



REGIONAL DISTRICT OF CENTRAL KOOTENAY
AREA A ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION
OPEN MEETING MINUTES

3:00 p.m. PT

Tuesday, September 8, 2026

Location: Hybrid Model – In-person and Remote

ZOOM REMOTE MEETING INFO

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

Join by Video:

<https://rdck-bc-ca.zoom.us/j/93079902753?pwd=1DnbzulpvRtHNZyPqip7NKEtfkguO3.1>

Join by Phone:

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Meeting ID: 930 7990 2753

Meeting Password: 881036

In-Person Location: Kokanee Springs Resort – lower level of the 1st Lodge building at the rear of the building, 16083 Woolgar Road, Crawford Bay, BC

COMMISSION MEMBERS PRESENT

Director G. Jackman	Area A
Commissioner G. Medhurst	Crawford Bay – Chair
Commissioner G. MacMahon	Kootenay Bay
Commissioner R. Bertram	Crawford Bay/Gray Creek
Commissioner P. Cullinane	Boswell
Commissioner F. Demman	Wynndel

STAFF PRESENT

R. Baril	Meeting Coordinator
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6 out of 6 voting Commission/Committee members were present – quorum was met.

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Medhurst called the meeting to order at 2:01 p.m.

2. TRADITIONAL LANDS ACKNOWLEDGEMENT STATEMENT

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

3. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Moved and seconded,
and resolved:

The agenda for the September 8, 2026 Area A Economic Development Commission meeting, be adopted as circulated.

Carried

4. RECEIPT OF MINUTES

The August 4, 2026 Area A Economic Development Commission minutes, have been received.

5. DELEGATION

5.1 Tourist Radio Canada

Jim Ripley of Tourist Radio Canada gave a brief overview of the opportunities for Visitor's Radio or Tourist Radio for Economic Development along Kootenay Lake. Since 2013, radio advertising has been permitted and has expanded since that time. Advertising on Tourist Radio Canada can be tailored to meet the needs of the Community.

Jim answered the Commission's questions.

6. NEW BUSINESS

6.1 Community Forest Expansion

Director Jackman presented two areas that have been given the go ahead to expand into cut block areas. BC timber sales have a tenure on the land because of high value timber in certain areas. Community Forest can afford to do select logging harvest cuts to support a healthier forest over long range plans. Crown land has rules to abide to, must leave certain amount of waste. Sustainable cut blocks are not feasible to most large timber companies in the same way that Community Forests can operate.

7. OLD BUSINESS

7.1 Kootenay Lake Chamber of Commerce

Chamber of Commerce board members were not in attendance; however, the Commission has received the financial accounting for the Christmas Gala 2025. The Commission is still hoping for further details re: Executive Director position that was funded.

Commissioner P. Cullinane left the meeting at 2:55 p.m.

7.2 Kootenay Lake Geothermal Update

Commissioner MacMahon gave an update to the Commission on the work over the past couple months for the Kootenay Lake Geothermal Project. The 3D inversion has been initiated, they have done the first version of the model, however the 3D model looks different from the 2D version. Useable data is seen much deeper than they originally

thought.

ETSI BC funding is available for Community Benefit & Development Evaluation up to \$25,000 which the South Kootenay Lake Community Services Society would like to apply for. They have been successful in obtaining a grant from ETSI BC in the past.

Moved and seconded

And resolved to be recommended to the Board:

To support an ETSI BC funding application, by South Kootenay Lake Community Services Society on behalf of Kootenay Lake Geothermal project, for a Community Benefit & Development Evaluation, which is planned for quarter one and quarter two of 2027. The ETSI BC funding application is noon on October 8, 2026.

Carried

8. PUBLIC TIME

The Chair called for questions from the public at 3:25 p.m.

No questions from the public or media.

9. NEXT MEETING

The next Area A Economic Development Commission meeting is scheduled for November 10, 2026 at 2:00 p.m. PT.

10. ADJOURNMENT

Moved and seconded,
and resolved:

The Area A Economic Development Commission meeting be adjourned at 3:26 p.m.

Carried

Digitally approved by:

Chair Gina Medhurst