



Board Highlights

July 16, 2026

Castlegar & District Arena and Walking Track Project

The Board approved advancing the Castlegar & District Arena and Walking Track Project to Stage 2 of its procurement process by inviting the three highest-ranked qualified proponents—Scott Builders Inc., Smith Bros. & Wilson (Construction) Ltd., and Kalesnikoff Mass Timber Inc.—to participate in the Negotiated Request for Proposals. Although the original plan anticipated two proponents and a \$100,000 honorarium budget, staff believe adding a third qualified proponent will strengthen competition, reduce the risk of receiving only one or no compliant proposals, and improve the reliability of testing whether the project can be delivered within the \$15 million budget. To support this approach, the Board approved increasing the potential honorarium budget to \$150,000, with the additional \$50,000 funded by the City of Castlegar and Electoral Area J.

The Board also approved a budget of up to \$45,000 for public engagement on the Castlegar & District Arena and Walking Track Project. HCMA Architecture & Design will manage the public engagement, but only if the project advances to the referendum phase.

For more information on the proposed project: [Castlegar & District Arena and Walking Track – RDCK Forum](#).

State of Climate Action

The 2025 State of Climate Action (SOCA) report has been completed and shared with the Board for information. The annual report tracks the RDCK's progress on climate mitigation and adaptation initiatives across 10 key pathways, including land use planning, transportation, energy, wildfire resilience, water supply, resource recovery, and organizational leadership. Key achievements in 2025 included updating the Area I Official Community Plan with stronger environmental and wildfire protections, increasing transit ridership by 36%, leveraging over \$200,000 to improve rural transportation options, processing 1,683 tonnes of organic waste into compost, preventing more than 48 million litres of annual water loss through leak detection and repairs in Erickson, and completing 357 FireSmart home assessments.

[Click here](#) for more information and to read the report.

Floodplain Management Bylaw Review Project

BGC Engineering presented the findings and recommendations from the RDCK Floodplain Management Bylaw Review, which was undertaken in partnership with the RDCK and the Village of Salmo. The proposed updates are intended to modernize floodplain management regulations by incorporating the latest flood and geohazard mapping, adopting clearer and more consistent hazard terminology, and aligning regulatory language with current professional practice and provincial guidance. The recommendations also include integrating updated hazard mapping into the RDCK's public web mapping platform and clarifying the role of qualified professionals in evaluating site-specific development proposals within hazard-prone areas. Collectively, these changes will

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support more informed, risk-based land-use decisions while improving regulatory consistency, transparency, and implementation.

The draft bylaw and supporting recommendations will now move to the implementation phase, including legal review, stakeholder engagement, and formal bylaw consideration by the Board.

Beyond Recycling Program

The Board approved the RDCK enter into a new two-year agreement with Wildsight to deliver the Beyond Recycling (BR) program during the 2026-27 and 2027-28 school years, with an option to extend for an additional year, at a cost not exceeding \$30,500 annually. The BR program, now entering its 17th year in the RDCK, provides year-long, curriculum-aligned environmental education that helps students understand topics such as waste reduction, recycling, composting, climate change, water conservation, transportation, local food systems, and FireSmart practices through classroom lessons, field trips, and hands-on activities. During the 2025-26 school year, the in-class Beyond Recycling program was delivered in five schools across Castlegar, Robson, Creston, Nelson, and Winlaw, while Wildsight’s online FutureMakers program engaged an additional 13 classrooms throughout the region.

RDCK Quarterly Report

The RDCK Quarterly Report provides a condensed summary of active projects and initiatives within the RDCK. The report includes a clear and concise understanding of each project and its connection to the Board’s strategic priorities. [Click here](#) to view the latest quarterly report, including the most recently completed projects.

[Click here](#) to view the quarterly report page on the RDCK website.

Director’s Reports

RDCK Directors provide monthly reports outlining what they have been working on. [Click here](#) to read the July reports in the Board minutes.

RDCK Board Meeting Video Recording

To view a recording of this month’s meetings, [click here](#).

Discretionary Grants

AREA A

Creston Valley Cycling Association – Wynndel Mountain Bike Trail Network	\$5,000
East Shore Trail and Bike Association – Spring Storm Clean Up	\$4,200
Wynndel Community Centre – Community Centre Redevelopment Concept	\$10,000

AREA B

Yahk Kingsgate Recreation Society – Yahk Dayz	\$1,000
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AREA E

Queens Bay Residents Association – Community First Aid Kit	\$796.75
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AREA F

Balfour Recreation Commission – Ping Pong Table	\$1,000
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AREA J

Castlegar Pride Association – Pride Extravaganza	\$500
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AREA K

Burton Community Learning Centre – Find You Fun	\$1,000
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Community Development Grants

AREA B

Diverse Family Roots – Sensory GO Bags	\$500
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AREA C

Wynndel Community Centre – Wynndel Community Centre Redevelopment Concept	\$10,000
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AREA D

Argenta Safety and Preparedness Society – Reflective Road Marker Signs	\$1,471
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Kaslo Community Services Society – Holiday Hampers 2026	\$4,000
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Kaslo to Sandon Rails to Trails Society – Zwicky Road public access	\$3,000
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Lardeau Fire Prevention Association – Econoline ¾” Hose Completion	\$5,000
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AREA E

Harrop District Community Centre – Harrop Hall Energy Upgrades	\$6,000
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Procter Community Society – Procter Schoolhouse parking entrance	\$5,000
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Regional District of Central Kootenay – Annual Support to S111 Service	\$20,000
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AREA F

Diverse Family Roots – Sensory GO Bags	\$1,000
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AREA H

Diverse Family Roots – Sensory GO Bags	\$1,000
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Nelson and District Hospice Society – West Kootenay Boundary Caregiver Support	\$1,000
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Regional District of Central Kootenay – New Denver – Silverton Corridor Plan	\$10,000
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AREA I

Diverse Family Roots – Sensory GO Bags	\$1,000
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Mount Sentinel Secondary School – Greg Patterson Bursary for Graduate	\$500
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AREA J

RDCK Robson Fire Department – Garage Door Opener Replacement	\$5,500
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RDCK Robson Fire Department – Electrical Upgrades	\$6,000
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Renata Development Society – Falls trail rehabilitation	\$4,202.84
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Renata Development Society – Fire Truck and AED Maintenance	\$1,496.04
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AREA K

Fauquier Community Club – Legal Fees	\$1,491.42
Kootenay Social Support Society – WK Nav-CARE volunteer mileage	\$1,000
Slocan Solutions Society – Friends of the Valley Voice, Picnic in the Park	\$800
Wildsight – Columbia River Field School	\$700

VILLAGE OF KASLO

Kaslo Community Services Society – Holiday Hampers 2026	\$4,000
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VILLAGE OF NEW DENVER

Village of New Denver – Boat Launch Pilings Replacement	\$50,000
Village of New Denver – Centennial Park Swim Platform Replacement	\$30,000

Nakusp and Area K Recreation Commission No. 4

Nakusp and Area Bike Society	\$2,000
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Community Works

AREA F

RDCK North Shore Fire Station Upgrades	\$45,787.20
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AREA H

RDCK Slocan River Foreshore Inventory Mapping and Guidance	\$100,000
RDCK South Slocan Water Distribution System Upgrades	\$60,000
RDCK Slocan Valley Firehall Infrastructure Upgrades	\$190,000

AREA I

RDCK Pass Creek Firehall Upgrades	\$75,000
RDCK Pass Creek Wildland Apparatus	\$250,000

AREA J

Castlegar & District Arena and Walking Track Project	\$60,000
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