



Board Highlights

August 20, 2026

Regional Water and Wastewater Sustainability Framework

The Board directed staff to develop a Regional Water and Wastewater Sustainability Framework to provide a clear, transparent process for evaluating when and how the RDCK may support independent non-RDCK water and wastewater systems through administrative, technical, or financial assistance, including potential Community Works Fund investments. The framework would identify an RDCK role in helping systems address growing challenges such as aging infrastructure, limited capacity, and increasing regulatory requirements, while recognizing that continued local ownership and operation is preferred by many systems. By establishing governance principles, eligibility criteria, and project evaluation tools, the framework would help ensure the RDCK's support decisions are consistent and aligned with Board priorities while helping sustainable independent systems remain viable under local ownership.

Compost Sales Plan for 2026

The Board directed staff to implement the RDCK's 2026 Compost Sales Plan, building on the success of the 2025 pilot program. Screened Class A compost, which means the material is appropriate for use in agricultural and home gardens for food and landscaping purposes, will be available for purchase at the Central Transfer Station (Salmo), Creston Landfill, and Ootischenia Landfill. The program is designed to provide residents, farmers, and community partners with an affordable, high-quality soil amendment. Approximately 1,800 m³ of compost is expected to be available for sale in 2026. For more information and when the compost will go on sale, visit www.rdck.ca/organics.

Hydraulic Connectivity in Goat River Watershed

Water scarcity is a priority concern in the Goat River Watershed. Water allocation notations, which flag potential water availability concerns and factor into decisions on new water licence applications, are already in place on several streams and two shallow aquifers. A deeper bedrock aquifer, and how it connects to that surface water, remains poorly understood. To address this gap, the Board approved a consulting agreement with Western Water Associates Ltd., valued at \$79,851, to complete a preliminary assessment of hydraulic connectivity in the Goat River Watershed between August 2026 and March 2028.

The study will explore how groundwater and streams interact in the watershed and map the connection between the bedrock aquifer and surface water, using a 3D model of underground water layers and water sample testing to trace how water moves through the watershed. This will provide important scientific data to support long-term water management in an area where water shortages are a growing concern. The study forms part of the RDCK's broader Goat River Watershed planning initiative and will help inform future watershed planning and decision-making.

For more information: <https://engage.rdck.ca/projects/goatwatershed/>

For more information

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Goat Canyon Park Development

The Board has approved \$1,000,000 in [Community Works funding](#) for the Goat Canyon Park project in Electoral Area B. This is the first of many steps toward establishing a public park on the [recently acquired 4.4-acre property](#), which is publicly owned but not yet open for public access.

The RDCK has been in contact with Yaqan Nuʔkiy throughout the acquisition process and will continue this engagement as planning and park development move forward. This funding will support the technical assessments and planning work needed to identify priorities, determine a phased approach, and establish timelines, creating a roadmap for how park development will unfold. This is a multi-year process, and as assessment work advances, the timing and scope of next steps will become clearer. The RDCK will share opportunities for public engagement with residents as they are identified.

RDCK Quarterly Report

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

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

Director's Reports

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

RDCK Board Meeting Video Recording

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

Discretionary Grants

[AREA A](#)

Crawford Bay & District Hall & Parks Association – Community Hall Restoration	\$10,000
Creston Valley Rotary Club – Drive Fore Rotary Golf Tournament	\$500
Kootenay Holds Climbing and Wellness Society – Kootenay Holds Bouldering Gym	\$1,000

[AREA B](#)

Creston Valley Junior Hockey Society – Golf Tournament Sponsorship	\$400
Creston Valley Rotary Club – Drive Fore Rotary Golf Tournament	\$750
Kitchener Valley Recreation and Fire Protection Society – Maintenance and moving heating unit	\$2,000
Lister Community Cemetery – Lister Water Expense	\$1,000
Rykert Irrigation District – Inflow and outflow meters at the reservoir	\$4,000

AREA C

Creston Valley Junior Hockey Society – Golf Tournament Sponsorship	\$400
Creston Valley Rotary Club – Drive Fore Rotary Golf Tournament	\$500

AREA F

Kootenay Circus Arts Association – Flow and Acro Jams	\$800
Ridgewood Improvement District – Engineering Study Extension	\$1,500

AREA G

Rosebud Community Watershed Protection Group – Rural Development Project	\$5,000
Salmo & Area Supportive Housing Society – New Room Design and Furniture	\$10,000
Ymir Arts and Museum Society – Emergency Exit Stairs Roof	\$5,000
Ymir Volunteer Fire Department – PPE replacement	\$10,000

AREA J

Robson Fire and Rescue Society – Halloween Fireworks	\$1,000
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VILLAGE OF SLOCAN

Village of Slocan – Zone 6 Kootenay 55+ Senior Games 2026	\$100
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Community Development Grants

AREA A

Crawford Bay & District Hall & Parks Association – Restoration Project	\$10,000
Diverse Family Rootes – Sensory GO Bags	\$500
Fields Forward Society – 2026 Kootenay Farms Food Hub Operations	\$10,000
Nelson and District Hospice Society – West Kootenay Boundary Caregiver Support	\$500
Regional District of Central Kootenay – Goat River Watershed Celebration	\$1,000

AREA B

Kootenay Holds Climbing and Wellness Society – Bouldering Gym	\$3,000
Regional District of Central Kootenay – Goat River Watershed Celebration	\$2,000

AREA C

Regional District of Central Kootenay – Goat River Watershed Celebration	\$1,250
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AREA D

Ainsworth Recreation Association – Billboard	\$600
Lardeau Valley Opportunity LINKS Society – The “Letting Go” Project	\$1,000
Regional District of Central Kootenay – Free tipping at Marblehead	\$7,000

AREA E

Balfour and District Business and Historic Association – St. Michael’s insulation and siding project	\$10,000
Nelson Cycling Club – Morning Mountain Project	\$7,149

AREA F

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AREA G

Salmo Valley Youth & Community Centre – Lower Level Roof Replacement	\$5,000
Salmo District Arts Council – Strategic Planning Refresh and Policy Oversight	\$774

AREA H

Kelowna General Hospital Foundation – JoeAnna’s House Expansion	\$5,000
Regional District of Central Kootenay – Area H Bike Locker Pilot	\$30,000
Regional District of Central Kootenay – Krestova Regional Park Biophysical Ecological Assessment	\$100,000
Slocan Valley Rail Trail Society – Interactive Rail Trail Map	\$2,100
Benailse Retreat Centre C/O Kootenay Growth Soc Property – Hall Renovation & Grounds Work	\$5,000

AREA I

Glade Recreation Commission – Emergency Preparedness	\$10,000
Shoreacres Neighbourhood Community Association – Porta Potty rental	\$2,500

AREA J

Diverse Family Roots – Sensory GO Bags	\$1,000
Renata Development Society – Society admin laptop	\$1,450.43
Robson Raspberry Improvement District – Source water protection plan	\$19,738

AREA K

Burton Volunteer Fire Brigade – Solar Panels	\$4,600
Edgewood Seniors Society – Edgewood Seniors Programs	\$1,000
Edgewood Volunteer Fire Department Society – Fire Hall Expansion	\$45,000
Fauquier Community Club – Appreciation of Volunteerism	\$1,500
Nakusp and District Museum – Tea Party Fundraiser	\$900

TOWN OF CRESTON

Creston Valley Chamber of Commerce – 301 Suite Coworking	\$20,000
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VILLAGE OF KASLO

Kootenay Lake Historical Society – S.S. Moyie Ghostwalk Radio Play	\$1,000
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VILLAGE OF NAKUSP

Village of Nakusp – Library HVAC Upgrades	\$15,000
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VILLAGE OF NEW DENVER

Nelson and District Hospice Society – West Kootenay Boundary Caregiver Support	\$2,000
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VILLAGE OF SALMO

Salmo Valley Youth & Community Centre – Lower Level Roof Replacement	\$5,000
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VILLAGE OF SILVERTON

Village of Silvertown – Silvertown Community Improvements	\$3,820.72
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VILLAGE OF SLOCAN

Village of Slocan – ND Caregiver Support – NDCS	\$1,000
Village of Slocan – Halloween Hoot	\$5,500

Community Works Grants

AREA B

Goat Canyon Park Development	\$1,000,000
Yahk Firehall Lighting Replacement	\$15,000

AREA D

Resource Recovery Upgrades	\$100,000
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AREA E

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AREA F

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AREA G

Ymir Firehall Structural Upgrades Additional Funds	\$200,000
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AREA H

Slocan Valley Firehall Infrastructure Upgrades Additional Funds	\$350,000
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AREA I

Tarrys Firehall Bay Expansion	\$50,000
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AREA J

Robson Firehall Fencing & Doors Additional Funding	\$17,000
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AREA K

Burton Waterline Replacement	\$200,000
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