



Regional District of Central Kootenay
CRESTON VALLEY SERVICES COMMITTEE
Open Meeting Agenda

Date: Thursday, July 2, 2026
Time: 9:00 am
Location: Creston and District Community Complex - Erickson Room
312 19 Avenue North, Creston, BC

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 a.m. PT

Join by Video:

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In-Person Location: Creston & District Community Complex
312 19 Ave N, Creston, BC

2. CALL TO ORDER

Chair DeBoon called the meeting to order at [Time] a.m.

3. TRADITIONAL LANDS ACKNOWLEDGEMENT STATEMENT

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

4. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

RECOMMENDATION:
The agenda for the July 2, 2026 Creston Valley Services Committee meeting be adopted as circulated.

5. RECEIPT OF MINUTES

The May 28, 2026 Creston Valley Services Committee minutes, have been received.

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6. DELEGATE

6.1 DELEGATION: WEST CRESTON COMMUNITY HALL SOCIETY - FIRE HALL PROJECT TEAM

The Fire Hall project team will present a request for support and update re: West Creston Community Hall Society Fire Hall.

6.2 DELEGATION: KOOTENAY HOLDS CLIMBING AND WELLNESS SOCIETY

Kootenay Holds Climbing and Wellness Society to present a request for Community Development Grant to establish a recreational facility.

7. DIRECTOR REPORTS

7.1 FOR INFORMATION: CRESTON VALLEY PUBLIC LIBRARY

Director Vandenberghe added this item for information to the agenda.

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7.2 FOR INFORMATION: REGIONAL PARKS, TRAILS AND WATER ACCESS STRATEGY

Director Vandenberghe added this item for information to the agenda.

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8. NEW BUSINESS

8.1 DISCUSSION ITEM: CRESTON & DISTRICT COMMUNITY COMPLEX PARKING LOT SAFETY MEASURES

Chair DeBoon requested to add this item to the agenda.

8.2 DISCUSSION ITEM: CENTENNIAL PARK FIELD UPGRADE OPERATIONAL MAINTENANCE

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

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S224.

8.3 DISCUSSION ITEM: LISTER COMMUNITY CEMETERY

Director Tierney requested that this discussion item be added to the agenda.

8.4 DISCUSSION ITEM: CRESTON SELECT CEMETARY STATUS AND PROCEDURE

Director Vandenberghe requested an update and discussion on this item.

8.5 DISCUSSION ITEM: CRESTON VALLEY AIRPORT AUTHORITY GRANT STATUS

Director Vandenberghe requested an update and discussion on this item, specifically the runway and backup generator.

8.6 DISCUSSION ITEM: CRESTON VALLEY FIRE SELECT ADVISORY COMMITTEE UPDATE

Director Vandenberghe requested an update and discussion on this item.

9. OLD BUSINESS

9.1 GOAT RIVER WATERSHED WATER SUSTAINABILITY PLAN

Reoccurring item on the agenda.

9.2 DISCUSSION ITEM: RCMP STAFFING LEVEL INCLUDING SCHOOL RESOURCE FUNDING

Director Vandenberghe requested an update and discussion on this item.

9.3 DISCUSSION ITEM: ECONOMIC ACTION PLAN (EAP) REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL & EXPRESSION OF INTEREST

Director Vandenberghe requested an update and discussion on this item.

9.4 ACTION ITEM LIST

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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

RECOMMENDATION:

In the opinion of the Committee - 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;

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(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;

(k) negotiations and related discussions respecting the proposed provision of a municipal service that are at their preliminary stages and that, in the view of the council, could reasonably be expected to harm the interests of the municipality if they were held in public;

11.2 Recess of Open Meeting

RECOMMENDATION:

The Open meeting be recessed at [Time] in order to conduct the Closed meeting.

12. NEXT MEETING

The next Creston Valley Services Committee meeting is scheduled for August 6, 2026 at 9:00 a.m.

13. ADJOURNMENT

RECOMMENDATION:

The Creston Valley Services Committee meeting be adjourned at [Time].



Regional District of Central Kootenay CRESTON VALLEY SERVICES COMMITTEE Open Meeting Minutes

Thursday, May 28, 2026

9:00 am PT

Creston and District Complex – Erickson Room
312 19 Avenue North, Creston, BC

COMMITTEE MEMBERS' PRESENT

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

STAFF PRESENT

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

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2. CALL TO ORDER

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3. TRADITIONAL LANDS ACKNOWLEDGEMENT STATEMENT

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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.

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And resolved:

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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

Creston Valley Library Director's Report

Prepared for the Creston Valley Services Committee

This report combines key items from the Creston Valley Library Board discussions and Library Director updates presented in May and June 2026, with a focus on governance, finance, service delivery, fundraising, and upcoming priorities.

Governance and planning

The Library Board continued work on several governance priorities over the two-month period, including strategic planning, committee structure, and future board recruitment. In May, the board confirmed committee memberships, noted capacity for at least two more library board directors, and identified director contract renewal, a board self-evaluation, and an updated strategic framework as priority items for the coming year.

In June, the Director and Board Chair reported a positive meeting with Columbia Basin Trust Non-Profit Advisors regarding strategic planning and possible rebranding, with a written follow-up report expected to help guide organizational development. The discussion reflected an interest in ensuring the library's identity better matches its present funding and governance context.

Services and usage

May usage figures presented in June showed the library remains heavily used across both physical and digital services despite ongoing Friday closures. The library was open 128 hours in May, recorded 3,926 visits, issued 35 new library cards, and logged total circulation of 10,459 items, including strong use of physical materials, digital collections, interlibrary loans, public computers, and Wi-Fi.

Meeting and reading room use remained especially strong, with 98 bookings in May and reports that some users had to be turned away because the rooms were near capacity. Staff also continued to provide one-on-one public support, including 38 tech help sessions in May, with particular demand related to government forms and census assistance.

Programming remained active, with adult, children's, intergenerational, and passive offerings continuing through the spring. Staff noted that some attendance figures appear lower at this time of year because preparation for the Summer Reading Club is underway, with multiple weekly programs planned through the summer.

Fundraising and community outreach

A major focus in June was the Fund a Friday campaign, which aims to raise \$100,000 by the end of 2026 to support reopening the library on Fridays and to build broader awareness of library services and provincial funding pressures. As of June 15, the campaign had raised \$37,000 from a combination of service clubs, individual donations, events, and business sponsorships.

Board discussion highlighted strong early outreach results, including positive public response to campaign materials, media coverage, and engagement at Blossom Fest and the Farmers Market. The campaign is also shifting toward a business-oriented “sponsor a Friday” model at pairing financial support with recognition opportunities for local businesses. The library continues to receive support through day-to-day public donations and service revenue.

Advocacy and emerging issues

Board discussion in May raised concerns about reductions in school library staffing and the broader long-term decline in teacher-librarian positions. Trustees noted that while the public library welcomes school visits and wants children to connect with library services, it does not have the mandate or resources to replace school-based library functions.

In June, the board also discussed possible long-term financial resilience tools, including an exploratory conversation with the Creston Valley Community Foundation about a managed investment fund structure. This was framed as a future option rather than an immediate action, especially while active fundraising remains the primary focus.

Upcoming work

Key items ahead include continued fundraising through summer events and the Fall Fair, follow-up on strategic planning and rebranding advice, preparation for the Library Director's presentation to the RDCK Board, and a staff-board social gathering planned for September 15 before the next regular board meeting.

The next Library Board meetings are scheduled for September 15, October 20, and November 17, 2026.

Regional Parks, Trails & Water Access Strategy

The RDCK Regional Parks, Trails & Water Access Strategy is a ten-year roadmap for how we plan, invest in, and care for our parks, trails and shorelines so that residents across the Central Kootenay can safely access nature, enjoy high-quality recreation, and protect important ecological and cultural values for future generations. Developed through extensive research and robust public engagement, it sets out a shared vision, guiding values, and practical tools to improve equitable access to lakes and rivers, expand and connect regional trail networks, advance inclusion and accessibility, and strengthen partnerships with stewardship groups and volunteers.

Stage 2 engagement is now underway, and this is the moment for the public to help refine the draft Strategy through the RDCK “Engage” webpage. From a local lens, feedback from residents in each community helps identify service gaps, priority sites, and on-the-ground issues—from water access and parking, to signage, amenities, and climate resilience—that might otherwise be missed. From a regional lens, comments on the proposed goals, land acquisition framework, governance and funding approaches, and reconciliation commitments will shape how we balance investment across the district and ensure all communities share in the benefits of our regional system.

I encourage everyone who uses or cares about our parks, trails, and water access to read the report and add their voice on RDCK Engage, so that the final Strategy truly reflects both local

Engage RDCK

<https://engage.rdck.ca/projects/regional-parks-trails-and-water-access-strategy/>

RPTWAS Report

https://engage.rdck.ca/wp-content/uploads/2025/11/2026-06-17_RDCK-PTWAS-FINAL.pdf

Online Survey

<https://survey.alchemer-ca.com/s3/50594399/RDCK-Phase-two-public-engagement>

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

CVSC ACTION ITEMS LIST – 2026-07-02

#	ACTION ITEM	MEETING ORIGIN	STATUS
1.	STAFF DIRECTION: That the Board direct staff to prepare a draft policy for Board review that requires recipients of financial grant in aid funds to engage with local area Directors and/or provide documentation during the budget process, to be eligible for funding via taxation in a given year.	05-Jan-2023	This has fallen back in the priority list based on other work. We are working with Directors and individual groups.
2.	STAFF DIRECTION: Dangerous Dog Bylaw to be written to enable Staff to work sub-regionally in conjunction with RCMP to act on dangerous dogs including provisions for safe and approved housing and care of animals until their future is determined.	02-Mar-2023	The Est. Bylaw has received voter approval. Regulatory bylaw adoption this fall. Taxation will start in 2027. This will be removed from list next update and monitored through the Board quarterly report for the final Administrative pieces.
3.	STAFF DIRECTION: Staff to create a contribution agreement with Kootenay River Secondary School where RDCK lists what the funding is for and what the expectations are for the funding. To formalize the agreement, Staff to include in the agreement what the rates are that RDCK is going to charge to receive that funding. CVSC would review the contribution agreement with Kootenay River Secondary School every year.	01-Jun-2023	Ongoing. Staff will include funding for the auditorium in conversations with SD8 regarding facility use discussion. SD8 is in a consultation process to determine public use policies. Conversation should be with SD8 administration.
4.	STAFF DIRECTION: That staff request a workshop/session (in conjunction with a site visit for the Creston Valley Services Committee) with the Traditional Use Study (TUS) authors, the Ktunaxa Nation and Yaqaan Nukiy, to educate the Committee to better understand the TUS.	09-Sept-2023	Ongoing. Staff meeting with Ktunaxa and LKB staff October 30, 2024. Staff and Directors participated in the TUS Workshop with Ktunaxa in April 2025. Staff is arranging a workshop on Regional Parks in Creston, A,B,C.
5.	STAFF DIRECTION: That staff investigate how would a stabilization reserve could be adopted for Service S108 Economic Development – Creston and Areas B and C; and itemizing all the beneficiaries that are recipients of Service S108.	05- Mar-2026	Delayed. Original goal was July CVSC. A report will be brought to August CVSC. The EOI for the service has been delayed due to the Castlegar and J Rec Project.