50% reduction in Saanich's corporate GHG emissions and a nearly 20% reduction in Saanich's community-wide GHG emissions from our 2007 baseline. We have realized significant transportation mode shifts, from 17% of trips taken by transit and active transportation in 2011, to 26% today; we have seen over 2,300 Saanich households replace their fossil fuel heating systems with heat pumps to deliver efficient heating and protective cooling; we have completed

comprehensive climate risk assessments of Saanich infrastructure to ensure we are planning and investing effectively for the climate changes ahead. Provincial investments in local government action have been working, but there is more to do. Local government partners have valuable insights that should inform the next iteration of this successful program.

Municipal budgets are under significant pressure to fund core services and respond to the increasingly costly impacts of accelerating climate changes, including devastating floods, wildfires, and extreme heat. Removing dedicated Provincial climate action funding will create a shortfall that cannot be replaced without significant impacts to local taxpayers. While we appreciate the various climate-related grants currently available through the Province, these programs are competitive, time-limited, and often difficult to access due to requirements for matching funds and the staff capacity needed to prepare and manage applications and implement projects. They have also been reduced in recent years. LGCAP has been the stable foundation that allows local governments to pursue these opportunities. Without it, many municipalities will be unable to apply for competitive grants or deliver community-focused climate programming that supports provincial objectives.

Over the last three years Saanich received approximately $1.1 million from LGCAP, which staff successfully leveraged to secure approximately **$1.0 million in additional external grant funding** (this excludes other major grants for capital projects such as corporate building retrofits and EV charging infrastructure which are in the $multiple millions). This has contributed to a wide range of climate programs and projects that benefit Saanich residents and community including:

- Corporate and Community Climate Risk Assessments
- Community emissions inventories
- Strata Energy Advisor Program
- Top-up incentives for EV Ready Plans and retrofits in MURBs
- Climate Plan Update
- Fleet E Bike Program
- Tillicum Green Infrastructure Project
- Energy & Carbon Emissions reporting
- Gorge Coastal Flood Adaptation Strategy
- One Planet Saanich
- School climate education programs
- Rental Apartment Retrofit Accelerator
- Zero Waste initiatives
- Oil removal policy review

Local governments are on the front lines of planning for and responding to climate impacts and have direct or indirect influence over more than half of B.C.'s GHG emissions. The Province cannot meet its CleanBC targets, achieve its climate adaptation goals and protect BC residents from the increasing impacts of climate change without strong, resourced municipal partners.

LGCAP funding is essential to ensuring that local governments can continue to deliver climate action and prepare for climate impacts at the scale required.

Despite our long-standing partnership, local governments, including Saanich, were not consulted on the decision to cease funding for LGCAP. To staff's knowledge, no local government was engaged prior to the release of the Service Plan. While several months of LGCAP funding remains from the pre-payment for the 2026/27 year, many climate actions are multi-year projects, most external grants take months or years to determine, and many local governments fund staff using LGCAP, so work is already underway to prepare for the 2027-28 year and beyond based upon continued LGCAP funding. Certainty related to consistent, continuous funding is paramount.

As we collectively work to build a stronger, more sustainable Province, Council requests that the Province confirm their commitment to consistent, continuous LGCAP funding and we look forward to further collaboration on climate action and preparedness.

Sincerely,



Dean Murdock
Mayor

cc:

Hon. Nina Krieger, MLA Victoria Swan Lake <Nina.Krieger.MLA@leg.bc.ca>
Hon. Diana Gibson, MLA Oak Bay Gordon Head <Diana.Gibson.MLA@leg.bc.ca>
Hon. Lana Popham, MLA Saanich South <Lana.Popham.MLA@leg.bc.ca>
Saanich Council <council@saanich.ca>
CRD Board of Directors <crdboard@crd.bc.ca>
All BC Municipalities

The Corporation of the
District of Central Saanich

May 21, 2026

Honourable Christine Boyle, Minister of Housing and Municipal Affairs
Parliament Buildings Victoria, BC V8V 1X4
Via email: HMA.minister@gov.bc.ca

The Honourable Brenda Bailey, Minister of Finance
PO Box 9048 Stn Prov Govt, Victoria, BC V8W 9E2
Via email: FIN.Minister@gov.bc.ca

Dear Ministers Boyle and Bailey,

RE: Request for Dedicated Provincial Funding to Support Municipalities That Achieve Provincially Mandated Housing Targets

On behalf of the Council of the District of Central Saanich, I am writing to acknowledge the Province of British Columbia's leadership in addressing the housing crisis through the establishment of mandatory housing targets for local governments. We share the Province's commitment to increasing housing supply and supporting complete, livable communities across British Columbia.

The District of Central Saanich has proactively responded to provincial housing initiatives and requirements. Council and staff have undertaken significant planning, policy, and regulatory work to facilitate increased housing supply, including substantive housing-related land use policy changes, zoning bylaw amendments, and updates to our Official Community Plan. These actions required considerable municipal resources and reflect Council's strong commitment to meeting, and in several cases exceeding, our provincially mandated housing targets.

While Central Saanich is proud of its progress, the rapid pace and scale of housing delivery required to meet provincial targets generates corresponding growth-related pressures on municipal operations, neighbourhood livability, and community infrastructure. Increased development activity places added demands on staff capacity, traffic and transportation systems, water, sewer, stormwater, and utility infrastructure, as well as parks, recreation facilities, and other public amenities that support a high quality of life.

Local governments that demonstrate leadership and compliance with provincial housing mandates play a critical role in achieving shared provincial objectives. To that end, Council respectfully requests that he Province establish a dedicated funding stream for municipalities that have successfully implemented housing-enabling policy and regulatory changes and achieved or exceeded their housing targets. Such a program would recognize municipal leadership, incentivize continued housing creation, and ensure communities have the tools necessary to manage growth responsibly.

Specifically, the District of Central Saanich urges the Province to consider funding that may be allocated to:
• Municipal operational capacity, including staffing and systems required to manage increased development activity and service demands;
• Neighbourhood infrastructure improvements, such as traffic calming initiatives, pedestrian safety enhancements, and active transportation infrastructure;
• Civil infrastructure upgrades, including water, sewer, stormwater, and utility capacity expansions required to support additional housing; and
• Public amenities, including parks, recreation facilities, community spaces, and other infrastructure that contributes to complete, livable, and resilient neighbourhoods.

Central Saanich has demonstrated strong alignment with provincial housing objectives through timely policy implementation and regulatory reform. However, without dedicated growth-related funding, municipalities risk falling behind in delivering the infrastructure and services needed to support the very housing supply the Province seeks to accelerate.

We would welcome the opportunity to work collaboratively with the Province to further refine this approach and to share Central Saanich's experience as a community that has embraced housing reform. Council also intends to share this correspondence with the Union of British Columbia Municipalities and neighbouring local governments to support broader regional and provincial advocacy on this matter.

Thank you for your continued partnership and leadership in addressing British Columbia's housing challenges. We look forward to your consideration of this request and to ongoing collaboration to support sustainable growth and livable communities. Should you have any further questions please do not hesitate to contact our Director of Planning and Building Services, at Jarret.Matanowitsch@csaanich.ca.

Sincerely,

Mayor Ryan Windsor

cc: Union of British Columbia Municipalities (UBCM)

CRESTON VALLEY

TOWN of CRESTON

May 26, 2026

Director Aimee Watson, Chair
Regional District of Central Kootenay
PO Box 590, 202 Lakeside Drive
Nelson, BC V1L 5R4

Dear Chair Watson et. al: and Members of the RDCK Board of Directors

Subject: Centennial Baseball Field Upgrade Operational Maintenance

On behalf of Council, I am writing to formally request that the Regional District of Central Kootenay (the "RDCK") consider including the Centennial Park Baseball Field within Recreation Service S224 for the purpose of cost-sharing ongoing operational maintenance and lifecycle asset management costs.

Council has agreed to collaborate with the Creston Valley Minor League Baseball Association and the Rotary Club of Creston Valley to proceed with upgrades to the Centennial Park Baseball Field, recognizing the project's value in enhancing a key community recreational amenity. This proposed upgrade is conditional upon the RDCK committing financial support through Recreation Service S224 to ensure that ongoing maintenance and asset management costs are distributed equitably among all beneficiaries in the Creston Valley, including the Town of Creston and RDCK Electoral Areas A, B, and C.

Through consultation with representatives from Minor Baseball, RDCK staff and other communities to develop high-level estimates for maintenance, operational, and lifecycle costs. Current estimates place the annual cost of maintenance and lifecycle asset management between $84,200 and $109,200. These figures will be refined through detailed design work, which will only proceed if there is confirmed financial support for this project.

For reference, Council passed the following motion on May 12, 2026:

> *THAT Council REQUESTS the Regional District of Central Kootenay Board commit to inclusion of the Centennial Park Baseball Field within Recreation Service S224 for the purpose of cost-sharing annual operating and maintenance costs and lifecycle asset management reserve contributions;*
>
> *AND FURTHER THAT Council DIRECTS staff to submit the attached proposal to the Regional District of Central Kootenay to formally request inclusion of the Centennial Park Baseball Field within Recreation Service S224.*

We understand the RDCK has similar shared service arrangements for recreation amenities with other municipalities and value the opportunity to work collaboratively to support improved recreational amenities for residents across the region.

Sincerely,

Arnold Deboon
Mayor

AD/mm

UBCM Union of BC Municipalities

June 3, 2026

Chair Aimee Watson
Regional District of Central Kootenay
Box 590
Nelson, BC V1L 5R4

Dear Chair Watson:

Re: 2026 Resolution(s)

UBCM confirms receipt of the attached resolution(s) endorsed by your Board and submitted directly to UBCM by the June 15 deadline.

If you have any questions, please contact Jamee Justason, Resolutions and Policy Analyst at 604.270.8226 ext. 100 or jjustason@ubcm.ca.

With gratitude,

Councillor Cori Ramsay
UBCM President

Enclosure

Provincial Responsibility for Rural Active Transportation Corridors

Central Kootenay RD

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 UBCM 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.

Convention Decision:

Rosebud Creek and Lomond Creek Watershed - Ecological Reserve and Protected Area

Central Kootenay RD

Whereas the Watersheds of Rosebud Creek and Lomond Creek near Nelway, support Wildlife, Forests, and Local residents and farms with life sustaining water, (for domestic and agricultural purposes), and as they provide recreational opportunities for Communities throughout our Region by supplying critical source water for both Rosebud Lake Regional Wildlife Park and Lomond Lake;

And whereas this is an opportunity to protect critically important wildlife habitat and these sustainable water sources for future generations by converting our Environmental Reserve (from our OCP) to an "Ecological Reserve" and by asking the Province to designate these Watersheds as a "Protected Area":

Therefore be it resolved the Regional District of Central Kootenay support the Community by recommending to the Province that they designate these watersheds as an Ecological Reserve and Protected Area for future generations to enjoy and to protect the ecological diversity in these critical watersheds.

Convention Decision:

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June 9, 2026 Reference: 645329

Aimee Watson
Board Chair
Regional District of Central Kootenay
Email: AWatson@rdck.bc.ca

Dear Chair Aimee Watson:

Thank you for your correspondence received on April 28, 2026, concerning funding for the implementation of the *Emergency and Disaster Management Act* (EDMA).

I appreciate you sharing the challenges that the Regional District of Central Kootenay (RDCK) faces regarding funding and capacity to carry out the duties of a local authority under the EDMA and its regulations. EMCR heard concerns about capacity from the Local Government Advisory Committee (LGAC) and other local governments during engagement on regulations for local authority emergency management. This includes concerns from regional districts regarding their limited capacity, limited tools for raising revenues, and their ability to carry out effective emergency management practices throughout their jurisdictional areas, with many regional districts expressing that they lack capacity to undertake planning in relation to Crown lands.

The LGAC included strong representation from regional districts, and I am grateful for participation of those representing local governments within the Association of Kootenay and Boundary Local Governments.

The regulations for local authority emergency management reflect feedback from the LGAC and local governments broadly that regulations should not add considerably to the baseline requirements included in the statute. In consideration of the unique circumstances faced by regional districts, key changes were made during policy development to limit the geographic scope of regional district risk assessment and planning responsibility. Under the new regulations, regional districts are not required to prepare risk assessments or emergency

management plans in relation to Crown land and private managed forest land, with the caveat that critical evacuation routes must still be identified in those areas.

I appreciate your request for core funding. While core funding for the implementation of EDMA requirements is not currently available, the regulations recently approved by Cabinet reflect the feedback we have heard from local governments. The legislation as a whole provides flexibility for local governments of different types and sizes to approach their emergency management duties in ways that fit their circumstances. EMCR is developing a suite of plain-language guidance detailing the requirements in the legislation to support municipalities and regional districts in preparing EDMA-compliant risk assessments and plans.

I acknowledge your concern about the potential use of EDMA authorities in relation to mitigation activities, including the practical challenges local governments may face if mitigation expectations arise without corresponding resources or implementation support. I would like to assure you that while provincial powers under the EDMA exist as one mechanism that may be used when necessary to advance critical work, emergency management is inherently cooperative. I anticipate that we will continue to work collaboratively with local governments to reduce disaster risk.

I also note your concerns regarding the availability of funding under the BC Disaster Resilience and Innovation Funding (DRIF) program. Unfortunately, due to high demand, this program cannot fund all proposed projects; however, I encourage the RDCK to continue to explore all available funding options.

Thank you as well for your suggestion that the Province establish a rural advisory panel to consult on all new legislation and regulations. As you may be aware, there is also a requirement under the EDMA that the minister of EMCR conduct a review of the Act and the regulations beginning in 2028. The review must be done in consultation and cooperation with Indigenous governing bodies and in consultation with local authorities. The review provides an opportunity to critically assess whether the EDMA and regulations provide for effective emergency management across all four phases, address any issues and gaps, and make improvements. Input from rural communities will be crucial as part of this process.

Again, thank you for your correspondence and for participating in the development of regulations for local authority emergency management. I look forward to continued engagement with local governments as EMCR supports implementation of the EDMA and its regulations.

Sincerely,

Kelly Greene
Minister of Emergency Management
and Climate Readiness

CC: Christine Boyle, Minister of Housing and Municipal Affairs
Randene Neill, Minister of Water, Land and Resource Stewardship
Brittny Anderson, Minister of State for Local Governments and Rural Communities
Steve Morissette, MLA, Kootenay-Monashee
Association of Kootenay and Boundary Local Governments (AKBLG)
Union of BC Municipalities (UBCM) Executive
All RDCK Municipalities: City of Castlegar, Town of Creston, Village of Kaslo, Village of Nakusp, City of Nelson, Village of New Denver, Village of Salmo, Village of Silverton, Village of Slocan
Christine Hopkyns, Corporate Administration Coordinator, RDCK

File No. 01-0210-01

April 28, 2026

The Honourable Kelly Greene
Minister of Emergency Management and Climate Readiness
Via email: EMCR.Minister@gov.bc.ca

The Honourable Christine Boyle
Minister of Housing and Municipal Affairs
Via email: HMA.minister@gov.bc.ca

The Honourable Randene Neill
Minister of Water, Land and Resource Stewardship
Via email: WLRS.Minister@gov.bc.ca

To Whom It May Concern:

RE: LETTER OF CONCERN - EMERGENCY AND DISASTER MANAGEMENT ACT (EDMA) FUNDING

On behalf of the Regional District of Central Kootenay (RDCK) Board, I am writing a letter of concern regarding the lack of funding for delegated authorities under Emergency and Disaster Management Act (EDMA).

The RDCK applied to the BC Disaster Resilience and Innovation Funding (DRIF) Program expression of interest (EOI) in June of 2025 for several projects intended to reduce regional disaster risk, including the Regional Hazard Risk and Vulnerability Assessment (HRVA) and MJEMO Development; and Creston Valley High Risk Dike Repair Project.

On November 27th, 2025 our staff were notified by DRIF that expressions on interest submitted in June 2025: "*are not being invited forward to the full proposal stage of the DRIF program for this fiscal year's funding due to high demand. Your EOIs are eligible and clearly demonstrate alignment with the program criteria and purpose and will be assigned to the DRIF program EOI pool for consideration in future rounds.*" AND "*Projects that are in the EOI pool for the DRIF program are not guaranteed future funding; we encourage your community to continue to apply to other funding sources, where possible.*"

The RDCK is writing to notify you that it is becoming difficult to carry out and operationalize provincial policy without adequate funding to address the financial and human resource impacts these requirements place on local governments and staff capacity. We are concerned about authorities that delegate new responsibilities without due consideration of the financial and operational burden placed on local governments. Consequently, we are increasingly unable to carry out these newly mandated duties without additional funding.

I would also strongly recommend that all ministries who continue to download under the expectation that local governments, particularly small and rural ones, can simply be administrators to your newly required

regulations communicate with each other to assess the cumulative impacts of the seemingly never-ending delegation. Between land use regulations, Bill 44, EDMA, the Fire Safety Act, and many more, local governments have hit their threshold in terms of capacity as have the residents in being able to afford to pick up the tab of Provincial responsibilities. Recent uncertainty of stable FireSmart funding, which has historically relied on grants that are now oversubscribed and unreliable, will force local governments to determine the future of these wildfire mitigation programs as they increasingly depend on property taxation to sustain them.

We respectfully request all new delegated authorities that are not discretionary be fully funded with core, not grant, funding that also considers the impact of staff capacity and workplans so that we may carry out the new duties effectively. In a recent discussion with provincial staff regarding potential mitigation work associated with an orphaned diking structure for which the RDCK had sought provincial funding support, reference was made to provisions within the Emergency and Disaster Management Act that allow the Province to direct mitigation activities. Situations such as this highlight the concern for local governments when expectations to undertake mitigation work may exist without corresponding and reliable funding to support those responsibilities.

As property taxation is our sole source of funding and items such as risk assessments include areas well outside of those taxed property boundaries, there is significant concern that taxation is subsiding areas where it is the provincial authority to manage and operate. Further, rural areas with low population density continue to see increasing expenses for urban-based regulations that are creating a serious rural disparity in fairness and service delivery.

While we acknowledge there have been some forms of consultation before and during the implementation of Provincial initiatives, these are neither based in the local context nor are they comprehensive enough to result in effective service delivery. Rather, they are expensive services designed to meet urban populations that are then foisted upon rural areas. We respectfully encourage the Province to establish a rural advisory panel to consult on all new legislation and regulations that reviews and provides guidance on how the proposed policies could be implemented or if they even can be.

Thank you for your consideration.

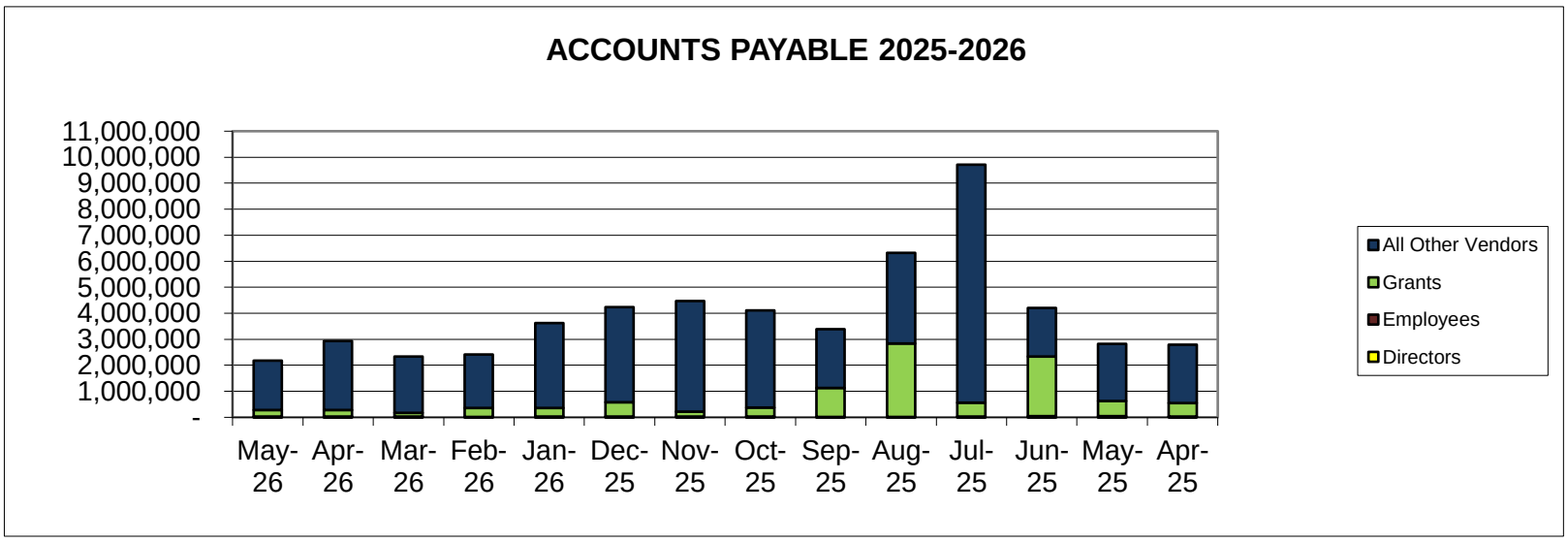
Sincerely,

Aimee Watson
RDCK Board Chair

cc:

- Association of Kootenay and Boundary Local Governments (AKBLG)
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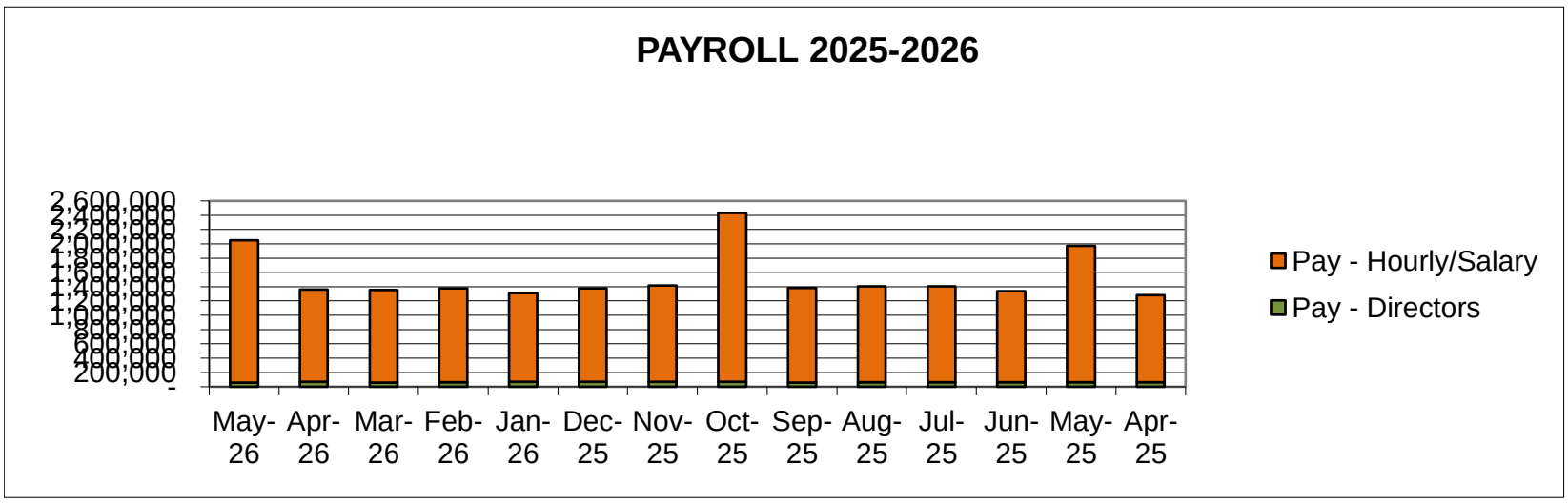
Financial Expenditure Report for May 2026



	Number of Payments	Value	% of Total
	1,083	$2,177,484	
Top 80% of payments by value	351	1,739,633	80%
Remaining 20% of payments by value	732	437,851	20%
	Total	**$2,177,484**	**100%**

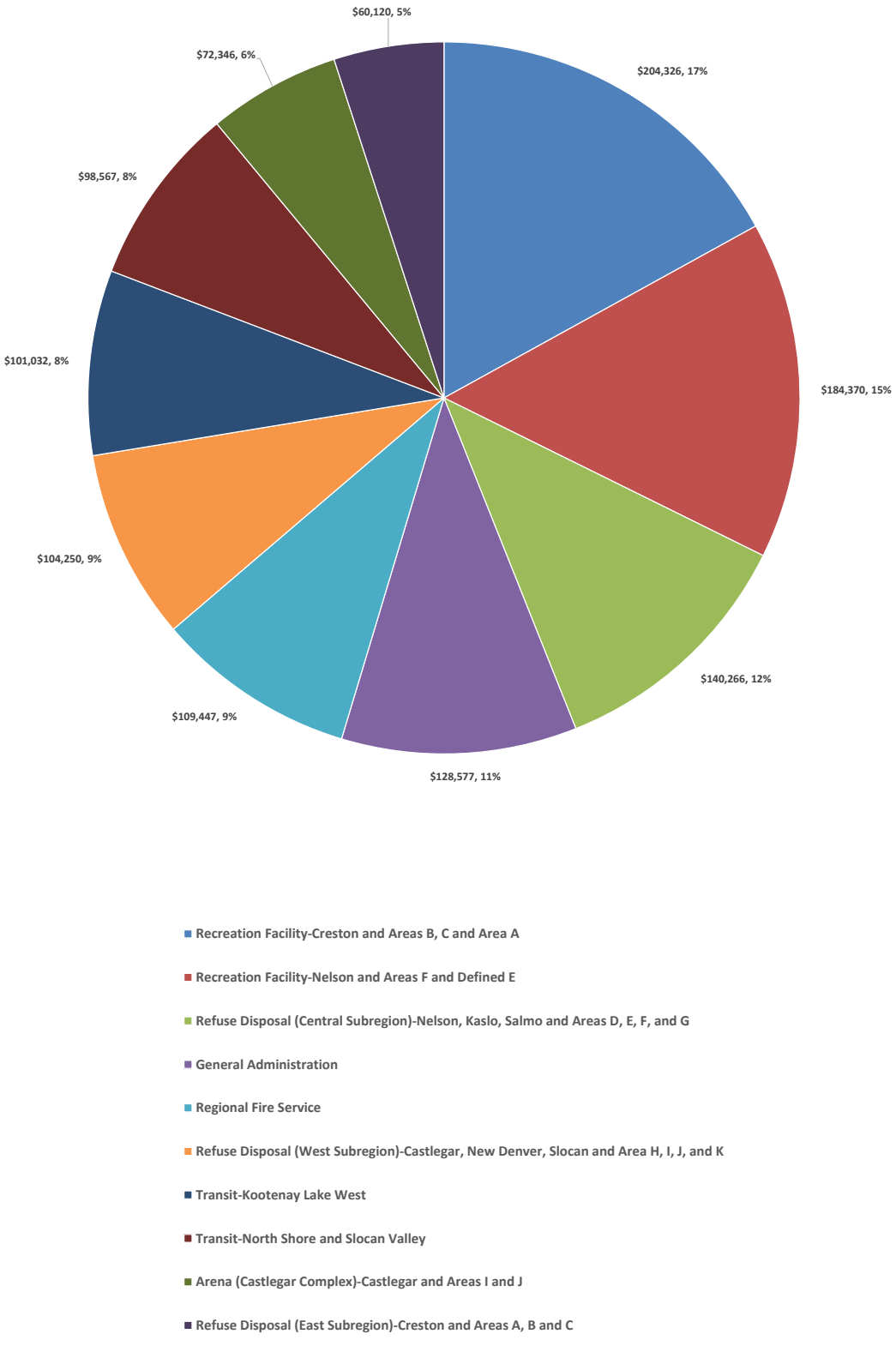
	Number of Payments	Value	% of Total
	1,083	$2,177,484	
Payments to Directors	24	2,789	0.1%
Payments to Employees	88	21,701	1.0%
	Subtotal	**24,490**	**1.1%**
Discretionary and Community Development Grants	64	256,924	11.8%
Other Vendors	907	1,896,070	87.1%
	Subtotal	**2,152,994**	**98.9%**
	Total	**$2,177,484**	**100%**

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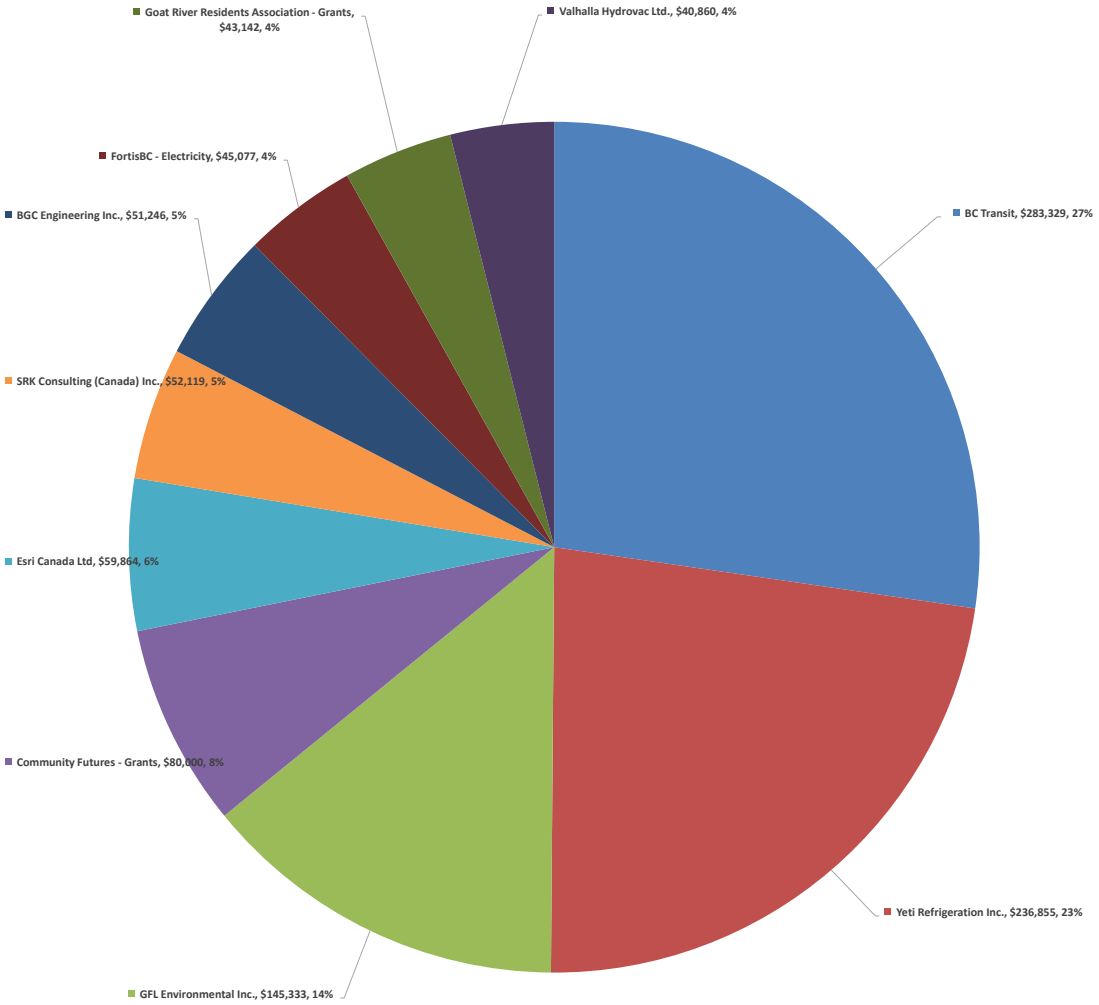


	Number of Payments	Value	% of Total
		$2,051,879	100%
Directors		55,434	2.7%
Hourly/Salary		1,996,445.49	97.3%

Top 10 Services by Amount Spent



Top 10 Vendors by Value



Accounts Payable Top 80% of Payments for May 2026

Top 80% of payments by value	Number of Payments		Value
	351	$	1,739,633
Alberta Fire Chiefs Association	2	$	7,886.63
Arrow Lakes Aggregates	3	$	13,603.80
Backburn Mechanical Ltd.	5	$	14,254.27
Balfour/Harrop Fire Department Social Committee	1	$	8,000.00
Bc Conservation Foundation	1	$	20,000.00
BC Transit	5	$	283,329.25
BDO Canada LLP	1	$	14,757.65
BGC Engineering Inc.	3	$	51,246.10
Brenton Industries Ltd	1	$	12,480.30
Brogan Fire & Safety	11	$	17,895.18
Central Kootenay Invasive Species Society	1	$	12,600.00
CJ Industries Inc.	1	$	12,132.72
Cleartech Industries Inc	2	$	8,285.81
Community Futures	3	$	80,000.00
Creston, Town Of	3	$	10,980.08
Cupe Local 2262	2	$	8,031.07
Dave´s Plumbing Ltd	3	$	8,989.77
East Shore Trail & Bike Association	1	$	8,400.00
Environmental 360 Solutions BC Ltd.	1	$	10,342.29
Esri Canada Ltd	1	$	59,864.00
Evoke Buildings Engineering Inc.	2	$	9,179.18
FortisBC - Electricity	38	$	45,077.16
Fortisbc - Natural Gas	4	$	23,104.95
GFL Environmental Inc.	16	$	145,333.29
Goat Mountain Enterprises Ltd	4	$	8,588.21
Goat River Residents Association	1	$	43,142.00
Harrop School House Society	1	$	9,000.00
HCMA Architecture and Design	2	$	8,007.89
Hil-Tech Contracting Ltd	1	$	12,712.33
Hi-Pro Sporting Goods Ltd	3	$	6,480.13
Horizon Measurement Solutions Inc.	1	$	29,998.50
Hywood Truck & Equipment Ltd	15	$	13,934.94
Inland Allcare	18	$	8,842.76
Keefer Ecological Services Ltd.	1	$	15,750.00
Komline Pure Water Inc. dba BI Purewater Canada	3	$	14,202.19
Kootenay Food Council	1	$	8,000.00
Masse Enviromental Consultants Ltd.	2	$	15,836.08
Minister of Finance	4	$	11,406.96
Morrow Bioscience Ltd	1	$	14,604.10
Municipal Insurance Association Of BC	2	$	16,597.59
Nakusp Elementary School SD10	1	$	9,000.00
Nelson Building Centre Ltd	41	$	8,671.90
Nelson Farmers Supply Ltd	20	$	6,604.88
Nelson Hydro	15	$	11,069.00
Nelson, City Of	5	$	9,506.22
North Slocan Trails Society	2	$	6,500.00
Riverside Farm	7	$	14,046.57
Robertson´s Clothing & Shoes Inc.	2	$	10,951.50
Rocky Mountain Agencies	3	$	15,896.83
Rocky Mountain Phoenix	2	$	14,469.98
SLR Consulting (Canada) Ltd.	2	$	9,257.42
SRK Consulting (Canada) Inc.	1	$	52,118.84
Sundry Vendor	23	$	29,345.58
Telus Communications Inc	7	$	7,792.48
Telus Mobility	4	$	21,550.87
Tip-it Waste Solutions Kootenay	5	$	7,425.46
Valhalla Hydrovac Ltd.	1	$	40,859.69
Wasp Manufacturing Ltd.	4	$	32,396.65
Waste Management	12	$	7,108.90
WFR Wholesale Fire & Rescue Ltd	16	$	26,922.68
Wood Wyant Inc	4	$	7,693.19
Yeti Refrigeration Inc.	2	$	236,854.75
Zarikoff Developments Inc.	1	$	30,712.50

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	732	$	437,851
0731689 BC LTD dba Interior Signs	1	$	107.80
1022117 Alberta Ltd.	1	$	1,054.62
1556143 BC Ltd DBA BG Power Clean & DBA Koots Kons	1	$	1,050.00
646948 BC Ltd. dba Red Tag Fitness	1	$	101.42
672111 BC Ltd. dba PNW Nelson	2	$	447.96
AB Firetech Ltd	1	$	2,170.88
Accent Carpet Care	1	$	4,278.12
ACE Courier Services	7	$	431.48
Acklands-Grainger Inc	3	$	515.04
ACME United Ltd dba Canadian Safety Supplies	1	$	139.16
Air Liquide Canada Inc	6	$	385.39
Alcos, Carlo DBA: Carlo Alcos Videography	1	$	2,310.00
Allstate Canada	1	$	1,099.01
Amazing Repairs	1	$	787.50
Andex Equipment Rentals	6	$	5,165.64
Andrew Sheret Ltd	8	$	3,401.03
Aquam Inc	1	$	906.33
Archibald, Katherine	2	$	92.41
Arrow Lakes Caribou Society	1	$	3,000.00
Arrow Mountain Carwash & Mini Storage Ltd	1	$	3,675.00
Associated Fire Safety Equipment	2	$	2,665.45
Association of Regional District Planning Managers	1	$	275.00
Authorized Security Ltd.	1	$	252.00
Automated Aquatics Canada Ltd	1	$	2,346.61
B&L Security Patrol (1981) Ltd	1	$	1,787.10
B.A. Benson & Son Ltd.	5	$	1,997.81
Babe´s Automotive	1	$	644.80
Balfour Recreation Commission	1	$	546.00
Balfour Recreation Commission	1	$	1,000.00
Balfour Senior Citizens Association Branch #120	3	$	2,343.96
Bancroft, Michael	1	$	75.00
Barnhouse, Gregory	2	$	793.25
BC Hydro & Power Authority	2	$	1,992.58
Beaver´s Septic Tank Cleaning Service	1	$	204.75
Bench, Heidi	2	$	673.41
Beneva-SSQ Group Insurance	1	$	825.00
Benson, Marty G	1	$	854.99
Big Cranium Design	1	$	824.49
Bigfoot Security Systems	1	$	979.65
Bill´s Heavy Duty Enterprises (2004) Ltd.	1	$	430.08
Black Press Group Ltd	4	$	3,048.71
Blackmore, Travis	1	$	77.18
Boswell Memorial Hall Society	2	$	5,533.05
Breath Love Enterprises Ltd. O/A Mountain Valley Station	1	$	125.00
Brown, Aquila	2	$	505.96
Burton Community Association	1	$	225.00
Burton Community Association	1	$	900.00
Burton Elementary School	1	$	500.00
C.A. Fischer Lumber Co. Ltd.	7	$	780.78
Canada Jamaica Link Up Festival	2	$	3,000.00
Canada Wildfire Technology Ltd.	2	$	3,607.30
Canadian Centre for Occupational Health and Safety	8	$	159.60
Canadian Dewatering LP	1	$	5,985.01
Canadian Linen & Uniform	3	$	403.59
Canadian Red Cross	4	$	902.50
CanCADD Imaging Solutions Ltd.	1	$	368.73
Canco Petroleum Ltd.	2	$	1,356.54
CanGas Propane Inc.	1	$	168.26
Canoe - EECOL Electric Nelson	2	$	474.04
Canoe - Kal Tire Vernon	9	$	3,236.17
Canoe - Michelin North America	1	$	5,728.49
Canyon Community Association	1	$	1,000.00
Cascade Lock & Safe	2	$	192.50

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	732	$	437,851
Case Grypma Mechanical LTD	1	$	147.00
Castlegar Rotary #232	1	$	1,000.00
Castlegar, City Of	5	$	4,766.44
CDW Canada Corp	1	$	1,274.25
Christie, Ellen M	1	$	195.64
Cintas Canada Ltd Location 889	1	$	249.41
Clarke, Ryan	2	$	575.97
Cloverdale Paint Inc	1	$	2,291.89
Columbia Basin Broadband Corporation	1	$	4,508.00
Columbia Wireless Inc	5	$	421.40
Comfort Welding Ltd	5	$	689.39
Connect Hearing	1	$	74.55
Cooper, Branden WS	1	$	86.89
Cowan´s Office Supplies	15	$	1,790.91
Cranbrook Water Conditioning Ltd.	5	$	161.18
Crawford Bay & District Hall & Parks Association	1	$	2,253.00
Crawford Bay Store	3	$	304.90
Creston Valley Cycling Association	1	$	2,500.00
Creston Valley Den Society	1	$	2,500.00
Critical Incident Program	1	$	4,000.00
Cummins Western Canada	1	$	2,876.43
Cunningham, Hans	2	$	94.90
Cuthbert, Corrina	2	$	528.00
Cuthbert, Corrina M.	1	$	227.76
DB Perks & Associates Ltd	4	$	1,865.97
DeBoon, Arnold Frank	1	$	215.38
DHC Communications Inc	3	$	2,763.10
Diverse Family Roots Society	1	$	500.00
Doran, Andrew	1	$	158.15
Downtown Automotive	1	$	3,987.49
Dreher, Marla	2	$	379.60
Durning, Stuart	2	$	262.80
Dye, Shane	1	$	1,775.55
East Shore Express Courier	1	$	109.02
East Shore Internet Society	4	$	290.25
East Shore Kootenay Lake Community Health Society	1	$	1,200.00
Eastshore Circle of Friends Society	1	$	584.50
Egan, Liam	1	$	64.24
Entandem	1	$	210.00
Eric Etelamaki Holdings	1	$	1,176.00
Esovoloff, Maxim	1	$	385.00
Evdokimoff, Steve	1	$	200.00
Excalibur Data Systems Corp	1	$	214.00
Expresslane Deliveries	1	$	350.70
Fauquier Community Club	1	$	750.00
Federated Co-Operatives Ltd	4	$	2,734.07
Feeney, Carly	1	$	47.08
Fergie, Barbara	2	$	168.63
Fire Chiefs´ Association Of Bc	1	$	160.00
Fishlock, Garrett	2	$	540.20
Flores-Solis, Nicolas R	1	$	228.49
Foster, Noah	1	$	198.56
Fouquette, Sage	1	$	85.87
Fraser Valley Building Supplies Inc.	5	$	353.45
Frith, Margaret	1	$	433.62
Froehlich, Clifford	1	$	511.00
Fusion Consulting Ltd.	1	$	3,202.50
Gallacher, Heather dba: Sew Out There	1	$	224.70
Garnier, Cody	1	$	204.40
Garth´s Plumbing & Heating	1	$	99.75
Geo H Hewitt Co Ltd	2	$	188.83
Gigliotti, Cory	1	$	138.00
Gilbert Parts Depot	14	$	2,272.93
Gilbert, Ryan	2	$	914.76
Girouard, Lou-Anne	2	$	216.08
Glade Community Hall	1	$	2,000.00
Glade Recreation Commission (Society)	1	$	2,000.00
Gordon, Tanya	1	$	141.47

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Graham, Cheryl Elaine	1	$	48.46
Gray Creek Hall Society	1	$	3,000.00
Green Shield Health Inc.	1	$	1,105.65
Guille, Pam	1	$	1,365.00
Hadiken, Sam	1	$	13.43
Haire, Marjorie	1	$	47.25
Hall Printing	10	$	6,363.95
Halliday, Miranda E	1	$	1,423.50
Hamelin, Marie-Pierre	1	$	133.50
Hanegraaf, Henny (Henrica)	3	$	262.98
Hanson, Fraser	1	$	50.00
Harvest Share & Bear Aware	1	$	1,000.00
Haven for Ecology	1	$	1,000.00
Hergott, Patrick	2	$	363.44
Hewat, Suzan	1	$	102.20
Hewgill, Mathew	2	$	451.56
Highland Consulting Ltd	1	$	4,071.27
Hills Recreation Society	1	$	100.00
Hillside Auto Centre	1	$	700.05
Hufty´s Leasing Ltd	1	$	547.66
Humble Earth Inc.	1	$	2,047.50
Huscroft HVAC	1	$	641.99
I.T. Blueprint Solutions Consulting Inc.	1	$	2,117.64
ICEsoft Technologies Holding Ltd	1	$	3,920.00
Ihlen, Gord	2	$	1,244.10
Industrial Alliance Insurance and Financial Services Inc.	1	$	1,132.36
Insight Canada Inc.	1	$	289.06
Interior Health Authority - Environmental Health	1	$	147.00
Iron Mountain	1	$	85.70
Jackman, Garry	1	$	105.56
Jaguar Plumbing & Heating	1	$	3,286.26
Jakubow Enterprises Ltd o/a Canadian Tire Castlegar (492)	7	$	424.53
Johnston, Richard	1	$	121.78
Jonathan Brewer Flooring LTD.	1	$	2,735.62
Jones, Marshall	1	$	51.10
Kaslo & District Chamber of Commerce	1	$	2,500.00
Kaslo Building Maintenance	1	$	651.00
Kaslo Building Supplies	7	$	2,830.27
Kaslo Home Hardware	6	$	1,864.68
Kaslo Infonet Society	4	$	455.00
Kaslo, Village Of	1	$	52.63
Kel Print	1	$	95.20
Kennlyn Enterprises	1	$	51.52
Kilburn, Jackie	1	$	2,400.00
Kintetsu World Express (Inc)	2	$	114.98
Knudsen, Joshua	1	$	75.00
Knudsen, Leroy B	1	$	75.00
Kokanee Chalets	1	$	2,100.00
Kokanee Fire & Safety Ltd.	2	$	802.67
Kokanee Ford Sales Ltd.	3	$	1,428.13
Kootenay Columbia Educational Heritage Society	1	$	300.00
Kootenay Glass & Mirror Ltd	1	$	49.07
Kootenay Ground Maintenance Ltd.	1	$	1,464.75
Kootenay Industrial Supply Ltd	22	$	2,791.66
Kootenay Lake Waterfront Property Owners	2	$	4,750.00
Kootenay Mountain Biking	1	$	500.00
Kootenay Social Support Society	1	$	1,000.00
Kootenay Valley Water & Spas	5	$	169.15
Kootenay Wellness Foundation	1	$	1,000.00
Lardeau Valley Historical Society	1	$	5,000.00
Lavoie, Ulrike	1	$	67.10
Leavitt, Brian	1	$	295.28
Lectric Ave Electronics	2	$	65.84
Lesperance Mendes	2	$	2,308.32
Levine, Jesse	1	$	1,629.90
Lewandowski, Arthur	1	$	125.00
Liberty Tire Recycling Canada Ltd. DBA: Western Rubber Pr	2	$	2,295.30
Lifesaving Society (Burnaby)	4	$	1,109.00

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	732	$	437,851
Lockwood, Diana LD	1	$	61.13
Lo-Cost Propane	2	$	1,179.14
Lordco Parts Ltd	8	$	2,164.67
Lorencz, Cal	1	$	123.35
Lunn, Jessica	1	$	109.50
Main Jet Motorsports Inc	4	$	430.54
Malekow, Pamela	2	$	102.93
Marschdorf, Sydney	1	$	210.24
Marshall, Jay	1	$	795.19
Martech Electrical Systems Ltd	1	$	3,550.33
Mayday Electric Ltd	2	$	210.00
McDougall, Walter	1	$	118.11
McFaddin, Maria June	1	$	71.64
McLaren-Caux, Aiden(Kenneth)	1	$	213.89
Mearl´s Machine Works Ltd	1	$	1,825.88
Micah´s Plumbing & Heating Ltd.	1	$	819.60
Mid Town Motors	1	$	114.13
Minister Of Finance - Product Distribution Centre	9	$	2,254.02
Mitchell Supply Ltd	8	$	488.18
Moe Nadeau Consulting	1	$	1,734.60
Moreira, Maxine	1	$	130.00
Morris, Annalise	1	$	135.00
Mosdell, Haley	1	$	77.18
Mount Ingersoll Community Association	1	$	2,000.00
MVP Athletic Supplies	1	$	1,884.18
Nakusp Home Hardware	1	$	49.70
Nanaimo, City of	9	$	3,849.83
Navigata Communications Ltd. dba ThinkTel	1	$	21.17
Nelson Christian School Society	1	$	960.00
Nelson Road Kings	1	$	1,500.00
Nelson Toyota	6	$	3,406.27
Network Innovations Inc.	1	$	224.00
Newell, Thomas	2	$	41.00
Nickerson, Britany	3	$	1,500.00
Northtown Rental & Sales	1	$	27.95
Orkin Canada Corporation	1	$	197.63
Overland West Freight Lines Ltd	1	$	2,025.39
Pacific Sprinklers dba: DIG Garden Centre	5	$	1,067.90
Panio, Gerald	1	$	387.68
Panko, Bridget	1	$	294.00
Parent Advisory Committee, Crawford Bay School	1	$	1,030.50
Pass Creek Community Hall	1	$	2,000.00
Passmore Firehall Social Club	1	$	6,000.00
Passmore Laboratory Ltd	7	$	1,265.00
Peterbilt Pacific Inc. (Creston)	3	$	3,214.81
Peters, Chriss A	1	$	424.54
Plaumann, Jonas	1	$	492.74
Popoff, Walter A	3	$	322.66
Prestige Lakeside Resort	1	$	483.00
Procter Community Society	1	$	400.00
Procter Community Society	1	$	500.00
Purolator Inc	2	$	174.90
Pyramid Building Supplies	9	$	450.53
Recreation Facilities Association Of Bc	1	$	840.00
Renascence Arts & Sustainability Society	1	$	5,000.00
Right Touch Auto Detailing, The	1	$	473.09
Riondel Cable Society	1	$	40.00
Riondel Golf Club & District Curling Club	1	$	1,353.85
Riteway Holdings Ltd. dba Tremlock Properties Ltd	4	$	4,438.88
Roadpost Inc. T46274	1	$	268.92
Robson Recreation Society	1	$	75.00
Robson-Raspberry Improvement District	2	$	4,914.00
Rose, Cameron	1	$	246.73
Royal Canadian Legion Branch #74	1	$	1,575.00
Rye, Kristine	1	$	159.57
Rykerts Irrigation District	1	$	5,000.00
Salmo Climbing Society	1	$	4,900.00
Salmo Emergency Support Services Team	1	$	2,350.00

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	732	$	437,851
Salmo Valley Youth & Community Centre	1	$	866.67
Schmidt, Julie	2	$	489.10
School District#8 (Kootenay Lake)	1	$	926.18
Secure By Design	1	$	215.25
Selkirk Security Services Ltd	1	$	39.38
SFJ Inc.	1	$	5,719.63
Shaw Buisness A division of Shaw Telecom G.P.	1	$	1,104.88
Shaw Cable	21	$	4,020.52
Silverton Building Supplies Ltd	2	$	8.72
Simply Clean Kootenay	2	$	2,677.50
Singroy, Neil A	1	$	52.56
Sk Electronics Ltd	7	$	651.40
Skyway Hardware	6	$	155.47
Slocan Lake Arts Council	1	$	1,028.00
Slocan Park Community Hall Society	2	$	845.80
Slocan Valley Home Hardware	5	$	3,099.18
Slocan, Village of	1	$	1,000.00
SNT Geotechnical Ltd.	1	$	1,042.13
Southern Interior Public Works Ltd.	3	$	2,214.21
Spady, Randal	1	$	26.28
Speedpro Signs	1	$	337.34
Speedpro Signs (Trail)	1	$	308.00
Sperling Hansen Associates Inc	1	$	2,354.40
Sphere Environmental Ltd.	3	$	2,588.28
Stafford Welding	8	$	4,347.00
Stand Architecture Inc.	1	$	836.32
Stankevich, Wendy	1	$	708.68
Sterling Backcheck Canada Corp.	1	$	124.24
Stewart Mcdannold Stuart	1	$	4,845.12
Sudan, Sangita	2	$	417.10
Sullivan Stone Company Ltd	1	$	934.37
Suncor Energy Products Partnership	1	$	713.10
Sykes Audio Visual Holdings Inc. dba Eightforty	1	$	792.80
Taghum Community Hall Society	1	$	1,300.00
Taghum Shell (1997)	6	$	414.05
Tarrys & District Community Hall Society	1	$	2,000.00
Technical Safety BC	1	$	309.00
Telus Communications Inc. Mascon by Telus	3	$	235.20
Temniuk, Christine	1	$	168.00
The Adventure Hotel	2	$	1,513.83
The Just Bee Cause Society	1	$	750.00
The Neutral Zone Coaching & Consulting Services Inc.	1	$	758.63
Thiele, Dustin	3	$	817.25
ThinkTel	1	$	384.08
Thompson, Cindy	1	$	973.25
Thor Mechanical Ltd.	1	$	175.39
Thurber Engineering Ltd.	1	$	479.06
Tierney, Roger Bruce	2	$	320.25
Timberland Consultants	2	$	5,358.78
Tratech Mechanical Ltd	2	$	1,674.23
Trons Matrix Refrigeration Inc.	1	$	196.88
Trowelex Equipment Rentals And Sales	1	$	233.53
Tsunami Solutions Ltd. dba: SafetyLine	1	$	1,791.48
Tu-Dor Lock & Safe Ltd	2	$	850.57
Uline Canada Corporation	6	$	4,343.41
Union of Spiritual Communities of Christ	1	$	1,500.00
Union of Spiritual Communities of Christ-Grand Forks	1	$	4,500.00
United Rentals Of Canada	1	$	93.26
Urban Matters CCC Ltd.	1	$	3,239.25
Urban Systems Ltd.	1	$	3,759.21
Valley Voice Ltd	6	$	3,014.56
Van Houtte Coffee Services ULC	1	$	223.93
Van Kam Freightways Ltd	1	$	219.22
Vandenberghe, Kelly	2	$	498.07
Vander Hoek, Ellen N	1	$	210.43
Versa-Task Services	1	$	760.00
Watson, Aimee	2	$	321.20
Webber, Christopher	1	$	31.45

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	732	$	437,851
Webster, Heather	2	$	119.72
Wells Fargo Equipment	3	$	2,700.66
Wesco Distribution-Canada Inc	2	$	712.64
West Creston Community Hall Society	1	$	345.00
West Creston Community Hall Society	1	$	1,500.00
West Kootenay Back Country Wilderness Watch Society	2	$	704.87
West Kootenay Septic Solutions Inc	1	$	198.06
WEX Canada Ltd.	1	$	5,109.06
Wheeler, Tracy	1	$	114.49
Whitford, Millicent KS	1	$	36.75
Whitney, Stephanie	1	$	102.09
Winegarden, Joel	3	$	366.99
Winlaw Hall Society	1	$	60.00
Winlaw Mini-Mart	1	$	446.75
Workers Compensation Board - Alberta	1	$	430.00
World Health Outreach Association	1	$	600.00
Wyatt, Megan	1	$	610.00
Xplore Inc.	1	$	129.36
Yahk-Kingsgate Recreation Society	1	$	1,440.83
Yahk-Kingsgate Recreation Society	1	$	500.00
Yellow Line Traffic Control	1	$	1,815.45
Yellow Pages Group	1	$	3.15
Ymir Community Hall Association	1	$	485.00
Zayden Creighton dba: Creightons Cuttings	2	$	255.00
Z-KO Construction Ltd.	1	$	4,116.00
Zone West Enterprises Ltd	3	$	1,442.56

Employees and Directors May 2026

Directors	Number of Payments		Value
	24		**2,789**
Cunningham, Hans	2	$	94.90
DeBoon, Arnold Frank	1	$	215.38
Graham, Cheryl Elaine	1	$	48.46
Hanegraaf, Henny (Henrica)	3	$	262.98
Hewat, Suzan	1	$	102.20
Jackman, Garry	1	$	105.56
Lockwood, Diana LD	1	$	61.13
Lunn, Jessica	1	$	109.50
McFaddin, Maria June	1	$	71.64
McLaren-Caux, Aiden(Kenneth)	1	$	213.89
Newell, Thomas	2	$	41.00
Popoff, Walter A	3	$	322.66
Tierney, Roger Bruce	2	$	320.25
Vandenberghe, Kelly	2	$	498.07
Watson, Aimee	2	$	321.20

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	88	**$**	**21,701**
Archibald, Katherine	2	$	92.41
Bancroft, Michael	1	$	75.00
Barnhouse, Gregory	2	$	793.25
Bench, Heidi	2	$	673.41
Benson, Marty G	1	$	854.99
Blackmore, Travis	1	$	77.18
Brown, Aquila	2	$	505.96
Christie, Ellen M	1	$	195.64
Clarke, Ryan	2	$	575.97
Cooper, Branden WS	1	$	86.89
Cuthbert, Corrina M.	1	$	227.76
Doran, Andrew	1	$	158.15
Dreher, Marla	2	$	379.60
Durning, Stuart	2	$	262.80
Dye, Shane	1	$	1,775.55
Egan, Liam	1	$	64.24
Esovoloff, Maxim	1	$	385.00
Evdokimoff, Steve	1	$	200.00
Feeney, Carly	1	$	47.08
Fergie, Barbara	2	$	168.63
Fishlock, Garrett	2	$	540.20
Flores-Solis, Nicolas R	1	$	228.49
Foster, Noah	1	$	198.56
Fouquette, Sage	1	$	85.87
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Gilbert, Ryan	2	$	914.76
Girouard, Lou-Anne	2	$	216.08
Gordon, Tanya	1	$	141.47
Hadiken, Sam	1	$	13.43
Haire, Marjorie	1	$	47.25
Halliday, Miranda E	1	$	1,423.50
Hamelin, Marie-Pierre	1	$	133.50
Hanson, Fraser	1	$	50.00
Hergott, Patrick	2	$	363.44
Hewgill, Mathew	1	$	76.56
Ihlen, Gord	2	$	1,244.10
Johnston, Richard	1	$	121.78
Jones, Marshall	1	$	51.10
Knudsen, Joshua	1	$	75.00
Knudsen, Leroy B	1	$	75.00
Lavoie, Ulrike	1	$	67.10
Leavitt, Brian	1	$	295.28
Levine, Jesse	1	$	1,629.90
Lewandowski, Arthur	1	$	125.00
Lorencz, Cal	1	$	123.35
Malekow, Pamela	2	$	102.93
Marschdorf, Sydney	1	$	210.24
McDougall, Walter	1	$	118.11
Morris, Annalise	1	$	135.00
Mosdell, Haley	1	$	77.18
Peters, Chriss A	1	$	424.54

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Andex Equipment Rentals	6	$	5,165.64
Andrew Sheret Ltd	8	$	3,401.03
Aquam Inc	1	$	906.33
Arrow Lakes Aggregates	3	$	13,603.80
Arrow Mountain Carwash & Mini Storage Ltd	1	$	3,675.00
Associated Fire Safety Equipment	2	$	2,665.45
Association of Regional District Planning Managers	1	$	275.00
Authorized Security Ltd.	1	$	252.00
Automated Aquatics Canada Ltd	1	$	2,346.61
B&L Security Patrol (1981) Ltd	1	$	1,787.10
B.A. Benson & Son Ltd.	5	$	1,997.81
Babe´s Automotive	1	$	644.80
Backburn Mechanical Ltd.	5	$	14,254.27
Balfour Recreation Commission	1	$	546.00
Balfour/Harrop Fire Department Social Committee	1	$	8,000.00
Bc Conservation Foundation	1	$	20,000.00
BC Hydro & Power Authority	2	$	1,992.58
BC Transit	5	$	283,329.25
BDO Canada LLP	1	$	14,757.65
Beaver´s Septic Tank Cleaning Service	1	$	204.75
Beneva-SSQ Group Insurance	1	$	825.00
BGC Engineering Inc.	3	$	51,246.10
Big Cranium Design	1	$	824.49
Bigfoot Security Systems	1	$	979.65
Bill´s Heavy Duty Enterprises (2004) Ltd.	1	$	430.08
Black Press Group Ltd	4	$	3,048.71
Breath Love Enterprises Ltd. O/A Mountain Valley Station	1	$	125.00
Brenton Industries Ltd	1	$	12,480.30
Brogan Fire & Safety	11	$	17,895.18
Burton Community Association	1	$	225.00
C.A. Fischer Lumber Co. Ltd.	7	$	780.78
Canada Wildfire Technology Ltd.	2	$	3,607.30
Canadian Centre for Occupational Health and Safety	8	$	159.60
Canadian Dewatering LP	1	$	5,985.01
Canadian Linen & Uniform	3	$	403.59
Canadian Red Cross	4	$	902.50
CanCADD Imaging Solutions Ltd.	1	$	368.73
Canco Petroleum Ltd.	2	$	1,356.54
CanGas Propane Inc.	1	$	168.26
Canoe - EECOL Electric Nelson	2	$	474.04
Canoe - Kal Tire Vernon	9	$	3,236.17
Canoe - Michelin North America	1	$	5,728.49
Cascade Lock & Safe	2	$	192.50
Case Grypma Mechanical LTD	1	$	147.00
Castlegar, City Of	5	$	4,766.44
CDW Canada Corp	1	$	1,274.25
Central Kootenay Invasive Species Society	1	$	12,600.00
Cintas Canada Ltd Location 889	1	$	249.41
CJ Industries Inc.	1	$	12,132.72
Cleartech Industries Inc	2	$	8,285.81
Cloverdale Paint Inc	1	$	2,291.89
Columbia Basin Broadband Corporation	1	$	4,508.00
Columbia Wireless Inc	5	$	421.40
Comfort Welding Ltd	5	$	689.39
Connect Hearing	1	$	74.55
Cowan´s Office Supplies	15	$	1,790.91
Cranbrook Water Conditioning Ltd.	5	$	161.18
Crawford Bay Store	3	$	304.90
Creston, Town Of	3	$	10,980.08
Critical Incident Program	1	$	4,000.00
Cummins Western Canada	1	$	2,876.43
Cupe Local 2262	2	$	8,031.07
Cuthbert, Corrina	2	$	528.00
Dave´s Plumbing Ltd	3	$	8,989.77
DB Perks & Associates Ltd	4	$	1,865.97
DHC Communications Inc	3	$	2,763.10
Downtown Automotive	1	$	3,987.49
East Shore Express Courier	1	$	109.02
East Shore Internet Society	4	$	290.25
Entandem	1	$	210.00
Environmental 360 Solutions BC Ltd.	1	$	10,342.29
Eric Etelamaki Holdings	1	$	1,176.00
Esri Canada Ltd	1	$	59,864.00
Evoke Buildings Engineering Inc.	2	$	9,179.18

All Other Vendors	Number of Payments		Value
	907	$	1,896,070
Excalibur Data Systems Corp	1	$	214.00
Expresslane Deliveries	1	$	350.70
Fauquier Community Club	1	$	750.00
Federated Co-Operatives Ltd	4	$	2,734.07
Fire Chiefs´ Association Of Bc	1	$	160.00
FortisBC - Electricity	38	$	45,077.16
Fortisbc - Natural Gas	4	$	23,104.95
Fraser Valley Building Supplies Inc.	5	$	353.45
Fusion Consulting Ltd.	1	$	3,202.50
Gallacher, Heather dba: Sew Out There	1	$	224.70
Garth´s Plumbing & Heating	1	$	99.75
Geo H Hewitt Co Ltd	2	$	188.83
GFL Environmental Inc.	16	$	145,333.29
Gigliotti, Cory	1	$	138.00
Gilbert Parts Depot	14	$	2,272.93
Goat Mountain Enterprises Ltd	4	$	8,588.21
Green Shield Health Inc.	1	$	1,105.65
Guille, Pam	1	$	1,365.00
Hall Printing	10	$	6,363.95
HCMA Architecture and Design	2	$	8,007.89
Hewgill, Mathew	1	$	375.00
Highland Consulting Ltd	1	$	4,071.27
Hills Recreation Society	1	$	100.00
Hillside Auto Centre	1	$	700.05
Hil-Tech Contracting Ltd	1	$	12,712.33
Hi-Pro Sporting Goods Ltd	3	$	6,480.13
Horizon Measurement Solutions Inc.	1	$	29,998.50
Hufty´s Leasing Ltd	1	$	547.66
Humble Earth Inc.	1	$	2,047.50
Huscroft HVAC	1	$	641.99
Hywood Truck & Equipment Ltd	15	$	13,934.94
I.T. Blueprint Solutions Consulting Inc.	1	$	2,117.64
ICEsoft Technologies Holding Ltd	1	$	3,920.00
Industrial Alliance Insurance and Financial Services Inc.	1	$	1,132.36
Inland Allcare	18	$	8,842.76
Insight Canada Inc.	1	$	289.06
Interior Health Authority - Environmental Health	1	$	147.00
Iron Mountain	1	$	85.70
Jaguar Plumbing & Heating	1	$	3,286.26
Jakubow Enterprises Ltd o/a Canadian Tire Castlegar (492)	7	$	424.53
Jonathan Brewer Flooring LTD.	1	$	2,735.62
Kaslo Building Maintenance	1	$	651.00
Kaslo Building Supplies	7	$	2,830.27
Kaslo Home Hardware	6	$	1,864.68
Kaslo Infonet Society	4	$	455.00
Kaslo, Village Of	1	$	52.63
Keefer Ecological Services Ltd.	1	$	15,750.00
Kel Print	1	$	95.20
Kennlyn Enterprises	1	$	51.52
Kilburn, Jackie	1	$	2,400.00
Kintetsu World Express (Inc)	2	$	114.98
Kokanee Chalets	1	$	2,100.00
Kokanee Fire & Safety Ltd.	2	$	802.67
Kokanee Ford Sales Ltd.	3	$	1,428.13
Komline Pure Water Inc. dba BI Purewater Canada	3	$	14,202.19
Kootenay Glass & Mirror Ltd	1	$	49.07
Kootenay Ground Maintenance Ltd.	1	$	1,464.75
Kootenay Industrial Supply Ltd	22	$	2,791.66
Kootenay Valley Water & Spas	5	$	169.15
Lectric Ave Electronics	2	$	65.84
Lesperance Mendes	2	$	2,308.32
Liberty Tire Recycling Canada Ltd. DBA: Western Rubber Products	2	$	2,295.30
Lifesaving Society (Burnaby)	4	$	1,109.00
Lo-Cost Propane	2	$	1,179.14
Lordco Parts Ltd	8	$	2,164.67
Main Jet Motorsports Inc	4	$	430.54
Marshall, Jay	1	$	795.19
Martech Electrical Systems Ltd	1	$	3,550.33
Masse Enviromental Consultants Ltd.	2	$	15,836.08
Mayday Electric Ltd	2	$	210.00
Mearl´s Machine Works Ltd	1	$	1,825.88
Micah´s Plumbing & Heating Ltd.	1	$	819.60
Mid Town Motors	1	$	114.13
Minister of Finance	4	$	11,406.96
Minister Of Finance - Product Distribution Centre	9	$	2,254.02
Mitchell Supply Ltd	8	$	488.18
Moe Nadeau Consulting	1	$	1,734.60
Moreira, Maxine	1	$	130.00
Morrow Bioscience Ltd	1	$	14,604.10
Municipal Insurance Association Of BC	2	$	16,597.59
MVP Athletic Supplies	1	$	1,884.18
Nakusp Home Hardware	1	$	49.70
Nanaimo, City of	9	$	3,849.83
Navigata Communications Ltd. dba ThinkTel	1	$	21.17
Nelson Building Centre Ltd	41	$	8,671.90
Nelson Christian School Society	1	$	960.00
Nelson Farmers Supply Ltd	20	$	6,604.88
Nelson Hydro	15	$	11,069.00
Nelson Toyota	6	$	3,406.27
Nelson, City Of	5	$	9,506.22
Network Innovations Inc.	1	$	224.00
Nickerson, Britany	3	$	1,500.00
Northtown Rental & Sales	1	$	27.95
Orkin Canada Corporation	1	$	197.63

All Other Vendors	Number of Payments		Value
	907	$	1,896,070
Overland West Freight Lines Ltd	1	$	2,025.39
Pacific Sprinklers dba: DIG Garden Centre	5	$	1,067.90
Panio, Gerald	1	$	387.68
Panko, Bridget	1	$	294.00
Passmore Firehall Social Club	1	$	6,000.00
Passmore Laboratory Ltd	7	$	1,265.00
Peterbilt Pacific Inc. (Creston)	3	$	3,214.81
Prestige Lakeside Resort	1	$	483.00
Procter Community Society	1	$	400.00
Purolator Inc	2	$	174.90
Pyramid Building Supplies	9	$	450.53
Recreation Facilities Association Of Bc	1	$	840.00
Right Touch Auto Detailing, The	1	$	473.09
Riondel Cable Society	1	$	40.00
Riteway Holdings Ltd. dba Tremlock Properties Ltd	4	$	4,438.88
Riverside Farm	7	$	14,046.57
Roadpost Inc. T46274	1	$	268.92
Robertson´s Clothing & Shoes Inc.	2	$	10,951.50
Robson Recreation Society	1	$	75.00
Robson-Raspberry Improvement District	2	$	4,914.00
Rocky Mountain Agencies	3	$	15,896.83
Rocky Mountain Phoenix	2	$	14,469.98
Royal Canadian Legion Branch #74	1	$	1,575.00
Salmo Valley Youth & Community Centre	1	$	866.67
School District#8 (Kootenay Lake)	1	$	926.18
Secure By Design	1	$	215.25
Selkirk Security Services Ltd	1	$	39.38
SFJ Inc.	1	$	5,719.63
Shaw Buisness A division of Shaw Telecom G.P.	1	$	1,104.88
Shaw Cable	21	$	4,020.52
Silverton Building Supplies Ltd	2	$	8.72
Simply Clean Kootenay	2	$	2,677.50
Sk Electronics Ltd	7	$	651.40
Skyway Hardware	6	$	155.47
Slocan Park Community Hall Society	2	$	845.80
Slocan Valley Home Hardware	5	$	3,099.18
SLR Consulting (Canada) Ltd.	2	$	9,257.42
SNT Geotechnical Ltd.	1	$	1,042.13
Southern Interior Public Works Ltd.	3	$	2,214.21
Speedpro Signs	1	$	337.34
Speedpro Signs (Trail)	1	$	308.00
Sperling Hansen Associates Inc	1	$	2,354.40
Sphere Environmental Ltd.	3	$	2,588.28
SRK Consulting (Canada) Inc.	1	$	52,118.84
Stafford Welding	8	$	4,347.00
Stand Architecture Inc.	1	$	836.32
Stankevich, Wendy	1	$	708.68
Sterling Backcheck Canada Corp.	1	$	124.24
Stewart Mcdannold Stuart	1	$	4,845.12
Sullivan Stone Company Ltd	1	$	934.37
Suncor Energy Products Partnership	1	$	713.10
Sundry Vendor	23	$	29,345.58
Sykes Audio Visual Holdings Inc. dba Eightforty	1	$	792.80
Taghum Shell (1997)	6	$	414.05
Technical Safety BC	1	$	309.00
Telus Communications Inc	7	$	7,792.48
Telus Communications Inc. Mascon by Telus	3	$	235.20
Telus Mobility	4	$	21,550.87
The Adventure Hotel	2	$	1,513.83
The Neutral Zone Coaching & Consulting Services Inc.	1	$	758.63
Thiele, Dustin	3	$	817.25
ThinkTel	1	$	384.08
Thompson, Cindy	1	$	973.25
Thor Mechanical Ltd.	1	$	175.39
Thurber Engineering Ltd.	1	$	479.06
Timberland Consultants	2	$	5,358.78
Tip-it Waste Solutions Kootenay	5	$	7,425.46
Tratech Mechanical Ltd	2	$	1,674.23
Trons Matrix Refrigeration Inc.	1	$	196.88
Trowelex Equipment Rentals And Sales	1	$	233.53
Tsunami Solutions Ltd. dba: SafetyLine	1	$	1,791.48
Tu-Dor Lock & Safe Ltd	2	$	850.57
Uline Canada Corporation	6	$	4,343.41
United Rentals Of Canada	1	$	93.26
Urban Matters CCC Ltd.	1	$	3,239.25
Urban Systems Ltd.	1	$	3,759.21
Valhalla Hydrovac Ltd.	1	$	40,859.69
Valley Voice Ltd	6	$	3,014.56
Van Houtte Coffee Services ULC	1	$	223.93
Van Kam Freightways Ltd	1	$	219.22
Versa-Task Services	1	$	760.00
Wasp Manufacturing Ltd.	4	$	32,396.65
Waste Management	12	$	7,108.90
Wells Fargo Equipment	3	$	2,700.66
Wesco Distribution-Canada Inc	2	$	712.64
West Creston Community Hall Society	1	$	345.00
West Kootenay Septic Solutions Inc	1	$	198.06
WEX Canada Ltd.	1	$	5,109.06
WFR Wholesale Fire & Rescue Ltd	16	$	26,922.68
Winlaw Hall Society	1	$	60.00
Winlaw Mini-Mart	1	$	446.75
Wood Wyant Inc	4	$	7,693.19
Workers Compensation Board - Alberta	1	$	430.00
Xplore Inc.	1	$	129.36

All Other Vendors	Number of Payments		Value
	907	$	1,896,070
Yahk-Kingsgate Recreation Society	1	$	1,440.83
Yellow Line Traffic Control	1	$	1,815.45
Yellow Pages Group	1	$	3.15
Yeti Refrigeration Inc.	2	$	236,854.75
Ymir Community Hall Association	1	$	485.00
Zarikoff Developments Inc.	1	$	30,712.50
Zayden Creighton dba: Creightons Cuttings	2	$	255.00
Z-KO Construction Ltd.	1	$	4,116.00
Zone West Enterprises Ltd	3	$	1,442.56

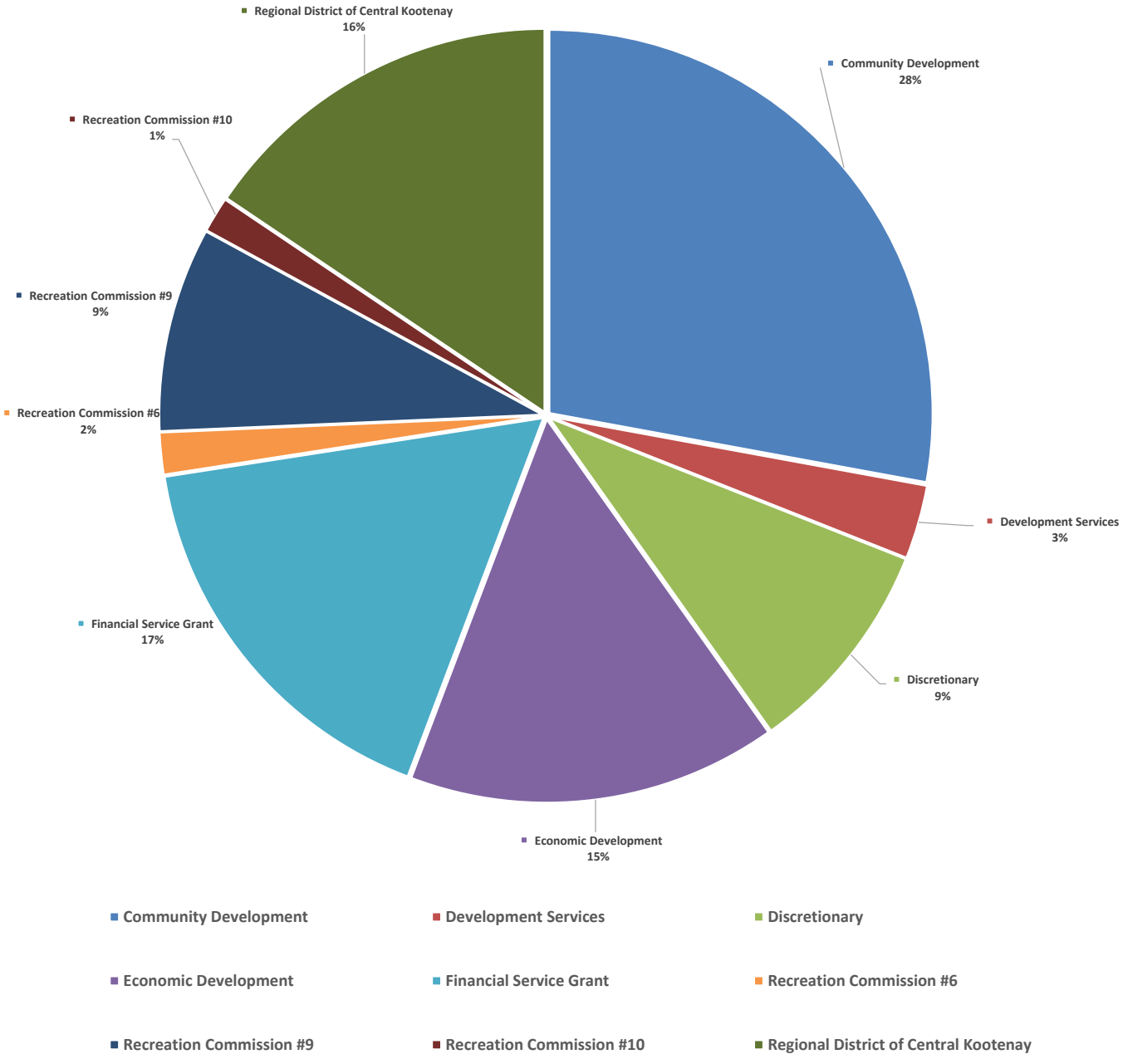
Sundry Payments for May 2026 Breakdown by Description of Payment

Sundry	Description of Payment		Value
		$	29,346
Sundry Vendor	CDCC-Rec Refund Request	$	181.12
Sundry Vendor	CDRD-Rec Refund Request	$	220.50
Sundry Vendor	NDCC-Rec Refund Request	$	304.97
Sundry Vendor	NDCC-Rec Refund Request	$	250.95
Sundry Vendor	RDCK-Zoning Changes Review Fee	$	315.00
Sundry Vendor	RDCK-Reimburse Second Payment Charged in Error	$	16.50
Sundry Vendor	CDRD-Rec Refund Request	$	63.35
Sundry Vendor	NDCC-Rec Refund Request	$	44.93
Sundry Vendor	ESS-Mileage_Meals	$	930.00
Sundry Vendor	NDCC-Rec Refund Request	$	70.71
Sundry Vendor	NDCC-Rec Refund Request	$	250.95
Sundry Vendor	NDCC-Rec Refund Request	$	40.00
Sundry Vendor	NDCC-Rec Refund Request	$	213.44
Sundry Vendor	RDCK-Zoning Changes Review Fee	$	315.00
Sundry Vendor	ESS-Mileage	$	225.00
Sundry Vendor	FIR-Live Fire Training	$	2,153.94
Sundry Vendor	RDCK-Reimburse Double Charge at Creson Landfill	$	4.00
Sundry Vendor	RDCK-Reimburse POS Fee Charged in Error	$	159.63
Sundry Vendor	RDCK-90% Release of Security Deposit-File #DP2307E	$	23,088.00
Sundry Vendor	RDCK-Reimburse Addressing Fee-ADD01736	$	75.00
Sundry Vendor	NDCC-Rec Refund Request	$	103.12
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Sundry Vendor	NDCC-Rec Refund Request	$	250.95

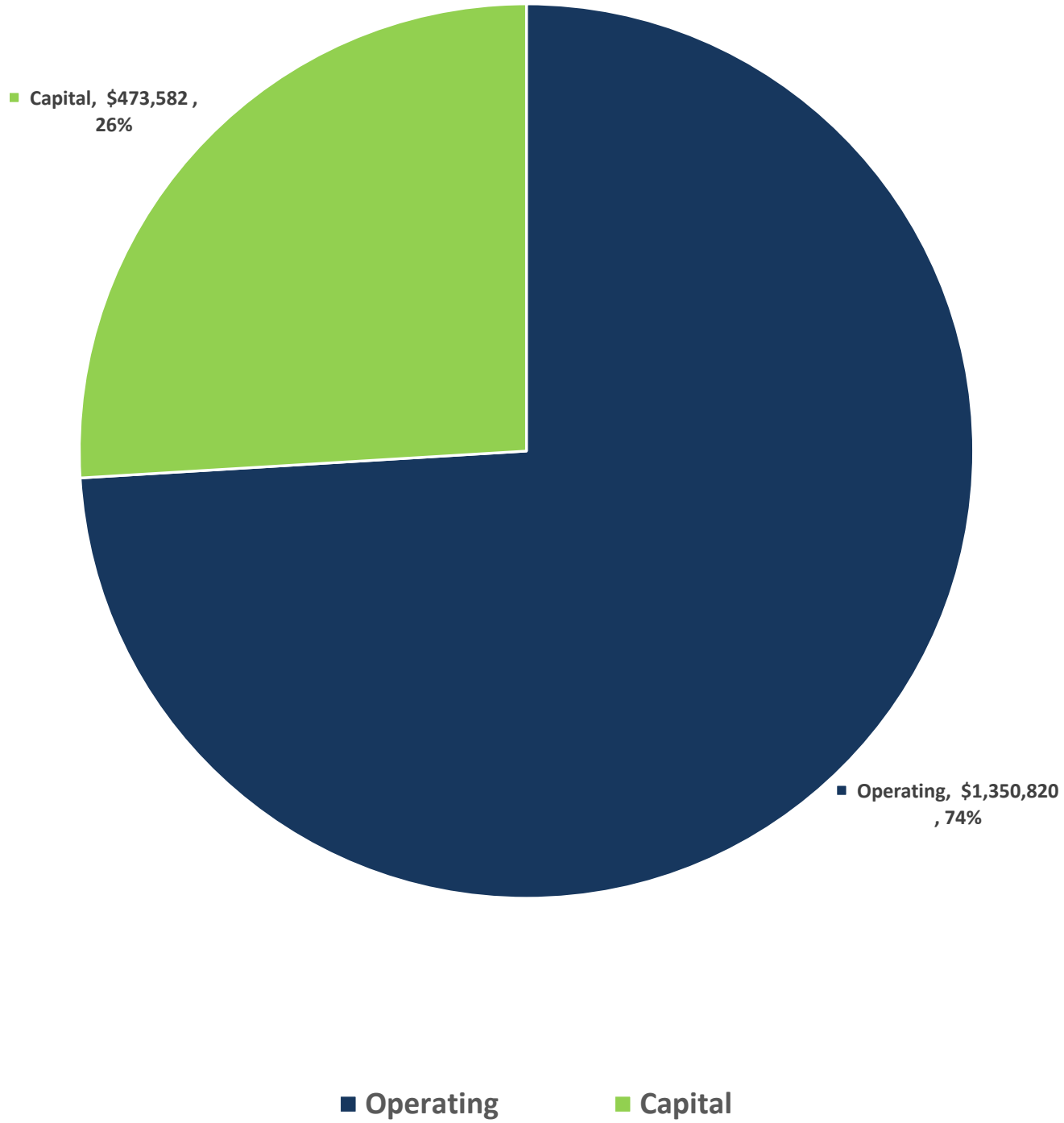
Accounts Payable for May 2026 Breakdown by Type of Payment

Discretionary, Community Development, and Other Grants	Number of Payments		
	64	$	256,924
Arrow Lakes Caribou Society	1	$	3,000.00
Balfour Recreation Commission	1	$	1,000.00
Balfour Senior Citizens Association Branch #120	3	$	2,343.96
Boswell Memorial Hall Society	2	$	5,533.05
Burton Community Association	1	$	900.00
Burton Elementary School	1	$	500.00
Canada Jamaica Link Up Festival	2	$	3,000.00
Canyon Community Association	1	$	1,000.00
Castlegar Rotary #232	1	$	1,000.00
Community Futures	3	$	80,000.00
Crawford Bay & District Hall & Parks Association	1	$	2,253.00
Creston Valley Cycling Association	1	$	2,500.00
Creston Valley Den Society	1	$	2,500.00
Diverse Family Roots Society	1	$	500.00
East Shore Kootenay Lake Community Health Society	1	$	1,200.00
East Shore Trail & Bike Association	1	$	8,400.00
Eastshore Circle of Friends Society	1	$	584.50
Glade Community Hall	1	$	2,000.00
Glade Recreation Commission (Society)	1	$	2,000.00
Goat River Residents Association	1	$	43,142.00
Gray Creek Hall Society	1	$	3,000.00
Harrop School House Society	1	$	9,000.00
Harvest Share & Bear Aware	1	$	1,000.00
Haven for Ecology	1	$	1,000.00
Kaslo & District Chamber of Commerce	1	$	2,500.00
Kootenay Columbia Educational Heritage Society	1	$	300.00
Kootenay Food Council	1	$	8,000.00
Kootenay Lake Waterfront Property Owners	2	$	4,750.00
Kootenay Mountain Biking	1	$	500.00
Kootenay Social Support Society	1	$	1,000.00
Kootenay Wellness Foundation	1	$	1,000.00
Lardeau Valley Historical Society	1	$	5,000.00
Mount Ingersoll Community Association	1	$	2,000.00
Nakusp Elementary School SD10	1	$	9,000.00
Nelson Road Kings	1	$	1,500.00
North Slocan Trails Society	2	$	6,500.00
Parent Advisory Committee, Crawford Bay School	1	$	1,030.50
Pass Creek Community Hall	1	$	2,000.00
Procter Community Society	1	$	500.00
Renascence Arts & Sustainability Society	1	$	5,000.00
Riondel Golf Club & District Curling Club	1	$	1,353.85
Rykerts Irrigation District	1	$	5,000.00
Salmo Climbing Society	1	$	4,900.00
Salmo Emergency Support Services Team	1	$	2,350.00
Slocan Lake Arts Council	1	$	1,028.00
Slocan, Village of	1	$	1,000.00
Taghum Community Hall Society	1	$	1,300.00
Tarrys & District Community Hall Society	1	$	2,000.00
The Just Bee Cause Society	1	$	750.00
Union of Spiritual Communities of Christ	1	$	1,500.00
Union of Spiritual Communities of Christ-Grand Forks	1	$	4,500.00
West Creston Community Hall Society	1	$	1,500.00
West Kootenay Back Country Wilderness Watch Society	2	$	704.87
World Health Outreach Association	1	$	600.00
Yahk-Kingsgate Recreation Society	1	$	500.00

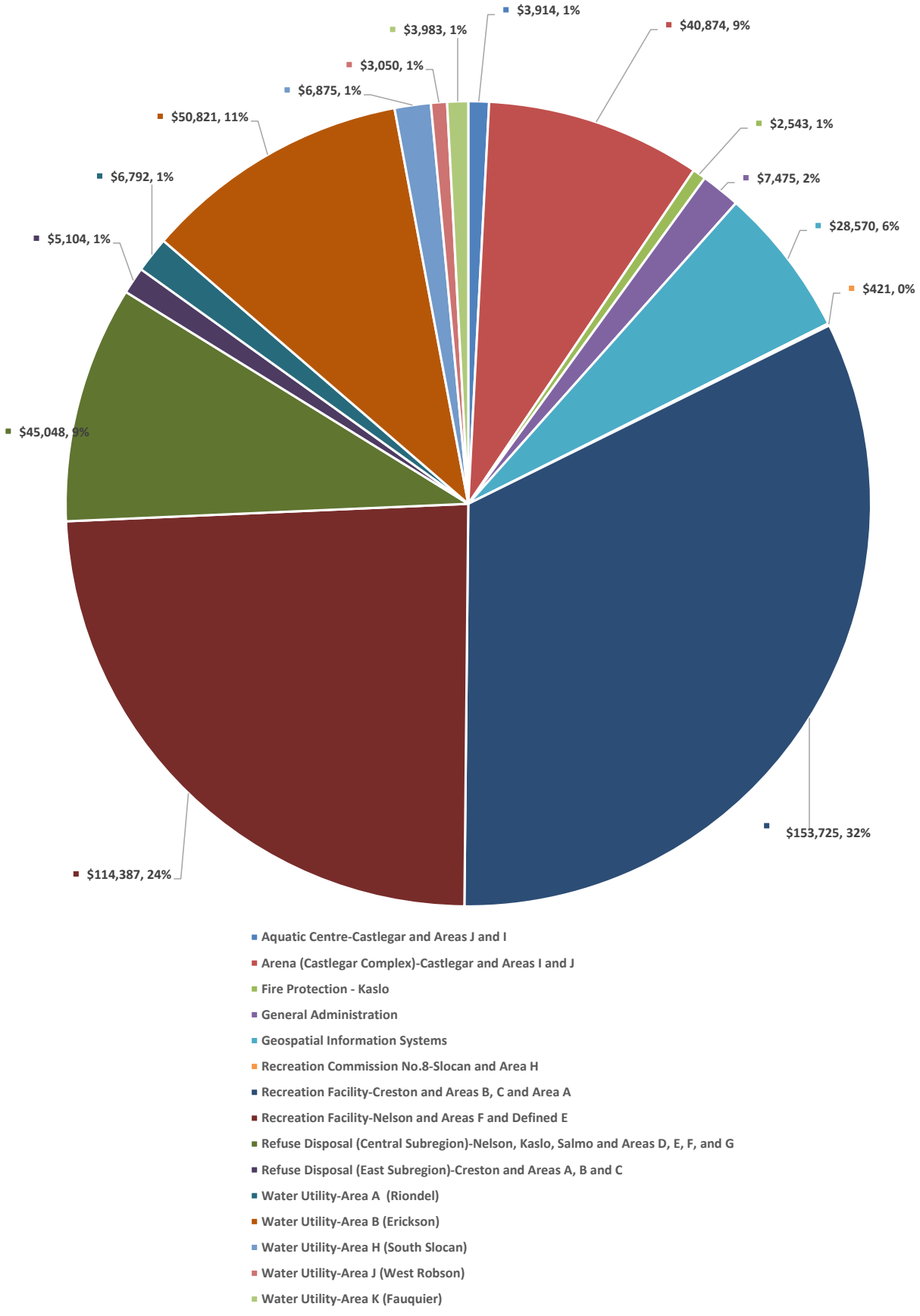
Grants by Type



May 2026 Capital VS Operating Expenditures



May 2026 Capital by Service



Director's Report

Garry Jackman – Area A – Wynndel/East Shore
Kootenay Lake

Report Date: June 9, 2026

Regional Connectivity Committee (RCC)

The full group of the RCC met on April 28th while a smaller group of us had a series of follow up meetings to focus on some issues around receiving permits from entities which are critical to completing some legs of the fiber to home project. CBBC has indicated while some portions of the work are moving forward on or ahead of schedule, a few areas may require another extension of the time frame to use grant funds.

I anticipate CityWest Cable and Telephone Corp, the municipally owned telecommunications provider which is acquiring and building up rural internet assets across various regions in BC, will continue to reach out to local ISP's as well as local governments to build an understanding of how best to meet the mandate of open access connectivity for residents of the basin.

For ongoing project updates go to Connect the Basin - Columbia Basin Trust .

International Joint Commission (IJC) Study Board on Elk/Kootenay River Pollution and IJC Order Meetings

The International Elk-Kootenai/y Watershed Study Board (Study Board) has received an extension to the date by which it must submit its final report and recommendations to the IJC exploring the impacts of water pollution in the Kootenai/y watershed. Read the full news release here. As the various working groups move forward, they have made the case as to how complex the issues are and that initial targets for completion were not realistic.

You can find background info on the IJC study board and the council of governments advisory group (CoGAG) from their website at International Elk-Kootenai/y Watershed Study Board | International Joint Commission.

Not directly related to the study board on pollution but generally of importance to us, each year the International Kootenay Lake Board of Control Public Meeting is held in either Canada or the USA. This year the meeting was held in person in Nelson and online on Tuesday, Jun 2, 2026 6:30 PM - 8:30 PM. I was able to listen online. That group is also undertaking a significant study as a review of the Order on

Kootenay Lake. Details of their work can be found at the IJC website. A draft report on options to update the order, based on broad input gathered over past months, is being reviewed by the technical group and should be available to the public for comment in late summer or early fall.

Columbia Basin Regional Advisory Committee (CBRAC)

CBRAC has stepped up its level of activity with a briefing on the BC Hydro Integrated Resource Plans on May 14th. We will get an operational update on June 23rd. For CRT updates go to https://engage.gov.bc.ca/columbiarivertreaty/info-sessions/

AKBLG and FCM

I do not have my reports for these conferences completed yet so will provide them next month.

Garry Jackman
Director of Electoral Area A – Wynndel/
East Shore Kootenay Lake

June 3, 2026

Brittny Anderson, MLA Kootenay Central
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Nelson, BC V1L 1W4
Via email: brittny.anderson.mla@leg.bc.ca

RE: BC Inland Ferry Coalition

As you are aware, the discussion around improving the inland ferry service on Kootenay Lake has been very active over the past decade, with residents of Kootenay Lake raising concerns and asking many questions. Going through my files from 2016, I see correspondence with Kirk Handrahan, then Executive Director - Marine Branch, asking for more information around marine safety, ground traffic safety and capacity of the Kootenay Lake ferry which is both a local transportation link and at times a major link in the transportation corridor across southern British Columbia. Beyond those questions, some still unanswered, was the over-riding concern about what I view as a "social experiment" of introducing private operation of several critical transportation links across the interior of British Columbia without adequate safeguards to prevent harm to communities. Those links have been broken, through labour disputes and equipment failures, many times over the past 25 years resulting in real harm to residents and our BC economy.

You and MLA Steve Morrisette, along with the Ministers of Transportation and Labour, have been approached many times by individuals, local elected officials and more organized groups seeking a long-term resolution to avoid harm to residents and our economy. One of those organized groups is the Inland Ferry Coalition which has made proposals and requested ongoing dialogue to advance solutions. Through their efforts they have garnered input from representatives of many communities impacted by inland ferry operations across BC, and as such deserve to be part of the conversation.

I do not think there is much point repeating my concerns raised over recent years here, except to say that dialogue needs to be improved and all input considered, with government providing clear rationale, as far as they are able to share, around what is being acted upon and what is not. What I will emphasize is that while residents are being left in limbo, we see a continued declined in Crawford Bay school enrolment, which is most likely a result of the unpredictability for younger families to make a viable living while under the threat of future curtailments of their freedom of movement. Is this also the case for other communities?

Please apply the same principals to the inland ferries as all other components of our British Columbia transportation system and protect residents and communities from further harm.

Sincerely,
Originally signed by
Garry Jackman
RDCK Director of Electoral Area A

Cc: Angela Lund - RDCK Deputy Corporate Officer

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Director's Report

Aimee Watson – Area D

Report Date: June 2026

I have contemplated how best to report to the people of Area D what I, as their Director, have been focused on. These reports are usually quarterly, though more frequently when its budget season, to keep you updated on the process. These reports are detailed and lengthy, and possibly more than most have time to read. As I write this report, I have a request for you, the residents of Area D: what format/reporting would best meet your needs as an informed resident?

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Area D Community Planning

This project is underway, after many years of reported concerns regarding land use. As you know, there is an Official Community Plan for Area D, but only one community (Ainsworth) out of the 24 has zoning (bylaws?). Zoning is the regulatory process that directs land use, while the OCP is the vision that informs zoning.

In 2021, we hosted several community meetings in response to requests to explore options for land use planning. In that work, there were several communities that indicated an interest in exploring potential land use regulations; however, the work was paused as the RDCK Planning department embarked on other priorities, including exploring the option to harmonize RDCK's various electoral area OCP's. I was opposed to this option and was grateful to have the board's support to continue to work with specific Area D communities on land use regulations through our current OCP.

While this delay was frustrating for some residents, it does mean that the work will continue with community engagement. A lot has changed in the last 5 years, and we need to come together to determine our priorities.

This summer will see community-based meetings, some as open house style on local beaches and others at markets/events already in the schedule for communities. The outcome of this engagement process will inform the next phase, which would look deeper at local issues. Soon there will be a project page on the RDCK website: https://engage.rdck.ca/projects/area-d-planning/

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Columbia Conversations- Columbia River Treaty Local Government Committee (CRT-LGC)

As a long time committee member of the Columbia River Treaty Local Government Committee, we have advocated for education on how the CRT influences and controls our regions.
Wildsight has developed programs over the years, including the highly regarded Columbia Field School, a canoe program for youth to learn about the history and geography of the Basin firsthand. This year, they curated tours at the dams in the CRT. I was grateful to attend the Duncan Dam tour and learn more about this amazing valley and the impacts of the treaty.

While I could write a short novel on all that I learned, I am saving my time and yours by posting relevant links:
A summary of the treaty: https://www.crtlgc.ca/the-columbia-river-treaty-1

Our committee recommendations on the Treaty:
https://www.crtlgc.ca/_files/ugd/30e9d6_4df3bb5a04054d5aa829fdde77304583.pdf

As treaty negotiations have paused, here are the interim agreements:
https://engage.gov.bc.ca/columbiarivertreaty/interim-period-entity-agreements/

Duncan Dam overview:
https://grokipedia.com/page/duncan_dam

Resident-directed CBT/RDCK funds approved

The RDCK approved the annual allocations based on community meetings. For Kaslo and Area D, there are two processes, to see the results and who is awarded and what amount, go here: https://www.rdck.ca/wp-content/uploads/2026/05/2026-ReDi-Funded-Projects.pdf
Area D Community Development Funds

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The Area D Community Development funds are allocated a year in advance with the intention of meeting the needs of 24 communities. I have received more requests than usual for ad-hoc projects, and to those I have declined, I am sorry but are not enough funds to go around.
Below you will find the list of allocations for the year, and information for future applicants about the process.

Many of the annual allocations support core functions of our essential community organizations not funded through taxation or are a unique issue in our rural area that requires attention for overall community benefit. I try to leave space in the funds for the unknown, with the final allocations by the end of the CBT/RDCK Resident Directed grant program (April). Projects the community supported but were shortfall due to limited funding in the ReDi (formerly affected areas fund), I will top up through Community Development.
Allocation year is roughly November to the following October, below you will find the 2025/2026 allocation:

Who	Allocated	project
Links	15,000	General Operations
Links	6,000	AED supports for multiple halls
Links	3,500	feasibility for Coop store
Kootenay Food Policy Council	2500	regional seed trailer assessment
JB Fletcher Museum	$4,500	annual operations
Lardeau Valley Mosquito Service	$20,000	2025 allocation
West Kootenay Clean up	$425	Rossiter and Cody Caves Illegal dumping
Kaslo Seniors	4500	general operations
Ainsworth Fire Society	3000	insurance
JL Hazard review	10,000	hazard review- possibly through CWF if more than 10,000
Kaslo Comm Services	4000	xmas hampers and family supports
Kaslo Comm Services	$10,000	House next door campaign
KJES	5000	bus service
Kaslo Logger Sports	600	annual sponsorship
Argenta Safety and Preparedness	$1,471	road signage
Argenta Safety and Preparedness	$5,000	water monitoring
Lardeau Valley Historical Society	5000	annual operations
Lardeau Valley Historical Society	$10,000	roof repair
kaslo/D ESS team	1000	Kaslo D committee supports.
Loki Lots	10,000	community planning and asset planning
Kootenay Mountain Biking	1,500	school biking program
Lardeau Valley Mosquito Service	20,000	2026 allocation
Lardeau Fire Prevention Society	5,000	annual operations
West Kootenay Watershed	500	
Kaslo Chamber video	2,500	
Grizzly Bear fencing	2,000	
Links- Letting Go- Green Burial'	1,000	
	153,996	

Work with the Ministry of Transportation

Roads and all associated assets such as rights of way (ROW) that are both maintained and unmaintained, are being hijacked by private interests and are increasingly affecting the public. While this is not a local government service, several situations have warranted my involvement with provincial staff to endeavor to find solutions.

Several situations are related to vehicles and other material being stored on ROW that can impede road clearance, access, infrastructure, and essential services. Other situations include residents who have assumed authority over access to valued recreational trails with physical barriers and verbal threats.

While each situation involves different stakeholders and various regulations, the public needs to know that ROW's are not for private ownership to stockpile or unilaterally prevent the public from accessing trail systems.

I want to thank the staff at Ministry of Transportation for years of work on some of these files, while seeing little movement. I also want to thank the community groups who have poured tireless hours into reclaiming these public spaces.

For all situations, there are next steps involved and due to the nature of each file, I am unable to include details. If you have issues related to anything I have mentioned here, please contact the Ministry of Transportation at their Nelson office. For general road maintenance, contact YRB.

While the Ministry staff on the ROW infraction files have been doing all they can, I am sorry to report that the state of the roads in the north end of Area D has not seen any proposed solutions. I met with the MLA and transportation staff, and they were to provide an update to the community directly. I will encourage them to do this well before the next winter/melt season.

Contacts:
Ministry of Transportation Nelon: https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/transportation/transportation-reports-and-reference/regional-district-contacts/southern-interior-region
YRB: Toll Free Contact 1-800-218-8805.

Emergency Season

Starts with floods, debris flows and avalanches. Moves in fires, hopefully not at all but sometimes as early as June.

For all residents, please keep this number handy. Anytime you see concerns in relation to floods, debris flows or creeks that are changing rapidly, call this number: 1-800-665-3456
For fires: 1-800-663-5555 toll-free or *5555 on your cellphone

Area D has already seen several incidents, starting with an avalanche debris flow late March in Poplar Creek. This triggered an investigation by Geotech Sarah Crookshanks with the Ministry of Forests. To read that report: adsfe-260326-report_Poplar-Creek-2.pdf

Residents in Poplar Creek were mailed a copy of this report. No evacuations were required.
In May, all of Cooper Creek to Poplar Creek were on evacuation alert due to Lardeau River and the Duncan outflows. The Lardeau River is not controlled by anyone but mother nature, however Duncan Dam is under the Columbia River Treaty managed and owned by BC Hydro. At the time of the high river flows and alerts, BC Hydro did reduce Duncan releases to the minimum required for fish flows.

The evacuation alert was rescinded within 2 days.

Landlines in Lardeau Valley

The efforts to address the vulnerability of communications within the Lardeau Valley continue. With the recent power outage+ evacuation alert, me and our EOC were both receiving indications of communities where the phones were not functioning. Telus was able to provide the EOC, emergency operations center, with an update that all batteries have been replaced.
From Telus:

"the battery replacements that we are referring to included Cooper Creek and Argenta, along with the other areas mentioned Lardeau, Howser, Marblehead, Meadow Creek, and Johnsons Landing"
We are aware that although all the batteries have been replaced, the timeline for them to last, which is supposed to be 18-20 hours, is not being achieved. We are reporting these shortfalls where and when we can.

It is important to note that in an active emergency when the EOC is activated, phones are not one of the stakeholder representatives within the EOC operations and our staff do not have direct contact that can address the outages during those emergencies.
For all residents who have experienced on-going service issues, please continue to contact Telus and MP Morrison. Phone lines are not within local government jurisdiction, we remain advocates at best, but with the intersection of emergencies and the need to communicate, I as Director continue to raise concerns.

I would like to add a special thank you to residents in Lardeau (Marlene) who regularly stay in contact, not sure how, during power outages with residents in Howser and elsewhere to ensure they are aware of any immediate situations and that they can communicate. Also, a special shoutout to Deb in Argenta and Chelsey at LINKs. We are a team on these efforts and do hope to see solutions that are sustained.

Aimee Watson
RDCK Director of Electoral Area D

June 3, 2026

School District No. 8, Kootenay Lake
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To the SD8 board
Re: Letter of Support –Jewett Greenhouse Project

As the RDCK Director for North Kootenay Lake, I am writing today to express my support and offer you all encouragement to do the same for the kid's greenhouse project at Jewett School in Meadow Creek.

The parents of several kids, noting several being more than we have had in the past at Jewett, have worked tirelessly to secure funding for innovative, grassroots learning opportunity that we know not only feeds children in terms of nutrients but more so, in education that is so rare in our world of disconnection from soil and food systems.

We know that attracting kids to the remote school has been a challenge. With new ideas and programs that bring in the natural elements Lardeau Valley is famous for, the parents have done just that, brought their kids in to support school registrations while being actively involved in education programming to be partners with the SD8. Knowing this school was facing closure for multiple reasons but most notably, low registration, I want to applaud all the parents and community members who have worked hard to bring some sustainability to Jewett while inevitably, building community and raising incredible kids.

A personal note, I was blessed to live in Meadow Creek with my toddler son for a few years while raising chickens and turkeys. Our property backed onto Jewett's property where we would take the trail, shared with the wild animals of the area, to the school for the various early year programs. My son, now 16, still claims living there and going to Jewett was the most magical time in his life.
Jewett is a special place as is the Lardeau Valley, we know the kids that are raised there have incredible experience with the wild nature and abundant farms. These kids who then become adults have a deeper connection and understanding that spreads throughout their lives in all their adventures, no matter where they land.

Noting that the budget that Jewett and the school boards have is extremely limited, the garden and proposed greenhouse project has been entirely funded with grants and sweat equity from all the parents invested in the projects. As one of the funders, I am more than supportive of their efforts to teach kids the extension of growing opportunities a greenhouse offers. I am also quite familiar with the greenhouse they have proposed as I have one that is perfectly suited to a small hobbyist town gardener, I have become and how movable it is, which I was grateful for should I ever move. This is not a structure that requires permits, nor footings that are engineered and never would be considered an infrastructure asset that requires care outside of the needs to keep the plastic washed for good sun exposure.

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I would like to understand the specific barriers that the SD8 has that prevent this greenhouse from proceeding? The suggestion that they try again with multiple grants and again endless hours of planning for next year seriously negates the energy that has already been poured into this project, which did include working with the teacher and principal for Jewett. These parents are not full of free time to repeat efforts and it's a concerning suggestion given how valuable volunteers are in our rural communities. These are full-time working parents with farms, demanding jobs with many other commitments. There is nothing more disheartening than shrugging off their immense contributions to date and their success! You have CBT, RDCK and sweat equity ready to build this greenhouse and provide the most wonderful learning experience for our dear children.

The saying it takes a community has never been more evident, please recognize and honour these efforts as a wonderful opportunity that all you must do is say yes, really, it's the easiest part of the whole process, they have done all the hard work already.

I look forward to your response in favor,

Sincerely,
Originally signed by
Aimee Watson,
Area D Director

Director's Report

Cheryl Graham – Area E

Report Date: June 1, 2026

Homeless Encampment in Area E

(Originally provided as a Director's Verbal Report at May 21, 2026, RDCK Board Meeting)

Today, rather than providing a summary of my recent activities, I would like to focus on an emerging issue that is generating increasing concern among residents in the Bealby Point and Horlicks Point region of Electoral Area E.

This area, located along the West Arm of Kootenay Lake adjacent to the City of Nelson, has experienced a growing homeless encampment over the past months. While this is currently a localized issue, I believe it represents a challenge that many rural areas may face with increasing frequency in the years ahead.

One of the primary difficulties is the complexity of this area itself. Jurisdiction is shared among multiple agencies and landowners, including the City of Nelson, Electoral Area E, Crown Land, BC Parks, and CP Rail. Determining jurisdictional responsibility is not always straightforward, particularly as encampments relocate from one jurisdiction to another within this region. Staff are assisting with mapping and boundary clarification, but residents and myself continue to face challenges identifying the appropriate authority to address concerns.

Area E residents have raised a number of issues, including:

- Accumulation of garbage and wildlife attractants, resulting in increased bear and rodent activity;
- Sanitation concerns and unpleasant odours;
- Fuel storage and unattended fires, creating and increasing wildfire risks;
- Trespassing and property impacts;
- Safety concerns, including reports of altercations between campers and residents. It was verbally reported to me that one camper has committed suicide.

It is important to recognize that the RDCK cannot address this issue independently. Many aspects fall within the responsibilities of other agencies and levels of government:

- Healthcare, mental health services, and addiction supports are provincial responsibilities;
- Housing initiatives and funding are primarily delivered through BC Housing and the Province;

- Policing falls under the RCMP and Province;
- Crown Land management is a provincial responsibility.

Research and experience from other jurisdictions suggest that several approaches are generally not helpful including repeated displacement of encampments without alternatives, criminalizing poverty, relying solely on bylaw enforcement to address complex social issues, or delaying action until significant public safety or environmental concerns arise.

Conversely, communities tend to achieve better outcomes through a combination of outreach and support services, appropriate and continued enforcement of unsafe or illegal activities, and coordinated cleanup and sanitation efforts.

As I have considered what role the RDCK can realistically play, several questions come to mind:

1. **Coordination and Communication**

   How can we improve coordination among residents, Area Directors, the RCMP, Conservation Officers, Natural Resource Officers, RDCK Bylaw Enforcement, municipalities, and CP Rail Police? Effective communication and information sharing will be critical, particularly in rural areas where responsibilities overlap. In terms of communication efforts, this area does have their own neighbourhood email list and they also follow the Area E&F Weekly Community E-Newsletter.

   Centralized Reporting

   Is there an opportunity for the RDCK to establish a single reporting mechanism or complaint mechanism intake process to document concerns, and direct them to the appropriate authority?

2. **Policy and Bylaw Review**

   Do existing RDCK bylaws provide clarity regarding issues such as camping, sanitation, fire safety, and related concerns, and if so, how can they be applied consistently?

3. **Cleanup and Sanitation**

   In Area E, cleanup efforts of encampments rely on volunteers. Should the RDCK Board explore more structured approaches to supporting cleanup and waste management where chronic encampment issues exist?

I am bringing this issue forward because, as an Area Director, I am hearing increasing concerns from residents and I am uncertain what tools are available to effectively address them. I have already engaged with local RCMP representatives and staff, and I recently received a detailed and constructive response from the RCMP, which I found encouraging.

However, I believe this issue will continue to grow with warmer weather approaching. I also believe that more rural directors will encounter similar challenges in the future. Unlike municipalities, rural areas do not have city councils, policing resources, or social service infrastructure, making coordinated responses more difficult.

For that reason, I would encourage the RDCK Board to begin discussing how rural communities can effectively respond to homeless encampments and related public safety, environmental, and social concerns. This may be an appropriate topic for a future workshop, Rural Affairs Committee discussion, or Board agenda item.

This issue is unlikely to disappear, and I believe it is in our collective interest to begin developing a coordinated rural response now rather than reacting later.

How Did We Get To This Point?

(Not included in my May Verbal Report)

I decided to further research this topic. People ask this question because visible homelessness and encampments are far more common today than they were in most communities during the 1980s and 1990s.

The reality is that homelessness existed then, but several major changes have since occurred.

Housing is much less affordable. This is probably the single biggest factor.

In the 1980s and 1990s:

- Rents were lower relative to incomes.
- Entry-level housing was more attainable.
- Many communities had older, inexpensive rental stock such as rooming houses, motels, and secondary suites.

Over time:

- Housing prices increased dramatically.
- Rents rose faster than incomes.
- Many low-cost rentals disappeared through redevelopment, tourism conversion, or deterioration.

Someone who loses housing today often has far fewer affordable alternatives.

Mental health institutions closed, but community supports did not fully replace them. Large psychiatric institutions across BC were downsized or closed, (eg. Riverview Hospital)

The goal was to move people into community-based care, which was generally seen as more humane. However, in many places:

- Community mental health services were underfunded.
- Supportive housing was insufficient.
- Some individuals with severe mental illness fell through the cracks.

Addiction challenges become more severe. Substance use has always existed, but the nature of addiction has changed.

Today's communities are dealing with:

- Fentanyl and synthetic opioids.
- Methamphetamine.
- More potent and dangerous drug supplies.

These substances can contribute to chronic homelessness, health crises, and behaviours that make maintaining housing more difficult.

Social safety nets have struggled to keep pace. While the BC Government continues to spend significant amounts on social programs, many observers argue that:

- Disability and income assistance rates often do not cover market rents.
- Affordable housing construction has not kept pace with demand.
- Rural service availability is often limited.

This can leave vulnerable people with few options when they encounter a crisis.

Homelessness is more visible today.

In the past:

- Some people stayed in cheap hotels or rooming houses.
- Others "couch surfed" with family and friends.
- Encampments were often smaller and less visible.

Today:

- High housing costs leave fewer indoor options.
- Larger encampments develop in parks, Crown land, rail corridors, and other open spaces.
- Social media and local news also increase public awareness.

Rural areas are now seeing what was once mostly an urban issue. Historically, visible homelessness was concentrated in larger centres.

Today, smaller communities throughout the Kootenays and rural British Columbia are encountering:

- Housing shortages.
- Mental health and addiction challenges.
- Encampments on Crown Land, rail corridors, parks, and other public lands such as what we are currently experiencing in Area E.

Respectfully submitted,

Cheryl Graham

Cheryl Graham
Director of Electoral Area E

File No. BC Ferry Coalition

June 1, 2026

Brittny Anderson, MLA Kootenay Central
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Via email: brittny.anderson.mla@leg.bc.ca

Dear Brittny,

Letter of Support

I am writing today as the Director of Electoral Area E of the RDCK — a region you know well — to express my support for the Inland Ferry Coalition which includes representation all 14 inland ferry routes and the communities they serve. Area E of the RDCK includes the Kootenay Lake Ferry (Balfour Terminal) as well as the Harrop Ferry. The Harrop Ferry being the sole means of access for residents in the communities of Harrop and Procter.

The Inland Ferry Coalition organization has five specific objectives, foremost among them:

- "That inland ferries be recognized for what they are: essential services critical to the lives and livelihoods of the rural communities they serve."

As clearly stated in the Province's own document, *Rural Initiative – Draft Guidance* (updated December 2025):

- "Making sure that rural British Columbians have access to high quality, reliable public services and continue to see the benefits of a growing economy requires the Government to be intentional in assessing the impact of provincial policy on rural areas and the potential for rural areas to help shape provincial policy."

The importance of the rural perspective — indeed, the necessity of it — cannot be overstated. The 22% of British Columbians who live in rural, remote, and First Nation communities occupy 98% of this province's land mass. These communities support many of BC's primary industries and generate a significant share of the province's resource-based revenue.

The same provincial document further notes:

- "While contributing significantly to BC's economy (it is estimated that rural areas contribute$84 billion annually to British Columbia's economy), rural communities experience distinct challenges in comparison to urban centres… contributing to challenges with accessing transportation and infrastructure. At the same time, small communities are being called upon

to respond to increasingly complex issues — often with fewer resources and less capacity than larger centres."

Transportation is one of those critical issues.

The BC Inland Ferry Coalition is working to ensure that the communities served by inland ferries receive the recognition and protection they require through formal designation of inland ferries as essential services.

In their recent letter to Minister Mike Farnworth, the BC Inland Ferry Coalition requested a meeting to discuss "how the Province can ensure that inland ferries are recognized in law as essential transportation links necessary to protect the health, safety, and welfare of British Columbians."

The Coalition also emphasized their concerns are *not* about whether unionized inland ferry workers have the right to strike or pursue improved working conditions through the Province's contracted ferry operators. Rather, the Coalition seeks access for security and equitable treatment for rural inland ferry communities and industries by ensuring that the essential nature of these ferry services is explicitly recognized in law.

Minister Farnworth's office replied that "the Minister is unable to meet at this time and must send his regrets."

Given the importance of this issue to the many rural communities dependent on inland ferries in Area E, I do not believe that response reflects the seriousness this matter deserves.

Accordingly, I am asking for your assistance and support in securing a meeting with Minister Farnworth and the BC Inland Ferry Coalition.

Will you help obtain a meeting to ensure this issue receives the attention it requires?

I appreciate your prompt response and any updates regarding Minister Farnworth's reply. Thank you for supporting the rural communities and industries that rely on these essential transportation links.

Sincerely,

Originally signed by

Cheryl Graham
Director, Electoral Area E

Director's Report

Aidan McLaren-Caux – Village of Nakusp

Report Date: June 18th, 2026

Reporting from May 11th to June 8th, 2026.

Director's Activities

Village Council

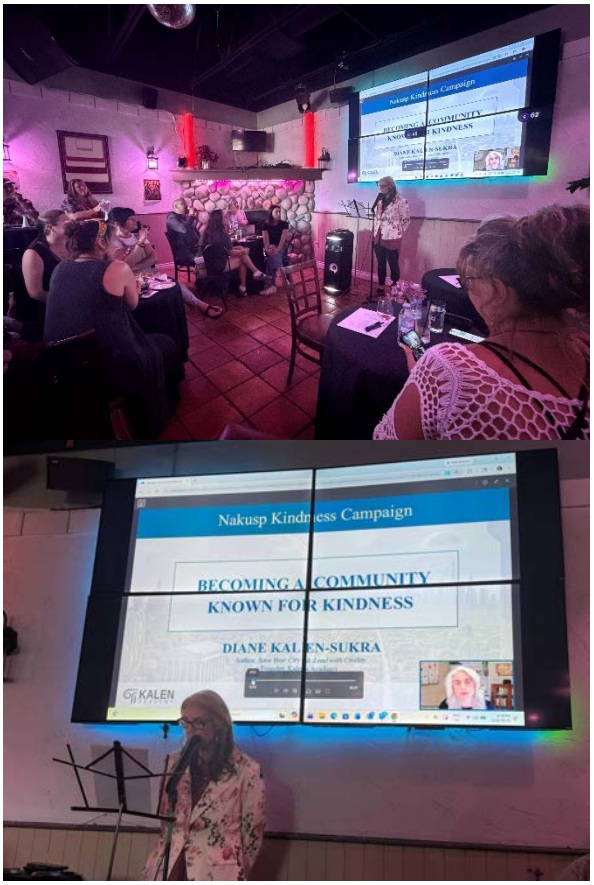
- ***Jim Pattison Centre for Health Systems Learning & Innovation***
  - https://jpcentre.ca/
  - This organization was founded through a $5 million philanthropic gift from the Jim Pattison Foundation. In collaboration with the Kelowna General Hospital Foundation and Interior Health, the Centre focuses on advancing rural, community-based, and technology-enabled health care.
  - I have been invited to be a member of their ***Planetary Health Advisory Table*** as well as an ad hoc rural advisory group.

- May 11th, attended regular ***Council Meeting***

- May 25th, attended regular ***Council Meeting***

- May 27th, attended ***Lead with Love – Strengthening Nakusp's Future – Building on a Culture of Kindness***

This was a really special evening, filled with touching stories of community members supporting each other, random acts of kindness, and the inclusion of visitors and new residents in our community.



We were treated to a meaningful and informative presentation by Diane Kalen-Sukra, who spoke about her crusade to restore civility, kindness, and love back into our shared spaces and local government. I have had the pleasure of seeing Diane speak before, and she is without a doubt one of the most interesting and innovative thinkers and thought leaders in developing more respectful, more resilient communities. I have both of her books and highly recommend them both (link below). My work over the years in advocating for Responsible Conduct in local government throughout BC was partly inspired by Diane's presentation at AKBLG in Cranbrook several years ago.

A huge thank you to Councillor Knoohuizen for leading, organizing, fundraising, and executing this event. It was supported by the Nakusp and Area Community Forest, the Nakusp and District Chamber of Commerce, Columbia Basin Trust, and the Nakusp and Area Development Board.

Sometimes the work of local government and community leadership can seem daunting and exhausting, especially when we are faced with relentless and often mis(and dis)informed keyboard warriors. Events like this are a great and necessary reminder of the basic decency and empathy of the vast majority of our community, one we share and want the best for.

Culture can indeed be changed for the positive, but it takes effort, patience, and dedication. Thank you to all who quietly and humbly say and do things every day to make our community kinder, better, and more resilient.

https://www.dianekalensukra.com/

- May 31st, attended ***West Kootenay Woodlot Association*** *Spring 2026 Meeting* in Tarrys
    - $113mil in economic contribution
    - Challenges with approvals, mill closures, restricted markets, Forest Nation approvals, waste recording and reporting, regulatory changes
    - Many woodlots are in the Wildland Urban Interface, offering opportunity for fuel management
    - Trying to get young people into the business
    - Slow attrition of woodlot tenure across the province
    - Woodlots BC
        - Support organisation, providing resources to members
    - Waste Assessment
        - Onerous process of waste management plans
    - Presentation by Sinixt, Rick Desautel and Shelley Boyd
    - Ministry of Forests update
    - Sinixt People
        - Receive all referrals in their traditional territory as Constitutional duty to consult
        - Robust conversation about First Nation claims and overlapping territory
    - Tour of Sinixt Cultural Heritage sites at the Slocan Pools, hosted by Sinixt members: Shelley Boyd, Richard Desautels, and Gavin Fox







- June 3rd, attended online ***Rural Mayors' Health Group BC:*** *Virtual Spring Health Share*
    - *With Minister of Health, Josie Osborne*
        - Rural communities all have different needs and challenges
        - Doing everything they can to stabilize rural emergency rooms
        - Need for innovative compensation and staffing models, working with health authorities to develop
        - Possible collaboration between UBCM and the Province to collect stories around health care successes and challenges
    - Facilitated by Mayor of Lillooet, Laurie Hopfl
    - *Presentation by Mayor Pinkney, 100 Mile House*
        - Severe shortages in health care workers across the province
        - Need for more training locally
        - Use creative delivery options, such as Nurse Practitioners covering certain patients, virtual care, wraparound services in community for new staff
        - Shouldn't compete with other communities to attract doctors
    - *Presentation by Mayor Corbett-Labatt, Port Hardy*
        - Challenges with hospital closures in rural areas, lack of communication with the public and emergency responders, ambulance
        - Need for consistency in emergency room service delivery
        - Trying to upgrade sub-regional hospital to attract and retain doctors and nurses
    - *General Questions:*
        - Is the Province considering amalgamating the health authorities to save on administrative costs?
            - Province recently undertook comprehensive review and developed a Shared Services organization
                - Less about savings as opposed to better service delivery, especially for our aging population
                - This will provide over $100mil in reallocated funds for front-line services
        - Practice Ready Assessment (PRA) Program – Is there an opportunity to provide training in larger places before the applicants are competent and comfortable working in remote and rural settings?
            - Importance of training for rural areas and ongoing mentorship that facilitates appropriate and effective placements
            - Importance of developing community amenities to attract and retain health care workers, especially those doing shift work
        - Why did the Ministry change rural nursing job descriptions? It has weakened an already challenging staffing landscape.
            - ER closures were often caused by nursing shortages in 2024, and now the shortages are

        - Health authorities are implementing the changes to meet nurse-to-patient ratios to better align with competencies and modern patient needs
        - The intent is to strengthen staffing models and make them more sustainable
        - These changes were co-developed with nursing unions
    - Questions from Minister Osborne
        - Initiatives that you have implemented the recruitment of health care workers?
        - What are the biggest barriers to recruiting more health care workers to your communities?
        - If you could wave a magic wand, what would you do to improve health care in your community?
    - Discussion:
        - intersecting challenges in recruitment: housing, schools, education, lifestyle (work-life balance), support networks, work for spouses, etc.
        - Creston is pursuing multi-faceted recruitment strategies, including developing housing and having a dedicated recruiter
        - Working together with neighbouring communities for both recruitment and ongoing operational support
        - Challenges at the university-level
        - Challenges in Community Health Centres support services, lab technicians, etc.

Regional District of Central Kootenay (RDCK) as municipal director

- May 20th, attended online ***Rural Affairs Committee Meeting***

- May 21st, attended in-person ***Board Meeting*** in Nelson
    - Agenda for the meeting can be found here: https://www.rdck.ca/EN/main/government/meetings-agendas-minutes.html

- May 28th, attended online ***Creston Valley Services Committee Meeting***

Association of Kootenay & Boundary Local Governments (AKBLG)

- May 22nd, attended online ***Human Resources Committee Meeting***

- May 29th, attended in-person ***Executive Meeting*** in Creston
    - This was the new Executive's first meeting after the convention in April
    - Agenda Topics
        - Introductions and visions for the upcoming year
        - Workplan reflections
        - Roles and responsibilities
        - Convention recap
        - Advocacy plan and discussion
        - Committee appointments
            - I sit on the Convention and Resolutions Committees as well as continue to Chair the Advocacy Committee
        - Planning for 2027 Convention
        - UBCM 2026 strategy
        - Education workshops
        - Report from me on attending other area association conventions (SILGA and AVICC)



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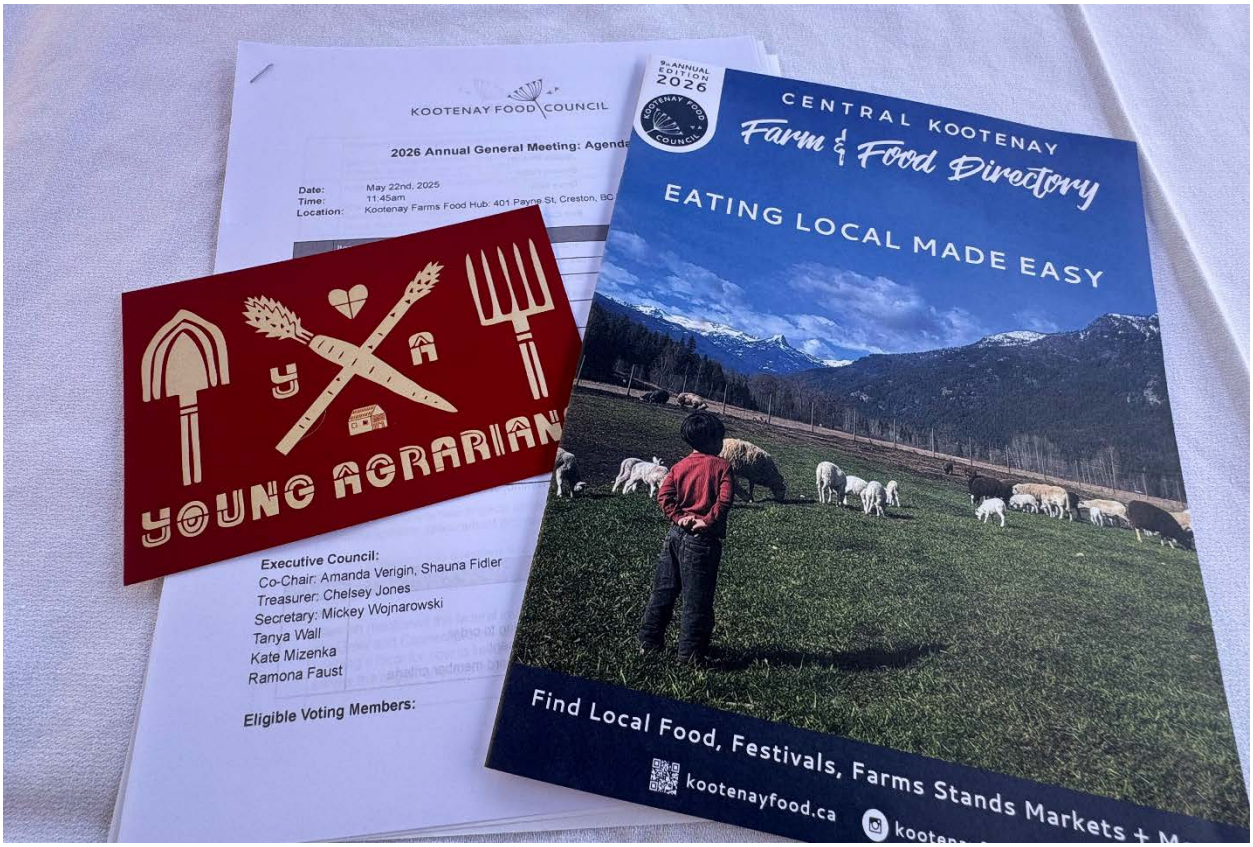
- *The Compass* Articles of Note:
  - **Resolutions Deadline, June 15th**
    - https://www.ubcm.ca/about-ubcm/latest-news/resolutions-deadline-june-15
  - **EDMA Regulations for Local Authorities**
    - https://www.ubcm.ca/about-ubcm/latest-news/edma-regulations-local-authorities
  - **Funding and Resources Update: May 2026**
    - https://www.ubcm.ca/about-ubcm/latest-news/funding-and-resources-update-may-2026

RDCK External Appointments

- ***Kootenay Food Council (FPC)***
  - https://ckfoodpolicy.ca/
  - May 22nd, attended in-person ***Annual General Meeting*** in Creston
    - Included tours of Kootenay Farm Supply and Kootenay Farms Food Hub
    - https://www.kootenayfarmerssupply.com/
    - https://www.kootenayfarms.ca/
    - This organization continues to deliver excellent value for the relatively small investment from RDCK, particularly as it develops programs that serve the region, like Grow & Connect Interior, as well as facilitating networking and connecting already successful areas, like the Creston Valley with other, developing and aspiring areas throughout RDCK







- ***Columbia River Treaty Local Governments Committee (CRTLGC)***
  - https://www.crtlgc.ca/
  - *Reminder that committee topics are confidential, as they pertain to international treaty negotiations. The Province of BC and the Government of Canada*

periodically release statements regarding the progress of the discussions between Canada and the United States.

- o May 11th, attended online committee meeting.
- o May 26th, attended online committee meeting.

- ***Regional Innovation Chair in Regional Economic Development Regional Advisory Committee (RIC-RED-RAC)***

- ***Economic Trust of the Southern Interior (ETSI-BC) – Regional Advisory Committee (RAC)*** *(as alternate)*

Director's Report

Jessica Lunn – Village of Slocan

Report Date: January 1, 2026 – April 30, 2026

Budget Process

The 2026 budget process was completed through a smooth, transparent, and collaborative approach. I would like to sincerely thank staff for their diligent work throughout the process, including the preparation and facilitation of the public budget meeting.

Although public attendance was relatively limited for Slocan/Area H South, the process itself was thorough and thoughtful, with careful review of service levels, needs, and financial pressures. I appreciate the professionalism and commitment demonstrated by staff and fellow Board members as we worked through a complex budget environment while balancing affordability and service delivery expectations for residents.

Local Government Leadership Academy (LGLA) Forum

I had the opportunity to attend the Local Government Leadership Academy Leadership Forum held March 11–13 in Richmond. This year's theme, *"Finishing Strong: Legacy, Leadership & What Comes Next,"* focused on stewardship, communication, resilience, reconciliation, and the lasting impact of local government leadership. As someone who had not attended many LGLA events previously, I found the experience extremely beneficial. One of the greatest values of the forum was the opportunity for elected officials and senior staff from across British Columbia and First Nations communities to come together, share experiences, and learn from one another. Local government can at times feel isolating, particularly in smaller rural communities, and there was tremendous value in hearing how other communities are approaching common challenges.

Several sessions strongly resonated with me, particularly those focused on storytelling and communication in leadership. The *"Lead with a Story"* sessions explored how effective communication is not simply about sharing information, but about helping people understand change, connect to vision, and move forward together. It reinforced the idea that a large part of local government leadership involves bringing people along through transition and uncertainty.

I also appreciated sessions focused on long-term stewardship, legacy, disaster response, reconciliation, and governance in the final year of a council term. The forum created space not only to discuss infrastructure and policy, but also the human side of leadership — relationships, trust, resilience, and preparing communities for the future.

A particular highlight was the session *"It Seemed Like a Good Idea at the Time…"*, presented in a PechaKucha-style format. Each speaker delivered a fast-paced presentation using timed slides and concise storytelling, creating an engaging and highly entertaining session that balanced humour, honesty, and practical lessons learned from local government experience. The format encouraged speakers to be candid, reflective, and authentic, and it was one of the most memorable sessions of the conference.

I would like to recognize Director Aidan McLaren-Caux for his participation on the panel. It was refreshing to see elected officials openly share lessons learned, challenges encountered, and moments where things did not unfold as originally planned. The session served as an important reminder that meaningful leadership often involves learning through experience, adapting along the way, and maintaining humility and perspective in public service.

Overall, the forum was a valuable professional development opportunity and an important reminder of the importance of continuing to learn and grow as leaders. Local government is constantly evolving, and opportunities to step back, reflect, exchange ideas, and learn from the experiences of others ultimately make us better at what we do for our communities. I would strongly encourage other government leaders to participate in future LGLA events and learning opportunities. The connections, conversations, and shared experiences are incredibly worthwhile and contribute meaningfully to stronger leadership and stronger communities.

REDI Grants

The CBT Resident Directed (REDI) grant community meeting and subsequent allocation process went well this year, with an extremely strong turnout from organizations across the region. It is always heartwarming and inspiring to see how many groups are actively working to improve quality of life, strengthen community connections, and support residents throughout the region.

As per usual, applications were oversubscribed, and demand far exceeded available funding. While it is always difficult when resources only allow support for a portion of projects, the committee worked diligently to review submissions fairly and thoughtfully and did its best to allocate funding in a way that would maximize regional benefit.

Slocan Updates:

Affordable Housing Project

Construction continues to progress steadily on **ḱmqín (Headwaters)**, the new affordable housing development in Slocan, with framing substantially complete and roofing now underway.

In April, the community gathered for an Open House and Community Celebration marking the official start of the development. It was wonderful to welcome representatives from M'akola Housing Society, BC Housing, project partners, funders, local leadership, and residents for the occasion, including site tours and opportunities for community members to learn more about the project.

ḱmqín (Headwaters) represents years of collaboration, advocacy, and partnership-building between the Village, the Slocan Valley Housing Society, M’akola Housing Society, BC Housing, and other funding partners. For a small rural community, securing and advancing a housing project of this scale is a significant accomplishment.
Once complete, the development will provide much-needed affordable housing options for seniors, individuals, families, and local workers while helping address ongoing rural housing pressures. Beyond the housing itself, the project reflects a broader commitment to community sustainability, resilience, and ensuring people can continue to live and contribute locally.

It is exciting to now see visible construction progress occurring after many years of planning and community effort.

Expo Soccer Field
After a year of work, the revitalized Expo Soccer Field is now operational and seeing strong community use. The project included significant improvements to the field surface, irrigation infrastructure, grading, and base preparation to create a safer and more resilient recreational amenity for residents and user groups. It has been exciting to see youth soccer, families, and community recreation activities return to the field and make active use of the upgraded space.

Harold Street Reconstruction
The Harold Street Reconstruction Project has now gone out to tender. This important infrastructure project will include upgrades to underground infrastructure, drainage improvements, road reconstruction, traffic calming measures, pedestrian enhancements, and streetscape improvements intended to improve both functionality and the overall feel of the downtown corridor.

The project reflects ongoing Council efforts to invest in long-term infrastructure renewal while creating safer, more accessible, and more welcoming public spaces within the community.

Taxation
The 2026 Village taxation increase reflects the need to maintain core municipal operations and support basic staffing requirements necessary to sustain service delivery levels. Council remained mindful of affordability pressures while balancing the realities of increasing operational and infrastructure costs facing Slocan.

Seasonal Initiatives
Seasonal operations are now underway, including the opening of Springer Creek Campground for the 2026 season. Staff and volunteers also continue to support community beautification and food security initiatives, including assistance with the Community Garden.

Slocan Turns 125
This year marks the 125th anniversary of Slocan. Planning is well underway for community celebrations scheduled for July 18, 2026. A dedicated volunteer committee has been working hard to organize events and activities that celebrate the community's history, culture, and spirit.
The anniversary provides an exciting opportunity to bring residents and visitors together while recognizing the people, stories, and shared experiences that have shaped Slocan over the past 125 years.

Director's Report

Walter Popoff – Area H

Report Date: June 15, 2026

Federation of Canadian Municipalities

June 4-8, 2026
Edmonton, AB

Wednesday, June 3: Travel and Registration

Thursday, June 4: W/S Climate Adaptation: Identify resources to reduce climate risk and move forward with proactive risk reduction. Luncheon W/S Domestic food Importance to Communities. BC Regional Members Meeting.

Friday, June 5: W/S Climate Action Solutions. Political Keynote Speaker Honourable Dominic Leblanc, Conference Canada/US trade negotiations. Effective Local Governance W/S with George Cuff, Municipal governance consultant and former FCM President, and Brenda Orchard, President of the Canadian Association of Municipal Administrators and experienced CAO.

Saturday, June 6: Resolutions Plenary. Village at Griesbach Study Tour: Canada Lands Company's Complete Community with housing for every stage of life

Sunday, June 7: Annual General Meeting, Elections, Political Keynote Speaker Elizabeth May, Closing Plenary: Investing in Canada's communities. Edmonton Closing Gala and Awards

Monday, June 8: Travel Home