



WEST KOOTENAY BOUNDARY REGIONAL HOSPITAL BOARD

Open Meeting Agenda

Date: Wednesday, June 24, 2026
Time: 6:00 pm
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

To promote openness, transparency and provide accessibility to the public we provide the ability to attend the WKBRHD meetings in-person or remote (hybrid model).

Meeting Time:

6:00 p.m. PST

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In-Person Location: The Confluence - 1995 6th Ave. Castlegar BC. V1N 4B7

2. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Hewat called the meeting to order at ____ 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 THE AGENDA

RECOMMENDATION:

The agenda for the June 24, 2026 West Kootenay Boundary Regional Hospital Board meeting be adopted as circulated.

5. RECEIPT OF MINUTES

- 5.1 **WKBRHD Board Meeting Minutes - March 25, 2026** 5 - 18

RECOMMENDATION:

The March 25, 2026 West Kootenay Boundary Regional Hospital Board meeting minutes be adopted.

- 5.2 **WKBRHD Executive Meeting Minutes - June 1, 2026** 19 - 21
The minutes from the June 1, 2026 WKBRHD Executive Committee meeting has been received for information.

6. DELEGATIONS

- 6.1 **Tyler Dobie - Victorian Hospital of Kaslo Auxiliary - Long-Term Care Expansion & Integrated Health Infrastructure Planning**
Tyler Dobie will provide a verbal presentation.
- 6.2 **Betty Brown - Jim Pattison Centre for Health Systems Learning + Innovation** 22 - 42
The presentation from Betty Brown, Innovation Liaison: Government + Community, re: Jim Pattison Centre for Health Systems Learning + Innovation, has been received.

The FAQ booklet from Betty Brown, Innovation Liaison: Government + Community, re: Jim Pattison Centre for Health Systems Learning + Innovation, has been received.
- 6.3 **Interior Health Authority** 43 - 73
Lindsay Hetu , Chief Operating Officer, Clinical Operations – East Kootenay and Kootenay Boundary
Matt Wilkie, Corporate Director, Business Operations

The presentation from Lindsay Hetu and Matt Wilkie, re: Capital Project Status Report, West Kootenay Boundary, has been received.

7. BUSINESS ARISING OUT OF MINUTES

- 7.1 **Bylaw 439: West Kootenay-Boundary Regional Hospital District Capital** 74 - 77

Expenditure & Borrowing Capital Expenditure & Borrowing Bylaw Capital Expenditure & Borrowing Bylaw

Capital Expenditure & Borrowing Bylaw

The Board Report dated June 24, 2026 from Stuart Horn, WKBRHD Secretary/Treasurer, re:

The following recommendations were referred from March 25, 2026 to June 24, 2026 WKBRHD Board Meeting:

43/26 That the following motion BE REFERRED to the June 25, 2026 West Kootenay-Boundary Regional Hospital District Board meeting: West Kootenay-Boundary Regional Hospital District Capital Expenditure & Borrowing Bylaw No. 439, 2025 is hereby read the FIRST, SECOND and THIRD time.

44/26 That the following motion BE REFERRED to the June 24, 2026 West Kootenay-Boundary Regional Hospital District Board meeting: West Kootenay-Boundary Regional Hospital District Capital Expenditure & Borrowing Bylaw No. 439, 2025 is hereby ADOPTED and the Chair and the Secretary are authorized to sign same.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Board refer the West Kootenay-Boundary Regional Hospital District Capital Expenditure & Borrowing Bylaw No. 439, 2026 to the March 2027 Board meeting so it can be considered along with the 2027 budget process.

- 7.2 Letter of Support: Big White Mountain Rural Health Hub** 78
- The letter dated March 23, 2026 from Allan Joli-Coeur, Big White Mountain Community Development Association President, re: Letter of Support: Big White Mountain Rural Health Hub, has been received for information.

8. NEW BUSINESS

- 8.1 Chair's Report**
- Chair Hewat will provide a verbal report.
- 8.2 WKBRHD Accounts Payable Summary** 79 - 82
- The WKBRHD Accounts Payable Summary from the RDCK Finance Department for March - May 2026, has been received.
- 8.3 2026 UBCM Convention – Provincial Cabinet Minister meeting PriorityTopics** 83 - 84
- The 2026 WKBRHD Minister Meeting Request Briefing Notes from Stuart Horn, Secretary/Treasurer, has been received for information.

Chair Hewat will provide an overview to the Board regarding the UBCM meeting priorities discussion from the June 1, 2026 Executive Committee

meeting.

9. QUESTION PERIOD FOR PUBLIC AND MEDIA

The Chair will call for questions from the public and members of the media at _____ p.m.

10. ADJOURNMENT

RECOMMENDATION:

The meeting be adjourned at _____ p.m.



The **second** regular meeting of the Board of the West Kootenay-Boundary Regional Hospital District for the year 2026 was held on Wednesday, March 25, 2026 at 6:00 p.m. through a hybrid meeting model.

Quorum was maintained for the duration of the meeting.

ELECTED OFFICIALS PRESENT:

Chair. S. Hewat	RDCK Village of Kaslo	In-Person
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(RDCK)

Director G. Jackman	Area A	In-Person
Alternate Director J. Smienk	Area E	
Director H. Cunningham	Area G	In-Person
Director W. Popoff	Area H	In-Person
Director A. Davidoff	Area I	
Director H. Hanegraaf	Area J	In-Person
Director T. Weatherhead	Area K	
Director B. Bogle	City of Castlegar	In-Person
Director A. McLaren-Caux	Village of Nakusp	In-Person
Director K. Page	City of Nelson	In-Person
Director D. Lockwood	Village of Salmo	
Director L. Main	Village of Silverton	

(RDKB)

Director A. Grieve	Area A	
Director L. Worley	Area B	In-Person
Director G. McGregor	Area C	In-Person
Director C. Linton	Area D	
Director S. Gibbs	Area E	In-Person
Director C. Guesford	Village of Fruitvale	In-Person
Director E. Baker	City of Grand Forks	
Director C. Rhodes	City of Greenwood	

Director J. Willsey	Village of Midway	
Director P. Caron	Village of Montrose	In-Person
Director A. Morel	Village of Rossland	In-Person
Director T. Martin	City of Trail	In-Person
Director F. Marino	Village of Warfield	

ELECTED DIRECTORS ABSENT:

Director A. Watson	Area D – RDCK
Director C. Graham	Area E – RDCK
Director T. Newell	Area F – RDCK
Director L. Casley	Village of New Denver - RDCK
Director E. Buller	Village of Slocan
Director J. Weaver	City of Rossland
Director L. Wiese	Area D

STAFF PRESENT

S. Horn	Secretary/Treasurer
M. Morrison	Deputy Secretary
C. Hopkyns	Recording Secretary

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4. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

Moved and seconded,
And Resolved:

09/26 The agenda for the March 25, 2026 West Kootenay Boundary Regional Hospital Board meeting be adopted with the inclusion of

- Item 5.1 - Appointment of Alternate Director - Regional District of Kootenay Boundary Area D;
- Item 8.7 – 2026 Association of Kootenay and Boundary Local Government (AKBLG) – Minister Osborne’s Attendance;

before circulation.

Carried

5. RECEIPT OF MINUTES

Moved and seconded,
And Resolved:

10/26 The January 28, 2026 West Kootenay Boundary Regional Hospital Board meeting minutes be adopted.

Carried

5.1 Appointment of Alternate Director - Regional District of Kootenay Boundary Area D

Moved and seconded,
And Resolved:

11/26 That Christine Linton be appointed as Alternate Director of the West Kootenay-Boundary Regional Hospital District for 2026 representing the Regional District of Kootenay Boundary Area D.

Carried

6. DELEGATIONS

6.1 Dr. Carly Sylvester and Dr. Steven Sylvester - Medical Feasibility Study for a Tier 2 Rural Health Hub at Big White Ski Resort

The presentation from Dr. Carly Sylvester and Dr. Steven Sylvester, re: Proposal for a West Boundary Rural Health Hub, has been received.

The letter of support from Michael Ballingall, Big White Ski Resort Senior Vice President, re: Proposal for a West Boundary Rural Health Hub, has been received.

Dr. Carly Sylvester gave a presentation to the Board on a Strategic Case for a Tier 2 Medical Hub at Big White Mountain.

Dr. Sylvester began by presented on clinical risk and service inequity in West Boundary. She shared the vision for the Tier 2 Medical Hub at Big White Mountain that would reduce these risks and inequities:

1. Trauma Stabilization – On-site X-ray and stabilization.
2. Primary & Urgent Care – establishing a longitudinal medical home for 1,000+ permanent residents;
3. Specialist Outreach – A satellite site to provide sub-specialty follow-ups for RDKB patients;
4. Clinical Teaching – A designated rural trauma training site for to aid long-term physician recruitment and retention.

Dr. Sylvester reviewed next steps, requesting the WKBRHD authorize funding for a formal Medical Feasibility Study, sharing the study is the first step to accurately assess the site, capital, and diagnostic requirements necessary to align West Boundary with provincial safety standards.

Dr. Sylvester and Interior Health staff answered the Boards questions.

6.2 Interior Health Authority

Matt Wilkie, Corporate Director, Business Operations

Lannon de Best, Executive Director, Clinical Operations – Kootenay Boundary

6.2.1 West Kootenay Boundary Nelson Mental Health & Substance Use (MHSU) Update

The presentation from Lannon de Best and Matt Wilkie, re: West Kootenay Boundary Nelson Mental Health & Substance Use (MHSU) Update, has been received.

The report Mental Health & Substance Use (MHSU) Services in Nelson, has been received.

Lannon deBest provided an update to the Board regarding the Nelson Mental Health & Substance Use (MHSU) services, the Nelson Community Health Centre flood and physician recruitment.

Director Main joined the meeting at 6:45 p.m.

7. BUSINESS ARISING OUT OF THE MINUTES

7.1 Interior Health Capital Funding Request for the 2026/27 Fiscal Year

The letter dated December 22, 2025 from Interior Health, re: Capital Funding Request for the 2026/27 Fiscal Year, has been received for information.

7.2 Bylaw No. 440: West Kootenay-Boundary Regional Hospital District Capital Expenditure Bylaw

Elevator Modernization for Boundary Hospital, Grand Forks

Moved and seconded,
And Resolved:

12/26 That the West Kootenay-Boundary Regional Hospital District Capital Expenditure Bylaw No. 440, 2026 is hereby read the FIRST, SECOND and THIRD time.

Carried

Moved and seconded,
And Resolved:

13/26 That the West Kootenay-Boundary Regional Hospital District Capital Expenditure Bylaw No. 440, 2026 is hereby ADOPTED and the Chair and the Secretary are authorized to sign same.

Carried

7.3 Bylaw No. 441: West Kootenay-Boundary Regional Hospital District Capital Expenditure Bylaw

Fire Alarm System for Castlegar District Health Centre, Castlegar

Moved and seconded,
And Resolved:

14/26 That the West Kootenay-Boundary Regional Hospital District Capital Expenditure Bylaw No. 441, 2026 is hereby read the FIRST, SECOND and THIRD time.

Carried

Moved and seconded,
And Resolved:

15/26 That the West Kootenay-Boundary Regional Hospital District Capital Expenditure Bylaw No. 441, 2026 is hereby ADOPTED and the Chair and the Secretary are authorized to sign same.

Carried

7.4 Bylaw No. 442: West Kootenay-Boundary Regional Hospital District Capital Expenditure Bylaw

Permanent Doors on Patient Rooms in Emergency Department for Kootenay Lake Regional Hospital, Nelson

Moved and seconded,
And Resolved:

16/26 That the West Kootenay-Boundary Regional Hospital District Capital Expenditure Bylaw No. 442, 2026 is hereby read the FIRST, SECOND and THIRD time.

Carried

Moved and seconded,
And Resolved:

17/26 That the West Kootenay-Boundary Regional Hospital District Capital Expenditure Bylaw No. 442, 2026 is hereby ADOPTED and the Chair and the Secretary are authorized to sign same.

Carried

7.5 Bylaw No. 443: West Kootenay-Boundary Regional Hospital District Capital Expenditure Bylaw

Heating Boilers Replacement for Nelson Jubilee Manor, Nelson

Moved and seconded,
And Resolved:

18/26 That the West Kootenay-Boundary Regional Hospital District Capital Expenditure Bylaw No. 443, 2026 is hereby read the FIRST, SECOND and THIRD time.

Carried

Moved and seconded,
And Resolved:

19/26 That the West Kootenay-Boundary Regional Hospital District Capital Expenditure Bylaw No. 443, 2026 is hereby ADOPTED and the Chair and the Secretary are authorized to sign same.

Carried

7.6 Bylaw No. 444: West Kootenay-Boundary Regional Hospital District Capital Expenditure Bylaw

Acute Room 2 Wheelchair Accessible Bathroom for Arrow Lakes Hospital, Nakusp

Moved and seconded,
And Resolved:

20/26 That the West Kootenay-Boundary Regional Hospital District Capital Expenditure Bylaw No. 444, 2026 is hereby read the FIRST, SECOND and THIRD time.

Carried

Moved and seconded,
And Resolved:

21/26 That the West Kootenay-Boundary Regional Hospital District Capital Expenditure Bylaw No. 444, 2026 is hereby ADOPTED and the Chair and the Secretary are authorized to sign same.

Carried

7.7 Bylaw No. 445: West Kootenay-Boundary Regional Hospital District Capital Expenditure Bylaw

Laundry Air Handling Unit Replacement for Boundary Hospital, Grand Forks

Moved and seconded,
And Resolved:

22/26 That the West Kootenay-Boundary Regional Hospital District Capital Expenditure Bylaw No. 445, 2026 is hereby read the FIRST, SECOND and THIRD time.

Carried

Moved and seconded,
And Resolved:

23/26 That the West Kootenay-Boundary Regional Hospital District Capital Expenditure Bylaw No. 445, 2026 is hereby ADOPTED and the Chair and the Secretary are authorized to sign same.

Carried

7.8 Bylaw No. 446: West Kootenay-Boundary Regional Hospital District Capital Expenditure Bylaw

Seclusion Room Door for Kootenay Lake Regional Hospital, Nelson

Moved and seconded,
And Resolved:

24/26 That the West Kootenay-Boundary Regional Hospital District Capital Expenditure Bylaw No. 446, 2026 is hereby read the FIRST, SECOND and THIRD time.

Carried

Moved and seconded,
And Resolved:

25/26 That the West Kootenay-Boundary Regional Hospital District Capital Expenditure Bylaw No. 446, 2026 is hereby ADOPTED and the Chair and the Secretary are authorized to sign same.

Carried

7.9 Bylaw No. 447: West Kootenay-Boundary Regional Hospital District Capital Expenditure Bylaw

Lower Main Conditional Power Distribution Redesign and Replacement for Kootenay Boundary Regional Hospital, Trail

Moved and seconded,
And Resolved:

26/26 That the West Kootenay-Boundary Regional Hospital District Capital Expenditure Bylaw No. 447, 2026 is hereby read the FIRST, SECOND and THIRD time.

Carried

Moved and seconded,
And Resolved:

- 27/26 That the West Kootenay-Boundary Regional Hospital District Capital Expenditure Bylaw No. 447, 2026 is hereby read the FIRST, SECOND and THIRD time.
- Carried**
- 7.10 Bylaw No. 448: West Kootenay-Boundary Regional Hospital District Capital Expenditure Bylaw**
Rural Emergency Department Project for Arrow Lakes Hospital, Nakusp
- Moved and seconded,
And Resolved:
- 28/26 That the West Kootenay-Boundary Regional Hospital District Capital Expenditure Bylaw No. 448, 2026 is hereby read the FIRST, SECOND and THIRD time.
- Carried**
- Moved and seconded,
And Resolved:
- 29/26 That the West Kootenay-Boundary Regional Hospital District Capital Expenditure Bylaw No. 448, 2026 is hereby ADOPTED and the Chair and the Secretary are authorized to sign same.
- Carried**
- 7.11 Bylaw No. 449: West Kootenay-Boundary Regional Hospital District Capital Expenditure Bylaw**
Interior Health-Wide Digital Health Projects
- Moved and seconded,
And Resolved:
- 30/26 That the West Kootenay-Boundary Regional Hospital District Capital Expenditure Bylaw No. 449, 2026 is hereby read the FIRST, SECOND and THIRD time.
- Carried**
- Moved and seconded,
And Resolved:
- 31/26 That the West Kootenay-Boundary Regional Hospital District Capital Expenditure Bylaw No. 449, 2026 is hereby ADOPTED and the Chair and the Secretary are authorized to sign same.

Carried

7.12 Bylaw No. 450: West Kootenay-Boundary Regional Hospital District Capital Expenditure Bylaw

Thulium Laser for Kootenay Boundary Regional Hospital, Trail

Moved and seconded,
And Resolved:

32/26 That the West Kootenay-Boundary Regional Hospital District Capital Expenditure Bylaw No. 450, 2026 is hereby read the FIRST, SECOND and THIRD time.

Carried

Moved and seconded,
And Resolved:

33/26 That the West Kootenay-Boundary Regional Hospital District Capital Expenditure Bylaw No. 450, 2026 is hereby ADOPTED and the Chair and the Secretary are authorized to sign same.

Carried

7.13 Bylaw No. 451: West Kootenay-Boundary Regional Hospital District Capital Expenditure Bylaw

Minimally Invasive Surgery (MIS) Towers for Kootenay Boundary Regional Hospital, Trail

Moved and seconded,
And Resolved:

34/26 That the West Kootenay-Boundary Regional Hospital District Capital Expenditure Bylaw No. 451, 2026 is hereby read the FIRST, SECOND and THIRD time.

Carried

Moved and seconded,
And Resolved:

35/26 That the West Kootenay-Boundary Regional Hospital District Capital Expenditure Bylaw No. 451, 2026 is hereby ADOPTED and the Chair and the Secretary are authorized to sign same.

Carried**7.14 Bylaw No. 452: West Kootenay-Boundary Regional Hospital District Capital Expenditure Bylaw**

Monitoring System, Physiological for Kootenay Lake Regional Hospital, Nelson

Moved and seconded,
And Resolved:

36/26 That the West Kootenay-Boundary Regional Hospital District Capital Expenditure Bylaw No. 452, 2026 is hereby read the FIRST, SECOND and THIRD time.

CarriedMoved and seconded,
And Resolved:

37/26 That the West Kootenay-Boundary Regional Hospital District Capital Expenditure Bylaw No. 452, 2026 is hereby ADOPTED and the Chair and the Secretary are authorized to sign same.

Carried**7.15 Bylaw No. 453: West Kootenay-Boundary Regional Hospital District Capital Expenditure Bylaw**

Equipment under \$100,000 (Global Grant)

Moved and seconded,
And Resolved:

38/26 That the West Kootenay-Boundary Regional Hospital District Capital Expenditure Bylaw No. 453, 2026 is hereby read the FIRST, SECOND and THIRD time.

CarriedMoved and seconded,
And Resolved:

39/26 That the West Kootenay-Boundary Regional Hospital District Capital Expenditure Bylaw No. 453, 2026 is hereby ADOPTED and the Chair and the Secretary are authorized to sign same.

Carried

7.16 Bylaw No. 454: West Kootenay-Boundary Regional Hospital District Capital Expenditure Bylaw

Annual Budget for the year 2026

The report dated March 25, 2026 from Stuart Horn, WKBRHD Secretary/Treasurer, re: Draft 2026 Budget Scenarios, has been received.

The Board had a discussion and staff answered questions.

Moved and seconded,
And Resolved:

40/26 That the WKBRHD Board approve budget Scenario B, as presented in the materials at the March 25, 2026 Open Board meeting, which sets taxation at \$ 5,272,940 and a contribution from reserve of \$1,185,424.

Carried

Moved and seconded,
And Resolved:

41/26 That the West Kootenay-Boundary Regional Hospital District Capital Expenditure Bylaw No.454, 2026 is hereby read the FIRST, SECOND and THIRD time.

Carried

Moved and seconded,
And Resolved:

42/26 That the West Kootenay-Boundary Regional Hospital District Capital Expenditure Bylaw No.454, 2026 is hereby ADOPTED and the Chair and the Secretary are authorized to sign same.

Carried

7.17 Bylaw 439: West Kootenay-Boundary Regional Hospital District Capital Expenditure & Borrowing Capital Expenditure & Borrowing Bylaw

Capital Expenditure & Borrowing Bylaw

Moved and seconded,
And Resolved:

43/26 That the following motion BE REFERRED to the June 25, 2026 West Kootenay-Boundary Regional Hospital District Board meeting:

West Kootenay-Boundary Regional Hospital District Capital Expenditure & Borrowing Bylaw No. 439, 2025 is hereby read the FIRST, SECOND and THIRD time.

Carried

Moved and seconded,
And Resolved:

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West Kootenay-Boundary Regional Hospital District Capital Expenditure & Borrowing Bylaw No. 439, 2025 is hereby ADOPTED and the Chair and the Secretary are authorized to sign same.

Carried

8. NEW BUSINESS

8.1 Chair's Report

Chair Hewat provided a verbal update sharing on her recent meeting with Interior Health.

8.2 WKBRHD Accounts Payable Summary

The WKBRHD Accounts Payable Summary from the RDCK Finance Department for January - February 2026, has been received.

8.3 Interior Health Authority and Regional Hospital District Meetings

Moved and seconded,
And Resolved:

45/26 That attendance at the annual meetings between the Interior Health Authority and Regional Hospital District Chairs be approved for the Chair and the Secretary Treasurer on an ongoing basis, and that the Chair's per diem and allowances be paid in accordance with West Kootenay Boundary Regional Hospital District Bylaw No. 117 and subsequent amendments.

Carried

8.4 Director Gibbs: Letter of Support - Funding for Feasibility Study - Trauma Centre at Big White Mountain

The letter dated March 14, 2026 from Sharen Gibbs, RDKB Director, re: Letter of Support - Funding for Feasibility Study - Trauma Centre at Big White Mountain, has been received.

8.5 2026 UBCM Convention – Provincial Cabinet Minister meeting Priority Topics

The Board had a discussion regarding priority topics for the 2026 UBCM Convention Provincial Cabinet Minister meetings.

The following items were discussed:

- Mental health issues and follow up after mental health emergencies.
- The paused Bill 12 Public Health Accountability and Cost Recovery Act – online harm legislation and holding the government accountable to hold companies accountable, including social media platforms, for the mental health harm that arise from their platforms.
- Additional topic priorities may come out of the AKBLG convention discussion with Honourable Josies Osborne.

Based off the Board's feedback, the Executive Committee will meet before the June Board meeting to determine the 2026 WKBHRD priority topics.

8.6 2026 Association of Kootenay and Boundary Local Government (AKBLG) – Minister Osborne's Attendance

Director McLaren-Caux shared with the Board that at the 2026 AKBLG Convention, Honourable Josie Osborne, Minister of Health, and Sylvia Weir, CEO of Interior Health will be attending for a facilitated discussion regarding health care in our region. He encouraged the Board to submit their questions or topics in advance of the convention.

9. QUESTION PERIOD FOR PUBLIC AND MEDIA

The Chair will call for questions from the public and members of the media at 7:21 p.m.

10. ADJOURNMENT

Moved and seconded,
And Resolved:

46/26 The meeting be adjourned at 7:21 p.m.

Carried

Digitally Approved

Suzan Hewat, Chair

Christine Hopkyns, Secretary



EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING
Open Meeting Minutes

Date: June 1, 2026
Time: 1:00 p.m. (PDT)
Location: Remote Meeting

ELECTED OFFICIALS PRESENT:

Chair S. Hewat	Village of Kaslo - RDCK
Vice-Chair E. Baker	City of Grand Forks, RDKB
Director A. McLaren-Caux	Village of Nakusp - RDCK
Director S. Gibbs	Area E – RDKB
Director T. Martin	City of Trail – RDKB
Director K. Page	City of Nelson – RDCK

STAFF PRESENT:

M. Morrison	Deputy-Secretary
C. Hopkyns	Meeting Coordinator

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Meeting Passcode: 197823

2. CALL TO ORDER & WELCOME

Chair Hewat called the meeting to order at 1:00 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 THE AGENDA

Moved

And Resolved:

That the agenda for the June 1, 2026 West Kootenay-Boundary Regional Hospital District Executive Committee meeting be adopted as circulated.

Carried

5. NEW BUSINESS

5.1 DELEGATION REQUEST – JIM PATTISON

The Delegation Request from Jim Pattison Centre for Health Systems Learning + Innovation, has been received for consideration.

The Executive Committee had a discussion regarding the Jim Pattison delegation request.

Moved

And Resolved:

That the WKBRHD delegation request from Jim Pattison Centre for Health Systems Learning + Innovation, be invited to attend the June 24, 2026 WKBRHD Board meeting as a delegation.

Carried

5.2 2026 UBCM MEETING PRIORITY TOPICS

Chair Hewat requested a discussion regarding the 2026 UBCM priority topics.

The 2025 UBCM Province Meeting Summary has been received for information.

The Executive Committee had a discussion regarding the UBCM priorities. They reviewed the following topics:

- Mental health issues and follow up after mental health emergencies.
- The paused Bill 12 Public Health Accountability and Cost Recovery Act – online harm legislation and holding the government accountable to hold companies accountable, including social media platforms, for the mental health harm that arise from their platforms.
- Additional topic priorities may come out of the AKBLG convention discussion with Honourable Josies Osborne.

- Tri City (City of Trail, City of Castlegar, & City of Nelson) AKBLG Resolution regarding a regional strategy for rehabilitation, homelessness, and public safety in the Kootenay and Boundary Regions.
- Transportation challenges related to health care in rural areas.
- Demographics (seniors care) in rural areas
- Technology expansion in rural areas.

The Executive agreed the following three topics were identifying as priorities:

1. The Tri-Cities (City of Trail, City of Castlegar, & City of Nelson) AKBLG Resolution highlighting the importance of a regional strategy for rehabilitation, homelessness, and public safety in the Kootenay and Boundary Regions.
2. Technology expansion in rural areas – Provide feedback on the success of the virtual ER (Local Integrated Network for Emergency Departments) pilot in Nakusp to encourage the technology expansion in rural areas.
3. Mental Health - Ask the Minister of Health to pressure the Provincial government to improve investment in supportive and transitional housing across the region.

Committee members will send staff supporting documentation on the three priority topics. Staff will compile the information and email the Executive Committee for final feedback.

5. **ADJOURNMENT**

Moved

And Resolved:

That the meeting adjourn at 1:31 p.m.

Carried

Digitally approved

Suzan Hewat, WKBHRD Board Chair



Jim Pattison
Centre for Health Systems
Learning + Innovation

Where good ideas become better healthcare

Betty Brown

Innovation Liaison: Government + Community



Transforming Health Care in BC

- **A bold, new initiative** to reshape BC health care
- **Co-created** by KGH Foundation and Interior Health with community input
- **Independent and nimble** — fast, flexible decision-making
- **From idea to impact** — turning great ideas into real-world solutions



Jim Pattison
Centre for Health Systems
Learning + Innovation

Item 6.2

Centre: Role and Capabilities

- **Extensive international network** of experts, industry partners, and funding sources
- **Neutral, trusted convener** able to perform due diligence and governance
- **Facilitates working agreements** between the Centre and “Communities”
- **Manages multi-party agreements** for Community projects (innovators, health-system partners, funders)



Jim Pattison
Centre for Health Systems
Learning + Innovation





Connecting, Testing, Growing

- **Community-led innovation** — empowers **local changemakers** to design solutions
- **Rapid prototyping** — tools and expertise to test, evaluate, and iterate **quickly**
- **Cross-sector coordination** — aligning health, academia, tech, and not-for-profit partners
- **Capacity building** — upskilling in data, digital health, and emerging technologies
- **Navigation & access** — support for accessing systems, services, and funding
- **Learning & partnerships** — training, shared practice, and sustained collaboration



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Total Submissions

65



Under Review

22



Active

11



On Hold

26



Declined / Withdrawn

2



Complete

4



Submissions by CIHI KPI

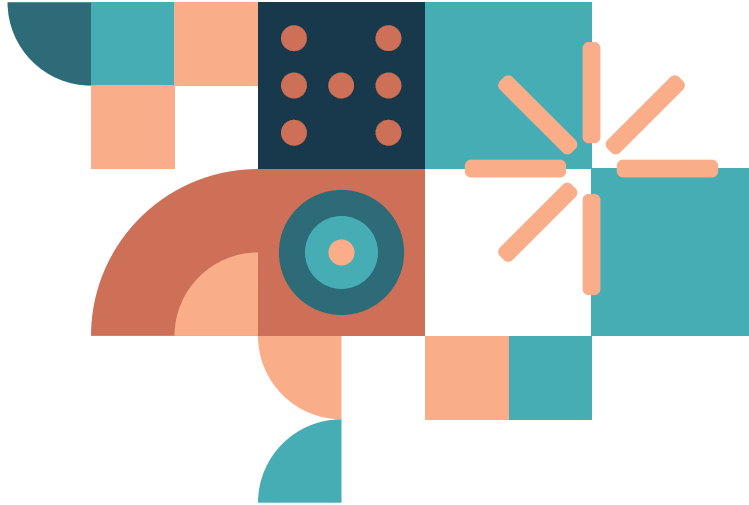


- Avoidable Hospital Use & System Efficiency
- Health Workforce Capacity
- Continuity & Coordination of Care
- Health Equity & Indigenous Health
- Digital Health & Data Integration
- Emergency Department Access & Flow
- Aging Population & Long-Term Care
- Surgical & Diagnostic Wait Times
- Access to Primary Care
- Mental Health & Substance Use
- Other

Submissions by Advisory Group



- Clinical Advisory & Health Systems
- Health Technology
- Health Leadership
- Rural & Remote Health
- Indigenous Health & Wellbeing
- Planetary Health
- Unspecified



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D2TYPE

A new partnership between the JP Centre and [D2Type Health](#) will test a first-of-its-kind [digital](#) diabetes support tool that will help up to 300 adults across the Interior stay connected to care between appointments.

Lilo Health

A health-care company and the JP Centre are working together on a home-care infrastructure system that is intended **to help seniors live in their homes longer.**

Lilo's system functions quietly in the background of the home. Using discreet sensing technology and structured observation over time, it creates shared visibility around patterns related to health, safety and independence. The system does not replace clinical services.

Instead, it strengthens **awareness, co-ordination and continuity** between home and health-care environments.





Role for Community Leaders

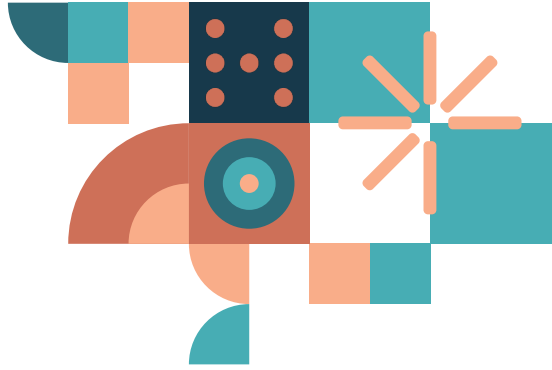
Local governments and community leaders **help uncover and support innovators and entrepreneurs driving new ideas.**



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1. Formulate a **solution**, with potential for high impact & replicability, to a community health system problem.
 - Find one or two local leads who can clearly articulate the idea.

2. Contact the Centre to request a conversation by completing a short intake form: <https://jpcentre.ca/submit-an-idea/>

Within two weeks, **you will receive a call** from the most relevant staff member(s) to discuss your idea.

Steps to initiate a project



LG Rural Engagement Advisory Group

*Establishing a **small, time-limited** rural engagement advisory group is a way for the Jim Pattison Centre (JPC) to **learn directly from rural local governments** about what meaningful and useful engagement should look like going forward.*



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JPC @ UBCM

- Delegate
- Trade Show Exhibitor
- In-person Rural LG Advisory Group meeting
- Proposal to host a
- ***“Rural Health Innovation: Local Solutions Clinic”***





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Thank you

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FAQs

About our Centre



Background

Q: What is the Jim Pattison Centre for Health Systems Learning + Innovation?

The Jim Pattison Centre for Health Systems Learning + Innovation (JP Centre) is a new, independent learning organization created to accelerate innovation and strengthen health systems across British Columbia (BC).

Co-created by Interior Health (IH) and the Kelowna General Hospital (KGH) Foundation, with input from community, clinical, academic, and Indigenous partners including representatives from the 7 First Nations and Metis communities within the Interior, the JP Centre serves as a hub for collaboration, learning, and practical innovation that improves care for all.

Q: Why was the JP Centre created?

The JP Centre was established to bridge the gap between great ideas and real-world solutions in healthcare. Too often, innovative ideas remain siloed or under-supported. The JP Centre provides a flexible and collaborative environment where promising ideas can be tested, scaled, and sustained to improve health outcomes and system performance.

Q: What is the JP Centre's relationship to Interior Health and the KGH Foundation?

The JP Centre operates as a fully independent social enterprise for-profit organization. IH and the KGH Foundation are founding partners who provide strategic guidance and support; however, the JP Centre's structure allows it to act nimbly and neutrally collaborate broadly and engage diverse partners across BC's health ecosystem.



Business Model and Services

Q: How does the JP Centre operate financially?

The JP Centre operates under a for-profit business model designed to enable long-term sustainability of health innovations and reinvestment back into the cycle of health innovation discovery and application. Any profits generated through the Centre's activities are reinvested directly into supporting health innovation and health systems learning, supporting new ideas, applied research, and partnerships that align with the Centre's themes and priorities.

This model allows the Centre to remain financially self-sustaining while continuing to be a catalyst for transformational innovation and learning across BC's health system. It combines the agility of a business approach with a clear commitment to advancing health innovation for social good.

Q: How does the JP Centre make decisions?

The JP Centre uses a consensus distributed decision-making model that brings together a range of content expertise to guide decisions and investments. This includes:

- **Scholarly expertise** – grounding decisions in evidence, research, and best practices.
- **Lived and living experience** – ensuring the perspectives of patients, families, and communities are central to our work.
- **Health system perspectives** – drawing on the insights of clinicians, leaders, and operational experts to align innovations with local and community priorities and needs.
- **Health system data** – seeking, analyzing, and generating new knowledge from practice data and exploring integration into practice to support a learning health system.

This collaborative approach ensures that decisions are well-rounded, equitable, and grounded in the realities of both communities and the health system.



Q: What services does the JP Centre provide?

The JP Centre offers a range of supports designed to move health innovation from idea to impact.

Idea Exploration & Consultation

- Talk through your idea, get quick advice, or identify next steps.
- Perfect if you are still shaping your concept or unsure what kind of support you need.

Connection & Partnership Facilitation

- We help you connect with the right people, programs, or opportunities including collaborators, funders, and organizational partners.

Funding Navigation & Grant Support

- Guidance on identifying funding opportunities and preparing strong applications.
- Can include letters of support or introductions to partners to strengthen your proposal.

Engagement & Facilitation

- Support for engaging communities, health systems, and other partners.
- Includes facilitation for meetings or collaborative planning sessions.

Q: Who does the JP Centre work with and support?

We work with a wide range of partners including health system leaders, clinicians, researchers, innovators, interest groups, community organizations, Indigenous and rural partners, and individuals with lived and living experience. The Centre's focus is on enabling collaboration that leads to meaningful, sustainable change.

Project Development & Implementation

- Help to scope, design, and bring your project to life.
- Includes advice on team building, partnerships, practical implementation steps, and sustainment.

Evaluation & Health Systems Learning

- Support to design evaluation plans, develop metrics, carry out quality improvement, and measure impact.

Knowledge Mobilization & Communication

- Help sharing your results, translating insights into practice, and reaching the right audiences.

Contracting & Legal Guidance

- Assistance developing MOUs, service agreements, or other project-related contracts.

Strategy and Engagement

Q: What is the plan for developing the JP Centre's long-term strategy?

The JP Centre is currently developing a comprehensive three-year strategic plan. This will be co-created through an in-depth engagement process with interest holders and rights holders across the Interior and the Province. The goal is to ensure the strategy reflects shared priorities, community wisdom, and diverse perspectives on what innovation and health systems learning could look like in practice.

Q: How will engagement take place?

The engagement process will include a mix of approaches designed to invite diverse voices and perspectives. These may include:

- One-on-one and small group conversations
Workshops and listening sessions.
- Virtual and in-person forums
- Collaborative sensemaking sessions to synthesize insights into shared directions and priorities.
- Participation in community events and other gatherings when invited, to listen, learn, and strengthen relationships.





Q: What will the strategy focus on?

While the final strategy will be shaped by engagement input, key focus areas are expected to include:

- Building capacity for innovation across health and community settings.
- Strengthening collaboration across organizations, sectors, and disciplines.
- Accelerating real-world testing and real-time learning.
- Embedding equity, reconciliation, and lived experience at the core of all work.

Q: When will the strategy be complete?

The engagement and strategy development process will unfold over 2025-2026, with the final three-year strategy anticipated for release in Fall 2026.



Working with the JP Centre

Q: How can I collaborate with the JP Centre?

Anyone interested in collaborating with the Jim Pattison Centre for Health Systems Learning + Innovation is welcome to reach out directly by email at info@jpcentre.ca.

The Centre officially opened in July 2025 and is still in the development stage—building our team, processes, and partnerships. At the same time, we are already actively engaging with individuals and organizations who want to share ideas or explore opportunities for collaboration across a broad range of health and system innovation topics.

Whether you are developing a new idea, seeking partners to test a concept, or simply curious about how the Centre can support your work, we would be happy to connect and explore potential alignment.

Q: How can I stay informed about the JP Centre's work?

The JP Centre is in the process of developing regular updates and communication channels to keep partners and communities informed about the Centre's activities. These will include:

- Updates on our website
- A regular newsletter
- Opportunities to participate in community and partner forums.
- Occasional social media updates and event announcements

As these channels are developed, we will share information on how to subscribe and stay connected. In the meantime, please feel free to contact us at info@jpcentre.ca for more information or to be added to our early contact list. Thank you for your interest in staying connected with the JP Centre!



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Capital Project Status Report West Kootenay Boundary

June 24, 2026

Lindsay Hetu, Chief Operating Officer, Clinical Operations – EK and KB
Matt Wilkie, Corporate Director, Business Operations

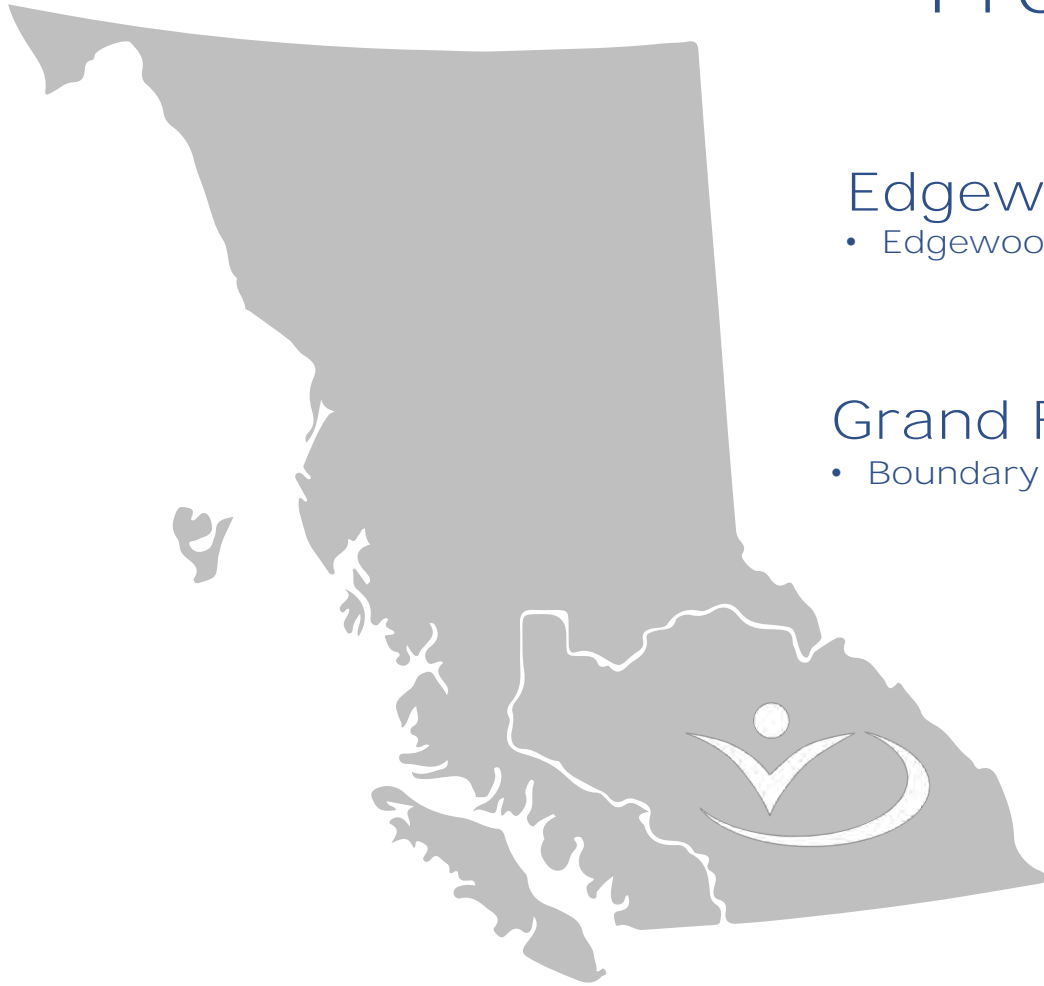


Land Acknowledgement

Interior Health would like to recognize and acknowledge the traditional, ancestral, and unceded territories of the Dākelh Dené, Ktunaxa, **Nlaka'pamux**, Secwépemc, **St'át'imc**, syilx, and **T̓silhqot'in** Nations where we live, learn, collaborate and work together.



West Kootenay Boundary Project Updates

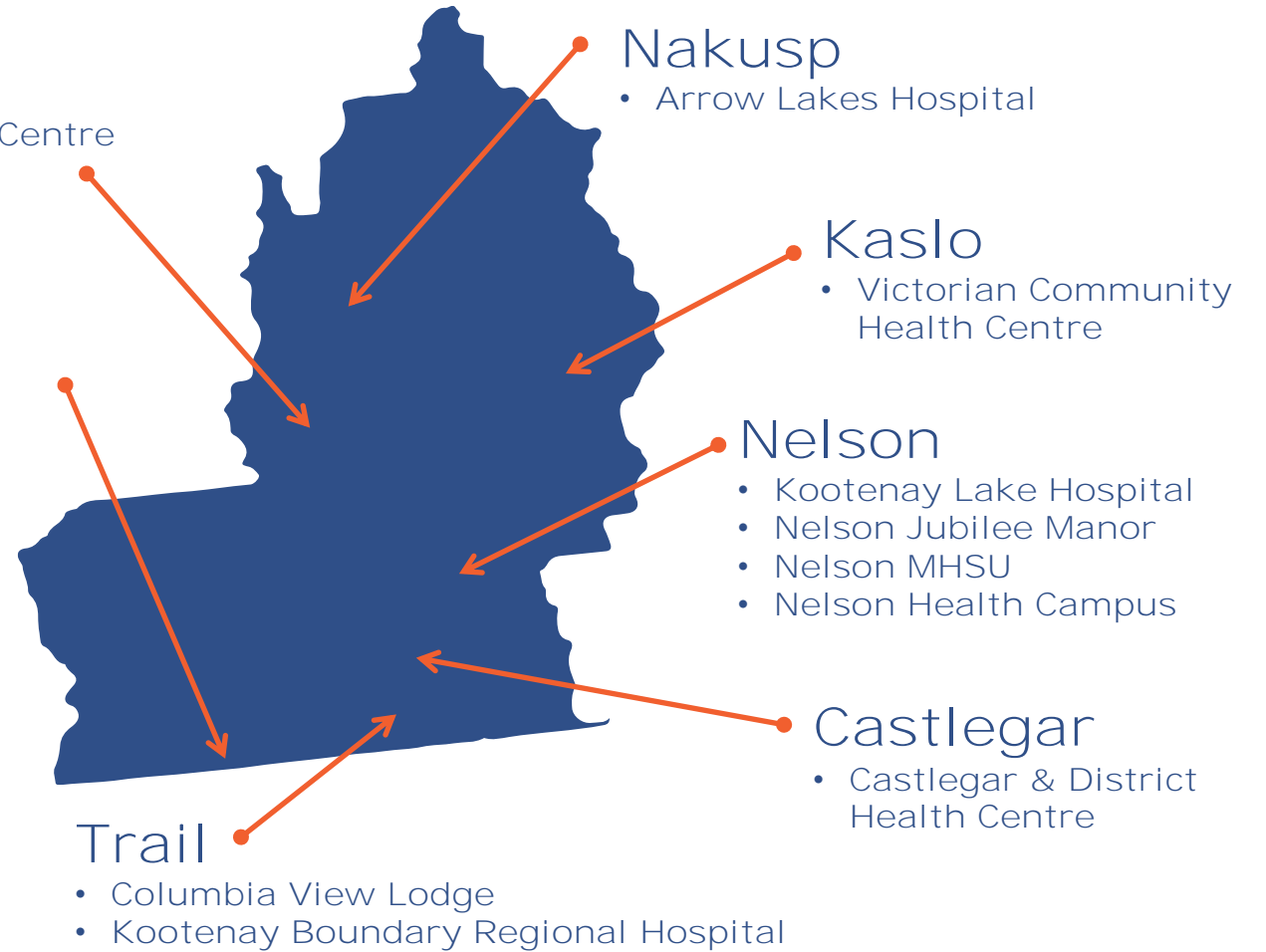


Edgewood

- Edgewood Health Centre

Grand Forks

- Boundary Hospital



Grand Forks



Boundary Hospital

Oven, Combi, Gas

- Fiscal Year Requested: 2026/27
- Estimated Completed Date: August 2026

\$54,100
Total Budget

\$21,640
RHD Contribution

Washroom Renovation, Accessible

- Fiscal Year Requested: 2025/26
- Estimated Completed Date: July 2026

\$90,000
Total Budget

\$36,000
RHD Contribution

Elevator Modernization

- Fiscal Year Requested: 2026/27
- Estimated Completed Date: February 2028

\$444,000
Total Budget

\$177,600
RHD Contribution



Boundary Hospital

Air Handling Unit

- Fiscal Year Request: 2024/25
- Estimated Completed Date: October 2026

\$99,000
Total Budget

\$39,600
RHD Contribution

Laundry Air Handling Unit Replacement

- Fiscal Year Request: 2026/27
- Estimated Completed Date: November 2026

\$99,500
Total Budget

\$39,800
RHD Contribution



Trail



Columbia View Lodge

Replace Roof Top Handlers

- Fiscal Year Requested: 2023/24
- Estimated Completed Date: October 2026

\$95,000
Total Budget

\$38,000
RHD Contribution



Kootenay Boundary Regional Hospital

\$35,864,000
Total Budget

\$13,945,000
RHD Contribution



MRI Suite

- Fiscal Year Request: 2023/24
- Estimated Completed Date: September 2028



Kootenay Boundary Regional Hospital

\$4,651,634
Total Budget

\$1,874,100
RHD Contribution

Relocation and Replace Supply Fans

- Fiscal Year Request: 2023/24 and 2025/26
- Estimated Completed Date: September 2026



Kootenay Boundary Regional Hospital

\$3,727,758
Total Budget

\$1,491,200
RHD Contribution

CT Scanner

- Fiscal Year Request: 2025/26
- Estimated Completed Date: September 2026



Kootenay Boundary Regional Hospital



Exterior Mechanical Room Access

- Fiscal Year Request: 2020/21
- Estimated Completed Date: N/A

\$66,500
Total Budget

\$26,600
RHD Contribution



Steam Plant Retrofits

- Fiscal Year Request: 2021/22 and 2023/24
- Estimated Completed Date: July 2026

\$2,520,461
Total Budget

\$1,008,184
RHD Contribution



Kootenay Boundary Regional Hospital



Power Distribution Redesign & Replacement

- Fiscal Year Request: 2026/27
- Estimated Completed Date: March 2027

\$99,000
Total Budget

\$39,600
RHD Contribution



Poplar Ridge Dining Room Solarium Replacement

- Fiscal Year Request: 2025/26
- Estimated Completed Date: September 2026

\$90,000
Total Budget

\$36,000
RHD Contribution



Castlegar



Castlegar District & Health Centre



Fire Alarm System

- Fiscal Year Request: 2024/25, 2026/27
- Estimated Completed Date: August 2026

\$1,608,450
Total Budget

\$643,400
RHD Contribution



Heating Water Distribution Upgrade

- Fiscal Year Request: 2025/26
- Estimated Completed Date: September 2026

\$99,500
Total Budget

\$39,800
RHD Contribution



Nelson



Kootenay Lake Hospital

\$4,250,000

Total Budget

\$1,700,000

RHD Contribution

CT Scanner

- Fiscal Year Request: 2025/26
- Estimated Completed Date: November 2026



Kootenay Lake Hospital

Medical Device Reprocessing – Renovation Planning

- Fiscal Year Request: 2023/24
- Estimated Completed Date: TBD

\$350,000
Total Budget

\$140,000
RHD Contribution

Medical Device Reprocessing – Limited Renovation

- Fiscal Year Request: 2025/26
- Estimated Completed Date: September 2026

\$162,000
Total Budget

\$37,200
RHD Contribution



Kootenay Lake Hospital



Seclusion Room Door

- Fiscal Year Request: 2026/27
- Estimated Completed Date: March 2027

\$70,000
Total Budget

\$28,000
RHD Contribution



Humidification for Operating Room

- Fiscal Year Request: 2021/22 & 2025/26
- Estimated Completed Date: October 2026

\$235,000
Total Budget

\$94,000
RHD Contribution



Fluid Cooler for Heat Pump 2

- Fiscal Year Request: 2025/26
- Estimated Completed Date: February 2027

\$677,752
Total Budget

\$271,200
RHD Contribution



Kootenay Lake Hospital



Monitoring System, Physiological

- Fiscal Year Request: 2026/27
- Estimated Completed Date: November 2026

\$587,000
Total Budget

\$234,800
RHD Contribution



Permanent Doors on Patient Rooms in ED

- Fiscal Year Request: 2026/27
- Estimated Completed Date: December 2027

\$1,000,000
Total Budget

\$400,000
RHD Contribution



Nelson Jubilee Manor

Electrical System Upgrade

- Fiscal Year Request: 2025/26
- Estimated Completed Date: October 2026

\$87,000
Total Budget

\$ 34,800
RHD Contribution

Heating Boilers Replacement

- Fiscal Year Request: 2026/27
- Estimated Completed Date: October 2027

\$3,303,700
Total Budget

\$1,321,480
RHD Contribution



Edgewood, Nakusp & Kaslo



Edgewood Health Centre

Emergency Generator-Transfer Switch

- Fiscal Year Requested: 2020/21
- Estimated Completed Date: October 2026

\$150,000
Total Budget

\$29,200
RHD Contribution



Arrow Lakes Hospital



Wheelchair Accessible Bathroom (Acute Room 2)

- Fiscal Year Request: 2026/27
- Estimated Completed Date: March 2027

\$99,000
Total Budget

\$39,600
RHD Contribution



Packaged Air Handler Replacement

- Fiscal Year Request: 2025/26
- Estimated Completed Date: October 2026

\$85,000
Total Budget

\$34,000
RHD Contribution



Victorian Community Health Centre



Kitchen Air Handler

- Fiscal Year Request: 2024/25
- Estimated Completed Date: October 2026

\$75,000
Total Budget

\$30,000
RHD Contribution



Steamer

- Fiscal Year Request: 2025/26
- Estimated Completed Date: August 2026

\$42,403
Total Budget

\$16,961
RHD Contribution



Completed Projects





Boundary Hospital

Replace Multizone Air Handling Unit

- Fiscal Year Request: 2023/24 and 2025/26
- Completed Date: May 2026

\$954,776
Total Budget

\$369,200
RHD Contribution



Columbia View Lodge

Chiller & Cooling Tower Replacement

- Fiscal Year Request: 2022/23
- Completed Date: December 2025

\$1,317,935
Total Budget

\$527,200
RHD Contribution



Nelson MHSU

Mental Health & Substance Use Tenant Improvements

- Fiscal Year Request: 2025/26
- Completed Date: February 2026

\$500,000
Total Budget

\$200,000
RHD Contribution



Kootenay Boundary Regional Hospital



Direct Digital Control System Modernization

- Fiscal Year Request: 2025/26
- Completed Date: June 2026

\$99,500
Total Budget

\$39,800
RHD Contribution



Ceiling Lift, Bariatric

- Fiscal Year Request: 2025/26
- Completed Date: March 2026

\$16,178
Total Budget

\$6,471
RHD Contribution



Kootenay Boundary Regional Hospital



Minimally Invasive Surgery (MIS) Towers

- Fiscal Year Request: 2026/27
- Completed Date: June 2026

\$406,600
Total Budget

\$162,600
RHD Contribution



Meal Delivery System

- Fiscal Year Request: 2023/24
- Completed Date: June 2026

\$917,000
Total Budget

\$366,800
RHD Contribution





Nelson Community Health Campus

Tenant Improvements for LTC, Nelson

- Fiscal Year Request: 2023/24
- Completed Date: August 2025

\$12,940,000
Total Budget

\$2,000,000
RHD Contribution



Nelson Community Health Campus

LTC & Community Clinic Equipment, Nelson

- Fiscal Year Request: 2023/24
- Completed Date: August 2025

\$5,068,500
Total Budget

\$2,800,000
RHD Contribution



Arrow Lakes Hospital

Washroom Renovation, Wheelchair Access

- Fiscal Year Request: 2019/20
- Completed Date: June 2026

\$95,000
Total Budget

\$38,000
RHD Contribution



Thank You
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TO: WKBRHD BOARD OF DIRECTORS
FROM: Stuart Horn, WKBRHD Secretary/Treasurer
SUBJECT: Borrowing Bylaw – MRI at KBRH
DATE: June 24, 2026 Open Regular Meeting

Purpose

This report provides some detail to the Board to assist in the decision of when, and how much, to potentially borrow for the MRI project in Trail.

Background

A significant portion of the commitments that the WKBRHD currently has is the MRI project at Kootenay Boundary Regional Hospital (\$13,945,000 total). In 2025 the WKBRHD paid \$465,730 on this project. The Board had directed borrowing for this project, however decided to refer the bylaw authorizing borrowing to this meeting from last year. Based on the balance in reserves and the current progress of the project, the Board could decide to refer the bylaw to a future meeting.

Total reserve balance is \$7.7m at end of 2025. Currently the Board has no projects that have been directed to be funded by reserves.

Interior Health has provided the following estimates for expected spend on this project over the next few years:

	<u>WKBRHD Portion</u>	<u>Total</u>
2024/25	163,316	408,290
2025/26	1,071,585	2,756,135
2026/27	7,846,073	20,180,230
2027/28	4,643,317	11,942,689
2028/29	220,708	576,656
TOTAL	13,945,000	35,864,000

While admittedly these are estimates, the Board could quite comfortably fund the near term amounts of the project through the reserve balance, and borrow at a later date for either the full amount or a lower amount, depending on the desire of the Board.

Bylaw 439 was referred from the March 2026 meeting to this meeting. As described above, minimal work has been completed and paid for the MRI project at KBRH to date, and the future timing of expected funding needs are not significant in the near term. The Board could proceed in one of the following ways:

1. Complete three readings and adoption of the borrowing bylaw for the full amount of \$13,945,000. The next draw for funding from the Municipal Finance Association is this fall. The funds would then be put into reserves and used to pay for the project over the next number of years.
2. Refer the bylaw to a future WKBHRD meeting and request an update from staff on the project, at that time determining if borrowing is required and for how much.

Option 1

That the Board refer the West Kootenay-Boundary Regional Hospital District Capital Expenditure & Borrowing Bylaw No. 439, 2026 to the March 2027 Board meeting so it can be considered along with the 2027 budget process.

Option 2

That the West Kootenay-Boundary Regional Hospital District Capital Expenditure & Borrowing Bylaw No. 439, 2026 is hereby read the FIRST, SECOND and THIRD time.

That the West Kootenay-Boundary Regional Hospital District Capital Expenditure & Borrowing Bylaw No. 439, 2026 is hereby ADOPTED and the Chair and the Secretary are authorized to sign same.

ATTACHMENTS:

Appendix A – West Kootenay-Boundary Regional Hospital District Capital Expenditure & Borrowing Bylaw No. 439, 2026

WEST KOOTENAY-BOUNDARY REGIONAL HOSPITAL DISTRICT

Bylaw No. 439

A Bylaw to provide capital expenditure and borrowing for the Magnetic Resonance Imaging (MRI) expansion project at Kootenay Boundary Regional Hospital

WHEREAS the Board of the West Kootenay-Boundary Regional Hospital District proposes to expend money for the capital expenditures described in Schedule 'A' attached hereto and forming an integral part of this bylaw, hereafter referred to as the capital expenditure described in Section 1 and Section 2;

AND WHEREAS those capital expenditures have received the approval required under section 23 of the Hospital District Act;

NOW THEREFORE the Board enacts the following capital expenditure and borrowing bylaw as required by sections 32 and 33 of the Hospital District Act.

- 1** The Board hereby authorizes and approves the borrowing and expenditure of money necessary to complete the capital expenditures as described in Schedule 'A' attached hereto.
- 2** The Board authorizes and approves the borrowing of a net sum not exceeding thirteen million, nine hundred forty-five thousand dollars (\$13,945,000) upon the credit of the Hospital District by issuance and sale of securities in a form and manner agreed to by the Municipal Finance Authority of British Columbia. The term of the securities and repayment of the principal and interest shall be over a term not to exceed twenty-five (25) years.
- 3** To meet the payments of principal and interest during the term of the securities, there shall be included in the estimates of the Regional Hospital District each year, the respective amounts of principal and interest falling due each year.
- 4** The Board hereby delegates the necessary authority to the Treasurer of the Regional Hospital District to settle the terms and conditions of the borrowings.
- 5** This Bylaw may be cited for all intents and purposes as **"West Kootenay-Boundary Regional Hospital District Capital Expenditure & Borrowing Bylaw No.439, 2026"**

READ A FIRST TIME this 24 day of June, 2026.

READ A SECOND TIME this 24 day of June, 2026.

READ A THIRD TIME this 24 day of June, 2026.

ADOPTED this 24th day of June, 2026.

Suzan Hewat, Board Chair

Mike Morrison, Deputy-Secretary

I hereby certify that this is a true and correct copy of **"West Kootenay-Boundary Regional Hospital District Capital Expenditure & Borrowing Bylaw No.439, 2026"** of the Bylaws of the West Kootenay-Boundary Regional Hospital District.

DATED this __ day of _____, 20__

Mike Morrison, Deputy-Secretary

Schedule 'A'

WEST KOOTENAY-BOUNDARY REGIONAL HOSPITAL DISTRICT

Capital Expenditure & Borrowing Bylaw No. 439

Name of Facility	Project or Equipment Description	Project Number	RHD Share (%)	Provincial Share (%)	Total Project Cost
Kootenay Boundary Regional Hospital	Magnetic Resonance Imaging (MRI) expansion project		\$13,945,000	\$20,917,500	\$34,862,500
Total			\$13,945,000	\$20,917,500	\$34,862,500



March 23, 2026

By email: chopkyns@rdck.bc.ca

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

**WEST KOOTENAY BOUNDARY
REGIONAL HOSPITAL DISTRICT**

RE: Big White Mountain Rural Health Hub

Dear Directors,

We are the Big White Mountain Community Development Association, a community-based non-profit organization that represents the community of Big White Mountain with a mission statement to make Big White Mountain more livable. We have over 540 members.

We are writing to express our strong support to the proposal prepared by DRS Carly and Steven Sylverter for the funding to undertake a feasibility study for a Rural Health Care Hub at Big White Mountain. This initiative represents a vital step toward addressing longstanding health care access challenges in our community and ensuring sustainable, equitable health services for residents, seasonal workers, and visitors alike.

Big White Mountain has grown into a thriving rural community with a diverse and fluctuating population that places unique demands on the health system. At present, residents and visitors must often travel considerable distances to access primary or urgent care, a situation that poses risks during emergencies and discourages early intervention for preventable conditions. A local health hub could provide year-round health services, support emergency response, and enhance coordination with regional health networks.

A comprehensive feasibility study would identify viable models for integrated care delivery, determining facility and staffing needs, and exploring opportunities for partnership among health authorities, local government, Indigenous communities, and the private sector. The insights from this study will guide evidence-based planning and ensure that future investments align with community needs and long-term regional health priorities.

We strongly endorse this proposal and urge support for funding the feasibility study. Establishing a health care hub at Big White Mountain would not only improve access to quality care in this underserved community, but also strengthen its safety and quality of life.

Thank you for considering this important initiative

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Allan Joli-Coeur".

Allan Joli-Coeur
President
Big White Mountain Community Development Association

WEST KOOTENAY-BOUNDARY REGIONAL HOSPITAL DISTRICT
DIRECTOR STIPEND PAYMENTS AND ACCOUNTS PAYABLE SUMMARY
MARCH-MAY 2026

DIRECTOR STIPENDS (details attached)		\$	4,469.00
ACCOUNTS PAYABLE (details attached)		\$	1,504,545.19
	TOTAL	\$	<u>1,509,014.19</u>

WEST KOOTENAY-BOUNDARY REGIONAL HOSPITAL DISTRICT
DIRECTOR STIPEND PAYMENTS AND ACCOUNTS PAYABLE SUMMARY
MARCH-MAY 2026

Vendor	Date	Description	Invoice #	Amount Paid
<u>INTERIOR HEALTH</u>				
	3/26/26	WKBRHD-BYLAW-390-7	6323067_7	\$ 645,296.15
	3/26/26	WKBRHD-BYLAW-387-5/426-5	6323068_5	\$ 34,599.22
	3/26/26	WKBRHD-BYLAW-404-6	6324042_6	\$ 128,350.84
	3/26/26	WKBRHD-BYLAW-421-8	6324101_8	\$ 66,703.13
	3/26/26	WKBRHD-BYLAW-408-4	6325000_4	\$ 22,090.09
	3/26/26	WKBRHD-BYLAW-408-5	6325000_5	\$ 38,880.36
	3/26/26	WKBRHD-BYLAW-435-8	6325038_8	\$ 10,598.31
	3/26/26	WKBRHD-BYLAW-435-9	6325038_9	\$ 25,939.92
	3/26/26	WKBRHD-BYLAW 436-1	6325071_1	\$ 171,433.78
	3/26/26	WKBRHD-BYLAW-326-39	B/L 326_39	\$ 74,714.97
	3/26/26	WKBRHD-BYLAW-415-8	B/L 415_8	\$ 29,375.52
	4/16/26	WKBRHD-BYLAW-389-6	6323069_6	\$ 56,566.60
	4/16/26	WKBRHD-BYLAW-405-56	6324038_56	\$ 13,339.84
	4/16/26	WKBRHD-BYLAW-317-53	B/L 317_53	\$ 960.30
	4/16/26	WKBRHD-BYLAW-364-23	B/L 364_23	-\$ 304.27
	4/16/26	WKBRHD-BYLAW-380-15	B/L 380_15	\$ 2,663.83
	4/16/26	WKBRHD-BYLAW-434-2	B/L 434_2	\$ 28,115.06
	5/20/26	WKBRHD-BYLAW-408-6	6325000_6	\$ 58,701.58
	5/20/26	WKBRHD-BYLAW-435-10	6325038_10	\$ 40,130.81
	5/20/26	WKBRHD-BYLAW-423-4	6325054_4	\$ 34,253.82
	5/20/26	WKBRHD-BYLAW-423-5	6325054_5	\$ 3,355.95
	5/20/26	WKBRHD-BYLAW-436-2	6325071_2	\$ 5,383.74
	5/20/26	WKBRHD-BYLAW-326-40	B/L 326_40	\$ 11,636.57
<u>OTHER</u>				
REGIONAL DISTRICT OF CENTRAL KOOTENAY	5/07/26	WKBRHD-REIMBURSE PAYMENT MADE IN ERROR	R260110	\$ 263.50
RECEIVER GENERAL	5/07/26	WKBRHD-ACCT#715862918 RI	M-2487-01-3	\$ 132.97
			Total Trades Payable March-May 2026	\$ 1,503,182.59

WEST KOOTENAY-BOUNDARY REGIONAL HOSPITAL DISTRICT
 DIRECTOR STIPEND PAYMENTS AND ACCOUNTS PAYABLE SUMMARY
 MARCH-MAY 2026

Director Expense Reimbursements

Employee #	Name	Description	Invoice #	Amount Paid
1004	CUNNINGHAM, HANS	WKBRHD-BOARD MEETING-MAR 2026	MAR 25 2026	\$ 101.30
1017	JACKMAN, GARRY A	WKBRHD-BOARD MEETING-MAR 2026	MAR 25 2026	\$ 154.00
1025	POPOFF, WALTER A	WKBRHD-BOARD MEETING-MAR 2026	MAR 25 2026	\$ 40.60
1036	MCGREGOR, GRACE E	WKBRHD-BOARD MEETING-MAR 2026	MAR 25 2026	\$ 98.00
1041	WORLEY, LINDA	WKBRHD-BOARD MEETING-MAR 2026	MAR 25 2026	\$ 50.90
1103	HEWAT, SUZAN	WKBRHD-BOARD MEETING-MAR 2026	MAR 25 2026	\$ 185.30
1151	PAGE, KEITH	WKBRHD-BOARD MEETING-MAR 2026	MAR 25 2026	\$ 77.50
1157	GUESFORD, CATHERINE	WKBRHD-BOARD MEETING-MAR 2026	MAR 25 2026	\$ 63.70
1159	MARTIN, TERRY	WKBRHD-BOARD MEETING-MAR 2026	MAR 25 2026	\$ 43.40
1160	GIBBS, SHAREN	WKBRHD-BOARD MEETING-MAR 2026	MAR 25 2026	\$ 260.40
1161	MCLAREN-CAUX, AIDEN (KENNETH)	WKBRHD-BOARD MEETING-MAR 2026	MAR 25 2026	\$ 231.50
1162	CARON, PAUL	WKBRHD-BOARD MEETING-MAR 2026	MAR 25 2026	\$ 56.00
Total Director Expenses Payable March-May 2026				<u>\$ 1,362.60</u>
Total Accounts Payable March-May 2026				<u>\$ 1,504,545.19</u>

WEST KOOTENAY-BOUNDARY REGIONAL HOSPITAL DISTRICT
 DIRECTOR STIPEND PAYMENTS AND ACCOUNTS PAYABLE SUMMARY
 MARCH-MAY 2026

Stipend

Emp.#	Name	Given Name	Chair Stipend	Travel Time	Stipend	Total
503	Cunningham	Hans			\$ 141.00	\$ 141.00
513	Grieve	Alison			\$ 141.00	\$ 141.00
516	Jackman	Garry		53	\$ 141.00	\$ 194.00
524	Popoff	Walter			\$ 141.00	\$ 141.00
537	McGregor	Grace			\$ 141.00	\$ 141.00
540	Worley	Linda Jean			\$ 141.00	\$ 141.00
568	Davidoff	Andy			\$ 141.00	\$ 141.00
584	Hewat	Suzan	\$ 424.00		\$ 141.00	\$ 565.00
596	Main	Leah			\$ 141.00	\$ 141.00
658	Lockwood	Diana			\$ 141.00	\$ 141.00
676	Weatherhead	Teresa			\$ 141.00	\$ 141.00
694	Marino	Frank			\$ 141.00	\$ 141.00
696	Gibbs	Sharen			\$ 268.00	\$ 268.00
697	Baker	Everett		53	\$ 282.00	\$ 335.00
698	Willsey	Judith			\$ 141.00	\$ 141.00
700	Smienk	Johannes			\$ 141.00	\$ 141.00
701	Hanegraaf	Henrica			\$ 141.00	\$ 141.00
702	Bogle	Brian			\$ 141.00	\$ 141.00
703	Page	Keith			\$ 141.00	\$ 141.00
706	Martin	Terry			\$ 141.00	\$ 141.00
711	Caron	Paul			\$ 141.00	\$ 141.00
712	McLaren-Caux	Aiden Kenneth		66	\$ 141.00	\$ 207.00
714	Rhodes	Cecil			\$ 141.00	\$ 141.00
715	Guesford	Catherine			\$ 141.00	\$ 141.00
718	Linton	Chrsitine		80	\$ 141.00	\$ 221.00
Total Directors Stipend March-May 2026						\$ 4,469.00



2026 WKBRHD Minister Meeting Request Briefing Notes

Ministry

Ministry of Health

Topic # 1:

Regional Strategy for Rehabilitation, Homelessness, and Public Safety

Background:

Mental health and addiction challenges require comprehensive and coordinated care, and the current resources in southeastern BC are insufficient to meet the growing demand for detoxification, rehabilitation support, and supportive housing, leading to inadequate treatment and forcing individuals to leave their home communities for essential services;

Communities in British Columbia have experienced a significant increase in the street population, leading to heightened concerns about public safety, community well-being, and the challenges associated with mental health, substance abuse, and public disorder, while current policing resources remain insufficient.

Request:

Funding for detox and rehabilitation and to address community street population challenges.

Initiatives that ensure effective coordination, resource allocation, and support for those in detox and rehabilitation;

Strategy for homelessness through funding for housing and treatment in the KB regions

Topic # 2:

Funding and expansion of transitional housing

Background:

The North Shore Inn in Nelson has operated as low-barrier supportive housing. It has reduced visible homelessness in Nelson. However further projects like that are being cut.

The solution requires a building, an operator with community relationships, and sustained provincial capital.

Two council approved developments in Nelson have been cancelled or stalled since the Community Housing Fund was suspended in February. Trail received notice from BC Housing that provincial funding for its planned supportive housing project is not available. When housing first investment is cut, the

health system absorbs the consequences.

Request:

Minister of Health and the Provincial government improve investment in supportive and transitional housing across the KB region.

Topic # 3:

Expansion and permanent implementation of virtual care.

Background:

Rural communities are already seeing benefits from virtual emergency care. Arrow Lakes Hospital in Nakusp had previously been using the provincial VERRa (Virtual Emergency Room Rural Assistance) program two nights per week. Staff reported positive experiences, providing confidence that a broader virtual-care model could work safely in other rural hospitals.

Rather than facing overnight ER closures due to staffing shortages, patients can continue receiving care locally.

Virtual care strengthens the partnership between nurses and physicians, reducing professional isolation while improving access to physician expertise.

Request:

That the virtual care pilot be expanded and permanently implemented in rural hospitals.