Regional District of Central Kootenay
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
Open Meeting Minutes

The **sixth** meeting of the Board of the Regional District of Central Kootenay in 2026 was held on Thursday, June 18, 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 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 J. Fyke	Village of New Denver	
	Director P. McKellar	Village of Salmo	In-Person
	Director T. Gordon	Village of Silverton	In-Person
	Director J. Lunn	Village of Slocan	In-Person

ELECTED OFFICIAL ABSENT	Director T. Newell	Electoral Area F
	Director L. Casley	Village of New Denver
	Director D. Lockwood	Village of Salmo

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
	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
	C. Stanley	Regional Manager Operations & Asset Management
	E. Stout	Building and Bylaw Manager
	N. Hannon	Disaster Mitigation and Adaptation Senior Advisor
	A. Leffelaar	Climate Action Assistant

A. Norimatsu	Resource Recovery Technician
C. LeBlanc	Community Resilience Coordinator
D. Elliott	Communications Coordinator
J. Lay	RDCK FireSmart Coordinator
P. Marshall Smith	Sustainability Planner
S. Johnson	Planner
T. Dool	Research Analyst

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1. ZOOM REMOTE MEETING INFO

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

Meeting Time:
9:00 PDT

Join by Video:
https://rdck-bc-ca.zoom.us/j/95573345491?pwd=k4eCLxEF2ggHCiAbpTcQis1tMHnt5b.1

Join by Phone:
855 703 8985 Canada Toll-free

*6 to unmute or mute
*9 to raise or lower your hand

Meeting ID: 955 7334 5491
Meeting Password: 142530

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

2. CALL TO ORDER & WELCOME

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

2.1 Traditional Lands Acknowledgement Statement

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

2.2 Adoption of the Agenda

Moved and seconded,
And Resolved:

270/26 The agenda for the June 18, 2026 Regular Open Board meeting be adopted with the following amendments:

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

before circulation.

Carried

2.3 Adoption of the Minutes
Moved and seconded,
And Resolved:

271/26 The minutes from the May 21, 2026 Regular Open Board meeting be adopted as circulated.

Carried

2.4 Delegations

2.4.1 Mt. Willet Wilderness Forever
Gary Diers, Zan Mautner, Carolyn Schramm

DIRECTOR PRESENT Director Davidoff joined the meeting at 9:10 a.m.

Gary Diers, on behalf of Mt. Willet Wilderness Forever (MWWF), presented a request to the Board for the RDCK to support the inclusion of the Argenta–Johnsons Landing Face within the Purcell Wilderness Conservancy Provincial Park. Mr. Diers described the area as a critical "missing piece" of an otherwise intact ecosystem, bordered on three sides by the existing park and containing important wildlife habitat, old-growth forests, recreation opportunities, and scenic landscapes that support the regional tourism economy.

The presentation emphasized the importance of protecting local watersheds that provide domestic and agricultural water supplies, reducing risks associated with industrial development, wildfire, and landslides, and preserving ecological values for future generations.

Mr. Diers noted community concerns about proposed logging in sensitive, fire-prone, and unstable terrain, citing past wildfires and the tragic 2012 Johnsons Landing landslide. He highlighted strong local and regional support for wilderness protection, including petitions, survey results, and support from elected representatives.

Mr. Diers concluded by asking the RDCK Board to issue a letter of support and request the Chair advocate for the proposal with the provincial government.

The Mt. Willet Wilderness Forever group answered the Board's questions.

Chair Watson thanked MWWF for their presentation.

2.4.2 Public Libraries within the RDCK
Saara Itkonen, Library Director - Creston Valley Public Library
Laura Harris, Chief Librarian, Nelson Public Library
Darlene Edwards, Library Director, Kaslo Public Library
Taylor Caron, Library Director, Salmo Public Library
Kathy Durin, Creston Library Board

Saara Itkonen, Executive Director of the Creston Valley Public Library, presented an overview of the six RDCK library systems—Castlegar, Creston, Kaslo, Nakusp, Nelson, and Salmo—highlighting the shared services they provide to more than 26,000 residents. She explained that modern libraries offer far more than traditional lending services, including access to technology, tools, interlibrary loans, literacy programming, internet and printing services, meeting spaces, accessibility supports, technology assistance, and opportunities for social connection. Collectively, RDCK libraries recorded nearly 300,000 in-person visits and a similar number of online visits in 2025.

Library representatives from Creston, Salmo, Nelson, and Kaslo shared examples of how their libraries serve as community hubs by hosting educational programs, supporting local organizations, fostering community dialogue, expanding Summer Reading Club participation, and increasing outreach and digital literacy services. The presentation emphasized the significant return on investment libraries provide, citing research indicating that every dollar invested generates six dollars in community economic impact.

Ms. Itkonen also outlined ongoing challenges, including stagnant provincial funding, staffing and wage pressures, rising demand for services, aging facilities, and the need for expanded library spaces in some communities. She concluded by thanking the Board for its support and inviting questions from directors.

Ms. Itkonen answered the Board's questions.

Chair Watson thanked the representatives from the RDCK Public Libraries for their presentation.

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

Moved and seconded,
And Resolved:

272/26 WHEREAS, the long-term benefits to residents of the Argenta-Johnsons Landing Face, for the regional tourist economy, for the protection of its many environmental attributes, and most critical, the risk mitigation to further community impacts from land management that is not inclusive of ecological integrity;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board send a letter of support to the Ministry of Environment and Parks in support of the Mt. Willet Wilderness Forever campaign to include the crown land on the Argenta -Johnsons Landing Face in the Purcell Wilderness Conservancy Provincial Park.

Carried

4. COMMITTEES & COMMISSIONS

4.1 With Recommendations

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

Moved and seconded,
And Resolved:

273/26 That the Board approve an additional $2,509,000 funding from taxation for Electoral Area J and City of Castlegar to 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.

Carried

4.1.2 Slocan Valley Services Committee: minutes May 27, 2006

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.

Moved and seconded,
And Resolved:

274/26 That the Board direct staff to prepare a North Slocan Lake Library Contribution Service Establishment Bylaw, to include the Village of New Denver and a defined portion of Area H North, and that the bylaw be brought forward to the Board for consideration.

Carried

4.1.3 Creston Valley Service Committee: minutes May 28, 2026

Moved and seconded,
And Resolved:

275/26 That the Board direct staff to develop a proposed next stage workplan for 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

4.1.4 Community Sustainable Living Advisory Committee: minutes June 16, 2026

Moved and seconded,
And Resolved:

276/26 That the RDCK Board receive the Quartz Creek Community Watershed Natural Asset Management Plan (August 2025) for information;

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

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

Carried

RECESS/ RECONVENED The meeting recessed at 10:30 a.m. for a break and reconvened at 10:42 a.m.

Moved and seconded,
And Resolved:

277/26 That the Board direct staff to prepare a proposal to transition the Community Sustainable Living Advisory Committee (CSLAC) from a committee governing Service S105 to a standing committee of the Board, with sustainability work funded through General Administration Service S100 and Service S105 requisition discontinued no later than the 2028 Financial Plan;

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

Carried

Moved and seconded,
And Resolved:

278/26 That the Board authorize staff to apply to the Active Transportation Grant from Columbia Basin Trust on behalf of the North Slocan Trails Society for the New Denver – Silverton Active Transport Corridor project;

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

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

Carried

Director Vandenberghe recorded opposed.

4.2 Membership/Appointments

Moved and seconded,
And Resolved:

279/26 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.

Carried

5. BYLAWS

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

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.

Moved and seconded,
And Resolved:

280/26 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.

Carried

Moved and seconded,
And Resolved:

281/26 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.

Carried

Moved and seconded,
And Resolved:

282/26 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.

Carried

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

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

Moved and seconded,
And Resolved:

283/26 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.

Carried

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

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

Moved and seconded,
And Resolved:

284/26 That the Electoral Areas A, B, and C Dangerous and Aggressive Dog Control Service Establishment Bylaw No. 3067, 2026 be ADOPTED and the Chair and Corporate Officer be authorized to sign the same.

Carried

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, 2025 with the amendments to remove Area H from the bylaw, has been received.

Moved and seconded,
And Resolved:

285/26 That THIRD reading of Regional District of Central Kootenay Dangerous and Aggressive Dog Regulatory Bylaw No. 3009, 2025 be RESCINDED.

Carried

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

Moved and seconded,
And Resolved:

286/26 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.

Carried

Moved and seconded,
And Resolved:

287/26 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.

Carried

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

Moved and seconded,
And Resolved:

288/26 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.

Carried

Moved and seconded,
And Resolved:

289/26 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.

Carried

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.

Moved and seconded,
And Resolved:

290/26 That the RDCK Board receive for information the draft 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.

Carried

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

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

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

Moved and seconded,
And Resolved:

291/26 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).

Carried

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

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.

Moved and seconded,
And Resolved:

292/26 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.

Carried

6.2.3 Award: Marblehead Transfer Station - Retaining Wall Repair

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

Director Hewat declared a conflict of interested because she is employed by Brenton Industries Ltd and left the meeting at 11:18 a.m.

Moved and seconded,
And Resolved:

293/26 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.

Carried

Director Hewat joined the meeting at 11:19 a.m.

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

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

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.

Moved and seconded,
And Resolved:

294/26 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.

Carried

6.3.2 Directors' Remuneration: Directors' Recommendations

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

6.3.3 2026 Financial Service Grants

Moved and seconded,
And Resolved:

295/26 That the Board authorize the release of funding for the following Financial Grant Services, excluding S113 - Economic Development - Salmo & District Chamber of Commerce and S192 - Museum - Salmo & Area Museum Society, 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:

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
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	**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
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

Carried

6.3.4 2025 Statement of Financial Information (SOFI)

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

Moved and seconded,
And Resolved:

296/26 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.

Carried

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

DIRECTOR ABSENT Director Fyke left the meeting at 11:20 a.m.

6.3.6 For Information: 2026 General Local Election

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

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

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.

Moved and seconded,
And Resolved:

297/26 That the Board adopt Policy No. 800-01-03 Temporary Access into Evacuation Order Areas Policy, effective immediately.

Carried

6.5 Grants

6.5.1 Discretionary

Moved and seconded,
And Resolved:

298/26 Discretionary grants out of the funds available for the following Electoral Areas/Member Municipalities be approved as designated:

AREA A		
Alice Siding Water Society	Strengthening Awareness to our goal	$350
AREA F		
Nelson and District Chamber Of Commerce	Canada Day Regional Celebration	$1,000
AREA H		
Slocan Solutions Society	Friends of the Valley Voice Celebration	$1,500
Treehugger Events Society	HARMONY	$500
AREA J		
City of Castlegar	Canada Day Celebration	$2,000

The Just Bee Cause Society	Petrykivka Traditional Ukrainian Folk Art Workshop	$150

Carried

6.5.2 Community Development
Moved and seconded,
And Resolved:

299/26 Community Development grants out of the funds available for the following Electoral Areas/Member Municipalities be approved as designated:

AREA A		
Crawford Bay & District Hall & Parks Association	Crawford Bay Hall Rejuvenation Project	$20,000
Creston Valley Chamber of Commerce	301 Suite Coworking Space	$10,000
AREA C		
Creston Valley Chamber of Commerce	301 Suite Coworking Space	$10,000
AREA D		
Lardeau Valley Opportunity LINKS Society	LINKS Operations and Project Supports	$15,000
AREA E		
Nelson & District Chamber of Commerce	Canada Day Reg Community Celebration	$1,000
AREA H		
Nelson Public Library	Library Services for Area H	$3,400
Rosebery-Bonanza-Summit Trail Alliance	Rosebery-Bonanza-Summit Trail Improvements	$5,000
Slocan Valley Community Service Society	Seniors Transportation	$7,000
AREA I		
Destination Castlegar (Castlegar & District Chamber of Commerce)	Fish Out Derby	$1,500
Shoreacres Hall Society	Community Development	$2,000
AREA J		
Cops for Kids	Annual Bike Ride	$3,000
Deer Park Recreation Society	Major Tanker Truck Repair	$7,912.01
Destination Castlegar (Castlegar & District Chamber of Commerce)	Fish Out Derby	$1,500
Grand Forks ATV	Clearing trails in RDCK area J	$5,000
AREA K		
Emergency Support Services - Area K	Emergency preparedness presentations	$1,000
Fauquier Communications Centre Society	Fauq Centre Concert Series	$1,200

Fauquier Community Club	Pavilion Upgrades	$2,870
Nakusp and Area Bike Society	Beyond the Trails: Expanding Campground Access at MountAbriel	$20,000
SALMO		
Salmo Emergency Support Services Team	Support Services	$500
Village of Salmo	Salmo's 80th Birthday Celebration	$2,000
SLOCAN		
Village of Slocan	Harmony Festival	$950
Village of Slocan	Legion Heating	$1,382.37
Village of Slocan	WEG Community Garden	$1,000

Carried

6.5.3 ReDi Grant Amendment
Moved and seconded,
And Resolved:

300/26 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

Carried

6.6 Chair/CAO Reports

Chair Watson provided an overview of the Chair and CAO Forum and reported on plans to establish a provincial Chair and CAO caucus that will meet quarterly. She also advised that the Local Government Advisory Committee on the Emergency and Disaster Management Act has completed its work and that the associated regulations are expected to be released soon. In addition, Chair Watson participated in an interview with the National Observer as a follow-up to the RDCK's climate change initiatives.

CAO Horn reminded directors to submit any comments on the prioritization matrix, including indicating if they have no comments, so that all feedback can be tracked and considered. He also discussed a procedural question regarding the recording of directors opposed to motions at committee and commission meetings. In accordance with RDCK Procedure Bylaw No. 2898, 2024, directors who wish to be recorded as opposed should have their opposition noted in the meeting minutes.

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

Chair Watson acknowledged and congratulated two staff members for their recent professional achievements. Tom Dool, Research Analyst with BC Transit, was recognized with the Transit Superstar Award in the Community Minded category, while Akane Norimatsu, Resource Recovery Technician with Recycle BC, received the Blue Star Award for Innovation. Chair Watson commended both individuals for their outstanding contributions and the positive impact of their work within their respective fields.

10. PUBLIC TIME

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

There were no questions from the public or media.

ORDER OF AGENDA RESUMED Item 7 Rural Affairs considered at this time.

7. RURAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

Moved and seconded,
And Resolved:

301/26 That the Corporate Officer of the Regional District of Central Kootenay be directed to remove the Notice on Title relating to land at 9301 Highway 6, Electoral Area H, legally described as BLOCK A, DISTRICT LOT 13146, KOOTENAY LAND DISTRICT PID 008-132-178, the RDCK Building Department has confirmed that the reason for placing the Notice on Title on April 29, 2010 has been rectified.

Carried

Moved and seconded,
And Resolved:

302/26 That the Board APPROVE the issuance of Development Variance Permit V2607A to David Comer for the property located at 5033 Highway 3A, Electoral Area A and legally described as LOT 1, DISTRICT LOT 191, KOOTENAY DISTRICT PLAN NEP72779, EXCEPT PLAN EPP118106 (PID: 025-583-468) to vary Section 18.18 of Electoral Area 'A' Comprehensive Land Use Bylaw No. 2315, 2013 in order to permit a 5.0 metre setback from the lot line that is adjacent to the Agricultural Land Reserve (ALR) Boundary whereas the bylaw requires a 15 metre setback from a lot line that is adjacent to the ALR.

Carried

Moved and seconded,
And Resolved:

303/26 That the Board SUPPORT regarding application A2601K for the proposed subdivision in the Agricultural Land Reserve proposed by Jeffrey L. Smith for the property located at 225 Barnes Creek FSR, Edgewood, Electoral Area 'K' and legally described as LOT 36 DISTRICT LOT 7893 KOOTENAY DISTRICT PLAN 1194 EXCEPT PLAN NEP22023 (PID: 014-025-779).

Carried

Moved and seconded,
And Resolved:

304/26 That the Board direct staff to prepare a report outlining the RDCK's potential response options related to homeless encampments in rural electoral areas; AND FURTHER, to bring that report back to the Rural Affairs Committee for discussion.

Carried

8. DIRECTORS' MOTIONS

8.1 Director Graham: BC Inland Ferry Coalition

No motion.

8.2 Director Popoff: Slocan Valley TV Society

Moved and seconded,
And Resolved:

305/26 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.

Carried

RECESS/ RECONVENED The meeting recessed at 11:52 a.m. and reconvened at 12:55 p.m.

DIRECTOR ABSENT Directors Davidoff, Lunn and Hewat left the meeting at 12:55 p.m.

DIRECTOR PRESENT Director Fyke joined the meeting at 12:55 p.m.

8.3 Director Popoff: Directors' Remuneration

DIRECTOR PRESENT Director Lunn joined the meeting at 1:02 p.m.

Moved and seconded,
And Resolved:

306/26 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.

Carried

8.4 Director McLaren-Caux: Directors' Remuneration

DIRECTOR PRESENT Director Hewat joined the meeting at 1:05 p.m. and Director Davidoff joined the meeting at 1:19 p.m.

Moved and seconded,
And Resolved:

307/26 That the Board approve reimbursable costs associated with conference attendance will not be processed by staff until the Director submits a Director's report on their attendance, effective January 1, 2027.

Carried

Moved and seconded,
And Resolved:

308/26 That the Board approve the amount of municipal directors’ monthly stipend be one half of rural directors’ monthly stipend, effective January 1, 2027.

Carried

Directors Davidoff and Graham recorded opposed.

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
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.

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.

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.

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.

9.1.6 Nelson and District Recreation Commission No. 5: minutes May 27, 2026

9.1.7 Rosebery Parkland and Trails Commission: minutes May 28, 2026
Staff received direction regarding the resignation of a commission member.

9.1.8 Area A Economic Development Commission: minutes June 2, 2026

9.1.9 Castlegar and District Recreation Commission: minutes June 2, 2026

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.

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.

9.2.3 The letter dated May 21, 2026 from Ryan Windsor, District of Central Saanich, requesting for dedicated provincial funding to support municipalities that achieve provincially mandated housing targets.

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.
Moved and seconded,
And Resolved:

309/26 That 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 **BE REFERRED** to the July 2, 2026 Creston Valley Services Committee meeting.

Carried

9.2.5 The letter dated June 3, 2026 from Cori Ramsay, UBCM, confirming receipt of RDCK's resolutions for the 2026 UBCM Convention.

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.

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.

9.4 For Information: Directors' Reports

Each Director provided 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

9.4.1.2 Letter of Support: BC Inland Ferry Coalition

9.4.2 Director Watson

9.4.2.1 Director's Report: Activities

9.4.2.2 Letter of Support: Jewett Greenhouse Project

9.4.3 Director Graham

9.4.3.1 Director's Report: Homeless Encampment in Area E

9.4.3.2 Letter of Support: BC Inland Ferry Coalition

9.4.4 Director McLaren-Caux: May 11-June8 Activities

9.4.5 Director Lunn: Q1 Report of Activities

9.4.6 Director Popoff: FCM

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:

310/26 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:

(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);

Carried

11.2 Recess of Open Meeting
Moved and seconded,
And Resolved:

311/26 The Open meeting be recessed at 2:14 p.m. in order to conduct the Closed Board meeting and reconvened at 2:18 p.m.

Carried

12. MATTERS ARISING FROM CLOSED MEETING
No items.

13. ADJOURNMENT
Moved and seconded,
And Resolved:

312/26 That the meeting adjourn at 2:18 p.m.

Carried

Originally signed by

Aimee Watson, RDCK Board Chair

Originally signed by

Angela Lund, Deputy Corporate Officer