



Media Release

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Declaration of Candidates Local General Election - October 17, 2026

Nelson, BC: Pursuant to section 97 of the Local Government Act, the following persons have been declared as candidates in the 2026 General Local Election by Tom Dool, Chief Election Officer for the Regional District of Central Kootenay (RDCK).

Office of Director — Electoral Area A

Forrest Demman
Garry Jackman

Office of Director — Electoral Area B

Roger Tierney
Danny Turner

Office of Director — Electoral Area C

Mike Martel
Kelly Vandenberghe

Office of Director — Electoral Area D

Aimee Watson

Office of Director — Electoral Area E

Lukas Armstrong
Erin Fitchett
Landon Veregin

Office of Director — Electoral Area F

Tom Newell

Office of Director — Electoral Area G

Anna Bundschuh
Susan Chew
Nathen Rushforth

Office of Director — Electoral Area H

Jae Hamilton
Will Parker
Kevin Shaw

Office of Director — Electoral Area I

Bart Agate
Eric Friesen
Chris Popoff

Office of Director — Electoral Area J

Henny Hanegraaf
Gordon Zaitsoff

Office of Director — Electoral Area K

Tina Knooihuizen
Teresa Weatherhead

RDCK Rural Area Directors are elected every four years as part of the General Local Election system in British Columbia. This year's local government elections will occur on October 17, 2026.

For more information on the election go to www.rdck.ca/elections.

Incorporated in 1965, the Regional District of Central Kootenay (RDCK) is a local government that serves 60,000 residents in 11 electoral areas and nine member municipalities. The RDCK provides more than 180 services,

including community facilities, fire protection and emergency services, grants, planning and land use, regional parks, resource recovery and handling, transit, water services and much more. For more information about the RDCK, visit www.rdck.ca.

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