Regional District of Central Kootenay

COMMUNITY SUSTAINABLE LIVING ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Open Meeting Agenda

Date: Tuesday, August 18, 2026

Time: 1:00 pm

Location: RDCK Board Room, 202 Lakeside Dr., Nelson, 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:
1:00 p.m. PST

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Meeting ID: 952 4227 8422
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In-Person Location:
RDCK Boardroom
202 Lakeside Drive

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 AGENDA

RECOMMENDATION:
The Agenda for the August 18, 2026 Community Sustainable Living Advisory Committee meeting be adopted as circulated.

The draft Letter of Support dated July 30, 2026 to Columbia Basin Trust, has been received.

9. PUBLIC TIME

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

10. NEXT MEETING

The next Community Sustainable Living Advisory Committee meeting is scheduled for October 18, 2026 at 1:00 p.m.

11. ADJOURNMENT

RECOMMENDATION:
The Community Sustainable Living Advisory Committee meeting be adjourned at 1:00 p.m.

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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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;*
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> *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;*
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> *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;*
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> *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;*
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> *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

Community Sustainable Living Advisory Committee

Staff Update – August 2026

Prepared by: Paris Marshall Smith, Sustainability & Resilience Supervisor

Date: August 18, 2026

This update provides a summary of current activity within the RDCK Community Sustainable Living Advisory Committee (CSLAC) portfolio, highlighting recent accomplishments, active projects, and upcoming milestones. It aims to support Committee members in tracking progress, understanding resource commitments, and preparing for upcoming decisions or opportunities.

JUNE HIGHLIGHTS

1. Future of RDCK sustainability/CSLAC for discussion
2. Kootenay Lake Partnership finances and minutes from last meeting
3. Slocan Lake and River Partnership (SLRP) first Steering Committee meeting minutes
4. Receipt of Quartz Creek Natural Asset Management Plan

LOOKING AHEAD

- Summer 2026: Continues to be heavily focused on Goat Watershed Water Sustainability Planning, administration of Rural Mobility projects – volunteer driver program, rideshare update and discussion of next steps for Quartz Creek Natural Asset Management Plan

ATTACHMENTS

- Meeting notes – Rural Mobility Community Advisory Committee April & June
- Meeting notes – Slocan Lake and River Partnership June & July

CONTENT

1. Dashboard of Key Activities

Project	Status	What's New	Next Milestone	CSLAC Role
Goat River Watershed	Active	Phase 3b engagement launching, Collective Conversations Working Group with yaqan nuʔkiy + province underway	Review engagement, contribute to working group process	None at this time – has moved to Board & Creston Valley Services Committee
Slocan Lake and River Partnership	Active	TAC meeting on June and July 29th, to launch the sensitive ecosystem inventory mapping	Meet on August 24th to review SOW & community engagement	Provide administrative and coordination support
Kootenay Lake Partnership	Active	Working together agenda, several projects underway	Reporting out in fall on projects	Administration of funds and sit on technical and executive committees
Ymir Watershed Natural Asset Management Plan	Active	Board direction to explore next steps	To be determined	Review & identify next steps for Board consideration
Climate Action Strategy	Active	Businesses cases in progress	Board review each case as brought forward	Support review & implementation
Regional Invasive Species Working Group	Active	Funding approved for 2026-2027	Ongoing reporting	Monitor & support
Rural Mobility Community Advisory Committee	Active	Funding approved, projects underway	Reporting on projects in fall 2026	Continue to support investigations

2. Thematic Project Updates

WATER (WATERSHED GOVERNANCE & NATURAL ASSETS)

- Watershed Governance Initiative –
    - Goat Watershed Water Sustainability Planning continues Collective Conversations Working Group with Province and yaqan nuʔkiy launched. Community engagement continuing.
    - Slocan Lake & River Partnership: Funding secured for Sensitive Ecosystem Inventory mapping and community engagement.
    - Kootenay Lake Partnership: Several active projects – website redevelopment, video production, mussel survey, partnership development.
    - Ymir Watershed Natural Asset Management: exploring options for protecting watershed.

CLIMATE ACTION & RESILIENCE

- Climate Action Strategy: LGCAP and SOCA reporting complete
- Invasive Species Plan: Regional Invasive Species Working Group funding received for 2026-2027

FOOD & AGRICULTURE

- Central Kootenay Food Policy Council: Core funding for 2026 approved

TRANSPORTATION & ENERGY

- Regional Mobility Strategy: Funding for community investigations approved, projects now underway
- General Energy & GIS Projects: Ongoing collaboration on mapping tools

COMMUNICATIONS & ADMIN

- Website & Print Materials: Ongoing updates in progress to align with new RDCK site
- General Administration: CSLAC coordination and project support

3. Staff Time and Commitments Summary

The following table outlines the staff time related to sustainability in the RDCK (2.8 FTE overall – Climate Action Assistant (CAA: 0.3FTE - S100 and grant funding), Community Resilience Coordinator (CRC: 0.5 FTE - grant funding), Senior Energy Specialist (SES: 1.0 FTE - grant funding and held in S100 –*leave from February to August 2026*), and Sustainability & Resilience Supervisor (SRS: 0.75 - S105 & 0.25 - S100 – *leave January to April 2026*) distribution between January to June 2026.

	Area of Work	Staff Allocation	Staff Responsible	Key Update
Water	Watershed Governance Initiative	5%	SRS	On-going coordination
	Goat River Watershed Water Sustainability Planning	60%	CRC & SRS	Engagement underway with residents, Improvement Districts, electeds, Province, stakeholders
	Kootenay Lake Partnership	10%	SRS & GMDS	Support delivery of projects and administration of funds
	Slocan Lake and River Partnership	20%	SRS	Funding applications, meeting coordination
	Ymir Watershed Natural Asset Management	0%	SRS	Project complete – determine next steps
Energy	Demand Side Management	0%	SES	On hold
Transportation	Rural Mobility Working Group	40%	CAA & SRS	Project administration
	Low Carbon Transportation	0%	SES	On hold
	Admin (S105)	15%	SRS & CAA	Reporting & project admin
Food Systems	Food Systems – CKFPC	5%	SRS	Project Administration
Climate Action	Climate Action Strategy	20%	SRS & CRC	Staff are working on implementing Climate Action Ideas
	Invasive Species Plan	5%	SRS	Project Administration
Ge ner	Supporting practice of energy efficiency and	20%	ALL	Externally and internally

environmental sustainability			
Reporting	10%	ALL	LGCAP & SOCA
Admin (S100)	15%	SRS & SES	Ongoing Board reporting

4. Annual CSLAC Planning Timeline – *note project applications and evaluations not active for 2026*

Month	Key Activities
December	Budget approval
February	Visioning, annual planning, budget discussion
April	Call for applications (if funds available), project reporting
June	Evaluate applications
July	Launch approved projects
August–December	Project implementation and reporting

5. Appendix – Board Resolutions Guiding CSLAC Activities

FOOD & AGRICULTURE	
CENTRAL KOOTENAY FOOD POLICY COUNCIL	1. 718/17 That the Board direct staff to include a $10,000 per year funding for the Central Kootenay Food Policy Council within the 2018-2022 draft financial plan for Service S105. 2. 741/18 That the Board grant the balance of $22,083.62.00 to the Central Kootenay Food Policy Council (CKFPC) contingent on all grant reporting and society action reporting deliverables be presented and approved by the Board; AND FURTHER, that staff obtain documentation form CKFPC that indicates they are in compliance with the British Columbia Societies Act. 3. 757/18 That the Board appoint the following Directors to the Central Kootenay Food Policy Council for a term to end December 31, 2020 Director Faust and the second appointment BE REFERRED to December 13, 2018 Board meeting. 4. 03/19 That the Board appoint the following Director to the Central Kootenay Food Policy Council for a term to end December 31, 2020 as per resolution 757/18: Director Peterson Director Main (Alternate) 5. 48/19 That the Board agrees that the Central Kootenay Food Policy Council has satisfied the Board's requirements and has demonstrated that it is in compliance with funders and the BC Societies Act; AS SUCH, the RDCK Board grants the balance of the $29,347.87 to the Central Kootenay Food Policy Council from Community Sustainability Service S105. 6. 284/20 That the Board approve the $25,000 in the 2020 Financial Plan from Community Sustainable Living Service S105 be held for a Food Security Coordinator position within the Emergency Operations Centre as leveraging funds. 7. 285/20 That the Board direct staff to report on options to establish a Food Security Coordinator position to be fully funded through Community Sustainable Living Service S105 with a budget up to $25,000 8. 377/20 That the Board send a letter of support for the Columbia Basin Food Security Plan; AND FURTHER, that the Board allocate funds to the first phase of the "Central Kootenay Interim Food Security Action Plan" from Community Sustainability Service S105 in the amount of $22,145.00 to the Central Kootenay Food Policy Council. 9. 115/21 That the Board approve the Central Kootenay Food Policy Council's request for increase in core funding for a total amount of $15,000 to be included in the 2021 Financial Plan from the Service 105

	Community Sustainable Advisory. 10. 286/21 That the Board and staff review the draft Central Kootenay Interim Food Security Action Plan and provide their recommendations by May 11, 2021. 11. 288/21 That Board direct staff to complete an internal assessment, prior to requesting a Service Case Analysis, to understand if a Contribution Service for food and agriculture is possible. 12. 855/21 That the Board direct staff to work with Central Kootenay Food Policy Council to proceed with the proposed actions of the Regional Food Security Action Plan: Recommendation 3.3 - Support annual Farm & Food Directory via paid advertisements and Recommendation 3.7 - Develop full inventory of food assets in the Central Kootenay with costs of no more than $3,575 to be paid from Service 105 – Community Sustainable Living Service. 13. 431/24 That the Board authorize staff to enter into a agreement with the Central Kootenay Food Policy Council or the Grow & Connect Interior project for a total of $20,000 + GST, to be paid from the Local Government Climate Action Funds in S100 – General Administration and that the Chair and Corporate Officer be authorized to sign the necessary documents; AND FURTHER, that the 2024 financial plan for S100 General Administration be amended to increase Contribution from Reserve by $20,000 and Grants expense by $20,000. 14. 695/24 That the Board approve the RDCK enter into an agreement with Central Kootenay Food Policy Council for $30,000 to be paid from General Administration Service S100 for one year (2025) for core funding; AND FURTHER, that the amount be included in the draft 2025-2029 Financial Plan. 15. 04/26 That the Board approve the RDCK extending the Service Agreement with the Kootenay Food Council for the delivery of regional food systems coordination, communication, and network development to a maximum value of $30,000 for the period April 2026 to March 2027. AND FURTHER, that this amount be included in the 2026-2030 Draft Financial Plan for Service 100 – General Administration. 16. 32/26 That the Board direct staff to enter into agreement with Kootenay Food Council for the Kootenay Food Procurement Network project for a total of $20,000 for the period April 2026 to March 2027; AND FURTHER, that this amount be include in the 2026-2030 Draft Financial Plan for S100 - General Administration.
WATER	
WATERSHED GOVERNANCE INITIATIVE	1. 416/16 That the RDCK write a letter to the POLIS Project on Ecological Governance and invite the organization to the West Kootenay to hold a watershed workshop. 2. 592/16 That the RDCK invite The POLIS Project on Ecological Governance to attend the January 2017 Board meeting to give a presentation on watersheds and water sustainability. 3. 88/18 That the Board direct staff to invite the Polis Project to host a workshop with the RDCK staff and Directors on watershed governance; AND FURTHER expenses and stipend be paid by General Administration S100. 4. 256/18 The Watershed Governance workshop with the POLIS Project be booked for May 18th, 2018 and the Watershed Governance Workshop Discussion report be made available to all Board Directors. 5. 487/18 That the Board direct staff to develop a Regional Watershed Governance Initiative project plan and identify an allocation for General Manager of Development Service and Sustainability Coordinator's time to implement the project plan for consideration in the draft 2019 five year financial plan within General Administration Service (S100). 6. 892/18 That the RDCK Board directs staff to seek funding to launch and coordinate a scoping study to better understand the potential watershed governance roles and responsibilities of the RDCK; with areas for the study to be determine by the Community Sustainable Living Advisory Committee at the January committee meeting; And further, the Board allocates staff time of the Sustainability & Resilience Supervisor (0.3 FTE), General Manager of Development Services (0.1 FTE) and Water Services Liaison (0.1 FTE) to support the procurement process for services. 7. 13/19 That the Board direct staff to develop a Regional Watershed Governance Initiative project plan, and

	identify an allocation for General Manager of Development Service and Sustainability Coordinator's time to implement the project plan for consideration in the draft 2019 five year financial plan within General Administration Service (S100). 8. 121/19 That the RDCK Board approve funds in the amount of $26,250 from S105 Community Sustainable Living Advisory Service for the Watershed Governance Initiative scoping study, to complement the work being done in Area H and I's ground water studies, for the following watersheds: • Bourke, Sitkum & Duhamel Community Watershed (Area F); • Arrow Creek Community Watershed (Area B); • Ymir Community Watershed (Area G); • Argenta Watershed (Area D); • Harrop (Area E); • and Deer Creek (Area J) 9. 409/10 That the RDCK Board award the Regional Watershed Governance Initiative Scoping Study to Christina Metherall and Elucidate Consulting, and that the Chair and Corporate Officer be authorized to sign the necessary documents to a maximum value of $26,880 (includes GST). 10. 282/20 That the Board direct staff to prepare a workplan to determine the organizational capacity of the Community Sustainability Services and Water Services staff to pursue the recommendations of the RDCK Regional Watershed Governance Initiative report dated January 2020. 11. 389/20 That the Board endorse the Watershed Governance Initiative Project Plan (May 2020) and direct staff to pursue the Project Plan as a collaboration between Community Sustainability and Water Services staff 12. 610/20 The Board direct staff to bring forward a project plan with budget that will seek to collate and map existing watershed information held by the RDCK and other sources at a regional scale to inform our next steps and as a support to communities and conducting a gap analysis; AND FURTHER bring this back to the Community Sustainable Living Advisory Committee to inform the RDCK's next steps on watershed governance. 13. 828/20 That the Board approve transfer of funds to Community Sustainability Service S105 for a student position to support the Watershed Governance Initiative Data Collation and Mapping project in the amount of $14,500 from the Climate Action Revenue Incentive Program (CARIP) Service S100 and include in the 2021 Financial Plan; That the Board approve transfer of $9,000 in funds for the Watershed Governance Initiative Data Collation and Mapping project from Climate Action Revenue Incentive Program (CARIP) Service S100 to Community Sustainability Service S105. 14. 112/21 That the Board send a letter of support to Living Lakes Canada for the Columbia Basin Water Monitoring Collaborative and Water Hub. 15. 113/21 That the Board direct staff to report back to Community Sustainable Living Advisory Committee on how the workplan for the Watershed Governance Initiative is modified and budgeted based on a collaboration with Living Lakes Canada. 16. 584/21 That the Board approve the recommended next steps of Phase 3 of the Watershed Governance Initiative (WGI) with a focus on relationship building and planning, mapping and monitoring as outlined below and presented to the Community Sustainable Living Advisory Committee August 17, 2021: 1. Supporting continued relationship building with Yaqan Nukiy and Ktunaxa Nation Council, Syilx Okanagan Nation Alliance, Secwepemc and Sinixt 2. Provide technical support for community led watershed mapping and communication tools such as story mapping 3. Supporting management of RDCK water systems - pilot natural asset management 4. Supporting regional monitoring – investigate how the RDCK could support local level monitoring 5. Supporting community led mapping – investigate Nature Based Planning 17. 585/21 That the RDCK Board direct staff to develop a work plan for continued work on the Watershed Governance Initiative (WGI) including seeking external partners; AND FURTHER, to prepare for discussion on how Community Sustainable Living Advisory Committee (CSLAC) can encompass the entire Board. 18. 658/21 That the Board direct the Chair of the Board and Chair of Community Sustainable Living Advisory Committee to reach out to MLA Brittny Anderson to discuss opportunities for engagement around the

	Regional Watershed Governance Initiative as it moves into Phase 3 focused on relationship building, monitoring and mapping. 19. 852/21 That the Board direct staff, Community Sustainable Living Advisory Committee Chair and Board Chair to work with MLA Anderson to develop a relationship with Forest Lands Natural Resource Operations and Rural Development and host community forums focused on watershed governance and stewardship in 2022. 20. 853/21 That Resolution 847/20, being the transfer of $9,000 in funds for the Watershed Governance Initiative Data Collation and Mapping project from Climate Action Revenue Incentive Program (CARIP) Service S100 to Community Sustainability Service S105 and include in the 2021 Financial Plan BE RESCINDED because funds were not needed as anticipated. 21. 86/22 That the RDCK Board approve funding up to $25,000 for the 2022 Watershed Governance Initiative budget from S105 Community Sustainable Living Service and include this in the 2022 Financial Plan; AND FURTHER, the Board allocates staff time of the Sustainability & Resilience Supervisor and Water Services Liaison to support the 2022 Watershed Governance Initiative. 22. 128/22 That the Board direct staff to submit a response on behalf of the RDCK to the Province on the Watershed Security Strategy and Fund; AND FURTHER, invite Board members and staff to comment on the draft responses by Monday, February 28, 2022. 23. 258/22 That the RDCK Board direct staff to send a request to Yaqan Nukiy Chief and Council for their participation on developing a Water Sustainability Plan for the Creston Valley; AND FURTHER, request that the Province order a Water Sustainability Plan be developed in the Creston Valley in partnership with RDCK and Yaqan Nukiy SUBJECT TO agreement from Yaqan Nukiy. 24. 433/22 That the Board direct staff to prepare a service case analysis and report back to the Board on the implications of establishing the requisition of a Drinking Water & Watershed Protection Service bylaw for protection of watersheds and drinking water in the Regional District of Central Kootenay to be added to the workplan in 2023. 25. 515/22 That the Board direct staff to work with the Wynndel community residents to create a story map, request an investigation under the Drinking Water Protection Act (Section 29) and request that the Ministry of Forests confirm the VRI (vegetation regeneration index) for the Duck Creek Watershed; AND FURTHER, that the Community Sustainable Living Service (S105) contribute up to a total of $25,000 of funds over 2022 and 2023 budget years to conduct a cumulative impact study of proposed logging in the Duck Creek Watershed. 26. 224/23 The Board is asked to provide comments related to watershed ecosystem services and health; climate resiliency; watershed governance and the help needed; economic opportunities within watersheds; reconciliation with Indigenous Peoples as it relates to water; and, advancing the UN Declaration of the Rights of Indigenous Peoples. 27. 304/23 That the Board approve the RDCK enter into a Collaborative Research Agreement with Selkirk College to provide research support for a service case analysis on a Drinking Water and Watershed Protection Service Case Analysis for the period of May 1, 2023 to September 30, 2023; AND FURTHER, that the Agreement be signed by the Chair and Corporate Officer. 28. 305/23 That the Board direct staff to conduct Step 1 of Community Sustainable Living Advisory Committee project evaluation of completing a Natural Asset Management Plan for Ymir Water System - Quartz Creek Watershed. 29. 377/23 That the Board direct staff to complete Step 2 of Community Sustainable Living Advisory Committee project evaluation to create a natural asset management plan for the Quartz Creek Watershed prepare a workplan and budget. 30. 304/23 That the Board approve the RDCK enter into a Collaborative Research Agreement with Selkirk College to provide research support for a service case analysis on a Drinking Water and Watershed Protection Service Case Analysis for the period of May 1, 2023 to September 30, 2023; AND FURTHER, that the Agreement be signed by the Chair and Corporate Officer. 31. 305/23 That the Board direct staff to conduct Step 1 of Community Sustainable Living Advisory Committee project evaluation of completing a Natural Asset Management Plan for Ymir Water System - Quartz Creek Watershed.

	32. 377/23 That the Board direct staff to complete Step 2 of Community Sustainable Living Advisory Committee project evaluation to create a natural asset management plan for the Quartz Creek Watershed prepare a workplan and budget. 33. That the Board direct staff to include the annual grant allocation of $20,000 in Community Sustainable Living Service S105, in the 2024 budget for the following projects: • Columbia Basin Groundwater Monitoring Program - Living Lakes: $10,000 • Regenerative Educational Community Food Garden - Elk Root Conservation: $10,000 34. 385/24 That the Community Works Fund application submitted by Regional District Central Kootenay for the project titled ‘Ymir Watershed Natural Asset Management Plan’ in the amount of $60,000 be approved and that funds be disbursed from Community Works Funds allocated to Electoral Area G and allocated to S105 Community Sustainable Living Service; AND FURTHER that the 2024 Financial Plan for S105 Community Sustainable Living Service be amended to increase Community Works Grants by $60,000 and increase Contracted Services Expense by $60,000. 35. 386/24 That the Board direct staff to submit a joint application to the Watershed Security Fund for water sustainability project within the yaqan nuʔkiy ʔamakʔis - Creston Valley in the amount of $150,000 and that if successful, grant funds be allocated to S105 Community Sustainable Living Service; AND FURTHER, briefing notes are provided to elected officials and elected officials are engaged when Chief and Council are engaged. 36. 612/24 That the Board approve the RDCK entering into a Funding Agreement with Real Estate Foundation of British Columbia for water sustainability for yaqan nuʔkiy ʔamakʔis - Creston Valley, and that the Chair and Corporate Officer be authorized to sign the necessary documents. 37. 67/25 That it be recommended to the Board that the RDCK enter into a Contribution Agreement with yaqan nuʔkiy for building our partnership of working together on water sustainability for yaqan nuʔkiy ʔamakʔis - Creston Valley, and that the Chair and Corporate Officer be authorized to sign the necessary documents; AND FURTHER, that the costs be paid from S105 – Community Sustainability. 38. 218/25 That the Board approve the Goat Watershed Engagement Strategy as outlined in the April 15, 2025 Engagement Strategy for the Water Sustainability Plan – Goat Watershed Committee Report prepared by Paris Marshall Smith, and that staff bring back a refined engagement strategy to the May 15, 2025 Board Meeting; AND FURTHER, that a report be submitted to the Board following the completion of the engagement. 39. 264/25 That Board direct staff to move the Goat Watershed Water Sustainability Plan to Creston Valley Services Committee for further discussion around implementation. 40. 430/25 That the Board approve submission of a Community to Community (C2C) funding application to UBCM for the Building Our Relationship for Working Together on Water Sustainability with yaqan nuʔkiy; 41. AND FURTHER, directs staff to provide overall grant management for the project, with the Chair and Corporate Officer authorized to execute the application and any related agreements, subject to a successful application. 42. 434/25 That the Board direct staff to apply to the Investment Agriculture Foundation of BC’s Agriculture Water Infrastructure Program, Stream 3 (project type #8) to support direct producer engagement in the Goat River Watershed (Creston Valley), and that the Chair and Corporate Office be authorized to sign the necessary agreements subject to a successful application. 43. 526/25 That the Board authorize staff to apply for the Stream 2 grant from Watershed Security Fund to undertake Foreshore Inventory Mapping (FIM) of the Slocan River for up to $150,000; AND FURTHER, that if successful the grant funding and related expenses be included in the Community Sustainable Living Service S105 budget and that the Chair and Corporate Officer be authorized to sign the necessary documents. 44. CVSC- That the Board authorize staff to apply for the Real Estate Foundation of BC (REFBC) grant in support of funding portions of Phases 3 & 4 of the Goat River Watershed Water Sustainability Planning; AND FURTHER, that if successful the grant funding be allocated to Community Sustainable Living Service S105; AND FURTHER, that if successful, the Chair and Corporate Officer be authorized to sign all necessary documents.
KOOTENAY	1. 91/18 That the RDCK Board approve funding of $10,000 under S105 Community Sustainable Living Service to

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<td>support the contracted service of the Kootenay Lake Partnership Coordinator position within the 2018 budget.
2. 414/19 That the RDCK Board extends its support for Living Lakes Canada's Foreshore Inventory and Mapping for Aquatic Species at Risk proposal to the Canada Nature Fund with in-kind contributions of mapping data and staff hours for a total contribution of $175,000.00 over the four (4) year term of the project, which is:
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3. 390/20 That the Board direct staff to transfer the remaining grant funding from the Real Estate Foundation (REF) in Community Sustainability Service S105, administered by RDCK on behalf of the Kootenay Lake Partnership, to Living Lakes Canada to support the Program Coordinator Position upon receiving confirmation from REF to do the transfer; AND FURTHER, that final report comes back to RDCK for information
4. 89/22 That the Board approve an allocation of $10,000 annually from 2022-2024 to fund the Kootenay Lake Partnership Coordinator from the Community Sustainable Living Service S105 and this amount be added to the 2022-2026 Financial Plan; AND FURTHER, the Board approve that amount be paid to the Ktunaxa Nation Land and Resource Division annually, to support the Kootenay Lake Partnership through contract administration of the Coordinator position SUBJECT TO a contribution agreement with the Ktunaxa Nation Council being prepared and brought back to the Board.
5. 129/23 That the Board approve an allocation of $10,000 annually from 2022-2024 to fund the Kootenay Lake Partnership Coordinator from the Community Sustainable Living Service S105 and this amount be added to the 2022-2026 Financial Plan Community Sustainable Living Service S105. (see minutes for full resolution)
6. 326/23 That the Regional District of Central Kootenay manage and administer the Ktunaxa Nation Council's successful grant applications for the Kootenay Lake Partnership initiatives and be compensated for that work through the administration fee included in the grant award; AND FURTHER, that the Chair and Corporate officer be authorized to sign the necessary agreements.
7. 716/23 That the Board direct staff to submit a funding application to UBCM Community to Community (C2C) for Kootenay Lake Partnership 2024 strategic planning.
8. 04/24 That the Board ratify the funding application to the UBCM Community to Community (C2C) Program for the Kootenay Lake Partnership 2024 strategic planning; AND FURTHER, the RDCK is willing to provide overall grant management and supports all proposed activities within the C2C grant application for Kootenay Lake Partnership 2024 strategic planning with less than 10 hours of staff time to come from Planning and Land Use Service S104.</td>
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<td>1. 119/19 That the Board direct staff to explore partnerships possibilities with Columbia Shuswap Regional District, Regional District East Kootenay and Regional District Kootenay Boundary on the Timber Deadstock Biofuel scoping study; AND FURTHER, that staff explore funding opportunities for the study
2. 232/19 That the Board approve the RDCK entering into a Contribution Agreement with Columbia Basin Trust to support the research and development of a business plan for timber deadstock biofuel in the Regional District of Central Kootenay, and that the Chair and Corporate Officer be authorized to sign the necessary documents;
AND FURTHER, the required matching funds of up to $25,000 come from Service S105 - Community Sustainable Living Advisory;</td>
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	AND FURTHER, that the grant funds be received and administered through S105. 3. 500/20 That the Board direct staff to further develop the business case potential of the Wood Pellet Boiler Network, District Energy in Castlegar and Village District Energy Systems as part of the Timber Deadstock Bioenergy Feasibility Study in coordination with municipal staff. 4. 845/20 That the Community Sustainable Living Advisory Committee Chair, RDCK Board Chair and senior staff approach the new Minister of Forests, Lands, Natural Resource Operations & Rural Development to ask what emerging direction may be coming which would assist the RDCK in further investigating bioenergy projects which would align with provincial objectives of maximizing fiber utilization and reducing forest fuel loading; AND FURTHER to make a similar outreach to Forest Enhancement Society BC. 5. 285/21 That the Community Sustainable Living Advisory Committee take no further action at this time on the following recommendation: 845/20 That the Community Sustainable Living Advisory Committee Chair, RDCK Board Chair and senior staff approach the new Minister of Forests, Lands, Natural Resource Operations & Rural Development to ask what emerging direction may be coming which would assist the RDCK in further investigating bioenergy projects which would align with provincial objectives of maximizing fiber utilization and reducing forest fuel loading; AND FURTHER to make a similar outreach to Forest Enhancement Society BC.
COMMUNITY GEOTHERMAL - GIS PROJECT	1. 451/21 That the Board approve funding $10,000 for the South Kootenay Lake Community Services Society`s Community Geothermal - GIS Project Set-up and Data Integration from S105 Community Sustainable Living Service and include this in the 2021 Financial Plan.
RURAL GRID RESILIENCE INVESTIGATION	1. 516/22 That the Board direct staff to work with Community Energy Association to understand the potential and limitations of energy storage, micro generation or bi-directional charging and prepare a workplan and budget for 2-3 community pilots in 2023, with the report to come back to the Community Sustainable Living Advisory Committee for review. 2. 303/23 That the Board approve $6,500 in funding to support a Lardeau Valley Opportunity LINKS Society pilot of residential power back up/renewable home assessment & rebates, to be paid from the Community Sustainable Living Service (S105).
REGIONAL ACTIVE & LOW CARBON TRANSPORTATION STRATEGY	1. That the Board direct staff to prepare a detailed project budget to investigate regional active transportation solutions as outlined in the report from Community Sustainable Living Advisory Committee (CSLAC) staff dated September 10, 2022 and report back to CSLAC for approval. 2. 384/24 That the RDCK Board direct staff to establish a collaborative working group on regional transportation and partner with regional industry, local governments, and community organizations; AND FURTHER, that up to $15,000 be used from S100- General Administration – Local Government Climate Action Program reserve to fund the initiative; AND FURTHER, that the working group Terms of Reference come back to the Community Sustainable Living Advisory Committee for review. 3. 458/24 That the Board direct staff to submit an application to the 2024 Age-friendly Communities Grants for the Regional Mobility Working Group in the amount of $25,000; AND FURTHER, if successful, grant funds be allocated to the A108 Development Services and the previously allocated $15,000 Local Government Climate Action Program funding (res 384/24) be returned to S100 reserve; AND FURTHER, that staff be authorized to enter into a contribution agreement with BC Healthy Communities should the RDCK be awarded funding. 4. 525/25 That the Board authorize staff to apply for $10,000 from the Community Climate transitions Innovation Fund from the Tamarack Institute to support the Rural Mobility Community Advisory Committee Project: Shared Mobility Programs – Healthcare Transportation; AND FURTHER, that if successful the grant income be allocated to Grant Specified account and expenses to Consulting Fees account, both in A108 Development Services: Rural Mobility Community Advisory Committee. 5. 620/25 That the Board authorize staff to allocate to a maximum of $20,000 subject to final budget approval from the Local Government Climate Action Program grant Rural Mobility Community Advisory Committee Phase 2 Project: Regional Volunteer Driver Network; AND FURTHER, that the grant funding be allocated to Development Services A108 draft 2026 -2030 Financial Plan.

	6. 621/25 That the Board authorize staff to allocate to a maximum of $10,000 subject to final budget approval from the Local Government Climate Action Program grant for the Rural Mobility Community Advisory Committee Phase 2 Project – Kootenay Rideshare User Interface Improvements; AND FURTHER, that the grant funding be allocated to Development Services A108 draft 2026-2030 Financial Plan. 7. 119/26 That the Board direct staff to submit an application to the Climate Ready Infrastructure Service (CRIS) fund for up to $20,000 in consultant support to undertake the Rural Transit Operating Model Feasibility Assessment. 8. 131/26 That the Rural Mobility Community Advisory Committee Amendment Bylaw 3074, 2026 be ADOPTED and the Chair and Corporate Officer be authorized to sign the same. 9. 132/26That Board appoint the following individuals to the Rural Mobility Advisory Committee for a term to end April 17, 2027: 1. Sarah Breen 2. Trish Dehnel 3. Miranda Hughes 4. Maxence Jaillet 5. Kelly McCafferty 6. Keith Wiley 7. Andrew Murray 8. David Gregory 9. Jacqueline Willard 10. Michelle Postnikoff 11. Cassie Norman 12. Reidun Rosi
CLIMATE ACTION	
CLIMATE ACTION STRATEGY	1. 124/19 That the Board direct staff to prepare a resolution that responds to ramping up RDCK's climate action in response to the climate emergency by April, 2019. 2. 272/19 - WHEREAS Climate change is recognized to be an urgent reality requiring rapid decarbonisation of energy across all sectors; Climate change is recognized to be an urgent reality where risks are compounded by increased climate change weather related events (more precipitation in the winter, dryer hotter summers) and increased levels of uncertainty. Preparing for increased resilience and adaptability is critical; THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED That the Regional District of Central Kootenay Board recognizes that the world is in a global state of climate crisis. This reality creates an imperative for ALL ORDERS OF GOVERNMENT to undertake “rapid and far reaching” changes to building construction, energy systems, land use and transportation. 3. 701/19 That the Board direct staff to update the RDCK Policy Framework to incorporate a climate action lens; AND that, the 3-phased Climate Action Lens Policy strategy will seek input from the Senior Management Team to ensure smooth integration with operations and will bring recommendations to the Board for approval. 4. 861/19 That the Board direct staff to distribute the 2019 RDCK State of Climate Action full report and summary handout to the public. 5. 848/20 That the Board approve transfer of funds to Community Sustainability Service S105 for a student position to support climate action work in the amount of $14,500 from the Climate Action Revenue Incentive Program (CARIP) Service S100 and include in the 2021 Financial Plan; AND FURTHER, to offset the costs of the student position, the Board direct staff to apply to the Pacific Institute for Climate Solutions (PICS) for $12,000. 6. 604/21 That the RDCK Board endorse updating the RDCK State of Climate Action (SoCA) reporting framework to include a combination of reporting efforts such as – a dashboard, an annual scorecard, and reports (less

	frequent than current annual reports) with expenses to be paid from General Administration Service S100. 7. 44/22 That the Board adopt Policy 200-01-17 Better Corporate Building Policy and accompanying Procedures effective January 20, 2022 8. That the RDCK Board adopt science based carbon pollution (greenhouse gas emissions) reduction targets of 50% below 2018 levels by 2030, and 100% by 2050; AND FURTHER that the Board directs staff in 2022 to prepare 4-year climate action plans as a pathway to 2030 climate action targets and bring a report back to the Board. 9. 259/22 That the RDCK Board approve the budget of up to $80,000 for the development of the 2023 -26 Climate Action Plan and associated four (4) year Communication and Engagement Strategy, and that these funds be drawn from the Climate Action Revenue Incentive Program (CARIP) reserve in General Administration Service S100. 10. 514/22 That the Board appoint the following Directors to an advisory group to support the completion of the Regional District of Central Kootenay Climate Action Plan – Aimee Watson, Garry Jackman, Janice Morrison, Suzan Hewat 11. 268/23 That the Board refer adoption of RDCK Climate Actions to the August 17, 2023 Board meeting to allow for continued engagement through to July 26; AND FURTHER, that Staff are directed to conduct public in-person meetings at the request of Directors (all requests be submitted no later than Friday May 5). 12. 391/23 That the Board approve up to the amount of $121,700 to support communication and engagement related to RDCK Climate Actions from the Local Government Climate Action Program funding in Service 100 – General Administration; AND FURTHER, that the Board utilize the Community Sustainable Living Committee, as an advisory committee, to inform communication and engagement related to building the RDCK Climate Plan. 13. 89/24 That the Board direct staff to solicit additional individual feedback from RDCK Board Directors via survey; AND FURTHER, that staff use engagement feedback to identify different possible Climate Action Plan versions; AND FURTHER, that staff provide these versions to the Board for direction on which to develop. 14. 90/24That the Board approve stipend and expenses for the Climate Action Plan workshop to be paid from General Administration Service S100. 15. 231/24 That the Board direct staff to explore new climate action items impacting RDCK residents and make recommendations to the Board based on the RDCK Ideas for Climate Action document presented at the April 18, 2024 Board meeting; AND FURTHER, that those items that were identified as high priorities in our consultation process, are practicable, and fiscally feasible are presented to the Board with a business case prior to proceeding, with funding ideally being provided by polluter super-funds. 16. 490/24 (IC58/24) That the Board direct staff to extend the Community Resilience Coordinator term position to December 2026 at an annual cost of $70,981 and that the position be funded from the Local Government Climate Action Program funds; AND FURTHER, that the 2024-2028 financial plan for Service 100 – General Administration be amended to increase contribution from the dedicated Local Government Climate Action Program reserve by $23,630 and to transfer to other service -A108 (Development and Community Sustainability Services) by $23,630 for 2024 and increase contribution from the dedicated Local Government Climate Action Program reserve by $70,891 and to transfer to other service -A108 (Development and Community Sustainability Services) by $70,891 for 2025 and 2026.456/24 That the Board direct staff to draft a Community Sustainable Living Advisory Committee Bylaw to replace the Terms of Reference. 17. 432/25 That the Board direct staff to apply to FCM's Green Municipal Fund for Climate Ready Plans & Processes funding up to the maximum eligible amount, and to collaborate with RDCK member municipalities, Regional District of East Kootenay and Kootenay Boundary and First Nations governments where applicable; (see minutes for full resolution) 18. 503/25 That the Board direct staff to prepare a report for the Board that presents the historical and current project work undertaken to meet the program goals of the BC Climate Action Charter and the Partners for Climate Protection Program, including but not limited to the funding sources for each project, scope of work undertaken, staff and external resources required, milestones met, reporting completed and community and organizational benefits realized.
RURAL	1. 233/19 That the Board partner with the Rural Development Institute's Regional Approach to Rural Climate

DEVELOPMENT INSTITUTE (RDI) – CLIMATE ADAPTATION PROJECT	Adaptation Project Partnership and direct staff to finalize the agreement; AND FURTHER, allocate $12,500 of in-kind staff time from Service S105 for 2019-2020 (2 years) to support the Partnership. 2. 595/19 That the Board approve the RDCK entering into a Collaborative Research agreement with Selkirk College for the Regional Approach to Rural Climate Adaptation Project Partnership for the period from May 1, 2019 to March 1, 2021, and that the Chair and Corporate Officer be authorized to sign the necessary documents.
100% RENEWABLE ENERGY BY 2050	1. 257/18 That the Board commit to the development of strategies and implementation of projects to achieve the long-term goal of deriving 100% of its net energy from renewable sources by 2050 and commit to demonstrate strong political leadership and significantly contribute to the reduction of greenhouse gases in the region. 2. 222/19 That the Board appoint the following individual(s) to work with the West Kootenay EcoSociety towards the 100% Renewable Energy by 2050 from the Community Sustainable Living Advisory Committee; AND FURTHER, stipend and expenses to come from S105: Director Faust & Lockwood 3. 412/19 That the Board Chair and Corporate Officer sign the Memorandum of Understanding with West Kootenay 100% Renewable Energy Plan. 4. 139/21 That the Board receive the West Kootenay 100% Renewable Energy Plan dated December 2020 as presented in the January 6, 2021 West Kootenay 100% Renewable Energy Plan Board Report; AND FURTHER, that the adoption of the plan be considered after the workshop has taken place.
REGIONAL INVASIVE SPECIES PLAN	1. 483/21 That the Board direct Development and Community Sustainability Services staff to coordinate with staff from Geographic Information Services, Resource Recovery, Water Services, Recreation Facilities and Parks to create a proposal for an implementation plan of the draft Regional Invasive Species Strategy. 2. 50/22 That the Board direct staff to negotiate and enter into a sole-source agreement with the Central Kootenay Invasive Species Society for an invasive plant inventory on RDCK-owned or leased properties and development of a detailed implementation plan of the Regional Invasive Species Strategy for an amount not to exceed $44,472 exclusive of GST; AND FURTHER, that the costs for the inventory be paid from the services responsible for the lands and buildings sites identified and the costs of $8,500 for the Regional Invasive Species Implementation Plan be paid from General Administration Service S100. 3. 780/22 That the Board direct staff to enter into a sole-source agreement with the Central Kootenay Invasive Species Society for invasive plant management on RDCK-owned-leased properties, as outlined in the 2022 RDCK Invasive Plant Management Plan up to a maximum amount of $48,230 plus GST; AND FURTHER, that the costs for the invasive plant management be added to the 2023-2027 Financial Plan for the departments responsible for the lands and building sites identified. 4. 172/23 That the Board direct staff to enter into a Contribution Agreement with Central Kootenay Invasive Species Society for the implementation of PROGRAM Option 1 of the Regional Invasive Species Strategy for a total not to exceed $15,000 + GST. 5. 646/23 That the Board appoint the following two (2) Directors to the Regional Invasive Species Working Group for a term to end September 2024 – Kelly Vandenberghe and Suzan Hewat. 6. 379/24 That the Board direct staff to extend the agreement with Central Kootenay Invasive Species Society to continue improving regional capacity for a total not to exceed $15,000 + GST from July 2024 to July 2025; AND FURTHER, that the 2024 financial plan for General Administration Service S100 be amended to increase contribution from reserve by $15,000 and increase grants expense by $15,000. 7. 696/24 That the Board direct staff to extend the agreement with Central Kootenay Invasive Species Society to continue improving regional capacity for a total not to exceed $15,000 + GST from July 2025 to July 2026; AND FURTHER, that this amount be included in the 2025 draft Financial Plan for General Administration Service S100. 8. 03/26 That the Board approve the RDCK extending the agreement with Central Kootenay Invasive Species Society (CKISS) to continue implementing the Regional Invasive Species Strategy to a maximum value of $15,000 for the period of April 2026 to March 2027; AND FURTHER, that this amount be included in the 2026 Draft Financial Plan for Service 100 – General Administration. 9. 100/26 WHEREAS, protecting natural assets is crucial to supporting Canada's Housing Plan. Natural assets such as water infrastructure and healthy ecosystems provide essential services to housing

	communities. Essential services include drinking water, clean air and recreation opportunities. Maintaining existing natural infrastructure is more cost efficient than building new infrastructure to compensate for ecosystem function loss, including that caused by invasive species ; and WHEREAS climate change and persistent drought underscore the vulnerability of local water systems and the need for greater coordination and investment in watershed security to reduce risks to drinking water, wildfire response, flood control, waste water treatment services, and community well-being. Invasive species can exacerbate the impacts of climate change, drought and degrade watershed function; and WHEREAS invasive plants are also implicated in altering fire regimes, and impacting species at risk and natural climate solutions. Management and damage costs are increasing rapidly over time and proactive management substantially reduces future costs. It is estimated that each $1 of immediate invasive species management reduces damages by $53; and WHEREAS invasive species spread and impacts are a national issue and due to a concentration of human activity, municipalities act as epicenters of invasive species establishment and spread. As a result, municipalities are directly involved in limiting the spread of invasive species; and WHEREAS the provinces and territories and municipalities lack adequate resources to prevent the spread of invasive species, leaving local governments unprotected. A funding mechanism to enact FCM standing policies on providing federal support for municipalities in the development and delivery of invasive species programs is also lacking; Therefore be it RESOLVED, That FCM lobby the federal government to fund a Local Governments for Invasive Species Prevention Program to support municipalities in preventing and managing invasive species.
COMMUNITY AMBASSADORS – partnership with Youth Climate Corps/Wildsight	1. 125/23 That the Board support the development and delivery of the Climate Action Ambassadors program in partnership with Youth Climate Corps-Wildsight; AND FURTHER, the Board provide a letter of support to partner with Youth Climate Corps through Wildsight for the application to the Rural Economic Diversification & Infrastructure Program (REDIP) contributing in-kind support ($58,000) and cash contribution ($40,000 previously approved in reso 259/22) to be funded from the Local Government Climate Action Plan for training in each of the departments and oversight of development and delivery of the program. 2. 651/23 That the Board provide a letter of support to the Rural Economic Diversification & Infrastructure Program (REDIP) for the Fire to Food Youth Climate Corps-Wildsight project with in-kind support up to $19,200 for training in each of the departments and oversight of development and delivery of the program.
CSLAC ADMINISTRATIVE & COMMUNICATION SUPPORT	
WEBSITE UPDATE & PRINT MATERIAL	1. 601/18 That the Board direct staff to highlight the work of the Sustainability Service (105) through the RDCK website and announce with a media release. 2. 578/19 That the Board directs staff to procure services from Little H Design Works for $2,500 for the work of designing the summary report for the RDCK's Climate Action Indicator Project with funds to come from Service 105; AND FURTHER, staff be directed to seek quotes to produce a graphic illustration of this report for distribution on line.
ADMIN	1. 382/18 That the RDCK Board support the allocation of S105 funds ‘Grants’ leveraging and linking additional funds from external agencies for sustainability initiatives, as described in the Community Sustainable Living Advisory Committee Terms of Reference. 2. 123/19 That the Board approve the 2019 Community Sustainable Living Advisory Committee draft budget; AND FURTHER, that the directors stipend and expenses be reduced to $5,000 for the years 2020-23 inclusive. 3. 207/24 That the Board direct staff to review the current Community Sustainable Living Advisory Committee Terms of Reference and bring forward a report for the June 18, 2024 CSLAC meeting. 4. 457/24 That the Board direct staff to prepare a Community Sustainable Living Advisory Committee Project Fund policy. 5. 619/25 That the $25,000 in grants for Community Sustainable Living Advisory Committee S105 be removed from the draft 2026 Financial Plan.

REGIONAL DISTRICT OF CENTRAL KOOTENAY

Rural Mobility Community Advisory Committee
DISCUSSION OUTLINE & NOTES

3:30-5:30
Tuesday, April 28, 2026
This meeting is online only and open to the public to attend.

Meeting Video Link:
https://rdck-bc-ca.zoom.us/j/96142355583?pwd=TLuyc3y8IiXBqPQ6A5SrFOwAvKecsh.1

Meeting ID: 961 4235 5583
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1. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

2. NEW/OLD BUSINESS

2.1 Round Table: Individual Updates

- Members shared brief updates on personal progress in the last months on rural mobility-related work.
- Upcoming Go By Bike Week was highlighted for the events that will occur in Castlegar, Nelson and maybe Creston – West Kootenay Cycling Coalition looking for organizations to collaborate on this.
- Group previewed the RMCAC engagement video draft and provided some final feedback.

2.2 RMCAC Brief Project Updates

- RDCK staff shared brief updates on each of the RMCAC's ongoing projects and investigations.
- **Cycling Education** - Everyone Rides aiming to reach another 8 regional schools this year including Castlegar, Salmo and Slocan junction areas. Further support was accessed through various electoral area Community Development Funds.
- **New Denver – Silverton Corridor** North Slocan Trails Society continuing investigations, collected quotes/scopes of work from multiple transportation engineering firms and shared these with staff. Columbia Basin Trust has expressed interest to fund next phases of work. Staff will prepare report for Board in June.
- **Regional Transit Engagement** – Staff have been engaging with transit service and related committees to understand where priority alignments are. Planning to support transit education/access supports and pilot linking transit to active transportation infrastructure. Staff also applied to CRIS funding for consultant support to investigate alternative transit system models. Funding award is unconfirmed.
- **Electric Cargo Bike Share** – Nelson's climate team hasbeen planning a pilot program in partnership with the Nelson library. Staff are involved to monitor the outcomes of this pilot and how it supports connectivity for rural residents to municipal amenities as the library is located next to the new regional transit exchange. If successful, this model could be extended to other communities.

2.3 RMCAC Project Deep Dive A
Regional Transportation Service Network

- Phase 1 of this project is underway, Network team has released an RFP looking for consultant support to develop an Operational & Governance Implementation Plan and a list of considerations for integration into Phase 2 – development of a Regional Booking Platform for the network.
  RDCK staff and project focus group partners will share an update and hold an open discussion regarding the regional community service network advancing this project including the Operational Implementation Plan status and Regional Booking Platform development.
- United Way is distributing $540,000 from Columbia Basin Trust over next two years to three identified corridors in the Kootenays (including Kaslo – Trail and Nakusp – Trail). This funding will support community service societies to bolster seniors' transportation programs. Staff are working with United Way to link this with the Regional Transportation Service Network project and resources.

2.4 RMCAC Project Deep Dive B
Kootenay Rideshare Revamp

- Phase 1 of this pilot is preparing for launch. Kootenay Carshare has agreed to lead this phase of work, making improvements to the existing Kootenay Rideshare platform and developing a risk management framework for the platform. These updates will improve safety for both users and the system operators. This will include engagement with other existing regional rideshare platforms to seek alignment/collaboration.

2.5 Regional Gaps Analysis & Strategizing

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Project	Areas Impacted
Bicycle Education	Targeting all regional public schools
New Denver – Silverton Corridor	Area H/Silverton/New Denver Connects to Area K/Nakusp
Mobility Mapping (WKCC-led)	Map covers all of RDCK & RDKB
Transit Advisory	Engaging so far primarily with West Transit Services Committee Planning to engage with Creston Valley Services Committee to extend benefits to this subregion CRIS project will focus on most rural areas (starting with Area D and Area K)
E-Cargo Bikeshare	Pilot led by City of Nelson, but includes residents in surrounding areas (Area F and south Area H included in library service; other residents can be included with BC One Card
Regional Transportation Service Network	All Areas
Kootenay Rideshare Platform Update	All Areas

- While most initiatives focus on shared impacts across all electoral areas, there is room to explore pilots specific to Area G/Salmo, Area D/Kaslo, and Areas A/B/C/Creston. Staff are seeking opportunities and local partner organizations that may be interested to collaborate.

3. NEXT ASSEMBLY

The next assembly of the Rural Mobility Community Advisory Committee is scheduled for June 30th, 2026, at 3:30-5:30.

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1. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

2. NEW/OLD BUSINESS

2.1 RMCAC Project Highlights & Updates

- Regional Transportation Service Network – progress, funding and servicing updates
- New Denver – Silverton Corridor study – progress update
- Kootenay Carshare & Rideshare – collaboration & funding update
- Cycling Education – progress update

2.2 Staff Presentation – Overview of Current Departments & Services Transportation Involvement

- Transit – Tom Dool discussed current RDCK Transit Services, bylaw limitations, service amendment and establishment process
- Landuse & Planning – Stephanie Johnson discussed OCP engagement process, and Area I's recent OCP update and transportation inclusions
- Parks & Recreation – Mark Crowe discussed parks' current trails inventory and management and the engagement process for the drafted Parks, Trails and Water Access Strategy

2.3 Staff Presentation – Options and Examples for Regional Transportation Planning & Servicing

- Alex presented examples of a range of approaches other local governments have taken to plan and implement active and alternative transportation projects and servicing.
- Presentation included innovative transit models, active transportation planning and servicing models, funding models, and discussion among members as to pros/cons of each

3. NEXT ASSEMBLY

The next assembly of the Rural Mobility Community Advisory Committee is scheduled for September 29th, 2026, at 3:30-5:30.

SLOCAN LAKE AND RIVER PARTNERSHIP

Technical Advisory Committee

Meeting 2 Minutes

Date: Monday, June 29, 2026

Time: 2:30 PM

Location: online

Attendees

Dave DeRosa, Walter Popoff, Gavin Fox, Jennifer Yeow, Gregoire Lamoureaux, Amy Wilson, Paris Marshall Smith.

1. Review of Meeting 1 Notes

The committee reviewed the notes from TAC Meeting 1. No revisions were identified and the notes were accepted as circulated.

2. Role and Purpose of the TAC

The committee discussed the role and purpose of the Technical Advisory Committee and how its work is being framed within the Partnership. The TAC provides technical input and recommendations to the Steering Committee, supports engagement with the broader Slocan Lake and River community, and guides the development of the Foreshore Inventory Mapping and associated guidance work.

3. Funding Update

The Coordinator provided an update on funding. The Community Works Fund application is going to the RDCK Board on July 16, 2026 for decision.

4. Study Area

The committee defined the study area as the historic floodplain riparian zone. Key points of discussion:

- Gregoire Lamoureux (Slocan River Streamkeepers) recommended concentrating on the lower portion of the Little Slocan River rather than extending the full length of the river.
- The study area should include the small seeps and creeks that feed the system, recognizing their ecological contribution to the floodplain riparian zone.

5. Archaeological Mapping

The committee discussed how archaeological mapping would be undertaken and its importance to the project. Two Bit Creek was provided as an example of a burial site that was accidentally found.

6. Development Referral Database and Development Permit Areas

The committee discussed the development referral database, Development Permit Areas (DPAs), and how DPAs are created. Key points:

- Director Popoff highlighted that the guidance being developed is a recommendation document. Without the regulatory framework of an Official Community Plan (OCP), no enforcement is possible.
- The Foreshore Inventory Mapping provides an excellent baseline from which to work and can contribute to OCP development if there is future interest from the community.
- The Rails to Trails corridor was raised as an example of a practical question, specifically when it falls within the 30 metre riparian zone. This was noted as a consideration for later in the process.

7. Public Education

The committee identified the importance of public education around DPAs and agreed that education efforts could begin early, ahead of any formal guidance or regulatory steps.

8. Action Items

#	Action	Responsibility	Timeline
1	Draft a public engagement plan to run alongside the Foreshore Inventory Mapping (FIM) work	P. Marshall Smith	For review ahead of next TAC meeting
2	Develop a draft Scope of Work for the committee's review	P. Marshall Smith	For review ahead of next TAC meeting
3	Circulate minutes of TAC Meeting 2 to committee members	P. Marshall Smith	2 weeks post meeting
4	Provide the funding application budget to the committee for consideration	P. Marshall Smith	For review ahead of next TAC meeting
5	Review the study area and identify high priority areas to inform a phased approach (Phase 1 and Phase 2 over two field seasons)	All TAC members	Next TAC meeting

Next meeting: July 29, 2026 @ 10am

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Minutes prepared by: Paris Marshall Smith, Coordinator, Slocan Lake and River Partnership

SLOCAN LAKE AND RIVER PARTNERSHIP
Technical Advisory Committee
Meeting 3 — Minutes

Date: Wednesday, July 29, 2026

Time: 10:00 – 11:40

Location: Online

Chair / Recorder: Paris Marshall Smith, Coordinator

Present: Slocan River Streamkeepers – Ryan Durand, Jennifer Yeow, Gregoire Lamoureux; Syilx – Okanagan Nation Alliance – Michael Zimmer and Dave DeRosa joined at 11:00; Sinixt Confederacy – James Baxter; RDCK Area H – Walter Popoff; RDCK staff – Amy Wilson & Paris Marshall Smith (coordinator).

Purpose of this Meeting

With the Community Works Fund application approved by the RDCK Board on July 16, 2026, the project can proceed to procurement. This meeting was the committee's opportunity to settle the two decisions that shape the Request for Proposals — the inventory methodology and the study area and phasing — both carried forward from Meeting 2 and both requiring a TAC recommendation before the Scope of Work is finalized.

1. Welcome and Roundtable

- The Chair welcomed participants and introductions were made.

2. Review of Meeting 2 Minutes and Action Items

- The minutes of TAC Meeting 2 (June 29, 2026) were reviewed and received

Status of Meeting 2 action items:

#	Action from Meeting 2	Responsibility	Status
1	Draft a public engagement plan to run alongside the Floodplain Riparian Inventory Mapping (FRIM) work	Paris	Carried forward to next meeting (Item 7)
2	Develop a draft FRIM Scope of Work for the committee's review	Paris	Complete; reviewed at Items 4-6
3	Circulate minutes of TAC Meeting 2 to committee members	Paris	Complete
4	Provide the Community Works funding application budget for consideration	Paris	Complete; reviewed at Item 3

#	Action from Meeting 2	Responsibility	Status
5	Review the study area and identify high priority areas to inform a phased approach	All TAC members	Discussed at Item 5

3. Funding Update and Project Budget

CONFIRMED: The committee confirmed the funding for the project. The Community Works Fund application was approved by the RDCK Board on July 16, 2026 for $100,000 toward contracted external technical services.

- The project timeline runs from July 2026 to December 2027, which sets the field season windows discussed under Item 5 (Phase 1 in 2026 and Phase 2 in 2027).
- The budget as approved reflects the original application. Any reallocation between lines arising from the methodology decision at Item 4 will be handled through the Scope of Work and contract, within the approved total.

4. Inventory Methodology for the Slocan River

R. Durand presented the SEI / Environmentally Sensitive Areas approach based on the Slocan Watershed species-at-risk work and the BC CDC Standard for Mapping Ecosystems at Risk. The Chair presented the FIM / FRIMP 2020 and Community Mapping Network briefing. The ecological priorities were not in dispute; the question before the committee was the inventory method underneath the mapping product.

CONFIRMED: The committee recommends that the inventory use the Sensitive Ecosystems Inventory (SEI) methodology. This approach was selected because it enables area-based recommendations that can inform planning tools such as Development Permit Areas, and it builds on and refines the existing 2012 SEI and valley data.

Recommendation to Steering Committee: that the SEI / ESA methodology be adopted, with corresponding amendments directed to Sections 2, 4, 5 and 9 of the draft Scope of Work.

5. Study Area, Priority Areas and Phasing

The committee discussed the flood extent and the study area scope. The study area was confirmed as the historic floodplain riparian zone.

CONFIRMED — study area: The study area is the historic floodplain riparian zone, extending valley wall to valley wall, and includes the tributaries feeding the system with emphasis on first, second and third order streams.

- Slocan River survey limits: approximately 59 km from the outlet of Slocan Lake to the confluence with the Kootenay River at Shoreacres, complete floodplain.
- Little Slocan River extent priority 10 kms up to little Slocan Lake, with immediate priority first 6km

- Small seeps and creeks that feed the system were confirmed as ecologically significant to the floodplain riparian zone and are to be treated as part of the study area, consistent with the emphasis on first, second and third order streams.

6. Draft Scope of Work: Embedded Questions

- Section 3 (study area limits and Little Slocan River extent): addressed at Item 5.
- Section 4 (Phase 2 order of priority if constrained by time or funding): addressed at Item 5.
- Section 10 (field equipment as a direct RDCK purchase or a contracted line item within the proposal): tbd based on proposal

7. Public Engagement and Education Plan

- This item was carried forward to the next meeting.

8. Archaeological and Cultural Values Mapping

- The committee discussed how archaeological and cultural values mapping will be undertaken within the project, and the protocols for recording, storing and restricting sensitive site information.
- Coordinator will bring forward a process for consideration at next meeting.

9. Procurement Process and Next Steps

> **CONFIRMED — procurement:** Any committee member interested in submitting a proposal has been asked to notify the Coordinator, and will not be included in the procurement process. The detailed procurement sequence — finalizing the Scope of Work, issuing the RFP through RDCK procurement, and evaluation and award — will be taken up at the August 24, 2026 meeting.

Next Meeting - Monday, August 24, 2026. 9-10:30 online

Action Items Arising from Meeting 3

#	Action	Responsibility	Due
1	Amend the draft Scope of Work (Sections 2, 4, 5 and 9) to reflect the SEI / Environmentally Sensitive Areas methodology recommended by the committee	Coordinator	Before RFP
2	Update Scope of Work Section 3 with the confirmed study area boundaries and Little Slocan River extent	Coordinator	Before RFP
3	Notify the Coordinator if intending to submit a proposal, so as to be excluded from the procurement process	Any	Ongoing
6	Bring the draft public engagement and education plan forward for discussion	Coordinator	Aug 24, 2026

Committee Report – For Information

August 18, 2026

Community Sustainable Living Advisory Committee – Transition to a Standing Committee of the Board: Governance and Funding Options

Author:	Paris Marshall Smith, Sustainability & Resilience Supervisor
File Reference:	01-0515-20-CSL
Electoral Area/Municipality:	All Electoral Areas (A–K) and all Member Municipalities
Services Impacted	S100 General Administration; S101 Rural Administration; S105 Community Sustainable Living; A108 Development and Community Sustainability Services

1.0 PURPOSE OF REPORT

This report is provided to CSLAC for information only at this time. It is on Board agenda, with a recommendation, for discussion at the April 20 meeting.

2.0 BACKGROUND/HISTORY

Board Direction

At its June 2026 meeting, the Board directed 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, and to prepare draft Terms of Reference for a reconstituted committee (resolution 277/26). This report responds to that direction and sets out four funding models for the Board's consideration. Staff has not yet prepared a draft Terms of Reference, wanting first to receive Board input on the proposal.

Why the Current Model Is Under Review

Service S105, the Community Sustainable Living Service, is an opt-in requisition service. Participants are Electoral Areas A through J and the Villages of Kaslo and Silverton. The seven remaining member municipalities, Castlegar, Creston, Nakusp, Nelson, New Denver, Salmo and Slocan, do not contribute to S105, although the regional work it funds affects them. Some examples include the sub-regional Goat River Watershed Water Sustainability Planning which includes Creston, the regional Rural Mobility Pilot which has benefited Nelson, New Denver, Salmo and Slocan.

- Area K has withdrawn effective 2026, representing 6% of the S105 requisition.
- Areas E and J are expected to withdraw in 2027, representing 14% and 9% respectively.
- Combined, these three areas represent 29% of the current S105 tax base.
- Silverton has indicated it will withdraw and Kaslo is considering its position.

In December 2025 staff presented four scenarios in response to these withdrawals. CSLAC members responded with a single framing question: what does sustainability look like at the RDCK in 2026 and beyond — who does the work, how is it funded, and under what governance? Participants were consistent that the question was not whether to do the work, but where it belongs.

CSLAC's Role and Track Record

CSLAC was established to provide a regional forum for sustainability and resilience work that sits outside traditional core services. Over more than a decade it has guided regional and sub-regional work on watershed governance, food security, climate adaptation, rural mobility, energy resilience and invasive species management. Its most consistent function has been evaluating ideas before they become commitments: scoping, testing feasibility, piloting at small scale, and recommending to the Board only what has proven out. The Committee has also been the RDCK's principal vehicle for attracting and administering external grants for this work. Between 2017 and 2024, CSLAC initiated 29 projects and programs – an average of 3.6 projects per year. Most of its initiatives are regional in scope and benefit. Grant revenue attracted through the sustainability function has leveraged its relatively small contribution of over 5.3 times for more than $2.9 million in community investment.

Where the Work Is Already Funded Today

An important feature of the current arrangement is that the sustainability portfolio as determined will migrate out of S105. Core funding for the Central Kootenay Food Policy Council moved to S100 in 2025 (resolution 695/24). Invasive species agreements have been funded from S100 since 2024 (resolutions 379/24 and 696/24). Climate Action Plan implementation is funded through the Local Government Climate Action Program held in S100. The Community Resilience Coordinator and Senior Energy Specialist positions are grant-funded (Local Government Climate Action Program and FortisBC respectively) and held in A108. The rural mobility pilot work is funded through grants (Age Friendly Grants and Local Government Climate Action Program) transferred to A108. Staff time for the Sustainability & Resilience Supervisor is currently split 75% S105 and 25% S100. In practice, S105 has become a residual service carrying the committee itself, the Supervisor's time, and a small pool of project funds (none for the last 3 years) while the substantive sustainability program is already regionally funded. The proposal in this report aligns the funding structure with what is already happening operationally.

Current Service S105 Project Commitments

The following table lists active projects associated with Service S105 and the Committee, their status, and where staff propose the work would sit under a standing committee model.

Project	Status / End Date	Current Funding	Proposed Future Funding
Rural Mobility Community Advisory Committee / Regional Mobility Working Group	Active pilot; year 2 launching; pilot concludes 2027	Age-friendly Communities grant; Local Government Climate Action Program (S100); staff time A108/S105	Complete the pilot under existing grant authorities. Board decision required in 2027 on whether to continue, and if so under what service. Staff coordination from grants via A108.
Watershed Governance Initiative — Goat Watershed Water Sustainability Planning (Creston Valley)	Active; engagement underway, planning phase continuing	Watershed Security Fund and Investment Agriculture grants; S105 staff time; reporting already shared with Creston Valley Services Committee	Regional coordination from S100 sub-regional planning and implementation costs proposed for cost-share with the Creston Valley Services Committee. See discussion below.
Slocan Lake and River Partnership	Active; project work underway	Grant funding for Sensitive Ecosystem inventory (SEI); S105 staff time	Regional partnership coordination from the S100 could be grant funded; project delivery grant-funded.

Project	Status / End Date	Current Funding	Proposed Future Funding
Kootenay Lake Partnership	Active; ongoing coordinator contribution	Diverse sources, S105 staff time to provide admin support.	Standing committee budget in S100. This is a government-to-government partnership commitment and is properly a cost of regional governance.
Ymir / Quartz Creek Watershed Natural Asset Management Plan	Final report received; next steps underway.	Community Works Fund (Area G), S105 staff time to support admin and project development.	Natural asset management for RDCK-owned water systems is an asset management function – perhaps included in Water Services?
Regional Invasive Species Working Group	Active; 2026 funding requested	Already funded from S100 (resolutions 379/24, 696/24)	No change — remains in S100.
Climate Action Strategy implementation and business cases	Active; business cases brought forward individually	Local Government Climate Action Program funds held in S100	No change — remains in S100. Standing committee reviews business cases before they reach the Board.
Central Kootenay Food Policy Council core funding	Active; annual agreement	S100 since 2025 (resolution 695/24)	No change — remains in S100.
Committee administration, communications and reporting	Ongoing	S105 (stipends, mileage, meeting support, website and print materials)	S100 as a cost of Board governance.

The Creston Valley Cost-Share Question

The Goat Watershed Water Sustainability Planning process raises a question the Board should settle explicitly, because it will recur. The project is regionally significant, it is the RDCK's most dedicated water sustainability planning process and is being pursued in partnership with yaqan nu?kiy and the Province, but its direct benefits are concentrated in the Creston Valley. The same pattern applies to the Slocan Lake and River Partnership and the Kootenay Lake Partnership.

Staff propose the following principle for the Board's consideration: the standing committee budget funds the regional functions: convening, scoping, grant development, partnership and Crown/First Nations relationship management, and the transfer of method and learning between valleys. Where a project moves into sub-regional planning or implementation with an identifiable local benefit, a share of costs is recovered from the benefiting service or sub-regional committee, in this case the Creston Valley Services Committee.

This is not a cost-download. It is the difference between paying to develop a water sustainability planning process once, regionally, and each valley building one from scratch. It also protects the regional budget from being consumed by whichever sub-region is most active in a given year and speaks to the fairness concern raised most often in the June 2025 interviews with CSLAC members.

3.0 PROBLEM OR OPPORTUNITY DESCRIPTION

There are two distinct problems, and they need to be separated.

Problem 1: The opt-in service model is structurally fragile

Any participant may withdraw, subject to the consent of the remaining participants. Each withdrawal raises the cost for those who stay, which increases the incentive for the next participant to leave. With 29% of the requisition base departing by 2027 and two of the three municipal participants signaling withdrawal or reconsideration, the service is on a path to becoming unviable regardless of what the Board does about the work itself. This is a design problem, not a performance problem.

Problem 2: Who pays does not match who benefits
Watersheds, invasive species, food systems, transportation corridors, wildfire and drought do not follow municipal or electoral area boundaries. The nine member municipalities benefit from regional watershed data, regional emissions inventories, regional grant applications and regional partnership tables.
This report is candid that the proposed solution asks the seven municipalities who do not participate in CSLAC and the electoral areas who have opted out to begin contributing through General Administration. Section 4.4 sets out why staff believe that is justified, and Funding Models 2 and 4 are designed specifically to keep that contribution proportionate to the benefit received.

The opportunity
Rather than asking “how do we sustain this service?”, the question is “where does the work of sustainability belong?” Reconstituting CSLAC as a standing committee of the Board would:

- Remove the opt-out dynamic that has destabilized the service.
- Distribute the cost of regional coordination across the base that receives the benefit.
- Retain the committee’s structure, staff expertise and grant capacity that have taken a decade to build.
- Give the Board a permanent, structured venue for evaluating emerging issues before they become reactive expenditures.
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3.1 Alignment to Board Strategic Plan

The Board’s strategic plan identifies environmental protection, watershed governance, regional economic sustainability and collaborative governance as core priorities.

A standing committee supports all four directly. It provides the structured space to anticipate emerging risks such as drought, wildfire, food insecurity, rural transportation gaps and to evaluate evidence-based responses before they require reactive investment, and to coordinate across service areas and partner governments. The strategic plan commits the RDCK to work the organization cannot deliver without a function that can scope and test it.

Making the committee a standing committee of the Board rather than a service committee formalizes sustainability and resilience as a permanent governance priority rather than an optional program contingent on which areas choose to participate in a given year.

3.2 Legislative Considerations

Under the Local Government Act the Board has authority to establish committees to advise it, and to determine their composition and terms of reference by bylaw or resolution. The Rural Affairs Committee is established on this basis and is the closest existing model.
Three points matter for the Board’s decision:

- A standing committee does not require a service establishing bylaw, participant assent or a requisition. It is a governance instrument, created and dissolved by the Board.
- The Rural Affairs Committee is composed of Electoral Area Directors. CSLAC has always included municipal participation and the work is region-wide. A reconstituted CSLAC should therefore be a standing committee of the whole Board, or a standing committee with guaranteed municipal representation. This is a substantive difference from the RAC model and needs to be settled in the Terms of Reference.
- Winding down Service S105 requires notice to participants, a repeal bylaw and Financial Plan amendments. Existing multi-year commitments funded from S105 must be honoured or formally reassigned before the

service closes. Staff propose a target of no later than the 2028 Financial Plan to allow this to be done properly.

Cost apportionment is also legislatively constrained and shapes the funding models in Section 4.1. General Administration (S100) is apportioned across all participants (electoral areas and municipalities). Rural Administration (S101) is apportioned across electoral areas only. Any fee-for-service recovery, like GIS, may require an agreement or an established cost-recovery framework.

3.3 What Are the Risks

Risks of taking no action

The primary risk is accelerating fragmentation. As areas withdraw and the S105 budget shrinks, the service becomes less viable, staff capacity diminishes, grant opportunities are lost, and the regional sustainability function erodes incrementally rather than through a Board decision.

A comparative analysis prepared places the RDCK in the top tier of BC regional districts for sustainability programming, alongside the Capital Regional District and the Regional Districts of Nanaimo, Central Okanagan and Okanagan-Similkameen. That analysis observes that peer districts relying on fragmented or opt-in models sit consistently in the middle tier. Capacity of this kind takes a decade to build and is expensive to rebuild.

Risks that the transition itself creates

The principal risks are set out at Section 4.2, and the most significant is political rather than financial: moving costs into General Administration asks members who do not currently pay to begin paying.

4.0 PROPOSED SOLUTION

Staff propose that Service S105 be wound down as a standalone requisition service and that CSLAC be reconstituted as a standing committee of the Board. This is not a disbanding of the function; it is a rehousing of it.

What the standing committee would do

The committee's mandate would be to evaluate emerging sustainability and resilience issues, scope potential new project and program areas, review evidence and partner proposals, oversee the RDCK's regional sustainability partnerships, and bring recommendations forward to the Board. Final decisions on funding and implementation remain with the Board.

Staff recommend the Terms of Reference formalize a feasibility-to-pilot pathway, which is in substance what CSLAC has always done:

- An idea or emerging issue is brought forward by a Director, staff, a partner or a community.
- The committee directs a scoping assessment: what is the problem, who else is doing this, what would it cost, is there external funding, does the RDCK have a role?
- If it warrants testing, a small pilot is designed and funded, wherever possible from grants.
- The pilot is evaluated. It either graduates to an existing service with a business case to the Board, or it is closed out and the learning documented.

A structured evaluation function prevents the RDCK from committing to programs that will not work and gives the Board a place to send ideas that do not fit an existing service.

Composition and reporting
Directors would be appointed by the Board, with representation across electoral areas and member municipalities. The committee would report directly to the Board. Its costs, including staff support, Director stipends, mileage, meeting expenses, would be treated as a cost of governance rather than a separately taxed service, consistent with how the Board funds its other committees.

4.1 Financial Considerations of the Proposed Solution

To date CSLAC and S105 have operated within their approved annual budgets. No extraordinary expenditure is requested as part of this transition. What changes is where existing costs sit, see ATTACH 01 for full details and below for summary of apportionment distribution across models.

The costs to be housed are:

- **Staff:** Sustainability & Resilience Supervisor time currently charged to S105 (0.75 FTE), plus associated administrative and management time.
- **Committee:** Director stipends, mileage, meeting support, agenda preparation and minutes.
- **Regional program:** Regional partnership contributions, communications, State of Climate Action and Local Government Climate Action Program reporting, and the regional data products described in Section 4.4.
- **Project development:** Scoping, feasibility work and pilots (sought from grants wherever possible) with a base allocation (has been $25,000 in the past).

Four funding models
All four models assume the committee itself is a Board governance cost. They differ in how staff and program costs are apportioned.

Model	How staff and program costs are funded	Who pays	Main advantage	Main risk
1. Departmental host (A108 + S100)	All staff salaries and program administration remain in A108 Development and Community Sustainability Services administration and are recovered through A108's existing allocation. Meetings and Director stipends charged to S100 as a Board activity.	A108 costs follow the existing departmental allocation; committee costs fall to all participants through S100.	Smallest structural change and the least visible tax impact. Staff stay with the department that delivers the work.	Cross-cutting regional work has no obvious host service to be allocated to. Risk that the function is squeezed whenever host services set priorities — the same erosion risk in a different form.
2. Shared regional and rural (S100 + S101) RECOMMENDE D	Staff salaries split between S100 and S101 on a defensible basis reflecting where the work occurs (indicatively 50/50, to be set by Finance and reviewed annually). Meetings and stipends in S100. Project-specific costs recovered from benefiting services and sub-regional committees.	Municipalities and electoral areas (both) pay the regional coordination share through S100. Electoral areas carry the rural share through S101.	Closest match between cost and benefit. Municipalities with their own capacity are not asked to fund rural service delivery.	Requires a split methodology that will be scrutinized annually. Adds pressure to S101. More administratively complex than Model 3.
3. Full General Administration (S100)	All staff, committee and program costs in S100.	All participants, every electoral area and every municipality,	Simplest to administer and to explain. Strongest	Largest new cost exposure for the seven municipalities

Model	How staff and program costs are funded	Who pays	Main advantage	Main risk
		on the General Administration apportionment basis.	statement that regional sustainability is core governance, not an optional program.	that contribute nothing today. Hardest to carry politically without the value case in Section 4.4 being accepted.
4. Core plus fee for use (S100 + recoveries)	S100 funds a base of approximately 50% - the committee, regional coordination, horizon scanning, regional data and reporting, and grant development. The balance is recovered through fee-for-service agreements with the areas, municipalities, services or sub-regional committees requesting project work, on the model used for GIS services.	All participants fund the base through S100. Beyond that, members and services pay for what they request. This would either be funded through grants, or taxation if costs are known ahead of budget year and can be planned.	Members with in-house capacity buy only what they need. Scales with demand and keeps a guaranteed floor of regional capacity. Most directly answers the fairness objection.	Revenue uncertainty makes work planning and grant commitments harder. Administrative overhead of scoping, quoting and billing. Risk of reintroducing the opt-in dynamic at project level if the base is set too low.

UNIFORM RATE PER $100,000 OF ASSESSMENT	
Model 1 — new visible cost (all participants)	$0.76
Model 2 — municipalities (S100 only)	$5.46
Model 2 — electoral areas (S100 + S101)	$14.17
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Model 4 — guaranteed base (all participants)	$5.08

A full draft analysis is provided in ATTACH01.

Why staff recommend Model 2

Model 3 is the cleanest expression of the principle that this is core regional governance, and the Board may reasonably choose it. Staff recommend Model 2 because it makes the same structural fix while keeping the ask of member municipalities proportionate to the benefit they receive. Municipalities are asked to fund regional coordination, data and partnership work they demonstrably use; they are not asked to fund rural service delivery in electoral areas.

Model 2 also combines well with Model 4 rather than competing with it. Staff recommend that project-specific work with an identifiable local beneficiary such as the Goat River Watershed water sustainability planning, Slocan River riparian mapping work, a possible sub-regional mobility pilot, be recovered from the benefitting service or committee under Model 4 principles, on top of the Model 2 base. That combination gives the Board a stable regional foundation and a fair mechanism for local work.

Model 1 is the least disruptive but does not resolve the underlying problem. It relocates a fragile funding arrangement rather than fixing it and leaves cross-cutting regional work without a home.

4.2 Risks with the Proposed Solution

- **Policy change:** Moving sustainability work into General Administration requires the Board to affirm that this is a core regional governance function. That is a deliberate policy position and should be voted on explicitly rather than arrived at through a budget line.

- **New cost to member municipalities:** Seven member municipalities would begin contributing to work they do not fund today. This is a substantive question and member councils will reasonably want to assess the value against the cost for their own community. If that assessment has to happen inside the compressed 2027 budget timeline, the decision risks being made on timing rather than on the merits. Staff recommend the analysis at Section 4.4 be brought to each member council with sufficient lead time for councils to form a position and put questions to staff.

- **Loss of a flexible project fund:** S105 currently carries a discretionary project fund that has been used to leverage external grants. Under any of the models, that flexibility is reduced unless a base allocation is deliberately preserved. Staff recommend the 2027 budget include an explicit scoping and pilot allocation, however small.

- **Transition management:** Active commitments such as the Watershed Governance Initiative, Slocan Lake and River Partnership, Kootenay Lake Partnership and Rural Mobility Community Advisory Committee must continue uninterrupted while S105 is wound down. These operate under existing agreements and grant conditions that must be honoured.

4.3 Resource Allocation and Workplan Impact

The Sustainability & Resilience Supervisor will lead the transition planning, supported by the General Manager of Development and Community Sustainability Services and with Finance and Corporate Administration on the Terms of Reference, apportionment, and Financial Plan components.

Indicative timeline:

Milestone	Target
Board decision on governance model and funding model (this report)	Q3 2026
Engagement with member municipality councils and CSLAC partner organizations	Q3–Q4 2026
Draft Terms of Reference and committee bylaw to the Board	Q4 2026
Funding model reflected in the 2027 draft Financial Plan	2027 budget process
Reconstituted committee established and first meeting held	Early 2027
Service S105 discontinuance bylaw and Financial Plan amendments	No later than the 2028 Financial Plan

The transition proposal, Terms of Reference, and engagement can be completed within existing staff capacity. Active projects will not be disrupted; existing funding agreements and commitments continue under their current authorities through the transition period.

4.4 Public Benefit and Stakeholder Engagement of Proposed Solution

There is no legislated obligation requiring a particular governance structure for sustainability work. This is a Board governance decision. The question the Board will be asked at the budget table is: why should a municipality that already does this work internally pay for a regional service?

Staff offer six answers, and one honest concession.

1. The problems do not stop at the municipal boundary

Nelson, Castlegar and Creston can manage their own corporate emissions, their own facilities and their own land use. None of them can manage the watershed their drinking water comes from, the invasive plants arriving on the highway corridor, the smoke in the airshed, the flood risk originating upstream, or the farmland outside their boundary that supplies them. Every one of those sits in electoral area or Crown land, and every one of them lands on a municipality when it goes wrong. Regional coordination does not duplicate municipal capacity, it operates at the scale where these problems are flexible.

2. Grant leverage that no single member can achieve alone
The RDCK's sustainability function has consistently attracted external funding well in excess of the S105 requisition. For a member municipality to benefit from a share of a coordination cost that buys access to projects delivered in and around its community that it did not have to staff, write the grant for or administer, see section 4.1.

3. Benefit to small municipalities
Silverton, New Denver, Slocan, Salmo, Kaslo and Nakusp cannot employ a climate specialist, an energy specialist or a food systems coordinator. For these communities the regional function is not a duplication of internal capacity. Shared regional capacity is the same argument the Board accepts for building inspection, GIS, emergency management and asset management.

The honest concession
For the RDCK's three largest municipalities, the marginal benefit is coordination, data, grant access and partnership rather than service delivery. That is a real distinction. It is exactly why staff recommend Model 2 rather than Model 3, and why project-specific costs should be recovered from the beneficiaries under Model 4 principles. Members should be asked to pay for what they use, and the funding structure should be able to demonstrate that they do.

The avoided-cost argument
Finally, and least visibly: the function's value includes the projects that were scoped and not pursued. Evaluating an idea properly and deciding against it is cheaper than implementing it and finding out. Foresight work reduces reactive expenditure in services everyone already pays for.

4.5 Leveraging Technology

To be determined

4.6 Measuring Success

- Board decision on next steps
- A funding model reflected in the 2027 Financial Plan with the support of member municipalities
- No disruption to active projects through the transition period
- Grant revenue sustained or improved in the first two years under the new structure, measured against the five-year average

Staff will report to the Board at each milestone.

5.0 ALTERNATIVE SOLUTION(S)

The alternative is to retain Service S105 with a reduced workplan and budget, scaled to the smaller funding base following member withdrawals. This would mean fewer meetings, reduced staff time allocation and elimination of the pilot project fund.

5.1 Financial Considerations of the Alternative Solution(s)

Reducing the S105 budget to reflect the remaining requisition base, 71% after Areas K, E and J, and lower again if Silverton and Kaslo withdraw would require scaling back staff time, meeting frequency and project capacity. Remaining participants would not face a requisition increase but would receive substantially less service, and the reduction in staff capacity would reduce grant revenue disproportionately, since grant development is staff-time intensive.

5.2 Risks with the Alternative Solution(s)

A reduced-scope S105 does not resolve the structural problem. It remains vulnerable to further withdrawals, and each withdrawal makes the next more likely. It is a transitional measure rather than a sustainable model, and it leaves the mismatch between who pays and who benefits entirely unaddressed.

5.3 Resource Allocation and Workplan Impact

Staff time would reduce from the current allocation, with the Sustainability & Resilience Supervisor role scaled to the available budget. Sub-regional watershed commitments and partnership contributions would need to be reviewed against the reduced budget, and some would likely need to be discontinued or transferred. Grant administration capacity would be the first constraint reached.

5.4 Public Benefit and Stakeholder Engagement of Proposed Solution

Participating members retain a dedicated forum, and non-participating municipalities face no new cost. The public benefit is narrower: fewer pilots, less grant leverage, reduced ability to respond to emerging issues. Partner organizations would need to be advised of reduced RDCK capacity, which affects commitments already made to the Kootenay Lake Partnership and the Slocan Lake and River Partnership.

5.5 Measuring Success

Success would be measured as the delivery of a reduced workplan within the reduced budget, and the orderly discontinuation of commitments that can no longer be supported. Staff note that this alternative should be understood as deferring the decision rather than resolving it and would expect to return to the Board on the same question within two to three budget cycles.

6.0 OPTIONS CONSIDERED BUT NOT PRESENTED

- **Cancelling CSLAC and Service S105 entirely.** This would eliminate S105 taxation but also the RDCK's capacity to coordinate regional sustainability work, attract sustainability-focused grants and maintain partner relationships. The long-term institutional and financial loss outweighs the short-term tax saving, and the Board would still face the underlying regional issues without a mechanism to address them.

- **Transferring reporting to the Rural Affairs Committee only.** Not recommended. The Rural Affairs Committee does not include municipal members. Kaslo and Silverton have participated in CSLAC, all nine municipalities are served by the work, and the funding models in this report depend on municipal participation being visible and represented.

- **Converting S105 into a mandatory region-wide service.** Establishing a new region-wide requisitioned service in which all members participate was considered. It would resolve the opt-out problem but requires a service establishing bylaw and participant consent or assent processes across all members.

- **Absorbing the function into an existing operating service.** Folding the function entirely into Planning and Land Use (S104) or Water Services was considered. Individual projects can and should graduate to these services, but neither provides the cross-service evaluation and horizon-scanning function, and neither has capacity to absorb it.

7.0 OPTIONS SUMMARY

Options 1 through 4 differ only in the funding model. All four establish the standing committee and wind down Service S105.

Option 1 — Standing Committee with Departmental Host Funding (Model 1)

Recommendation:

THAT the Board direct staff to prepare a bylaw and draft Terms of Reference to reconstitute the Community Sustainable Living Advisory Committee (CSLAC) as a standing committee of the Board, on the model of the Rural Affairs Committee but with municipal representation, for the Board's consideration no later than [Q4 2026];

AND FURTHER, that the Board endorse Funding Model 1 (Departmental Host) as described in Section 4.1 of this report, with staff and programme costs remaining in A108 Development and Community Sustainability Services administration and committee costs funded through General Administration Service S100;

AND FURTHER, that the Board direct staff to adjust the 2026 Financial Plan and make the necessary changes to wind down the Service S105 requisition no later than the 2028 Financial Plan;

AND FURTHER, that staff be directed to bring forward a transition plan for existing Service S105 project commitments, including proposed cost-sharing arrangements for sub-regional watershed projects, for the Board's consideration as part of the 2027 budget process.

Option 2 (Staff Recommendation) — Standing Committee with Shared Regional and Rural Funding (Model 2)

Recommendation:

THAT the Board direct staff to prepare a bylaw and draft Terms of Reference to reconstitute the Community Sustainable Living Advisory Committee (CSLAC) as a standing committee of the Board, on the model of the Rural Affairs Committee but with municipal representation, for the Board's consideration no later than [Q4 2026];
AND FURTHER, that the Board endorse Funding Model 2 (Shared Regional and Rural Administration) as described in Section 4.1 of this report as the basis for preparing the 2027 draft Financial Plan, with project-specific costs recovered (fee for service or another model) from benefiting services and sub-regional committees;

AND FURTHER, that the Board direct staff to adjust the 2026 Financial Plan and make the necessary changes to wind down the Service S105 requisition no later than the 2028 Financial Plan;

AND FURTHER, that staff be directed to bring forward a transition plan for existing Service S105 project commitments, including proposed cost-sharing arrangements for sub-regional watershed projects, for the Board's consideration as part of the 2027 budget process.

Option 3 — Standing Committee Funded Entirely Through General Administration (Model 3)

Recommendation:

THAT the Board direct staff to prepare a bylaw and draft Terms of Reference to reconstitute the Community Sustainable Living Advisory Committee (CSLAC) as a standing committee of the Board, on the model of the Rural Affairs Committee but with municipal representation, for the Board's consideration no later than [Q4 2026];

AND FURTHER, that the Board endorse Funding Model 3 (Full General Administration) as described in Section 4.1 of this report, with all staff, committee and program costs funded through General Administration Service S100;

AND FURTHER, that the Board direct staff to adjust the 2026 Financial Plan and make the necessary changes to wind down the Service S105 requisition no later than the 2028 Financial Plan;

AND FURTHER, that staff be directed to bring forward a transition plan for existing Service S105 project commitments, including proposed cost-sharing arrangements for sub-regional watershed projects, for the Board's consideration as part of the 2027 budget process.

Option 4 — Standing Committee with Core Funding and Fee for Use (Model 4)

Recommendation:

THAT the Board direct staff to prepare a bylaw and draft Terms of Reference to reconstitute the Community Sustainable Living Advisory Committee (CSLAC) as a standing committee of the Board, on the model of the Rural Affairs Committee but with municipal representation, for the Board's consideration no later than [Q4 2026];

AND FURTHER, that the Board endorse Funding Model 4 (Core Plus Fee for Use) as described in Section 4.1 of this report, with approximately 50% of costs funded as core capacity through General Administration Service S100 and the balance recovered through fee-for-service agreements with requesting participants and services, on the model used for GIS services;

AND FURTHER, that the Board direct staff to adjust the 2026 Financial Plan and make the necessary changes to wind down the Service S105 requisition no later than the 2028 Financial Plan;
AND FURTHER, that staff be directed to bring forward a transition plan for existing Service S105 project commitments, including proposed cost-sharing arrangements for sub-regional watershed projects, for the Board's consideration as part of the 2027 budget process.

Option 5 — Retain Service S105 with a Reduced Workplan

Recommendation:

THAT the Board direct staff to prepare a reduced-scope workplan and budget for the Community Sustainable Living Advisory Committee under Service S105, reflecting the reduction in the funding base following member withdrawals, and report back to the Board with a revised 2027 Financial Plan for Service S105.

8.0 RECOMMENDATION

None at this time.

Respectfully submitted,
Paris Marshall Smith – Sustainability & Resilience Supervisor

CONCURRENCE

Chief Administrative Officer – Stuart Horn	Approved
Chief Financial Officer – Yev Malloff	Approved
General Manager of Development and Community Sustainability Services – Amy Wilson	Approved

Attachments:

- Attachment 1: BRD_StandingCommittee_Report-ATTACH01

CSLAC Funding Model Comparison — Assumptions & Inputs

All-participant scenario: 11 electoral areas + 9 municipalities.

BUDGET INPUTS (edit yellow cells)		
Annual program budget to apportion - roughly	$240,000	
of which: Committee costs (meetings + Director stipends)	$18,000	*Based on 2026 S105 budget for 12 members stipend/travel/mileage*
of which: Staff & program administration	$222,000	

MODEL PARAMETERS (edit yellow cells)	
Model 2 — staff funded through S100 (regional share)	50.0%
Model 2 — staff funded through S101 (rural share)	50.0%
Model 4 — S100 guaranteed base share	50.0%
Model 4 — fee-for-service recovery share	50.0%

DERIVED FUNDING POOLS ($) — calculated	
Model 1 — S100 committee (new, visible)	$18,000
Model 1 — A108 staff & program (existing departmental allocatio	$222,000
Model 2 — S100 regional pool (committee + S100 staff share)	$129,000
Model 2 — S101 rural pool (S101 staff share)	$111,000
Model 3 — S100 total pool	$240,000
Model 4 — S100 guaranteed base pool	$120,000
Model 4 — fee-for-service recoveries (variable, demand-based)	$120,000

SOURCE & METHOD NOTES

Assessments: 2026 Completed Assessments, RDCK DRAFT 2026–2030 Financial Plan (Jan 16, 2026), S100 General Administration apportionment basis. Source table 'Assessment & Taxation Summary 2026 & 2025'. 20-participant total $2,361,502,312 matches the plan's TOTALS row.

Apportionment is by assessed value, so within any single funding pool every participant pays the SAME rate per $100,000; only the dollar amount differs. This is why municipalities and electoral areas share one rate under Model 3 but split into two rates under Model 2.

S100 = General Administration (all 11 areas + all 9 municipalities). S101 = Rural Administration (11 electoral areas only — municipalities are not in S101). This is the mechanism behind Model 2.

Model 1: only the committee cost becomes a new visible S100 line. Staff/program stays inside A108's existing departmental allocation (funded today via S100/S101 transfers), so its incidence follows those existing allocations — confirm exact treatment with Finance. An illustrative all-participant apportionment of the A108 staff cost is shown as a memo column on the comparison tab.

Model 4: only the guaranteed base is apportioned by assessment. The balance is recovered through fee-for-service agreements and is demand-driven, so it cannot be apportioned by assessment in advance.

Budget of ~$240,000 is the core program cost to apportion, per direction. For context the S105 2026 draft requisition is $249,844

CSLAC Funding Model Comparison — All Participants (11 Electoral Areas + 9 Municipalities)

Annual program budget apportioned by 2026 Completed Assessment. Dollar impact and impact per $100,000 of assessment under each funding model.

			Model 1: Departmental host (A108 + S100) — new visible cost		Model 2: Shared regional & rural (S100 + S101) — RECOMMENDED		Model 3: Full General Admin (S100)		Model 4: Core + fee for use (S100 base + recoveries)		
Participant	Type	2026 Completed Assessment ($)	$	per $100k	$	per $100k	$	per $100k	Base $	Base per $100k	*Memo: Model 1 A108 staff, if apportioned ($)*
Electoral Area 'A'	Electoral Area	$126,706,898	$966	$0.76	$17,948	$14.17	$12,877	$10.16	$6,439	$5.08	$11,911
Electoral Area 'B'	Electoral Area	$158,182,167	$1,206	$0.76	$22,407	$14.17	$16,076	$10.16	$8,038	$5.08	$14,870
Electoral Area 'C'	Electoral Area	$64,379,582	$491	$0.76	$9,119	$14.17	$6,543	$10.16	$3,271	$5.08	$6,052
Electoral Area 'D'	Electoral Area	$72,730,119	$554	$0.76	$10,302	$14.17	$7,392	$10.16	$3,696	$5.08	$6,837
Electoral Area 'E'	Electoral Area	$179,958,741	$1,372	$0.76	$25,491	$14.17	$18,289	$10.16	$9,145	$5.08	$16,918
Electoral Area 'F'	Electoral Area	$168,053,287	$1,281	$0.76	$23,805	$14.17	$17,079	$10.16	$8,540	$5.08	$15,798
Electoral Area 'G'	Electoral Area	$70,069,641	$534	$0.76	$9,925	$14.17	$7,121	$10.16	$3,561	$5.08	$6,587
Electoral Area 'H'	Electoral Area	$163,936,340	$1,250	$0.76	$23,222	$14.17	$16,661	$10.16	$8,330	$5.08	$15,411
Electoral Area 'I'	Electoral Area	$73,123,684	$557	$0.76	$10,358	$14.17	$7,432	$10.16	$3,716	$5.08	$6,874
Electoral Area 'J'	Electoral Area	$114,400,612	$872	$0.76	$16,205	$14.17	$11,627	$10.16	$5,813	$5.08	$10,755
Electoral Area 'K'	Electoral Area	$83,951,724	$640	$0.76	$11,892	$14.17	$8,532	$10.16	$4,266	$5.08	$7,892
City of Castlegar	Municipality	$318,158,980	$2,425	$0.76	$17,380	$5.46	$32,335	$10.16	$16,167	$5.08	$29,909
Town of Creston	Municipality	$153,162,018	$1,167	$0.76	$8,367	$5.46	$15,566	$10.16	$7,783	$5.08	$14,398
City of Nelson	Municipality	$461,741,524	$3,520	$0.76	$25,223	$5.46	$46,927	$10.16	$23,463	$5.08	$43,407
Village of Kaslo	Municipality	$37,535,923	$286	$0.76	$2,050	$5.46	$3,815	$10.16	$1,907	$5.08	$3,529
Village of Nakusp	Municipality	$49,823,359	$380	$0.76	$2,722	$5.46	$5,064	$10.16	$2,532	$5.08	$4,684
Village of New Denver	Municipality	$20,157,190	$154	$0.76	$1,101	$5.46	$2,049	$10.16	$1,024	$5.08	$1,895
Village of Salmo	Municipality	$25,330,953	$193	$0.76	$1,384	$5.46	$2,574	$10.16	$1,287	$5.08	$2,381
Village of Silverton	Municipality	$9,410,185	$72	$0.76	$514	$5.46	$956	$10.16	$478	$5.08	$885
Village of Slocan	Municipality	$10,689,385	$81	$0.76	$584	$5.46	$1,086	$10.16	$543	$5.08	$1,005
TOTAL — all 20 participants		**$2,361,502,312**	**$18,000**	**$0.76**	**$240,000**	*see rates belo*	**$240,000**	**$10.16**	**$120,000**	**$5.08**	**$222,000**

Electoral-area assessment total (S101 base) $1,275,492,795

FUNDING POOLS (linked from Assumptions tab)	
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Model 1 headline = new visible S100 committee cost only. Staff & program (~$122k) continues within A108's existing departmental allocation; column M shows what that portion would look like if apportioned across all participants (just example — Finance sets actual incidence). Model 1 total cost therefore similar to Model 3; the two differ in visibility and structure, not in total dollars borne.

Model 2 charges municipalities the regional coordination share only (S100), while electoral areas also carry the rural share (S101) — the two rates in the summary above.

Model 4 shows only the guaranteed base. Fee-for-service recoveries (~$70k) are demand-based and billed to the areas, services or committees requesting project work, so they are not apportioned by assessment here.

Rural Regional Transportation Planning & Servicing Options

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Date: August, 2026

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Presentation Outline

1	Review of Issue
2	Overview of Background Work
3	Examples and Case Studies
4	Planning & Service Options
5	Funding
6	Workshop & Round Table Discussions

Why is Rural Mobility an Issue Currently?

- Affordability
- Equity / Access
- Environmental impacts
- Infrastructure costs
- Doesn't follow traditional boundaries
- Requires a shift in social constructs and current planning practices

Rural Transportation Challenges

- **Less options, less amenities**
- **Minimal to no servicing**
- **Long distances**
- **Lower incomes**
- **Higher % seniors**
- **Higher costs**
- **Lack of connectivity**
- **Increased safety challenges**

Background & Overview

Currently for many residents, the only reliable way to get around is to own and drive a vehicle

But

The Kootenays has a rich history of multi modal transportation


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GREYHOUND
Lines
NELSON
CALGARY


LEARMONTH'S
MOTOR BUS LINE
MISS
BALFOUR


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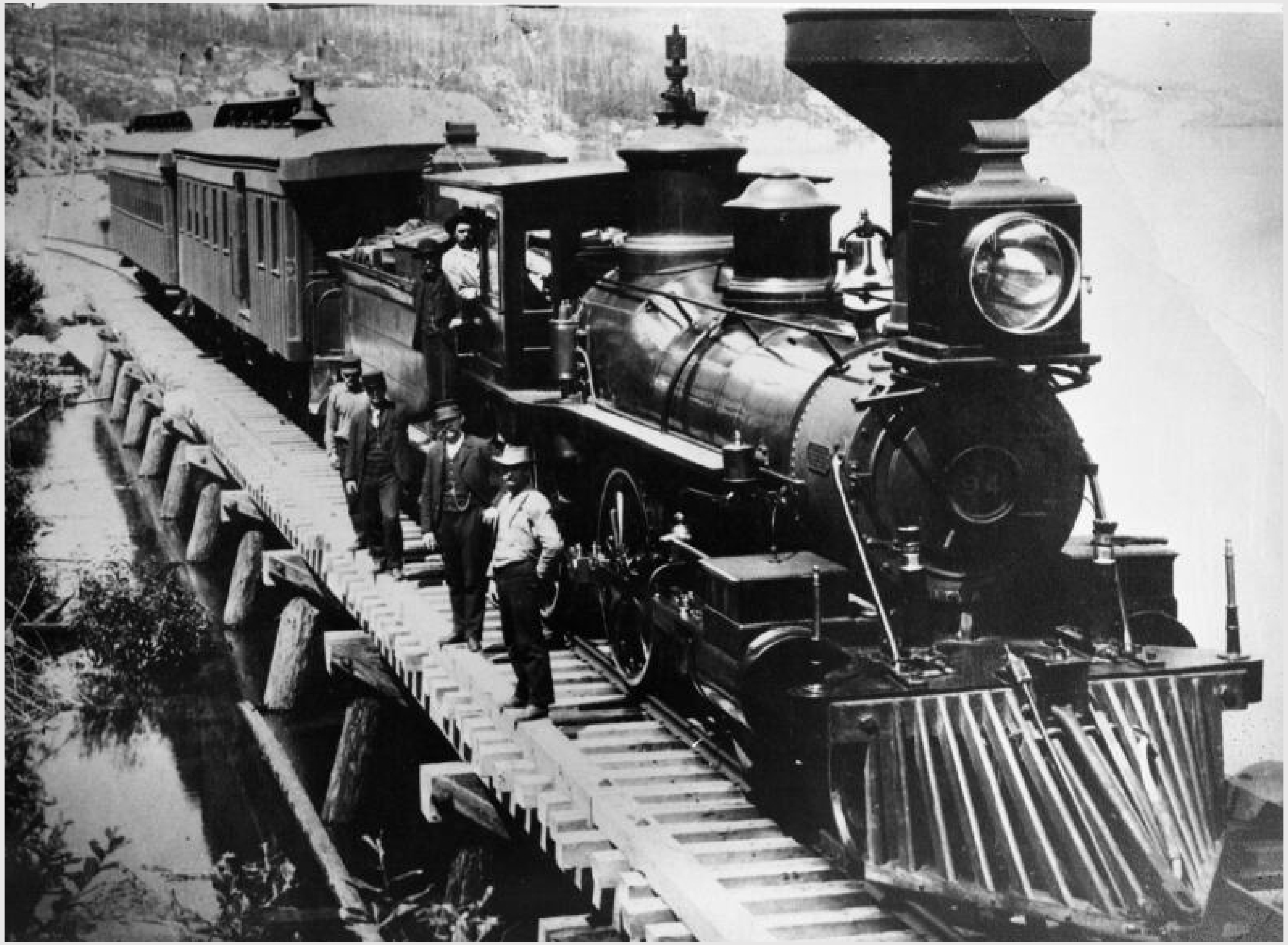
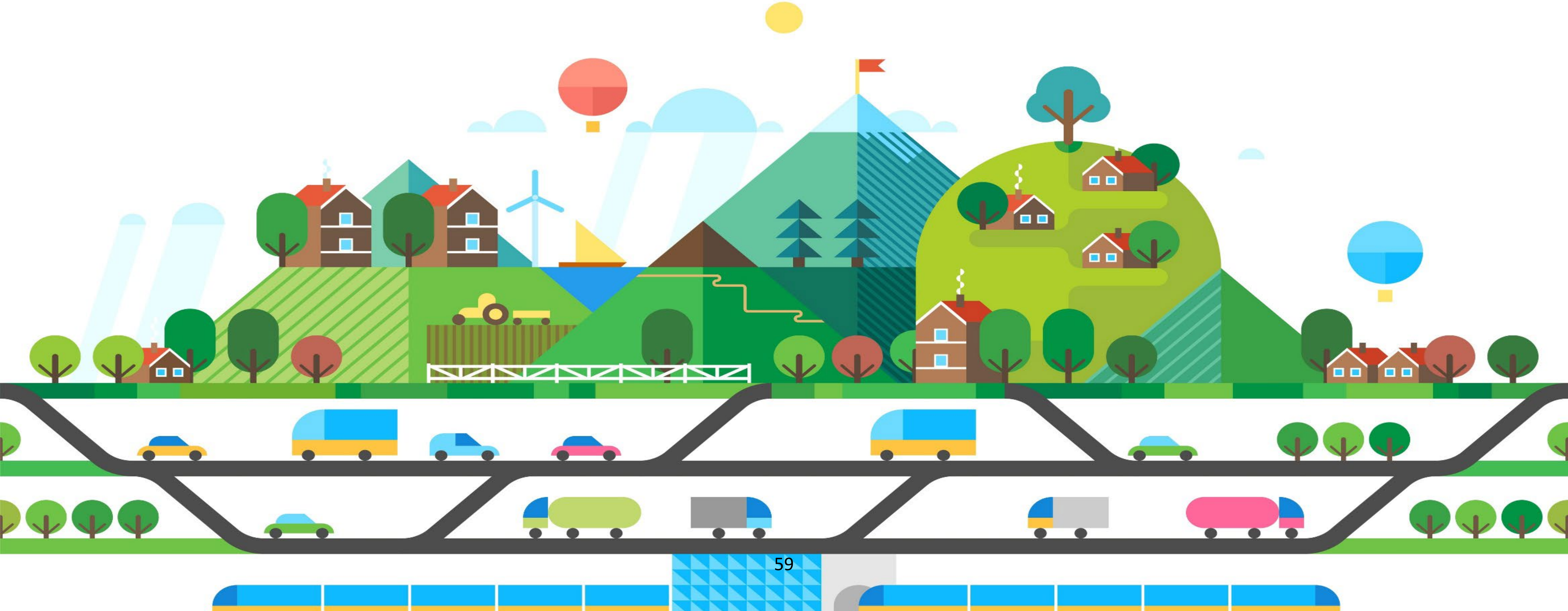


Rural Mobility
Community Advisory Committee



Vision Statement

The Rural Mobility Working Group (RMWG**)** endeavors to help Regional District of Central Kootenay (RDCK) residents access **an integrated network of equitable, low impact, and multi-modal transportation options**, otherwise known as the <u>transportation ecosystem</u> or <u>mobility mosaic</u>.

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Goals

1. Build strong partnerships between community groups and local government
2. Reduce the environmental impacts of our transportation systems
3. Build a clear case for increased and improved public transit and active transportation infrastructure and servicing
4. Understand barriers to increased use of transit, active transportation, and other sustainable transportation modes, and find solutions to overcome them

Objectives

1. Connect – transit and other modes
2. Connect – electoral areas, municipalities and other regions with eachother
3. Connect – people to amenities (health services, employment, education)
4. Connect – residents with transportation service/infrastructure decision-making

What are Potential Solutions?

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Mobility Mosaic

RMCAC Project Areas

Regional Transportation Mapping

Modernized Shared Mobility Platforms (Rideshare, Carshare, Bikeshare)

Active Transportation Corridors (New Denver – Silverton)

Integrated Community Service Transportation Network

Active Transportation Planning & Servicing

Transit Improvements & Alternatives

Safe Cycling Education

RDCK's Current Transportation Involvement

Parks – manage trails and many important connections within communities

Planning – engage with communities on land use values and priorities including transportation. Help shape land use through plans & policy like OCP's – priorities & projects identified here can lead to funding & implementation opportunities

Transit – provide critical services to many vulnerable demographics, serves as a critical backbone to Kootenay alternative transportation. Budgets are tight, and Bylaws are narrow, but innovation is coming across the Province

Municipal Partner Planning

7 of 9 municipalities in RDCK have transportation plans:

- Creston – Multi-Modal Transportation Plan (2022)
- Castlegar – Pedestrian & Bike Master Plan (2007)
- Nelson – Active Transportation Plan (2023)
- Salmo – Transportation Study (2022)
- Kaslo – Active Transportation Plan (2024)
- New Denver – Active Transportation Plan (2022)
- Nakusp – Active Transportation Plan (2024)

Active and Alternative Transportation

Goal: Build a case for a regional active transportation strategy & servicing

Provincial Context:

- Planning and Implementation of active and alternative transportation infrastructure and servicing varies widely across the Province, especially within Regional Districts
- This is because Regional District servicing is primarily voluntary and based on the interests of residents

Active and Alternative Transportation

Provincial Context:

- Establishing or amending District Services is a slow, and in-depth process requiring substantial resources and engagements
- Funding opportunities do exist to support the process
- Some Districts have done some very cool things!

RDCK Transportation Planning & Servicing Options

1. **Opportunistic Implementation** (project-to-project funding-based implementation)
2. **Community-Specific Planning** (electoral area/municipal planning)
3. **Network-Based Planning** (regional-wide plan development)
4. **Regional/Community Planning + Prioritized Opportunistic Implementation**
5. **Regional Planning + Funding + Strategic Implementation**
   (Integrated Plan, Service, Implementation)

Transportation Planning & Servicing Case Studies

RDKB - Christina Lake Bridge

Opportunistic Project Implementation
Community-Specific Planning

Longstanding 'idea', but prioritized through Christina Lake Active Transportation Plan (2024)

75-meter pedestrian bridge completed in 2026

Cost ~$1.3 million (0.5 from BC AT grant)

Cowichan Valley RD – Regional Active Transportation Plan

Plan – Prioritized Implementation

Drafted a region-wide plan for an active transportation network

Identified and prioritized 80+ infrastructure projects for implementation

Allows for solid case to be built when applying for/seeking funding

Comox Valley has done similar

Cowichan Valley pop. ~90,000
Comox Valley pop. ~72,000

CRD – Regional Transportation Service

Planning – Funding – Strategic Implementation

Many studies led up to the Regional Transportation Service establishment
(feasibility study/service case analysis)

Pedestrian & Cycling Master Plan (2011)
Active School Travel Plans

Adopted Regional Transportation Service (June 2025)
Cohesive regional voice for transportation planning and implementation targeting:
- Increase biking, cycling, transit
- Decrease traffic and emissions

CRD – Regional Transportation Service

First step is to integrate existing transportation functions (planning & regional trails) - will not include transit service

Used Alternate Approval Process (very little pushback)

Now developing a Regional Transportation Plan
- Defining a multi modal network
- Establishing priorities
- Conducting engagement
- Collecting data and setting baselines

Funded through population-based apportionment across all Municipalities and Areas

Options for the Regional District

Many innovative examples across the Province to draw from
(on-demand, alternative transit, active)

1. **Opportunistic Implementation**
   (RDCK/RMCAC, RDKB & Christina Lake Bridge)
2. **Community-Specific Planning**
   (Area I OCP, RDKB)
3. **Network-Based Planning**
   (regional plan development)
4. **Regional Planning + prioritized implementation**
   (Nelson, Comox & Cowichan Valley)
5. **Regional Planning + Funding + Strategic Implementation**
   (Capital Reg. District - Plan, Service, Implementation)

Benefits of Planning for RDCK

- Better understand our communities' needs & priorities.
- Clearly demonstrate these priorities to the Province who works on our transportation networks.
- The Province does highways and big transit, but our rural communities know what's best for our context.
- Planning will open doors to funding opportunities, supports transparency, and good decisions/spending.
- Planning transportation will ultimately support better lifestyles for our residents, particularly those who are currently limited by our existing systems

Funding Considerations

- Planning requires initial up-front investment (funding exists)
- CBT covers up to 50%
- UBCM can provide funding for OCP-level planning ($30,000)

- Projects, pilots, & studies require up-front funding, many funding streams available. Often requires planning in place first

- Servicing requires on-going base funding (tax-based)
- External funding can be used for projects/capital costs

Approach Options for RDCK

- **Business-As-Usual** (Some potential opportunistic projects)
- **Continue RMCAC** (Minimal funding/planning, pilot projects)
- **Amend Transit Service Bylaws** (incorporate alternative solutions)
- **Develop Multi-Modal Transportation Plan**
  (Planning = prioritize implementation, still reliant on funding)
- **Develop & Adopt Strategy & Service**
  Service Case Analysis needed first, and public review/approval
  Includes: planning, prioritizing, funding strategy, implementation

Round Table Discussion Prompts

- How would you like to see transportation planning/servicing approached in our region and your communities?

Round Table Discussion Prompts

- Would you like the Rural Mobility Community Advisory Committee to continue after the pilot period (June 2027)?

  How can you see this group supporting transportation solutions in your community?

Round Table Discussion Prompts

- What information would you like to have/see before making a decision on future RDCK involvement with transportation?
- How would you like to see this conversation revisited in October?

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Justine Cohen
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Columbia Basin Trust

Dear Justine:

RE: Letter of Support for the College of the Rockies Creston Campus Applied Agricultural Research Project

On behalf of the Regional District of Central Kootenay (RDCK), I am pleased to provide this letter of support for the College of the Rockies Creston campus applied agricultural research project evaluating dry farming techniques and climate resilient crop varieties in the Columbia Basin.

Agricultural producers across our region are facing real and growing challenges. More frequent summer heat events, periods of drought, increasing water scarcity and greater variability in soil moisture are affecting farm viability and long-term food security. While dry farming and climate adapted crop varieties show strong promise, producers currently have very little region specific research to guide their decisions. This project directly addresses that gap.

The project design reflects the diversity of our region and aligns closely with the RDCK's role and priorities. The RDCK supports regional food and agricultural systems through farm advisory services, policy development and advocacy, and data collection and research, with the goal of strengthening local food systems, promoting resource conservation, and building long term agricultural resilience. The project also complements the work of regional partners, including the Kootenay Food Council and the Kootenay and Boundary Farm Advisors, and supports the directions set out in the RDCK Agricultural Area Plan. Positioning College of the Rockies as a hub for applied agricultural research that connects producers, students, and regional food systems is a significant opportunity for the Basin.

The RDCK supports this application and looks forward to helping share research findings with producers and communities through our networks. Should you require further information, please do not hesitate to contact our office.

Sincerely,

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Letter of Support for the College of the Rockies Creston Campus Applied Agricultural Research Project

Background for CSLAC

There is a strong opportunity to position College of the Rockies as a hub for applied agricultural research that connects producers, students, and regional food systems across the Columbia Basin. Producers throughout the region are facing more frequent summer heat, drought and water restrictions, rising irrigation costs, and greater soil moisture variability. Dry farming and climate adapted crop varieties are promising responses, but there is very little region specific research to guide producer decisions. This project sets out to fill that gap.

What the Project Will Do

The project will evaluate dry farming techniques and climate resilient crop varieties suited to the Columbia Basin. Trials will run on five farms in different parts of the Basin, alongside campus based demonstration plots, so results reflect the range of growing conditions across the region. Using the methodological framework developed by Kwantlen Polytechnic University, the project will compare crop performance under conventional irrigation and reduced water systems, and assess soil moisture conservation practices such as cover cropping and organic amendments. Data will include crop yield, quality, soil moisture, input costs, water use efficiency, and overall economic viability.

Sharing Results and Benefits

Findings will be shared through producer workshops, field days, demonstration events, and accessible reports, so the knowledge reaches the farmers who can use it. By generating practical, regionally relevant data, the project will help producers adapt to changing conditions, reduce reliance on irrigation, strengthen agricultural resilience, and support long term food security across the Basin.

Partners

We are hoping to work with the Kootenay and Boundary Farm Advisors to identify and connect with participating farmers, building on relationships they already hold across the region.

Funding

The project is seeking funding from Columbia Basin Trust through the Special Initiatives program.