Regional District of Central Kootenay
COMMUNITY SUSTAINABLE LIVING ADVISORY COMMITTEE
Open Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, June 16, 2026 at 1:00 pm
RDCK Hybrid Meeting

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT

Chair S. Hewat	Village of Kaslo	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 A. Watson	Electoral Area D	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. Gordon	Village of Silverton	

COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT

Director T. Newell	Electoral Area F

STAFF PRESENT

A. Wilson	General Manager of Development and Community Sustainability Services
P. Marshall Smith	Sustainability & Resilience Supervisor
A. Leffelaar	Climate Action Assistant
S. Kindred	Administrative Assistant, Development and Community Sustainability Services

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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:
1:00 PST

Join by Video:
https://rdck-bc-ca.zoom.us/j/95242278422?pwd=OHZm4pXvEbFsFR7JRBYvfMFiHMjlRy.1

Join by Phone:
855 703 8985 Canada Toll-free
*6 to unmute or mute
*9 to raise or lower your hand

Meeting ID: 952 4227 8422
Meeting Password: 203526

In-Person Location:
RDCK Boardroom
202 Lakeside Dr, Nelson, BC

2. ELECTION OF CHAIR

CALL FOR NOMINATION (3 times)
Director Watson nominated Director Hewat.

There were no other nominations.

DECLARATION OF ELECTED OR ACCLAIMED CHAIR
Director Hewat was declared the Community Sustainable Living Advisory Committee Chair for 2026.

3. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Hewat called the meeting to order at 1:01 p.m.

4. TRADITIONAL LANDS ACKNOWLEDGEMENT STATEMENT

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

5. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Moved and seconded,
And resolved:

The Agenda for the June 16, 2026 Community Sustainable Living Advisory Committee meeting be adopted with the following amendments:

- with the addition of the addendum - added June 11, 2026

- with the addition of another addendum - added June 12, 2026

before circulated.

Carried

6. RECEIPT OF MINUTES

The December 9, 2025 Community Sustainable Living Advisory Committee minutes, were received.

7. STAFF REPORTS

7.1 FOR INFOMATION: UPDATES ON SUSTAINABILITY SERVICE PROJECTS AND AREAS OF ACTIVITY

The Staff Report dated June 16, 2026 from Paris Marshall Smith, Sustainability & Resilience Supervisor, was received.

8. OLD BUSINESS

8.1 FOR DISCUSSION: QUARTZ CREEK COMMUNITY WATERSHED: NATURAL ASSET MANAGEMENT PLAN AND LONG-TERM PROTECTION STRATEGY

The Committee Report dated June 16, 2026 from Paris Marshall Smith, Sustainability & Resilience Supervisor, was received.

Moved and seconded,
MOTION ONLY

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 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 strategy be brought back to the Board for consideration;

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

Moved and seconded,
And resolved:
AMENDMENT TO THE MOTION

That the foregoing motion being:

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 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 strategy be brought back to the Board for consideration;

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

be amended by adding “workplan inclusive of staff time and funding requirements for”, and before “a watershed protection“;

and replace, “the Board” with “CSLAC” before “for consideration”, thus reading:

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

Friendly amendment made to replace, “strategy”, with “workplan”, before “be brought back to CSLAC”.

Moved and seconded,
And resolved:
MAIN MOTION

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

8.2 FOR INFORMATION: 2026 KOOTENAY LAKE PARTNERSHIP ACTIVITIES

The Committee Report dated June 16, 2026 from Sangita Sudan, General Manager, was received.

8.3 FOR DISCUSSION: COMMUNITY SUSTAINABLE LIVING ADVISORY COMMITTEE FUTURE GOVERNANCE AND FUNDING MODEL

The Committee Report dated June 16, 2026 from Paris Marshall Smith, Sustainability & Resilience Supervisor, was received.

Moved and seconded,
And resolved:

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 Committee's consideration.

Carried

9. NEW BUSINESS

9.1 FOR DISCUSSION: NEW DENVER - SILVERTON CORRIDOR STUDY

The Committee Report dated June 16, 2026 from Alex Leffelaar, Climate Action Assistant, has been received.

Moved and seconded,

And resolved:

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 DECREASE Consulting Fees by $75,000.

Carried

10. PUBLIC TIME

The Chair called for questions from the public and members of the media at 2:27 p.m.

11. NEXT MEETING

The next Community Sustainable Living Advisory Committee meeting is scheduled for October 20, 2026 at 1:00 p.m.

12. ADJOURNMENT

Moved and seconded,
And resolved:

The Community Sustainable Living Advisory Committee meeting be adjourned at 2:27 p.m.

Carried

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Suzan Hewat, Chair

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Shelly Kindred, Meeting Coordinator