



Regional District of Central Kootenay
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
Open Meeting Agenda

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

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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

RECOMMENDATION:
(ALL VOTE)

The agenda for the June 18, 2026 Regular Open Board meeting be adopted as circulated with the addition of the addendum.

2.3 Adoption of the Minutes

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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

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Gary Diers, Zan Mautner, Carolyn Schramm

2.4.2 Public Libraries within the RDCK

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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.
Board Meeting - May 21, 2026
RES 229/26 - Referred to June 18, 2026 Board meeting**

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4. COMMITTEES & COMMISSIONS

4.1 With Recommendations

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

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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

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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

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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

The minutes of the Community Sustainable Living Advisory Committee meeting held June 16, 2026 will be received in the addenda package.

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

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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 140 - 142

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 143 - 144

The Alternative Approval Process results for the Electoral Areas A, B, and C Dangerous and Aggressive Dog Control Service Establishment Bylaw No. 3067, 2026, will be received in the addenda package.

5.4 Bylaw 3009: Regional District of Central Kootenay Dangerous and Aggressive Dog Regulatory
The Regional District of Central Kootenay Dangerous and Aggressive Dog Regulatory Bylaw No. 3009, 2026 will be received in the addenda package.

5.5 Bylaw 3082: Regional District of Central Kootenay Bylaw Enforcement Notice and Dispute Adjudication System Amendment 145 - 149

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

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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
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.

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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 171 - 187

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 4 188 - 191

That the Board Report from AJ Evenson, Senior Project Manager, 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 5 192 - 196

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** 197 - 207
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** 208 - 274
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** 275 - 292
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: Director's Recommendations**
Directors were advised to send staff their recommendations regarding the Directors Remuneration discussion that took place at the May 21, 2026 Board meeting.

RECOMMENDATION:
(ALL VOTE)

1. 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.

RECOMMENDATION:

(ALL VOTE)

2. 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)

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

6.3.3 2026 Financial Service Grants

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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)

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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 357 - 360
 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 361 - 364
 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 365 - 387
 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 388 - 393

RECOMMENDATION:
 (ALL VOTE)

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

<u>AREA A</u>		
Alice Siding Water Society	Strengthening Awareness to our goal	\$350
<u>AREA E</u>		
Nelson and District	Canada Day Regional	\$1,000

Chamber Of Commerce	Celebration	
<u>AREA H</u>		
Slocan Solutions Society	Friends of the Valley Voice Celebration	\$1,500
Treehugger Events Society	HARMONY	\$500
<u>AREA J</u>		
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

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RECOMMENDATION:
(ALL VOTE)

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

<u>AREA A</u>		
Crawford Bay & District Hall & Parks Association	Crawford Bay Hall Rejuvenation Project	\$20,000
Creston Valley Chamber of Commerce	301 Suite Coworking Space	\$10,000
<u>AREA C</u>		
Creston Valley Chamber of Commerce	301 Suite Coworking Space	\$10,000
<u>AREA D</u>		
Lardeau Valley Opportunity LINKS Society	LINKS Operations and Project Supports	\$15,000
<u>AREA E</u>		
Nelson & District Chamber of Commerce	Canada Day Reg Community Celebration	\$1,000
<u>AREA H</u>		
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 Society	Seniors Transportation	\$7,000
<u>AREA I</u>		
Destination Castlegar	Fish Out Derby	\$1,500

(Castlegar & District Chamber of Commerce)		
Shoreacres Hall Society	Community Development	\$2,000
<u>AREA J</u>		
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
<u>AREA K</u>		
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
<u>SALMO</u>		
Salmo Emergency Support Services Team	Support Services	\$500
Village of Salmo	Salmo's 80th Birthday Celebration	\$2,000
<u>SLOCAN</u>		
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

The minutes of the Rural Affairs Committee meeting held June 17, 2026 will be received in the addenda package.

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

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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.

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

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Staff received directions regarding the Development Permit Application.

9.1.2	Area A Advisory Planning and Heritage Commission: minutes May 11, 2026 Staff received direction regarding the Development Variance Permit Application and the Bylaw Amendment Referral form.	423 - 426
9.1.3	Area B Advisory Planning and Heritage Commission: minutes May 26, 2026 Staff received direction regarding the Development Variance Permit Application, Agricultural Land Reserve referrals, and the Bylaw Amendment Referral form.	427 - 430
9.1.4	Creston Valley Agricultural Advisory Commission: minutes May 27, 2026 Staff received direction regarding Agricultural Land Reserve referrals and the Bylaw Amendment Referral form.	431 - 434
9.1.5	Area I Advisory Planning and Heritage Commission: minutes May 27, 2026 Staff received direction regarding Development Variance Permit Applications, Bylaw Amendment Application, Zoning Bylaw Amendment Application, Bylaw Amendment Referral Form, and Brilliant Headpond Stewardship Collaborative.	435 - 439
9.1.6	Nelson and District Recreation Commission No. 5: minutes May 27, 2026	440 - 443
9.1.7	Rosebery Parkland and Trails Commission: minutes May 28, 2026 Staff received direction regarding the resignation of a commission member.	444 - 447
9.1.8	Area A Economic Development Commission: minutes June 2, 2026	448 - 450
9.1.9	Castlegar and District Recreation Commission: minutes June 2, 2026	451 - 454
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	455 - 457
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.	458 - 460
9.2.3	The letter dated May 21, 2026 from Ryan Windsor, District of Central Saanich, requesting for dedicated provincial funding to	461 - 462

	support municipalities that achieve provincially mandated housing targets.	
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.	463 - 464
9.2.5	The letter dated June 3, 2026 from Cori Ramsay, UBCM, confirming receipt of RDCK's resolutions for the 2026 UBCM Convention.	465 - 467
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.	468 - 472
9.3	For Information: Accounts Payable The Accounts Payable Summary for May 2026 in the amount of \$2,177,484 has been received for information.	473 - 492
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	493 - 494
9.4.1.2	Letter of Support: BC Inland Ferry Coalition	495
9.4.2	Director Watson	
9.4.2.1	Director's Report: Activities Director Watson's report will be received in the addenda package.	
9.4.2.2	Letter of Support: Jewett Greenhouse Project	496 - 498
9.4.3	Director Graham	
9.4.3.1	Director's Report: Homeless Encampment in Area E	499 - 503
9.4.3.2	Letter of Support: BC Inland Ferry Coalition	504 - 505
9.4.4	Director McLaren-Caux: May 11-June8 Activities	506 - 514
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9.4.5 Director Lunn: Q1 Report of Activities

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.



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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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2.1 Traditional Lands Acknowledgement Statement

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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	Infrastructure 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	\$100 Training and Recertification (\$100A)	\$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	Infrastructure 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	Infrastructure 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 Celebration	\$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 Slokan 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	Infrastructure 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 Slokan 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 Slokan Valley Veterans Project	\$400.00
Area H	Slokan Integral Forestry Cooperative	SIFCo Resiliency Centre Emergency Upgrades	\$1,000.00
Area H	Slokan Lake Arts Council (Society)	Music in the Park (MITP)	\$2,000.00
Area H	Slokan Lake Early Learning Society	Branching Out: The 50th Anniversary Strategic Launch	\$200.00
Area H	Slokan Park Community Hall Society	Bathroom Pipes Retrofit	\$1,000.00
Area H	Slokan Solutions Society	FibreFeelia 2026	\$300.00
Area H	Slokan Solutions Society	ND bear smart working group. Electric Fencing/Fruit Tree Replacement Cost-Share	\$600.00
Area H	Slokan Solutions Society	North Slokan Community Library	\$200.00
Area H	Slokan Solutions Society	Purchase Library Books and Reading Chair for Lucerne Elementary Secondary School	\$400.00
Area H	Slokan Solutions Society	Slokan Saturday Market	\$2,500.00
Area H	Slokan Solutions Society	The Art of Safe Keeping	\$250.00
Area H	Slokan Solutions Society	Valhalla Community Choir	\$400.00
Area H	Slokan Valley Community Band	Stands and Folders	\$300.00
Area H	Slokan Valley Housing Society	Slokan 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 K Arrow 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 Slokan Lakes Community Services	Medical Van Program	\$8,000.00
Area K Bayview/Nakusp	Arrow and Slokan 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 K Fauquier	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	Ingorate 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 Slokan 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 Slokan 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 Slokan Valley Veterans Project	\$500.00
New Denver	Slokan Integral Forestry Cooperative	SIFCo Resiliency Centre Emergency Upgrades	\$300.00
New Denver	Slokan Lake Arts Council (Society)	Music in the Park (MITP)	\$2,250.00
New Denver	Slokan Lake Early Learning Society	Branching Out: The 50th Anniversary Strategic Launch	\$1,000.00
New Denver	Slokan Solutions Society	FibreFeelia 2026	\$500.00
New Denver	Slokan Solutions Society	ND bear smart working group. Electric Fencing/Fruit Tree Replacement Cost-Share	\$500.00
New Denver	Slokan Solutions Society	North Slokan Community Library	\$1,200.00
New Denver	Slokan Solutions Society	Purchase Library Books and Reading Chair for Lucerne Elementary Secondary School	\$500.00
New Denver	Slokan Solutions Society	The Art of Safe Keeping	\$200.00
New Denver	Slokan 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 Slokan 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 Slokan 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 Slokan Valley Veterans Project	\$500.00
Silverton	Silverton Community Club	Outdoor mining equipment signage with QR code	\$500.00
Silverton	Slokan Integral Forestry Cooperative	SIFCo Resiliency Centre Emergency Upgrades	\$200.00
Silverton	Slokan Lake Arts Council (Society)	Music in the Park (MITP)	\$1,500.00
Silverton	Slokan Lake Early Learning Society	Branching Out: The 50th Anniversary Strategic Launch	\$1,500.00
Silverton	Slokan Solutions Society	FibreFeelia 2026	\$500.00
Silverton	Slokan Solutions Society	ND bear smart working group. Electric Fencing/Fruit Tree Replacement Cost-Share	\$380.00
Silverton	Slokan Solutions Society	North Slokan Community Library	\$1,000.00
Silverton	Slokan Solutions Society	Purchase Library Books and Reading Chair for Lucerne Elementary Secondary School	\$500.00
Silverton	Slokan Solutions Society	The Art of Safe Keeping	\$350.00
Silverton	Slokan 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	FibreFeelie 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
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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	Sroule Creek Footbridge Replacement	\$35,000
Nelson Road Kings Car Club	Car Show	\$1,500
Taghum Community Society	KidsCAN camp	\$1,300

AREA G

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

Kootenay Wellness Foundation	Kootenay Wellness Festival	\$1,000
Village of Slocan	Slocan's 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:

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
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AREA D

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

AREA E

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

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

Renascence Arts and Sustainability Society	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 Slokan Trails Society	Ranch Ridge Trail Build	\$5,000
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AREA I

Glade Community Hall	Operational Cost Offset 2025	\$2,000
Glade Recreation Commission	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
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AREA K

Arrow Lakes Caribou Society	ALCS Habitat Restoration Engagement	\$3,000
Burton Elementary School	Cultural and Celebration field trip	\$500
<u>SALMO</u>		
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 Hephher 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 Wasylshyn 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 to 7:00am 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, 2026 Regular 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.

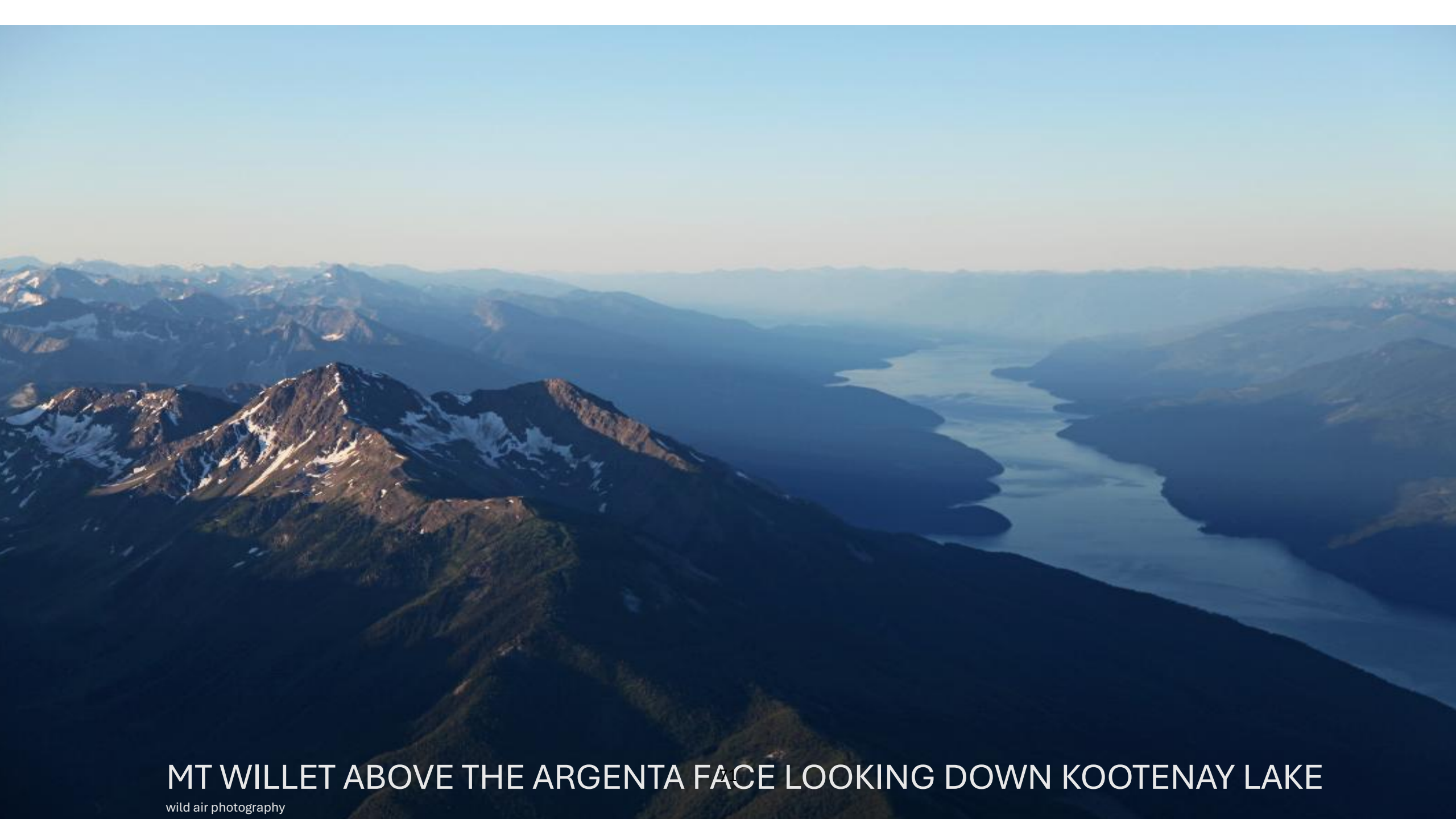
Carried

Aimee Watson, RDCK Board Chair

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

Purcell Wilderness
Conservancy
Provincial Park

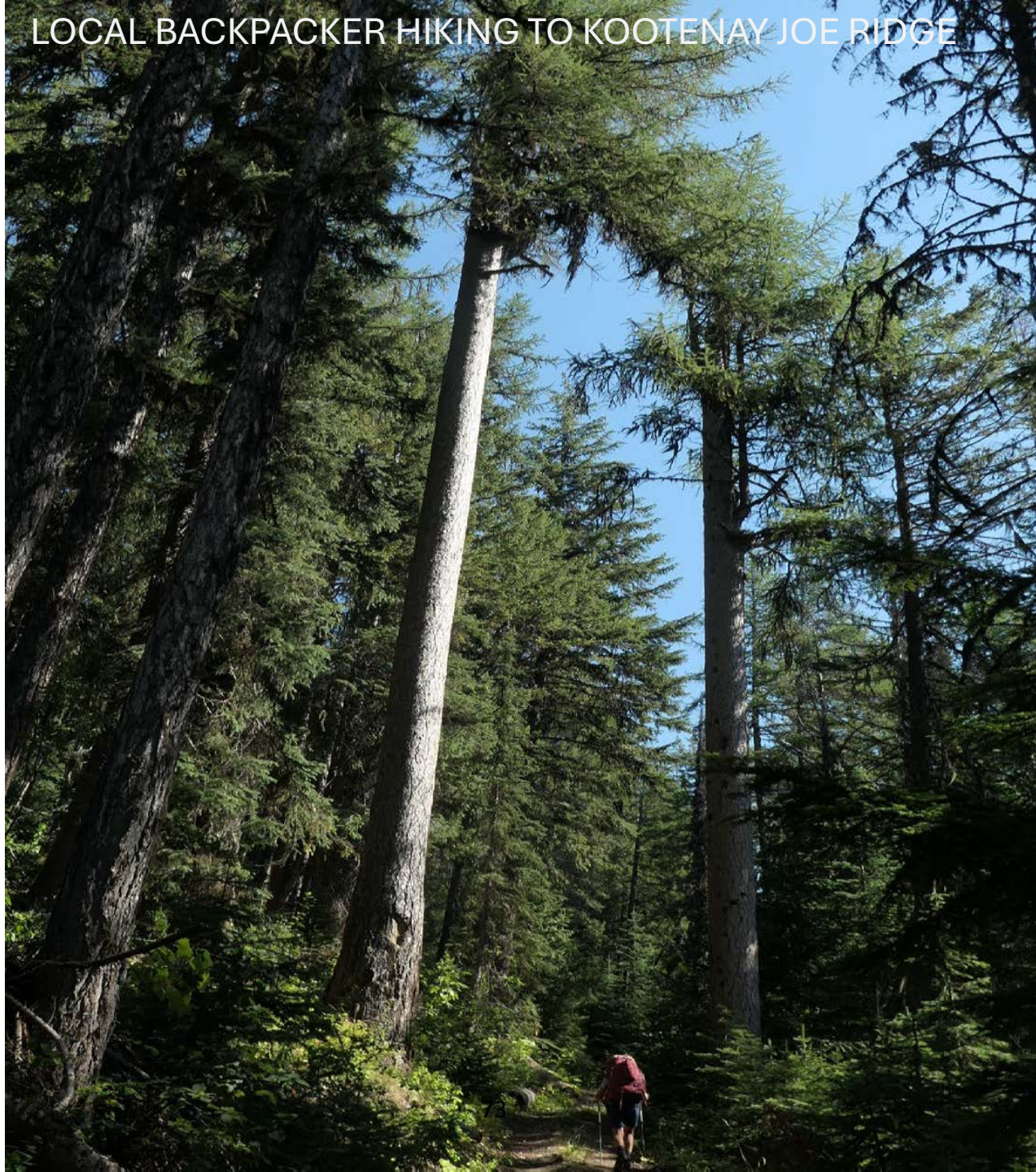
ARGENTA

JOHNSON'S LANDING

Davis Creek

Lost Ledge

LOCAL BACKPACKER HIKING TO KOOTENAY JOE RIDGE



A wooden sign with three horizontal planks, mounted on a concrete base. The sign is flanked by two dark, curved posts. The background is a dense forest of green trees.

KOOTENAY LAKE

PROVINCIAL PARK

DAVIS CREEK SITE









ARGENTA FIRE 2024





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JOHNSONS LANDING SLIDE 2012















RDCK FUNDED LIBRARIES

CASTLEGAR, CRESTON, KASLO, NAKUSP, NELSON, SALMO



OUR LIBRARIES



CASTLEGAR

6,124*

CRESTON

8518

KASLO

1462

NAKUSP

1,200

NELSON

8,355

SALMO

1,163

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

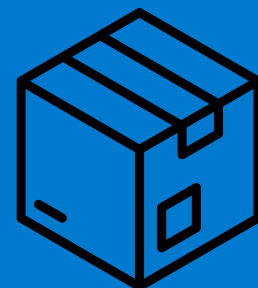
CORE SERVICES

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.



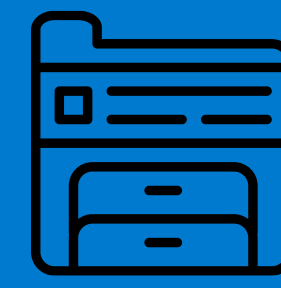
INTER-LIBRARY LOAN

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

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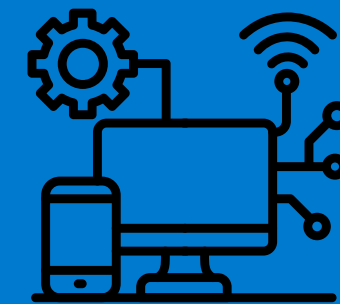
MEETING SPACE

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.

VISITORS

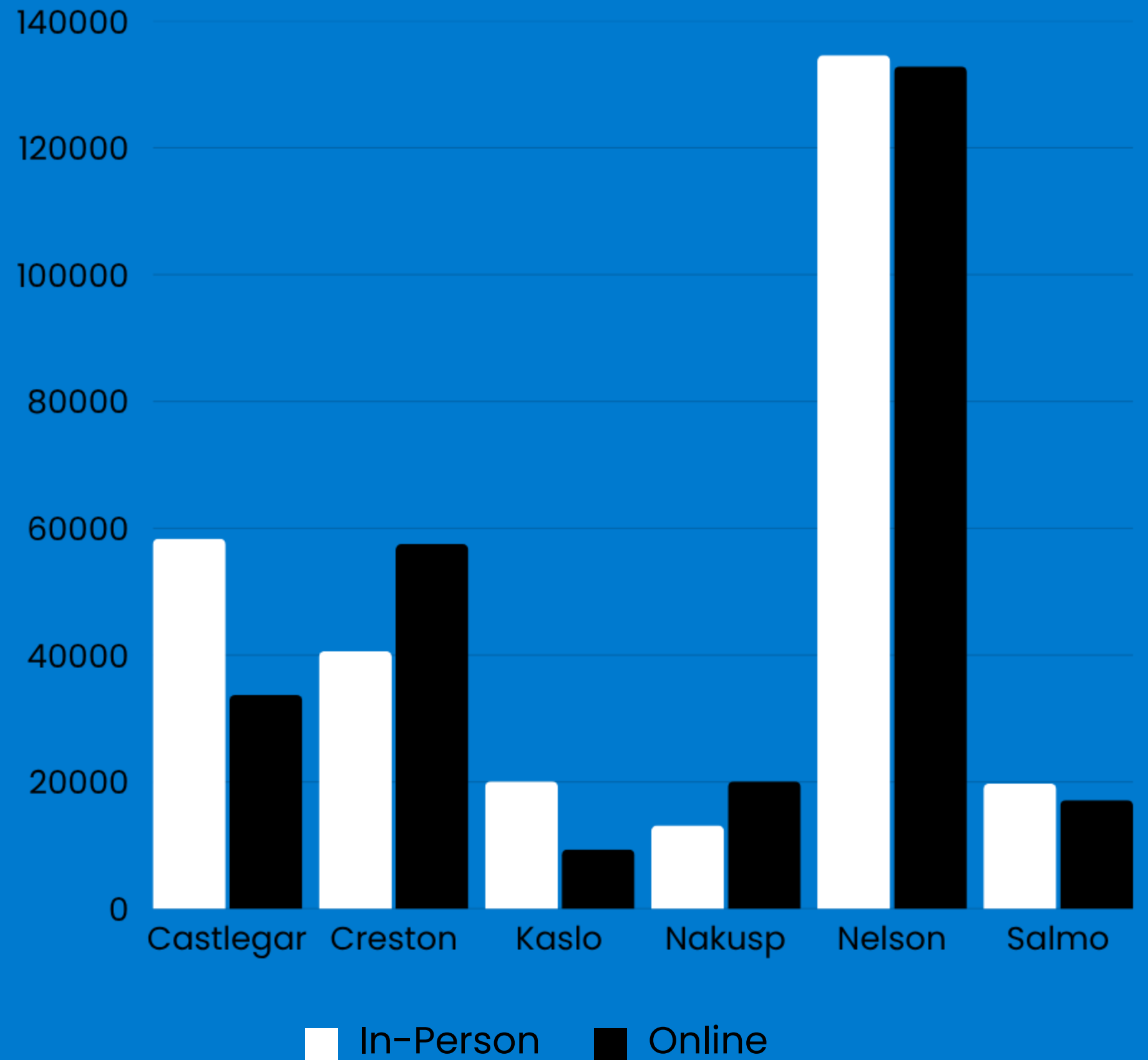
(2025)

Total in-person visits

286,559

Total online visits

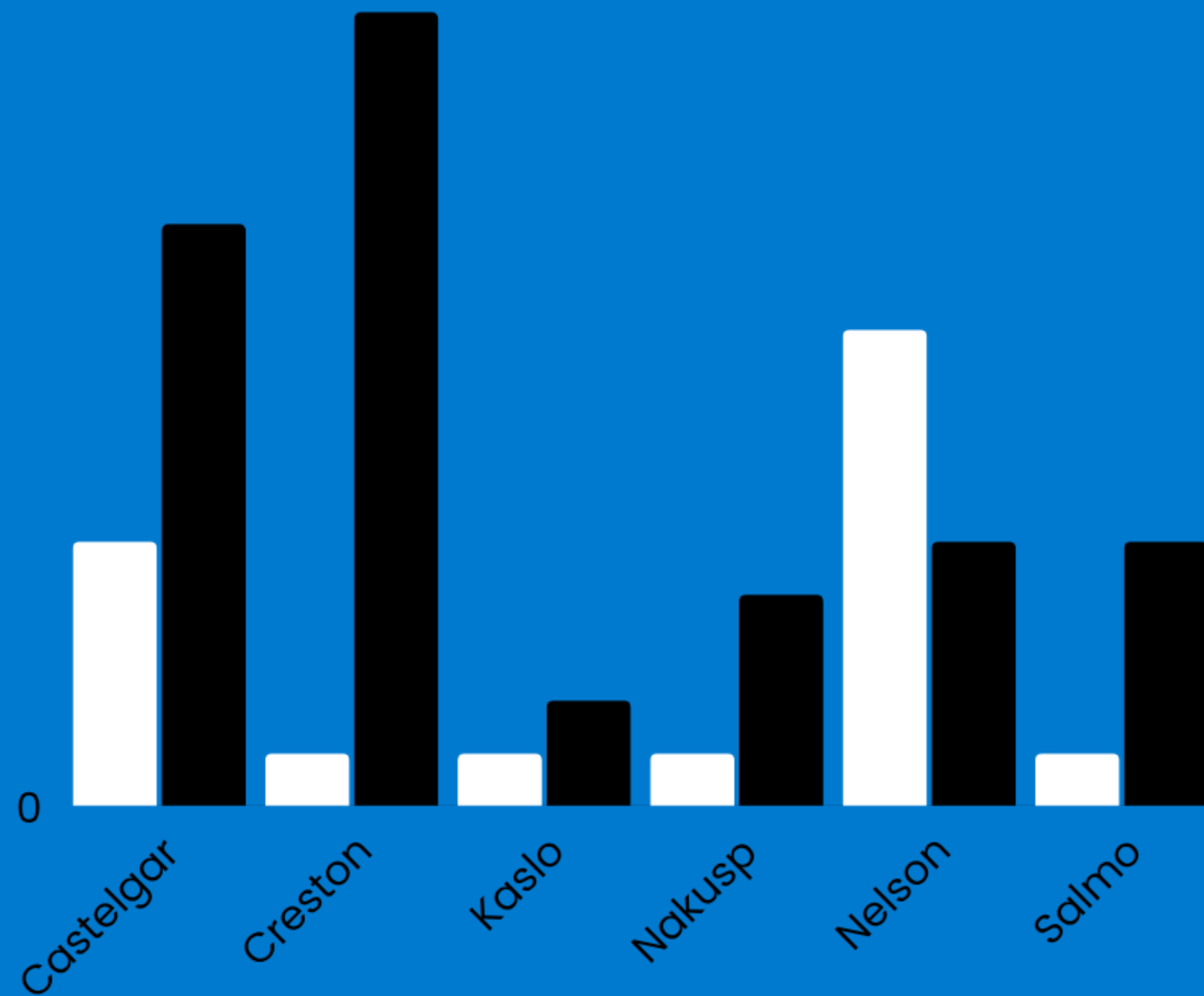
270,678



RDCK FUNDED LIBRARIES

Full-Time
Part-Time

20



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.

COMMUNITY HIGHLIGHTS

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



CRESTON

Presented by Saara Itkonen, Library Director.



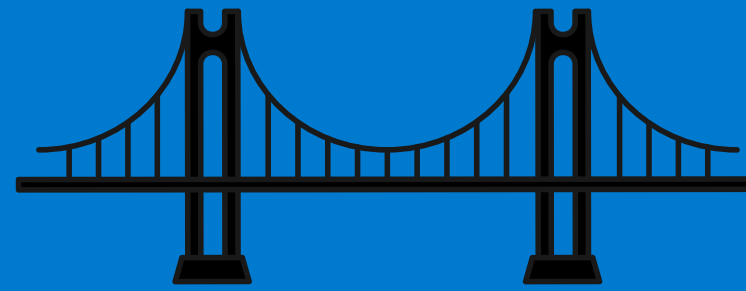
NAKUSP

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 .

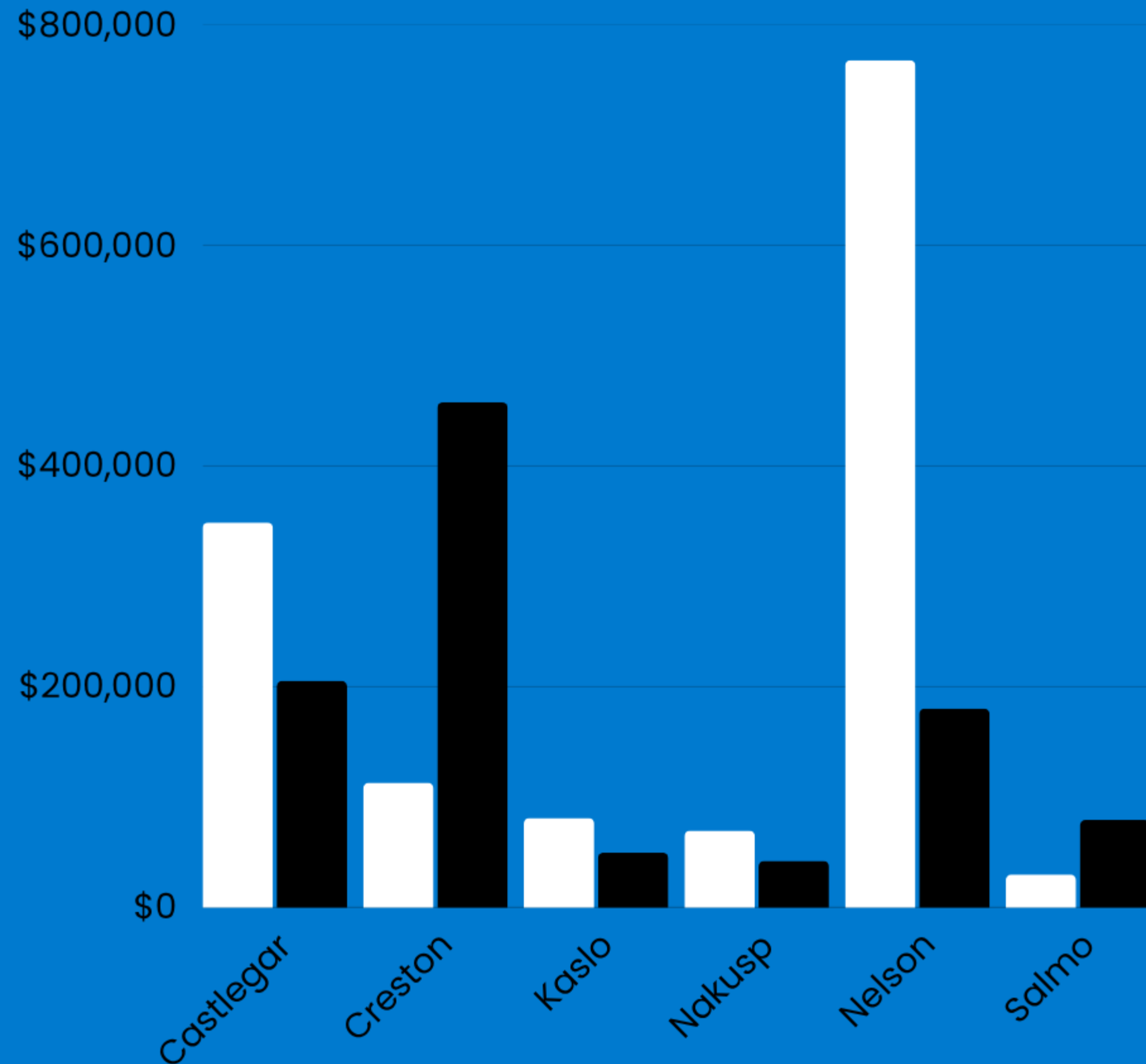


KASLO

Presented by Darlene Edwards.

 **RDCK FUNDED LIBRARIES**

■ Municipal
■ Regional District



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 struggling 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 FACILITIES

Groceries, gas, housing = increases in vulnerable community members

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

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
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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
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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

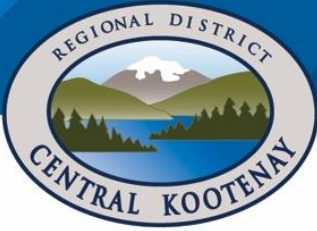
RECOMMENDATION(S) TO THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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
Debtenture/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
Debtenture/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
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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**

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/94936684168?pwd=dedYnz9a1T9QMQB87jCkTcsLdgrEM.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

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=VkcPYOvOWnMTDNowScaJt12nFYz8zN.1>

Join by Phone:

+1 778 907 2071 Canada Toll Free

*6 to unmute or mute

*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 2026 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 Yaqaan 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 coarse, 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, ALTERNATE DIRECTORS, DELEGATIONS AND STAFF be excluded from the meeting;

AND FURTHER, in accordance with Section 90 of the Community Charter, the meeting is to be closed on the basis(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

Arnold DeBoon, Chair



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 2 nd Reading
July 16, 2026	Board grants 3 rd 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 18 th , 2026	Assent vote Advance Poll
November 28 th , 2026	Assent vote General Poll

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

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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 Administrative 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 programming 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 programming 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

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.

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:

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



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

S222

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.

S227

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.

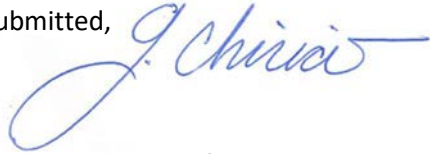
6.0 OPTIONS CONSIDERED BUT NOT PRESENTED

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

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

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. 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

APPENDIX	BYLAW	BYLAW NO.
Appendix 1	Unsightly Property Bylaw	No. 1687, 2004
Appendix 2	Noise Control Bylaw	No. 2440, 2015
Appendix 3	Nuisance Bylaw	No. 2043, 2009
Appendix 4	E/F Dog Control Regulatory Bylaw	No. 2387, 2014
Appendix 5	Specified Portions I/J Dog Control Bylaw	No. 2388, 2014
Appendix 6	Define Area K Dog Control Bylaw	No. 2389, 2014
Appendix 7	Building Bylaw	No. 2200, 2010
Appendix 8	Soil Removal/Deposit Bylaw	No. 1183, 1996
Appendix 9	Parks Regulation Bylaw	No. 2173, 2011
Appendix 10	Manufactured Home Parks Bylaw	No. 1082, 1995
Appendix 11	A: Comprehensive Land Use Bylaw	No. 2315, 2013
Appendix 12	B: Comprehensive Land Use Bylaw	No. 2316, 2013
Appendix 13	C: Comprehensive Land Use Bylaw	No. 2317, 2013
Appendix 14	Zoning Bylaw	No. 1675, 2004
Appendix 15	Salmo River Valley Electoral Area G Land Use	No. 2452, 2018
Appendix 16	Electoral Area D Comprehensive Land Use Bylaw	No. 2435, 2016
Appendix 17	Resource Recovery Facilities Regulatory Bylaw	No. 3065, 2026
Appendix 18	Regional District of Central Kootenay Water Bylaw	No. 3078, 2026

Schedule A
APPENDIX 18
Regional District of Central Kootenay Water Bylaw No. 3078, 2026

Bylaw Section	Description	A1	A2	A3	A4
	The following fines apply to the Contraventions Below	Penalty Amount (\$)	Discounted Penalty: Within 14 days (\$)	Late Payment After 28 days (\$)	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
APPENDIX 18
Regional District of Central Kootenay Water Bylaw No. 3078, 2026

Bylaw Section	Description	A1	A2	A3	A4
	The following fines apply to the Contraventions Below	Penalty Amount (\$)	Discounted Penalty: Within 14 days (\$)	Late Payment After 28 days (\$)	Compliance Agreement Availability & Discount (%)
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

Schedule A
APPENDIX 18
Regional District of Central Kootenay Water Bylaw No. 3078, 2026

Bylaw Section	Description	A1	A2	A3	A4
14.6 (3)	The following fines apply to the Contraventions Below Refusal to Provide Meter Reading	Penalty Amount (\$) 50	Discounted Penalty: Within 14 days (\$) 40	Late Payment After 28 days (\$) 60	Compliance Agreement Availability & Discount (%) 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

Table with 7 columns: Loan Authorization Bylaw #, Purpose, Amount of Borrowing Authorized, Amount Already Borrowed, Borrowing Authority Remaining, Term of Issue, Amount of Issue. Row 1: 3084, Phase 1 closure & berm of the Creston Landfill, \$1,692,900, \$, \$1,692,900, 25 yrs, \$975,000. Row 2: 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

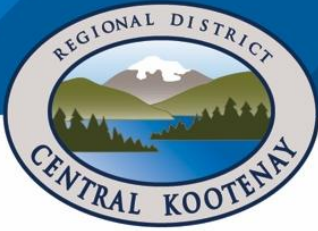
Treasurer

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

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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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 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)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Working Group member - Liaison/communication with agricultural industry

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 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)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 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)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Kept informed of process - Line of sight to other IRR initiatives - Expertise on First Nations engagement and consultation
Ministry of Forests	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Completed Terms of Reference 	May (1/2 day)

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Completed workplan with meeting schedule 	
2	2. Watershed Values, Future State, and Issues	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Identify possible tools available 	August (1 day)
5	3. Determine Suitable Tool(s)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Analysis of tools available 	September (1 day)
6	3. Determine Suitable Tool(s)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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 nu?kiy 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 nu?kiy 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 nu?kiy members are invited to share perspectives in the manner most appropriate to their governance and cultural protocols.		
[2a] yaqan nu?kiy Pre-Engagement and Internal Process	Confirm with yaqan nu?kiy 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 nu?kiy 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 nu?kiy 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: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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 nu?kiy	Support development of and share background documents on tools available to: Watershed Stewardship and Security Branch (WSSB), Authorizations, RDCK, and — in consultation with yaqan nu?kiy — First Nations governance and stewardship mechanisms. Confirm with yaqan nu?kiy 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 nu?kiy 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.	
[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.	

<p>[2d] Summary of Joint Recommendations to Leadership</p>	<p>Draft joint recommendation document for review by all WG members. Include: recommended tool(s); rationale; next steps required by each party (yaqan nu?kiy, RDCK, Province); resource and timeline implications; unresolved issues requiring leadership direction.</p>	<p>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).</p>	<p>Decision: Joint recommendation document endorsed by WG. Next steps defined for yaqan nu?kiy Nasookin & Council, RDCK Board, and provincial leadership. Handoff document prepared for leadership review and direction.</p>	
<p>[3] Leadership Briefing and Transition</p>	<p>Coordinate briefing notes or presentations to: yaqan nu?kiy Nasookin & Council; RDCK Board; relevant provincial ministry leads. Confirm format and timing with each party.</p>	<p>Each party supports delivery of the recommendation(s) to their respective leadership. Participate in leadership briefings as requested.</p>	<p>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.</p>	



Board Report – For Information

June 18, 2026

Goat River Watershed Water Sustainability Planning – What We Heard Report

Author:	Camille LeBlanc, Community Resilience Coordinator
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Electoral Area/Municipality:	Creston & Area A, B and C
Services Impacted	S105 Community Sustainable Living Advisory

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 UPDATE

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

CONCURRENCE

Chief Administration Officer – Stuart Horn

Approved

General Manager of Development Services and Community Sustainability – Amy Wilson

Approved

Sustainability & Resilience Supervisor – Paris Marshall Smith

Approved

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](https://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.

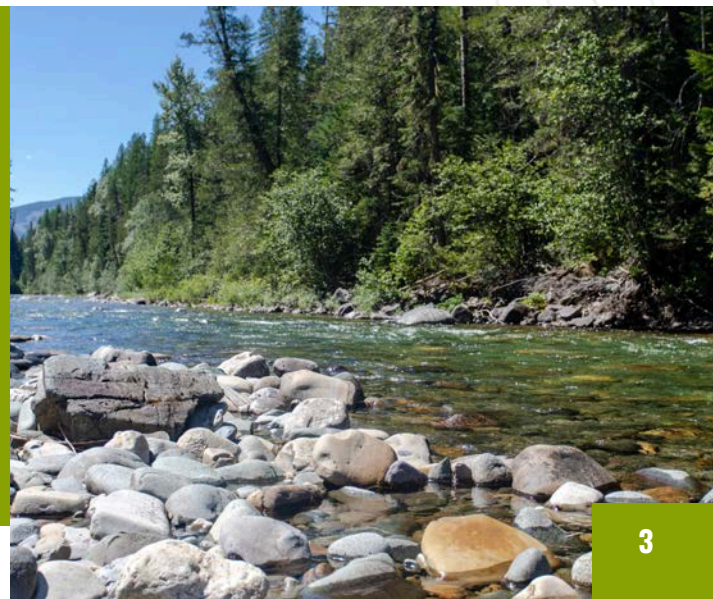
A consistent finding from producer conversations was that timing has become as significant a concern as total supply. Water is typically available in spring, but demand peaks in July and August are exactly when late-season flows have been declining most noticeably. As one producer put it: “We do not 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

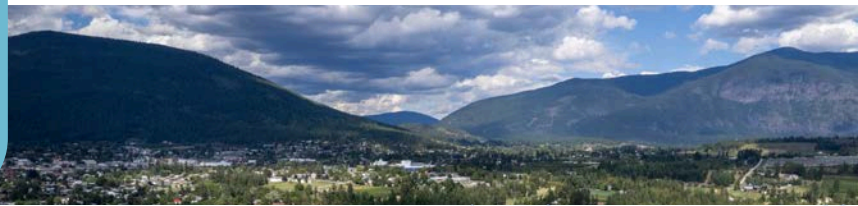
THEME 4: LAND USE, FORESTRY, AND WATERSHED HEALTH

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

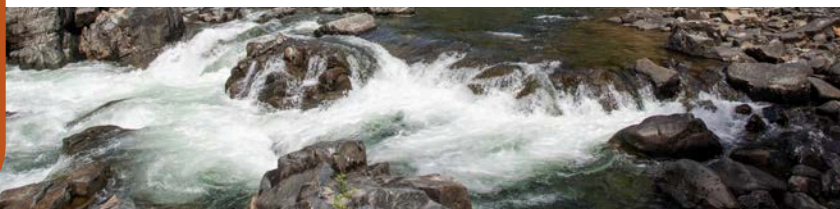
THEME 6: COMMUNICATION, TRUST, AND SHARED LEARNING

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 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 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

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3.2 Legislative Considerations

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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

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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:

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| • 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;

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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;

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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.
Project Manager
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 reconstruction, 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



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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 UPDATE

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

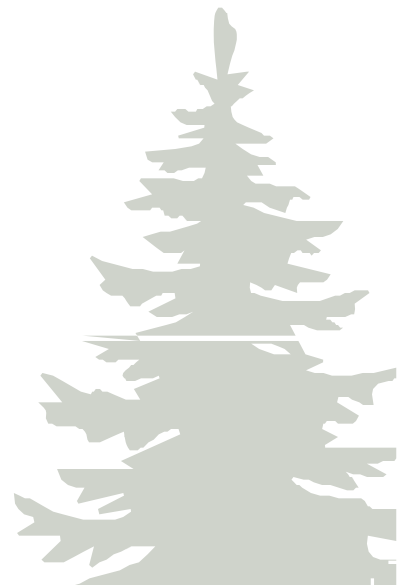
ATTACHMENTS:

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, respectively¹. Last year, the May 1st average of all snow stations in British Columbia was extremely low at 66% of normal². 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 basins³. 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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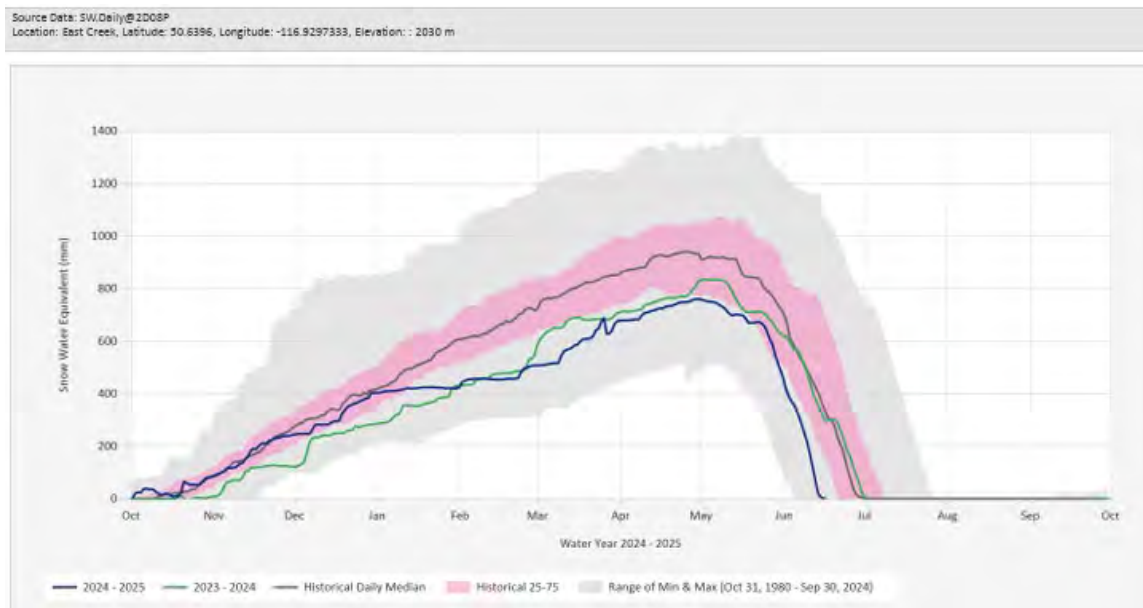


Figure 1. Snow Water Equivalent (SWE; mm) 2025 data from the East Creek snow survey (station ID: 2D08P) within the West Kootenay Basin (2023-2024 data represented by green line).

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.

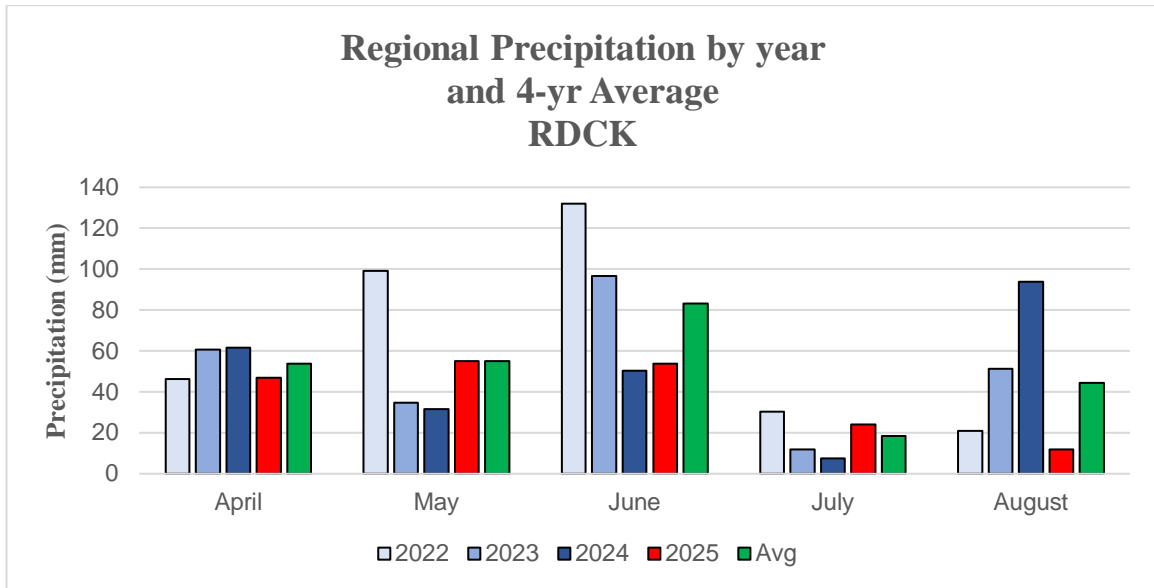


Figure 2. Precipitation values (rainfall and snow accumulation; mm) recorded at the Nelson Rixen Creek weather gauge (ID: 114EMDM) for 01 April – 31 August 2025; 2022-2025 average (green); 2025 (red).

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 conditions⁴. 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°C to +1.5°C relative to average⁵. 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 data⁶ 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

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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.

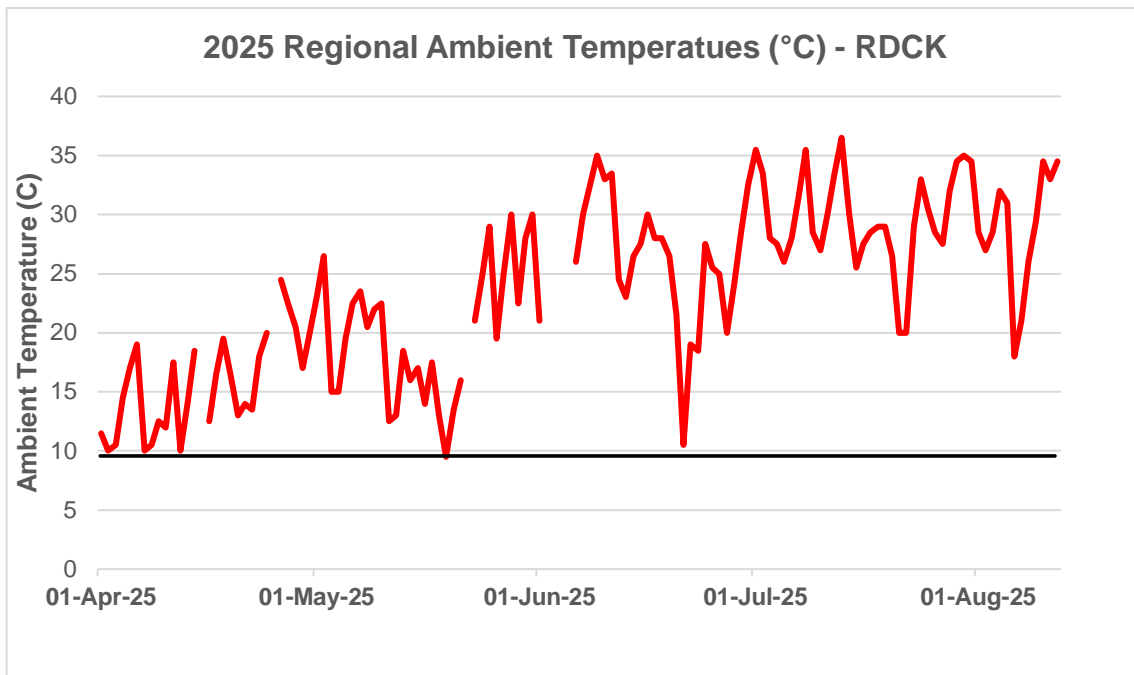


Figure 3. Maximum daily ambient temperatures (C) as recorded at the Nelson Rixen Weather Station (ID: 114EMDM) 01 April – 31 August 2025. Black lines represent minimum (8°C) mosquito hatching threshold temperature.

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, kiddie 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).

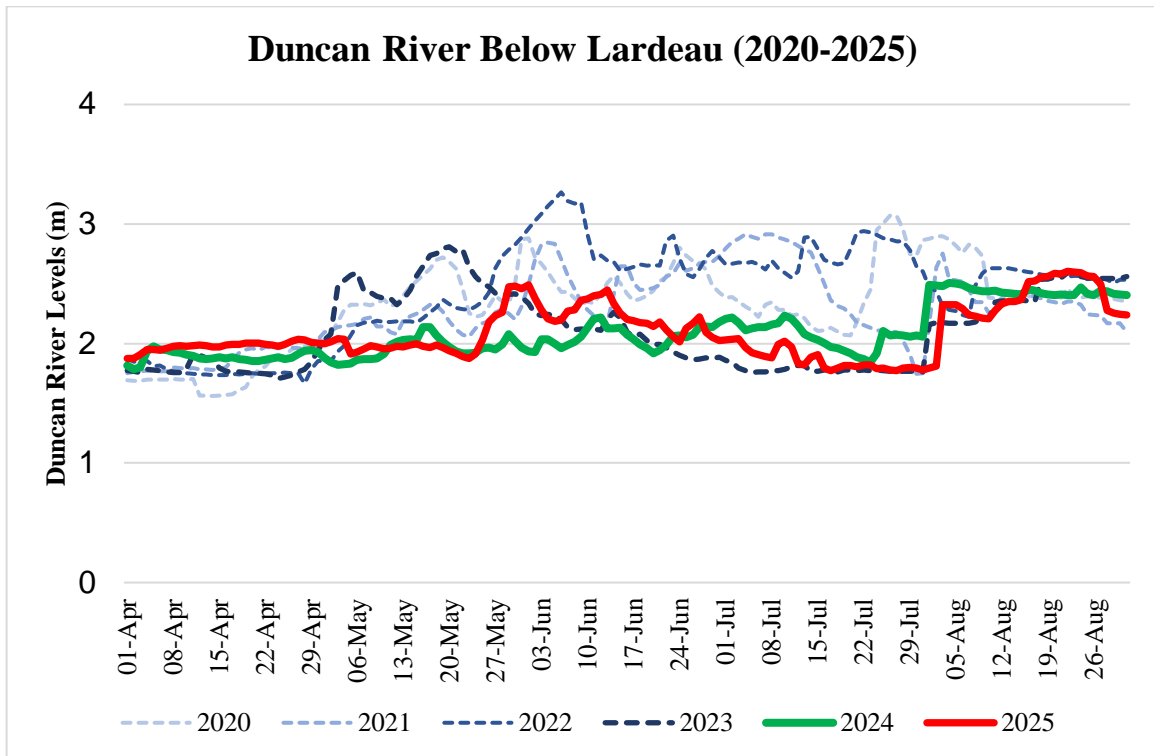


Figure 4. 2020-2025 water levels (m) as recorded for the Duncan River (Below Lardeau gauge, 08NH118); 2025 data (red) as reported by the River Forecast Centre (01 April – 31 August).

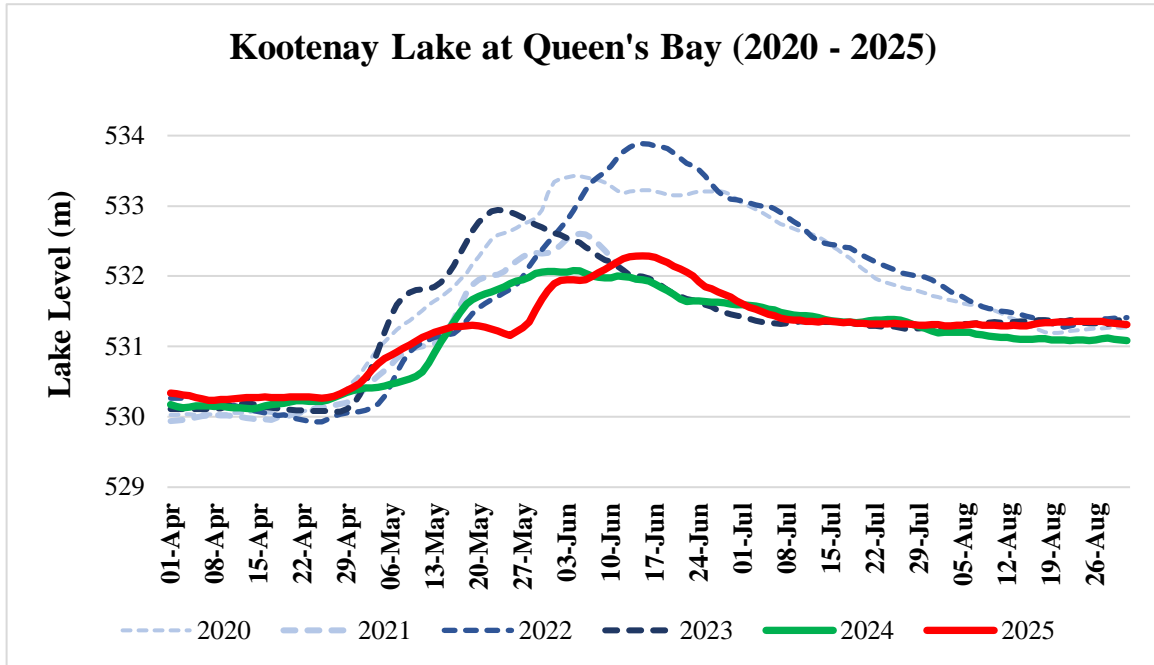


Figure 5. 2020-2025 water levels (m) as recorded for Kootenay Lake (Queens Bay gauge, 08NH064); 2025 data (red) as reported by the River Forecast Centre (01 April – 31 August).

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 (3rd or 4th 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.

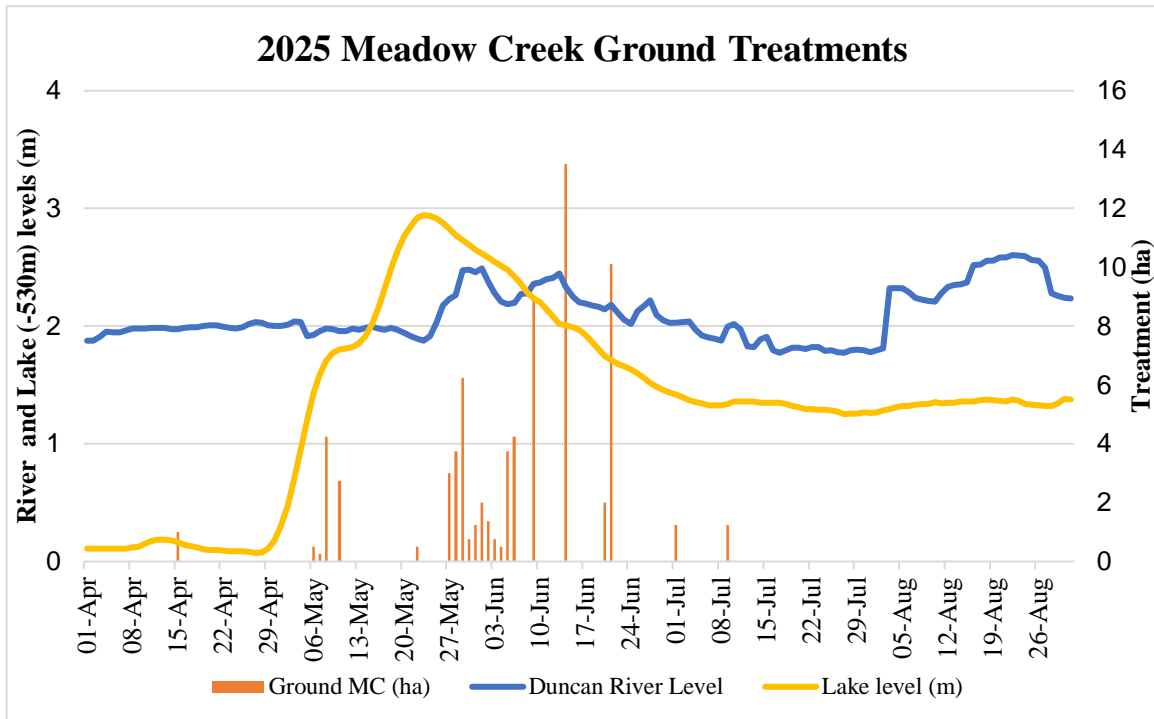


Figure 6. Duncan River levels (m; Below Lardeau gauge) and Kootenay Lake (m; Queens Bay gauge) with total mosquito development area treated by ground (ha) from 1 April–31 August 2025 for Meadow Creek. Note ground treatments (ha) are recorded on the alternate y-axis.

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.

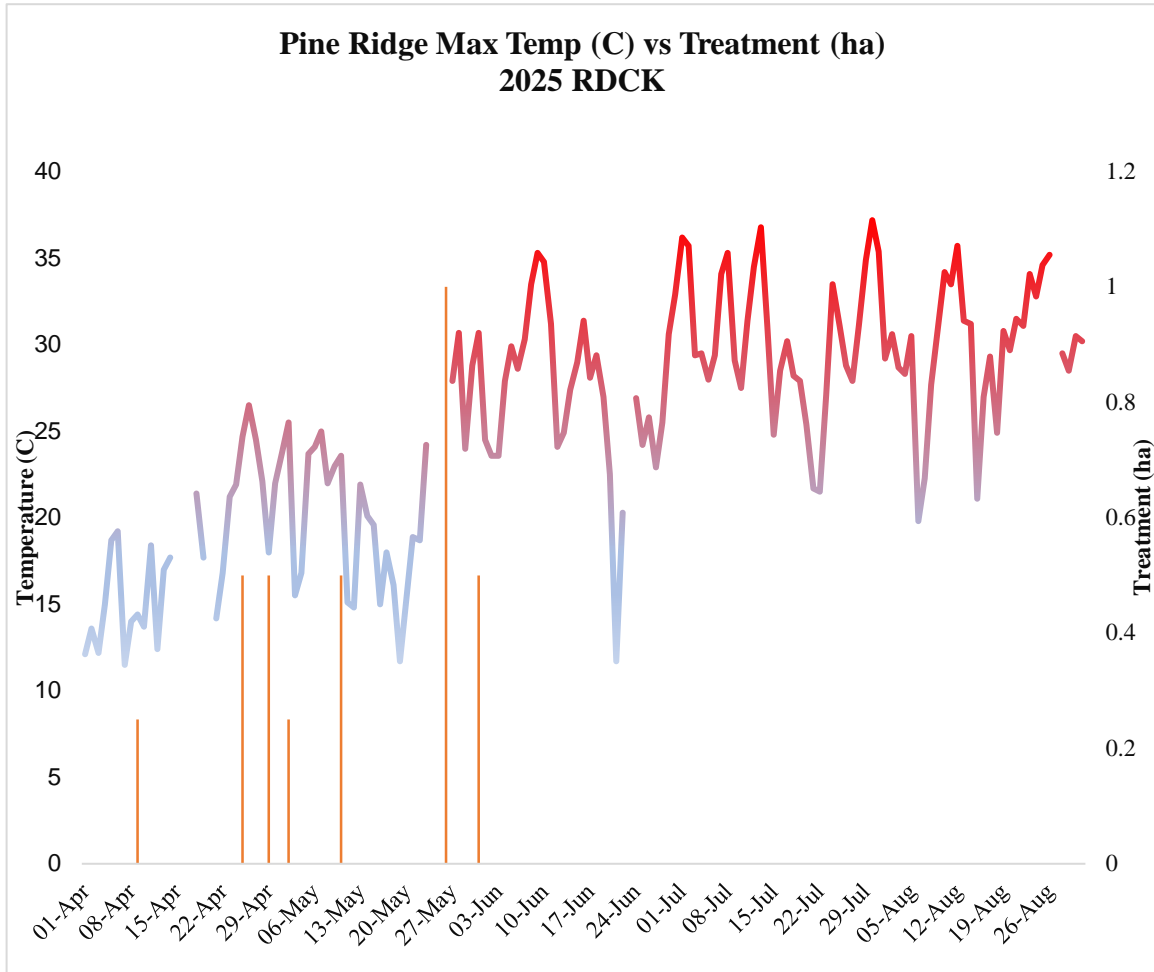


Figure 7. Daily high ambient temperature (C°; Nelson Rixen weather station) with total mosquito development area treated by ground (ha) from 1 April – 31 August 2025 for Pine Ridge. Note ground treatments (ha) are recorded on the alternate y-axis.

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.

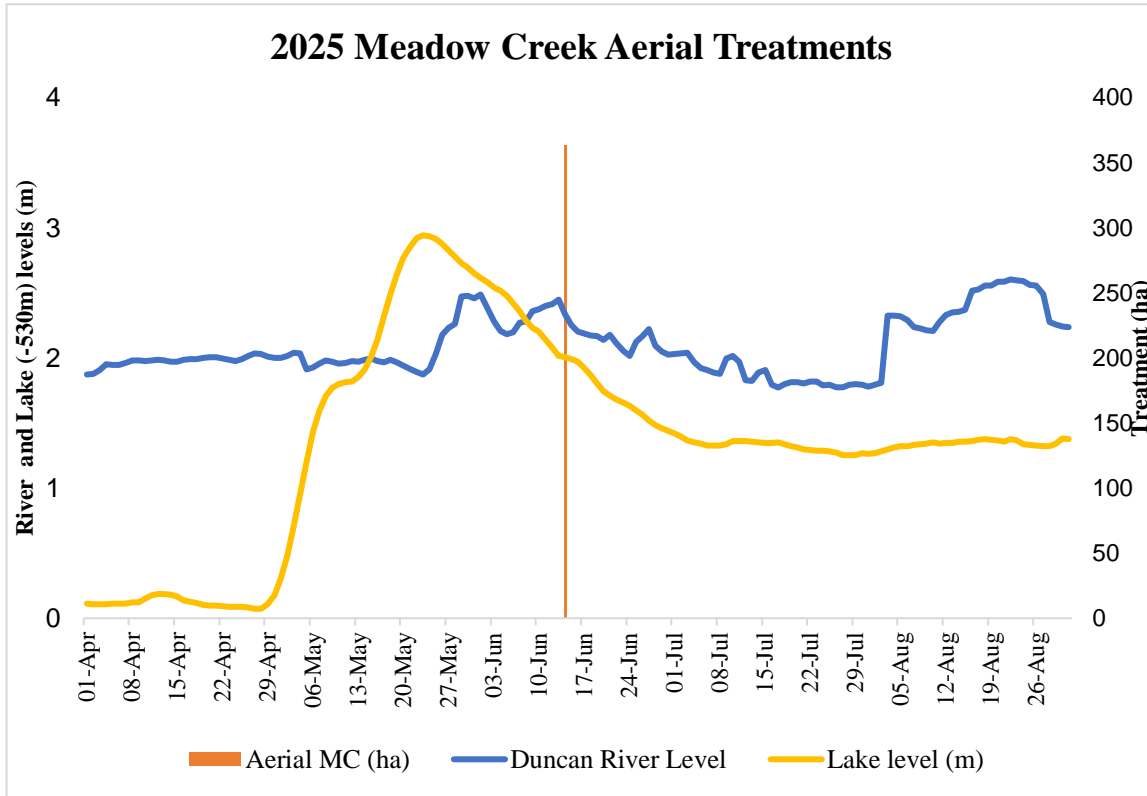


Figure 8. Duncan River levels (m; Below Lardeau gauge) and Kootenay Lake (m; Queens Bay gauge) with total mosquito development area treated by air (ha) from 1 April–31 August 2025 for Meadow Creek. Note air treatment (ha) is recorded on the alternate y-axis.

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 information⁷. 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>
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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).

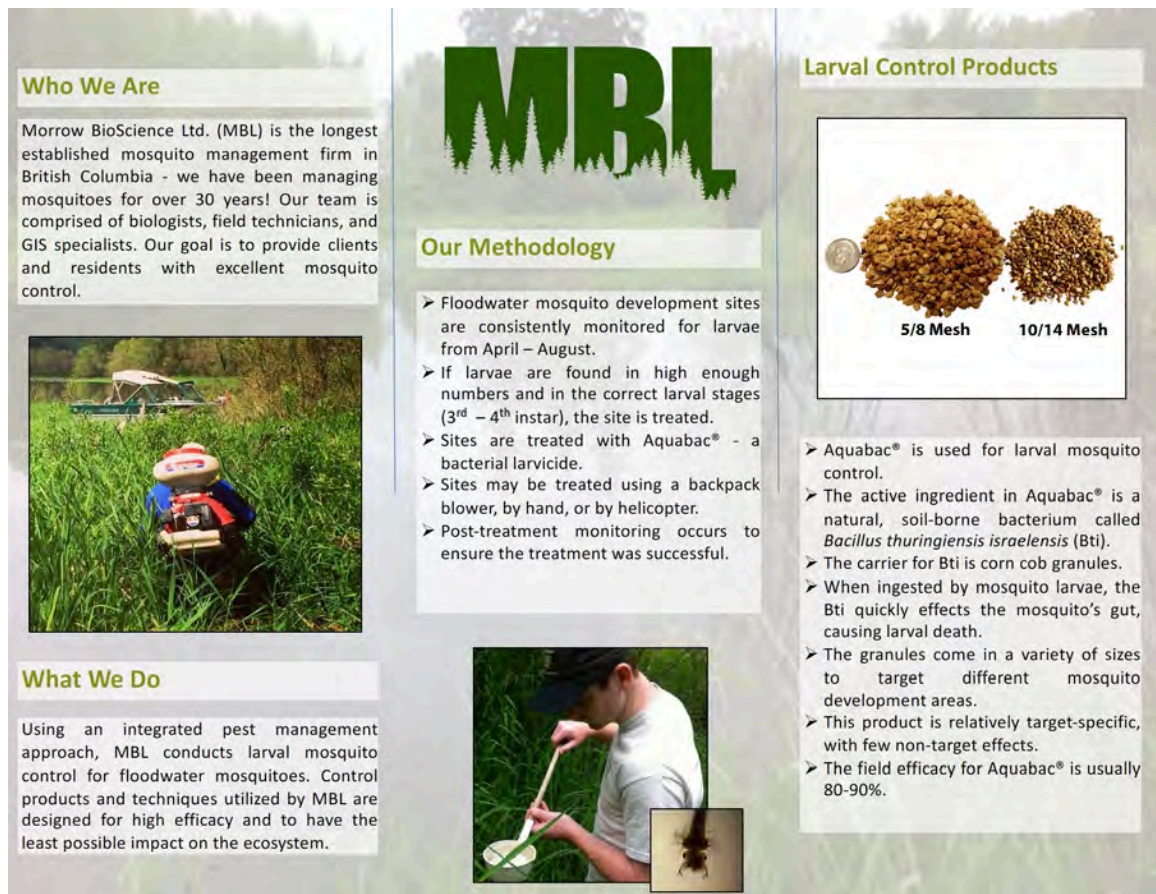


Image 2. MBL education outreach pamphlet.

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

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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 agencies⁸. 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 Idaho¹⁰.

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 carry¹¹. 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 Zika¹². HealthLinkBC reports that no Zika cases have originated in Canada due to presumed lack of vector mosquito species¹³.

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](#)

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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

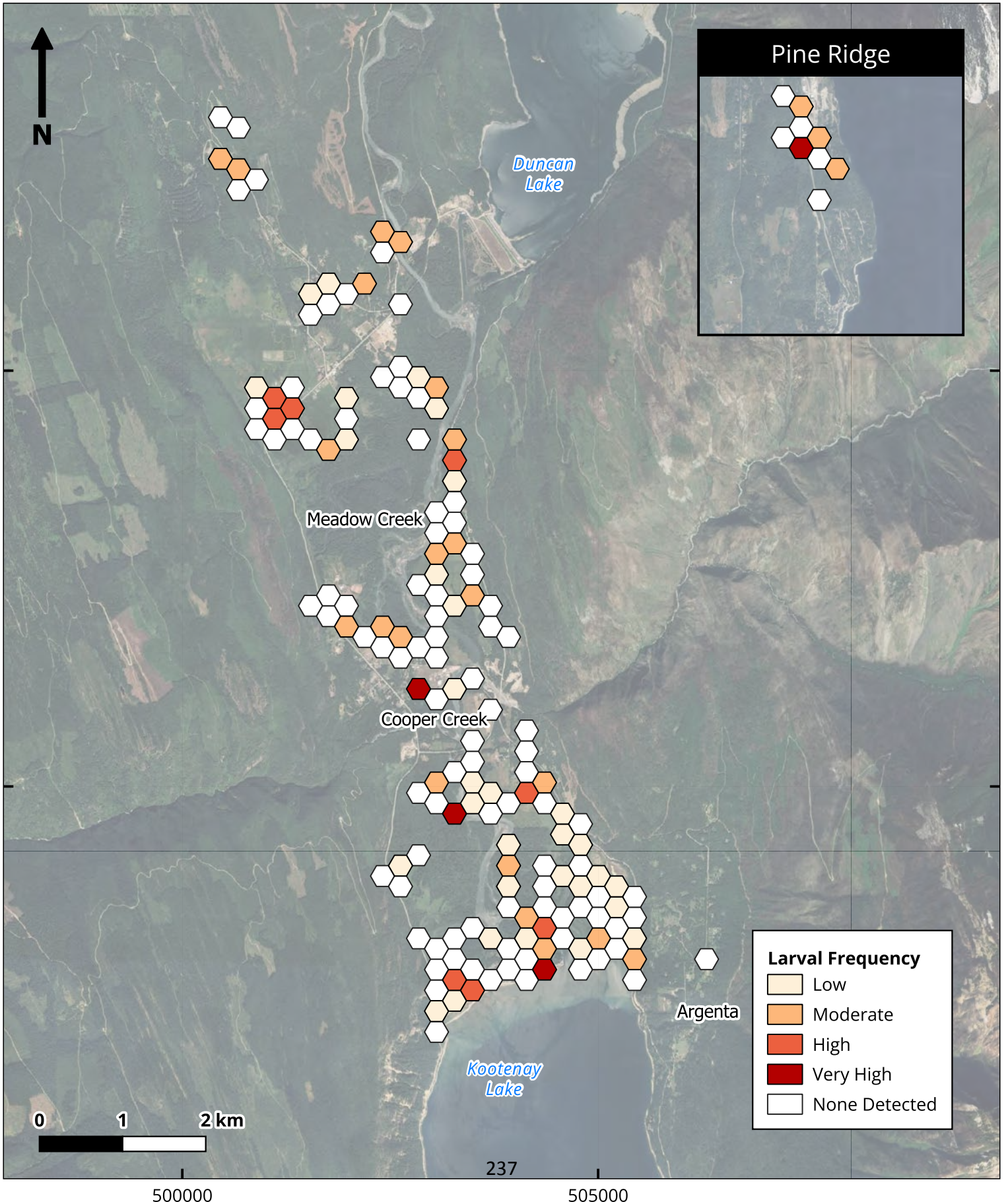
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2025 Mosquito Larvicide Treatment Locations

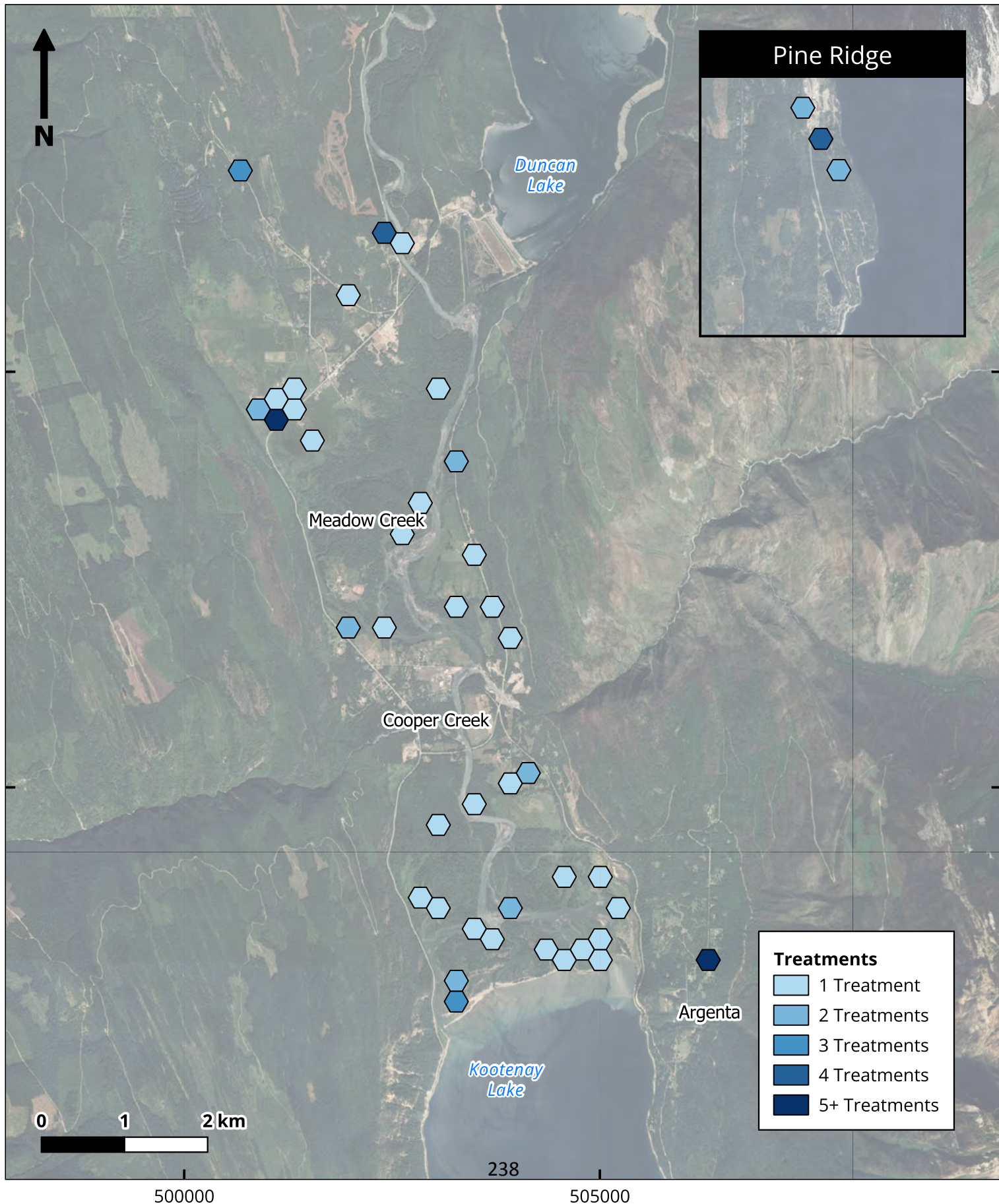
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Board Report

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:

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 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:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	Financial Plan Amendment:	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
Debt Bylaw Required:	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	Public/Gov’t Approvals Required:	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 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

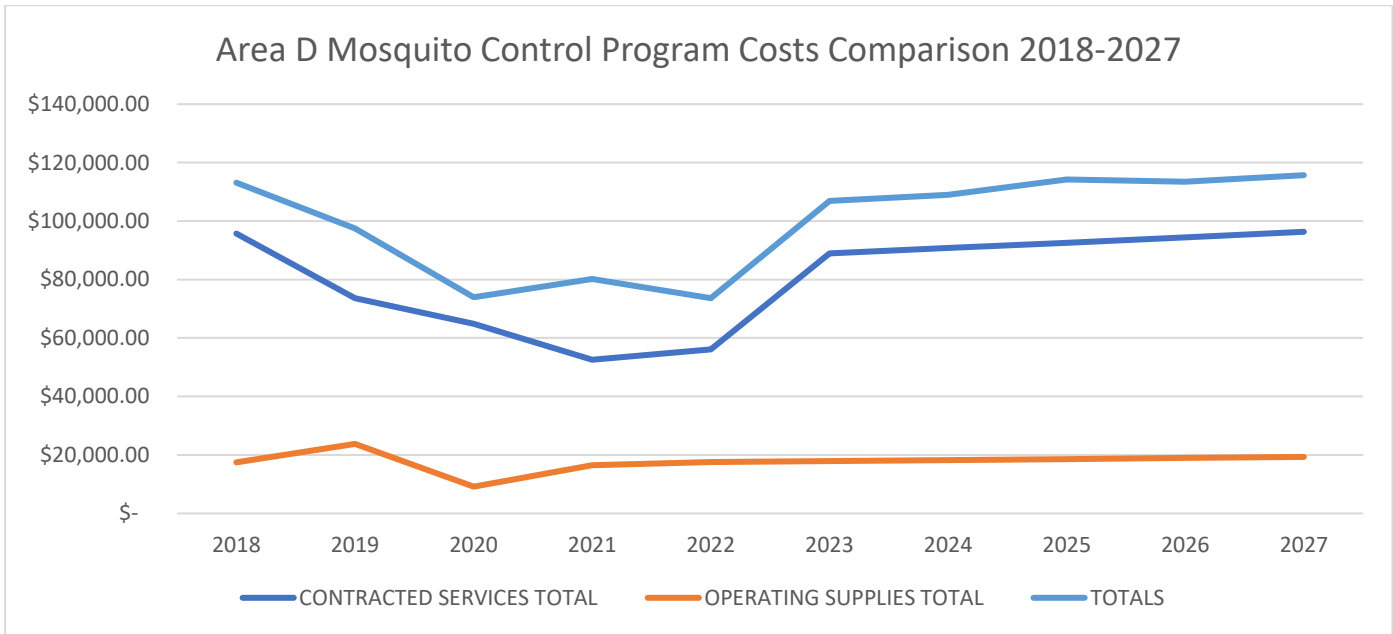
MBL proposes bringing in experienced crews from other regions, under the guidance of the company owner, to “front end load” ground applications early in the season and minimize helicopter dependence. Moving support ground crews from other MBL programs is typically easier and quicker to arrange than helicopters. 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.

2023 Mosquito Control Program Contract Renewal and Annual Reporting
RDCK Board– February 16, 2023

	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
Chief Administrative Officer – Stuart Horn

Approved
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

Agreement Administrator: Todd Johnston
Telephone #: 250.352.1523
Email: tjohnston@rdck.bc.ca

MORROW BIOSCIENCE LTD.
(hereinafter called the “Contractor”)

at the following address:
PO BOX 1013
Rossland, BC V0G 1Y0

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.
<hr/> (Signature of Authorized Signatory)	<hr/> (Signature of Authorized Signatory)
Mike Morrison, Corporate Officer <hr/> (Name and Title of Authorized Signatory)	<hr/> (Name and Title of Authorized Signatory)
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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 to 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 plus 0.5 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).*

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)

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 <i>e.g. (999) 999-9999</i>	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	

¹Report 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	
Choose from one of following options	
Total area treated with non-pesticide pest controls (ha):	

Section 5: Authorization Declaration

I am:	<input type="checkbox"/> A confirmation holder <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Signing on behalf of the confirmation holder	1
Certification:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 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:	<i>Dirk Lewis</i>	6
Date signed: (YYYY / MM / DD)	2026-01-27	7

2025 Mosquito Larvicide Treatment Locations

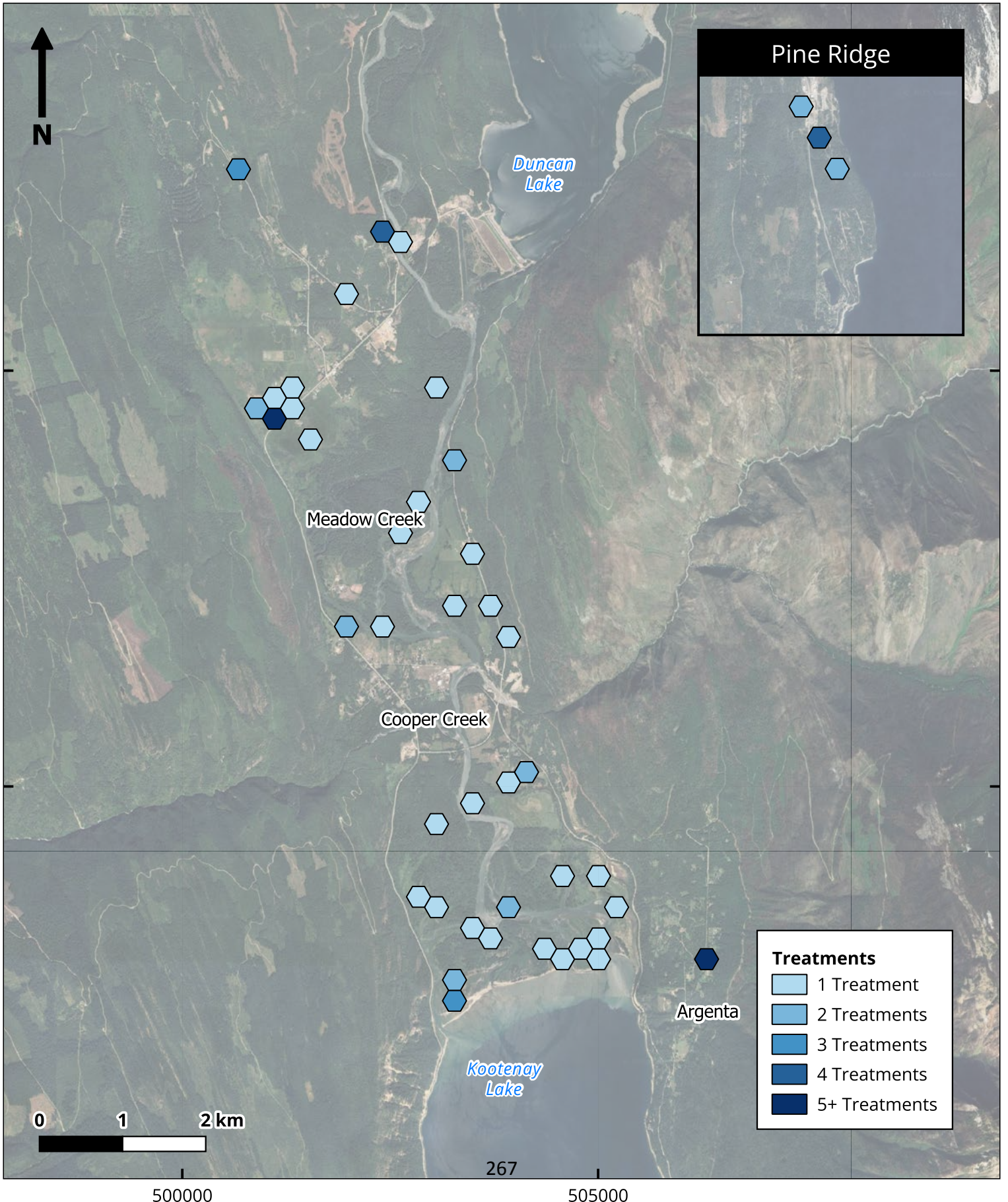
Morrow BioScience Ltd

PO Box 1013 Rossland, BC V0G 1Y0
gis@morrowbioscience.com 1(877)986-3363



Appendix II

Scale = 1 : 60,000 CRS = NAD83 UTM Zone 11N
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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 <small>as issued by the ministry</small>	RDCK-PMP-2026-2031			1
Confirmation Holder Name <small>Exactly as it appears on the Confirmation</small>	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 <small>e.g. (999) 999-9999</small>	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 <i>as registered with the BC Registrar of Companies</i>	Morrow BioScience Ltd			1
Doing Business As <i>if different than above</i>				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 <i>e.g. (999) 999-9999</i>	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 <i>NOT the Agent</i>	Regional District of Central Kootenay	10
Date signed <i>(YYYY / MM / DD)</i>		11
Signature of Confirmation Holder		12

Section 3: Treatment Location Information

Treatment Year (YYYY)

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
seasonal snow	Vectobac 200G	sp. thuringensis israel	18158	1,500	backpack, RPAS, helicopter
seasonal snow	Vectobac 1200L	sp. thuringensis israel	21062	500	backpack, RPAS
seasonal snow	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:	<input type="checkbox"/> A confirmation holder <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> An agent	1
Certification:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 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:	<i>Dirk Lewis</i>	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.

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.

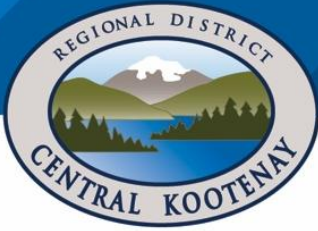
Respectfully,



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
Lana.Popham.MLA@leg.bc.ca



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 Slokan 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 Slokan. 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 \$1,071,775. 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

British Columbia Transit

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
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10 Rides:

Adult/Student/Senior	\$20.25
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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 and 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 DISCTRICK 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
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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:

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Chief Financial Officer

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
	<u>99,662,401</u>	<u>89,172,892</u>
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
	<u>105,746,005</u>	<u>99,126,178</u>
Net debt	<u>(6,083,604)</u>	<u>(9,953,286)</u>
Non-financial assets		
Tangible capital assets (Note 9)	128,553,176	125,333,290
Prepaid expenses	609,145	568,284
	<u>129,162,321</u>	<u>125,901,574</u>
Accumulated surplus (Note 12)	<u>\$123,078,717</u>	<u>\$ 115,948,288</u>

Signed by:

Yves Malloff

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Chief
Financial
Officer

Signed by:

Aimee Watson

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Chair
of the
Board

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
	<u>73,088,677</u>	<u>79,823,533</u>	<u>76,609,344</u>
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
	<u>66,089,915</u>	<u>72,693,104</u>	<u>69,013,693</u>
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	<u>\$122,947,050</u>	<u>\$123,078,717</u>	<u>\$115,948,288</u>

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)

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)
	<u>18,124,692</u>	<u>14,988,884</u>
Capital transactions		
Acquisition of tangible capital assets	<u>(10,244,744)</u>	<u>(8,971,542)</u>
Investing transaction		
Purchase of short-term investments	<u>(754,480)</u>	<u>(839,059)</u>
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	<u>(1,600,267)</u>	<u>(1,482,571)</u>
	<u>(187,671)</u>	<u>513,021</u>
Net increase in cash	6,937,797	5,691,304
Cash, beginning of year	<u>43,334,630</u>	<u>37,643,326</u>
Cash, end of year	<u>\$50,272,427</u>	<u>\$ 43,334,630</u>

Regional District of Central Kootenay

Notes to the Financial Statements

December 31, 2025

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.

Regional District of Central Kootenay
Notes to the Financial Statements

December 31, 2025

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.

Regional District of Central Kootenay
Notes to the Financial Statements

December 31, 2025

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.

Regional District of Central Kootenay

Notes to the Financial Statements

December 31, 2025

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.

Regional District of Central Kootenay

Notes to the Financial Statements

December 31, 2025

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.

Regional District of Central Kootenay
Notes to the Financial Statements

December 31, 2025

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).

Regional District of Central Kootenay
Notes to the Financial Statements

December 31, 2025

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
	<u>\$ 12,360,159</u>	<u>\$ 12,211,156</u>

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.

Regional District of Central Kootenay
Notes to Financial Statements

December 31, 2025

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%).

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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.

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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
	<u>\$ 52,792,314</u>	<u>\$ 46,806,795</u>

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	<u>47,613,680</u>
	<u>\$ 52,792,314</u>

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	<u>96,109</u>
	<u>\$ 1,373,668</u>

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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
	<u>\$ 2,536,220</u>	<u>\$ 7,523,204</u>	<u>\$ (5,142,602)</u>	<u>\$ 4,916,822</u>

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	357,059	309,447	(182,745)	483,761
Deposit				
Other	78,294	29,262	(22,038)	85,518
	<u>\$ 1,084,113</u>	<u>\$ 1,335,273</u>	<u>\$ (974,008)</u>	<u>\$ 1,445,379</u>

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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.

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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
	<u>\$ 1,289,728</u>	<u>\$ 2,098,218</u>	<u>\$ 3,387,946</u>	<u>\$ 3,393,174</u>

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11. Municipal Pension Plan

The Regional District of Central Kootenay and its employees contribute to the Municipal Pension Plan (a jointly trustee 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.

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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

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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
	<u>2025</u>	<u>2024</u>
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).

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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
	<u>\$ 553,792</u>

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.

	<u>2025</u>
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	<u>\$ 6,998,762</u>

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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 its 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.

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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.

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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.

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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.

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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

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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	<u>(33,482)</u>
Balance, end of year	<u>\$ -</u>

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.

Regional District of Central Kootenay

Schedule 3: Reserves

(unaudited)

	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

Regional District of Central Kootenay

Schedule 3: Reserves

(unaudited)

	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

Regional District of Central Kootenay

Schedule 3: Reserves

(unaudited)

	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 Slokan 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 Slokan 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 Slokan 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

Regional District of Central Kootenay

Schedule 3: Reserves

(unaudited)

	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
	<u>\$ 51,836,300</u>	<u>\$ 46,606,279</u>

**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
Vandenbergh, 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	Remuneration	Remuneration Retroactive	Remuneration	Total	
			Includes Adjustments for Prior	Emergency	Remuneration	Expenses
			Year (s)	Operations		
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, Garrett	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		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, Health & Safety, Incentives, Training, Tavel	-620,365	
Benefits Employer Cost	-5,884,209	
		<u>24,164,397</u>
		<u>-</u>

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 its 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 Konstruktion	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	<u>2,140,660</u>	\$ 49,820,563
Reconciling Items:		
Payroll & Severance Agreements	\$ 23,169,465	
Directors Remuneration & Expenses	994,932	
Change in work in progress, payables and accruals less capital portion of lease payments	(18,930,773)	
HST/GST rebate re purchases	-	
Acquisition of tangible capital assets	1,245,072	
Equipment disposal	<u>16,393,846</u>	\$ 22,872,542
		<u>\$ 72,693,104</u>
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		<u>2,245,568</u>
		<u>\$ 72,693,104</u>
Difference		<u>\$ 0</u>

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
	<u>\$ 7,759,089</u>

Financial Information Act
Financial Information Regulation (FIR), Schedule 1

Statement of Financial Information (SOFI)
Index to FIR Schedule 1 and the Checklist

Page 1: Corporation Information

Ministry Information

General: Section One

- 1(1)(a) Statement of assets and liabilities
- 1(1)(b) Operational statement
- 1(1)(c) Schedule of debts
- 1(1)(d) Schedule of guarantee and indemnity agreements
- 1(1)(e) Schedule of employee remuneration and expenses
- 1(1)(f) Schedule of suppliers of goods and services
- 1(2) [Explanatory information for reference]
- 1(3) Statements prepared on a consolidated basis or for each fund
- 1(4) & (5) Notes to the statements and schedules in section 1(1)

Page 2: Statement of Assets & Liabilities: Section Two

- 2 Balance sheet
- Changes in equity and surplus or deficit

Operational Statement: Section Three

- 3(1) Statement of Income / Statement of Revenue and Expenditures
- Statement of Changes in Financial Position
- 3(2) & (3) Omission of Statement of Changes in Financial Position, with explanation
- 3(4) Requirement for community colleges, school districts and municipalities

Statement of Debts: Section Four

- 4(1)(a) & 4(2) List and detail the schedule of long-term debts
- 4(1)(b) Identify debts covered by sinking funds / reserves
- 4(3) & (4) Omission of schedule, with explanation

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
- 5(3) & (4) Omission of schedule, with explanation

Page 3 & 4: Schedule of Remuneration and Expenses: Section Six

- 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: _____

Distribution: Legislative Library Ministry Retention

FIR Schedule 1 Section	Item	Yes	No	N/A	Comments
General					
1 (1) (a)	Statement of assets and liabilities	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
1 (1) (b)	Operational statement	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
1 (1) (c)	Schedule of debts	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	See schedule of debenture debt
1 (1) (d)	Schedule of guarantee and indemnity agreements	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
1 (1) (e)	Schedule of employee remuneration and expenses	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	See 6(2)(b)&(c)
1 (1) (f)	Schedule of suppliers of goods and services	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	See 7(1)(a)&(b)
1 (3)	Statements prepared on a consolidated basis or for each fund, as appropriate	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
1 (4) 1 (5)	Notes to the financial statements for the statements and schedules listed above	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	

FIR Schedule 1 Section	Item	Yes	No	N/A	Comments
Statement of Assets & Liabilities					
2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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 	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Operational Statement					
3 (1)	Prepared in accordance with GAAP or stated accounting principles / policies and consists of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • a Statement of Income or Statement of Revenue and Expenditures, and • a Statement of Changes in Financial Position 	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
3 (2) 3 (3)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Statement of Changes in Financial Position may be omitted if it provides no additional information • The omission must be explained in the notes 	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
3 (4)	Community colleges, school districts, and municipalities must prepare a Statement of Changes in Financial Position for the Capital Fund	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
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	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
4 (1) (b)	Identify debts covered by sinking funds or reserves and amounts in these accounts	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
4 (3) 4 (4)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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 	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	

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)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
5 (2)	State the entities involved, and the specific amount involved if known	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
5 (3) 5 (4)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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 	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
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	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
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)]	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
6 (2) (c)	Include a consolidated total for employees whose remuneration is \$75,000 or less [excluding the persons listed under 6 (2) (a)]	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
6 (2) (d)	Reconcile or explain any difference between total remuneration in this schedule and related information in the operational statement	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
6 (3)	Exclude personal information other than name, position, function or remuneration and expenses of employees	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	

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	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
6 (7) (a) 6 (7) (b)	Include a statement of severance agreements providing: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
6 (8)	Provide the reason for omitting a statement of severance agreements in a note to the schedule of remuneration and expenses	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
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	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
7 (1) (b)	Include a consolidated total of all payments to suppliers who received \$25,000 or less	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
7 (1) (c)	Reconcile or explain any difference between the consolidated total and related figures in the operational statement	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
7 (2) (b)	Include a statement of payments for the purposes of grants or contributions	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	

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	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
8 (2) (a)	The ministry's report contains the statements and schedules required under section 1 (1), to the extent possible	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
8 (2) (b)	The ministry's report contains a statement of the operational status of the corporation (see Guidance Package regarding what to include)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
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)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
9 (2)	Municipalities – the SOFI is approved by its council and by the officer assigned responsibility for financial administration (see Guidance Package for example)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
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/)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
9 (4)	The management report explains the roles and responsibilities of the board of directors or governing body, audit committee, management, and the auditors	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
9 (5)	Signature approvals required in section 9 are for each of the statements and schedules of financial information, not just the financial statements	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	



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 UPDATE

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 & Timelines

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 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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
<p>January 1 for general local elections, or the date the seat becomes vacant for by-elections</p> <p>Expenses used in this period must be reported on the campaign financing disclosure statement.</p>	<p>89 days before General Voting Day</p> <p>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.</p>	<p>28 days before General Voting Day</p> <p>Definition of election advertising is expanded to include issue based advertising, and limits apply to the value of election expenses used.</p>	<p>90 days after General Voting Day</p> <p>Campaign financing disclosure statements must be filed with Elections BC.</p>	<p>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.</p>

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 UPDATE

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		New Local FireSmart Collective Program	
<u>Pros</u>	<u>Cons</u>	<u>Pros</u>	<u>Cons</u>
Familiar programming and processes	Challenging user interface and administrative processes	Improved user interface and accessible administrative processes	Requires significant investment of staff time with all neighbourhood groups requiring a new Collective Assessment
Encourage education and engagement	Qualitative requirements created a wide variety of conditions in FireSmart recognized neighbourhoods	Action oriented with quantitative goals	No recognition of education initiatives and limited recognition of past FireSmart projects through FCNRP
Community pride in accomplishments and recognition	Strictly residential properties	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
Funding and administration was via CIFFC and FireSmart Canada	No longer available to residents of BC	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 10 th	-
Phase 1 – Collective Advocate Engagement	April 15 th online information session Additional meetings as required	Complete – with ongoing support as required
Phase 2 – Staff Training	May 1 st to 30 th	Complete – with the consideration that there may be further information and resources released from FireSmart BC
Phase 3 – Schedule and execute Collective Assessments	June 1 st to September 1 st	Ongoing
Phase 4 – Staff support development of goals and Collective Action Plans	June 1 st to September 1 st	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:

2. Minors in Evacuation order Areas

- 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:
 - o *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.
 - o 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 rationale 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.
 - o *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.

7. Operational Considerations

- Feedback and request for clarification was provided around accountability for people that refuse to leave under an evacuation order.
 - o *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.
 - o *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.

8. Communication

- 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
GM Fire and Emergency Services – Dan Seguin
Corporate Officer – Mike Morrison

Approved
Approved
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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]
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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:

EOC Director means the individual appointed to oversee and manage the RDCK Emergency Operations Centre or their designate.

EOC Policy Group means the group established within the RDCK Emergency Operations Centre responsible for providing emergency policy direction to the EOC Director and CAO. The Policy Group includes the Board Chair and Director(s) for the impacted area(s)

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.

Chair means the Chair of the Regional District of Central Kootenay Board of Directors or a person designated to temporarily act in that position.

CAO means the Chief Administrative Officer of the Regional District of Central Kootenay or a person designated to temporarily act in that position.

Directors means all individuals elected or appointed to the RDCK Regional District of Central Kootenay Board or their alternates.

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;
- Depending on the nature, severity, or phase of the emergency, temporary access may be restricted or not permitted.

4. Authority to Control Checkpoints

- The RDCK EOC shall designate personnel to establish and operate checkpoints controlling entry into evacuation order areas;
- 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;~~
 - 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;
- Checkpoint personnel are responsible for:
 - Verifying Temporary Access Passes;
 - Confirming valid photo identification;
 - Controlling and documenting entry and exit of individuals.

5. Approved Purposes for Temporary Access

- Temporary Access Passes may be issued for the following core purposes:
 - Delivery of emergency services or maintenance of critical infrastructure by RDCK or municipal partner personnel;
 - Access by critical infrastructure and utility providers to inspect, refuel, or repair infrastructure;
 - Access by authorized third-party emergency response resources;
 - Agricultural purposes, including evacuation, tending, or feeding of livestock;



- 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;
 - One-time access to retrieve:
 - i. Critical legal documents that cannot be readily replaced;
 - ii. Domestic animals;
 - ~~iii. Essential medication verified by a physician or pharmacist;~~
 - iii. Essential Medication that cannot readily be replaced.
 - Temporary access shall only be permitted when confirmed safe by a Subject Matter Expert.
- 6. Limiting or Expanding Access**
- The EOC Policy Group, upon recommendation from the EOC Director or designate, may restrict the approved purposes for temporary access based on:
 - Safety considerations;
 - Scale or escalation of the emergency;
 - RDCK EOC staffing capacity;
 - 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.
The EOC Director or designate may refer temporary access requests to the EOC Policy Group for direction where warranted by operational, political, legal, or reputational considerations.
- 7. Operational Considerations**
- Decisions regarding temporary access shall align with the response priorities of the British Columbia Emergency Management System;
 - The RDCK shall maintain accountability for individuals entering evacuation order areas;
 - Temporary access operations shall be limited to available staffing and operational capacity.
- 8. Communication**
- All public communications regarding temporary access shall be coordinated through the RDCK Emergency Operations Center;
 - 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.
- 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.

RELATED LEGISLATION:

Emergency and Disaster Management Act [SBC 2023]



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]
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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:

EOC Director means the individual appointed to oversee and manage the RDCK Emergency Operations Centre or their designate.

EOC Policy Group means the group established within the RDCK Emergency Operations Centre responsible for providing emergency policy direction to the EOC Director and CAO. The Policy Group includes the Board Chair and Director(s) for the impacted area(s)

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.

Chair means the Chair of the Regional District of Central Kootenay Board of Directors or a person designated to temporarily act in that position.

CAO means the Chief Administrative Officer of the Regional District of Central Kootenay or a person designated to temporarily act in that position.

Directors means all individuals elected or appointed to the RDCK Regional District of Central Kootenay Board or their alternates.

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.

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;
- Depending on the nature, severity, or phase of the emergency, temporary access may be restricted or not permitted.

4. Authority to Control Checkpoints

- The RDCK EOC shall designate personnel to establish and operate checkpoints controlling entry into evacuation order areas;
- 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;
- Checkpoint personnel are responsible for:
 - Verifying Temporary Access Passes;
 - Confirming valid photo identification;
 - Controlling and documenting entry and exit of individuals.

5. Approved Purposes for Temporary Access

- Temporary Access Passes may be issued for the following core purposes:
 - Delivery of emergency services or maintenance of critical infrastructure by RDCK or municipal partner personnel;
 - Access by critical infrastructure and utility providers to inspect, refuel, or repair infrastructure;
 - Access by authorized third-party emergency response resources;
 - Agricultural purposes, including evacuation, tending, or feeding of livestock;
 - Travel through an evacuation order area to access a non-evacuated area;
 - One-time access to retrieve:
 - i. Critical legal documents that cannot be readily replaced;
 - ii. Domestic animals;
 - iii. Essential medication verified by a physician or pharmacist;
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6. Limiting or Expanding Access

- The EOC Policy Group, upon recommendation from the EOC Director or designate, may restrict the approved purposes for temporary access based on:
 - Safety considerations;
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 - RDCK EOC staffing capacity;



- 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.
The EOC Director or designate may refer temporary access requests to the EOC Policy Group for direction where warranted by operational, political, legal, or reputational considerations.

7. Operational Considerations

- Decisions regarding temporary access shall align with the response priorities of the British Columbia Emergency Management System;
- The RDCK shall maintain accountability for individuals entering evacuation order areas;
- Temporary access operations shall be limited to available staffing and operational capacity.

8. Communication

- All public communications regarding temporary access shall be coordinated through the RDCK Emergency Operations Center;
- 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.

RELATED LEGISLATION:

Emergency and Disaster Management Act [SBC 2023]



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 UPDATE

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 and 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



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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: Alice Siding Water Society	Date of Application: 05/12/2026
Contact Name: Lana Stace-Smith	RDCK Electoral Area/Member Municipality: <input type="checkbox"/> RDCK Electoral Area: C <input type="checkbox"/> Municipality:
Mailing Address: 337 Stace Road Creston BC V0B1G8	Payment Type: <input type="checkbox"/> Electronic Fund Transfer <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 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?
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Social <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Economic <input type="checkbox"/> 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

Lana Stace-Smith

Signature

Print Name

Authorization

Signature of Area Director Signed by Director	Total Grant Approved \$ \$350
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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: <input type="checkbox"/> RDCK Electoral Area: F <input type="checkbox"/> Municipality:
Mailing Address: 91 Baker Street Nelson BC V1L4G8	Payment Type: <input type="checkbox"/> Electronic Fund Transfer <input type="checkbox"/> Mailed cheque
Phone #: (250) 352-3433	Email: tom@discovernelson.com

Project/Service Description

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The Canada Day Regional Community Celebration is a regional event promoting cultural and economic benefit to the region. The Chamber of Commerce has been organizing this cultural celebration at Rotary Lakeside Park for decades. There will be music and cultural dance and entertainment throughout the day (10:30am-10:00pm) beginning with an Indigenous ceremony and round dance with drum circle kicking off the day long festivities. Opening ceremonies feature the Sinixt and local dignitaries. A giant 4x8 foot Canada day cake and community groups host free family activities throughout the afternoon.

Grant Application:

Total Grant Requested: \$ 1000.00	Which funding criterial objective does this project meet? <input type="checkbox"/> Social <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Economic <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Cultural
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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

Tom Thomson

Signature

Print Name

Authorization

Signature of Area Director Signed by Director	Total Grant Approved \$ 1,000
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Contact Information:

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Organization/Society Name: Slocan Solutions Society	Date of Application: 05/12/2026
Contact Name: Nicky Blackshaw	RDCK Electoral Area/Member Municipality: <input type="checkbox"/> RDCK Electoral Area: H <input type="checkbox"/> Municipality:
Mailing Address: 411 Derosa Drive New Denver BC V0G 1S1	Payment Type: <input type="checkbox"/> Electronic Fund Transfer <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Mailed cheque
Phone #: (250) 505-8057	Email: slocansolve@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.*

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? <input type="checkbox"/> Social <input type="checkbox"/> Economic <input type="checkbox"/> Cultural
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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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NBS Signed at:
2026-05-12 11:29:47

Nicky Blackshaw

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: Treehugger Events Society	Date of Application: 06/04/2026
Contact Name: Lisa Parente	RDCK Electoral Area/Member Municipality: <input type="checkbox"/> RDCK Electoral Area: H <input type="checkbox"/> Municipality:
Mailing Address: po box 82 slocan bc v0g 2c0	Payment Type: <input type="checkbox"/> Electronic Fund Transfer <input type="checkbox"/> 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? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Social <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Economic <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Cultural
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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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Contact Information:

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Organization/Society Name: City of Castlegar	Date of Application: 05/26/2026
Contact Name: Ginger Lester	RDCK Electoral Area/Member Municipality: <input type="checkbox"/> RDCK Electoral Area: J <input type="checkbox"/> Municipality:
Mailing Address: 460 Columbia Avenue City of Nelson Castlegar BC V1N 1G7	Payment Type: <input type="checkbox"/> Electronic Fund Transfer <input type="checkbox"/> Mailed cheque
Phone #: (250) 304-0205	Email: glester@castlegar.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.*

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? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Social <input type="checkbox"/> Economic <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Cultural
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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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2026-05-26 11:38:54

Signature

Ginger Lester

Print Name

Authorization

Signature of Area Director Signed by Director	Total Grant Approved \$ \$2,000
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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: <input type="checkbox"/> RDCK Electoral Area: J <input type="checkbox"/> Municipality:
Mailing Address: 498 Ootischenia Road Castlegar BC V1N 4L5	Payment Type: <input type="checkbox"/> Electronic Fund Transfer <input type="checkbox"/> Mailed cheque
Phone #: (250) 365-1917	Email: justbecause@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? <input type="checkbox"/> Social <input type="checkbox"/> Economic <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Cultural
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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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Signed at:
Liana Zwick 2026-06-01 20:53:48

Signature

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: <input type="checkbox"/> RDCK Electoral Area:A <input type="checkbox"/> Municipality:
Mailing Address: Box 71 Crawford Bay British Columbia V0B 1E0	Payment Type: <input type="checkbox"/> Electronic Fund Transfer <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Mailed cheque
Phone #: (250) 551-6146	Email: lkeraiff@cbhall.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.*

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 criteria objective does this project meet? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Social <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Economic <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Cultural
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Other Funding Sources: identify all sources of project funding and amount. Both funds requested and received: 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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N. Schreiber Signed at:
2026-06-07 14:32:18

Signature

Nicole Schreiber

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: Creston Valley Chamber of Commerce	Date of Application: 05/08/2026
Contact Name: Jessica Piccinin	RDCK Electoral Area/Member Municipality: <input type="checkbox"/> RDCK Electoral Area:A <input type="checkbox"/> Municipality:
Mailing Address: PO Box 268 Creston BC V0B 1G0	Payment Type: <input type="checkbox"/> Electronic Fund Transfer <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Mailed cheque
Phone #: (250) 402-8475	Email: executivedirector@crestonvalleychamber.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.*

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 criteria objective does this project meet? <input type="checkbox"/> Social <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Economic <input type="checkbox"/> Cultural
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Other Funding Sources identify all sources of project funding and amounts. Both funds requested and received. (ETSIBC (\$70K), Working and Partnerships (\$250K), Creston and Trust (\$5,500), 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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Signed at:
2026-05-08 12:44:48

Signature

Jessica Piccinin

Print Name

Authorization

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FILE NO. 1865-20-___

Contact Information:

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Organization/Society Name: Creston Valley Chamber of Commerce	Date of Application: 05/08/2026
Contact Name: Jessica Piccinin	RDCK Electoral Area/Member Municipality: <input type="checkbox"/> RDCK Electoral Area:C <input type="checkbox"/> Municipality:
Mailing Address: PO Box 268 Creston BC V0B 1G0	Payment Type: <input type="checkbox"/> Electronic Fund Transfer <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Mailed cheque
Phone #: (250) 402-8475	Email: executivedirector@crestonvalleychamber.com

Project/Service Description

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Grant Application:

Total Grant Requested: \$ 10000.00	Which funding criterial objective does this project meet? <input type="checkbox"/> Social <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Economic <input type="checkbox"/> Cultural
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Other Funding Sources identified for ETSIBC (\$70K), Working and Partners. Both funds requested and received (\$6,500), RDCK Areas A (\$10K) and B (\$10K) and the Town of Creston (\$20k).

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

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2026-05-08 12:49:42

Jessica Piccinin

Signature

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:

Note: Applicants are encouraged to discuss their project with the applicable RDCK elected official prior to submitting their grant application.

Organization/Society Name: Lardeau Valley Opportunity LINKS Society	Date of Application: 06/02/2026
Contact Name: Chelsey Jones	RDCK Electoral Area/Member Municipality: <input type="checkbox"/> RDCK Electoral Area:D <input type="checkbox"/> Municipality:
Mailing Address: PO 194 Meadow Creek British Columbia V0G 1N0	Payment Type: <input type="checkbox"/> Electronic Fund Transfer <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Mailed cheque
Phone #: (250) 353-8675	Email: links@lardeauvalley.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.*

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 Workshop programs 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? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Social <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Economic <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Cultural
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Other Funding Sources - Identify all sources of project funding and amounts. Both funds requested and received:
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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Signed at:
2026-06-02 18:02:50

Signature

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: <input type="checkbox"/> RDCK Electoral Area:E <input type="checkbox"/> Municipality:
Mailing Address: 91 Baker St Nelson BC V1L 4G8	Payment Type: <input type="checkbox"/> Electronic Fund Transfer <input type="checkbox"/> Mailed cheque
Phone #: (250) 352-3433	Email: tom@discovernelson.com

Project/Service Description

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The Canada Day Regional Community Celebration is a regional event promoting cultural and economic benefit to the region. The Chamber of Commerce has been organizing this cultural celebration at Rotary Lakeside Park for decades. There will be music and cultural dance and entertainment throughout the day(10:30am-10:00pm) beginning with an Indigenous ceremony and round dance with drum circle kicking off the day long festivities. Opening ceremonies feature the Sinixt and local dignitaries. A giant 4x8 foot Canada day cake and community groups host free family activities throughout the afternoon

Grant Application:

Total Grant Requested: \$ 1000	Which funding criterial objective does this project meet? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Social <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Economic <input type="checkbox"/> 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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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: Nelson Public Library	Date of Application: 05/20/2026
Contact Name: Laura Harris	RDCK Electoral Area/Member Municipality: <input type="checkbox"/> RDCK Electoral Area:H <input type="checkbox"/> Municipality:
Mailing Address: 602 Stanley Street Nelson British Columbia V1L 1N4	Payment Type: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Electronic Fund Transfer <input type="checkbox"/> 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 critical objective does this project meet? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Social <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Economic <input type="checkbox"/> 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
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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: <input type="checkbox"/> RDCK Electoral Area:H <input type="checkbox"/> Municipality:
Mailing Address: 516 Railway Street New Denver BC V0G1S1	Payment Type: <input type="checkbox"/> Electronic Fund Transfer <input type="checkbox"/> Mailed cheque
Phone #: (250) 358-2826	Email: wkconsul@telusplanet.net

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 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? <input type="checkbox"/> Social <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Economic <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Cultural
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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:

Note: Applicants are encouraged to discuss their project with the applicable RDCK elected official prior to submitting their grant application.

Organization/Society Name: Slocan Valley Community Service Society	Date of Application: 05/12/2026
Contact Name: Chantal Smith	RDCK Electoral Area/Member Municipality: <input type="checkbox"/> RDCK Electoral Area:H <input type="checkbox"/> Municipality:
Mailing Address: 1001 Harold Street PO Box 10 Slocan British Columbia V0G2C0	Payment Type: <input type="checkbox"/> Electronic Fund Transfer <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Mailed cheque
Phone #: (250) 355-2484	Email: coordinator@wegcss.org

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.*

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? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Social <input type="checkbox"/> Economic <input type="checkbox"/> Cultural
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Other Funding Sources - Identify all sources of project funding and amounts. Both funds requested and received:
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

Chantal Smith

Signature

Print Name

Authorization

Signature of Area Director Signed by Director	Total Grant Approved \$ \$7,000
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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: Castlegar and District Chamber of Commerce)	Date of Application: 05/14/2026
Contact Name: Andrea Miller	RDCK Electoral Area/Member Municipality: <input type="checkbox"/> RDCK Electoral Area: <input type="checkbox"/> Municipality:
Mailing Address: 1995 6 Ave Castlegar BC V1N 2W6	Payment Type: <input type="checkbox"/> Electronic Fund Transfer <input type="checkbox"/> 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? <input type="checkbox"/> Social <input type="checkbox"/> Economic <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Cultural
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Other Funding Sources - Identify all sources of project funding and amounts. Both funds requested and received:

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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
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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: <input type="checkbox"/> RDCK Electoral Area: <input type="checkbox"/> Municipality:
Mailing Address: 2625 Shoreacres Road Castlegar BC V1N 4P8	Payment Type: <input type="checkbox"/> Electronic Fund Transfer <input type="checkbox"/> 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? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Social <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Economic <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Cultural
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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

Dasha Stoochnoff

Signature

Print Name

Authorization

Signature of Area Director Signed by Director	Total Grant Approved \$ \$2,000
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Contact Information:

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Organization/Society Name: Cops for Kids	Date of Application: 05/19/2026
Contact Name: Ronald GEORGE	RDCK Electoral Area/Member Municipality: <input type="checkbox"/> RDCK Electoral Area: <input type="checkbox"/> Municipality:
Mailing Address: 440 Columbia Avenue Castlegar BC V1N 1G7	Payment Type: <input type="checkbox"/> Electronic Fund Transfer <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 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? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Social <input type="checkbox"/> Economic <input type="checkbox"/> 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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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: <input type="checkbox"/> RDCK Electoral Area: <input type="checkbox"/> Municipality:
Mailing Address: 7630 Broadwater Road Castlegar BC V1N 4V8	Payment Type: <input type="checkbox"/> Electronic Fund Transfer <input type="checkbox"/> 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? <input type="checkbox"/> Social <input type="checkbox"/> Economic <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Cultural
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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

Anna Krista

Signature

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: (Castlegar and District Chamber of Commerce)	Date of Application: 05/14/2026
Contact Name: Andrea Miller	RDCK Electoral Area/Member Municipality: <input type="checkbox"/> RDCK Electoral Area: <input type="checkbox"/> Municipality:
Mailing Address: 1995 6 Ave Castlegar BC V1N 2W6	Payment Type: <input type="checkbox"/> Electronic Fund Transfer <input type="checkbox"/> 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? <input type="checkbox"/> Social <input type="checkbox"/> Economic <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Cultural
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Other Funding Sources - Identify all sources of project funding and amounts. Both funds requested and received:

CBT	\$1,500.00
FWCP	\$1,500.00...

Previous Community Development Grants Received – Year and Amount:

2025 - \$1,500.00

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Signature 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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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: Grand Forks ATV	Date of Application: 05/19/2026
Contact Name: Doug Zorn	RDCK Electoral Area/Member Municipality: <input type="checkbox"/> RDCK Electoral Area: <input type="checkbox"/> Municipality:
Mailing Address: Box 2020 Grand Forks BC V0H1H0	Payment Type: <input type="checkbox"/> Electronic Fund Transfer <input type="checkbox"/> Mailed cheque
Phone #: (250) 442-3359	Email: doug@grandforksatv.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.*

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? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Social <input type="checkbox"/> Economic <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 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	
Signature of Area Director Signed by Director	Total Grant Approved \$ \$5,000
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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: Emergency Support Services -Area K	Date of Application: 05/19/2026
Contact Name: Marilyn Gustafson	RDCK Electoral Area/Member Municipality: <input type="checkbox"/> RDCK Electoral Area:K <input type="checkbox"/> Municipality:
Mailing Address: 132 Brouse Loop Rd Nakusp British Columbia V0G 1R1	Payment Type: <input type="checkbox"/> Electronic Fund Transfer <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 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? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Social <input type="checkbox"/> Economic <input type="checkbox"/> Cultural
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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: <input type="checkbox"/> RDCK Electoral Area:K <input type="checkbox"/> Municipality:
Mailing Address: 304 Spruce Street Fauquier BC V0G 1J0	Payment Type: <input type="checkbox"/> Electronic Fund Transfer <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 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? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Social <input type="checkbox"/> Economic <input type="checkbox"/> Cultural
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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: <input type="checkbox"/> RDCK Electoral Area:K <input type="checkbox"/> Municipality:
Mailing Address: 117 Oak Street Fauquier BC V0G 1J0	Payment Type: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Electronic Fund Transfer <input type="checkbox"/> Mailed cheque
Phone #: (250) 269-0028	Email: hfraser38@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.*

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? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Social <input type="checkbox"/> Economic <input type="checkbox"/> 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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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: <input type="checkbox"/> RDCK Electoral Area:K <input type="checkbox"/> Municipality:
Mailing Address: 137 Alexander Rd Nakusp BC V0G1R1	Payment Type: <input type="checkbox"/> Electronic Fund Transfer <input type="checkbox"/> Mailed cheque
Phone #: (250) 870-0559	Email: info@nakuspbikesociety.ca

Project/Service Description

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As Mount Abriel approaches its 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 criteria objective does this project meet? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Social <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Economic <input type="checkbox"/> Cultural
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Other funding \$5k is requested for other projects and will apply to NACER and NACER funding

Previous Community Development Grants Received – Year and Amount:

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Signed at:
2026-05-28 11:41:14

Signature

Keara Shepherd

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: <input type="checkbox"/> RDCK Electoral Area: <input type="checkbox"/> Municipality: Salmo
Mailing Address: 609 Sayward Ave PO Box 984 Salmo British Columbia V0G 1Z0	Payment Type: <input type="checkbox"/> Electronic Fund Transfer <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Mailed cheque
Phone #: (250) 357-0009	Email: salmoessteam@gmail.com

Project/Service Description

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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? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Social <input type="checkbox"/> Economic <input type="checkbox"/> Cultural
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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

Keith Vonk

Signature

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: <input type="checkbox"/> RDCK Electoral Area: <input type="checkbox"/> Municipality: Salmo
Mailing Address: 423 Davies Avenue Salmo BC V0G 1Z0	Payment Type: <input type="checkbox"/> Electronic Fund Transfer <input type="checkbox"/> Mailed cheque
Phone #: (250) 357-9433	Email: cao@salmo.ca

Project/Service Description

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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 criterion objective does this project meet?

Social Economic Cultural

The funding group will be primarily used for fundraising. The village council provides requested and 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

Board Approved Date:

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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: HARMONY FESTIVAL	Date of Application: May 13, 2026
Contact Name: Michelle Gordon, CAO	RDCK Electoral Area/Member Municipality: <input type="checkbox"/> RDCK Electoral Area: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Municipality: SLOCAN
Mailing Address: PO Box 50 503 Slocan Street Slocan, BC V0G 2C0	Payment Type: To Village of <input type="checkbox"/> Electronic Fund Transfer Slocan, Box 50 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Mailed cheque
Phone #: 250-355-2277	Email: cao@villageofslocan.ca

Project/Service Description

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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..)

HARMONY Festival - Council Contribution (Portable Toilet)

Grant Application:

Total Grant Requested: \$ 950	Which funding criterial objective does this project meet? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Social <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Economic <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Environmental
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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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	Michelle Gordon, CAO
Signature	Print Name

Authorization Jessica Lunn, MAYOR

Signature of Area Director	Total Grant Approved \$ 950.00
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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 Slocan - Legion	Date of Application: April 13, 2026
Contact Name: Michelle Gordon, CAO	RDCK Electoral Area/Member Municipality: <input type="checkbox"/> RDCK Electoral Area: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Municipality: SLOCAN
Mailing Address: Village of Slocan PO Box 50 503 Slocan Street Slocan, BC V0G 2C0	Payment Type: (To the Village) <input type="checkbox"/> Electronic Fund Transfer of Slocan, Box <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Mailed cheque 50)
Phone #: 250-355-2277	Email: cao@villageofslocan.ca

Project/Service Description

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Legion Heating Costs - Grant in Aid

Grant Application:

Total Grant Requested: \$ 1,382.37	Which funding criterial objective does this project meet? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Social <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Economic <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Environmental
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Other Funding Sources - Identify all sources of project funding and amounts. Both funds requested and received:

Previous Community Development Grants Received – Year and Amount:

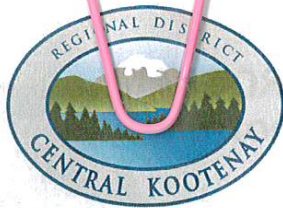
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	Michelle Gordon, CAO
Signature	Print Name

Authorization Jessica Lunn, MAYOR

Signature of Area Director	Total Grant Approved \$ 1,382.37
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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: <input type="checkbox"/> RDCK Electoral Area: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Municipality: SLOCAN
Mailing Address: Village of Slocan PO Box 50 503 Slocan Street Slocan, BC V0G 2C0	Payment Type: (To the Village <input type="checkbox"/> Electronic Fund Transfer of Slocan, Box <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Mailed cheque 50)
Phone #: 250-355-2277	Email: cao@villageofslocan.ca

Project/Service Description

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WE Graham Community Garden Supplies

Grant Application:

Total Grant Requested: \$ 1,000.00	Which funding criterial objective does this project meet? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Social <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Economic <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Environmental
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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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	Michelle Gordon, CAO
Signature	Print Name

Authorization Jessica Lunn, MAYOR

Signature of Area Director	Total Grant Approved \$ 1,000.00
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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:

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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
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DIRECTORS

Gary Jackman	Electoral Area A, Director
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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 than 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

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

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Join by Phone:

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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
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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:

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 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

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

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Meeting ID: 984 4062 4910

Passcode: 640628

Meeting Location:

Brilliant Cultural Centre
1875 Brilliant Road
Castlegar, BC

COMMISSIONERS

Commissioner Brian Bebelman
Commissioner Kelly Poznikoff
Commissioner Andy Ozeroff

Electoral Area I, Chair
Electoral Area I
Electoral Area I

DIRECTORS

Andy Davidoff

Electoral Area I, Director

STAFF

Sadie Chezenko
Zachari Giacomazzo
Shelly Kindred

Planner
Planner
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 COLLABORATIVE**

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**

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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/ The meeting recessed at 9:56 a.m. for break and reconvened at
RECONVENE 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

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 Slokan 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=1DnbzulpvRtHNZyPqip7NKEtfkguO3.1>

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
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STAFF PRESENT

R. Baril	Meeting Coordinator
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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

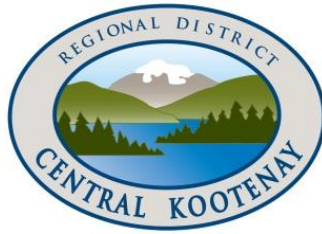
Moved and seconded,
and resolved:

The Area A Economic Development Commission meeting be adjourned at 2:25 p.m.

Carried

Digitally approved by

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.



OMBUDSPERSON 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:

Mailing address: PO Box 9039 Stn Prov Govt • Victoria BC V8W 9A5

Phone in Victoria: 250-387-5855 • Toll-Free: 1-800-567-3247 • Fax: 250-387-0198 • bcombudsperson.ca

Type of complaint closure for Authority: Regional District of Central Kootenay	# closed
<p>Enquiries – Many people who contact us are not calling to make a complaint, but are seeking information or advice. These contacts are classified as <i>Enquiries</i> to distinguish them from <i>Complaints</i>, which are requests that our office conduct an investigation.</p>	0
<p>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 <i>Ombudsperson Act</i>. We also have discretion to decline to investigate for other reasons specified in the <i>Ombudsperson Act</i>.</p>	1
<p>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.</p>	0
<p>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 <i>Ombudsperson Act</i>.</p>	0
<p><i>Reason for closing an Investigation</i></p>	
<p>Pre-empted by existing statutory right of appeal, objection or review.</p>	0
<p>Investigation ceased with no formal findings under the <i>Ombudsperson Act</i>.</p>	
<p>More than one year between event and complaint</p>	0

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%



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,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Dean Murdock". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

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 the 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)

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

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:



BRITISH
COLUMBIA

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
Brittany 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



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 subsidizing 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,

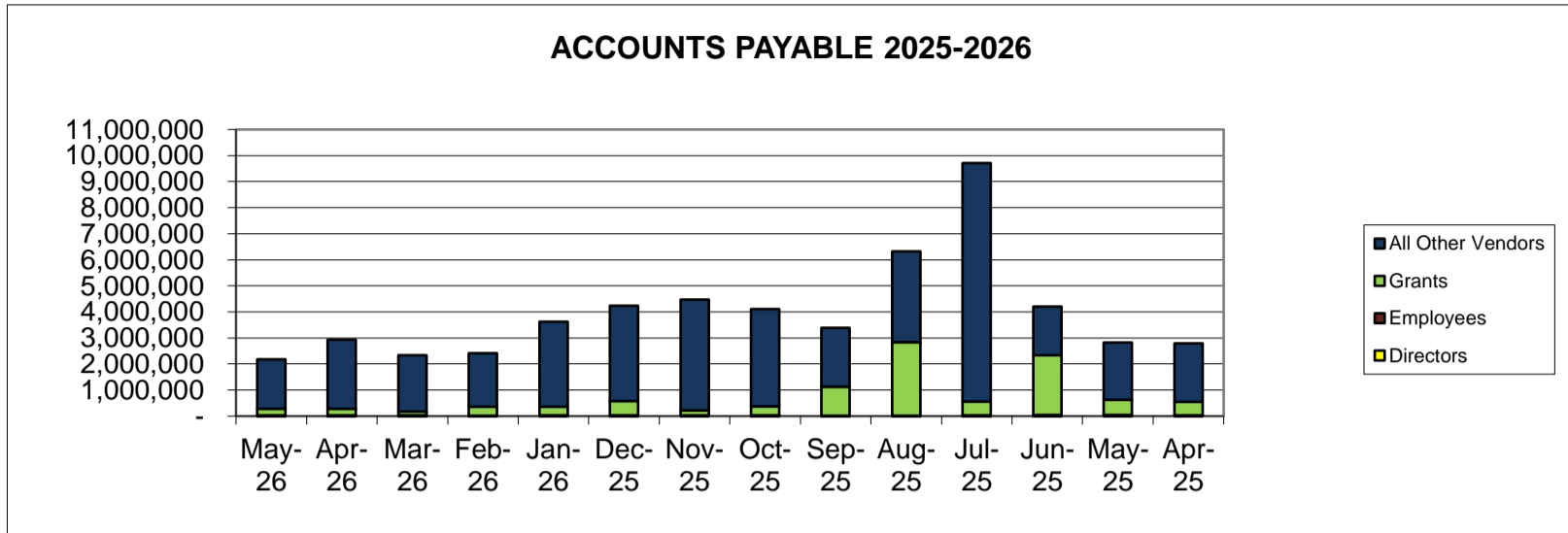


Aimee Watson
RDCK Board Chair

cc:

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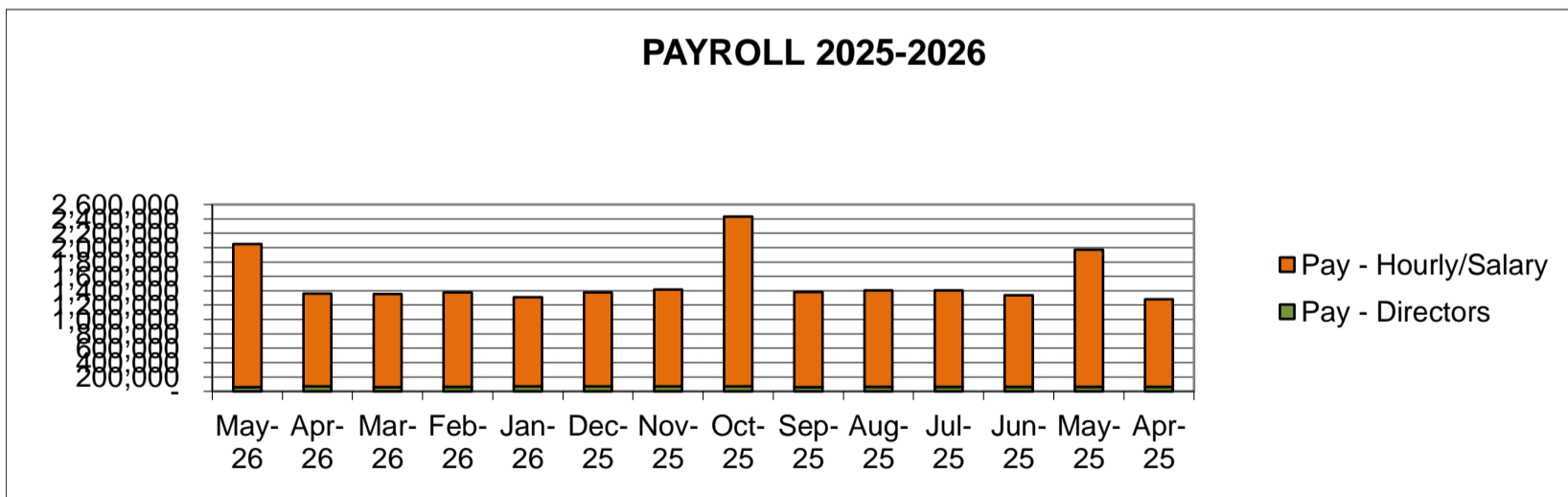
Financial Expenditure Report for May 2026



	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%

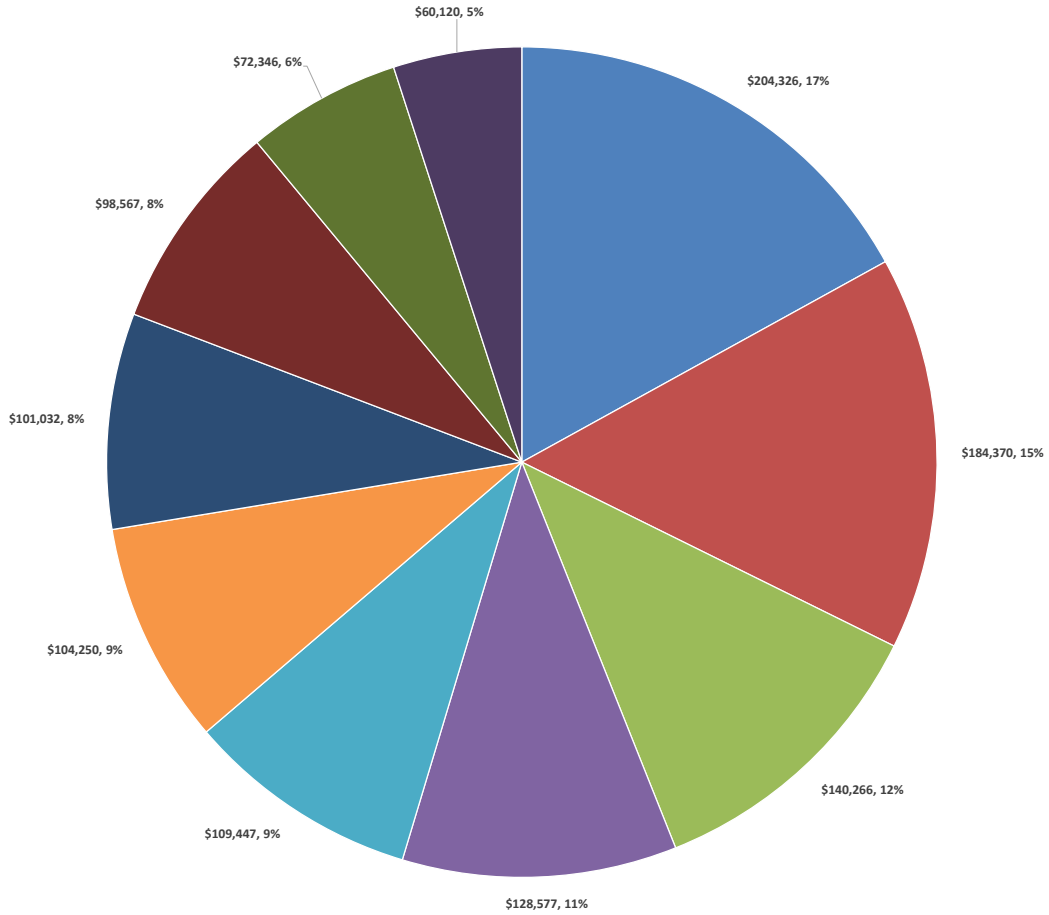
	Number of Payments	Value	% of Total
	1,083	\$2,177,484	
Payments to Directors	24	2,789	0.1%
Payments to Employees	88	21,701	1.0%
Subtotal		24,490	1.1%
Discretionary and Community Development Grants	64	256,924	11.8%
Other Vendors	907	1,896,070	87.1%
Subtotal		2,152,994	98.9%
Total		\$2,177,484	100%

Payment Method	Direct Deposit	% of Total	Cheques	% of Total
	992	92%	91	8%



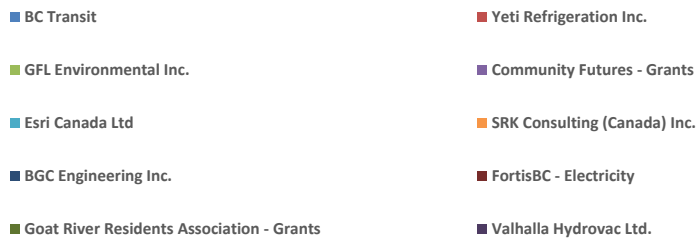
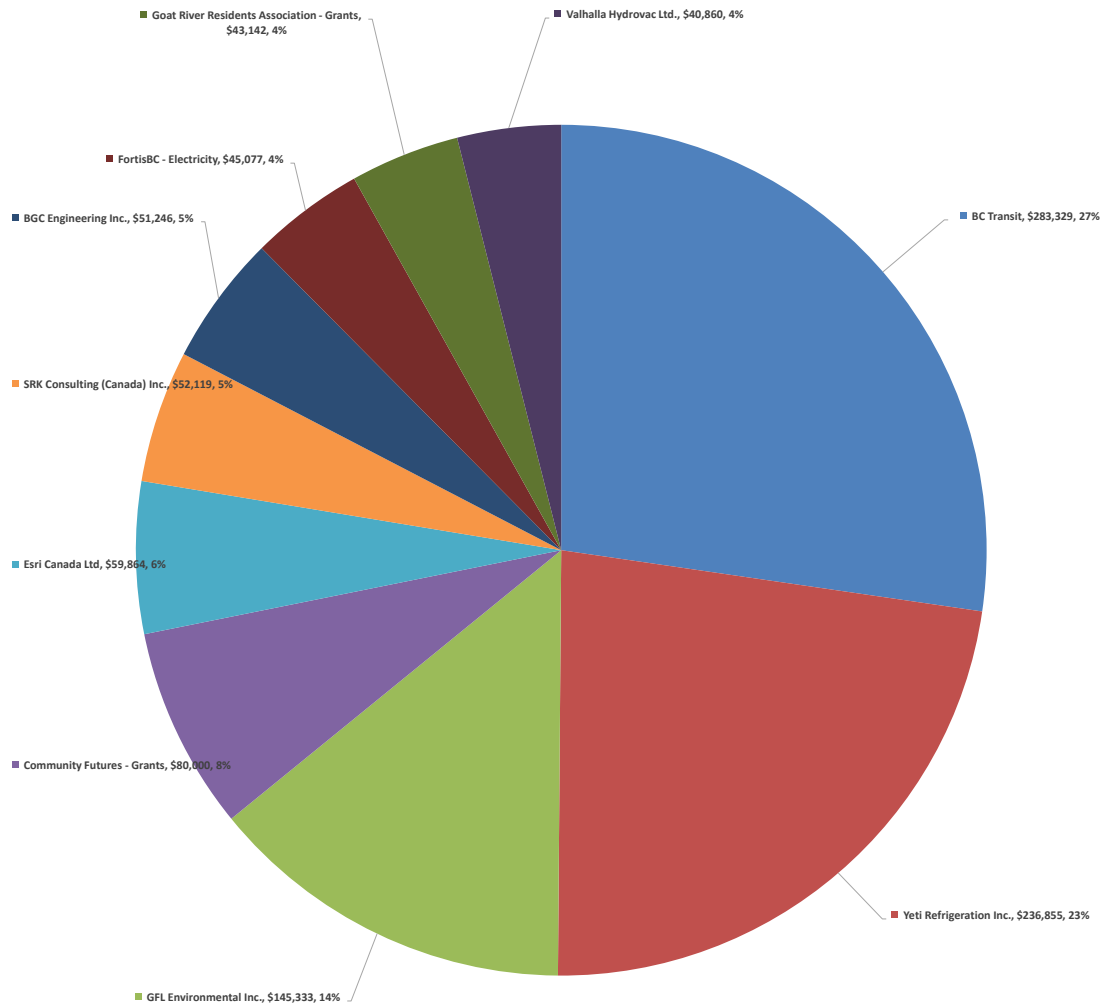
	Number of Payments	Value	% of Total
		\$2,051,879	100%
Directors	55,434	55,434	2.7%
Hourly/Salary	1,996,445.49	1,996,445.49	97.3%

Top 10 Services by Amount Spent



- Recreation Facility-Creston and Areas B, C and Area A
- Recreation Facility-Nelson and Areas F and Defined E
- Refuse Disposal (Central Subregion)-Nelson, Kaslo, Salmo and Areas D, E, F, and G
- General Administration
- Regional Fire Service
- Refuse Disposal (West Subregion)-Castlegar, New Denver, Slocan and Area H, I, J, and K
- Transit-Kootenay Lake West
- Transit-North Shore and Slocan Valley
- Arena (Castlegar Complex)-Castlegar and Areas I and J
- Refuse Disposal (East Subregion)-Creston and Areas A, B and C

Top 10 Vendors by Value



Accounts Payable Top 80% of Payments for May 2026

Top 80% of payments by value	Number of Payments 351	\$	Value 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 Environmental 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 Slokan 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

Accounts Payable Bottom 20% of Payments for May 2026

Remaining 20% of payments by value	Number of Payments		Value
	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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	732	\$	437,851
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
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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
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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
Trowalex 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
Vandenbergh, 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
Vandenbergh, Kelly	2	\$	498.07
Watson, Aimee	2	\$	321.20
Employees	Number of Payments		Value
	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
Frith, Margaret	1	\$	433.62
Froehlich, Clifford	1	\$	511.00
Garnier, Cody	1	\$	204.40
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

Accounts Payable for May 2026 Breakdown by Type of Payment

All Other Vendors	Number of Payments		Value
	907	\$	
			1,896,070
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
Alberta Fire Chiefs Association	2	\$	7,886.63
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
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
Clartech 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

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	907	\$	
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
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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

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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
Trowalex 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	\$	
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
			1,896,070

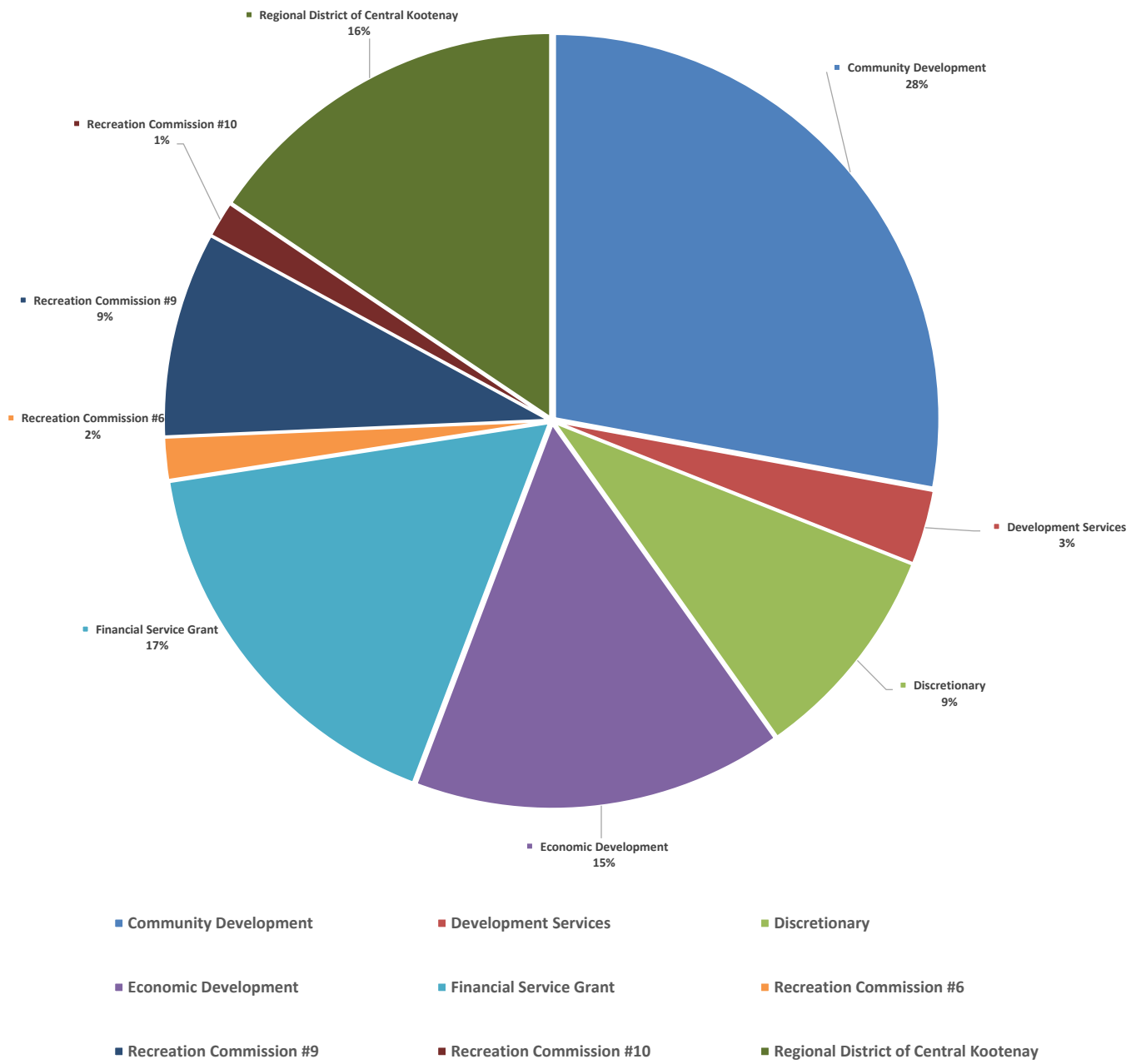
Sundry Payments for May 2026 Breakdown by Description of Payment

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	
Sundry Vendor	NDCC-Rec Refund Request	\$	68.52	
Sundry Vendor	NDCC-Rec Refund Request	\$	250.95	

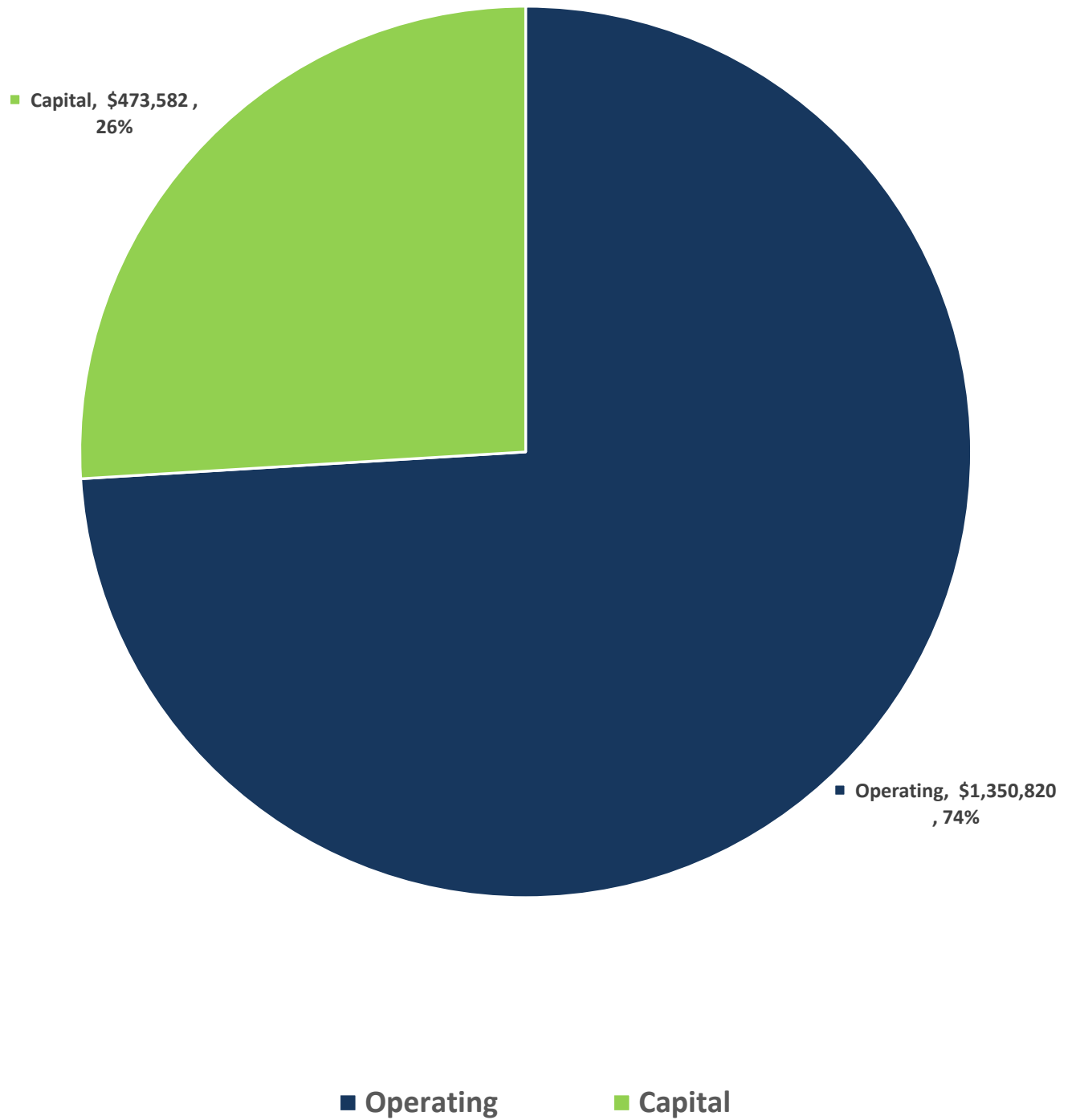
Accounts Payable for May 2026 Breakdown by Type of Payment

Discretionary, Community Development, and Other Grants	Number of Payments		256,924
	64	\$	
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

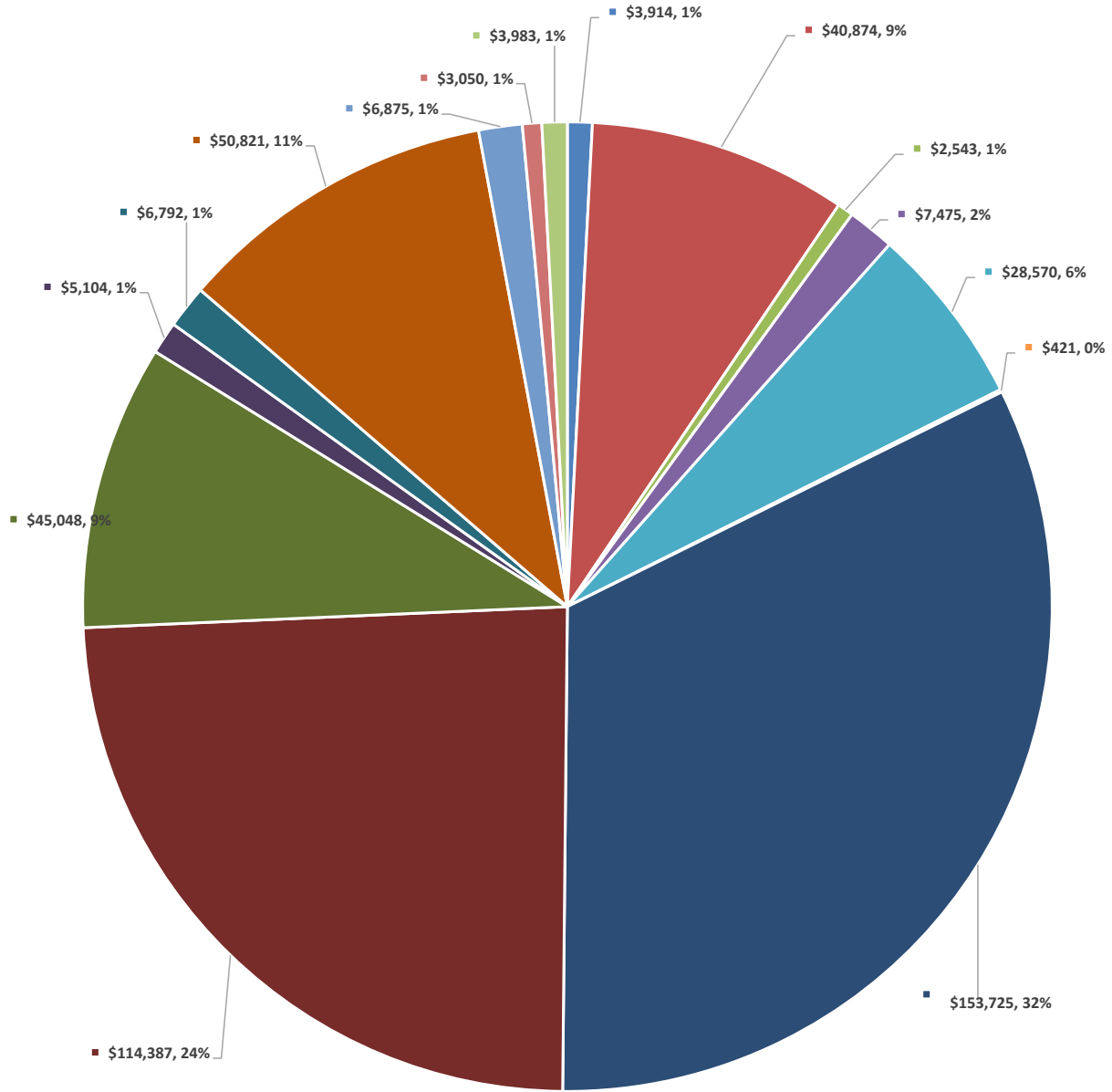
Grants by Type



May 2026 Capital VS Operating Expenditures



May 2026 Capital by Service



- Aquatic Centre-Castlegar and Areas J and I
- Arena (Castlegar Complex)-Castlegar and Areas I and J
- Fire Protection - Kaslo
- General Administration
- Geospatial Information Systems
- Recreation Commission No.8-Slocan and Area H
- Recreation Facility-Creston and Areas B, C and Area A
- Recreation Facility-Nelson and Areas F and Defined E
- Refuse Disposal (Central Subregion)-Nelson, Kaslo, Salmo and Areas D, E, F, and G
- Refuse Disposal (East Subregion)-Creston and Areas A, B and C
- Water Utility-Area A (Riondel)
- Water Utility-Area B (Erickson)
- Water Utility-Area H (South Slocan)
- Water Utility-Area J (West Robson)
- Water Utility-Area K (Fauquier)



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

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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.



June 3, 2026

Garry Jackman
Director of Electoral Area A – Wynndel/
East Shore Kootenay Lake

Brittney Anderson, MLA Kootenay Central
433 Josephine St.
Nelson, BC V1L 1W4
Via email: brittney.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 overriding 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.

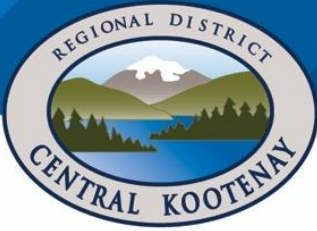
You and MLA Steve Morrisette, along with the Ministers of Transportation and Labour, have been approached many times by individuals, local elected officials and more organized groups seeking a long-term resolution to avoid harm to residents and our economy. One of those organized groups is the Inland 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 decline 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



Aimee Watson

RDCK Director of Electoral Area D

June 3, 2026

School District No. 8, Kootenay Lake
811 Stanley Street
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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.

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;

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- 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

Brittney Anderson, MLA Kootenay Central
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Via email: brittney.anderson.mla@leg.bc.ca

Dear Brittney,

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.

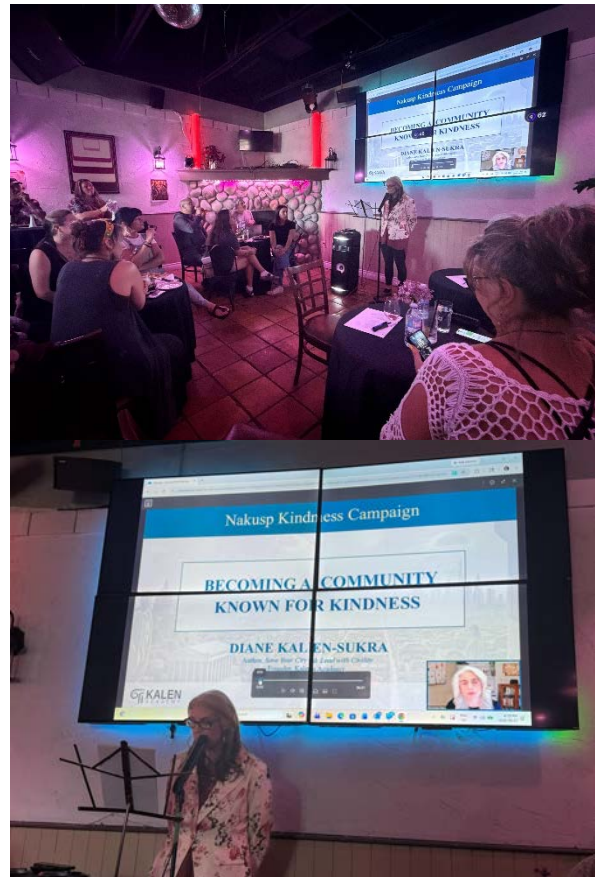


- May 11th, attended regular **Council Meeting**
- May 25th, attended regular **Council Meeting**

- 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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## Union of BC Municipalities (UBCM)

For detailed and regular updates from UBCM, sign up to their newsletter, *The Compass* here:

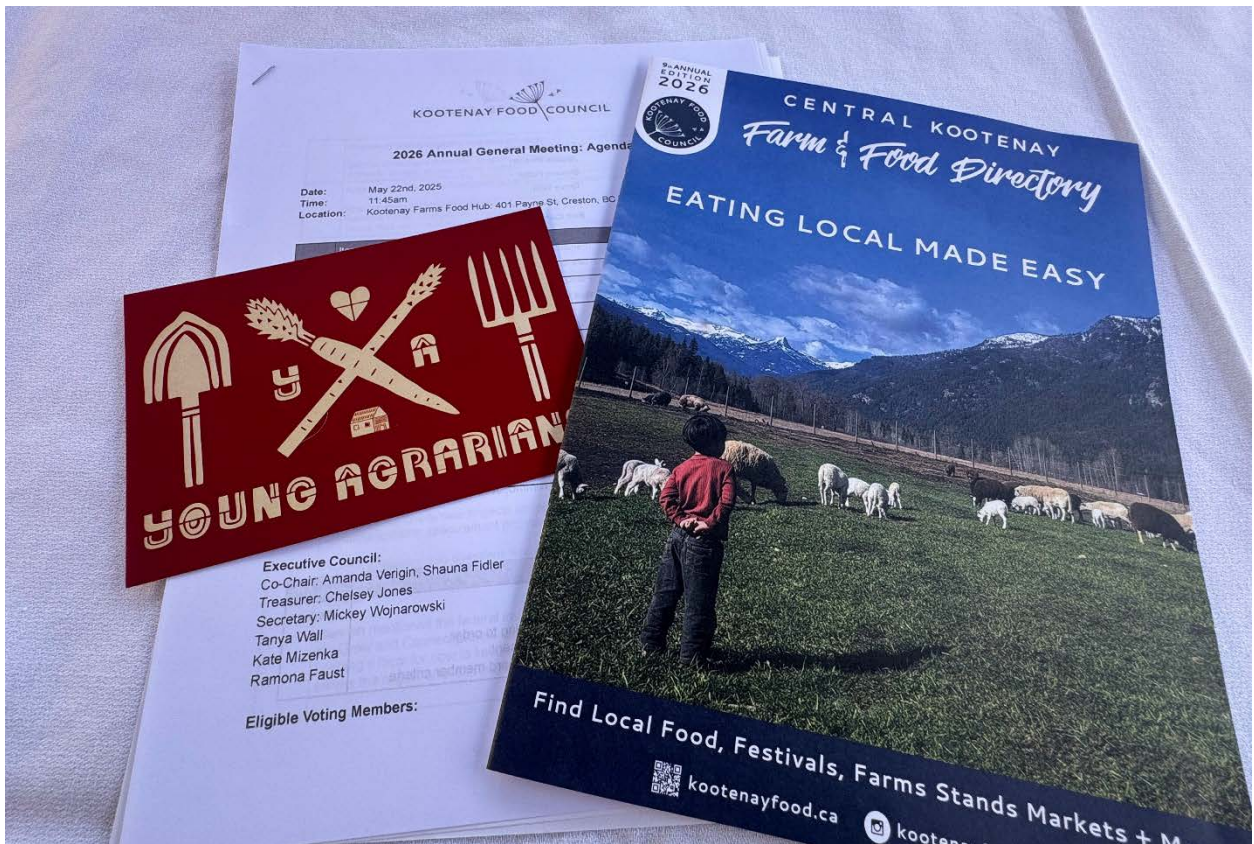
<https://www.ubcm.ca/thecompass>



- *The Compass* Articles of Note:
  - **Resolutions Deadline, June 15<sup>th</sup>**
    - <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 22<sup>nd</sup>, 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.*

- May 11<sup>th</sup>, attended online committee meeting.
  - May 26<sup>th</sup>, 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.

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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 **íkmqín (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.

íkmqín (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.