Regional District of Central Kootenay

REGULAR BOARD MEETING

Open Meeting Agenda

Date: Thursday, October 22, 2026

Time: 9:00 am

Location: Hybrid Model - In-person and Remote

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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9:00 PDT

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In-Person Location:
Nelson Office - Boardroom
202 Lakeside Drive, Nelson BC

2. CALL TO ORDER & WELCOME

This meeting is being recorded in accordance with the RDCK's Recording Meetings policy and will be posted on the RDCK website.

2.1 Traditional Lands Acknowledgement Statement

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

2.2 Adoption of the Agenda

RECOMMENDATION:
(ALL VOTE)

The agenda for the October 22, 2026 Regular Open Board meeting be adopted as circulated with the addition of the addendum.

2.3 Adoption of the Minutes 15 - 30

RECOMMENDATION:
(ALL VOTE)

The minutes from the September 24, 2026 Regular Open Board meeting be adopted as circulated.

2.4 Introductions

CAO Horn will introduce the following staff:

- Mackenzie Booth, Auxiliary GIS Analyst, covering a leave;
- Robbie Kalabis, Project Manager replacing Jeannine Bradley; and
- Travis Markin, Bylaw Officer, replacing Pamela Guille.

2.5 Delegation 31 - 40

Imagine Kootenay - Kootenay Employment Services
Rafaela Erban, Project Manager & Ben Sargent, Executive Director

3. COMMITTEES & COMMISSIONS

3.1 With Recommendations

3.1.1 Recreation Commission No. 9: minutes September 28, 2026 41 - 45

RECOMMENDATION:
(ALL VOTE)

That the Board approve the payment of the following grants from the Recreation Commission No. 9 – Area A Service No. S232 2026 budget:

- South Kootenay Lake Community Service Society (Deferred from Spring) $1,440;

- South Kootenay Lake Community Service Society (Deferred from Spring) $629;
- Boswell & District Farmers' Institute $1,555;
- Riondel & District Curling Club $1,665;
- Riondel Community Association (Insurance) $818;
- Riondel Community Association (Printer) $613;
- Boswell Memorial Hall $1,378;
- East Shore Trail and Bike Association $2,161;
- Crawford Bay Parent Advisory Council (PAC) $2,799;
- Many Bays Community Band $818;
- South Kootenay Lake Community Connection (Youth Centre) $737;
- Crawford Bay & District Hall & Parks Association $5,320;
- Eastshore Circle of Friends Society $568.

3.1.2 Nelson & District Recreation Commission No. 5: minutes September 29, 2026 46 - 50

RECOMMENDATION:
(ALL VOTE WGT)

1. That the Board approve the RDCK enter into negotiations for a concession services agreement at the Nelson and District Community Complex with the Nelson Leafs Hockey Society commencing on November 1, 2026, and ending on August 31, 2027, with the option to extend for two one-year periods,

AND FURTHER; that the Board Chair and Corporate Officer be authorized to execute the agreement.

RECOMMENDATION:
(ALL VOTE WGT)

2. That the Board approve an amendment to the 2026 Financial Plan for Service S226 Recreation Facility-Nelson and Areas F and Defined E to Decrease Vehicles expense by $15,000 to Increase Transfer to Other Services expense by $15,000.

3.1.3 Recreation Commission No. 6: minutes October 6, 2026 51 - 54

RECOMMENDATION:
(ALL VOTE WGT)

That the Board approve the payment of the following grants from the Recreation Commission No. 6 - New Denver, Silverton & Area

Service No. S229 2026 budget:

- New Denver Hospice Society $600.00;
- Slocan Lake Golf Club $ 1,860.00;
- Silverton Community Club $800.00;
- Nakusp Ski Club Association $3,542.00.

3.1.4 Recreation Commission No. 10: October 7, 2026 55 - 58

RECOMMENDATION:
(ALL VOTE)

That the Board approve the payment of the following grants from the Recreation Commission No. 10 – Portion of Area E – Procter/Harrop/Balfour/Queens Bay Service No. S279 2026 budget:

- Balfour Senior Citizens Association Branch #120 (Yoga) $910
- Balfour Recreation Commission $1,000;
- Columbia Basin Alliance for Literacy $ 1,000;
- Queens Bay Residents Association $ 1,000;
- West Kootenay Family Wellness Society $ 1,000;
- Redfish Parent Advisory Council (RPAC) $ 1,000.

3.1.5 Water Services Committee: minutes October 8, 2026 59 - 62

RECOMMENDATION:
(PO WGT)

1. That the Board direct staff to amend the Utilities Rates, Fees and Charges Bylaw No. 3077 to establish an annual flat-use water rate of $100 for the Lister Community Cemetery and All Saints Cemetery, effective January 1, 2027.

RECOMMENDATION:
(PO WGT)

2. The Regional District of Central Kootenay consent to the Village of Salmo providing water and sewer services to #5 Second Street, Salmo (PID: 028-060-636).

3.1.6 Riondel Commission: minutes October 13, 2026 63 - 65

RECOMMENDATION:
(PO WGT)

That the Board direct staff to undertake minor ground floor upgrades at the Riondel Community Center to comply with code AND FURTHER, that staff negotiate a one-year lease for a prospective Canada Postmaster to operate a local post office and bring back the lease to the November 19 Board meeting with costs from Service S209 Recreation facility Area A Riondel.

3.1.7 Joint Resource Recovery Committee: minutes October 21, 2026

The minutes of the Joint Resource Recovery Committee meeting held October 21, 2026 will be received in the addenda package.

4. BYLAWS

4.1 Bylaw 2136: Geospatial Information Service Establishment Bylaw 66 - 68

At the October 16, 2025 Board meeting, the following resolution 542/25 was passed:

> *That the Board receive the letter dated September 25, 2025 from the City of Nelson as an official request to withdraw from the Geospatial Information Services; AND FURTHER, staff be directed to prepare an amendment to Geospatial Information Service Establishment Bylaw No. 2136, 2010 for September 2027 to adhere to the 24 months' notice identified in the bylaw.*

The letter dated October 9, 2026 from Sarah Winton, City of Nelson Director of Corporate Services, regarding withdrawal from participation in the RDCK GIS Services Bylaw No. 2136, effective January 1, 2027, has been received.

RECOMMENDATION:
(ALL VOTE)

That the Geospatial Information Service Establishment Amendment Bylaw No. 3098, 2026 be read a FIRST, SECOND, and THIRD time by content.

4.2 Bylaw 2413: Regional District of Central Kootenay Elected Officials Oath of Office 69 - 77

The Board Report from Mike Morrison, Corporate Officer , seeking the Board approve Regional District of Central Kootenay Elected Officials Oath of Office Bylaw No. 2413, 2014 be rescinded, has been received.

RECOMMENDATION:
(ALL VOTE)

That the Elected Officials' Oath of Office Repeal Bylaw No. 3096, 2026 repeal Regional District of Central Kootenay Elected Officials Oath of Office Bylaw No. 2413, 2014.

4.3 Bylaw 2452: Regional District of Central Kootenay Electoral Area G Land Use and Bylaw 3097: Bylaw Enforcement Notice and Dispute Adjudication System Bylaw Amendment 78 - 111

Watercourse Development Permit (WDP) Area Enforcement

The Board Report from Corey Scott RPP, MCIP, Planner, seeking the Board approve third reading and adoption of Regional District of Central Kootenay Electoral Area 'G' Land Use Bylaw No. 2452, 2018 and first, second, third reading and adoption of Bylaw Enforcement Notice and Dispute Adjudication System Bylaw Amendment, has been received.

RECOMMENDATION:
(ALL VOTE)

1. That Regional District of Central Kootenay Electoral Area 'G' Land Use Bylaw No. 2452, 2018, Amendment No. 3025, 2024 being a bylaw to amend the Regional District of Central Kootenay Electoral Area 'G' Land Use Bylaw No. 2452, 2018 is hereby given THIRD READING.

RECOMMENDATION:
(ALL VOTE)

2. That Regional District of Central Kootenay Electoral Area 'G' Land Use Bylaw No. 2452, 2018, Amendment No. 3025, 2024 being a bylaw to amend the Regional District of Central Kootenay Electoral Area 'G' Land Use Bylaw No. 2452, 2018 is hereby ADOPTED; AND FURTHER that the Chair and Corporate Officer be authorized to sign the same.

RECOMMENDATION:
(ALL VOTE)

3. That Bylaw Enforcement Notice and Dispute Adjudication System Bylaw Amendment No. 3097, 2026 be read a FIRST, SECOND and THIRD time by content.

RECOMMENDATION:
(ALL VOTE)

4. That Bylaw Enforcement Notice and Dispute Adjudication System Bylaw Amendment No. 3097, 2026 be ADOPTED and the Chair and Corporate Officer be authorized to sign the same.

4.4 Bylaw: 3083 Amendment Zoning Bylaw - Glade General Store Ltd. (Area I) 112 - 136

The Board Report seeking the Board adopt Regional District of Central Kootenay Zoning Amendment Bylaw No. 3083, 2026 , has been received.

RECOMMENDATION:
(ALL VOTE)

That Regional District of Central Kootenay Zoning Amendment Bylaw No. 3083, 2026 being a bylaw to amend the Regional District of Central Kootenay Zoning Bylaw No. 1675, 2004 is hereby ADOPTED; AND FURTHER that the Chair and Corporate Officer be authorized to sign the same.

4.5 Bylaw No. 3009: Regional District of Central Kootenay Dangerous and Aggressive Dog Regulatory 137 - 144

RECOMMENDATION:
(ALL VOTE)

1. That Regional District of Central Kootenay Dangerous and Aggressive Dog Regulatory Bylaw No. 3009, 2025 be read a third time by content.

RECOMMENDATION:
(ALL VOTE)

2. The the Regional District of Central Kootenay Dangerous and Aggressive Dog Regulatory Bylaw No. 3009, 2025 be ADOPTED and the Chair and Corporate Officer be authorized to sign the same.

5. NEW BUSINESS

5.1 Community Services

5.1.1 Columbia Basin Trust Grant Submission Application 145 - 148

The Board Report from Carolyn Hogan, Project Manager, seeking Board direction to apply to the Columbia Basin Trust GATHER Program, has been received.

RECOMMENDATION:
(ALL VOTE WGT)

That the Board direct staff to apply to the Columbia Basin Trust GATHER Program for up to $350,000 of grant funds to complete the OLD SOUTH SLOCAN SCHOOLHOUSE PAVILION PROJECT;

AND FURTHER, that if successful, the funds be administered through Service S231 – Recreation Commission – Slocan, Defined H, and staff be authorized to enter into a funding agreement with the Columbia Basin Trust.

5.1.2 Regional Parks, Trails & Water Access Strategy Adoption 149 - 269

The Board Report from Trisha Davison, General Manager of Community Services, seeking the Board adopt the final Parks, Trails and Water Access Strategy, has been received.

RECOMMENDATION:
(ALL VOTE)

That the Board adopt the Parks, Trails and Water Access Strategy for the Regional District of Central Kootenay, dated October 2026.

5.1.3 Contribution Agreement: Columbia Basin Trust Project - Shoreline Outdoor Revitalization and Enhancement Planning and Design 270 - 276

The Board Report from Mark Crowe, Parks Planner, seeking the Board approval to enter into a Contribution Agreement with Columbia Basin Trust for Project No. 23,426, has been received.

RECOMMENDATION:
(ALL VOTE WGT)

That the Board approve entering into a Contribution Agreement with Columbia Basin Trust for Project 23,426 - RDCK - Shoreline Outdoor Revitalization and Enhancement Planning and Design; and that the Chair and Corporate Officer be authorized to sign the necessary documents;

AND FURTHER, that the Board approve an amendment to the 2026 Financial Plan for Service S201 Regional Parks Creston and Areas B and C to INCREASE Grants by $50,000 and INCREASE Capital Expenditures by $50,000.

5.2 Development and Community Sustainability

5.2.1 Temporary Use Permit -Doucet (Area F) 277 - 297

The Board Report from Sadie Chezenkoo, Planner, regarding the issuance of Temporary Use Permit (TUP) in Area F, has been received.

RECOMMENDATION:
(ALL VOTE)

That the Board APPROVE the issuance of Temporary Use Permit T2602F by Ryan Doucet for the property located on 5775 Woodland Drive, Taghum, Electoral Area 'F' and legally described as LOT 2 DISTRICT LOT 5922 KOOTENAY DISTRICT PLAN NEP61991 TOGETHER WITH A 1/3 SHARE IN COMMON LOT 4 PLAN NEP61991 (SEE PLAN AS TO LIMITED ACCESS) (PID: 024-165-751).

5.2.2 Watershed Security Fund Application: Goat River Watershed Water Sustainability Planning 298 - 310

The Board Report from Paris Marshall Smith, Sustainability & Resilience Supervisor, seeking the Board approve staff to apply for a Watershed Security Fund Intake 4, Stream 3 grant to support the next stage of Goat River Watershed water sustainability planning, has been received.

RECOMMENDATION:
(ALL VOTE)

That the Board authorize staff to apply for a Watershed Security Fund Intake 4, Stream 3 grant in the amount of $400,000 to support the next stage of Goat River Watershed water sustainability planning, including Phase 4 community engagement, yaqan nuʔkiy partnership capacity, continued watershed

monitoring and economic analysis;

AND FURTHER, that if successful the grant funding be allocated to Service 105 Community Sustainable Living, and that staff and the Chair be authorized to sign all necessary documents.

5.2.3 Phase 4 Engagement Strategy: Goat River Watershed Water Sustainability Planning 311 - 323

The Board Report from Camille LeBlanc, Community Resilience Coordinator and Paris Marshall Smith, Sustainability & Resilience Supervisor, seeking the Board approve the Phase 4 Engagement Strategy for Goat River Watershed water sustainability planning, has been received.

RECOMMENDATION:
(ALL VOTE)

That the Board approve the Phase 4 Engagement Strategy for Goat River Watershed water sustainability planning, as summarized in the Phase 4 Public Engagement Overview (Attachment A) and the In-Person Producer Events Overview (Attachment B) of the October 22, 2026 Board report, with public engagement to begin following Board consideration of the Collective Conversations Working Group recommendations;

AND FURTHER, that a report be submitted to the Board following completion of Phase 4 engagement.

5.2.4 For Information: RDCK Climate Action Work Overview 324 - 375

The Board Report from Paris Marshall Smith, Sustainability & Resilience Supervisor, to inform the Board of the RDCK Climate Action work overview, has been received.

5.3 Administration & Finance

5.3.1 For Information: 2026 UBCM Convention - Meeting Summary Notes 376 - 388

The Summary Notes from Mike Morrison, Corporate Officer, re: 2026 UBCM Convention meeting summary notes, has been received for information.

5.3.2 For Information: 2026 General Local Election Results

The 2026 General Local Election Results will be received in the addenda package.

5.3.3 For Information: 2026 RDCK Quarterly Report (Q3) 389 - 449

The 2026 RDCK Quarterly Report (Q3) from Mike Morrison, Corporate Officer, has been received for information.

5.4 Grants

5.4.1 Community Development

5.4.1.1 Community Development - October Funds

450 - 451

RECOMMENDATION:
(ALL VOTE)

Community Development grants out of the funds available for the following Electoral Areas/Member Municipalities be approved as designated:

AREA D

Kaslo & Area Chamber of Commerce	All Candidates Forum - Live Stream/Recording	$450
Royal Canadian Legion Branch 74 Kaslo	Kaslo Legion Emergency Generator Project	$5,000

5.4.1.2 Community Development (RES 418/26) Amendment

RECOMMENDATION:
(ALL VOTE)

That Resolution 418/26, being the allocation of Community Development funds, be amended by changing:

AREA E

Nelson Cycling Club $7,149.00

AREA F

Nelson Cycling Club $7,149.00

to

AREA E

Regional District of Central Kootenay $7,149.00

AREA F

Regional District of Central Kootenay $7,149.00

5.4.2 2026 Financial Service Grants (RES 489/26) Amendment

RECOMMENDATION:
(ALL VOTE)

That Resolution 489/26, being the allocation of 2026 Financial

Service Grants funds, be amended by changing:

S174 - Cemetery Creston and Areas A, B, and C $1,500 **Crawford Bay Cemetery**

to

S174 - Cemetery Creston and Areas A, B, and C $1,500 **South Kootenay Lake Community Services Society**.

5.5 Chair/CAO Reports

The Chair and CAO will provide a verbal report to the Board.

6. RURAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

The minutes of the Rural Affairs Committee meeting held October 21, 2026 will be received in the addenda package.

7. CONSENT AGENDA

7.1 For Information: Committees & Commissions

Committee/Commission Reports for information have been received as follows:

7.1.1	**Riondel Commission: minutes September 1, 2026**	452 - 457
7.1.2	**Electoral Area D Advisory Planning and Heritage Commission: minutes September 17, 2026**	458 - 460
7.1.3	**Electoral Area A Advisory Planning and Heritage Commission: minutes September 21, 2026** Staff has received direction regarding Development Permit application, Temporary Use Permit application and Bylaw Amendment application referral form.	461 - 464
7.1.4	**Recreation Commission No. 7: minutes September 21, 2026** Staff has received direction regarding grant funding.	465 - 468
7.1.5	**Creston Valley Agricultural Advisory Commission: minutes September 28, 2026** Staff has received direction regarding Land Use Bylaw Amendment application.	469 - 471
7.1.6	**Electoral Area B Advisory Planning and Heritage Commission: minutes September 29, 2026** Staff has received direction regarding Land Use Bylaw Amendment application and Bylaw Amendment application.	472 - 474
7.1.7	**Creston Valley Services Committee: minutes October 1, 2026**	475 - 487

7.1.8 Riondel Commission: minutes October 6, 2026 488 - 493

7.1.9 Castlegar & District Recreation Commission: minutes October 6, 2026 494 - 496

7.2 For Information: Communication

7.2.1 The letter dated August 19, 2026 from Aimee Watson, RDCK, letter of support for the West Creston Community Hall Society fundraising for West Creston Community Firehall Project. 497

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373/26

That the Board send a letter of support to the West Creston Community Hall Society for their fundraising efforts towards the completion of the West Creston Community Firehall project.

7.2.2 The email dated September 17, 2026 from Honourable Jodie Wickens, Minister of Children and Family Development, regarding Foster Family Month in British Columbia, has been received. 498 - 499

7.2.3 The letter dated September 10, 2026 from Mark Pendergraft, Regional District of Okanagan-Similkameen Chair, regarding support for a minimum five-year renewal of the Local Government Climate Action Program. 500 - 501

7.2.4 The letter dated October 5, 2026 from Aimee Watson, RDCK, letter of support for the South Kootenay Lake Community Services Society for their Economic Trust of Southern Interior British Columbia (ETSI BC) funding application. 502

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457/26

That the Board provide a letter of support for an ETSI BC funding application, due on October 8, 2026, 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.

7.3 For Information: Accounts Payable 503 - 522

The Accounts Payable Summary for September 2026 in the amount of $5,570,105 has been received for information.

7.4 For Information: Directors' Reports

Each Director will be given the opportunity to provide a brief summary of the work they have been doing within their communities.

7.4.1 **Director Jackman:**

7.4.1.1 **Report: IJC/CBRAC/RCC/UBCM** 523 - 526

7.4.1.2 **Letter of Support - Creston Valley Community Forest** 527

7.4.1.3 **Letter of Support: Mountain Shores and Gray Creek Bandwidth Uplift** 528

7.4.2 **Director Tierney: Letter of Support - Creston Baseball Park Renovation** 529

7.4.3 **Director Vandenberghe: Letter of Support - Creston Valley Wildlife Management Area** 530

7.4.4 **Director Watson: Report**
Director Watson's Report will be received in the addenda package.

7.4.5 **Director Graham: Letter of Recognition - Newsletter Coordinator - Erin Christopherson** 531

7.4.6 **Director Weatherhead:**

7.4.6.1 **Letter of Support: Arrow Lakes Caribou Society** 532

7.4.6.2 **Letter of Support: Historical Saddle Mountain Fire Lookout Renovation** 533

7.4.7 **Director DeBoon: UBCM** 534 - 535

7.4.8 **Director Hewat: CBT/FCM/UBCM** 536 - 542

7.4.9 **Director McLaren-Caux: Activities** 543 - 547

7.4.10 **Director Lockwood: ESTI-BC/UBCM** 548 - 551

7.4.11 **Director Gordon: UBCM** 552 - 557

8. PUBLIC TIME

The Chair will call for questions from the public and members of the media at 11:45 a.m.

The Chair will recognize the outgoing Directors.

9. CLOSED

9.1 Meeting Closed to the Public

The Open meeting will be adjourned after In Camera without reconvening back into the open session unless there is business that needs to be addressed.

RECOMMENDATION:
(ALL VOTE)

In the opinion of the Board - and in accordance with Section 90 of the *Community Charter* - the public interest so requires that persons other than DIRECTORS, ALTERNATE DIRECTORS, DELEGATIONS AND STAFF be excluded from the meeting; AND FURTHER, in accordance with Section 90 of the *Community Charter*, the meeting is to be closed on the bases identified in the following subsections:

(e) the acquisition, disposition or expropriation of land or improvements, if the council considers that disclosure could reasonably be expected to harm the interests of the municipality;
(g) litigation or potential litigation affecting the municipality;
(n) the consideration of whether a council meeting should be closed under a provision of this subsection or subsection (2);

9.2 Recess of Open Meeting

RECOMMENDATION:
(ALL VOTE)

The Open meeting be recessed at _____ a.m./ p.m. in order to conduct the Closed Board meeting and reconvened at _____ a.m./p.m.

10. MATTERS ARISING FROM CLOSED MEETING

11. ADJOURNMENT

RECOMMENDATION:
(ALL VOTE)

That the meeting adjourn at ___ p.m.

Regional District of Central Kootenay

REGULAR BOARD MEETING

Open Meeting Minutes

The **ninth** meeting of the Board of the Regional District of Central Kootenay in 2026 was held on Thursday, September 24, 2026 at 9:00 a.m. through a hybrid meeting model.

Quorum was maintained throughout the meeting.

ELECTED OFFICIALS PRESENT	Chair A. Watson	Electoral Area D	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 C. Graham	Electoral Area E	In-Person
	Director T. Newell	Electoral Area F	In-Person
	Director H. Cunningham	Electoral Area G	In-Person
	Director W. Popoff	Electoral Area H	In-Person
	Director H. Hanegraaf	Electoral Area J	In-Person
	Director T. Weatherhead	Electoral Area K	In-Person
	Director M. McFaddin	City of Castlegar	In-Person
	Director A. DeBoon	Town of Creston	In-Person
	Director S. Hewat	Village of Kaslo	In-Person
	Director A. McLaren-Caux	Village of Nakusp	In-Person
	Director K. Page	City of Nelson	In-Person
	Director L. Casley	Village of New Denver	
	Director D. Lockwood	Village of Salmo	In-Person
	Director T. Gordon	Village of Silverton	In-Person
	Director J. Lunn	Village of Slocan	
ELECTED OFFICIAL ABSENT	Director A. Davidoff	Electoral Area I	
STAFF PRESENT	S. Horn	Chief Administrative Officer	
	A. Lund	Deputy Corporate Officer	
	A. Wilson	General Manager of Community Sustainability and Development Services	
	D. Seguin	General Manager of Fire and Emergency Management Services	
	M. Morrison	Manager of Corporate Administration	
	T. Davison	General Manager of Community Services	
	U. Wolf	General Manager of Environmental Services	
	Y. Malloff	General Manager of Finance, Information Technology and Economic Development	
	C. Stanley	Regional Manager Operations & Asset Management	
	E. Stout	Building Manager	
	K. Calder	Regional Manager of Recreation and Client Services	
	C. Feeney	Corporate Administration Assistant	
	C. Scott	Planner	
	M. Crowe	Parks Planner	
	S. Fuhr	Community Services Communications Coordinator	

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In-Person Location:
Nelson Office - Boardroom
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2. CALL TO ORDER & WELCOME

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2.1 Traditional Lands Acknowledgement Statement

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2.2 Adoption of the Agenda

Moved and seconded,
And Resolved:

449/26 The agenda for the September 24, 2026 Regular Open Board meeting be adopted as circulated with the addition of the addendum.

Carried

2.3 Adoption of the Minutes

Moved and seconded,
And Resolved:

450/26 The minutes from the August 20, 2026 Regular Open Board meeting be adopted as circulated.

Carried

On behalf of the Board, Chair Watson recognized Rob Lang for his work at the RDCK and as the Village of Kaslo - Alternate Director. The Board sends their condolences to the family and had a moment of silence.

3. BUSINESS ARISING OUT OF THE MINUTES

3.1 Bylaws 3049, 3050, 3051, 3052, and 3076: Density Calculation and Housekeeping Text Amendments
Board Meeting - August 20, 2026
RES 404/26 to refer to the September 24, 2026 Board meeting
Moved and seconded,

And Resolved:

451/26 That Regional District of Central Kootenay Zoning Amendment Bylaw No. 3076, 2026 being a bylaw to amend the District of Central Kootenay Zoning Bylaw No. 1675, 2004 is hereby ADOPTED; AND FURTHER that the Chair and Corporate Officer be authorized to sign the same.

Carried

3.2 Bylaw 3088: Chair, Directors and Alternate Directors Remuneration Amendment
Board Meeting - August 20, 2026
RES 405/26 - to refer to the September 24, 2026 Board meeting
Moved and seconded,
And Resolved:

452/26 That the Board consider the following amendment to the Chair, Directors and Alternate Directors Remuneration Amendment Bylaw No. 3088 to amend Bylaw 2710 Section 3 subsection (5) to read:

> 3 (5) For attending to the affairs of the District, each Municipal (from General Administration) and Rural Director (from General and Rural Administration) will be paid twice per month as outlined in Schedule A of this bylaw. The service split for the stipend for Rural Directors is calculated at thirty-nine (39) percent to General Administration and sixty-one percent to Rural Administration. For clarity, this stipend includes attendance monthly at the RDCK Rural Affairs Committee and Board meetings.

Carried

Moved and seconded,
And Resolved:

453/26 That the Board consider the following amendment to the Chair, Directors and Alternate Directors Remuneration Amendment Bylaw No. 3088 to amend Bylaw 2710 Section 3 subsection (25) to read:

> 3 (25) Board workshops attended by a Director each year are part of regular duties where attendance will allow a Director to claim meeting stipend and related applicable expenses.

Defeated

Moved and seconded,
And Resolved:

454/26 That the Chair, Directors and Alternate Directors Remuneration Amendment Bylaw No. 3088, 2026 be read a THIRD time by content as amended.

Carried

Moved and seconded,
And Resolved:

455/26 That the Chair, Directors and Alternate Directors Remuneration Amendment Bylaw No. 3088, 2026 be ADOPTED and the Chair and Corporate Officer be authorized to sign the same.

Carried

4. COMMITTEES & COMMISSIONS

4.1 With Recommendations

4.1.1 Nelson & District Recreation Commission No. 5: minutes August 25, 2026

Moved and seconded,
And Resolved:

456/26 That the Board direct staff to change the Nelson Minor Hockey ice allocation decision; AND FURTHER, review the Recreation Allocation Policy No. 500-01-09 and the accompanying allocation procedures and report back to the first All-Recreation Meeting in 2027 with recommendations.

Carried

4.1.2 Area A Economic Development Commission: minutes September 8, 2026

Moved and seconded,
And Resolved:

457/26 That the Board provide a letter of support for an ETSI BC funding application, due on October 8, 2026, 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

Carried

4.1.3 Nelson, Salmo, E, F and G Regional Parks Commission: minutes September 9, 2026

Moved and seconded,
And Resolved:

458/26 That the Board approve an amendment to the 2026 Financial Plan for the Nelson, Salmo, E, F and G Parks Service S202 to increase Grants by $5,719.20 and increase transfer from reserves by $5,719.20 for a grant to the Nelson Cycling Club;

AND FURTHER, the Board approve an amendment to the 2026 Financial Plan from the Nelson, Salmo and Electoral Areas E, F and G Recreation Commission S202 to increase Transfer to Other Service by $8,578.80 and increase transfer from reserves by $8,578.80 to repay Community Works Funds for the Nelson Cycling Club project.

Carried

4.1.4 Joint Resource Recovery Committee: minutes September 23, 2026

Moved and seconded,
And Resolved:

459/26 That the Board approve for the 2026 General Local Election year, the East Resource Recovery Committee, Central Resource Recovery Committee, and West Resource Recovery Committee each elect a sub-regional Resource Recovery Chair from among their members at their final meeting of the 2026 calendar year, with the elected Chairs commencing their duties immediately after election until December 31, 2027;

AND FURTHER that staff be directed to incorporate provisions respecting the election of Chairs for the sub-regional Resource Recovery Committees into a 2027 update of Procedure Bylaw No. 2898, 2024.

Carried

Moved and seconded,
And Resolved:

460/26 That the Board direct staff to include effort and capacity for multi-family housing engagement and support within the existing Industrial, Commercial, and Institutional organic waste diversion implementation framework;

AND FURTHER, that $2,830 be included in the 2027 Financial Plan for Service A102 Resource Recoveries to fund up to 80 hours of Organic Ambassador time;

AND FURTHER, that the following be included in the 2027 Financial Plan to fund the development and distribution of engagement materials:

- $1,450 for Service S186 Refuse Disposal - East Subregion;
- $1,650 for Service S187 Refuse Disposal - Central Subregion; and
- $1,900 for Service S188 Refuse Disposal - West Subregion.

Carried

Moved and seconded,
And Resolved:

461/26 That the Board approve the RDCK enter into a Services Agreement with CJ Industries Inc., for Site Operation and Maintenance Services at the Burton and Edgewood Transfer Stations to a maximum value of $444,945 plus GST, for the period of October 1, 2026 until September 30, 2029, with up to two (2) one-year extensions, and that the Chair and the Corporate Officer be authorized to sign the necessary documents;

AND FURTHER, that the costs be paid from Refuse Disposal – West Subregion Service S188.

Carried

Moved and seconded,
And Resolved:

462/26 That the Board approve the RDCK extend the Services Agreement with Waste Management for the collection, transport and marketing services of Industrial, Commercial and Institutional Old Corrugated Cardboards from eight designated depots in the RDCK for the period September 1, 2026 to August 31, 2027 to a maximum value of $158,240 plus GST, and that the Chair and Corporate Officer be authorized to sign the necessary documents;

AND FURTHER, that $25,233 be paid from A116 Recycling Program-East Subregion, $95,265 be paid from A117 Recycling Program-Central Subregion, $37,742 be paid from A118-Recycling Program-West Subregion.

Carried

Moved and seconded,
And Resolved:

463/26 That the Board approve the RDCK extend the License of Occupation with the Village of Salmo for the Salmo Recycling Depot for the period of July 1, 2026, to June 30, 2027 to the maximum value of $6,944.40 plus GST, and that the Chair and Corporate Officer be authorized to sign the necessary documents;
AND FURTHER, that the costs be paid from Service No. A117 Recycling Program – Central Subregion.

Carried

4.2 Membership/Appointments

4.2.1 Area D Advisory Planning and Heritage Commission

Moved and seconded,
And Resolved:

464/26 That the Board send a letter to outgoing member Fraser Bonner thanking them for their service with the Area D Advisory Planning and Heritage Commission.

Carried

4.2.2 Extend Commission and Committee Terms

Moved and seconded,
And Resolved:

465/26 That the Board approve the extension of the public appointments to all RDCK commissions and committees whose terms expire on December 31, 2026, to April 30, 2027, due to the 2026 General Local Election.

Carried

5. CORRESPONDENCE

5.1 The letter dated August 20, 2026 from Simon Yu, City of Prince George, requesting support for the Northern and Rural Homeowners Grant.

Moved and seconded,
And Resolved:

466/26 That a Board send a letter of support for the continuation of the Northern and Rural Homeowners Grant to the Ministry of Housing and Municipal Affair.

Carried

6. BYLAWS

6.1 Bylaw 3087: Zoning Amendment - Hango

The Board Report, seeking Board approval for adoption of Regional District of Central Kootenay Zoning Amendment Bylaw No. 3087, 2026, has been received.

Moved and seconded,
And Resolved:

467/26 That Regional District of Central Kootenay Zoning Amendment Bylaw No. 3087, 2026 being a bylaw to amend the Regional District of Central Kootenay Zoning Bylaw No. 1675, 2004 is hereby ADOPTED; AND FURTHER that the Chair and Corporate Officer be authorized to sign the same.

Carried

6.2 Bylaw 3089: North Slocan Lake Library Society Service Establishment

The Board Report from Tom Dool, Research Analyst, seeking Board approval for first and second reading of North Slocan Lake Library Contribution Service Establishment Bylaw No. 3089, 2026, has been received.

Moved and seconded,
And Resolved:

468/26 That there be no further action regarding North Slocan Lake Library Contribution Service Establishment Bylaw No. 3089, 2026.

Carried

6.3 Bylaw 3090: Permissive Tax Exemption Bylaw

The Board Report from Tom Dool, Research Analyst, seeking Board approval for adoption of Permissive Tax Exemption Bylaw No. 3090, 2026, has been received.

Moved and seconded,
And Resolved:

469/26 That Permissive Tax Exemption Bylaw No. 3090, 2026 be read a FIRST, SECOND and THIRD time by content.

Carried

Moved and seconded,
And Resolved:

470/26 That Permissive Tax Exemption Bylaw No. 3090, 2026 be ADOPTED and the Chair and Corporate Officer be authorized to sign the same.

Carried

6.4 Bylaw 3091: Delegated Authority

The Board Report from Mike Morrison, Corporate Officer, seeking Board approval for adoption of Regional District of Central Kootenay Delegation of Authority Bylaw No. 3091, 2026, has been received.

Moved and seconded,
And Resolved:

471/26 That the Regional District of Central Kootenay Delegation of Authority Bylaw No. 3091, 2026 be read a THIRD time by content.

Carried

Directors Gordon and Popoff recorded opposed.

Moved and seconded,
And Resolved:

472/26 That the Regional District of Central Kootenay Delegation of Authority Bylaw No. 3091, 2026 be ADOPTED and the Chair and Corporate Officer be authorized to sign the same.

Carried

Directors Gordon and Popoff recorded opposed.

Moved and seconded,
And Resolved:

473/26 That the Board direct staff to bring any feedback regarding the Regional District of Central Kootenay Delegation of Authority Bylaw No. 3091, 2026 by September 2027.

Carried

7. NEW BUSINESS

7.1 Community Services

7.1.1 Liquor License Third Party Operator Assignment: Nelson & District Community Complex, Creston & District Community Complex

The Board Report from Trisha Davison, General Manager of Community Services, seeking Board approved regarding Liquor License Third Party Operator assignment, has been received.

Moved and seconded,
And Resolved:

474/26 That the Board authorize staff to make an application to the Liquor and Cannabis Regulation Branch to designate the Nelson Leafs Hockey Society as a Third-Party Operator under the RDCK's liquor primary licence for the Nelson & District Community Complex.

Carried

Moved and seconded,
And Resolved:

475/26 That the Board approve the use of Third-Party Operator arrangements under RDCK-held liquor primary licences for the Nelson Leafs Hockey Society at the Nelson & District Community Complex, for the Creston Valley Junior Hockey Society at the Creston & District Community Complex, subject to appropriate insurance, risk management, compliance, and oversight measures being included within the Facility Use Agreements.

Carried

Moved and seconded,
And Resolved:

476/26 That the Board designate the General Manager of Community Services and the Regional Manager of Operations & Asset Management as the RDCK's Licensee Representatives with the BC Liquor and Cannabis Regulation Branch for the RDCK's liquor primary licenses held at the Nelson and District Community Complex and at the Creston and District Community Complex.

Carried

7.1.2 Subdivision Parkland Dedication - Area C (Subdivision File #S1524C)

The Board Report from Mark Crowe, Regional Park Planner, seeking Board approval for a proposed cash payment in lieu of parkland dedication with the proposed subdivision of property, has been received.

Moved and seconded,
And Resolved:

477/26 That the Board approve a proposed cash payment of $28,750 in lieu of parkland dedication in accordance with Section 510 of the Local Government Act in conjunction with the proposed subdivision of property under RDCK Subdivision File #S1524C; AND FURTHER, that the funds be placed into the dedicated parkland reserve for Area C.

Carried

7.1.3 BC Alliance for Healthy Living Active Communities Grant Submission

The Board Report from Kristi Calder, Regional Manager – Recreation & Client Services, seeking Board retroactive approval for BC Alliance for Healthy Living Active Communities Grant, has been received.

Moved and seconded,

And Resolved:

478/26 That the Board approves the Regional District of Central Kootenay acting as the applicant and grant holder for the BC Alliance for Healthy Living Active Communities Grant, on behalf of Kootenay Holds Climbing and Wellness Society, for funding of up to $20,000 to be held in Recreation Facility-Creston and Areas B, C and Area A Service S224;

AND FURTHER, that the Board authorizes staff to enter into an agreement with Kootenay Holds Climbing and Wellness Society governing the transfer, use, reporting, and accountability requirements associated with any grant funding received through the BC Alliance for Healthy Living Active Communities Grant.

Carried

7.2 Development and Community Sustainability

7.2.1 Community Sustainable Living Advisory Committee: Revised Governance and Funding Report for the Regional Sustainability and Resilience Function

The Board Report from Paris Marshall Smith, Sustainability & Resilience Supervisor, seeking Board approval for the Community Sustainable Living Advisory Committee's revised governance and funding report for the regional sustainability and resilience function, has been received.

Moved and seconded,
And Resolved:

479/26 That the Board direct staff to prepare terms of reference, and any necessary bylaw, to reconstitute the sustainability and resilience function currently carried by the Community Sustainable Living Advisory Committee as a Committee of the Whole of the Board, providing a regular regional forum for sustainability, resilience and emerging cross-boundary issues for the Board's consideration, and that it be brought back to the Board by July 2027.

Carried

7.2.2 Local Government Climate Action Program (LGCAP): Advocacy for Continued Provincial Funding

The Board Report from Paris Marshall Smith, Sustainability & Resilience Supervisor, seeking Board approval for advocacy for continued Provincial funding for the Local Government Climate Action Program (LGCAP), has been received.

Moved and seconded,
And Resolved:

480/26 That the Board send a letter to the Premier of BC and the Ministers of Energy and Climate, Emergency Management and Climate Readiness, Housing and Municipal Affairs, and Finance, with copies to the region's MLAs and member municipalities and regional districts of British Columbia requesting continued funding for the Local Government Climate Action Program.

Carried

Director Vandenberghe recorded opposed.

Moved and seconded,
MOTION ONLY

That the Board direct staff to send letters to party leaders across the province outlining the RDCK's provincial advocacy items.

Moved and seconded,
And Resolved:
AMENDMENT OF THE MOTION

481/26 That the foregoing motion being:

That the Board direct staff to send letters to party leaders across the province outlining the RDCK's provincial advocacy items;

be amended to include "and to the candidates within the Kootenay Boundary region", thus reading:

That the Board direct staff to send letters to party leaders across the province **and to the candidates within the Kootenay Boundary region** outlining the RDCK's provincial advocacy items.

Carried

Moved and seconded,
And Resolved:
MAIN MOTION

482/26 That the Board direct staff to send letters to party leaders across the province and to the candidates within the Kootenay Boundary region outlining the RDCK's provincial advocacy items.

Carried

Directors Vandenberghe, Graham, Jackman, Newell, Hanegraaf, Mclaren-Caux, and Tierney recorded opposed.

RECESS /RECONVENED The meeting recessed at 10:44 a.m. for a break and reconvened at 11:05 a.m.

DIRECTOR ABSENT Director Lunn left the meeting at 10:44 a.m.

Moved and seconded,
And Resolved:
RECONSIDERATION OF THE MOTION

483/26 That the following motion be reconsidered:

That the Board direct staff to send letters to party leaders across the province and to the candidates within the Kootenay Boundary region outlining the RDCK's provincial advocacy items.

Carried

DIRECTOR PRESENT Director Lunn joined the meeting at 11:07 a.m.

Moved and seconded,
And Resolved:
RECONSIDERED MOTION

484/26 That the Board direct staff to send letters to party leaders across the province and to the candidates within the Kootenay Boundary region outlining the RDCK's provincial advocacy items.

Defeated

7.2.3 For Information: Goat River Watershed Water Sustainability Planning: Project Update and Board Workshop

The Board Report from Paris Marshall Smith, Sustainability and Resilience Supervisor, to update the Board regarding the Goat River Watershed Water Sustainability Planning, has been received for information.

7.2.4 For Information: Floodplain Management Bylaw Review Project

The Board Report from Stephanie Johnson, RPP MCIP, Planner, to update the Board regarding the Floodplain Management Bylaw Review Project, has been received for information.

7.3 Environmental Services

7.3.1 Balfour Water System: Water Servicing for the Proposed Recreational Vehicle Park Development

The Board Report from Chris Gainham, Utility Services Manager, seeking Board approval for water servicing for the proposed 37-pad recreational vehicle park development, has been received.

Moved and seconded,
And Resolved:

485/26 That the Board approve water servicing for the proposed 37-pad recreational vehicle park development at 7902 Balfour Wharf Road (Lot 1, District Lot 184, Kootenay District, Plan NEP20868), subject to the owner satisfying all applicable requirements of Water Bylaw No. 3078, 2026 and Utilities Rates, Fees and Charges Bylaw No. 3077, including payment of applicable Capital Infrastructure Charges prior to issuance of proof of water.

Carried

7.4 Administration & Finance

7.4.1 Prioritization Matrix Policy - Director Feedback Report.

Moved and seconded,
And Resolved:

486/26 That the Board direct staff to update the Board report template to provide more detail on the requirement for the Board to undertake the project being presented; AND FURTHER, that the new template be used starting with the January 2027 Board meeting.

Carried

7.4.2 Outgoing Directors: RDCK Devices

Moved and seconded,
And Resolved:

487/26 That the devices provided by the RDCK to Directors for the 2022-2026 term be retained by the outgoing Directors, and that all devices be restored to factory settings by November 30, 2026.

Carried

7.4.3 For Information: Phase 1 Organizational Assessment Update

The Board Report from Connie Saari-Heckley, Senior Manager, Human Resources, updating the Board on the status of Phase 1 Organizational Assessment recommendations, has been received.

7.4.4 For Information: 2026 General Local Election - Declaration of Candidates, Declaration of Voting by Election and Acclamation

The following declarations have been received:

- Declaration of Candidates - September 11
- Declaration of Election by Voting - September 21
- Declaration of Election by Acclamation - September 21

7.5 Fire Services

7.5.1 New Denver Fire Protection Payment

The Board Report from Dan Séguin– Acting Regional Fire Chief / General Manager, Fire and Emergency Management, seeking Board approval for a payment for the purpose of contracted fire protection services, has been received.

Moved and seconded,
And Resolved:

488/26 That the Board approve payment of $76,400.26 from Fire Protection-Area H (New Denver Contract) Service S140 as an extension of the fire protection service agreement to December 31, 2025;

AND that, the Board approve payment of $78,157 to the Village of New Denver for the purpose of contracted fire protection services in Defined Area H during 2026 from Fire Protection-Area H (New Denver Contract) S140 as an extension of the fire protection service agreement to December 31, 2026;

AND FURTHER that the Board direct staff to continue negotiating a renewal of the contract for a five (5) year term effective January 1, 2027.

Carried

7.6 Grants

7.6.1 2026 Financial Service Grants

Moved and seconded,
And Resolved:

489/26 That the Board authorize the release of funding for the following Financial Grant Services as of August 1, 2026 subject to the receipt and staff review of society and non-profit organization financial statements, minutes of the most recent annual general meeting, and a list of active officers:

Service & Name	2026 Amount	Recipient
S174 - Cemetery Creston and Areas A, B, and C	$3,500	All Saints Anglican Cemetery
S174 - Cemetery Creston and Areas A, B, and C	$1,500	Boswell & District Farmers' Institute
S174 - Cemetery Creston and Areas A, B, and C	$1,500	Crawford Bay Cemetery
S174 - Cemetery Creston and Areas A, B, and C	$1,500	Gray Creek Cemetery

S174 - Cemetery Creston and Areas A, B, and C	$3,500	Lister Community Cemetery

Carried

7.7 Chair/CAO Reports

Chair provided an overview of the 2026 UBCM Convention meetings and convention.

CAO Horn provided an overview of the CAO discussions and feedback regarding the in-person and virtual meetings for the UBCM Convention.

ORDER OF AGENDA CHANGED The Order of Business changed to address public time, with Item 11 Public Time considered.

11. PUBLIC TIME

The Chair called for questions from the public and members of the media at 11:50 a.m.

A member of the public thanked the Board for the Liquor License – Third Party Operator Assignment decision. A member of the public had technical issues and emailed their question to the Board.

ORDER OF AGENDA RESUME Item 8 Rural Affairs Committee was considered at this time.

8. RURAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

Moved and seconded,
And Resolved:

490/26 That the Corporate Officer be authorized to remove the Notice on Title relating to 4515 Beasley West Road, Electoral Area F, currently owned by Joseph Jon Shea and Christine Nancy Maclean, and property legally described as LOT B, PLAN NEP21605, DISTRICT LOT 7066, KOOTENAY LAND DISTRICT PID 018-931-146, the RDCK Building Department has confirmed that the stair guardrail deficiencies have been rectified.

Carried

Moved and seconded,
And Resolved:

491/26 That the Corporate Officer of the Regional District of Central Kootenay be directed to file a Notice with the Land Title and Survey Authority of British Columbia, stating that a resolution has been made under Section 57 of the Community Charter by the Regional District Board relating to land at 1254 Lakeview- Arrow Creek Road, Electoral Area B and legally described as LOT B, PLAN NEP74758, DISTRICT LOT 4595, KOOTENAY LAND DISTRICT; AND FURTHER, if an active Building permit or Building application is in place, that it be cancelled; and finally, that information respecting the resolution may be inspected at the office of the Regional District of Central Kootenay on normal working days during regular office hours.

Carried

Moved and seconded,
And Resolved:

492/26 That Regional District of Central Kootenay Zoning Amendment Bylaw No. 3083, 2026 being a bylaw to amend the Regional District of Central Kootenay Zoning Bylaw No. 1675, 2004 is hereby given FIRST, SECOND and THIRD reading by content; And that the consideration of adoption BE WITHHELD for Regional District of Central Kootenay Zoning Amendment Bylaw No. 3028, 2025 until the following item has been obtained:

- Approval from the Ministry of Transportation and Transit pursuant to Section 52(3)(a) of the Transportation Act (Controlled Access).

Carried

Moved and seconded,
And Resolved:

493/26 That the Board direct staff to provide notification of the Board's intention to consider Temporary Use Permit application T2602F by Ryan Doucet for the property located on 5775 Woodland Drive, Electoral Area 'F' and legally described as LOT 2, DISTRICT LOT 5922, KOOTENAY DISTRICT PLAN NEP61991, TOGETHER WITH A 1/3 SHARE IN COMMON LOT 4, PLAN NEP61991 (SEE PLAN AS TO LIMITED ACCESS)(PID: 024-165-751).

Carried

Moved and seconded,
And Resolved:

494/26 That the Board SUPPORT application A2610I for the proposed Placement of Fill in the Agricultural Land Reserve proposed by Allie Batchelor and Jarred Batchelor for the property located at 1993 Highway 3A, Electoral Area I and legally described as LOT 2, DISTRICT LOT 1239, KOOTENAY DISTRICT PLAN 857, EXCEPT PART OUTLINED RED ON EXPLANATORY PLAN 35476I (PID: 016-022-181); And that the Board directs Staff to ADVANCE the subject application to the Agricultural Land Commission for consideration.

Carried

9. DIRECTORS' MOTIONS

9.1 Director Tierney: Creston Valley Forest Corporation

No further action. Directors are sending their own support letters.

9.2 Director Vandenberghe: West Creston Firehall

Moved and seconded,
And Resolved:

495/26 That the Board approve the waiving of the building permit fee for the West Creston Firehall project in Electoral Area C.

Defeated

9.3 Director Hanegraaf: Sahlstrom Road Fire Protection

Moved and seconded,
And Resolved:

496/26 That the Board direct staff to prepare a report outlining the potential for fire protection services by the City of Castlegar to Sahlstrom Road and any immediately adjacent properties or road segments where inclusion would provide a more effective and logical emergency response area, and report back to the Board with recommendations for an agreement.

Carried

RECESS/ RECONVENED The meeting recessed at 12:06 p.m. for lunch and reconvened at 1:03 p.m.

DIRECTORS ABSENT Directors Casley, Weatherhead and Lunn left the meeting at 12:06 p.m.

10. CONSENT AGENDA

10.1 For Information: Committees & Commissions

Committee/Commission Reports for information have been received as follows:

10.1.1 Area H, New Denver and Silverton Recreation Commission No. 6: minutes August 26, 2026

10.1.2 Castlegar & District Recreation Commission: minutes September 1, 2026

10.1.3 Slocan Valley Services Committee: minutes September 2, 2026

10.1.4 Creston Valley Services Committee: minutes September 3, 2026

10.2 For Information: Communication

10.2.1 The letter dated August 18, 2026 from Patrick Johnstone, City of New Westminister, advocating that provincial legislation requiring housing targets or density be directly tied to infrastructure funding.

10.3 For Information: Accounts Payable

The Accounts Payable Summary for August 2026 in the amount of $7,275,372 has been received for information.

10.4 For Information: Directors' Reports

Each Director who attended the 2026 UBCM Convention provided a brief summary of their attendance.

DIRECTOR PRESENT

Director Casley joined the meeting at 1:08 p.m.

Chair Watson acknowledged Director Cunningham for his 40 years of service to the RDCK.

10.4.1 Director Jackman: Letter of Support - Starbelly Jam 2027

10.4.2 Director Tierney

10.4.2.1 Letter of Support: Kootenay-Columbia Discovery Centre Society

10.4.2.2 Letter of Support: Creston Valley Forest Corporation

12. CLOSED

12.1 Meeting Closed to the Public

The Open meeting will be adjourned after In Camera without reconvening back into the open session unless there is business that needs to be addressed.

Moved and seconded,
And Resolved:

497/26 In the opinion of the Board - and in accordance with Section 90 of the *Community Charter* - the public interest so requires that persons other than DIRECTORS, ALTERNATE DIRECTORS, DELEGATIONS AND STAFF be excluded from the meeting; AND FURTHER, in accordance with Section 90 of the *Community Charter*, the meeting is to be closed on the bases identified in the following subsections:

(e) the acquisition, disposition or expropriation of land or improvements, if the council considers that disclosure could reasonably be expected to harm the interests of the municipality;
(i) the receipt of advice that is subject to solicitor-client privilege, including communications necessary for that purpose;
(n) the consideration of whether a council meeting should be closed under a provision of this subsection or subsection (2);

Carried

12.2 Recess of Open Meeting
Moved and seconded,
And Resolved:

498/26 The Open meeting be recessed at 1:40 p.m. in order to conduct the Closed Board meeting and reconvened at 2:05 p.m.

Carried

13. MATTERS ARISING FROM CLOSED MEETING
No items.

14. ADJOURNMENT
Moved and seconded,
And Resolved:

499/26 That the meeting adjourn at 2:05 p.m.

Carried

_____
Aimee Watson, RDCK Board Chair

_____
Angela Lund, Deputy Corporate Officer

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Lifestyle, resources and infrastructure

WORK

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Industries, job boards

INVEST

List a business, Find a business

Investment opportunities

What Imagine Kootenay Targets

Business Succession

Business owner retires → No buyer → Business closes → Jobs disappear

Commercial property loses value → Municipality loses tax revenue

Residents lose services: **Every single taxpayer is affected by this.**

IK's Return On Investment: One successful business sale can preserve jobs, protect municipal tax revenue, and keep an important local service operating for years to come.

What Imagine Kootenay Targets

Workforce & Population Attraction

Population numbers help sustain: schools, healthcare, local businesses, recreation programs, housing investment, municipal services.

Labour shortages affect everyone: longer wait times, reduced business hours, reduced business expansion, difficulty attracting new investment.

IK's ROI: Every person who relocates contributes through local spending, property taxes, income taxes, and long-term participation in the community.

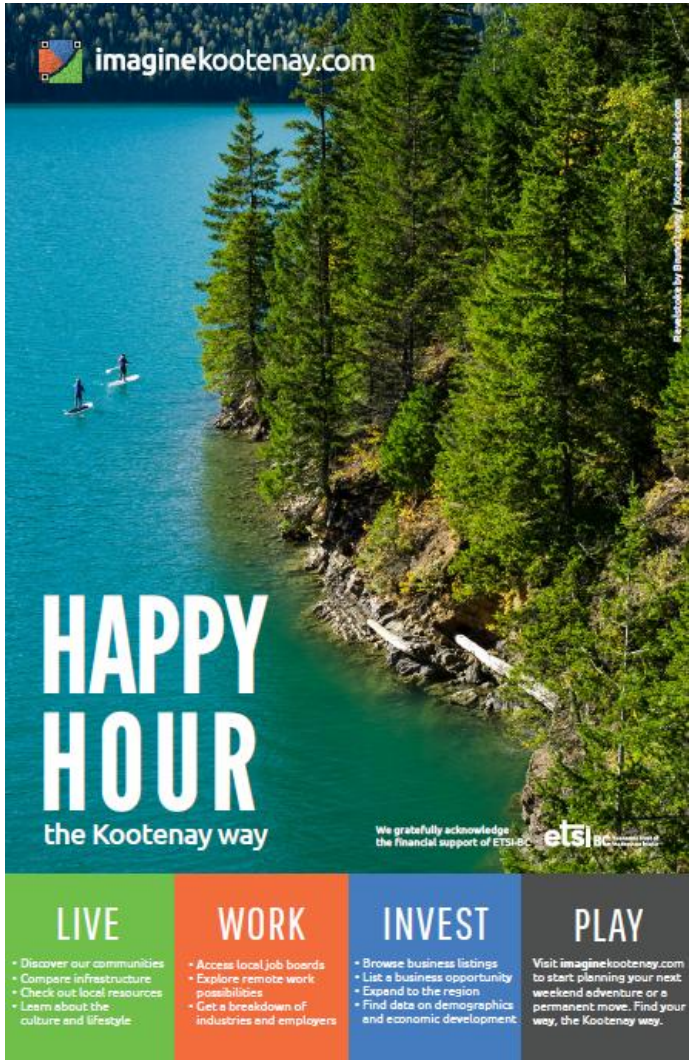
What Imagine Kootenay Targets

Regional Competitiveness

Without a coordinated regional strategy: marketing efforts become fragmented, resources are duplicated, communities compete with one another instead of competing together.

Regional collaboration: maximizes public investment, reduces duplication, and creates a stronger position for the Kootenays to compete with other regions, like the Okanagan.

Stronger Together: The Kootenay Way



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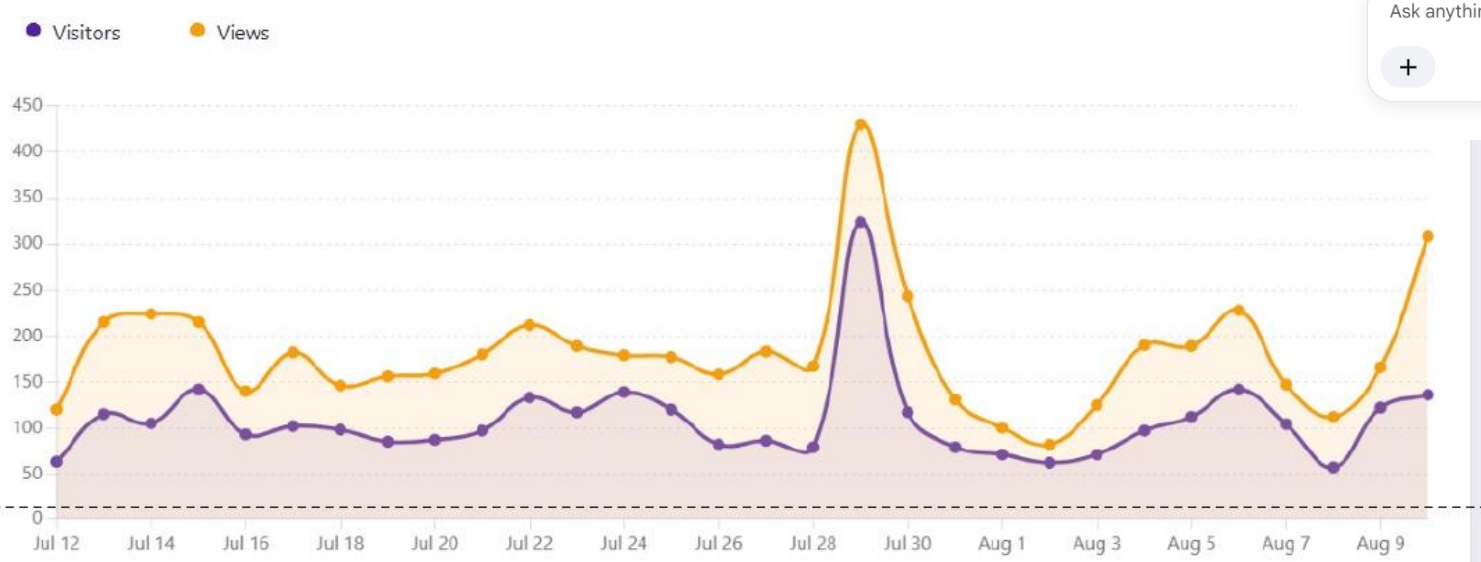

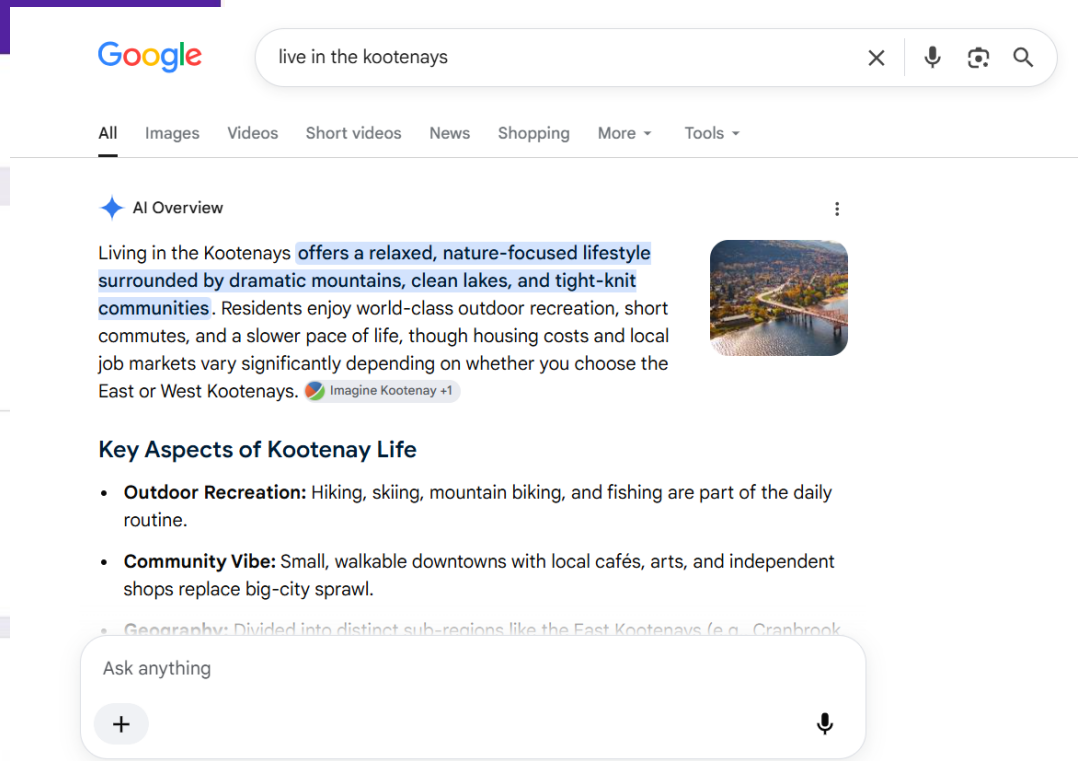

Funding

3-year term, 3 regions, matching ETSI-BC funding

1. Extend timeline and funding in place through ETSI-BC
2. Regional support to strengthen project and long-term sustainability:

- RDCK
- RDEK
- RDKB

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Thank you,

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REGIONAL DISTRICT OF CENTRAL KOOTENAY

RECREATION COMMISSION NO. 9
OPEN MEETING MINUTES

2:00 p.m.
September 28, 2026

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

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In-Person Location: Kokanee Springs Resort By Pinnacle Lifestyles - 16082 Woolgar Road, Crawford Bay, BC V0B 1E0

COMMISSION MEMBERS

Commissioner Gundlach	Area A Crawford Bay
Commissioner Rabb	Area A Boswell
Commissioner Lively	Area A Riondel
Director Jackman	RDCK Area A

STAFF

Trisha Davison	General Manager – Community Services
Kristi Calder	Regional Manager of Recreation & Client Services
Alana Jenkins	Meeting Coordinator

4 out of 4 voting Commission members were present – quorum was met.

1. CALL TO ORDER
Chair Rabb 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 28, 2026, Recreation Commission No. 9 meeting, be adopted as circulated.

Carried

4. RECEIPT OF MINUTES

The April 27, 2026, Recreation Commission No. 9 minutes, have been received.

5. DELEGATE

There are no Delegates schedules for this Commission meeting.

6. STAFF REPORTS

6.1 Crawford Bay Fitness Centre: Service Update and Review

The Commission Report dated September 28, 2026, from Trisha Davison, General Manager of Community Services re: Crawford Bay Fitness Centre: Service Update and Review, has been received.

Key Discussion Items included:

- Unstaffed Facility Policy Review will be on the agenda of the All Recreation Commission Meeting on October 28.
- Relationship building with School District 8 – activation and deactivation of access fobs.
- Existing membership term lengths not manageable with current administrative staff and SD8 abilities – suggestion for staff to research switching all users to an annual membership at a reduced rate.
- Potential for room rental revenue.
- Budget considerations.

Direction to Staff:
That staff are directed to conduct a program analysis of the fitness centre and report back in the spring.

6.2 Unstaffed Indoor Fitness Oriented Facility Policy Development

The Commission Report dated September 28, 2026, from Trisha Davison, General Manager of Community Services re: Unstaffed Indoor fitness Oriented Facility Policy Development, has been received.

Key Discussion Items included:

- Key components of the potential policy.
- Expected timeline of the policy progression.

7. NEW BUSINESS

7.1 Fall Grant Application Review

The 2026 Fall Grant applications have been received. All Applications are posted on the rdck.ca website and can be found here: REC9_2026-Fall-Grant-Applications.pdf

	ORGANIZATION	AMOUNT
1	South Kootenay Lake Community Service Society (Deferred from Spring)	$ 1,760.00
2	South Kootenay Lake Community Service Society (Deferred from Spring)	$ 768.00
3	East Shore Youth Cycling Club	$ 2,600.00
4	Boswell & District Farmers' Institute	$ 1,900.00
5	Riondel & District Curling Club	$ 2,034.00
6	Riondel Community Association (Insurance)	$ 1,000.00
7	Riondel Community Association (Printer)	$ 1,500.00
8	Boswell Memorial Hall	$ 1,683.93
9	East Shore Trail and Bike Association	$ 2,640.00
10	Crawford Bay Parent Advisory Council (PAC)	$ 3,800.00
11	Crawford Bay Elementary School	$ 2,500.00
12	Many Bays Community Band	$ 1,000.00
13	South Kootenay Lake Community Connection (Youth Centre)	$ 2,500.00
14	Crawford Bay & District Hall & Parks Association	$ 6,500.00
15	Eastshore Circle of Friends Society	$ 867.88
16	South Kootenay Lake Community Services Society (T'ai Chi)	$ 8,600.00
	TOTAL:	**$ 41,653.81**

The Commission discussed each application and provided their thoughts and scores before moving forward with their recommendations. Potential additional requirements for more budget details on the application were also discussed.

Moved and seconded,
AND Resolved that it be recommended to the Board:

That the Board approve the payment of the following grants from the Recreation Commission No. 9 – Area A Service No. S232 2026 budget:

	ORGANIZATION	AMOUNT
1	South Kootenay Lake Community Service Society (Deferred from Spring)	$ 1,440.00
2	South Kootenay Lake Community Service Society (Deferred from Spring)	$ 629.00
3	East Shore Youth Cycling Club	$ -
4	Boswell & District Farmers' Institute	$ 1,555.00
5	Riondel & District Curling Club	$ 1,665.00
6	Riondel Community Association (Insurance)	$ 818.00
7	Riondel Community Association (Printer)	$ 613.00

8	Boswell Memorial Hall	$	1,378.00
9	East Shore Trail and Bike Association	$	2,161.00
10	Crawford Bay Parent Advisory Council (PAC)	$	2,799.00
11	Crawford Bay Elementary School	$	-
12	Many Bays Community Band	$	818.00
13	South Kootenay Lake Community Connection (Youth Centre)	$	737.00
14	Crawford Bay & District Hall & Parks Association	$	5,320.00
15	Eastshore Circle of Friends Society	$	568.00
16	South Kootenay Lake Community Services Society (T'ai Chi) – defer to spring due to late entry	$	-
	TOTAL:	**$**	**20,501.00**

Carried

Direction to Staff:
That staff are directed to defer application 16 from the South Kootenay Lake Community Services Society (T'ai Chi) until the spring grant intake.

7.2 Recreation Commission No. 9 Potential 2027 Meeting Dates.
The Commission to discuss the 2027 Recreation Commission No. 9 Potential Meeting Dates
Potential 2027 Dates
Monday, April 26, 2027
Monday, September 27, 2027
The Commission agreed with the proposed dates.

8. PUBLIC TIME
The Chair called for questions from the public at 3:45 p.m.
No questions received.

9. NEXT MEETING
The next Recreation Commission No. 9 meeting is April 26, 2027 at 2:00p.m. PDT.

10. ADJOURNMENT
MOVED and seconded,
AND Resolved:

The Recreation Commission No. 9 meeting be adjourned at 3:47 p.m.

Carried

Digitally Approved

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Chair, Rabb

RECOMMENDATION(S) TO THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

1. ***That the Board approve the payment of the following grants from the Recreation Commission No. 9 – Area A Service No. S232 2026 budget:***

	ORGANIZATION	AMOUNT
1	South Kootenay Lake Community Service Society (Deferred from Spring)	$ 1,440.00
2	South Kootenay Lake Community Service Society (Deferred from Spring)	$ 629.00
3	East Shore Youth Cycling Club	$ -
4	Boswell & District Farmers' Institute	$ 1,555.00
5	Riondel & District Curling Club	$ 1,665.00
6	Riondel Community Association (Insurance)	$ 818.00
7	Riondel Community Association (Printer)	$ 613.00
8	Boswell Memorial Hall	$ 1,378.00
9	East Shore Trail and Bike Association	$ 2,161.00
10	Crawford Bay Parent Advisory Council (PAC)	$ 2,799.00
11	Crawford Bay Elementary School	$ -
12	Many Bays Community Band	$ 818.00
13	South Kootenay Lake Community Connection (Youth Centre)	$ 737.00
14	Crawford Bay & District Hall & Parks Association	$ 5,320.00
15	Eastshore Circle of Friends Society	$ 568.00
16	South Kootenay Lake Community Services Society (T'ai Chi) – defer to spring due to late entry	$ -
	TOTAL:	**$ 20,501.00**

THE FOLLOWING ITEMS ARE PROVIDED FOR CONVENIENCE ONLY AND WILL BE CONSIDERED AT ITS APPROPRIATE MEETING AS STATED.

Future Recreation Commission No. 9 Meetings

1. ***That staff are directed to conduct a program analysis of the fitness centre and report back in the spring.***

REGIONAL DISTRICT OF CENTRAL KOOTENAY

NELSON & DISTRICT RECREATION COMMISSION NO. 5
OPEN MEETING MINUTES

9:00a.m.
September 28, 2026

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

COMMISSION/COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Commissioner K. Page	City of Nelson- Chair
Commissioner J. Morrison	City of Nelson
Commissioner K. Tait	City of Nelson
Commissioner C. Graham	Area E
Commissioner T. Newell	Electoral Area F

MEMBERS ABSENT

STAFF

Trisha Davison	General Manger of Community Services
Craig Stanley	Regional Manager of Operations and Asset Management
Anne Gillender	Nelson & District Community Complex Facility Manager
Alana Jenkins	Meeting Coordinator

5 out of 5 voting Commission members were present – quorum was met.

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Page called the meeting to order at 9:03 a.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 29, 2026 Nelson & District Recreation Commission No. 5 meeting, be adopted as circulated.

Carried

4. RECEIPT OF MINUTES

The August 26, 2026 Nelson & District Recreation Commission No. 5 minutes, have been received.

5. DELEGATE

Dan Maglio and Tony Maida, from Nelson Leaf's Oldtimers Hockey Club will present a presentation requesting that the Nelson & District Recreation Commission No. 5 restore and maintain the Club's longstanding Monday evening ice allocation timeslot to the Commission.

Key discussion items included:

- The history of the organization.
- The previous appeal and timeline for the change to the organization's timeslot.
- Request to restore the 8:30 p.m. timeslot as 9:45 p.m. is not acceptable for elderly players.

6. STAFF REPORTS

6.1 Nelson & District Community Complex: Old Timers Ice Allocation Appeal

The Commission Report dated September 29, 2026 from Trisha Davison, Regional Manager of Community Services, re: Nelson & District Community Complex: Old Timers Ice Allocation Appeal, has been received.

MEMBER PRESENT: Commissioner Morrison joined the meeting at 9:17 a.m.

Key discussion items included:

- An overview of the challenges faced by staff associated with the ice allocation procedures.
- Suggestions for items to be included in the review of the Recreation Allocation Policy and associated allocation procedures.

MOVED and seconded,
AND Resolved:

That Tony Maida, Nelson Leafs Oldtimers Hockey Club be granted Freedom of the Floor.

Carried

- The ability for the Oldtimers to change timeslots if an availability arises.
- The existing language within the Oldtimers contract.

MOVED and seconded,
AND Resolved:

That the Commission uphold the 2026/2027 ice allocation schedule as revised based on Commission's direction from the August 26, 2026 Commission meeting.

That the concerns raised through the appeal be considered as part of the ongoing review of Recreation Allocation Policy No. 500-01-09 and associated allocation procedures.

Carried

6.2 Nelson & District Quarterly Programming Update

The Commission Report dated September 29, 2026 from Tia Wayling, Regional Programming Manager, re: Nelson & District Quarterly Programming Update, has been received.

Key discussion items included:

- Overall success of summer camps with noted operational challenges due to wildfire smoke impacts and lower attendance at some off-site locations.
- Improvements in attendance over the past two summers with weather continuing to be the biggest factor in admissions.
- Plans for monitoring data patterns through the fall season.

6.3 Nelson & District Community Complex Concession Agreement

The Commission Report dated, September 29, 2026 from Craig Stanley, Regional Manager of Operations and Asset Management, re: Nelson & District Community Complex Concession Agreement has been received.

Key discussion items included:

- An overview of the contract process that ended with the GSL group withdrawing, and the current recommendation from staff.
- How to obtain more concession coverage outside of special events.
- The ability for other organizations to utilize the concession area when not operated by the Leafs.
- Ownership of the equipment located at the concession.
- The potential for future improvements to the concession facilities.

MOVED and seconded,
AND Resolved:

That the Board approve the RDCK enter into negotiations for a concession services agreement at the Nelson and District Community Complex with the Nelson Leafs Hockey Society commencing on November 1, 2026, and ending on August 31, 2027, with the option to extend for two one-year periods, AND FURTHER;

That the Board Chair and Corporate Officer be authorized to execute the agreement.

Carried

6.4 Service S226 Centre Financial Plan Amendment

The Commission Report, dated September 29, 2026 from Craig Stanley, Regional Manager of Operations and Asset Management, re: Service S226 Centre Financial Plan Amendment has been received.

Key discussion items included:

- The reasoning for the financial plan amendment.
- The vehicle being replaced would then be sold at auction.

MOVED and seconded,
AND Resolved:

That the Board approve an amendment to the 2026 Financial Plan for Service S226 Recreation Facility-Nelson and Areas F and Defined E to Decrease Vehicles expense by $15,000 to Increase Transfer to Other Services expense by $15,000.

Carried

7. PUBLIC TIME

The Chair called for questions from the public and members of the media at 10:01 a.m.

- One member of the public asked about the ice allocation priority list and how it was developed, if the regionalization of RDCK facilities has impacted policy, and encouraged community participation to be weighed more heavily during the policy review.
- A second member of the public requested more information on the upcoming ASI Capital Investment study and when it would be released – fall or early spring. They asked about utilizing arena dry floor space for summer camps and requested the expected timeline for the Allocation Process review.

8. NEXT MEETING

The next Nelson & District Recreation Commission No. 5 meeting is scheduled for November 25, 2026 at 10:30 a.m.

9. ADJOURNMENT

MOVED and seconded,
AND Resolved:

The Nelson & District Recreation Commission meeting be adjourned at 10:16 a.m.

Carried

Digitally Approved

Keith Page, Chair

RECOMMENDATION(S) TO THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

1. ***That the Board approve the RDCK enter into negotiations for a concession services agreement at the Nelson and District Community Complex with the Nelson Leafs Hockey Society commencing on November 1, 2026, and ending on August 31, 2027, with the option to extend for two one-year periods, AND FURTHER;***
   That the Board Chair and Corporate Officer be authorized to execute the agreement.
2. ***That the Board approve an amendment to the 2026 Financial Plan for Service S226 Recreation Facility-Nelson and Areas F and Defined E to Decrease Vehicles expense by $15,000 to Increase Transfer to Other Services expense by $15,000.***

THE FOLLOWING ITEMS ARE PROVIDED FOR CONVENIENCE ONLY AND WILL BE CONSIDERED AT ITS APPROPRIATE MEETING AS STATED.

Future Nelson & District Recreation Commission No. 5 Meetings

1. ***That the Commission uphold the 2026/2027 ice allocation schedule as revised based on Commission's direction from the August 26, 2026 Commission meeting.***
   That the concerns raised through the appeal be considered as part of the ongoing review of Recreation Allocation Policy No. 500-01-09 and associated allocation procedures.

REGIONAL DISTRICT OF CENTRAL KOOTENAY

RECREATION COMMISSION NO. 6
OPEN MEETING MINUTES

7:00p.m.
October 6, 2026

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

Join by Video:
https://rdck-bc-ca.zoom.us/j/99578083142?pwd=ftGgPdEXh6rr1DVhE4o8YQSvMf4lnF.1

Join by Phone:
1 833 958 1164

Meeting ID (access code): 995 7808 3142
Meeting Passcode: 543775
Virtual Meeting

COMMISSION MEMBERS

Alt. Director J. Fyke	New Denver
Director T. Gordon	Silverton
Director W. Popoff	Area H
Commissioner R. Johnson	Area H
Commissioner E. McKeil	Area H
Commissioner K. Sumrall	Silverton
Commissioner M. Hemphill	School District 10, Lucerne School
Commissioner D. Hammond	New Denver
Commissioner D. Broughton	New Denver

MEMBERS ABSENT

Director Casley	New Denver

STAFF

Trisha Davison	General Manager of Community Services
Kristi Calder	Regional Manager – Recreation & Client Services
Alana Jenkins	Meeting Coordinator

9 out of 10 voting Commission/Committee members were present – quorum was met.

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Hammond called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

2. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

MOVED and seconded,
AND Resolved:

The Agenda for the October 6, 2026, Recreation Commission No. 6 meeting, be adopted as amended with the addition of items 5.3 Lucerne Evening Sports Waivers, and 5.4 New Denver Gym High School Use.

Carried

3. RECEIPT OF MINUTES

The August 26, 2026, Recreation Commission No. 6 minutes, have been received.

4. DELEGATES

There are no Delegates scheduled for this Commission meeting.

MEMBER PRESENT: Commissioner Broughton joined the meeting at 7:08 p.m.

5. NEW BUSINESS

5.1 Unstaffed Indoor Fitness Oriented Facility Policy Development

The Commission Report dated October 1, 2026 from Trisha Davison, General Manager of Community Services re: Unstaffed Indoor Fitness Oriented Facility Policy Development has been received.

MEMBER PRESENT: Commissioner Hemphill joined the meeting at 7:10 p.m.

Key discussion items included:

- The history and general framework of the policy's development.
- Key components of the policy framework.
- The Draft policy review to be completed at the All Recreation Commission meeting on October 28, 2026.

MEMBER PRESENT: Commissioner Gordon joined the meeting at 7:25 p.m.

- Concern that Recreation 6 Commissioners have not received the draft policy for review.
- Clarification of how both facilities currently operate.

5.2 Fall Grant Applications

The following Fall Grant applications were received.

The Recreation Commission No. 6 Spring Grant Applications can be viewed on the RDCK website and are linked here: 2026 Fall Grant Applications

ORGANIZATION	AMOUNT
1. New Denver Hospice Society	$ 600.00
2. Slocan Lake Golf Club	$ 2,500.00
3. Silverton Community Club	$ 800.00
4. The Rural Alternatives Research and Training Society	$ 2,750.00
5. Nakusp Ski Club Association	$ 6,250.00
TOTAL:	$ **12,900.00**

MOVED and seconded,
AND Resolved that it be recommended to the Board:

That the Board approve the payment of the following grants from the Recreation Commission No. 6 - New Denver, Silverton & Area Service No. S229 2026 budget:

ORGANIZATION	AMOUNT
1. New Denver Hospice Society	$ 600.00
2. Slocan Lake Golf Club	$ 1,860.00
3. Silverton Community Club	$ 800.00
4. The Rural Alternatives Research and Training Society	$ 0.00
5. Nakusp Ski Club Association	$ 3,542.00
TOTAL:	$ **6,802.00**

Carried

5.3 Lucerne Evening Sports Waivers

A request from Commissioner Fyke for staff to mail the Village of New Denver 50 printed copies of the waivers needed to facilitate the agreement between the School District and RDCK for evening use of the facility.

Direction to Staff:
That staff mail the Village of New Denver 50 printed copies of the waivers needed to facilitate the agreement between the School District and RDCK for evening use of the facility.

5.4 New Denver Gym High School Use

A request from the PE Teacher and Lucerne School requesting gym access for four students.

Key discussion items included:

- Previous Commission approval to allow student access if they are supervised, a gym member, and only during set times.
- The process for communicating the set times.
- The Youth Centre's ability to assist youths with the cost of gym memberships.

6. PUBLIC TIME

The Chair called for questions from the public at 7:56 p.m.

One member of the public asked why the RDCK board is mentioned in the Unstaffed Indoor Fitness Oriented Facility? Trisha Davison, General Manager of Community Services, advised it ensures the board is doing their due diligence and understands what their role is.

7. NEXT MEETING

The next Recreation Commission No. 6 meeting is scheduled for November 3, 2026, at 7:00p.m.

8. ADJOURNMENT

MOVED and seconded,
AND Resolved:

The Recreation Commission No. 6 meeting be adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Carried

Digitally Approved

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D. Hammond, Chair

RECOMMENDATION(S) TO THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

1. That the Board approve the payment of the following grants from the Recreation Commission No. 6 - New Denver, Silverton & Area Service No. S229 2026 budget:

ORGANIZATION	AMOUNT
1. New Denver Hospice Society	$ 600.00
2. Slocan Lake Golf Club	$ 1,860.00
3. Silverton Community Club	$ 800.00
4. The Rural Alternatives Research and Training Society	$ 0.00
5. Nakusp Ski Club Association	$ 3,542.00
TOTAL:	$ **6,802.00**

THE FOLLOWING ITEMS ARE PROVIDED FOR CONVENIENCE ONLY AND WILL BE CONSIDERED AT ITS APPROPRIATE MEETING AS STATED.

Future Recreation Commission No. 6 Meetings

1.

REGIONAL DISTRICT OF CENTRAL KOOTENAY

RECREATION COMMISSION NO. 10
OPEN MEETING MINUTES

10:00a.m.
October 7, 2026

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

Join by Video:
https://rdck-bc-ca.zoom.us/j/98721665515?pwd=Ay1jLhqBk2YQN0nkaaox3sapnDOZMU.1

Join by Phone:
1 855 703 8985

Meeting ID: 987 2166 5515
Meeting Passcode: 125870

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

COMMISSION MEMBERS

Director C. Graham	Area E
Commission Member K. Palfenier	Area E
Commission Member L. Trenaman	Area E
Commission Member E. Fitchett	Area E

MEMBERS ABSENT

Commission Member D. Rye	Area E
Commission Member M. Gray	Area E

STAFF

Jenna Chapman	Administrative Coordinator – Community Services
Alana Jenkins	Meeting Coordinator

1. CALL TO ORDER

Director Graham called the meeting to order at 9:57 a.m.

MOVED and seconded,
AND Resolved:

That Director Graham chair the meeting in Commissioner Rye's absence.

Carried.

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 October 7, 2026 Recreation Commission No. 10 meeting, be adopted as circulated.

Carried

4. RECEIPT OF MINUTES

The April 27, 2026 Recreation Commission No. 10 minutes, have been received.

Direction to Staff:

That staff are requested to update the April 27 minutes title from Agenda to Minutes.

5. DELEGATE

There are no Delegates scheduled for this Commission meeting.

6. NEW BUSINESS

6.1 Fall Grant Applications

The following fall grant applications were received.
Applications can be found online: 2026 Fall Grant Applications

ORGANIZATION	AMOUNT
1. Balfour Senior Citizens Association Branch #120 (Yoga)	$ 910.00
2. Balfour Recreation Commission	$ 1,000.00
3. Columbia Basin Alliance for Literacy	$ 1,000.00
4. Queens Bay Residents Association	$ 1,000.00
5. West Kootenay Family Wellness Society	$ 1,000.00
6. Redfish Parent Advisory Council (RPAC)	$ 1,000.00
TOTAL:	**$ 5,910.00**

Key discussion items included:

- Suggestions to improve the grant scorecard and clarity of the scoring process.
- Requesting Commissioners who can't attend the meeting to submit their scorecard.
- Previous efforts by staff to assist organizations with their applications.
- Recommendations for each application.

Direction to Staff:
That staff are directed to create guidelines for the awarding of recreation grants including specific criteria defining what is recreation and leisure. AND FURTHER that staff are directed to add budget data to the scorecard.

Moved and seconded,
AND Resolved that it be recommended to the Board:

That the Board approve the payment of the following grants from the Recreation Commission No. 10 – Portion of Area E – Procter/Harrop/Balfour/Queens Bay Service No. S279 2026 budget:

ORGANIZATION	AMOUNT
1. Balfour Senior Citizens Association Branch #120 (Yoga)	$ 910.00
2. Balfour Recreation Commission	$ 1,000.00
3. Columbia Basin Alliance for Literacy	$ 1,000.00
4. Queens Bay Residents Association	$ 1,000.00
5. West Kootenay Family Wellness Society	$ 1,000.00
6. Redfish Parent Advisory Council (RPAC)	$ 1,000.00
TOTAL:	**$ 5,910.00**

Carried

6.2 Recreation Commission No. 10 Potential 2027 Meeting Dates
The Commission to discuss the 2027 Recreation Commission No. 10 potential meeting dates.

- Tuesday, April 27, 2027
- Thursday, October 7, 2027

7. PUBLIC TIME
The Chair called for questions from the public at 10:58 a.m.
No questions were received.

8. NEXT MEETING
The next Recreation Commission No. 10 meeting is scheduled for April 27, 2027, at 10:00 a.m.

9. ADJOURNMENT
MOVED and seconded,
AND Resolved:

The Recreation Commission No. 10 meeting be adjourned at 10:59 a.m.

Carried

Digitally Approved

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Director Graham, Chair

RECOMMENDATION(S) TO THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

1. ***That the Board approve the payment of the following grants from the Recreation Commission No. 10 – Portion of Area E – Procter/Harrop/Balfour/Queens Bay Service No. S279 2026 budget:***

ORGANIZATION	AMOUNT
1. Balfour Senior Citizens Association Branch #120 (Yoga)	$ 910.00
2. Balfour Recreation Commission	$ 1,000.00
3. Columbia Basin Alliance for Literacy	$ 1,000.00
4. Queens Bay Residents Association	$ 1,000.00
5. West Kootenay Family Wellness Society	$ 1,000.00
6. Redfish Parent Advisory Council (RPAC)	$ 1,000.00
TOTAL:	**$ 5,910.00**

THE FOLLOWING ITEMS ARE PROVIDED FOR CONVENIENCE ONLY AND WILL BE CONSIDERED AT ITS APPROPRIATE MEETING AS STATED.

Future Recreation Commission No. 10 Meetings

1. ***That staff are directed to create guidelines for the awarding of recreation grants including specific criteria defining what is recreation and leisure. AND FURTHER that staff are directed to add budget data to the scorecard.***

REGIONAL DISTRICT OF CENTRAL KOOTENAY

WATER SERVICES COMMITTEE
OPEN MEETING MINUTES

A Water Services Committee meeting was held on Wednesday, October 8, 2026 at 9:00 a.m. PST through a hybrid meeting model.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT

Director G. Jackman	Area A	
Director R. Tierney	Area B	
Director K. Vandenberghe	Area C	
Director A. Watson	Area D	
Director C. Graham	Area E	
Director T. Newell	**Area F (2026 Committee Chair)**	In-Person
Director H. Cunningham	Area G	
Director W. Popoff	Area H	In-Person
Director H. Hanegraaf	Area J	
Director T. Weatherhead	Area K	
Councillor D. Dumas	Town of Creston	

COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT

Director H. Cunningham	Area G

STAFF

C. Gainham	Utility Services Manager
A. Divlakovski	Water Operations Manager
E. Senyk	Water Services Liaison
E. Clark	Meeting Coordinator

10 out of 11 voting Commission/Committee members were present – quorum was met.

1. ZOOM REMOTE MEETING INFO

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

Join by Video:
https://rdck-bcca.zoom.us/j/94251587997?pwd=lcttqVxsmjwxAZTmptO2CWLt27wlCl.1

Join by Phone:
833 955 1088 Canada Toll-free

Meeting ID: 942 5158 7997
Passcode: 285704

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

2. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Newell called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

2.1 TRADITIONAL LANDS ACKNOWLEDGEMENT STATEMENT

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

2.2 ADOPTION OF AGENDA

MOVED and seconded,
And Resolved:

The Agenda for the October 8, 2026 Water Services Committee meeting, be adopted as circulated.

Carried

2.3 RECEIPT OF MINUTES

The August 5, 2026 Water Services Committee minutes, have been received.

3. STAFF REPORTS

3.1 FOR INFORMATION: OPERATIONS, MAINTENANCE AND CAPITAL PROJECT UPDATE

The Committee Report from Alexandra Divlakovski, Water Operations Manager providing an update to the Committee, and highlighting the larger maintenance and capital projects completed to date in 2026, has been received.

DIRECTOR PRESENT Director Weatherhead joined the meeting at 9:05 a.m.

3.2 FOR INFORMATION: DRAFT 2027 CAPITAL PLAN

The Committee Report from Alexandra Divlakovski, Water Operations Manager providing a summary of proposed 2027 water utility capital projects, has been received.

3.3 FOR INFORMATION: WATER AND WASTEWATER SYSTEMS ACQUISITION UPDATE

The Committee Report from Chris Gainham, Utility Services Manager providing an update on system acquisitions, has been received.

3.4 LISTER WATER SYSTEM - PROPOSED CEMETERY WATER RATE

The Committee Report from Chris Gainham, Utility Services Manager regarding an amendment to the Utilities Rates, Fees and Charges Bylaw No. 3077 to establish an annual flat-use water rate of $100 for the Lister Community Cemetery and All Saints Cemetery, has been received.

MOVED and seconded,
And resolved that it be recommended to the Board:

That the Board direct staff to amend the Utilities Rates, Fees and Charges Bylaw No. 3077 to establish an annual flat-use water rate of $100 for the Lister Community Cemetery and All Saints Cemetery, effective January 1, 2027.

Carried

3.5 FOR INFORMATION: ERICKSON WATER METERING – PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT FOLLOW UP

The Committee Report from Chris Gainham, Utility Services Manager regarding an update on the Public Information Session for the Erickson Universal Water Metering Program held on Monday July 20, 2026 as requested by Directors, has been received.

This report was previously received at the September 3, 2026 Creston Valley Services Committee meeting.

3.6 FOR INFORMATION: SERVICE ESTABLISHMENT BYLAW AMENDMENTS

The Committee Report from Eileen Senyk, Water Services Liaison providing information regarding recommended bylaw amendments that will be brought forward at the October 21, 2026 Rural Affairs Committee meeting, has been received.

3.7 VILLAGE OF SALMO – OUT OF BOUNDARY WATER AND SEWER CONNECTION

The Committee Report from Chris Gainham, Utility Services Manager requesting consent for the Village of Salmo to provide municipal water and sewer services to an out of boundary property located at #5 Second Street, Salmo, has been received.

MOVED and seconded,
And resolved that it be recommended to the Board:

The Regional District of Central Kootenay consent to the Village of Salmo providing water and sewer services to #5 Second Street, Salmo (PID: 028-060-636).

Carried

4. PUBLIC TIME

The Chair called for questions from the public at 10:15 a.m.

No questions from the public.

3. ADJOURNMENT

MOVED and seconded,
And Resolved:

The Water Services Committee meeting adjourn at 10:16 a.m.

Carried

APPROVED BY

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Director T. Newell, Chair
October 9, 2026

REGIONAL DISTRICT OF CENTRAL KOOTENAY

RIONDEL COMMISSION
OPEN MEETING AGENDA

7:00 PM
Oct 13, 2026

IN-PERSON MEETING LOCATION FOR HYBRID MEETING MODEL
The following location has been determined to hold the in-person meetings for Riondel Commission of Management:

Location Name: Riondel Community Centre, Commission Office, Room #6
Location Address: 1511 Eastman Ave., Riondel BC

The facility listed above will be able to accommodate the remote requirements for the meeting.

Meeting Link:
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COMMISSION MEMBERS

Commissioner G. Panio	Riondel	In-person
Commissioner N. Anderson	Riondel	In-person
Commissioner J. Donald	Riondel	In-person
Commissioner M. Stevely	Riondel	In-person
Commissioner G. Jackman	Director – Electoral Area A	In-person

MEMBERS ABSENT

Commissioner S. Downing	Riondel
Commissioner S. Horwood	Riondel

STAFF

Craig Stanley	Regional Manager of Operations and Asset Management
Evan Salmon	Riondel Meeting Coordinator

5 out of 7 voting Commission/Committee members were present – quorum was met.

1. CALL TO ORDER
Chair Panio called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m.

2. TRADITIONAL LANDS ACKNOWLEDGEMENT STATEMENT
We acknowledge and respect the Indigenous peoples within whose traditional lands we are meeting today.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA
MOVED and seconded,
AND Resolved:

The Agenda for the October 13, 2026, Riondel Commission meeting, be adopted.

Carried

3. RECEIPT OF MINUTES

4. DELEGATE
There are no delegates for this commission meeting.

5. PUBLIC TIME
The Chair will call for questions from the public at 7:02p.m.

6. OLD BUSINESS

6.1 Canada Post Office Update
Chair Panio will provide the Commission with a verbal update regarding the post office follow-up in the Community Center.

Key points of the discussion covered:

- Community need is clear for a post office in Riondel.
- Many building upgrades to meet Canada Post guidelines are already necessary to meet basic code requirements for the current ground floor occupancies
- Timing is compressed with Canada Post's November 5th posting deadline.
- Upgrades should commence now and be done prior to Canada Post inspection.

MOVED and seconded,
AND Resolved and recommended to the Board:

That staff be directed to undertake minor ground floor upgrades at the Riondel Community Center to comply with code AND FURTHER, that staff negotiate a one-year lease for a prospective Canada Postmaster to operate a local post office and bring back the lease to

the November 19 Board meeting with costs from Service S209 Recreation facility Area A Riondel.

Carried

7. NEW BUSINESS

There is no new business for this commission meeting.

8. CORRESPONDENCE

There is no correspondence for this commission meeting.

9. AREA A DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Director Jackman will provide the Commission with a verbal report.

10. PUBLIC TIME

The Chair will call for questions from the public at 7:35p.m.

11. NEXT MEETING

The following Riondel Commission meeting will be held on December 1, 2026 at 7:00 pm.

12. ADJOURNMENT

MOVED and seconded,
AND Resolved:

The Riondel Commission meeting be adjourned at 7:34 pm.

Carried

Digitally Approved

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Chair, G. Panio

October 9, 2026

To Stuart Horn,

Subject: Withdrawal from RDCK GIS Services Bylaw 2136, 2017

On behalf of the City of Nelson, I am writing to formally notify the Regional District of Central Kootenay of Council's decision to withdraw from participation in the RDCK GIS Services Bylaw No. 2136, effective January 1, 2027.

In September of 2025, we had send a letter to Mike Morrison detailing this decision, and since we did not receive a reply, our interpretation is that the RDCK does not have any objections to the City withdrawing as of January 1, 2027.

Following a detailed business case and Council's direction at the August 19, 2025 Regular Meeting, the City will transition to an in-house GIS model.

We recognize and value the long-standing partnership between the City and the RDCK in delivering GIS services, and we are committed to working collaboratively through this transition. Over the next two years, our staff will coordinate with RDCK staff to ensure an orderly transfer of City data, while also negotiating any interim support required during the transition period.

We thank the RDCK for its past support and look forward to maintaining strong collaboration in other service areas.

Sincerely,

Sarah Winton, Director of Corporate Services

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swinton@nelson.ca

CC: Kevin Cormack, Chris Johnson

REGIONAL DISTRICT OF CENTRAL KOOTENAY

Bylaw No. 3098

A Bylaw to amend Geospatial Information Service Establishment Bylaw No. 2136, 2010 to remove the City of Nelson as a participant.

WHEREAS the Regional District of Central Kootenay adopted Bylaw No. 2136, being the "Geospatial Information Service Establishment Bylaw No. 2136, 2010" for the purpose of providing Geospatial Information Services to the regional district;

AND WHEREAS the Regional District of Central Kootenay deems it expedient to amend Bylaw No. 2136 and remove the City of Nelson as a participant of the service;

AND WHEREAS pursuant to the *Local Government Act* participating area consent has been obtained from at least 2/3 of the participants.

NOW THEREFORE the Board of the Regional District of Central Kootenay, in open meeting assembled, HEREBY ENACTS as follows:

1 Section 2 of Bylaw 2136 is deleted in its entirety and replace with the following:

2. Participants to the service established under Section 1 of this bylaw shall be Electoral Areas A, B, C, D, E, F, G, H, I, J, K and the municipalities of municipalities of Creston, Kaslo, Nakusp, New Denver, Salmo, Silverton and Slocan.

2 Section 3 of Bylaw 2136 is deleted in its entirety and replace with the following:

3. The boundaries of the service established under Section 1 of this bylaw are the boundaries of the Regional District of Central Kootenay, excluding the area within the municipal boundaries of Castlegar and Nelson.

3 This Bylaw may be cited as **"Geospatial Information Service Establishment Amendment Bylaw No. 3098, 2026".**

READ A FIRST TIME this	22nd	day of	October, 2026.
READ A SECOND TIME this	22nd	day of	October, 2026.
READ A THIRD TIME this	22nd	day of	October, 2026.

I hereby certify that this is a true and correct copy of the **"Geospatial Information Service Establishment Amendment Bylaw No. 3098, 2026"** as read a third time by the Regional District of Central Kootenay Board on the day of , 2026.

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Mike Morrison, Corporate Officer

ASSENT RECEIVED as per the *Local Government Act – consent on behalf of the participating areas.*

APPROVE by the Inspector of Municipalities on the day of , 2026.

ADOPTED this day of , 2026.

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Aimee Watson, Board Chair	Mike Morrison, Corporate Officer

Board Report

October 6 ,2026

Director Oath of Office

Author:	Mike Morrison, Corporate Officer
File Reference:	08-3200-10
Electoral Area/Municipality:	ENTIRE RDCK
Services Impacted	All Services

1.0 STAFF RECOMMENDATION

That the Elected Officials' Oath of Office Repeal Bylaw No. 3096, 2026 repeal Regional District of Central Kootenay Elected Officials Oath of Office Bylaw No. 2413, 2014.

2. BACKGROUND/HISTORY

Elected Directors are required to swear an oath or solemn affirmation of office before they officially take office as an RDCK Director. Electoral Area Directors must complete their oath within 45 days of the declaration of election and Municipal directors must complete their oath with 45 days after the effective date of their appointment, in accordance with the *Local Government Act* (LGA). RDCK custom is that the oath is administered for all Directors immediately before the inaugural Board meeting. In 2022, the oath was administered by the Corporate Officer.

Section 202 of the LGA covers the form of the oath/ affirmation and Section 5 provides that:
"A board may, by bylaw, establish an oath or solemn affirmation of office for the purposes of this section, which may be different for different types of office."

Bylaw 2413- Elected Officials Oath of Office (Attachment A to this report) was adopted in 2014 and was used for the 2022 oath.

If a Board does not establish an oath by bylaw, it must use the one prescribed by the province. In September 2022 BC Regulation 137/22- Local Government Oath of Office Regulation (Attachment B to this report) came into force.

Staff believe it is appropriate at this time for the Board to choose to either align the RDCK oath with Regulation 137/22, or to continue to use the one established by Bylaw 2413.

3.0 PROBLEM OR OPPORTUNITY DESCRIPTION

3.1 Alignment to Board Strategic Plan

This initiative strongly aligns with the following two focus areas under the Organizational Excellence priority:

- Continue to update our policies and processes to be responsive and adaptable.
- Review our governance structures to ensure we have the appropriate balance of input and accountability.

3.2 Legislative Considerations

The Board may choose to keep the oath established by Bylaw 2413, or it may choose to rescind the bylaw and use the oath established by regulation 137/22.

4.0 PROPOSED SOLUTION

"That the Regional District of Central Kootenay Elected Officials Oath of Office *Bylaw No. 2413, 2014 be RESCINDED"*

Staff recommend that the Board select the oath of office prescribed by BC Regulation 137/22- Local Government Oath of Office Regulation for the following reasons:

1. **It reflects the current ethical standards.** The 2022 regulated oath commits board members to follow the conflict of interest rules, act with integrity, be accountable for their decisions and actions, and be respectful. That ties directly to the conflict of interest and code of conduct provisions applied to regional districts through Section 205 of the Local Government Act. The Bylaw 2413 oath is less specific in the required commitments and misses these important aspects.

2. **The oath also applies to municipalities.** Some member municipalities may already use the same prescribed oath under *Community Charter* Section 120 (3), so municipal directors and electoral area directors would make similar commitments at the board table.

3. **The oath is maintained by the province.** If the Province revises the oath, the RDCK picks up the change automatically with no bylaw amendment. There is one less bylaw to maintain.

4. **It lowers legal and administrative risk.** Using the prescribed form removes any question about whether an outdated or poorly worded local oath satisfies the requirements for LGA 202. This matters because missing this requirement is possible grounds for disqualification under LGA 202(4)

5.0 ALTERNATIVE SOLUTION(S)

The Board may choose to retain the Oath prescribed by Bylaw 2413. Staff do not recommend this option as it does not meet the current standard for elected official commitments. Bylaw 2413 does, however, satisfy the legal requirements of the Local Government Act and the RDCK is not likely to experience any negative consequences if the current Oath was retained.

8.0 RECOMMENDATION

That the Elected Officials' Oath of Office Repeal Bylaw No. 3096, 2026 repeal Regional District of Central Kootenay Elected Officials Oath of Office Bylaw No. 2413, 2014.

Respectfully submitted,
Mike Morrison, Corporate Officer

CONCURRENCE

Stuart Horn, Chief Administrative Officer Approved

ATTACHMENTS:

Attachment A- RDCK Bylaw No. 2413- Elected Officials Oath of Office
Attachment B- BC Regulation 137/22- Local Government Oath of Office Regulation
Attachment C - Elected Officials' Oath of Office Repeal Bylaw No. 3096, 2026.

REGIONAL DISTRICT OF CENTRAL KOOTENAY

BYLAW NO. 2413

Elected Officials' Oath of Office

WHEREAS under Section 120(2) of the *Community Charter*, the Board of the Regional District of Central Kootenay may, by bylaw, establish an oath or solemn affirmation of office for elected officials;

AND WHEREAS the Board of the Regional District of Central Kootenay wishes to establish an oath or solemn affirmation of office for Regional District of Central Kootenay elected or appointed officials;

NOW THEREFORE THE BOARD OF THE REGIONAL DISTRICT OF CENTRAL KOOTENAY, IN OPEN MEETING ASSEMBLED, ENACTS AS FOLLOWS:

1. Pursuant to Section 120 of the *Community Charter*, the oath or solemn affirmation of office for persons selected or appointed to the office of the Regional District of Central Kootenay Board is shown in Schedule "A" as attached to and forming part of this bylaw;

2. This Bylaw may be cited for all purposes as **"Elected Officials' Oath of Office Bylaw No. 2413, 2014**."

READ A FIRST TIME this	21st	day of	August,	2014.
READ A SECOND TIME this	21st	day of	August,	2014.
READ A THIRD TIME this	21st	day of	August,	2014.

ADOPTED by an affirmative vote of at least two-thirds of the votes cast this

21st day of August, 2014.

Chair

Secretary

Schedule "A"

Oath of Office

I, (insert name of person), do (insert words 'swear' or 'solemnly affirm') that:

- I shall perform the duties of Director faithfully and with integrity and will not allow any private interest to influence my conduct in public matters;
- I shall abide by the statutes, bylaws and policies that govern the District and will also promote openness, accountability and responsible leadership; and
- I shall dedicate myself at all times to acting in the best interest of the Regional District of Central Kootenay.

Community Charter, *Local Government Act* and *Vancouver Charter*

LOCAL GOVERNMENT OATH OF OFFICE REGULATION

B.C. Reg. 137/2022

Deposited and effective June 13, 2022

Consolidated Regulations of British Columbia

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under the *Community Charter*, S.B.C. 2003, c. 26, s. 120 (3), the *Local Government Act*, R.S.B.C. 2015, c. 1, ss. 202 (6), 238 and 783 and the *Vancouver Charter*, S.B.C. 1953, c. 55, s. 140 (6).

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Prepared by:
Office of Legislative Counsel
Ministry of Attorney General
Victoria, B.C.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT
OATH OF OFFICE REGULATION
B.C. Reg. 137/2022

Oath of office – board or council member

1 The following oath of office is prescribed for the purposes of section 120 (3) of the *Community Charter*, section 202 (6) of the *Local Government Act* and section 140 (6) of the *Vancouver Charter*, with the necessary changes in form as applicable:

I, ...*[name of person elected or appointed]*....., do [swear] [solemnly affirm] that:

- I am qualified to hold the office of .....*[office]*..... for the .....*[jurisdiction]*..... to which I have been [elected] [appointed];
- I have complied with the provisions of the .....*[applicable Act]*..... in relation to my election to this office; *[omit this point for persons who have been appointed]*;
- I will abide by all rules related to conflicts of interest under the .....*[applicable Act]*.....;
- I will carry out my duties with integrity;
- I will be accountable for the decisions that I make, and the actions that I take, in the course of my duties;
- I will be respectful of others;
- I will demonstrate leadership and collaboration;
- I will perform the duties of my office in accordance with the law.

Oath of office – officer for regional district

2 The following oath of office is prescribed for the purposes of section 238 of the *Local Government Act*, with the necessary changes in form as applicable:

I, ...*[officer's name]*....., do [swear] [solemnly affirm] that:

- I will truly, faithfully and impartially execute the office of .....*[office]*..... for the .....*[regional district for which officer is appointed]*..... to the best of my knowledge, skills and ability;
- I have not received and will not receive any payment or reward, or any promise of payment or reward, for the exercise of any partiality or other improper execution of my office.

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REGIONAL DISTRICT OF CENTRAL KOOTENAY

Bylaw No. 3096

A Bylaw to repeal the Elected Officials' Oath of Office Bylaw No. 2413, 2014.

WHEREAS the oath of office for a board or council member may be administered either by bylaw or in accordance with the *Local Government Oath of Office Regulation*;

AND WHEREAS the Regional District of Central Kootenay wishes to administer the oath of office in accordance with the *Local Government Oath of Office Regulation*.

NOW THEREFORE the Board of the Regional District of Central Kootenay, in open meeting assembled, HEREBY ENACTS as follows:

REPEAL

1 **"Elected Officials' Oath of Office Bylaw No. 2413, 2014"**, and amendments hereto, are hereby repealed.

CITATION

2 This Bylaw may be cited as **"Elected Officials' Oath of Office Repeal Bylaw No. 3096, 2026."**

READ A FIRST TIME this	22nd	day of	October, 2026.
READ A SECOND TIME this	22nd	day of	October, 2026.
READ A THIRD TIME this	22nd	day of	October, 2026.
ADOPTED by this	22nd	day of	October, 2026.

Aimee Watson, Board Chair

Mike Morrison, Corporate Officer

Board Report

October 22, 2026

Watercourse Development Permit (WDP) Area Enforcement

Author:	Corey Scott RPP, MCIP, Planner
File Reference:	10\5110\20\COMPLIANCE AND ENFORCEMENT\DEVELOPMENT PERMIT ENFORCEMENT
Electoral Area/Municipality:	ELECTORAL AREA 'G'
Services Impacted	Planning S104; Bylaw Enforcement (Rural Administration) S101

SECTION 1: STAFF RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Regional District of Central Kootenay Board of Directors (RDCK Board) consider the following resolutions:

1. That *Regional District of Central Kootenay Electoral Area 'G' Land Use Bylaw No. 2452, 2018, Amendment No. 3025, 2024* being a bylaw to amend the *Regional District of Central Kootenay Electoral Area 'G' Land Use Bylaw No. 2452, 2018* is hereby given THIRD READING.

2. That *Regional District of Central Kootenay Electoral Area 'G' Land Use Bylaw No. 2452, 2018, Amendment No. 3025, 2024* being a bylaw to amend the *Regional District of Central Kootenay Electoral Area 'G' Land Use Bylaw No. 2452, 2018* is hereby ADOPTED; AND FURTHER that the Chair and Corporate Officer be authorized to sign the same.

3. That *Bylaw Enforcement Notice and Dispute Adjudication System Bylaw Amendment No. 3097, 2026* be read a FIRST, SECOND and THIRD time by content.

4. That *Bylaw Enforcement Notice and Dispute Adjudication System Bylaw Amendment No. 3097, 2026* be ADOPTED and the Chair and Corporate Officer be authorized to sign the same.

SECTION 2: BACKGROUND/ANALYSIS

On March 20, 2025, the RDCK Board directed staff to prepare amendments to *Electoral Area 'G' Land Use Bylaw No. 2452, 2018* in order to enable better enforcement of the Watercourse Development Permit (WDP) Area in Electoral Area 'G' (resolution #208/25).

Following the preparation of the Amendment Bylaw (*Regional District of Central Kootenay Electoral Area 'G' Land Use Amendment Bylaw No. 3025, 2026* – Attachment 'A') the Board directed staff to undertake early and ongoing consultation pursuant to Sections 475 and 476 of the *Local Government Act* (resolution #260/26). An early referral was sent to organizations and authorities who may be affected by the bylaw amendments, offering an opportunity for early comments and to meet where those stakeholders were interested. Responses from organizations and authorities are summarized in the Communications Considerations Section (3.6) below. No meetings were requested.

The Amendment Bylaw (*Bylaw No. 3025*) was given first and second reading on July 16, 2026, and referred to a public hearing (resolution #358/26). It returned to the Board on August 20, 2026, prior to the public hearing, to formally confirm that *Bylaw No. 3025* is considered consistent with the RDCK 2026-2030 Financial Plan and the Resource Recovery Plan, pursuant to Section 477(3)(a) of the *Local Government Act* (resolution #426/26).

Further detail regarding *Bylaw No. 3025's* merits and consistency with existing Official Community Plan (OCP) policy have been covered in previous staff reports (specifically, the April 15, 2026 and July 15, 2026 Rural Affairs Committee Staff Reports), so are not elaborated on in this staff report. The proposed amendments in *Bylaw No. 3025* are consistent with the intent of existing OCP policies.

Amendments to the *Regional District of Central Kootenay Bylaw Enforcement Notice and Dispute Adjudication System Bylaw No. 2855, 2023* are also required to enable the issuance of bylaw notices. *Bylaw Enforcement Notice and Dispute Adjudication System Bylaw Amendment No. 3097, 2026* includes the required amendments and is attached to this staff report (Attachment B). The proposed penalties for failure to obtain a development permit or breach of a development permit requirement or condition are drafted as follows:

- Penalty Amount ($): 475.00
- Discounted Penalty Within 14 days ($): 400.00
- Late Payment After 28 days ($): 500.00

The maximum penalty amount for a bylaw notice authorized under the *Local Government Bylaw Notice Enforcement Act* is $500.00.

SECTION 3: DETAILED ANALYSIS

3.1 Financial Considerations – Cost and Resource Allocations:

Included in Financial Plan:	☐ Yes	☒ No	**Financial Plan Amendment:**	☐ Yes	☒ No
Debt Bylaw Required:	☐ Yes	☒ No	**Public/Gov't Approvals Required:**	☐ Yes	☒ No

Implementing additional enforcement measures for the WDP Area is expected to reduce the organisational costs of enforcement. The current enforcement measures of compelling voluntary compliance and, where that fails, obtaining court injunctions will remain available to the RDCK and be used, as appropriate, if *Bylaw No. 3025* is adopted.

3.2 Legislative Considerations (Applicable Policies and/or Bylaws):

Section 488 of the *LGA* authorizes local governments to designate DPAs as well as specify DPA guidelines and exemptions in a zoning bylaw, which better reflects their regulatory nature. The DPA tool is commonly used by local governments across the Province to address broader Official Community Plan (OCP) goals, objectives, and policies at the individual site level.

Bylaw No. 3025 has been prepared in accordance with the relevant sections of Part 14 of the *Local Government Act*.

3.3 Environmental Considerations

The WDP Area was put in place for the purposes of protecting the natural environment, its ecosystems and biological diversity when the Area 'G' OCP was adopted in 2018. However, there has never been a practical enforcement mechanism for its requirements when environmental disturbances take place without a development permit. These bylaw amendments would fill this current enforcement gap.

3.4 Social Considerations:

The use of bylaw offence notices has the potential to bolster awareness of the WDP Area.

3.5 Economic Considerations:

WDP Area contraventions are cumbersome and time consuming for staff and their administrative costs are much greater than the application fees that are collected. If an enforcement framework were utilized that enables bylaw offence notices, costs to the organization are anticipated to be lower than they currently are.

3.6 Communication Considerations:

Pursuant to Section 475 of the *Local Government Act*, opportunities were provided for early and ongoing consultation with organizations and authorities that may be affected by the bylaw amendments. An early consultation package was sent out between June 15th and 18th, 2026 to relevant Provincial Ministries, the Agricultural Land Commission (ALC), School District No. 8, the Electoral Area 'G' Advisory Planning and Heritage Commission (APHC), and First Nations. No comments were received, aside from an ALC response that is included below.

A project page was set up on RDCK's Engage platform to provide information to residents and offer an additional forum for questions to be asked.

ALC Comments

During the early consultation stage of this project the ALC responded, stating: *"We're happy to see that agricultural uses and buildings are listed as exemptions to the DPA. I have no other comments."* Following first and second reading of *Bylaw No. 3025*, it was formally referred to the ALC, pursuant to Section 477(3)(b) of the *Local Government Act*. No additional comments were received.

School District No. 8

Consultation with relevant school districts is mandatory for OCP amendments. As such, an early consultation request and formal referral were sent to School District No. 8; however, no responses were received.

Provincial Ministries

An early consultation request and formal referral were sent to FrontCounter BC and the Habitat Branch. No responses were received from either agency.

Electoral Area 'G' APHC

No response was received regarding the early consultation request. The referral for *Bylaw No. 3025* was scheduled for the September 23, 2026 APHC meeting; however, the APHC did not have quorum, and no recommendation or comments were provided as a result.

First Nations

Both the early consultation request and the formal referral were sent to the following Nations and Bands: Ktunaxa Nation Council, YAQAN NUʔKIY (Lower Kootenay), ʔAKINK'UM‡ASNUQ‡IʔIT (Tobacco Plains), ʔAKISQNUK (Columbia Lake), or ʔAQ'AM (St. Mary's), Okanagan Nation Alliance, KɬK'ƏR'MÍWS (Lower Similkameen), SNPÍNTKTN (Penticton), SUKNAQÍNX (Okanagan), SWÍWS (Osoyoos), SPAXOMƏN (Upper Nicola), and KENPÉSQT (Shuswap).

Okanagan Indian Band and Lower Similkameen Indian Band both deferred comment to Penticton Indian Band (PIB). A response from PIB was not received within the submission deadline.

Shuswap Band reviewed the referral and did not have any comments.

No responses were received from Okanagan Nation Alliance, Ktunaxa Nation Council, YAQAN NUʔKIY (Lower Kootenay), ʔAKINK'UM‡ASNUQ‡IʔIT (Tobacco Plains), ʔAKISQNUK (Columbia Lake), or ʔAQ'AM (St. Mary's) Indian Bands.

Public Hearing

A public hearing was held on October 1, 2026, at 6:00PM at the Salmo Valley Youth and Community Centre, with an option to attend online via Zoom. One member of the public attended in-person, in addition to RDCK staff and the Area Director who chaired the public hearing. The public hearing minutes are attached to this staff report (Attachment C).

No written submissions were received in response to the notice of public hearing.

3.7 Staffing/Departmental Workplace Considerations:

The cost recovery mechanisms for staff involvement in WDP Area contraventions are currently limited. The $500.00 DP application fee and $2000.00 surcharge for enforcement related files are the only means of cost recovery (outside of a court injunction), with the former being insufficient and the latter arguably punitive, particularly in cases where a property owner has made an honest mistake. Enforcement through bylaw offence notices would provide a balanced approach to enforcement that better accounts for the administrative burden associated with WDP Area non-compliance.

3.8 Board Strategic Plan/Priorities Considerations:

Addressing WDP Area contraventions using additional enforcement tools is consistent with the 2023-2026 Strategic Plan, specifically:

- To provide a resilient governance structure that fosters excellence in every aspect of service delivery.
    - Continue to update our policies and processes to be responsive and adaptable.
    - Continue to focus on our core services to ensure effective and efficient delivery through our Region.
- To optimize the utilization of our financial resources, ensuring maximum efficiency and delivering exceptional value.
    - Develop cost effective, practical solutions, and review and streamline outdated processes.
- To diligently respond to the expectations of our residents by actively incorporating their perspectives and prioritizing environmental stewardship in all our actions.
    - Ensuring our watersheds are protected and well governed.
    - Lead by example and implement strategies to support environmental stewardship and energy efficiency.

SECTION 4: SUMMARY

4.1 SUMMARY

Bylaw No. 3025 seeks to amend *Electoral Area 'G' Land Use Bylaw No. 2452, 2018* to introduce additional enforcement options, namely through bylaw offence notices. Responses to this work through the consultation and engagement efforts outlined above have been supportive of the project. It is recommended that the Board adopt *Bylaw No. 3025*.

Additionally, amendments to *Regional District of Central Kootenay Bylaw Enforcement Notice and Dispute Adjudication System Bylaw No. 2855, 2023* are required to operationalize the amendments to the Area 'G' Land Use Bylaw. As such, *Bylaw No. 3097* is also being proposed to include penalties in *Bylaw Enforcement Notice and Dispute Adjudication System Bylaw No. 2855* for failure to obtain a development permit and breach of a

development permit requirement. *Bylaw No. 3025* also enables the ability for multiple bylaw notices to be issued for each day the contravention occurs.

4.2 OPTIONS

Option 1 – Adopt the amendments to enable a bylaw offence notice option for WDP Area contraventions

1. That *Regional District of Central Kootenay Electoral Area 'G' Land Use Bylaw No. 2452, 2018, Amendment No. 3025, 2024* being a bylaw to amend the *Regional District of Central Kootenay Electoral Area 'G' Land Use Bylaw No. 2452, 2018* is hereby given THIRD READING.

2. That *Regional District of Central Kootenay Electoral Area 'G' Land Use Bylaw No. 2452, 2018, Amendment No. 3025, 2024* being a bylaw to amend the *Regional District of Central Kootenay Electoral Area 'G' Land Use Bylaw No. 2452, 2018* is hereby ADOPTED; AND FURTHER that the Chair and Corporate Officer be authorized to sign the same.

3. That *Bylaw Enforcement Notice and Dispute Adjudication System Bylaw Amendment No. 3097, 2026* be read a FIRST, SECOND and THIRD time by content.

4. That *Bylaw Enforcement Notice and Dispute Adjudication System Bylaw Amendment No. 3097, 2026* be ADOPTED and the Chair and Corporate Officer be authorized to sign the same.

Option 2 – Adopt the Electoral Area 'G' Amendments but refer the Bylaw Enforcement Notice and Dispute Adjudication System Bylaw Amendments

The Board may wish to consider this option if the proposed penalty amount is not satisfactory. It is recommended that if changes to the penalty amount are desired by the Board, then legal consultation be obtained to better understand the potential risks of doing so.

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3. That *Bylaw Enforcement Notice and Dispute Adjudication System Bylaw Amendment No. 3097, 2026* BE REFERRED to a future RDCK Board meeting.

Option 3 – Refer the amendments to a future meeting

If this option is considered, it is requested that direction be provided to staff on the information desired by the Board to make a decision on the proposed bylaws.

1. That *Regional District of Central Kootenay Electoral Area 'G' Land Use Bylaw No. 2452, 2018, Amendment No. 3025, 2024* being a bylaw to amend the *Regional District of Central Kootenay Electoral Area 'G' Land Use Bylaw No. 2452, 2018* BE REFERRED to a future RDCK Board meeting.

2. That *Bylaw Enforcement Notice and Dispute Adjudication System Bylaw Amendment No. 3097, 2026* BE REFERRED to a future RDCK Board meeting.

SECTION 5: RECOMMENDATION(S)

Option 1 – Adopt the amendments to enable a bylaw offence notice option for WDP Area contraventions

1. That *Regional District of Central Kootenay Electoral Area 'G' Land Use Bylaw No. 2452, 2018, Amendment No. 3025, 2024* being a bylaw to amend the *Regional District of Central Kootenay Electoral Area 'G' Land Use Bylaw No. 2452, 2018* is hereby given THIRD READING.

2. That *Regional District of Central Kootenay Electoral Area 'G' Land Use Bylaw No. 2452, 2018, Amendment No. 3025, 2024* being a bylaw to amend the *Regional District of Central Kootenay Electoral Area 'G' Land Use Bylaw No. 2452, 2018* is hereby ADOPTED; AND FURTHER that the Chair and Corporate Officer be authorized to sign the same.

3. That *Bylaw Enforcement Notice and Dispute Adjudication System Bylaw Amendment No. 3097, 2026* be read a FIRST, SECOND and THIRD time by content.

4. That *Bylaw Enforcement Notice and Dispute Adjudication System Bylaw Amendment No. 3097, 2026* be ADOPTED and the Chair and Corporate Officer be authorized to sign the same.

Respectfully submitted,

Corey Scott RPP, MCIP, Planner

CONCURRENCE

Planning Manager – Nelson Wight Approved
General Manager of Development Services and Community Sustainability – Amy Wilson Approved
Chief Administrative Officer – Stuart Horn Approved

ATTACHMENTS:
Attachment A – *Regional District of Central Kootenay Electoral Area 'G' Land Use Bylaw No. 2452, 2018, Amendment No. 3025, 2024*
Attachment B - *Bylaw Enforcement Notice and Dispute Adjudication System Bylaw Amendment No. 3097, 2026*
Attachment C – Public Hearing Minutes

REGIONAL DISTRICT OF CENTRAL KOOTENAY

Bylaw No. 3025

A Bylaw to amend the
Regional District of Central Kootenay Electoral Area 'G' Land Use Bylaw No. 2452, 2018

WHEREAS it is deemed expedient to amend the Regional District of Central Kootenay Electoral Area 'G' Land Use Bylaw No. 2452, 2018, and amendments thereto.

NOW THEREFORE the Board of the Regional District of Central Kootenay, in open meeting assembled, HEREBY ENACTS as follows:

1 That the main body of **Regional District of Central Kootenay Electoral Area 'G' Land Use Bylaw No. 2452, 2018** be amended as follows:

A) That Section 3 under the **ADMINISTRATION AND ENFORCEMENT** heading be amended by deleting "to assist the aforementioned persons" and replacing that with "by the Board", so that this section reads as follows:

3. The Managers of Development Services, Planning Services, Building Services and Bylaw Enforcement Services, respectively, are authorized by the Board to administer this Bylaw and enter property at any reasonable time to determine whether the regulations of the Bylaw are being complied with. The following are also so authorized and listed staff shall consult with and report to their respective Manager(s) on any instances when they exercise this authority:

a. Bylaw Enforcement Officers
b. Building Officials
c. Building Plan Checkers
d. Development Technicians
e. Planners
f. Planning Technicians

B) That Section 4 under the **VIOLATION AND PENALTY** heading be deleted in its entirety and replaced with the following:

4. A person who contravenes, violates or fails to comply with any provision of this bylaw, or who suffers or permits any act or thing to be done in contravention or violation of this bylaw, or who fails or neglects to do anything required by this bylaw, commits an offence and shall be liable upon conviction of a fine of not less than $5,000 and not more than $10,000 (Ten Thousand Dollars) and subject to any other penalty or order imposed or remedies available to the RDCK pursuant to the *Local Government Act, Community Charter, Offence Act,* and *Local*

Government Bylaw Notice Enforcement Act and regulations thereunder, all as amended from time to time.

C) That the following be added under the **VIOLATION AND PENALTY** heading, and subsequent sections re-numbered accordingly:

5. Each day that an offence continues or exists shall be deemed to be a separate and distinct offence.

2 That **Schedule A**, being the **Official Community Plan** text, of **Regional District of Central Kootenay Electoral Area 'G' Land Use Bylaw No. 2452, 2018** be amended as follows:

A) That the following Fire Management Policies Sub-section 10 of Section **10.0 HAZARD LANDS AND FIRE MANAGEMENT** be amended to replace "lakes, and streams" with "watercourses", so that it reads:

10. Supports protection of accesses to water sources such as hydrants, standpipes, and watercourses to remain free of obstructions for fire protection purposes.

B) That the following subsections be inserted as the first two policies under the sub heading **Natural Environment Policies** of Section **11.0 NATURAL ENVIRONMENT**, and existing policies are re-numbered accordingly:

The Regional Board:
1. Supports, unless otherwise noted below, all land within a riparian assessment area, as defined in section 16.5 of the OCP, being designated as a Watercourse Development Permit Area.
2. Supports that development and subdivision adjacent to a watercourse shall be subject to a Development Permit unless otherwise exempt by the Watercourse Development Permit (WDP) Area.

C) That sub-section numbering throughout Section **16.0 WATERCOURSE DEVELOPMENT PERMIT (WDP) AREA** be inserted, including in accordance with the following amendments.

D) That the **Purpose** Sub-section of Section **16.0 WATERCOURSE DEVELOPMENT PERMIT (WDP) AREA** be amended so that it reads as follows:

16.1 Purpose
The WDP Area is designated under Section 488(1)(a) of the *Local Government Act* and applicable provisions of the *Community Charter* for the protection of the natural environment, its ecosystems, and biological diversity. The WDP Area is designated as a Development Approval Information (DAI) area under Section 485 of the *Local Government Act* in order to ensure that appropriate and sufficient professionally-prepared information guides application of the WDP Guidelines to the applicable property in order to achieve the purposes and objectives of the WDP Area designation;

the justification for the WDP Area designation below also supports the justification for the DAI designation.

E) That the **Objectives** Sub-section of Section **16.0 WATERCOURSE DEVELOPMENT PERMIT (WDP) AREA** be deleted in its entirety and replaced with the following:

16.2 Justification
This Development Permit Area designation seeks to regulate development activities in watercourses and their riparian areas so as to protect aquatic habitat; and to conserve, enhance and, where necessary, restore watercourses and their riparian areas.

Riparian areas make critical contributions to a healthy aquatic environment. They stabilize slopes, absorb storm water runoff, provide fish and wildlife habitat, and increase landscape connectivity and biodiversity. They are also important natural assets because of their role in buffering adjacent areas and watercourses from pollution, sedimentation, erosion and the impacts of temperature and weather changes, which may continue to have increasing impacts with climate change.

The WDP Area's primary objectives are to:

- protect riparian areas, biodiversity, and water quality by ensuring activities within them are undertaken in a way that is sensitive to the natural environment;
- maintain landscape connectivity between watercourses and upland riparian areas; and,
- prevent pollution and contamination of watercourses through the preservation and enhancement of riparian areas.

The WDP Area is designated as a Development Approval Information Area under Section 485 of the *Local Government Act*. A biophysical assessment report, as described further in the WDP Area Guidelines, is required in order to recognize the important functions of riparian areas and protect them in their natural state, as well as repair and enhance them, in order to preserve their ecological importance as well as the critical role they play in increasing climate change resilience.

The impact of development on watercourses can be minimized by carefully examining the proposed development and taking appropriate measures in relation to the environmentally sensitive riparian area.

F) That **Area** Sub-section of the Section **16.0 WATERCOURSE DEVELOPMENT PERMIT (WDP) AREA** be amended by

a replacing the item list 5 with 1,
b deleting ", including the natural boundary of a lake and wetland" from clause 1.c.,
c moving the definitions to new Sub-section **16.4 Interpretation** as noted below, and
d adding the additional language noted below, so that Sub-section **16.3 Area** reads as follows:

16.3 Area
16.3.1. The Watercourse Development Permit Area (WDP Area) includes all lands designated as such on Schedule A.4 and includes the following:

a. All areas within 30.0 metres of the high water mark of the Pend O'Reille River, Salmo River, Erie Lake, Rosebud Creek and Rosebud Lake.
b. All areas within 30.0 metres of the high water mark of Erie Creek, Hall Creek, Kelly Creek, Quartz Creek and Ymir Creek.
c. All areas within 15.0 metres of the high water mark of any other watercourse designated on Schedule A.4.

Where the boundaries of the WDPA will be verified and determined on the ground at the time of application.

G) That a new Sub-section **16.4 Interpretation** be inserted after the 16.3 **Area** Sub-section within Section **16.0 WATERCOURSE DEVELOPMENT PERMIT (WDP) AREA,** with present definitions updated and new definitions added so that the section reads as follows:

16.4 Interpretation
The following definitions apply:

ACTIVE FLOODPLAIN, in relation to a watercourse, means land that is:
a. adjacent to the watercourse;
b. inundated by the 1 in 5 year return period flow of the watercourse; and,
c. capable of supporting plant species that are typical of inundated or saturated soil conditions and distinct from plant species on freely drained upland sites adjacent to the land.

DEVELOPMENT, in the context of interpreting sections of this development permit area, means carrying out construction, redevelopment, building and land alteration and ancillary activities, including engineering or other operations, as well as subdivision of land, in, on, over or under land and land covered by water to the extent that such activities are subject to local government authority under enabling Provincial legislation.

HIGH WATER MARK means the visible high water mark of a watercourse where the presence and action of the water are so common and usual, and so long continued in all ordinary years, as to mark on the soil of the bed of the watercourse a character distinct from that of its banks, in vegetation, as well as in the nature of the soil itself, and includes the active floodplain.

LAKE means any area of year round open water covering a minimum of 1.0 hectares (2.47 acres) of area and possessing a maximum depth of at least 2.0 metres. Smaller and shallower areas of open water may be considered to meet the criteria of a wetland.

QUALIFIED ENVIRONMENTAL PROFESSIONAL (QEP) means an applied scientist or technologist who is registered and in good standing with an appropriate B.C. professional organization constituted under an Act. A qualified environmental professional could be a professional biologist, agrologist, forester, geoscientist, engineer or technologist.

RETAINING WALL means a structure constructed to hold back, stabilize, or support soil.

RIPARIAN ASSESSMENT AREA means the area within 15 m of the high water mark of a watercourse; within 15 m of the top of the ravine bank in the case of a ravine less than 60 m wide; and within 5 m of the top of the ravine bank in the case of a wider ravine that link aquatic to terrestrial ecosystems and includes both existing and potential riparian vegetation and existing and potential upland vegetation that exerts an influence on the watercourse.

STREAMSIDE PROTECTION AND ENHANCEMENT AREA (SPEA) means an area adjacent to a watercourse that links aquatic to terrestrial ecosystems and includes both the riparian area vegetation and the adjacent upland vegetation that exerts an influence on the stream, the width of which is determined by assessment by a Qualified Environmental Practitioner (QEP).

WATERCOURSE means a natural body of water, whether or not it has been modified including, without limitation, a lake, pond, river, creek, spring, gulch, wetland or glacier whether or not usually containing water, including ice, but does not include an aquifer.

WETLAND means land that is inundated or saturated by surface or groundwater at a frequency and duration sufficient to support, and that under normal conditions does support, plant species that are typical of inundated or saturated soil conditions, including swamps, marshes, bogs, fens, estuaries and similar areas that are not part of the active floodplain of a watercourse.

H) That the **Applicability** heading, and paragraph under it ("6. A Development Permit is required..."), be deleted and replaced with a new Sub-section entitled **16.5 Activities that require a Development Permit** so that it reads as follows:

16.5 Activities that require a Development Permit

16.5.1 The Owner of land within the WDP Area must obtain a development permit prior to undertaking or permitting or acquiescing in the undertaking of matters identified in section 489 *Local Government* Act, including but not limited to the following activities wherever they occur on land identified as a riparian assessment area within the WDP Area (subject only to exemptions explicitly listed in Section 16.6 or Section 38.1.2 of the Zoning Bylaw):

a. removal, alteration, disruption or destruction of vegetation, including trees, plants and shrubs;
b. disturbance of soils;
c. construction or erection of buildings and structures;
d. creation of non-structural impervious or semi-impervious surfaces;
e. flood protection works including shoreline protection works;
f. construction of roads, trails, retaining walls, docks, wharves and bridges;
g. provision and maintenance of sewer and water services;
h. installation, maintenance, repairs and replacement of drainage systems;
i. installation, maintenance, repairs and replacement of utility corridors;
j. subdivision as defined in section 455 of the *Local Government Act*;
k. any other activity that requires a development permit first be issued in accordance with section 489 of the *Local Government Act*.

I) That the **Exemptions** Sub-section of Section **16.0 WATERCOURSE DEVELOPMENT PERMIT (WDP) AREA** be deleted in its entirety and replaced with the following Sub-section **16.6 Exemptions**:

16.6 Exemptions

A development permit is not required for the following activities:

16.6.1 Subdivisions, including lot consolidations and lot line adjustments, where the newly proposed lot lines do not fall within the WDP Area, or where all of the following criteria are satisfied:

a. the plan of subdivision demonstrates that all development activities and building platform areas, or minimum site areas where zoning is in place, for each lot can be accommodated entirely outside of the WDP Area;

b. no disturbance (such as grading, clearing, trenching, and the installation of site infrastructure) to the WDP Area will occur as a result of the creation of lots or provision of services to those lots;

c. the WDDP Area has been identified by a Qualified Environmental Professional (QEP) and clearly delineated on site; and

d. a Section 219 Covenant, with the RDCK as a Covenant Holder, that contains recommendations to ensure adverse development impacts will be effectively mitigated must be registered over the WDP Area on the titles of all newly created lots.

16.6.2 Addition, alteration, repair, demolition and maintenance of farm buildings and agricultural activities including clearing of land for agricultural purposes.

16.6.3 Farm operations as defined in the *Farm Practices Protection (Right to Farm) Act* and farm use as defined in the *Agricultural Land Commission Act* where a minimum 3 meters from the natural boundary of a watercourse is maintained in native vegetation or agro-forestry crops.

16.6.4 Construction, renovation or repair of a building or other permanent structure if it remains on its existing foundation and is not moved or extended into a riparian assessment area.

16.6.5 Construction of water works authorized under the *Water Sustainability Act* or *Fisheries Act*.

16.6.6 Construction of access authorized under the *Water Sustainability Act* or *Fisheries Act*.

16.6.7 Construction of a small accessory building *not more than* ten (10) square metres, if all of the following apply:

a. the building is intended as an accessory use and not used for occupancy or habitation;

b. the building is not located in an identified Streamside Protection and Enhancement Area (SPEA) where these boundaries have been delineated; and

c. where the removal of native trees or vegetation is minimized to the extent possible.

16.6.8 Land alterations involving emergency measures to prevent or reduce immediate threats to life or property including:

a. emergency flood or protection works conducted under direction of local or provincial government;

b. the temporary placement of sandbags and modular spill berms essential to preventing loss of life and existing buildings placed during, and removed following, emergency flooding events;
c. the removal of trees that have been examined by a qualified arborist and certified to pose an immediate threat to life or property;
d. the removal of trees, shrubs or landscaping that has been deemed necessary for the purposes of wildfire mitigation measures as identified through a professional wildfire risk assessment, where such trees, shrubs or landscaping is replaced or compensated for elsewhere within the WDPA;
e. clearing of an obstruction from a bridge, culvert or an obstruction to drainage flow; and
f. repairs to bridges and safety fences carried out in accordance with the *Water Sustainability Act* or *Fisheries Act.*

16.6.9 Land alterations a minimum distance of 5.0 metres of the high water mark of any watercourse designated on Schedule A.4, including the natural boundary of a lake and wetland involving gardening and yard maintenance activities, including: mowing, pruning, planting and minor soil disturbance that does not alter the general contours of the land and does not involve the cosmetic application of artificial fertilizers, pesticides or herbicides.

16.6.10 Land alteration activities to restore and enhance the natural features, functions and condition of riparian areas in accordance with provincial best management practices.

16.6.11 A Development Permit or Section 219 Covenant has already been registered to the title of land, with the RDCK as a Covenant Holder, that has addressed all WDP Area guidelines for the proposed activities, the conditions of the Development Permit or covenant have been met, and the development activity will not impact the conditions of the previous approval or covenant.

16.6.12 Where a QEP has inspected the site and has provided written confirmation to the satisfaction of the General Manager of Development and Community Sustainability that the actual location of the riparian area is not on the lands proposed for development.

J) That the **Guidelines** Sub-section of Section **16.0 WATERCOURSE DEVELOPMENT PERMIT (WDP) AREA** be deleted in its entirety and replaced with the following:

16.7 Guidelines
DP Guidelines identified for the WDP Area are identified within the OCP for lands within Electoral Area 'G' that are not subject to zoning.

16.7.1 An owner of land within a riparian assessment area seeking to develop such land under a development permit must seek to implement the requirements of the *Riparian Areas Protection Act* and *Riparian Areas Protection Regulation*.

16.7.2 As part of a development permit application made prior to any of the applicable triggers for a development permit identified in section 489 of the *Local Government Act* and RDCK's bylaws, and prior to undertaking any such activities or development, the owner of the applicable land is solely responsible for:

a. providing the information identified in the following guidelines;

b. proposing only activities and development consistent with the following guidelines;
c. not undertaking any activities or development inconsistent with the following guidelines; and,
d. not undertaking any activities or development without a development permit.

16.7.3 A development application must include, as Development Approval Information, a Biophysical Assessment Report and *Riparian Areas Protection Regulation* (RAPR) Assessment prepared by a QEP as defined in, and, in accordance with, the *Riparian Areas Protection Regulation* established by the Provincial and/or Federal governments as used elsewhere in the Province. This assessment report must include certification from the QEP that:

a. the QEP qualified to carry out the assessment;
b. that the assessment methods have been followed;
c. in their professional opinion the development will not negatively affect the functioning of a watercourse or riparian area and that the requirements of the *Riparian Areas Protection Regulation* have been fulfilled, and;
d. not undertaking any activities or development without a development permit.

16.7.4 Development proposals in the WDP Area will be evaluated based on their adherence to the following additional guidelines:

a. Development activities and the siting of buildings and structures will be carried out in a way that results in the least impact to the riparian area.
b. Demonstrate that a diligent effort has been made to preserve, protect, restore, and enhance riparian vegetation, woody debris, boulders, and other natural features.
c. Retain mature vegetation wherever possible and incorporate it into the design of the project.
d. Proposals involving the creation of new parcels by subdivision must demonstrate on a Site Plan that there is adequate space for a building platform area and associated services outside of the setback recommended in the biophysical assessment, and in areas where zoning applies the minimum parcel size should be accommodated entirely outside of the setback area.
e. Where fencing is proposed within the WDP Area, or to delineate the WDP Area or a covenant area, wildlife-friendly fencing must be utilized to maintain landscape connectivity between aquatic and upland ecosystems.
f. Development proposals will be evaluated based on individual site characteristics (such as, but not limited to, sensitive habitat features, parcel size, topography, and access) and must adhere to the following priority sequence of mitigation options, as detailed further in the Kootenay Lake Shoreline Guidance Document, as amended from time to time and which is incorporated into these guidelines:

i. Avoidance of environmental impacts and associated components;
ii. Minimization of unavoidable impacts on environmental values and associated components;
iii. Restoration of on-site environmental values and associated components; and,
iv. Offsetting impacts to environmental values for residual impacts that cannot be minimized.

g. Development should be avoided on slopes greater than 30% (approximately 7 degrees) due to the high risk of erosion, bank slippage, and resulting sedimentation into watercourses.

h. Storm water will be managed in a way that utilizes natural approaches and onsite water recycling as well as preserves natural drainage patterns on the lands.

i. Preference will be given to flood and erosion protection works that utilize natural approaches for the protection of both private property and the riparian area.

j. The conditions of the issuance of a Development Permit for the WDP Area may require any of the following:

i. areas of land that must remain free of development except in accordance with conditions in the permit;

ii. the preservation, protection, restoration or enhancement of natural features and watercourses;

iii. dedication of natural watercourses;

iv. construction works to preserve, protect, restore or enhance natural watercourses or other specified natural features of the environment;

v. protection measures to preserve, protect, restore or enhance fish habitat or riparian areas, control drainage, or control erosion or protect banks;

vi. all works to be in accordance with a QEP's recommendations, as provided in the biophysical assessment report;

vii. monitoring of the development activities by a QEP;

viii. specific timing or sequence of development activities to minimize impacts to the natural environment;

ix. limits of disturbance to be in place for the duration of the development activities; and,

x. a security deposit in accordance with the Regional District of Central Kootenay Planning Procedures and Fees Bylaw No. 2457, 2015, as amended from time to time.

k. Should disturbance to the WDP Area occur outside of the scope of the conditions of an issued Development Permit, the property owner must submit a new WDP application with a new biophysical assessment report that assesses the unauthorized disturbance and proposes full remediation of the areas subject to the unauthorized disturbance.

16.7.5 No development activities should take place within any Streamside Protection and Enhancement Area (SPEA) identified by the QEP if the proposed development results in a harmful alteration, disruption or destruction of natural features, functions and conditions that support fish life processes in the riparian assessment area (HADD). The applicant will be required to follow any measures identified by the QEP for protecting the SPEA over the long term and these measures should be included as conditions of the Development Permit.

16.7.6 A QEP report should identify any invasive species and areas subject to prior degradation and should provide recommendations as to potential restoration or mitigation options.

16.7.7 Construction methods and timing must minimize environmental impacts. Clearing of land, grading, and other activities that expose soil should be completed during the dry months of the year usually between June and September. Timing of construction should follow the recommended timing windows for species based on provincially accepted best management practices.

16.7.8 **Post Development Guidelines:** Unless explicitly excluded in a development permit issued

by the Regional District of Central Kootenay, the owner of the applicable land must provide a post development report prepared by the QEP of an assessment of all permit conditions. The report must assess if the Development is in compliance with the applicable development permit conditions and the land has been developed in accordance with the QEP's recommendations within their biophysical assessment report.

16.7.9 **Other Provincial and Federal Requirements:** *The Riparian Areas Protection Regulation* implemented through the WDP Area does not supersede other Federal, Provincial and or local government requirements, including that of other development permit areas, building permits, flood covenants, Federal or Provincial authorization. Land subject to more than one development permit area designation must ensure consistency with the guidelines of each development permit area, to provide comprehensive stewardship of both fish and wildlife habitat.

16.7.10 **Compliance with WDP Standards, Requirements and Conditions of Development Permit** The owner of land within the WDP Area must:

a. comply with all applicable standards set out within and the requirements and conditions of a development permit;

b. provide a biophysical assessment report and *Riparian Areas Protection Regulation* (RAPR) Assessment in accordance with section 16.7.3; and

c. provide a post development guideline report in accordance with section 16.7.8.

K) That the paragraph under the heading **Development Approval Guidelines** of the Section **16.0 WATERCOURSE DEVELOPMENT PERMIT (WDP) AREA** be re-formatted and re-numbered so it reads as follows:

16.7.11 **Development Approval Guidelines:** The Board may consider variances to the subdivision or siting regulations of this Bylaw or other bylaws where the variance may result in enhanced protection of a SPEA in compliance with the recommendations of an assessment report.

L) That the two paragraphs under the heading **Restoration** of the **16.0 WATERCOURSE DEVELOPMENT PERMIT (WDP) AREA** be amended to read as follows:

16.7.14 **Restoration Guidelines:** Without limiting the above or endorsing or acquiescing in unapproved development, where development has occurred in violation of the WDPA, the following guidelines shall also apply:

16.7.14.1 A QEP must be retained at the expense of the applicant for the purpose of preparing a report outlining how to mitigate the damage incurred by any clearing and site development activities and how to restore the area to its undisturbed condition.

16.7.14.2 Buildings and structures constructed in violation of this WDPA may be subject to removal at the applicant's expense in order to restore the integrity of the riparian area.

4 That **Schedule 'B' Zoning Bylaw** of the **Regional District of Central Kootenay Electoral Area 'G' Land Use Bylaw No. 2452, 2018** be amended as follows:

A) That the following definitions be inserted into **Section 17.0 Interpretation** in the appropriate alphabetical locations:

ACTIVE FLOODPLAIN, in relation to a watercourse, means land that is:

a. adjacent to the watercourse;
b. inundated by the 1 in 5 year return period flow of the watercourse; and,
c. capable of supporting plant species that are typical of inundated or saturated soil conditions and distinct from plant species on freely drained upland sites adjacent to the land.

DEVELOPMENT or DEVELOP, unless otherwise defined elsewhere in this Bylaw, means any activity carried out in the process of clearing or preparing a site or erecting structures;

DEVELOPMENT, in the context of interpretation of section 38 of Development Permit Area #1: Watercourse Development Permit (WDP) Area, means carrying out construction, redevelopment, building and land alteration and ancillary activities, including engineering or other operations, as well as subdivision of land, in, on, over or under land and land covered by water to the extent that such activities are subject to local government authority under enabling Provincial legislation;

HIGH WATER MARK means the visible high water mark of a watercourse where the presence and action of the water are so common and usual, and so long continued in all ordinary years, as to mark on the soil of the bed of the watercourse a character distinct from that of its banks, in vegetation, as well as in the nature of the soil itself, and includes the active floodplain.

LAKE means any area of year round open water covering a minimum of 1.0 hectares (2.47 acres) of area and possessing a maximum depth of at least 2.0 metres. Smaller and shallower areas of open water may be considered to meet the criteria of a wetland.

QUALIFIED ENVIRONMENTAL PROFESSIONAL (QEP) means an applied scientist or technologist who is registered and in good standing with an appropriate B.C. professional organization constituted under an Act. A qualified environmental professional could be a professional biologist, agrologist, forester, geoscientist, engineer or technologist.

RETAINING WALL means a structure constructed to hold back, stabilize, or support soil.

RIPARIAN ASSESSMENT AREA means the area within 15 m of the high water mark of a watercourse; within 15 m of the top of the ravine bank in the case of a ravine less than 60 m wide; and within 5 m of the top of the ravine bank in the case of a wider ravine that link aquatic to terrestrial ecosystems and includes both existing and potential riparian vegetation and existing and potential upland vegetation that exerts an influence on the watercourse.

STREAMSIDE PROTECTION AND ENHANCEMENT AREA (SPEA) means an area adjacent to a watercourse that links aquatic to terrestrial ecosystems and includes both the riparian area vegetation and the adjacent upland vegetation that exerts an influence on the

stream, the width of which is determined by assessment by a Qualified Environmental Practitioner (QEP).

TOP OF RAVINE BANK means the first significant break in a ravine slope where the break occurs such that the grade beyond the break is greater than 3:1 for a minimum distance of 15 m measured perpendicularly from the break, and the break does not include a bench within the ravine that could be developed.

WATERCOURSE means a natural body of water, whether or not it has been modified including, without limitation, a lake, pond, river, creek, spring, gulch, wetland or glacier whether or not usually containing water, including ice, but does not include an aquifer.

WETLAND means land that is inundated or saturated by surface water or groundwater at a frequency and duration sufficient to support, and that under normal conditions does support, plant species that are typical of inundated or saturated soil conditions, including swamps, marshes, bogs, fens, estuaries and similar areas that are not part of the active floodplain of a watercourse other than Kootenay Lake.

B) That a new **Section 38.0 DEVELOPMENT PERMIT AREAS** be inserted so that it reads as follows:

38.0 DEVELOPMENT PERMIT AREAS:

38.1 Development Permit Area #1: Watercourse Development Permit (WDP) Area

38.1.1 For the area covered by this Zoning Bylaw, being Schedule 'B' to the Regional District of Central Kootenay Electoral Area 'G' Land Use Bylaw No. 2452, 2018, the Official Community Plan in Schedule 'A' to the Regional District of Central Kootenay Electoral Area 'G' Land Use Bylaw No. 2452, 2018 designates the Watercourse Development Permit Area ("WDP Area") and describes the special conditions or objectives that justify the designation. The exemptions and guidelines for the WDP Area are contained within this Zoning Bylaw. The "Post Development Guidelines" identified in WDP Area are incorporated as conditions into all Development Permits for the WDP Area issued by the Regional District of Central Kootenay.

38.1.2 Exemptions
A development permit is not required for the following activities:

38.1.2.1 alteration, addition, repair, demolition and maintenance of farm buildings and agricultural activities including clearing of land for agricultural purposes.

38.1.2.2 Subdivisions, including lot consolidations and lot line adjustments, where the newly proposed lot lines do not fall within the WDP Area, or where all of the following criteria are satisfied:

a. the plan of subdivision demonstrates that all development activities and building platform areas, or minimum site areas where zoning is in place, for each lot can be accommodated entirely outside of the WDP Area;

b. no disturbance (such as grading, clearing, trenching, and the installation of site infrastructure) to the WDP Area will occur as a result of the creation of lots or provision of services to those lots;
c. the WDP Area has been identified by a Qualified Environmental Professional (QEP) and clearly delineated on site; and
d. a Section 219 Covenant, with the RDCK as a Covenant Holder, that contains recommendations to ensure adverse development impacts will be effectively mitigated must be registered over the WDP Area against the titles of all newly created lots.

38.1.2.3 Construction, renovation, or repair of a building or other permanent structure if it remains on its existing foundation and is not moved or extended into a riparian assessment area.

38.1.2.4 A Development Permit or Section 219 Covenant has already been registered against the title of land, with the RDCK as a Covenant Holder, that has addressed that all WDP Area guidelines for the proposed activities, the conditions of the Development Permit or covenant have been met, and the development activity will not impact the conditions of the previous approval or covenant.

38.1.2.5 Where a QEP has inspected the site and has provided written confirmation to the satisfaction of the General Manager of Development and Community Sustainability that the actual location of the riparian area is not on the lands proposed for development.

38.1.3 Guidelines

38.1.3.1 The owner of land within the WDP Area must obtain a development permit prior to undertaking or permitting or acquiescing in the undertaking of the following activities wherever they occur on land identified as a riparian assessment area within the WDP Area:

a. removal, alteration, disruption or destruction of vegetation, including trees, plants and shrubs;
b. disturbance of soils;
c. construction or erection of buildings and structures;
d. creation of non-structural impervious or semi-impervious surfaces;
e. flood protection works including shoreline protection works;
f. construction of roads, trails, retaining walls, docks, wharves and bridges;
g. provision and maintenance of sewer and water services;
h. development of drainage systems;
i. development of utility corridors;
j. subdivision as defined in section 455 of the *Local Government Act*; and
k. any other activity that requires a development permit first be issued in accordance with section 489 of the *Local Government Act*.

38.1.3.2 An owner of land within a riparian assessment area seeking to develop such land under a development permit must seek to implement the requirements of the *Riparian Areas Protection Act* and *Riparian Areas Protection Regulation*.

38.1.3.3 As part of a development permit application made prior to any of the applicable triggers for a development permit identified in section 489 of the *Local Government Act* and RDCK's bylaws, and prior to undertaking any such activities or development, the owner of the applicable land is solely responsible for:

a. providing the information identified in the following guidelines;

b. proposing only activities and development consistent with the following guidelines;

c. not undertaking any activities or development inconsistent with the following guidelines; and,

d. not undertaking any activities or development without a development permit.

38.1.3.4 A development application must include, as Development Approval Information, a Biophysical Assessment Report and *Riparian Areas Protection Regulation* (*RAPR*) Assessment prepared by a QEP as defined in, and in accordance with, the *Riparian Areas Protection Regulation* established by the Provincial and/or Federal governments as used elsewhere in the Province. The assessment report must include certification from the QEP that:

a. the QEP is qualified to carry out the assessment;

b. the assessment methods have been followed; and

c. in their professional opinion the development will not negatively affect the functioning of a watercourse or riparian area and that the requirements of the Riparian Areas Protection Regulation have been fulfilled.

38.1.3.5 Development proposals in the WDP Area will be evaluated based on their adherence to the following additional guidelines:

a. Development activities and the siting of buildings and structures will be carried out in a way that results in the least impact to the riparian area.
b. Demonstrate that a diligent effort has been made to preserve existing riparian vegetation, woody debris, boulders, and other natural features.
c. Retain mature vegetation wherever possible and incorporate it into the design of the project.
d. Proposals involving the creation of new parcels by subdivision must demonstrate on a Site Plan that there is adequate space for a building platform area and associated services outside of the setback recommended in the biophysical assessment, and in areas where zoning applies the minimum parcel size should be accommodated entirely outside of the setback area.
e. Where fencing is proposed within the WDP Area, or to delineate the WDP Area or a covenant area, wildlife-friendly fencing must be utilized to maintain landscape connectivity between aquatic and upland ecosystems.
f. Development proposals will be evaluated based on individual site characteristics (such as, but not limited to, sensitive habitat features, parcel size, topography, and access) and must adhere to the following priority sequence of mitigation options, as detailed further in the Kootenay Lake Shoreline Guidance Document, as amended from time to time and which is incorporated into these guidelines:
    i. Avoidance of environmental impacts and associated components;
    ii. Minimization of unavoidable impacts on environmental values and associated components;

iii. Restoration of on-site environmental values and associated components; and, iv. Offsetting impacts to environmental values for residual impacts that cannot be minimized.

g. Development should be avoided on slopes greater than 30% (approximately 7 degrees) due to the high risk of erosion, bank slippage, and resulting sedimentation into watercourses.
h. Storm water will be managed in a way that utilizes natural approaches and on-site water recycling as well as preserves natural drainage patterns on the lands.
i. Preference will be given to flood and erosion protection works that utilize natural approaches for the protection of both private property and the riparian area.
j. The conditions of the issuance of a Development Permit for the WDP Area may require any of the following:
    i. areas of land that must remain free of development except in accordance with conditions in the permit;
    ii. the preservation, protection, restoration or enhancement of natural features and watercourses;
    iii. dedication of natural watercourses;
    iv. construction works to preserve, protect, restore or enhance natural watercourses or other specified natural features of the environment;
    v. protection measures to preserve, protect, restore or enhance fish habitat or riparian areas, control drainage, or control erosion or protect banks;
    vi. all works to be in accordance with a QEP's recommendations, as provided in the biophysical assessment report;
    vii. monitoring of the development activities by a QEP;
    viii. specific timing or sequence of development activities to minimize impacts to the natural environment;
    ix. limits of disturbance to be in place for the duration of the development activities; and,
    x. a security deposit in accordance with the *Regional District of Central Kootenay Planning Procedures and Fees Bylaw No. 2457, 2015*, as amended from time to time.
k. Should disturbance to the WDP Area occur outside of the scope of the conditions of an issued Development Permit, the property owner must submit a new WDP application with a new biophysical assessment report that assesses the unauthorized disturbance and proposes full remediation of the areas subject to the unauthorized disturbance.

38.1.3.6 No development activities should take place within any Streamside Protection and Enhancement Area (SPEA) identified by the QEP if the proposed development results in a harmful alteration, disruption or destruction of natural features, functions and conditions that support fish life processes in the riparian assessment area (HADD). The applicant will be required to follow any measures identified by the QEP for protecting the SPEA over the long term and these measures should be included as conditions of the Development Permit.

38.1.3.7 A QEP report should identify any invasive species and areas subject to prior degradation and should provide recommendations as to potential restoration or mitigation options.

38.1.3.8 Construction methods and timing must minimize environmental impacts. Clearing of land, grading, and other activities that expose soil should be completed during the dry months of the year usually between June and September. Timing of construction should follow the recommended timing windows for species based on provincially accepted best management practices.

38.1.3.9 **Post Development Guidelines Report:** Unless explicitly excluded in a development permit issued by the Regional District of Central Kootenay, the owner of the applicable land must provide a post development report prepared by the QEP of an assessment of all permit conditions. The report must assess if the development is in compliance with the applicable development permit conditions and the land has been developed in accordance with the QEP's recommendations within their biophysical assessment report.

38.1.3.10 **Other Provincial and Federal Requirements**: The *Riparian Areas Protection Regulation* implemented through the WDP Area does not supersede other Federal, Provincial and or local government requirements, including that of other development permit areas, building permits, flood covenants, Federal or Provincial authorization. Land subject to more than one development permit area designation must ensure consistency with the guidelines of each development permit area, to provide comprehensive stewardship of both fish and wildlife habitat.

38.1.3.11 **Compliance with WDP Standards, Requirements and Conditions of Development Permit**: The owner of land within the WDP Area must:

a. comply with all applicable standards set out within and the requirements and conditions of a development permit;

b. provide a biophysical assessment report and *Riparian Areas Protection Regulation* (*RAPR*);

c. Assessment in accordance with section 38.1.3.4; and

d. provide a post development guideline report in accordance with section 38.1.3.6.9.

38.1.3.12 **Development Approval Guidelines:** The Board may consider variances to the subdivision or siting regulations of this Bylaw or other bylaws where the variance may result in enhanced protection of a SPEA in compliance with the recommendations of an assessment report.

38.1.3.13 **Restoration Guidelines:** Without limiting the above or endorsing or acquiescing in unapproved development, where development has occurred in violation of the WDPA, the following guidelines shall also apply:

a. A QEP must be retained at the expense of the applicant for the purpose of preparing a report outlining how to mitigate the damage incurred by any clearing

and site development activities and how to restore the area to its undisturbed condition.
b. Buildings and structures constructed in violation of this WDPA may be subject to removal at the applicant's expense in order to restore the integrity of the riparian area.

5 By making such consequential changes as are required to reflect the foregoing amendments, including without limitation changes in the numbering and Table of Contents of the bylaw.

6 This Bylaw shall come into force and effect upon its adoption.

CITATION

7 This Bylaw may be cited as **"Regional District of Central Kootenay Electoral Area 'G' Land Use Bylaw No. 2452, 2018, Amendment No. 3025, 2024"**.

READ A FIRST TIME this	16th	day of	July, 2026.
READ A SECOND TIME this	16th	day of	July, 2026.
READ A THIRD TIME this	22nd	day of	October, 2026.
ADOPTED this	22nd	day of	October, 2026.

Aimee Watson, Board Chair

Mike Morrison, Corporate Officer

REGIONAL DISTRICT OF CENTRAL KOOTENAY

Bylaw No. 3097

A Bylaw to amend the Regional District of Central Kootenay Bylaw Enforcement Notice and Dispute Adjudication System Bylaw No. 2855, 2023

WHEREAS it is deemed expedient to amend the Bylaw Enforcement Notice and Dispute Adjudication System Bylaw No. 2855, 2023, and amendments thereto.

NOW THEREFORE the Board of the Regional District of Central Kootenay, in open meeting assembled, HEREBY ENACTS as follows:

1 The Regional District of Central Kootenay Bylaw Enforcement Notice and Dispute Adjudication System Bylaw No. 2855, 2023 is hereby amended and the following Schedule A – Designated Bylaw Contraventions and Penalties replaces the associated appendix to form as part of this bylaw:

(a) Schedule A – Appendix 15 Salmo River Valley Electoral Area G Land Use Bylaw No. 2452, 2018

2 This Bylaw shall come into force and effect upon its adoption.

CITATION

3 This Bylaw may be cited as **"Bylaw Enforcement Notice and Dispute Adjudication System Bylaw Amendment No. 3097, 2026"**

READ A FIRST TIME this	22nd	day of	October, 2026.
READ A SECOND TIME this	22nd	day of	October, 2026.
READ A THIRD TIME this	22nd	day of	October, 2026.
ADOPTED this	22nd	day of	October, 2026.

Aimee Watson, Board Chair

Mike Morrison, Corporate Officer

Schedule A
APPENDIX 15
Salmo River Valley Electoral Area G Land Use Bylaw No. 2452, 2018

Bylaw Section	Description The following fines apply to the Contraventions Below ($)	**A1** Penalty Amount ($)	**A2** Discounted Penalty: Within 14 days ($)	**A3** Late Payment After 28 days ($)	**A4** Compliance Agreement Availability & Discount (%)
3.1	Obstruct Authorized Entry 1st & 2nd Offence 3rd & Subsequent	 200 400	 175 375	 275 475	 30% N/A
81	Obstruction of Vision at Intersection 1st & 2nd Offence 3rd & Subsequent	 200 400	 175 375	 275 475	 N/A N/A
94	Insufficient Setback 1st & 2nd Offence 3rd & Subsequent	 200 400	 175 375	 275 475	 N/A N/A
16.5.1.a, 16.5.1.b, 16.5.1.c, 16.5.1.d, 16.5.1.e, 16.5.1.f, 16.5.1.g, 16.5.1.h, 16.5.1.i, 16.5.1.j, 16.5.1.k	Unlawful Activity That Required a Development Permit within WDP Area	475	400	500	N/A
16.7.10.a, 16.7.10.b, 16.7.10.c	Breach of Development Permit Requirement or Condition in WDP Area	475	400	500	N/A
18.40(a)	Home Occupations Not Contained Within a Dwelling Unit of Accessory Building 1st & 2nd Offence 3rd & Subsequent	 200 400	 175 375	 275 475	 N/A N/A
18.40.C (i) 18.40.C (ii)	Oversized Home Occupations 1st & 2nd Offence 3rd & Subsequent	 200 400	 175 375	 275 475	 N/A N/A
18.40(d) 99(c)(ii)	Unauthorized Number of Non-Resident Employees 1st & 2nd Offence 3rd & Subsequent	 200 400	 175 375	 275 475	 N/A N/A

Bylaw Section	Description The following fines apply to the Contraventions Below ($)	**A1** Penalty Amount ($)	**A2** Discounted Penalty: Within 14 days ($)	**A3** Late Payment After 28 days ($)	**A4** Compliance Agreement Availability & Discount (%)
18.40(e) 18.41(d)	Home Occupations Sign Exceeds One Square Metre 1st & 2nd Offence 3rd & Subsequent	 200 400	 175 375	 275 475	 N/A N/A
18.40(e) 18.41(d)	Unauthorized Changes to External Appearance of Building or Structure 1st & 2nd Offence 3rd & Subsequent	 200 400	 175 375	 275 475	 N/A N/A
18.40(f)	Outdoor Storage Not Screened as Required 1st & 2nd Offence 3rd & Subsequent	 200 400	 175 375	 275 475	 N/A N/A
21.13 22.13 30.11	Insufficient Setback For Portable Sawmill 1st & 2nd Offence 3rd & Subsequent	 200 400	 175 375	 275 475	 N/A N/A
21.14 22.14	Insufficient Setback For Enclosed or unenclosed Small Scale Woodworking 1st & 2nd Offence 3rd & Subsequent	 200 400	 175 375	 275 475	 N/A N/A
18.40(g)	Insufficient Setback for Home Occupations 1st & 2nd Offence 3rd & Subsequent	 200 400	 175 375	 275 475	 N/A N/A
18.40(h)	Vehicles For Repair Over Limit 1st & 2nd Offence 3rd & Subsequent	 200 400	 175 375	 275 475	 N/A N/A
18.10	Outdoor Storage of Wrecked Vehicles Over Limit 1st & 2nd Offence 3rd & Subsequent	 200 400	 175 375	 275 475	 N/A N/A
18.31(a) 18.33	Insufficient Landscape Screening 1st & 2nd Offence 3rd & Subsequent	 200 400	 175 375	 275 475	 N/A N/A

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18.51	More Than One Vehicle With Gross Vehicle Weight in Excess of 4000kg 1st & 2nd Offence 3rd & Subsequent	 200 400	 175 375	 275 475	 N/A N/A
18.41(a)	Accessory Tourist Accommodations Not Confined to Principal Dwelling or Accessory Dwelling 1st & 2nd Offence 3rd & Subsequent	 200 400	 175 375	 275 475	 N/A N/A
18.40(b) 18.41(b)	Proprietor Not Residing on Property or In Principal Dwelling 1st & 2nd Offence 3rd & Subsequent	 200 400	 175 375	 275 475	 N/A N/A
100(a)	Bed and Breakfast Not Confined 1st & 2nd Offence 3rd & Subsequent	 200 400	 175 375	 275 475	 N/A N/A
18.41(c) 100b(ii)	Unauthorized Number of Non-Resident Employees 1st & 2nd Offence 3rd & Subsequent	 200 400	 175 375	 275 475	 N/A N/A
18.41(e) 100(c)(i) 100(c)(ii)	Number of Rooms in Accessory Tourist Accommodation Exceeds Limits 1st & 2nd Offence 3rd & Subsequent	 200 400	 175 375	 275 475	 N/A N/A
100(d)	Bed and Breakfast Sign Exceeds One (1) Square Meter 1st & 2nd Offence 3rd & Subsequent	 200 400	 175 375	 275 475	 N/A N/A
18.38 102	Insufficient Off Street Parking 1st & 2nd Offence 3rd & Subsequent	 200 400	 175 375	 275 475	 N/A N/A
108	Insufficient Off Street Loading Facilities 1st & 2nd Offence 3rd & Subsequent	 200 400	 175 375	 275 475	 N/A N/A

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18.56(a) 18.56(b)	Keeping Farm Animals Over Limit 1st & 2nd Offence 3rd & Subsequent	 200 400	 175 375	 275 475	 N/A N/A
18.56(c) 18.56(d)	Animal Shelter or Enclosures or Troughs or Manure Piles in Non-compliance With Setback From Lot Line 1st & 2nd Offence 3rd & Subsequent	 200 400	 175 375	 275 475	 N/A N/A
115(a)	Shipping Containers over Limit 1st & 2nd Offence 3rd & Subsequent	 200 400	 175 375	 275 475	 N/A N/A
115(c)	Shipping Container Not Screened 1st & 2nd Offence 3rd & Subsequent	 200 400	 175 375	 275 475	 N/A N/A
19.1 28.1 20.1 29.1 21.1 30.1 22.1 31.1 23.1 32.1 24.1 33.1 25.1 34.0 26.1 35.1 27.1 36.1	Unauthorized Use of Land, Buildings or Structures 1st & 2nd Offence 3rd & Subsequent	 200 400	 175 375	 275 475	 N/A N/A
19.7 26.8 20.7 27.8 21.8 28.9 22.8 29.7 23.7 30.7 24.7 31.7 25.7 32.7	Exceeds Maximum Site or Lot Coverage 1st & 2nd Offence 3rd & Subsequent	 200 400	 175 375	 275 475	 N/A N/A

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19.3 28.3 19.4 28.4 19.5 28.5 19.6 28.6 20.3 28.7 20.4 29.3 20.5 29.4 20.6 29.5 21.4 29.6 21.5 30.3 21.6 30.4 21.7 30.5 21.15 30.6 22.4 30.12 22.5 30.13 22.6 31.3 22.7 31.4 22.15 31.5 23.3 31.6 23.4 32.3 23.5 32.4 23.6 32.5 24.3 32.6 24.4 33.3 24.5 33.4 24.6 33.5 25.3 33.6 25.4 34.3 25.6 34.4 26.3 34.5 26.4 34.6 26.5 35.3 26.6 35.4 26.7 35.5 27.3 35.6 27.4 36.3 27.5 36.4 27.6 36.5 27.7 36.6	Unauthorized Location of Buildings or Structures 1st & 2nd Offence 3rd & Subsequent	 200 400	 175 375	 275 475	 N/A N/A

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128	Farm Animals Not Confined 1st & 2nd Offence 3rd & Subsequent	 200 400	 175 375	 275 475	 N/A N/A
19.8 20.8 21.9 22.9 23.8 24.8 25.8 26.9 27.9 28.10 29.8 30.8 30.9	Over height Principal or Accessory Buildings or Structures 1st & 2nd Offence 3rd & Subsequent	 200 400	 175 375	 275 475	 N/A N/A
131	Oversized Accessory Buildings or Structures 1st & 2nd Offence 3rd & Subsequent	 200 400	 175 375	 275 475	 N/A N/A
18.37	Accessory Dwelling Over Limit 1st & 2nd Offence 3rd & Subsequent	 200 400	 175 375	 275 475	 N/A N/A
18.37(b)	Accessory Dwelling Over 90 square metres in Gross Floor Area 1st & 2nd Offence 3rd & Subsequent	 200 400	 175 375	 275 475	 N/A N/A
18.37(c)	Recreational Vehicle or Other Vehicle Used as Accessory Dwelling 1st & 2nd Offence 3rd & Subsequent	 200 400	 175 375	 275 475	 N/A N/A
18.42(a)	Unauthorized Camping Accommodations 1st & 2nd Offence 3rd & Subsequent	 200 400	 175 375	 275 475	 N/A N/A
18.42(c)	Accessory Camping Sites Over Limit 1st & 2nd Offence 3rd & Subsequent	 200 400	 175 375	 275 475	 N/A N/A

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18.42(f)	Unauthorized Use of Accessory Camping Accommodations 1st & 2nd Offence 3rd & Subsequent	 200 400	 175 375	 275 475	 N/A N/A
18.35	Accessory Building or Structure Used for Residential or Tourist Accommodation 1st & 2nd Offence 3rd & Subsequent	 200 400	 175 375	 275 475	 N/A N/A
18.36	Accessory Building or Structure Contains a Shower Enclosure or a bathtub or a Kitchen or More Than 3 Separate Rooms 1st & 2nd Offence 3rd & Subsequent	 200 400	 175 375	 275 475	 N/A N/A
131 139	Keeping Kennel Dogs Over Limit 1st & 2nd Offence 3rd & Subsequent	 200 400	 175 375	 275 475	 N/A N/A
18.43	Recreational Vehicle Parked or Stored on Property Over Limit 1st & 2nd Offence 3rd & Subsequent	 200 400	 175 375	 275 475	 N/A N/A
18.44	Recreational Vehicle Connected to Services Associated With Principal or Accessory Dwelling 1st & 2nd Offence 3rd & Subsequent	 200 400	 175 375	 275 475	 N/A N/A

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19.8 19.9 19.10 20.8 20.9 20.10 21.10 21.11 22.10 22.11 30.14 30.15	Principal Building or Structure or Accessory Building or Structure Exceeds Maximum Gross Floor Area 1st & 2nd Offence 3rd & Subsequent	200 400	175 375	275 475	N/A N/A
134	Illegal Kennel 1st & 2nd Offence 3rd & Subsequent	200 400	175 375	275 475	N/A N/A
21.12 22.12	Kennel Located Within 30 Metres of a Lot Line 1st & 2nd Offence 3rd & Subsequent	200 400	175 375	275 475	N/A N/A
151	More Than One Single Family Dwelling 1st & 2nd Offence 3rd & Subsequent	200 400	175 375	275 475	N/A N/A
21.16 22.16	Cannabis Micro-Cultivation or Cannabis Micro-processing or Cannabis Nursery in Dwelling Place 1st & 2nd Offence 3rd & Subsequent	200 400	175 375	275 475	N/A N/A
153	Manufactured Home Used as Rental Accommodation 1st & 2nd Offence 3rd & Subsequent	200 400	175 375	275 475	N/A N/A
153(b)	Fail to Remove Manufactured Home within 90 Days 1st & 2nd Offence 3rd & Subsequent	200 400	175 375	275 475	N/A N/A

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155	Animal Shelter or Enclosure or Troughs or Manure Piles Within 25 Metres of a Property Line 1st & 2nd Offence 3rd & Subsequent	 200 400	 175 375	 275 475	 N/A N/A
158	Feed Lot Located Within 30 Metres of a Creek, River or Lake 1st & 2nd Offence 3rd & Subsequent	 200 400	 175 375	 275 475	 N/A N/A
173	Fail to Screen View From Adjacent Residential Properties 1st & 2nd Offence 3rd & Subsequent	 200 400	 175 375	 275 475	 N/A N/A
173	Landscape Screen Not 2.5 Metres in height 1st & 2nd Offence 3rd & Subsequent	 200 400	 175 375	 275 475	 N/A N/A
28.8	Unauthorized Location of Equipment or Machinery That Grades, Washes or Crushes Mineral Resource or Concrete Batch Plant or Asphalt Processing 1st & 2nd Offence 3rd & Subsequent	 200 400	 275 475	 275 475	 N/A N/A
33.7	Unauthorized Location of Resource Processing 1st & 2nd Offence 3rd & Subsequent	 200 400	 275 475	 275 475	 N/A N/A

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38.1.3.1.a, 38.1.3.1.b, 38.1.3.1.c, 38.1.3.1.d, 38.1.3.1.e, 38.1.3.1.f, 38.1.3.1.g, 38.1.3.1.h, 38.1.3.1.i, 38.1.3.1.j, 38.1.3.1.k	Unlawful Activity That Required a Development Permit within WDP Area	475	400	500	N/A
38.1.3.11.a, 38.1.3.11.b, 38.1.3.11.c, 38.1.3.11.d	Breach of Development Permit Requirement or Condition in WDP Area	475	400	500	N/A

Board Report
Application Process - Zoning

Consideration of Adoption of Bylaw No. 3083

File Reference:	Z2405I
Electoral Area/Municipality:	I
Services Impacted	Planning and Land Use S104

1.0 PURPOSE OF REPORT

The purpose of this report is to consider adoption of Amendment Bylaw No. 3083, a bylaw to amend RDCK Zoning Bylaw No. 1675, 2004.

This bylaw was granted first, second and third reading at the September 24, 2026, Board meeting via resolution 492/26, shown below:

> *That Regional District of Central Kootenay Zoning Amendment Bylaw No. 3083, 2026 being a bylaw to amend the Regional District of Central Kootenay Zoning Bylaw No. 1675, 2004 is hereby given FIRST, SECOND and THIRD reading by content; And that the consideration of adoption BE WITHHELD for Regional District of Central Kootenay Zoning Amendment Bylaw No. 3083, 2025 until the following item has been obtained:*
>
> - *Approval from the Ministry of Transportation and Transit pursuant to Section 52(3)(a) of the Transportation Act (Controlled Access).*

The Ministry of Transportation and Transit approved the bylaw on September 28, 2026.

General Information
Property Owner: Glade General Store LTD
Property Location: 2347 Highway 3A, Glade, Electoral Area 'I'
Legal Description: PARCEL A (SEE T3993) OF LOT 3 DISTRICT LOT 302A KOOTENAY DISTRICT PLAN 781, EXCEPT PART INCLUDED IN PLAN 12613 (PID: 016-059-352)
Property Size: 0.25 ha
Current Zoning: Neighbourhood Commercial (C1) in Zoning Bylaw No. 1675, 2004
Current Official Community Plan Designation: Commercial (C) in Sentinel Mountain Official Community Plan Bylaw No. 2821, 2024

The applicant has proposed this bylaw amendment to rezone the subject property from Neighbourhood Commercial (C1) to Neighbourhood Commercial (C1) Site Specific. The proposal has been submitted to consider

allowing a café on the subject property which is also the site of a service station with relaxations to the parking, landscaping, site coverage and setback requirements.

2.0 RECOMMENDATION

That Regional District of Central Kootenay Zoning Amendment Bylaw No. 3083, 2026 being a bylaw to amend the Regional District of Central Kootenay Zoning Bylaw No. 1675, 2004 is hereby ADOPTED; AND FURTHER that the Chair and Corporate Officer be authorized to sign the same.

CONCURRENCE

Planning Manager – Nelson Wight Approved
Acting Manager of Development and Community Sustainability – Amy Wilson Approved
Chief Administrative Officer – Stuart Horn Approved

ATTACHMENTS:
Attachment A - Amendment Bylaw No. 3083
Attachment B – Previous Staff Report and Attachments

REGIONAL DISTRICT OF CENTRAL KOOTENAY

Bylaw No. 3083

A Bylaw to amend Regional District of Central Kootenay Zoning Bylaw No. 1675, 2004

WHEREAS it is deemed expedient to amend the Regional District of Central Kootenay Zoning Bylaw No. 1675, 2004, and amendments thereto.

NOW THEREFORE the Board of the Regional District of Central Kootenay, in open meeting assembled, HEREBY ENACTS as follows:

APPLICATION

1 That Schedule 'A' of Regional District of Central Kootenay Zoning Bylaw No. 1675, 2004 be amended by changing the Zoning Designation of PARCEL A (SEE T3993) OF LOT 3 DISTRICT LOT 302A KOOTENAY DISTRICT PLAN 781, EXCEPT PART INCLUDED IN PLAN 12613 (PID: 016-059-352) from Neighbourhood Commercial (C1) to Neighbourhood Commercial (C1) Site-Specific to allow the following:

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- **b)** Despite Section 611 and 612, there will be no parking requirements for this property.
- **c)** Despite Section 3001(1), the minimum site area for each permitted use on this property with on-site servicing shall be 0.12 ha
- **d)** Despite Section 3001(2), the maximum site coverage permitted shall be 70 percent of the lot area.
- **e)** Despite Section 3001(4), 620 and 621, landscaping does not need to comply with the requirements of sections 620 and 621.

as shown on the attached Map.

2 This Bylaw shall come into force and effect upon its adoption.

CITATION

3 This Bylaw may be cited as **"Regional District of Central Kootenay Zoning Amendment Bylaw No. 3083, 2026."**

READ A FIRST TIME this	24	day of	September , 2026.
READ A SECOND TIME this	24	day of	September , 2026.

READ A THIRD TIME this 24 day of September , 2026.

Controlled Highway APPROVED under **Section 52 (3)(a) of the Transportation Act** this 28th day of September , 2026.

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Approval Authority,
Ministry of Transportation and Transit

ADOPTED this [Date] day of [Month] , 20XX.

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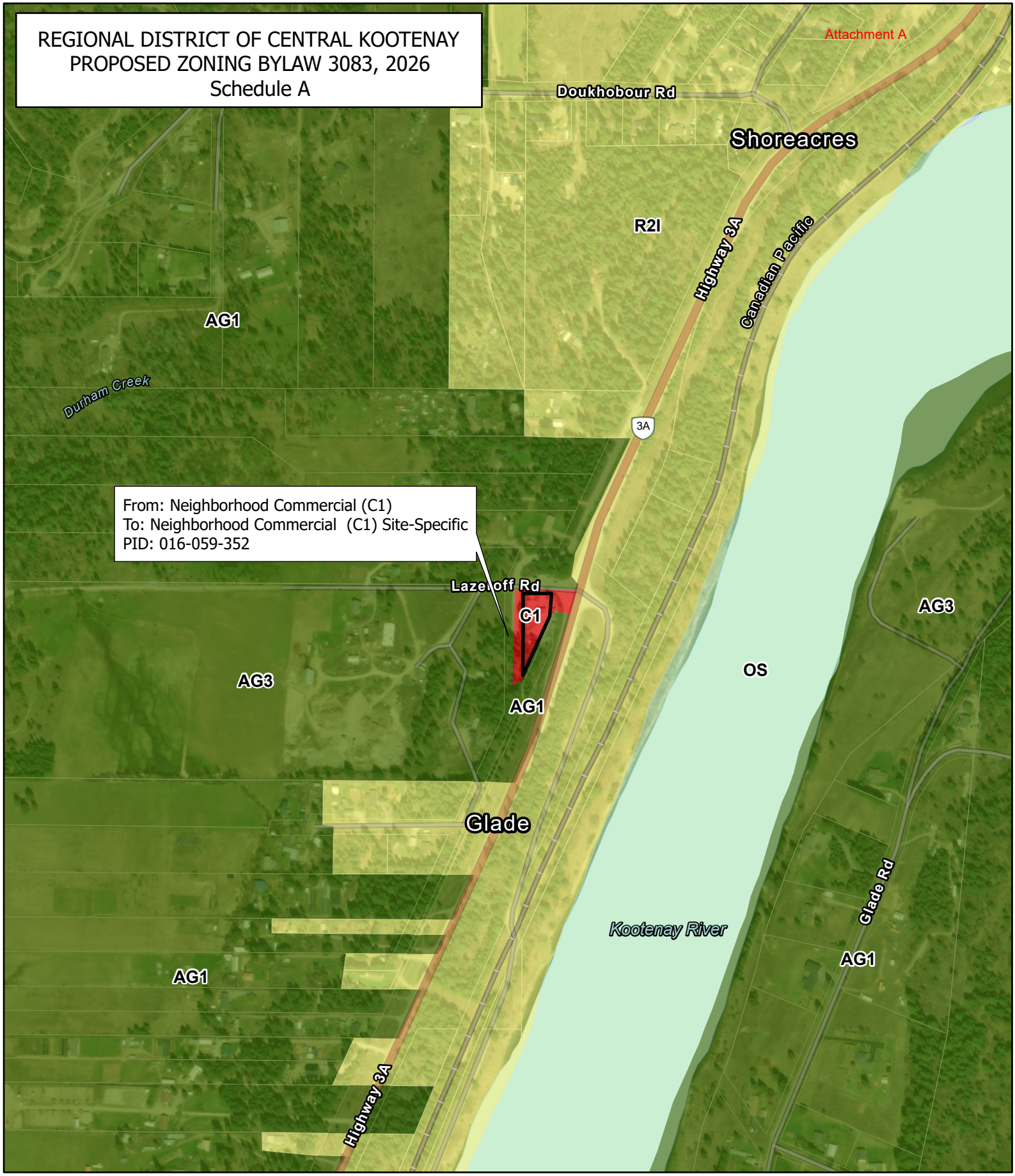
[Name of Board Chair], Board Chair [Name of CO], Corporate Officer



SCHEDULE A - BYLAW 3083

REGIONAL DISTRICT OF CENTRAL KOOTENAY

Cadastre	Lakeshore Development	Residential 3
Agriculture	Open Space	Residential 4
Commercial	Parks and Recreation	Residential 5
Highway Service Residential	Railway	Rural Residential
Industrial	Residential 1	Resource Area
Institutional	Residential 2	016-059-352

Date: 2026-05-25

The mapping information shown are approximate representations and should only be used for reference purposes.

Committee Report

Date of Report:	September 09, 2026
Date & Type of Meeting:	September 23, 2026, Rural Affairs Committee
Author:	Sadie Chezenko, Planner 1
Subject:	LAND USE BYLAW AMENDMENT
File:	Z2405I – GLADE GENERAL STORE LTD
Electoral Area/Municipality	I

SECTION 1: EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The purpose of this report is for the Regional Board to consider an application for a land use bylaw amendment in Electoral Area 'I' to rezone a property from Neighbourhood Commercial (C1) to Neighbourhood Commercial (C1) Site Specific. The application has been submitted to consider allowing the addition of a café on the subject property which is also the site of an existing service station. The café was established without a building permit or zoning approvals.

Staff recommend that Amending Bylaw No. 3083, 2026 being a bylaw to amend Zoning Bylaw No. 1675, 2004 be given FIRST and SECOND and THIRD reading by content and that final adoption be withheld pending approval by the Ministry of Transportation and Transit (MOTT).

SECTION 2: BACKGROUND/ANALYSIS

GENERAL INFORMATION
Property Owner: Glade General Store LTD
Property Location: 2347 Highway 3A, Glade, Electoral Area 'I'
Legal Description: PARCEL A (SEE T3993) OF LOT 3 DISTRICT LOT 302A KOOTENAY DISTRICT PLAN 781, EXCEPT PART INCLUDED IN PLAN 12613 (PID: 016-059-352)
Property Size: 0.25 ha
Current Zoning: Neighbourhood Commercial (C1) in Zoning Bylaw No. 1675, 2004
Current Official Community Plan Designation: Commercial (C) in Sentinel Mountain Official Community Plan Bylaw No. 2821, 2024

Site Context

The subject property is located just off Highway 3A in Glade Central in Electoral Area 'I.' It is designated for Commercial (C) use and similarly zoned Neighbourhood Commercial (C1) in RDCK Zoning Bylaw no. 1675, 2004. The area surrounding the property is designated Agriculture (AG) and most properties are used for residential or agricultural purposes. The subject property is a triangular lot adjacent to Lazeroff and De Jong Roads and has been historically improved with a service station (gas station, liquor store and convenience store) and residence.

In 2023, the owner converted the residence into a restaurant called the Cornerstone Café without zoning approvals or a building permit. This café is attached to the service station.

A Stop Work Order was issued by the Building Department for commencing construction of a café prior to obtaining a valid building permit. In addition to the renovations, a ~69 m^2 deck for outdoor seating was

constructed on the north side of the building. The deck extends beyond the property line and into the road right-of-way. Typically, the siting of structures is reviewed at the building permit stage which helps to avoid issues like encroachments. In this case, the Ministry of Transportation and Transit (MOTT) has granted the owner a permit to authorize the deck to remain in this location. However, the addition of the café and deck resulted in zoning contraventions. As such, this bylaw amendment application is required in order to legalize the café.

Figure 1:Overview Map

Development Proposal

The purpose of the proposed bylaw amendment application is to rezone the property from Neighbourhood Commercial (C1) to Neighbourhood Commercial (C1) Site-Specific in order to legalize the following:

- A service station and a restaurant on a 0.25 ha lot whereas the bylaw requires a minimum of 2.0 ha of site area for both.
- A setback exemption to accommodate the deck up to 0.0m from the lot line.
- A maximum site coverage of 70% on the property to accommodate the existing development.
- To not meet the general regulations for landscaping (as outlined in S. 620 and 621 of the zoning bylaw) by not providing any new landscaping on site.
- To not meet the general regulations for parking (as outlined in S. 611 and 612 of the zoning bylaw) and instead continue having parking accommodated primarily in the road right of way as has historically occurred. The zoning without this relaxation would require the property owner to provide 22 parking spaces on the lot.

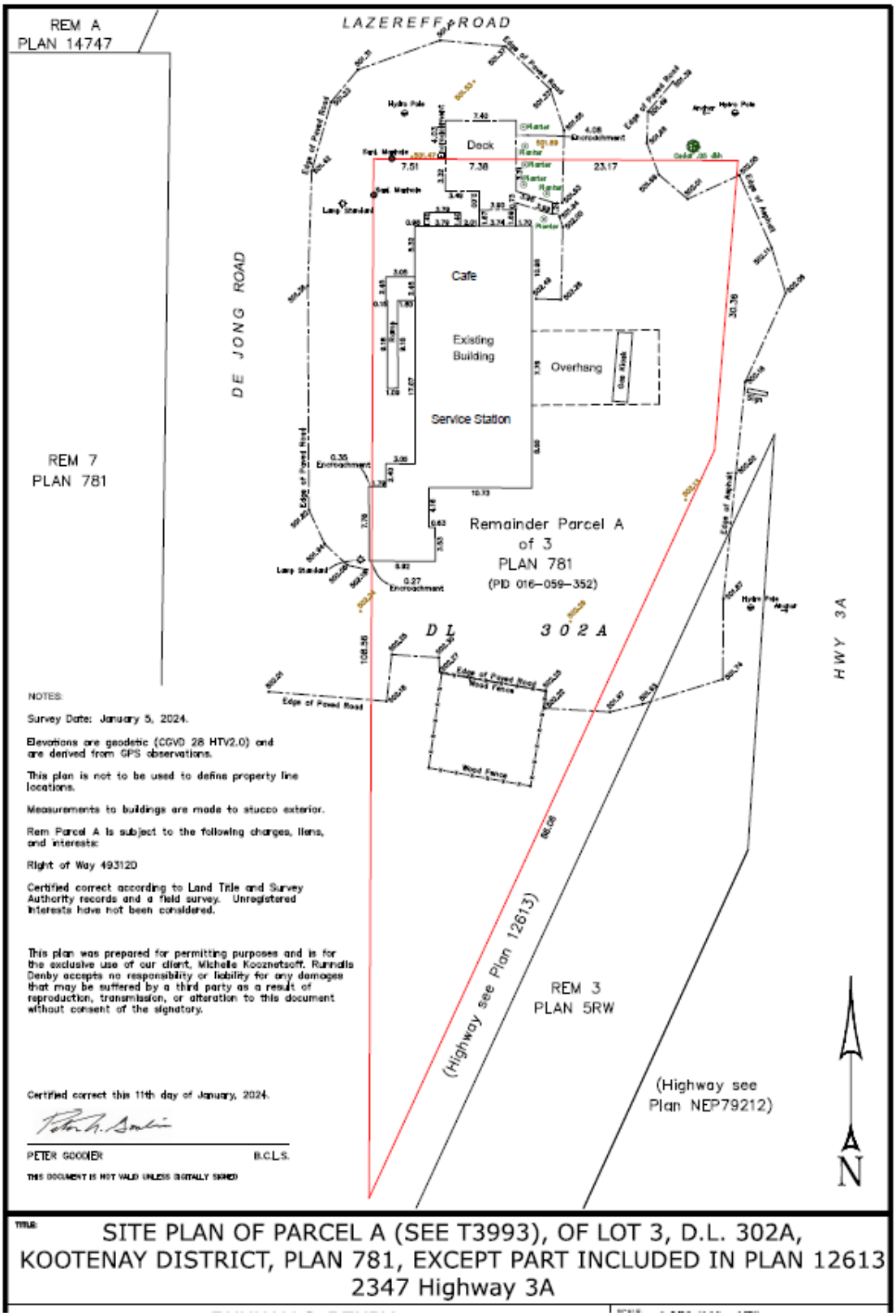


Figure 2: Site Plan

Site Visit

A site visit was conducted on May 19, 2026. The figures below show the areas of existing and proposed development.

Figure 3: Subject Property

Figure 4: Service Station, Café and Deck

Figure 5: Service Station and Café

<u>Land Use Considerations</u>

Official Community Plan (OCP)

The OCP identifies that most commercial growth in the region will occur outside of Electoral Area 'I' in nearby places such as Castlegar. For commercial development in Area 'I,' the OCP supports the creation of new businesses and employment opportunities particularly when commercial development can be clustered or contributes to the revitalization of existing commercial properties. The OCP emphasizes that new and expanded development should meet form and character guidelines to ensure compatibility with the rural character and surrounding environment. The OCP also identifies the need to foster community through facilitating spaces where residents can come together to connect.

SECTION 3: DETAILED ANALYSIS

3.1 Financial Considerations – Cost and Resource Allocations:

Included in Financial Plan:	☐ Yes	☒ No	**Financial Plan Amendment:**	☐ Yes	☒ No
Debt Bylaw Required:	☐ Yes	☒ No	**Public/Gov't Approvals Required:**	☐ Yes	☒ No

The application fee and the $2000 surcharge for development applications resulting from bylaw enforcement action pursuant to the *Planning Procedures and Fees Bylaw No. 2457, 2015* have been paid in full.

3.2 Legislative Considerations (Applicable Policies and/or Bylaws):

The application was processed in accordance with Planning Fees and Procedures Bylaw No. 2457, 2015.

3.3 Environmental Considerations

None anticipated.

3.4 Social Considerations:

The OCP also identifies the need to foster community through facilitating spaces where residents can come together to connect. The addition of a café in this location adds a space for social connection to occur. There are no other spaces nearby which offer a similar point of connection for residents.

3.5 Economic Considerations:

None anticipated.

3.6 Communication Considerations:

Public and Neighbour Notice

In accordance with Schedule 'C' of the *Regional District of Central Kootenay Planning Procedures and Fees Bylaw No. 2457, 2015*, a 'Notice of Development' sign was placed on the subject property. Notice of this proposal was sent via mail to owners and tenants of all parcels within 100 meters of the subject property. The proposal and relevant information was also posted to the RDCK Active Applications page where all current planning applications are made available to the public. To date, no responses to these notices have been received and or were received and attached to this report as Attachment B.

Agency Referral Responses

In accordance with Schedule 'C' of the *Regional District of Central Kootenay Planning Procedures and Fees Bylaw No. 2457, 2015*, planning staff referred the application to all applicable Regional District departments, First Nations, government ministries and agencies for a period of thirty (30) days. Responses received are attached to this report as Attachment B.

3.7 Staffing/Departmental Workplace Considerations:

Staff reviewed the application in accordance with the Land Use Amendments Procedures within Schedule 'D' of the *Planning Procedures and Fees Bylaw No. 2547, 2015.*

3.8 Board Strategic Plan/Priorities Considerations:

n/a

SECTION 4: SUMMARY

Planning Discussion

The applicant has applied for a bylaw amendment to permit the continued operation of the Cornerstone Café and Service Station on the subject property. Due to the existing development and site constraints, relaxations to the parking, landscaping, site coverage, and setback requirements are also required. The applicant has constructed and operated the café without the necessary building and planning approvals since 2023.

The primary concern with the application is not the suitability of the café or service station at this location, but the concentration of multiple uses on a small site. Other than interior renovations and the addition of the deck, there have been no changes to the site. The café does introduce an additional use and additional patrons, however, the resulting impacts must be considered in the context of an existing, constrained site where opportunities for further improvements are limited.

Parking is primarily accommodated within adjacent road rights-of-way, and there is insufficient area on site to provide the required parking and landscaping. Given the existing site layout, these deficiencies cannot reasonably be addressed without substantially altering the property. Importantly, the parking arrangement and deck location has been reviewed by the Ministry of Transportation and Transit (MOTT). MOTT has confirmed that it has no concerns with the continued use of its rights-of-way to accommodate parking and has also issued a permit authorizing the deck to remain within the right-of-way.

The café provides a meaningful community benefit by creating a place for residents to gather, socialize, and foster connection. This is particularly valuable given the limited opportunities for community gathering spaces along this corridor, and the importance of these spaces is recognized in the OCP. The applicant has also addressed concerns related to the provision of water on site, and the café is not anticipated to create servicing issues.

Overall, staff consider the community benefit of the café to outweigh the site-specific impacts associated with accommodating multiple uses on a constrained property. The proposal supports a valued local business and

provides an important community gathering space without creating servicing concerns. The remaining deficiencies are largely a function of the existing site conditions and cannot reasonably be addressed through further site improvements.

Given the above, staff recommend that the Board grant first, second, and third readings to the amendment bylaw and withhold adoption until approval is received from the Ministry of Transportation and Transit (MOTT).

Options

Option 1: Grant First, Second and Third Reading and withhold consideration of Adoption until MOTT approval
That Regional District of Central Kootenay Zoning Amendment Bylaw No. 3083, 2026 being a bylaw to amend the Regional District of Central Kootenay Zoning Bylaw No. 1675, 2004 is hereby given FIRST, SECOND and THIRD reading by content.

And that the consideration of adoption BE WITHHELD for Regional District of Central Kootenay Zoning Amendment Bylaw No. 3028, 2025 until the following item has been obtained:

- Approval from the Ministry of Transportation and Transit pursuant to Section 52(3)(a) of the Transportation Act (Controlled Access).

Option 2: Take no further action
That the Board take no further action regarding Regional District of Central Kootenay Zoning Amendment Bylaw No. 3083, 2026.

SECTION 5: RECOMMENDATIONS

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Respectfully submitted,
Sadie Chezenko, Planner 1

CONCURRENCE

Planning Manager – Nelson Wight Approved
Acting Manager of Development and Community Sustainability – Amy Wilson Approved
Chief Administrative Officer – Stuart Horn Approved

ATTACHMENTS:
Attachment A – Amendment Bylaw No. 3083
Attachment B – Referral Responses

REGIONAL DISTRICT OF CENTRAL KOOTENAY

Bylaw No. 3083

A Bylaw to amend Regional District of Central Kootenay Zoning Bylaw No. 1675, 2004

WHEREAS it is deemed expedient to amend the Regional District of Central Kootenay Zoning Bylaw No. 1675, 2004, and amendments thereto.

NOW THEREFORE the Board of the Regional District of Central Kootenay, in open meeting assembled, HEREBY ENACTS as follows:

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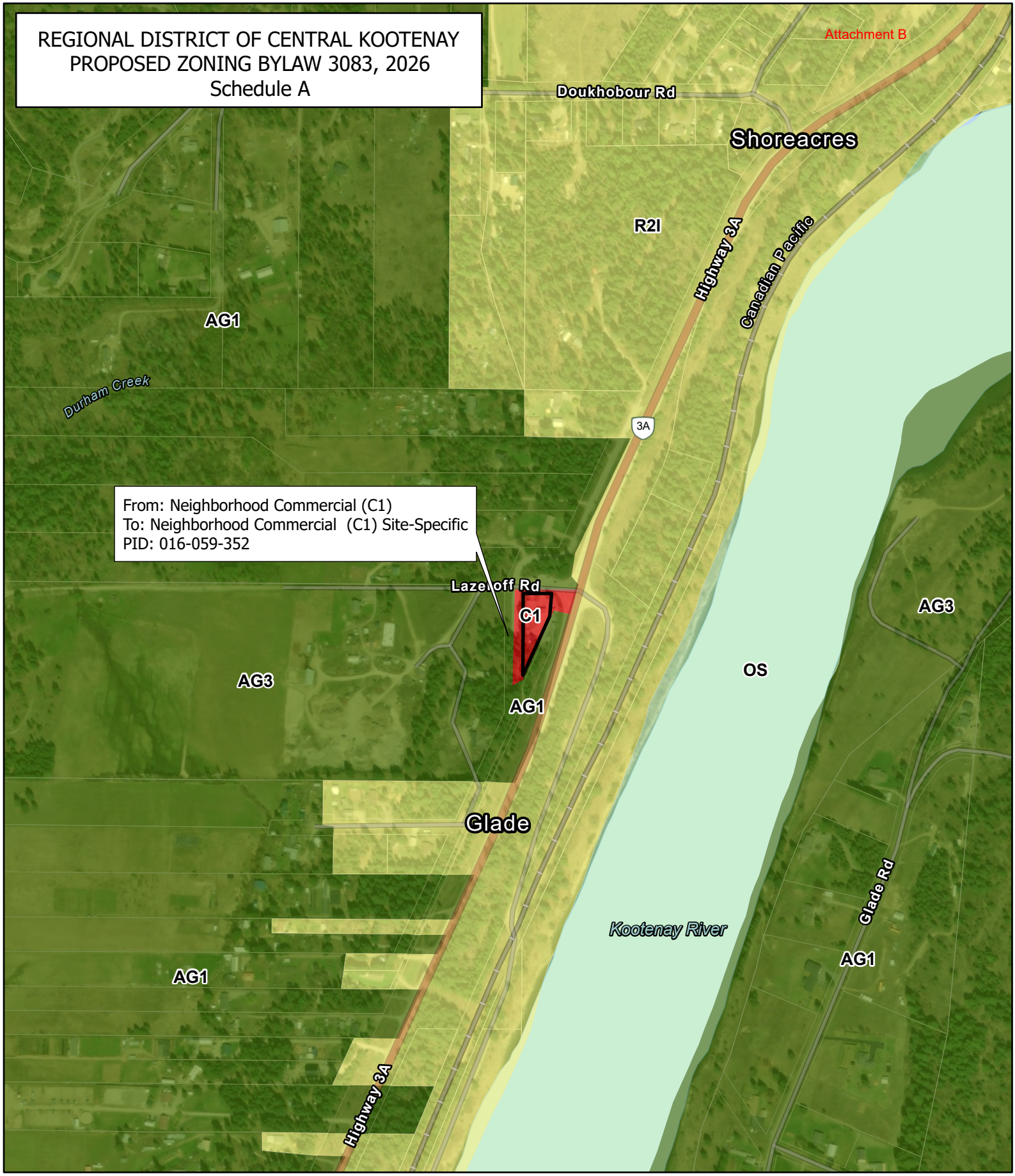

SCHEDULE A - BYLAW 3083

REGIONAL DISTRICT OF CENTRAL KOOTENAY

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Date: 2026-05-25

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Referral Responses – Z2405I

Agency/Department/First Nation	Response
Archaeology Branch	Results of Provincial Archaeological Inventory Search According to Provincial records, there are no known archaeological sites recorded on the subject property. However, archaeological potential modelling for the area indicates there is high potential for previously unidentified archaeological sites to exist on the property, as indicated by the purple area shown in the screenshot below. Archaeological potential modelling is compiled using existing knowledge about archaeological sites, past indigenous land use, and environmental variables. Models are a tool to help predict the presence of archaeological sites, and their results may be refined through further assessment. Archaeology Branch Advice If land-altering activities (e.g., home renovations, property redevelopment, landscaping, service installation) are planned for the subject property, a Provincial heritage permit is not required prior to commencement of those activities. However, a Provincial heritage permit will be required if archaeological materials are exposed and/or impacted during land-altering activities. Unpermitted damage or alteration of a protected archaeological site is a contravention of the *Heritage Conservation Act* and requires that land-altering activities be halted until the contravention has been investigated and permit requirements have been established. This can result in significant project delays. Therefore, the Archaeology Branch strongly recommends engaging an eligible consulting archaeologist prior to any land-altering activities. The archaeologist will review the proposed activities, verify archaeological records, and possibly conduct a walk-over and/or an archaeological impact assessment (AIA) of the project area to determine whether the proposed activities are likely to damage or alter any previously unidentified archaeological sites. Please notify all individuals involved in land-altering activities (e.g., owners, developers, equipment operators) that if archaeological material is encountered during development, they must stop all activities immediately and contact the Archaeology Branch for direction at 250-953-3334.

	If there are no plans for land altering activities on the property, no action is required at this time. Rationale and Supplemental Information • There is high potential for previously unidentified archaeological deposits to exist on the property. • Archaeological sites are protected under the *Heritage Conservation Act* and must not be damaged or altered without a Provincial heritage permit issued by the Archaeology Branch. This protection applies even when archaeological sites are previously unidentified or disturbed. • If a permit is required, be advised that the permit application and issuance process takes approximately 20 to 40 weeks; the permit application process includes referral to First Nations and subsequent engagement. • The Archaeology Branch must consider numerous factors (e.g., proposed activities and potential impacts to the archaeological site[s]) when determining whether to issue a permit and under what terms and conditions. • The Archaeology Branch has the authority to require a person to obtain an archaeological impact assessment, at the person's expense, in certain circumstances, as set out in the *Heritage Conservation Act*. • Occupying an existing dwelling or building without any land alteration does not require a Provincial heritage permit. How to Find an Eligible Consulting Archaeologist An eligible consulting archaeologist is one who can hold a Provincial heritage permit to conduct archaeological studies. To verify an archaeologist's eligibility, ask an archaeologist if he or she can hold a permit in your area, or contact the Archaeology Branch (250-953-3334) to verify an archaeologist's eligibility. Consulting archaeologists are listed on the BC Association of Professional Archaeologists website (www.bcapa.ca) and in local directories. Please note, the Archaeology Branch cannot provide specific recommendations for consultants or cost estimates for archaeological assessments. Please contact an eligible consulting archaeologist to obtain a quote. Questions? For questions about the archaeological permitting and assessment process, please contact the Archaeology Branch at 250-953-3334 or archaeology@gov.bc.ca. For more general information, visit the Archaeology Branch website at www.gov.bc.ca/archaeology.
BC Hydro	BC Hydro has no works in the area, as we do not service that area, so we have no objections.
Ecosystems Section Head -	See attached letter.

Kootenay-Boundary Region Ministry of Water, Land & Resource Stewardship (MWLRS)	
Licensed Authorizations Officer -Boundary Region Ministry of Water, Land & Resource Stewardship (MWLRS)	Water, Land and Resource Stewardship (WLRS) staff have reviewed referral Z24051 and provide the following comments at this time: 1. From a Water Sustainability Act (WSA) perspective, WLRS staff have no concern with the proposed works described in the referral. However, some comments/questions regarding historic and current use of water on the subject property are provided below. 2. The subject property (2347 Highway 3A, PID 016-059-352) appears to have two (2) domestic water licences for domestic purpose use, specifically, licence F019026 (copy attached, link at https://j200.gov.bc.ca/pub/ams/Default.aspx?PossePresentation=PublicDocuments&PosseObjectId=45036758) and licence F019027 (copy attached, link at https://j200.gov.bc.ca/pub/ams/Default.aspx?PossePresentation=PublicDocuments&PosseObjectId=45036758). The two licences allow for domestic purpose use for the periods of April to September (F019026) and October to March (F019027). The term "appears to" is used above as the legal description/appurtenancy on the licences do not match the current legal description in BC Assessment, as such, staff can't confirm the licence appurtenancy. A comparison of the 1965 water licences plans with current parcel boundary information suggest the above noted water licences are appurtenant to the subject property. Please ask the applicant to confirm licences F019026 and F019027 are for the subject property and advise that licence holders are responsible to provide updated information to keep the licence in good standing. If the water licence appurtenancy needs updating, an application will need to be submitted for a "Change in Appurtenancy". Details regarding a Transfer of Appurtenancy application are at https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/environment/air-land-water/water/water-licensing-rights/water-licences-approvals/amend-or-abandon-a-water-licence/apply-amend-water-licence 3. The subject property supports commercial uses which would require a water licence application for a "commercial enterprise" purpose use. A review of water licensing information for the subject property did not find a water licence for commercial purpose use on the property. However, WLRS staff note that older hard copy licences have sometimes not been digitized incorrectly and, as such, do not appear in a query of the provincial licence search. Please ask the applicant to provide a copy of a water licence, or

	provided a licence number, allowing for use and diversion of water for commercial purpose use on the subject property. 4. If a water licence application has been submitted for a commercial purpose use, it could be sitting in the application queue and waiting for preliminary review to be entered in the water licence application system where it can be viewed by WLRS Water Authorizations staff. If a commercial water use application has been submitted, please ask the property owner to province the application "tracking number". 5.. If a water licence for commercial purpose use is not held on the subject property, the property owner will need to apply for a new water licence application for a commercial purpose use. WLRS staff advise the water source (i.e., Schiavon Creek) for the existing domestic water licences is fully recorded and, as such, new water rights may not be available to support a commercial water use. WLRS staff note that an existing water licence may be amended to change the purpose use (e.g., from domestic to commercial) provided the quantity of water is not increased. Information regarding an amendment application is at https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/environment/air-land-water/water/water-licensing-rights/water-licences-approvals/amend-or-abandon-a-water-licence/apply-amend-water-licence . **Staff Update:** WLRS worked with the applicant and has addressed their concerns via an application to amend their existing water license to shift the authorization from domestic to commercial use.
Fortis BC	<u>Land Rights Comments</u> • There are no immediate concerns or requests for additional land rights, however there may be additional land rights requested stemming from changes to the existing FortisBC Electric (“FBC(E)”) services, if required. <u>Operational & Design Comments</u> • There are FortisBC Electric (“FBC(E)”) primary distribution facilities along Lazeroff Road. The existing deck situated within the road allowance is also located beneath FBC(E) overhead facilities. The applicant should contact an FBC(E) designer or operations personnel noted below to ensure that no Electrical Code or WorksafeBC regulations aren’t being adhered to. • All costs and land right requirements associated with changes to the existing servicing are the responsibility of the applicant. • The applicant and/or property owner are responsible for maintaining safe limits of approach around all existing electrical facilities within and outside the property boundaries. • <u>The applicant should contact an FBC(E) designer as noted below for more details regarding code and safety compliance</u>. In order to initiate the design process, the customer must call 1-866-4FORTIS (1-866-436-7847). Please have the following information available in order for FBC(E) to set up the file when you call.

	• Electrician's Name and Phone number • FortisBC Total Connected Load Form • Other technical information relative to electrical servicing For more information, please refer to FBC(E)'s overhead and underground design requirements: FortisBC Overhead Design Requirements http://fortisbc.com/ServiceMeterGuide FortisBC Underground Design Specification http://www.fortisbc.com/InstallGuide If you have any questions or comments, please contact us at your convenience.
Lower Similkameen Indian Band (LSIB)	The Lower Similkameen Indian Band (LSIB) would like to acknowledge receipt of the above referral. We have conducted a desktop review of it. The location of the project/activity to which the referral relates is within syilx Territory and may have impacts on inherent and constitutionally protected syilx Title and Rights, which LSIB holds as part of the syilx Nation. However, given the location of the project, we would support Osoyoos Indian Band (OIB) and Penticton Indian Band (PIB) in taking lead in further consultation and engagement on this project. Please keep us informed of any updates or changes to the project as this may change our assessment and our view on the need for further consultation with LSIB and an invoice will follow at a later date.
Ministry of Transportation and Transit (MOTT)	Thank you for the opportunity to review and provide comments on the above-noted application. The Ministry has no concerns or objections to the requested bylaw text amendment for this property.
Okanagan Indian Band (OKIB)	The Territorial Stewardship Division would like to acknowledge receipt of the above referral. The Okanagan Indian Band ("OKIB") has conducted a desktop review of the project. The location of the project to which the referral relates is within Syilx (Okanagan Nation) territory, and may have impacts on Syilx Aboriginal Title and Rights, which OKIB holds as part of the Syilx. However, the project is located outside the OKIB's Area of Responsibility as a member of the Syilx. At this time, we defer to the Lower Similkameen Indian Band, Osoyoos Indian Band and Penticton Indian Band for a more in depth review. Please keep us informed of any updates or changes to the project as this may change our assessment and our view on the need for further consultation with OKIB.
Osoyoos Indian Band (OIB)	The Osoyoos Indian Band hereby acknowledges receipt of the above-referenced referral. The proposed activity is situated within the traditional territory of the Syilx (Okanagan Nation). The Osoyoos Indian Band's Referral Department has reviewed the materials provided and has determined, without prejudice, that the Osoyoos Indian Band , at this time will be deferring all further consultation, engagement, and related correspondence to Penticton Indian Band.

	Fees Defer Admin (12%) $ 9.60 Desktop Review (Defer) $ 80.00 Total $ 89.60 Invoice Amount – Deferral Review: $89.60 Payment in the amount of $89.60 is due in respect of the deferral review. Cheques shall be made payable to the Osoyoos Indian Band and remitted to the following address: Osoyoos Indian Band 1155 Sen Pok Chin Blvd Oliver, BC V0H 1T8 Please ensure that Referral ID Number is referenced on the cheque or in all related remittance documentation.
Penticton Indian Band (PIB)	We are in receipt of the above referral. The proposed activity is located within syilx (Okanagan Nation) Territory and the snpink'tn (Penticton Indian Band) Area of Interest. All lands and resources within the vicinity of the proposed development are subject to our unextinguished Aboriginal Title and Rights. snpink'tn has now had the opportunity to review the proposed activity. The proposed bylaw amendment application involves the legalization of a restaurant and outdoor seating deck that were constructed without prior zoning approvals or building permits. As the project includes land disturbance associated with previous construction activities, changes in land use, and the continued operation of commercial infrastructure within an area of potential cultural heritage sensitivity, the snpink'tn(Penticton) Indian Band səxʷtəxt̓aṁ Department recommends that a Cultural Heritage Resource Assessment (CHRA) be completed prior to consideration of project approvals. A CHRA is a comprehensive assessment of cultural heritage values and interests that extends beyond the identification of known archaeological sites. The assessment evaluates cultural heritage resources, traditional land use, oral history, cultural landscapes, areas of archaeological potential, and other syilx cultural values that may be affected by the proposed development. The CHRA will assist in identifying any cultural heritage concerns and provide recommendations to avoid, minimize, or mitigate potential impacts to syilx cultural resources. Given the nature of the proposed development and the existing unauthorized construction, completion of a CHRA is necessary to ensure that potential impacts to syilx cultural heritage resources have been adequately assessed and addressed.

	Please contact Maryssa Bonneau, Crown Consultation Management to arrange within 30 days. Please note that our participation in the referral and consultation process does not define or amend snpink'tn Aboriginal Rights and Title or does it limit the positions that we may take in future negotiations or court actions. If you require further information or clarification, please do not hesitate to contact me. limləmt,
RDCK Building Department	A building permit will be required for café/kitchen and deck. For the deck proposed at property line, spatial separation requirements will be reviewed during the building permit review process.
RDCK Fire Services	Tarrys Fire Department provided a copy of the pre-incident plan for the businesses operating on the subject property and noted that "we do not see any further issues with this facility."

July 5, 2023

Greetings,

The Kootenay-Boundary Ecosystems Section of the Ministry of Water, Land and Resource Stewardship has received your referral request. We are currently unable to provide a detailed review of the referral but provide the following standard requirements, recommendations and/or comments:

1. All activities are to follow and comply with all higher-level plans, planning initiatives, agreements, Memorandums of Understanding, etc. that local governments are parties to.

2. Changes in and about a "stream" [as defined in the *Water Sustainability Act* (WSA)] must only be done under a license, use approval or change approval; or be in compliance with an order, or in accordance with Part 3 of the *Water Sustainability Regulation*. Authorized changes must also be compliant with the Kootenay-Boundary Terms and Conditions and Timing Windows documents. Applications to conduct works in and about streams can be submitted through FrontCounter BC.

3. No "development" should occur within 15 m of the "stream boundary" of any "stream" [all as defined in the *Riparian Areas Protection Regulation* (RAPR)] in the absence of an acceptable assessment, completed by a Qualified Professional (QP), to determine if a reduced riparian setback would adversely affect the natural features, functions and conditions of the stream. Submit the QP assessment to the appropriate Ministry of Water, Land and Resource Stewardship office for potential review. Local governments listed in Section 2(1) of RAPR are required to ensure that all development is compliant with RAPR.

4. The federal *Species at Risk Act* (SARA) protects Endangered, Extirpated or Threatened species listed under Schedule 1 of SARA. Developers are responsible to ensure that no species or ecosystems at risk (SEAR), or Critical Habitat for Federally listed species, are

adversely affected by the proposed activities. The BC Species and Ecosystem Explorer website provides information on known SEAR occurrences within BC, although the absence of an observation record does not confirm that a species is not present. Detailed site-specific assessments and field surveys should be conducted by a QP according to Resource Inventory Standard Committee (RISC) standards to ensure all SEAR have been identified and that developments are consistent with any species or ecosystem specific Recovery Strategy or Management Plan documents, and to ensure proposed activities will not adversely affect SEAR or their Critical Habitat for Federally-listed Species at Risk (Posted).

5. Development specific Best Management Practices (BMPs) should be applied to help meet necessary legislation, regulations, and policies. Current BC BMPs can be found at: Natural Resource Best Management Practices - Province of British Columbia (gov.bc.ca) and Develop with Care 2014 - Province of British Columbia.

6. Vegetation clearing, if required, should adhere to the least risk timing windows for nesting birds (i.e., development activities should only occur during the least risk timing window). Nesting birds and some nests are protected by Section 34 of the provincial *Wildlife Act* and the federal *Migratory Birds Convention Act*. Guidelines to avoid harm to migratory birds can be found at: Guidelines to avoid harm to migratory birds - Canada.ca. If vegetation clearing is required during the bird nesting period (i.e., outside of the least risk timing window) a pre-clearing bird nest survey should be completed by a QP. The following least risk windows for birds are designed to avoid the bird nesting period:

Bird Species	Least Risk Timing Windows
Raptors (eagles, hawks, falcons, & owls)	Aug 15 – Jan 30
Herons	Aug 15 – Jan 30
Other Birds	Aug 1 – March 31

7. The introduction and spread of invasive species is a concern with all developments. The provincial *Weed Control Act* requires that an occupier must control noxious weeds growing or located on land and premises, and on any other property located on land and premises, occupied by that person. Information on invasive species can be found at: Invasive species - Province of British Columbia. The Invasive Species Council of BC

provides BMPs that should be followed, along with factsheets, reports, field guides, and other useful references. For example, all equipment, including personal equipment such as footwear, should be inspected prior to arrival at the site and prior to each daily use and any vegetative materials removed and disposed of accordingly. If noxious weeds are established as a result of this project or approval, it is the tenure holder's responsibility to manage the site to the extent that the invasive, or noxious plants are contained or removed.

8. Section 33.1 of the provincial *Wildlife Act* prohibits feeding or attracting dangerous wildlife. Measures should be employed to reduce dangerous human-wildlife conflicts. Any food, garbage or organic waste that could attract bears or other dangerous wildlife should be removed from the work area. If this is not feasible and waste is not removed, it should be stored in a bear-proof container to avoid drawing wildlife into the area and increasing the threat of human/wildlife conflict.

9. If this referral is in relation to a potential environmental violation it should be reported online at Report All Poachers & Polluters (RAPP) or by phone at 1-877-952-RAPP (7277).

10. Developments must be compliant with all other applicable statutes, bylaws, and regulations.

If the references above do not address your concerns, please do not hesitate to reach out to me for further investigation into your concerns.

Kind Regards,

Shannon White, RPBio
Ecosystems Section Head - Kootenay-Boundary Region
Ministry of Water, Land & Resource Stewardship
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REGIONAL DISTRICT OF CENTRAL KOOTENAY

Bylaw No. 3009

A bylaw for the regulation of dangerous and aggressive dogs.

WHEREAS the Regional District may, pursuant to the Local Government Act, enact a bylaw regulating the keeping and control of dogs;

AND WHEREAS the Community Charter Section 49 provides Regional Districts with special powers in relation to dangerous dogs;

NOW THEREFORE the Board of the Regional District of Central Kootenay, in open meeting assembled, HEREBY ENACTS as follows:

APPLICATION

1 This bylaw is applicable to Electoral Areas A, B, and C of the Regional District of Central Kootenay.

DEFINITIONS

2 In this bylaw all words or phrases shall have their normal or common meaning except where this is changed, modified or expanded by the definitions set forth in this section:

Aggressive Dog means:

(a) Any Dog which, without provocation, has displayed aggressive behaviour toward another person, dog or animal;
(b) Any Dog which, without provocation, has a known tendency or disposition to attack and / or cause injury to other animals or humans without provocation;
(c) Any Dog that has been deemed an Aggressive Dog by a Dog Control Officer; and
(d) Any Dog declared a Dangerous Dog by a Court in of the Province of B.C.

Animal means any animal, excepting for the purposes of this bylaw any human species, wildlife as defined in the Wildlife Act, or any animals of the "Rodent" variety, such as rats, mice or raccoons.

Animal Shelter means a building or part thereof, including the property that the building is located on, used by the Regional District for the temporary care of Dogs Impounded by the Dog Control Officer and includes the vehicle that is being used to transport the Dog.

At Large means a Dog that is not on the property of the Owner and not Under Effective Control by the Owner or a competent person.

Board means the Board of Directors of the Regional District of Central Kootenay.

Building means a roofed independent free-standing permanent structure enclosed within external walls or dividing walls that extend from the foundations to the roof and comprises one or more rooms or other space.

Charter means the *Community Charter* [S B C 2 0 0 3] Chapter 26, as amended from time to time.

Confined means the Dog is unable to escape from the owner's property.

Dangerous Dog means a Dog that has been determined to be a Dangerous Dog by a Judge of the Provincial Court of British Columbia under *Community Charter* Section 49.

Dog means an Animal of the canine species, including a dog-wolf or dog-coyote hybrid, and may include Aggressive and Dangerous Dogs. "Dog" shall include both the male and the female of the species over six (6) months of age.

Dog Control Officer means a person appointed by the Board as a Dog Control Officer, Animal Control Officer or Bylaw Enforcement Officer and includes a Peace Officer, an employee, servant, agent, or contractor of the Regional District. The Dog Control Officer is designated an Animal Control Officer for the purposes of Section 49 (Special Powers in Relation to Dangerous Dogs) of the *Community Charter*.

Enclosure means a structure at least 1.8 metres in height by 1.2 metres wide by 4 metres long; constructed with secure sides, and with impervious surfacing for the bottom to prevent digging; suitable for the size and strength of the Dog to prevent it from escaping; having protection and shelter from the varying weather conditions; and locked to prevent entry of young children or other unauthorized persons.

Fine means the penalty as set out in the Regional District's Bylaw Enforcement Notice and Dispute Adjudication System Bylaw and/or Regional District's Municipal Ticketing Information System Bylaw.

Injury means a physical injury to a person or Animal that includes scrapes, pinches, fractures, punctures, lacerations and any other injuries that require medical attention.

Impounded means any Dog seized, delivered, received or taken into the Animal Shelter, or in the custody of the Dog Control Officer as provided for in this bylaw.

Leash means a device of sufficient strength and design to restrain the Dog for which it is being used, where one end is securely affixed to the Dog and the other end is securely held by the Owner.

Muzzled means a humane fastening or covering device, of adequate strength, placed securely over the Dog's mouth and is designed to prevent the Dog from biting or inflicting injury.

Owner means any person who owns, possesses, shelters or bears responsibility for any Dog, or who lawfully permits any Dog to remain on private land, premises, or property, and includes the custodial parent or legal guardian of a child under the age of 18 years who would

otherwise be the Owner of any Dog.

Qualified Dog Trainer means, in the context of this bylaw, a person:

(a) Having a degree in veterinary medicine with a special interest in animal behaviour; or
(b) A person with a degree in animal behaviour together with a minimum of 5 years' supervised work experience;

and possessing current membership to a recognized professional canine behaviour organization.

Regional District means the Regional District of Central Kootenay and may be referred to as the Regional District in the context of this bylaw.

Under Effective Control means a Dog is within sight of its Owner, or on a leash, and responds and complies immediately with all commands at the direction of its Owner.

EFFECTIVE CONTROL OF DOGS

3 No Owner shall cause or permit their Dog to remain outside a fence, pen, or enclosure unless the *Dog is Under Effective Control.*

IMPOUNDING OF DOGS

4 (1) The Dog Control Officer may seize and impound any Aggressive or Dangerous Dog.

(2) The Dog Owner shall retrieve any impounded Dog, and:

(a) provide current, government issued identification and proof of ownership of the Dog;
(b) pay all impound, maintenance and sustenance and additional applicable fees related to that Dog, as set out in Schedule "A" of this bylaw; and
(c) prior to release of an Aggressive Dog, the Owner must read, complete and sign the Aggressive Dog Registration, as set out in Schedule B o f this bylaw;

(3) Without limiting the generality of section 4(2)(b) of this bylaw, any Owner of a Dog that has been impounded must pay all impound, maintenance and sustenance, and all other applicable fees regardless of whether or not the Owner claims the Dog from Impound.

(4) Where an Impounded Dog is not retrieved and released to the Owner within seventy-two (72) hours from the time the Dog is impounded and there have been no prior arrangements made with the Dog Control Officer, the Regional District may sell or dispose of the Dog.

AGGRESSIVE DOGS

5 (1) When not on the Owner's property the Owner of an Aggressive Dog shall secure the Dog by a collar and Leash that is a maximum length of one (1) metre and of adequate strength to restrain the Dog.

(2) When not on the Owner's property, the Owner of an Aggressive Dog shall keep the Dog effectively Muzzled. at all times to prevent the Dog from biting another Dog, Animal or person.

(3) The Owner of an Aggressive Dog shall ensure that the Leash referred in section 5 (1) of this bylaw is held by a person that is physically and mentally capable of keeping the Dog Under Control.

(4) The Owner of an Aggressive Dog shall ensure that while an Aggressive Dog is on private property it is at all times:

(a) Securely confined within an Enclosure; or
(b) Securely confined within a Building

(5) The Owner of an Aggressive Dog shall permit the Dog Control Officer to photograph the Dog for identification purposes.

(6) The Owner of an Aggressive Dog shall permit the Dog to be micro-chipped for identification purposes and must pay for the costs associated with the micro-chipping prior to release of the Dog.

(7) The Owner of an Aggressive Dog shall complete and sign the Regional District's Aggressive Dog Registration, as set out in "Schedule B" of this bylaw.

(8) Where a Dog has exhibited behaviour that meets the definition of an Aggressive Dog in this bylaw, and

(a) there have been no incidents of aggression within the previous twelve-month period; and in the opinion of a Qualified Dog Trainer, the Dog no longer has a propensity towards aggression;

the Owner may apply to the Regional District Manager of Building and Bylaw Enforcement to suspend the requirements of Section 5 of this bylaw as it applies to an Aggressive Dog.

(9) If the requirements of this bylaw are suspended pursuant to section 5 (8)(a) of this bylaw and, subsequent to that suspension, the Dog exhibits behaviour that meets the definition of an Aggressive Dog, the requirements of this bylaw as it applies to an Aggressive Dog shall immediately apply and no further relief pursuant to Section 5.8 will be granted with respect to that Dog.

(10) The Owner of an Aggressive Dog shall prominently display a sign stating "Beware of Dog" at all entrances to the owner's property. The sign shall be at least 12 inches x 12 inches in size.

DANGEROUS DOGS

6 The Dog Control Officer in accordance with Section 49 of the *Community Charter*, may apply to the Provincial Court for an order that the Dangerous Dog be humanely euthanized in the manner specified in the order.

ADMINISTRATION AND ENFORCEMENT

7 (1) The Dog Control Officer is hereby authorized to enter, at all reasonable times, upon any property in the Regional District in order to ascertain whether the regulations in this bylaw are being obeyed.

(2) No person shall prevent or obstruct, or attempt to prevent or obstruct, the Dog Control Officer from the exercise or performance of his or her powers, duties or functions under this bylaw.

(3) Any person who violated any provision of this bylaw commits an offence and is liable to a fine not exceeding $50,000.00 and cost of the prosecution.

(4) Each day a violation of the provisions of this bylaw exists or is permitted or suffered to exist shall constitute a separate offence.

(5) If any section, subsection, sentence, clause or phrase of this bylaw is, for any reason, held to be invalid by decision of any court of competent jurisdiction, the invalid portion must be severed and the decision that it is invalid will not affect the validity of the remaining portions of this bylaw.

(6) Schedules "A", "B" and “C” of this bylaw form a part of this bylaw and are enforceable in the same manner as this bylaw.

REVIEW PROCESS

8 An Owner of a Dog that has been deemed an Aggressive Dog by a Dog Control Officer and is subject to enforcement action under Section 4 of this Bylaw may, within 10 business days of the enforcement action submit a written request for a review to the RDCK’s General Manager with responsibility for Bylaw Enforcement. The request must include a statement outlining the basis for the review. The General Manager shall consider the relevant factors of the situation, the Owner’s representations, and the input from staff when conducting their review. Following the review the General Manager may:

(a) confirm the enforcement action;
(b) vary or remove conditions or terms under Section 5 of this bylaw; or
(c) cancel the enforcement action

CITATION

9 This bylaw may be cited as **"Regional District of Central Kootenay Dangerous and Aggressive Dog Regulatory Bylaw No. 3009, 2025."**

READ A FIRST TIME this	17th	day of	July, 2025.
READ A SECOND TIME this	17th	day of	July, 2025.
READ A THIRD TIME this	22nd	day of	January, 2026.
RE-READ A THIRD TIME this	22nd	day of	October, 2026.
ADOPTED this	22nd	day of	October, 2026.

Aimee Watson, Board Chair

Mike Morrison, Corporate Officer

SCHEDULE A
Bylaw No. 3009

FEE SCHEDULE

First Impoundment Fee

$250 Per Aggressive Dog

In addition, there is a Maintenance and Sustenance Cost of $75 per day.

Second and Subsequent Impound Fee

$450 Per Aggressive Dog

In addition, there is a Maintenance and Sustenance Cost of $75 per day.

ADDITIONAL FEES

Aggressive and Dangerous Dog Registration

$250 per Dog as per this bylaw and Schedule B

Euthanasia

Actual Cost

Veterinarian

Actual Cost

SCHEDULE B
Bylaw No. 3009

AGGRESSIVE DOG REGISTRATION

(1) I, of
(Name of Owner)
(Address of Owner)

Hereby apply for the release of:

Dog's Name:

Breed:

Colour: Sex:

Age: Current Photograph of Dog Attached:

(2) I am the owner of the Dog.

(3) I am aware and have been informed that the Dog is an Aggressive Dog within the meaning of Bylaw No. 3009 and I am aware of the responsibility and potential liability which rest with me in keeping or harbouring the Dog, and state the Dog will be kept at:

(4) I hereby acknowledge, covenant and agree with the Regional District of Central Kootenay:

(a) That I will, at all times when the Dog is not kept on a leash and muzzle and under the control of a person who is competent to control the Dog, keep the Dog in a dwelling or accessory building, or within a securely locked enclosure complying with the requirements of Responsible Dog Ownership Bylaw No. 3009; and

(b) That I save harmless and indemnify the Regional District of Central Kootenay, its Dog Control Officer, and any of its officers, employees, agents or elected officials from and against any and all actions, causes of action, proceedings, claims, demands, losses, damages, cost or expense whatsoever and by whomever brought in any way arising from or caused by the release of the Dog to me or the keeping or harbouring of any Dog by me and, without limiting the generality of the foregoing, for any personal injury or death inflicted on or any other animal or any person by the Dog or any damages to property caused by the Dog.

(c) That, if the Dog Control Officer has reasonable grounds, the officer may apply to the Provincial Court for an order that the Dog be destroyed in the manner specified in the order and that a Dog that has been seized under this section may not be impounded and detained for more than twenty-one (21) days unless court proceedings for a destruction order are commenced within that time (Section 49 of the Charter).

(5) I submit herewith the sum of $250.00 in payment and all other fees payable by me pursuant to Bylaw No. 3009.

(Signature of Dog Owner) (Date)

(Print Name of Dog Owner)

(Signature of Witness) (Date)

(Print name of Witness)

Board Report

October 22, 2026

CBT Grant Submission Application

Author:	Carolyn Hogan, Project Manager
File Reference:	01-0600-20-2026-PRJ26019
Electoral Area/Municipality:	Areas H – Slocan Valley
Services Impacted	Community Services – S231

1.0 STAFF RECOMMENDATION

That the Board direct staff to apply to the Columbia Basin Trust GATHER Program for up to $350,000 of grant funds to complete the OLD SOUTH SLOCAN SCHOOLHOUSE PAVILION PROJECT;

AND FURTHER, that if successful, the funds be administered through Service S231 – Recreation Commission – Slocan, Defined H, and staff be authorized to enter into a funding agreement with the Columbia Basin Trust.

2.0 BACKGROUND/HISTORY

The Old South Slocan Schoolhouse was originally established circa 1918 and served as the local schoolhouse. The RDCK purchased the Schoolhouse and land in 1987 where the schoolhouse then served as a multi-purpose community gathering space for the next three decades. Unfortunately, due to the condition of the ageing building it was demolished in late 2023.

The community formed the Old South Slocan Schoolhouse Working Group (OSSS Working Group) with the intention of raising funds to revitalizing and re-establishing a usable community space for the residents of South Slocan in the previous schoolhouse location with an emphasis on the history and culture of the previous building. To-date the OSSS Working group has raised funds through various fund-raising activities and smaller grant applications.

In 2022-2026 The RDCK and the local community worked to revitalize the adjacent park and playground space and now would like to build a pavilion on the old schoolhouse foundation to act as the main community gathering space.

The RDCK retained a local Architect Cover Architecture to complete the design of the structure. Effistruc has been retained and has completed the structural design. Additionally, Highland Consulting was also retained to complete the civil and septic design for the building and property.

The RDCK has obtained all necessary building permits from the RDCK, Ministry of Transportation and the Interior Health Authority to complete the project.

Currently between reserves, community works grant funding, smaller local grants and monies raised by the OSSS Working group there is still a significant shortfall in funding to complete construction of the project in 2027. An application to the Columbia Basin Trust (CBT) GATHER Grant is being proposed to close the gap in funding.

The CBT GATHER Grant is specifically for local governments and First Nations to revitalize, restore and enhance outdoor community gathering spaces for Basin Residents. The CBT GATHER grant indicates that it can fund up to 90% of total project costs up to a maximum of $650,000 for populations typically less than 2500, which the South Slocan community would fall under.

The CBT GATHER grant application deadline is October 15, 2026. Due to the timing between the Board Meeting of October 22, 2026 and the grant deadline application, the application was submitted in advance of Board Consideration to preserve the funding opportunity, subject to the subsequent Board approval. Should the Board choose not to support participation in the grant program, staff will immediately withdraw the application from further consideration.

3.0 PROBLEM OR OPPORTUNITY DESCRIPTION

Since demolishing the Old South Slocan Schoolhouse in late 2023 the community and residents of South Slocan have been without a formal community space. This project is intended to establish and build a new Pavilion to allow the local community and visitors to come together. The new park and pavilion will emphasize the history of the area through informative features throughout the property.

3.1 Alignment to Board Strategic Plan

Managing our assets and service delivery in a fiscally responsible manner.

3.2 Legislative Considerations

The RDCK has obtained all required professional services and permitting to ensure the new structure is code compliant and safe for public use.

3.3 What Are the Risks

That Columbia Basin Trust does not approve grant funding or no longer has available funding or the RDCK is unable to complete construction within the allotted funding if approved.

4.0 PROPOSED SOLUTION

With the design and permitting in place for the new pavilion, the RDCK would like to apply for additional funding from the Columbia Basin Trust (GATHER) grant. The Gather grant is specifically for local governments and First Nations to revitalize, restore and enhance outdoor community gathering spaces for Basin Residents.

4.1 Financial Considerations of the Proposed Solution

The project is identified in the RDCK Board approved 2026 Financial Plan for Service S231 (CAP1406-100). The following cost breakdown shows the estimated budget and funding.

CBT GATHER Grant Amount	$ 350,000.00*	Unconfirmed Funding
Reserves	$ 50,000.00	
Surplus	$ 4,000.00	
Community Works Grant Funding (271)	$ 143,000.00	
Osprey Grant	$ 3,000.00	
Community Fundraising	$ 9,400.00	
TOTAL	**$ 559,400.00**	

Engineering & Construction Budget

Architectural and Structural Engineering	$15,000
Civil Engineering	$22,000
Permitting	$2,200
Earth Works and Septic	$60,000
Concrete Foundation and Slab	$60,000
Pavilion Structure	$258,000
Landscaping & pathways	$20,000
Interpretive Signage	$8,000
PM Fees	$18,000
Contingency 10%	$45,000
Total Estimated Budget Required	**$508,200**

4.2 Risks with the Proposed Solution

There are risks associated with not receiving CBT grant funding.

4.3 Resource Allocation and Workplan Impact

This project is in the work plan for Project Management staff.

4.4 Public Benefit and Stakeholder Engagement of Proposed Solution

Managing our assets and service delivery in a fiscally responsible manner ensures that the RDCK is providing and maintaining publicly funded infrastructure that is in good and safe operating condition.

4.5 Leveraging Technology

Not applicable.

4.5 Measuring Success

Success will be measured by receiving additional grant funding that will close the gap in the current budget required to complete construction in 2027.

5.0 ALTERNATIVE SOLUTION(S)

To seek alternative funding via additional community works grant funds or scale back the project as much as possible. To fit the current funding available.

5.1 Financial Considerations of the Alternative Solution(s)

Additional community works grant funds may also not be approved and expiry of existing funding if unused.

5.2 Risks with the Alternative Solution(s)

Delay in construction

5.3 Resource Allocation and Workplan Impact

Additional Project Management time is required for additional funding applications and delay of work.

5.4 Public Benefit and Stakeholder Engagement of Alternative Solution

Additional reserves for future capital projects.

5.5 Measuring Success

Not applicable.

6.0 OPTIONS CONSIDERED BUT NOT PRESENTED

Not applicable.

7.0 OPTIONS SUMMARY

Option 1:

That the Board direct staff to apply to the Columbia Basin Trust GATHER Program for up to $350,000 of grant funds to complete the OLD SOUTH SLOCAN SCHOOLHOUSE PAVILION PROJECT;

AND FURTHER, that if successful, the funds be administered through Service S231 – Recreation Commission – Slocan, Defined H, and staff be authorized to enter into a funding agreement with the Columbia Basin Trust.

Option 2:

That the Board not allow staff to apply for grant funding.

8.0 RECOMMENDATION

That the Board direct staff to apply to the Columbia Basin Trust GATHER Program for up to $350,000 of grant funds to complete the OLD SOUTH SLOCAN SCHOOLHOUSE PAVILION PROJECT;

AND FURTHER, that if successful, the funds be administered through Service S231 – Recreation Commission – Slocan, Defined H, and staff be authorized to enter into a funding agreement with the Columbia Basin Trust.

Respectfully submitted,
Carolyn Hogan, Project Manager

CONCURRENCE

Regional Manager Operations and Asset Management – Craig Stanley Approved
General Manager Community Services – Trisha Davison Approved
Chief Administrative Office – Stuart Horn Approved

Board Report

October 22, 2026

Regional Parks, Trails & Water Access Strategy Adoption

Author: Trisha Davison, General Manager of Community Services
File Reference: 6720-02 PTWAS
Electoral Area/Municipality: RDCK
Services Impacted All Park Services

1.0 STAFF RECOMMENDATION

The purpose of this report is to present the final Parks, Trails and Water Access Strategy for the Regional District of Central Kootenay, dated October 2026, for the Board's consideration and adoption.

2.0 BACKGROUND/HISTORY

What is the Parks, Trails and Water Access Strategy?

The attached Strategy provides a long-term roadmap to guide the planning, management, stewardship, and sustainable growth of the RDCK's regional parks, trails, and water access system over the coming decades.

What will the Strategy do?

Once adopted, the Strategy will help the RDCK:

- Protect important natural areas
- Improve access to outdoor recreation
- Strengthen connections between communities
- Support healthy, active and resilient communities
- Guide future investments and decision-making

How was the strategy developed?

The Strategy was shaped through a collaborative process beginning in 2024, which included research (dating back to 2016), site assessments, Indigenous outreach, stakeholder engagement, and public consultation. Feedback from residents, recreation groups, stewardship organizations, First Nations, local governments, visitors, RDCK staff, and elected officials helped shape the final Strategy. The Engage RDCK platform serves as the central hub for project information and consultation, including the final Strategy and background materials.

Key phases of the Strategy development process are outlined below:

Phase	Description	Status
Phase 1	Project Start-up	✅ Complete
Phase 2:	Research and Analysis	✅ Complete

Phase 3	Engagement	✅ Complete
Phase 4	Mission, Vision and Goals	✅ Complete
Phase 5	Draft Strategy Review and Engagement	✅ Complete
Phase 6	Final Strategy	✅ Oct. 22 Board

Since the Strategy was last presented by the project consultant at the June 24, 2026 All Recreation Commission meeting, the Working Group incorporated feedback from the Board and completed a final round of public consultation. The results were reviewed, the What We Heard materials were updated, and final revisions were made to the Strategy.

<u>What does adoption mean?</u>

The final Strategy represents the conclusion of the development and engagement process and is ready for Board consideration. If adopted, it will establish a guiding framework for Park Services, supported by a 10-year Implementation Plan. Adoption does not approve every action or establish regulatory requirements. Implementation will occur over time and remain subject to available funding, staff capacity, grant opportunities, applicable regulatory requirements and future Board decisions.

3.0 PROBLEM OR OPPORTUNITY DESCRIPTION

The Regional District does not currently have an adopted strategic framework for its Park Services. Adoption of the Strategy provides an opportunity to establish a clear, long-term framework to guide future planning, priorities and decision making across Park Services.

3.1 Alignment to Board Strategic Plan

The Strategy aligns with the Board's Strategic Plan by supporting fiscally responsible service delivery, partnerships, environmental responsibility and a regional approach to growth.

3.2 Legislative Considerations

Adoption of the Strategy does not itself amend RDCK parks bylaws. Currently, the primary policy framework guiding the provision of regional parks, trails and water access is RDCK Bylaw No. 2044, Parks Plan, and RDCK Bylaw No. 2173, Parks Regulations. Following adoption of the Strategy, the Board may consider future amendments to these bylaws to align with and support the direction established through the Strategy.

3.3 What Are the Risks

Adoption of the Strategy may create expectations regarding timing and implementation of its recommendations. Implementation will be subject to available resources, service priorities, funding and future Board decisions.

4.0 PROPOSED SOLUTION

The proposed solution is to adopt the Strategy. The Board currently does not have an overarching strategy for Park Services, and adoption establishes the Strategy as the Board's long-term framework for guiding future priorities and decisions.

4.1 Financial Considerations of the Proposed Solution

The costs and financial implications of the Strategy are summarized in Section 8.1 – Road Map for the Next 10 Years. More detailed budgets will be brought forward in the annual and five-year operation and capital budgets for the Board's consideration.

4.2 Risks with the Proposed Solution

Adoption of the Strategy may create expectations regarding timing and implementation of its recommendations. Implementation will be subject to available resources, service priorities, funding and future Board decisions.

4.3 Resource Allocation and Workplan Impact

The completion of the Strategy has been part of the 2024-2026 Community Services work plan.

4.4 Public Benefit and Stakeholder Engagement of Proposed Solution

The Strategy was developed through a collaborative process beginning in 2024 that included Indigenous outreach, stakeholder engagement and two rounds of public consultation. Input from residents, recreation groups, stewardship organizations, First Nations, local governments, visitors, RDCK staff and elected officials helped shape the final Strategy. Engagement will continue through implementation, with Indigenous communities, partners, stakeholders and the public engaged as appropriate as specific initiatives and priorities are advanced.

4.5 Leveraging Technology

The Engage RDCK website platform has served as the central hub for consultation and communication about the project including the Strategy, What We Heard and Background reports - https://engage.rdck.ca/projects/regional-parks-trails-and-water-access-strategy/

4.6 Measuring Success

Success will be measured by progress toward achieving the Strategy's goals, recognizing that implementation priorities may change over the 10-year period. Ongoing monitoring and reporting to the Parks Committee/Commission, All Recreation Commissions and the Board will provide accountability and inform future implementation priorities.

5.0 ALTERNATIVE SOLUTION(S)

As an alternative to adoption, the Board may provide alternative direction to staff regarding the Strategy including any revisions or additional work required prior to reconsideration.

5.1 Financial Considerations of the Alternative Solution(s)

Further revisions may require consideration in the 2027 budget discussion.

5.2 Risks with the Alternative Solution(s)

Further revisions may delay adoption and extend the period without clear strategic direction for Park Services while requiring additional staff capacity to complete further work.

5.3 Resource Allocation and Workplan Impact

May result in additional staff or consulting costs depending on the extent of the work requested.

5.4 Public Benefit and Stakeholder Engagement of Alternative Solution

If the Board considers additional consultation is warranted, there may be an opportunity for further public and stakeholder engagement.

5.5 Measuring Success

Success would be measured by Staff's completion of the alternative direction provided by the Board.

6.0 OPTIONS CONSIDERED BUT NOT PRESENTED

Maintaining the status quo without adopting a Strategy is not presented as an option, as it would not address the Board's direction to establish an overarching strategic framework for Park Services.

7.0 OPTIONS SUMMARY

The Board may adopt the Strategy or provide alternate direction to staff.

Option 1:

Recommendation: That the Board adopt the Parks, Trails and Water Access Strategy for the Regional District of Central Kootenay, dated October 2026.

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Recommendation: That the Board provide alternative direction to staff.

8.0 RECOMMENDATION

That the Board adopt the Parks, Trails and Water Access Strategy for the Regional District of Central Kootenay, dated October 2026.

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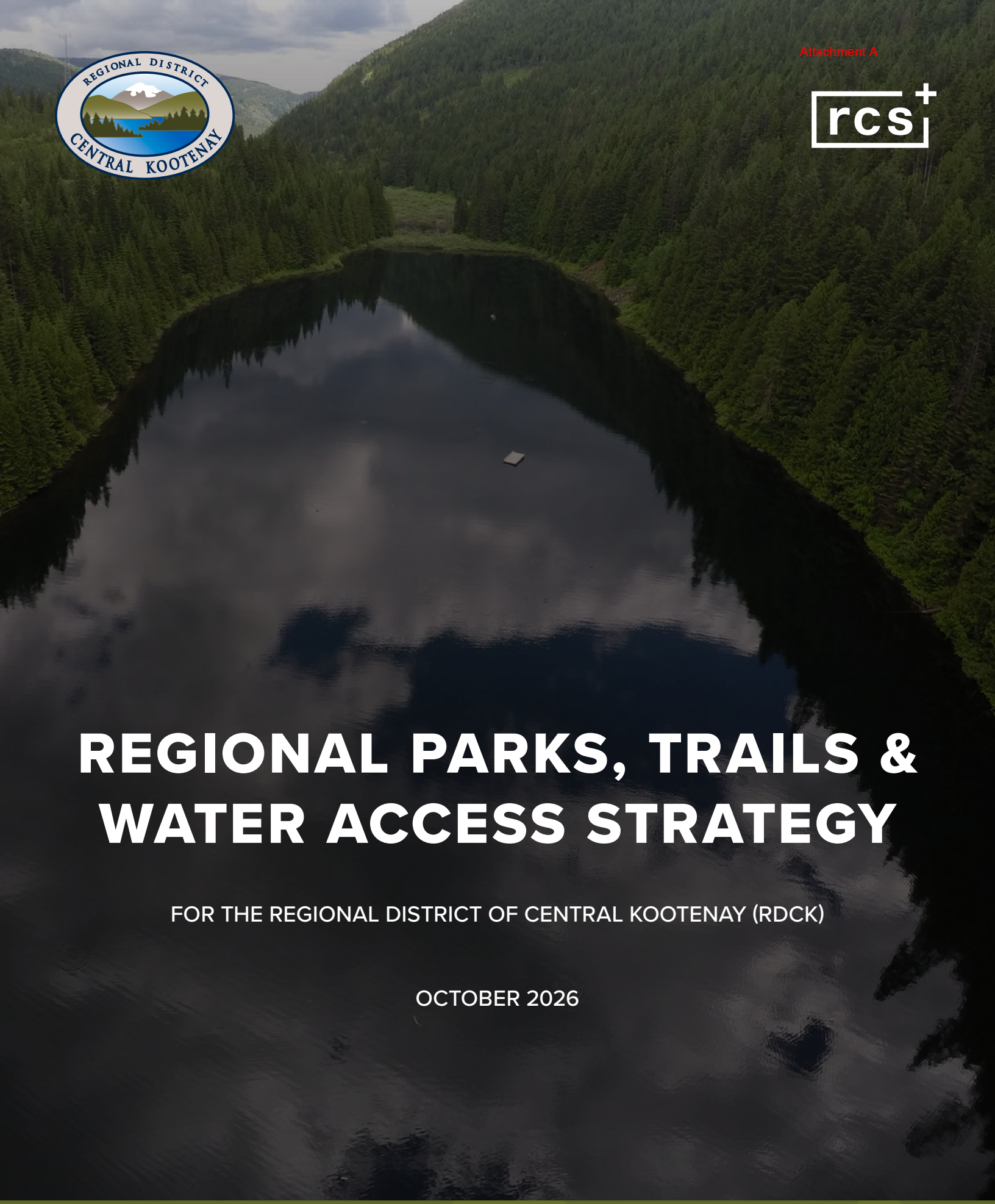

REGIONAL PARKS, TRAILS & WATER ACCESS STRATEGY

FOR THE REGIONAL DISTRICT OF CENTRAL KOOTENAY (RDCK)

OCTOBER 2026

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The RDCK acknowledges and respects the Indigenous peoples within whose traditional lands our regional parks and trails are on.

Development of the Regional Parks, Trails, and Water Access Strategy was a collaborative effort. The Regional District of Central Kootenay wishes to acknowledge and thank everyone that took part in the planning process. Whether you took part in a trail head roving kiosk, an interview, or shared your ideas through one of online surveys, interactive online web map or sent us a letter, the input you shared has helped to ensure that this plan reflects the diverse interests and perspectives of the RDCK.

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The Regional District of Central Kootenay (RDCK) is home to an extraordinary network of parks, trails, shorelines, rivers, lakes, and natural areas that contribute to the region's quality of life, environmental health, and outdoor recreation opportunities. These places connect residents and visitors to nature, support active lifestyles, protect important ecological and cultural values, and strengthen communities across the region. The Parks, Trails, and Water Access Strategy provides a long-term roadmap to guide the planning, management, stewardship, and sustainable growth of the RDCK's regional parks, trails, and water access system over the coming decades. Developed through extensive research, site assessments, stakeholder engagement, Indigenous outreach, public consultation, and collaboration with the Board of Directors and staff, the Strategy establishes a shared vision and clear direction for the future.

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20 Rosebud Lake Regional Park
21 Sunshine Bay Regional Park
22 Taghum Beach Regional Park
23 Waterloo Eddy Regional Park
24 Winlaw Regional and Nature Park
25 Nelson Salmo Great Northern Trail
26 Pulpit Rock Access Regional Trail*
27 Rosebery to Threeforks Regional Trail
A 3823 Goat Canyon Road
B Campbell Fields
C Former Old School House Site
D Robson Community Park

*Pulplit Rock Access Regional Trail was a strategic RDCK acquisition to enable continued access to RSTBC's Pulpit Rock Trail.

What We Heard

Throughout the engagement process, residents consistently expressed strong support for protecting natural areas while improving access to outdoor recreation opportunities. Key themes included:

- Improving and protecting public water access.
- Expanding and connecting regional trail networks.
- Conserving environmentally sensitive areas and important landscapes.
- Enhancing accessibility and inclusion.
- Supporting recreation opportunities close to home.
- Strengthening stewardship, partnerships, and volunteer involvement.
- Improving long-term planning, maintenance, and investment in regional assets.

Strategy Process

Developed through extensive research, site assessments, stakeholder engagement, Indigenous outreach, public consultation, and collaboration with the Board of Directors and staff, the Strategy establishes a shared vision and clear direction for the future.

Vision

The RDCK has a vibrant and resilient system of regional parks, trails, and water access sites where people and communities connect, play, and thrive through nature. These spaces provide inclusive and accessible opportunities for recreation, foster a strong sense of belonging and connection to place, and reflect the diverse and evolving needs of the region. Through thoughtful stewardship, meaningful partnerships, and responsible service delivery, RDCK parks, trails, and water access protect cultural and ecological values while supporting community well-being and long-term environmental resilience.

Strategic Directions

The Strategy is organized around six interconnected goals:

Provide Outstanding Nature-Based Recreation Opportunities

Enhance the quality, diversity, and sustainability of outdoor recreation opportunities while protecting the character and values that make the region unique.

Enhance Access to Regional Parks, Trails, and Water Access

Improve connectivity, accessibility, and opportunities for residents and visitors to experience nature and outdoor recreation.

Advance Inclusion, Equity, and Welcoming Experiences Across Regional Parks and Trails

Support recreation opportunities that are welcoming, accessible, and inclusive for people of all ages, abilities, backgrounds, and identities.

Protect and Steward Regionally Significant Natural and Cultural Areas

Conserve important ecological, cultural, and heritage values while supporting responsible recreation and environmental stewardship.

Strengthen Community and Regional Partnerships

Build collaborative relationships with Indigenous communities, local governments, stewardship organizations, trail associations, volunteers, community groups, and other partners.

Ensure Operational Excellence and Fiscal Responsibility

Improve governance, asset management, service delivery, planning processes, and decision-making tools to ensure the long-term sustainability of the regional system.

Looking Ahead

The Parks, Trails, and Water Access Strategy recognizes that the region's parks, trails, and water access areas are among its most valued public assets. Implementing the Strategy will require collaboration, investment, stewardship, and ongoing engagement with communities and partners across the region.

By taking a balanced approach that integrates recreation, conservation, accessibility, partnerships, and responsible asset management, the RDCK can continue to provide meaningful outdoor experiences while protecting the natural and cultural landscapes that define the Central Kootenay region for future generations.

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1.1 STRATEGY PURPOSE

The Regional District of Central Kootenay (RDCK) Regional Parks and Trails are part of an extensive regional network of parks and natural spaces. This mosaic of parks, trails, and conservation lands protects environmentally sensitive areas and significant landscapes, conserves ecological biodiversity, and provides high-quality outdoor recreational opportunities for residents and visitors alike. Today, the Regional Parks and Trails system includes twenty-four Regional Parks and three Regional Trails, covering more than 648 ha and 62 km, respectively, with an additional 27km of trails located within regional parks. Additionally, the RDCK has ongoing land acquisitions and strategic partnerships that continue to grow the diverse regional park system. In 2025 two additional acquisitions were announced (along the Goat River and Robson Park), as well as the significant expansion of Rosebud Lake (in collaboration with the BC Parks Foundation).

Recognizing the high value placed on regional parks, trails, and water access in the region, the RDCK worked collaboratively with residents, partners, and other governments to develop the Regional Parks, Trails, and Water Access Strategy (PTWAS). This Strategy formalizes the RDCK's first district-wide framework for a coordinated and inclusive approach to outdoor recreation, access, and conservation.

Through a comprehensive community engagement process, the PTWAS identifies a vision for the future of regional parks, trails, and water access in the RDCK for the next ten years; which along with the established strategic priorities is intended to achieve the regions dynamic needs. Specifically, the plan offers the RDCK Regional Parks and Trails System:

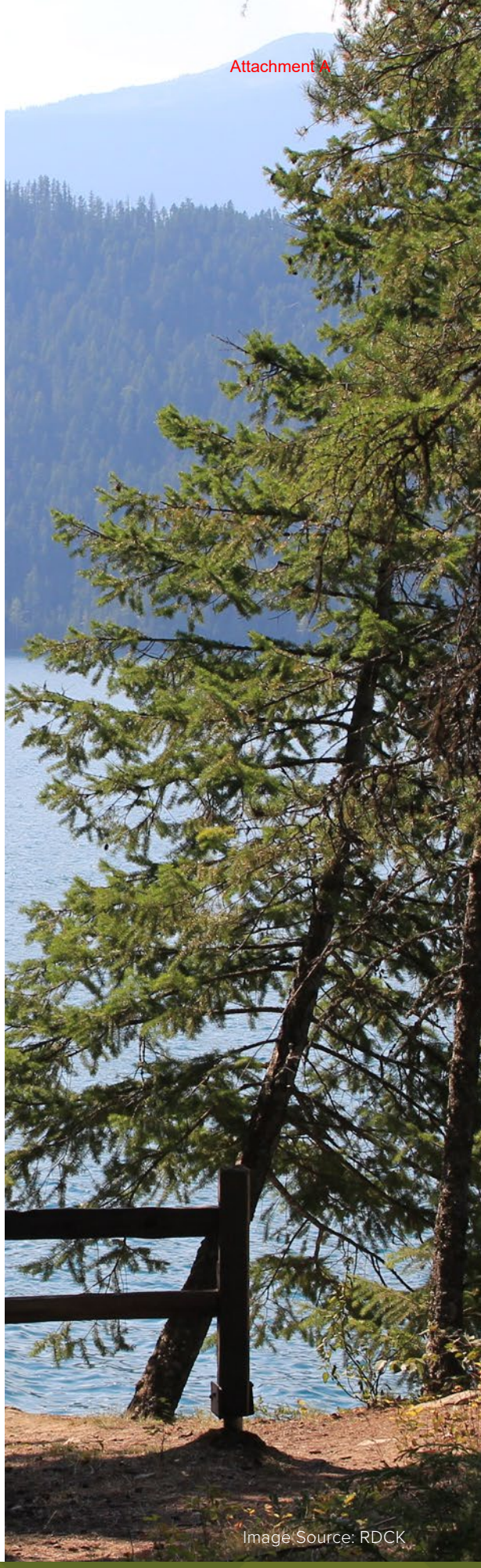
- Vision and values.
- Strategic priorities and actions.
- Suite of planning and management tools.
- Monitoring and reporting guidelines.

1.2 COMMITMENT TO RECONCILIATION, RELATIONSHIPS, AND PARTNERSHIPS

As outlined in the RDCK Strategic Plan, Reconciliation is a core value of the RDCK. Regional Parks and Trails are committed to working with our Indigenous neighbours to assist in empowering community success through partnerships on projects and service delivery. The RDCK is also committed to prioritizing the active participation of Indigenous communities and volunteer organizations in decision-making processes that directly affect their lives.

Specifically Regional Parks and Trails are aligned with the following RDCK areas of focus:

- Continue on the path to Reconciliation through respectful and inclusive dialogue.
- Form long lasting, strong partnerships with Indigenous communities in support of their continued success.
- Partner with our member communities to leverage their skills in the region.
- Explore areas of common interest with our neighboring regions and align advocacy (co operate in areas of common interest).
- Develop recognition programs that celebrate our volunteers and acknowledge their dedication and time commitment



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1.3 THE PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT PROCESS

The process of developing the PTWAS began in early 2024, with the formation of a strategic working group comprised of RDCK staff and elected officials representing the RDCK Board of Directors. Following this groups' first initial meeting, the team developed Phase 1 of public engagement. To inform the PTWAS, a robust engagement process was launched in June of 2024 and concluded at the end of October 2024. This process focused on residents and visitors to the RDCK, First Nations, multiple levels of governments, and many diverse community partners (e.g. accessibility/adaptive recreation, conservation, tourism, and more).

The engagement process was designed to introduce the planning process and generate insights to help inform the PTWAS. More specifically, the engagement process was designed to:

- Introduce the project and generate interest in helping inform the strategy.
- Understand the use of and satisfaction with current regional parks, trails and water access.
- Identify what is working well with the existing network of regional parks, trails and water access areas.
- Assess and define community demands, needs, and priorities of the regional parks, trails, and water access system.
- Clarify the fundamental role, purpose and goals of the RDCK Parks and Trails Service.
- Identify the most important issues and concerns that the strategy should address.
- Identify priorities/opportunities to improve the quantity, diversity, connectivity, quality, accessibility, and management of regional parks, trails and water access.

Phase 2 engagement took place in June and July 2026 and shared the Draft Strategy with residents and visitors to the RDCK, First Nations, multiple levels of government, and a diversity of community partners to confirm whether the overall direction was right and identify anything missing or that should be changed. Feedback received through Phase 2 informed the final PTWAS.

Phase 2 engagement was designed to:

- Share the Draft PTWAS and the directions that emerged from Phase 1 engagement.
- Confirm whether the Strategy reflected community and partner priorities and whether the overall direction was right.
- Identify anything missing or that should be changed.
- Understand areas of support, concern and opportunities for clarification.

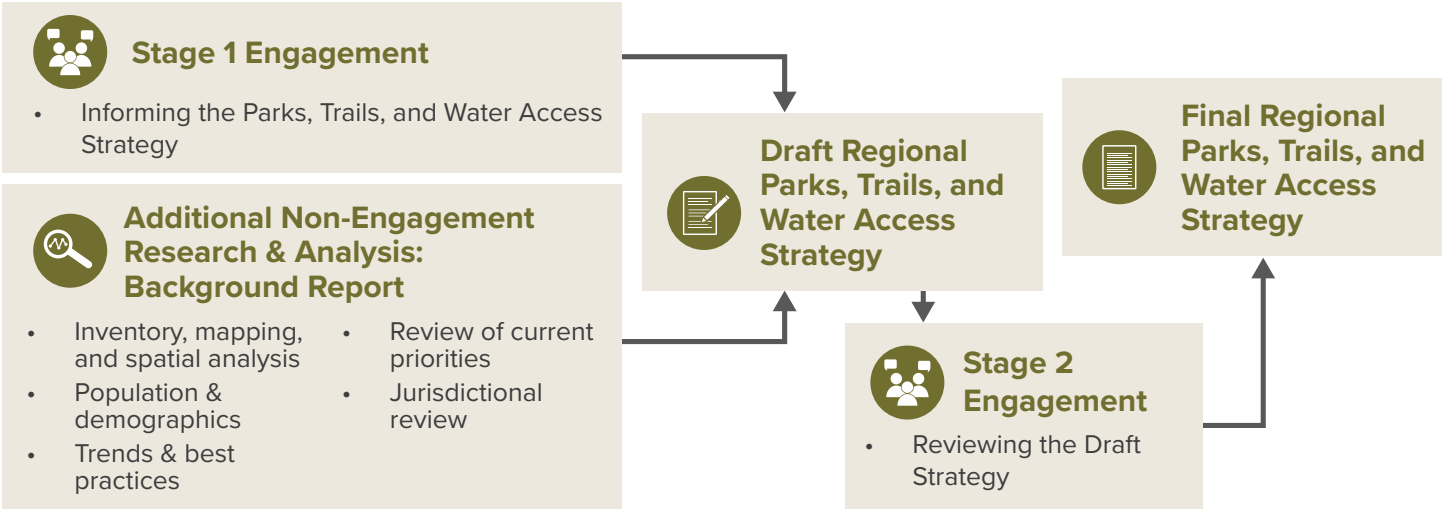

Figure 1: Regional Parks, Trails, and Water Access Strategy Process

The primary engagement tactics implemented as part of both phases of the engagement process included:

- **Online Public Survey**
- **Onsite and in Community Sounding Boards**
- **Onsite Roving Kiosks**
- **Online Interactive Crowdsource Webmap**
- **Stakeholder Interviews (virtual and in-person)**
- **First Nations Engagement (interviews)**

Figure 2: Primary Engagement Tactics Across Phase 1 and Phase 2

The engagement tactics, particularly the online survey, was designed to enable collected data to be desegregated, analysed and reported on according to diverse users, community members, non-users, interested individuals, and all others whose voices and experiences have not or may not have been captured in the past.

Engagement by the Numbers

1,623 Online Public Surveys **(665 complete)**
Phase 2 **=**
137 responses
(53 complete)

71 Community Partner Surveys **(27 complete)**

1,655 webmap contributions **(361 points, lines, and comments; and 1294 likes / dislike)**

87 sounding board comments

200+ In-person engagement with roving kiosks **(258 comments)**

Phase 2 community pop ups **110+** in person engagement

14 Partner Interviews

1.3.1 Engagement outcomes: What We Heard Summary Phase 1

The major themes that emerged consistently across all engagement tactics are summarized below. Please see the separate What We Heard Report for further engagement details.

- **Expand the Regional Parks and Trails System.** Residents want equitable access to high-quality parks, trails, and water-based recreation across all communities, with strong concerns raised from underserved areas such as Creston, Areas B, C, and K.
- **Water access is a critical issue.** The engagement process documented repeated calls for new swimming areas, both motorized and non-motorized boat launches, and better awareness and communication of existing access points.
- **Recreation and conservation.** People value nature conservation alongside recreation, emphasizing that ecological protection, biodiversity, and cultural values must be balanced with increased access and development.
- **Trail connectivity and active transportation.** There is strong demand for a more connected and diverse trail network, including hiking, mountain biking, adaptive trails, equestrian use, and designated motorized routes, with trails that link communities as well as provide local recreation.
- **Universal design and recreation opportunities for all residents.** Accessibility and inclusion were emphasized, with residents seeking more facilities and opportunities that are welcoming for all ages, abilities, and cultural backgrounds.
- **Recreation infrastructure and high-quality visitor experiences.** Amenities and maintenance such as washrooms, signage, benches, parking, and garbage facilities are viewed as essential, with many respondents pointing to gaps at popular sites. Many residents also noted a lack of public awareness and branding for RDCK-managed sites, requesting better signage, communication, and trip-planning resources to improve the visitor experience and increase access.
- **Strength of community partnerships.** Participants highlighted the importance of community stewardship and volunteerism, calling for stronger partnerships, consistent funding, and support for local groups that maintain trails and parks.
- **Support for multi-use sites, but clear management directions needed.** User conflicts were identified as ongoing concerns, with requests for clear rules, designated areas, and enforcement.

First Nations engagement highlighted the need for ongoing, government-to-government relationships and potential Memoranda of Understanding (MOUs). Feedback emphasized the importance of balancing recreation with ecological and cultural values, protecting traditional and ceremonial access, and integrating Indigenous knowledge and stewardship into planning and management.

1.3.2 Engagement outcomes: What We Heard Summary Phase 2

Phase 2 engagement focused on sharing the Draft Strategy and identifying anything missing or requiring change. Feedback largely reinforced the directions established through Phase 1, with several additional considerations:

- **Water access and jurisdiction.** Clearly distinguish RDCK-managed sites from other public access points and consider environmental and community impacts in future planning.
- **Balancing recreation uses and conservation.** Consider environmental values, safety, existing uses, and user compatibility.
- **Community involvement.** Meaningfully engage local residents and users before significant changes to access, permitted uses, or infrastructure.
- **Stewardship and education.** Strengthen visitor education and responsible recreation programs and messages.
- **Regional equity.** Continue improving equitable access to parks, trails, and water access across underserved areas of the RDCK.

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1.4 APPLICATION OF THE STRATEGY

This PTWAS is a strategic, system-level policy document designed to guide decision-making and priority setting by RDCK staff and the Board. It does not provide site-specific planning, policy, or management direction for individual parks or trails.

As a system-level strategy, the PTWAS does not predetermine site-specific decisions related to development, permitted uses, access, or management of RDCK Regional Parks and Trails. Where appropriate, these decisions will be informed by further technical assessment, environmental and cultural considerations, operational feasibility, partnerships, and detailed public engagement with affected communities and users.

Recognizing that much can change over the next ten years, this strategy is intended to be a living document, meaning one that evolves in response to the shifting needs and priorities of regional residents. Additionally, some actions outlined in the PTWAS may require further planning and evaluation prior to implementation. All actions are subject to approval by the RDCK Regional Board, based on regional priorities and the resources available at the time.

1.5 OPPORTUNITIES FOR SYSTEM IMPROVEMENT AND ENHANCING RESILIENCY

The background research report, technical evaluation, and public engagement process identified several opportunities to strengthen and enhance the RDCK's regional parks, trails, and water access system. These opportunities reflect the community's desire to create a more connected, inclusive, and resilient system that supports both people and the environment. While challenges exist, they also represent areas for focused investment, innovation, and partnership. This essential information and understanding of the current system have informed the strategies actions, strategies, and outcomes of this strategy.

1. Enhancing consistency in service delivery across the entire region.

» The RDCK's sub-regional service model enables local flexibility but also results in varied levels of investment and access. While locally responsive, this model results in uneven levels of infrastructure, planning, and staffing. Improving consistency would ensure more equitable service delivery and position the system for region-wide improvements in standards and stewardship.

2. Expanding equitable access to lakes, rivers, and water-based recreation.

» Many areas lack formalized, signed, and maintained water access points. Where access does exist, it is often informal or in ecologically sensitive locations. Residents across the RDCK emphasized the importance of safe, swimmable, and paddle-friendly shorelines. Residents would benefit from more formalized access points with appropriate amenities such as parking, signage, and washrooms. Improving these opportunities can reduce pressure on sensitive sites, increase safety, and enhance the visitor experience.

3. Strengthening regional trail connectivity and visitor experiences.

» The RDCK is home to an extensive network of informal and formal trails, many of which offer exceptional recreational and scenic value. However, although many high-value trails exist, they are not connected into a coherent network. Trailheads may be underserviced, signage inconsistent, and gaps exist between communities and major destinations. There is a clear opportunity to coordinate investments and improve experiences for both residents and visitors. Enhancing connectivity can create a more cohesive regional identity and expand recreation opportunities across seasons and user groups.

4. Improving infrastructure and visitor amenities.

» Many regional parks and access points are valued for their natural character but lack essential infrastructure. The absence of universal design features, seating, washrooms, parking, and signage at many regional sites limits participation for seniors, families, and people with disabilities. Upgrades would directly support inclusion and comfort while also strengthening the regional identity of these spaces.

5. Expanding ecological protection and restoration initiatives.

» There is strong community support for conservation and supporting ecological integrity across the region. Many regional park lands contain sensitive habitat, but lack formal management plans, monitoring, or restoration programs. Proactive protection of these areas will support climate resilience and long-term ecological function. Developing a region-wide ecological integrity framework and integrating restoration practices can position the RDCK as a leader in conservation-based recreation management.

6. Building staff, volunteer, and operational capacity.

» The RDCK benefits from a strong culture of volunteerism and local stewardship. The current staff-to-asset ratio is low by comparison to other regional districts, and many programs rely on volunteers or intermittent funding. Sustainable growth of the system will require predictable staffing, support for stewardship groups, and improved coordination with partners. Expanding staff capacity, coordinating volunteer programs, and supporting community-led initiatives will be essential for sustaining and growing the regional system.

7. Creating a unified identity through signage and communication.

» There is an identified need for improved signage, wayfinding, and public information that clearly identify RDCK regional parks and trails. Currently, the system has no unified visual identity or visitor experience framework for RDCK's regional parks and trails. This affects navigation, user expectations, and public recognition of regional services. A consistent visual identity can improve navigation, reinforce stewardship messaging, and celebrate the uniqueness of each site.

These gaps underscore the importance of collaborative action and shared investment in achieving the vision and goals of this strategy. Addressing these opportunities will require a coordinated regional framework that prioritizes inclusivity, ecological health, and equitable access. It also calls for long-term investment, shared leadership with Indigenous Nations, community organizations, and a stronger foundation for service delivery across the district.

1.6 THE VISION AND VALUES

The RDCK Parks, Trails, and Water Access Strategy is grounded in a shared vision for an inclusive, connected, and resilient outdoor system; one that reflects the landscapes, cultures, and communities of the region. The following mission, vision and values have been informed by deep community input, Indigenous perspectives, technical research, and planning best practices from across British Columbia and beyond. They are also intentionally aligned with the evolving **Community Services Department Mission and Vision**, ensuring continuity across RDCK service areas and a shared foundation for decision-making as departmental priorities continue to be refined.

Our Mission

To enable communities across the RDCK to connect, play, and thrive in nature by providing accessible, diverse, and sustainable parks, trails, and water access that protect natural and cultural assets, foster partnerships, and adapt to the evolving needs of our communities.

Our Vision

The RDCK has a vibrant and resilient system of regional parks, trails, and water access sites where people and communities connect, play, and thrive through nature. These spaces provide inclusive and accessible opportunities for recreation, foster a strong sense of belonging and connection to place, and reflect the diverse and evolving needs of the region. Through thoughtful stewardship, meaningful partnerships, and responsible service delivery, RDCK parks, trails, and water access protect cultural and ecological values while supporting community well-being and long-term environmental resilience.

Image Source: RDCK

Guiding Values

The strategy is underpinned by a set of shared values that guide how decisions are made, how spaces are designed and managed, and how relationships are built. Shared values help to prioritize management decisions, projects, and strategic directions.

Stewardship and Sustainability

Recognizing that the parks, trails, and waters of the RDCK are unceded territories of Indigenous Peoples and committing to their protection and stewardship for generations to come. Our approach prioritizes climate resilience, conservation, and sustainable land and water use to ensure that future generations can enjoy and benefits from these spaces.

Nature-Based Well-being

We support a diverse range of outdoor recreation opportunities that foster physical activity, mental health, cultural connection, and community pride. Our parks and trails system will celebrate the distinct identities of RDCK communities while promoting high-quality, inclusive, and sustainable nature-based experiences. Supporting recreation, celebration, and connection to place as core elements of healthy, vibrant communities.

Recreation Access For All

We strive to remove barriers and create welcoming and inclusive outdoor spaces for people of all backgrounds, abilities, and ages. We are committed to applying universal design principles where appropriate and ensuring fair geographic access across the RDCK.

Community Partnerships and Collaboration

We believe in the power of collaboration to strengthen and expand the regional parks and trails system. By working with local governments, Indigenous Nations, non-profits, and community organizations, we will leverage resources, and share expertise. Together, these efforts will create innovative partnerships that enhance recreation, conservation, and funding opportunities.

Fiscal Responsibility and Operational Excellence

We are dedicated to efficient, transparent, and sustainable management of RDCK's parks, trails, and waters. Through strategic planning, responsible funding, and innovative solutions, we will ensure the long-term financial and operational success of the regional park and trail system.

Overall, these values provide a compass for implementing the goals and actions outlined in the strategy and reflect the voices, priorities, and aspirations of people across the region.

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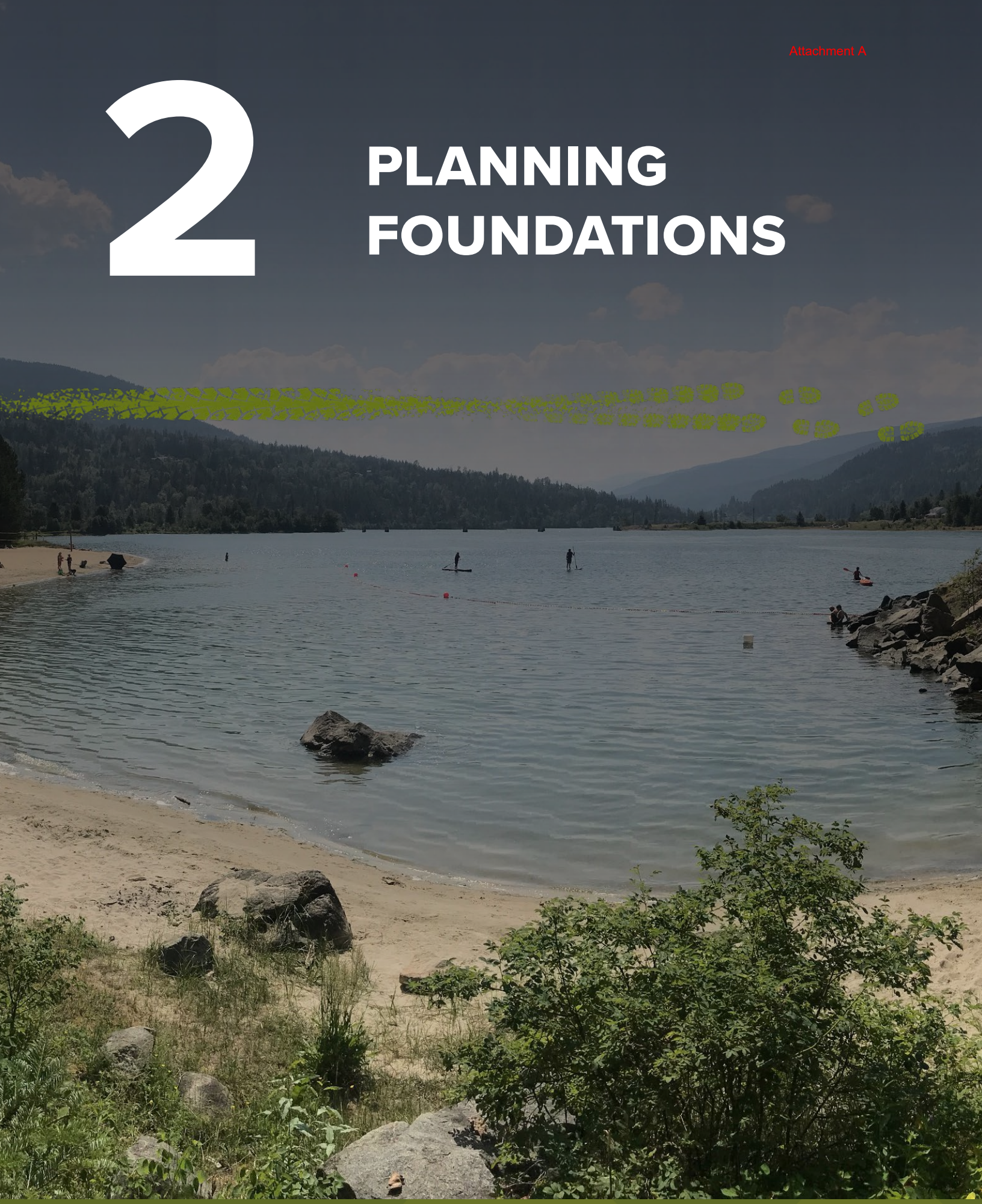

2.1 RDCK OVERVIEW AND COMMUNITY PROFILE

Incorporated in 1965, the RDCK is a local government that serves 62,509 residents. The Regional District is in the traditional and unceded territory of the Ktunaxa, Secwépemc, Sinixt, and Syilx Nations who have lived here since the beginning of their history on this land. The RDCK is made up of twenty-one (21) unique governance areas, including Electoral Areas, member municipalities, and Indigenous Bands. The RDCK consists of eleven (11) Electoral Areas (A, B, C, D, E, F, G, H, I, J, K) and nine (9) member municipalities, including Castlegar, Creston, Kaslo, Nakusp, Nelson, New Denver, Salmo, Silverton and Slocan.

The region is home to unique landscapes consisting of a variety of ecosystems, including lakes, rivers, creeks, beaches, and wetlands. In addition to forests and mountain environments that collectively form the heart of outdoor public recreation activities. The area is known as a diverse four-season destination with significant participation in both traditional and non-traditional park and recreation activities from both residents and visitors alike. It offers a diverse range of outdoor nature-based recreation opportunities, ranging from biking and hiking trails to outstanding cross country and downhill skiing, and much more. Overall, the landscapes create a unique culture for the area that not only shapes the social fabric of its community's but also enhances residents' quality of life.

Image Source: RDCK

2.2 POPULATION DEMOGRAPHICS

There are many unique rural communities, large and small, each with a number of distinctive social groups and varied geographic characteristics. The result is that each municipality and electoral area may have its own set of differing park values and needs. The region is experiencing modest but steady growth in several areas, driven in part by urban outmigration, remote work opportunities, and lifestyle migration trends. Much of this growth is concentrated in urban areas, and increasing population density in member municipalities influences the need for parks and trails. Between 2016 and 2021, the population of the RDCK increased by 5% to 62,515 residents. Projections anticipate the population will continue to grow to nearly 65,000 residents by 2031, and 81,845 residents by 2041 for a total of almost 40,000 households. New growth is almost entirely driven by increases in the population aged 65 and older, however projections also anticipate increases among those 25-44 years old over the next 20 years .

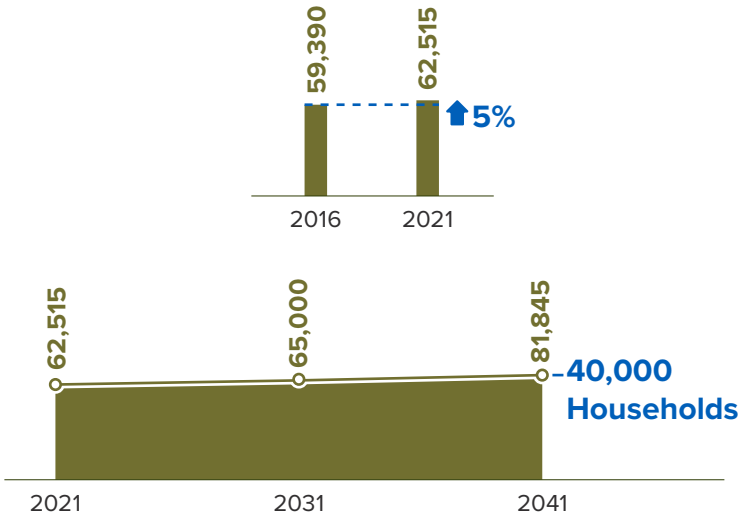

Figure 4: RDCK Population Projections

Between 2021 and 2026, seniors are expected to surpass mature adults as the largest age cohort in the RDCK. While some communities are growing, others face persistent challenges with youth retention, housing affordability, and economic diversification. The aging population (population projections) will continue to influence the region's recreational needs. While the demographics are changing, the majority of the population are engaged in nature-based recreational activities and there are overall extremely high levels of support for parks and trails across the region. Finally, while the region does have an average house income of $91,291, there are wide income disparities. Socioeconomic diversity varies across the RDCK, and therefore, so do the needs of residents and requirements of the RDCK to provide services.

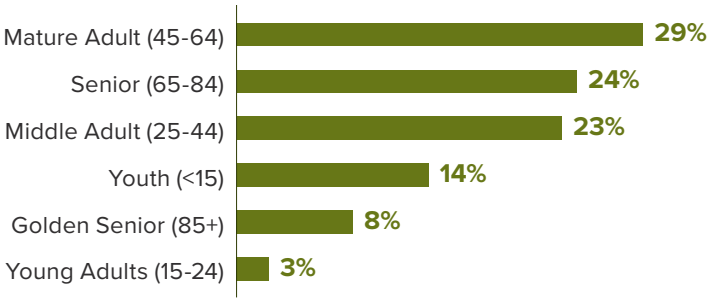

Figure 3: RDCK population by age category

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2.3 HISTORY OF THE REGIONAL PARKS SYSTEM

The development of regional parks and trails within the RDCK reflects more than five decades of local commitment to public access to nature, recreation, and conservation. Beginning in 1971 with the establishment of Pass Creek Regional Park, the RDCK has since expanded its network to include twenty-four (24) regional parks and three (3) regional trails, encompassing over 648 hectares and more than 100 kilometres of trails.

Image Source: RDCK

More than 50 years of acquiring parkland (1971-2023)

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>10,000
First Nation presence in the area dates back over 10,000 years ago

1893
N&FS completed, connecting Nelson with Spokane

1966
RDCK received Supplementary Letters Patent for the regional parks function

1970s
Taghum Beach is used as a day use area by local residents.

1971
Pass Creek Regional Park acquired

1984
RDCK begins work on Regional Park Plan

1986
Official Regional Parks Plan of the RDCK is completed

1988
RDCK completes a shoreline access survey for Kootenay Lake (North Arm, South Arm, West Arm)

1991
Slocan, Silverton, New Denver and Area H Park Service established

Castlegar, Area I, Area J Park Service established

Creston, Area A, Area B, and Area C Park Service established

Nelson, Salmo, Area E, Area F, and Area G Park Service established

Nakusp and Area K Park Service established

1999
Rail ties removed and BNSF begins use a recreational trail

2001
Trans Canada Trail – Linking Communities Initiative Kootenay Loop Trail Project

Kaslo and Electoral Area D Regional Parks Service established

2007
Castlegar, Area I, Area J Recreation and Parks Service consolidated

Creston, Area B, Area C Parks Service amended (to remove Electoral Area A)

Electoral Area A Regional Parks Service established

2008
Kaslo and Area Regional Facilities, Recreation and Parks Service consolidated

Present
Continued expansion of RDCK regional parks and trails to current system

- 24 Regional Parks & 3 Regional Trails
- 648 hectares of Regional Parkland
- About 100 km of developed Regional Trails
- Located in 8 Electoral Areas and 4 Municipalities
- There are 7 Park Services guided by 9 Park Commissions
- The most recent park acquired was Krestova Regional Park in 2023.

Figure 5: System history

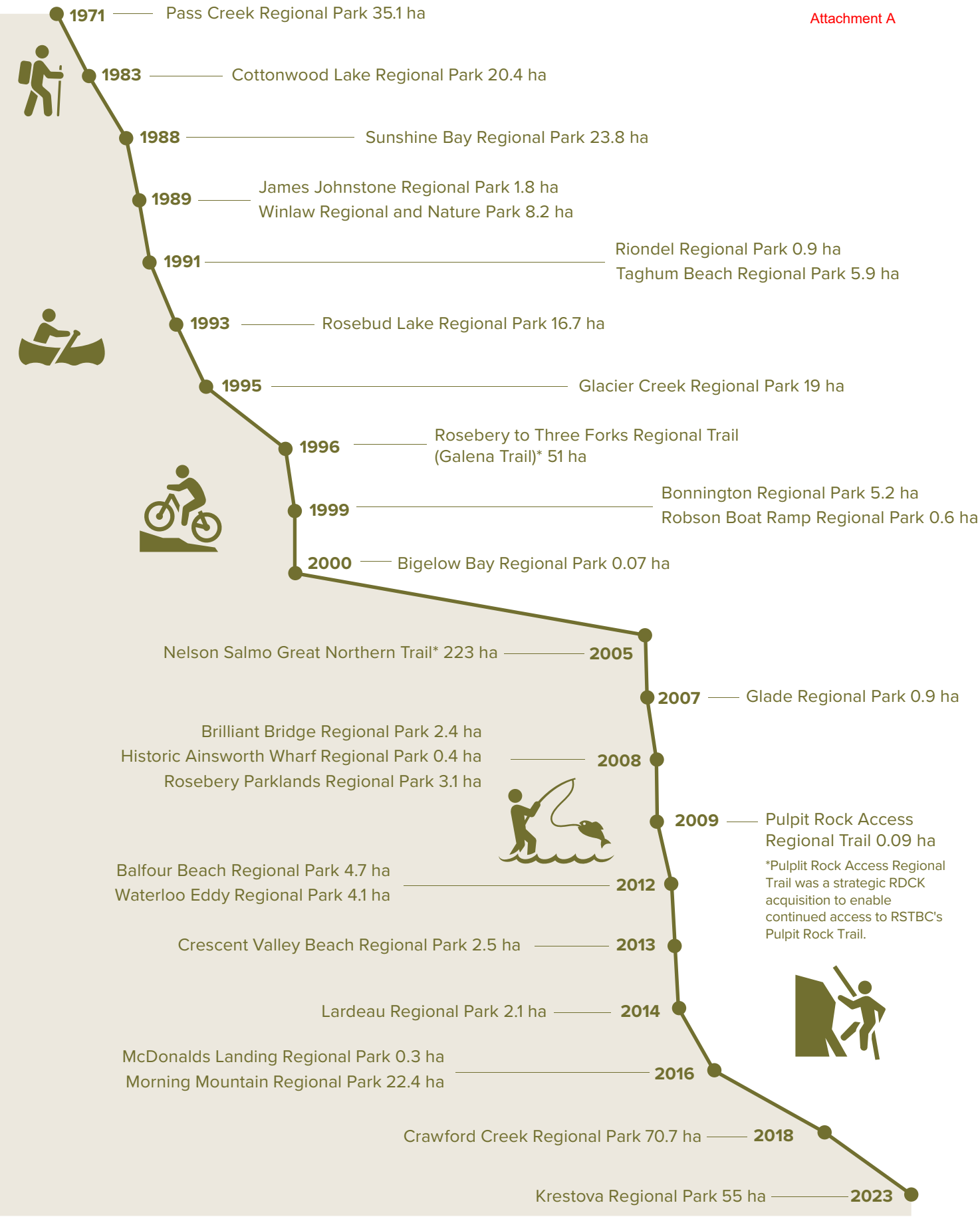

Figure 6: Timeline of parks

The evolution of this system was largely driven by site-specific needs, land donation opportunities, and community-led advocacy. Currently, this well-established system operates under a sub-regional model (as per Bylaws 2044 and 2173). This means that seven distinct park service areas, governed by separate bylaws, fund and manage their own network of parks and trails. Each of these service areas may include one or more municipalities and electoral areas that have opted into the service. While this structure was intended to respect local autonomy and distinct geographic needs, it has resulted in an uneven distribution of park assets and services across the RDCK (as highlighted in Figure 7).

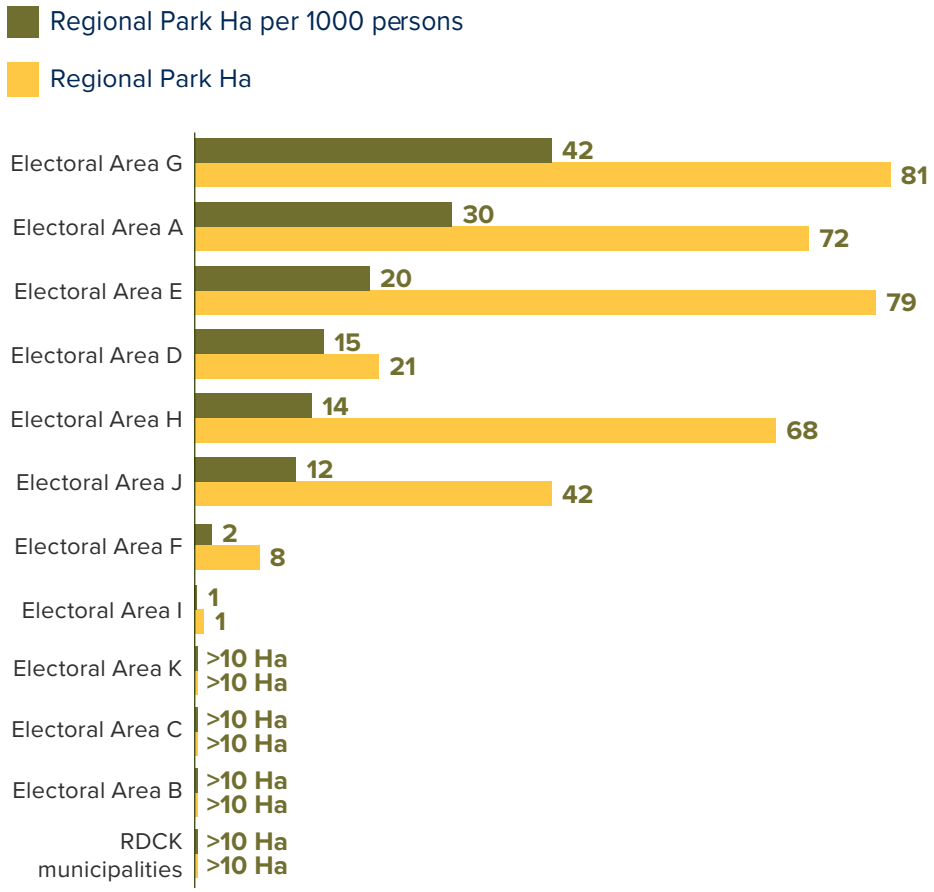

Figure 7: Regional Park Land Provisioning by Electoral Area and Municipality

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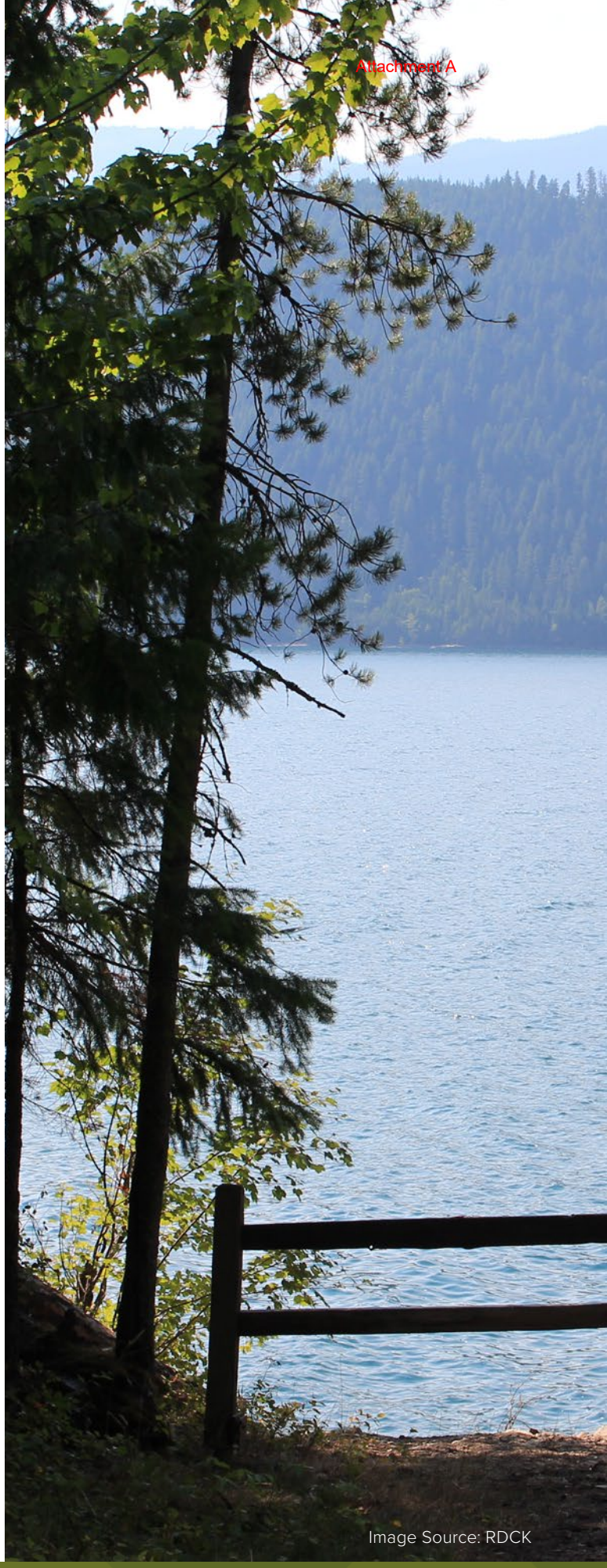
Some electoral areas and municipalities have no regional parkland or trails within their boundaries, and residents in these areas may have limited access to nature-based recreation. As demand for equitable access and conservation grows, the RDCK faces important questions about the future of its funding and governance structures.

The past decade has also seen increased community interest in formalized trail networks, water access, and outdoor recreation experiences. The system has experienced growing visitation, increased demand for water and trail access, and new pressures related to climate resilience, wildfire recovery, and ecological integrity. There has also been an upsurge in community-led stewardship, Indigenous partnerships, and local government collaboration. These trends helped catalyze the development of this Regional Parks, Trails, and Water Access Strategy, the RDCK's first district-wide framework for a coordinated and inclusive approach to outdoor recreation, access, and conservation.



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2.4 RDCK REGIONAL PARKS AND TRAILS OVERVIEW

The current RDCK Regional Parks and Trails System currently includes twenty-four (24) regional parks and three (3) regional trails covering more than 648ha and 62 km, respectively, with an additional 27km of trails located within regional parks. Additionally, the RDCK has ongoing land acquisitions and strategic partnerships that continue to grow the diverse regional park system. In 2025 two additional acquisitions were announced (along the Goat River and Robson Park), as well as the significant expansion of Rosebud Lake (in collaboration with the BC Parks Foundation). These parks and trails vary in size, setting, and level of development. The system spans a diverse range of natural landscapes, historic transportation corridors, and high-use recreation sites. A variety of governance models and partnerships are used to manage these lands, reflecting the sub-regional service delivery structure. In addition, the RDCK is constantly evaluating lands and cultural sites of significance; in 2025 and into 2026 there have been multiple land acquisitions that will enhance the current system. Future park sites provide regional parks in areas previously without any RDCK regional parks and trails. As the system evolves so too will the needs of the service delivery, this strategy is grounded in the realities of today while looking to the needs of the future.

Figure 8: RDCK Regional Park System Overview

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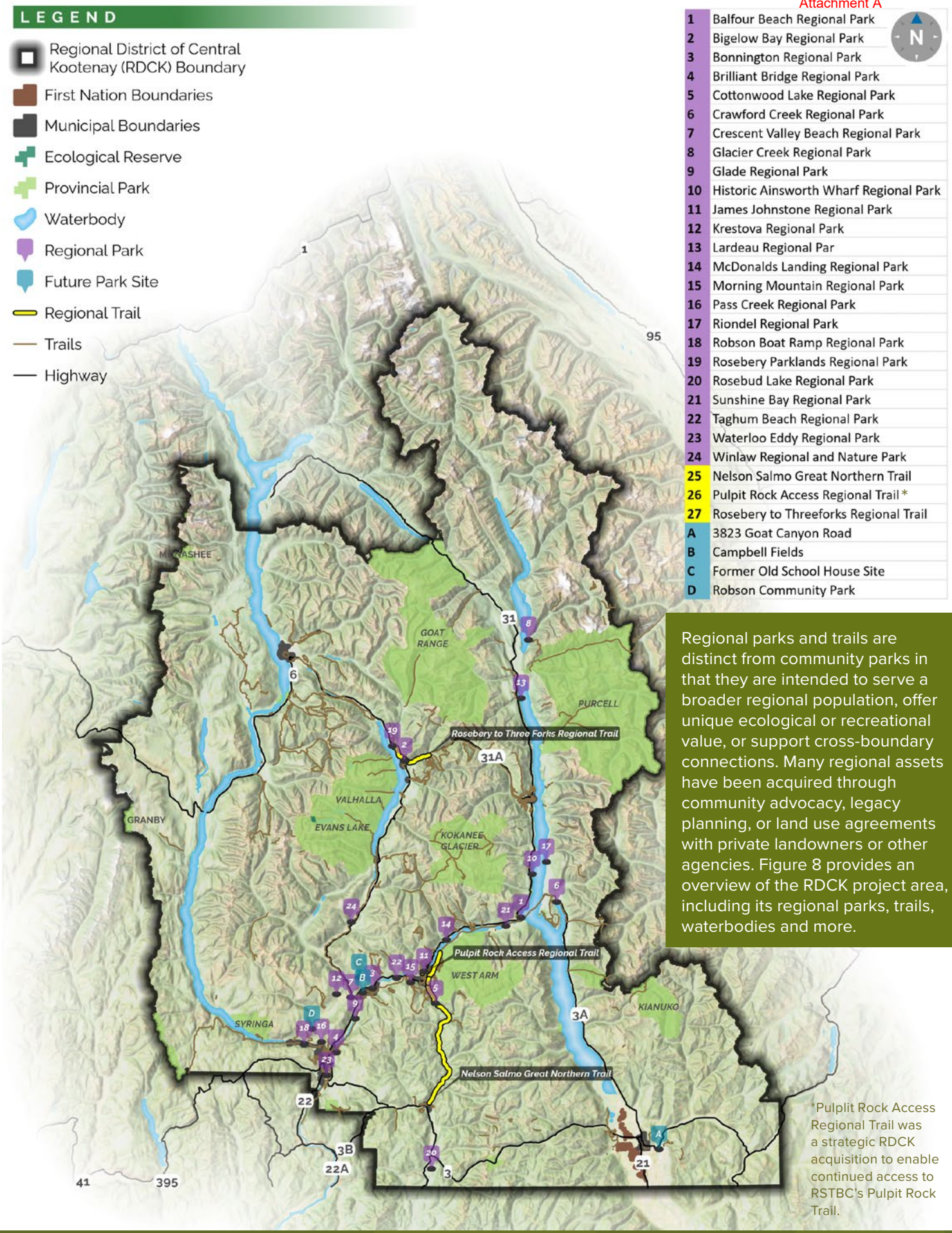

1	Balfour Beach Regional Park
2	Bigelow Bay Regional Park
3	Bonnington Regional Park
4	Brilliant Bridge Regional Park
5	Cottonwood Lake Regional Park
6	Crawford Creek Regional Park
7	Crescent Valley Beach Regional Park
8	Glacier Creek Regional Park
9	Glade Regional Park
10	Historic Ainsworth Wharf Regional Park
11	James Johnstone Regional Park
12	Krestova Regional Park
13	Lardeau Regional Par
14	McDonalds Landing Regional Park
15	Morning Mountain Regional Park
16	Pass Creek Regional Park
17	Riondel Regional Park
18	Robson Boat Ramp Regional Park
19	Rosebery Parklands Regional Park
20	Rosebud Lake Regional Park
21	Sunshine Bay Regional Park
22	Taghum Beach Regional Park
23	Waterloo Eddy Regional Park
24	Winlaw Regional and Nature Park
25	Nelson Salmo Great Northern Trail
26	Pulpit Rock Access Regional Trail *
27	Rosebery to Threeforks Regional Trail
A	3823 Goat Canyon Road
B	Campbell Fields
C	Former Old School House Site
D	Robson Community Park

Regional parks and trails are distinct from community parks in that they are intended to serve a broader regional population, offer unique ecological or recreational value, or support cross-boundary connections. Many regional assets have been acquired through community advocacy, legacy planning, or land use agreements with private landowners or other agencies. Figure 8 provides an overview of the RDCK project area, including its regional parks, trails, waterbodies and more.

*Pulplit Rock Access Regional Trail was a strategic RDCK acquisition to enable continued access to RSTBC's Pulpit Rock Trail.

2.5 PROTECTED AREAS SYSTEM IN THE RDCK

Central to this Strategy is the opportunity to serve the needs of residents with a diversity of regional recreational opportunities that are not being provided by any other agency. As such, it is important to note that regional parks are part of a larger system of Indigenous, federal, provincial, municipal, and private land parks and protected areas in the region (Figure 9).

Figure 9: Park Types Continuum in the RDCK

The Regional Parks and Trails System is just one of multiple park systems in the region, yet it is integral to communities and residents across the RDCK. While the regional parks and trails only represent about 1% of the total parks and protected areas in the region, these sites are intended to be accessible and serve as the primary destination for nature-based outdoor recreation for residents. Conservation, protection of natural and cultural heritage, and outdoor recreation opportunities are also available across the region within the:

- 19 Provincial Parks
- 33 Provincial Parks and Ecological Reserves
- 181 Provincial Recreation Sites
- 75 Municipal Parks
- More than 25 other conservation sites
- Additional 2,678km of trails in the region (managed by other agencies and private and non-profit organizations)[1]

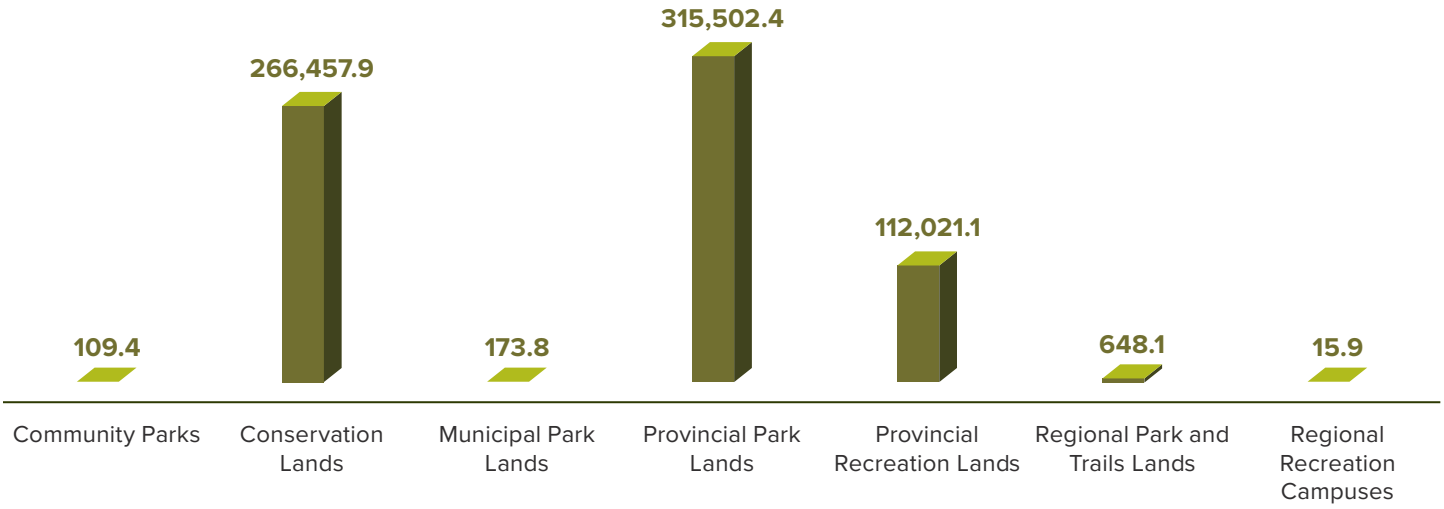

Figure 10: Hectares of Park and Conservation Lands in the RDCK

1 This includes sanctioned and unsanctioned trails (decommission Forest Service Roads, unauthorized trail building, etc.) and is based on available data from the RDCK and third-party sources (e.g. Trailforks, OSM, Strava Metro).

Provincial parks, recreation areas and conservation lands provide protection and access to unique natural and cultural landscapes across the RDCK. These protected areas serve different mandates and priorities, such as:

- **Ecological Reserves:** Have the primary purpose of ecosystem conservation and preservation of natural features, plants, and wildlife.
- **Provincial Recreation Sites:** Provide the public with safe and high-quality recreational opportunities.

Other important natural areas in the region are protected and managed by non-governmental organizations such as the Nature Conservancy of Canada, Ducks Unlimited, and conservation organizations such as the Kootenay Conservation Program. Within these areas biodiversity is prioritized, often ensuring that sensitive ecosystems and at-risk species are protected at the expense of public access.

Figure 11: Municipal Parks in the RDCK

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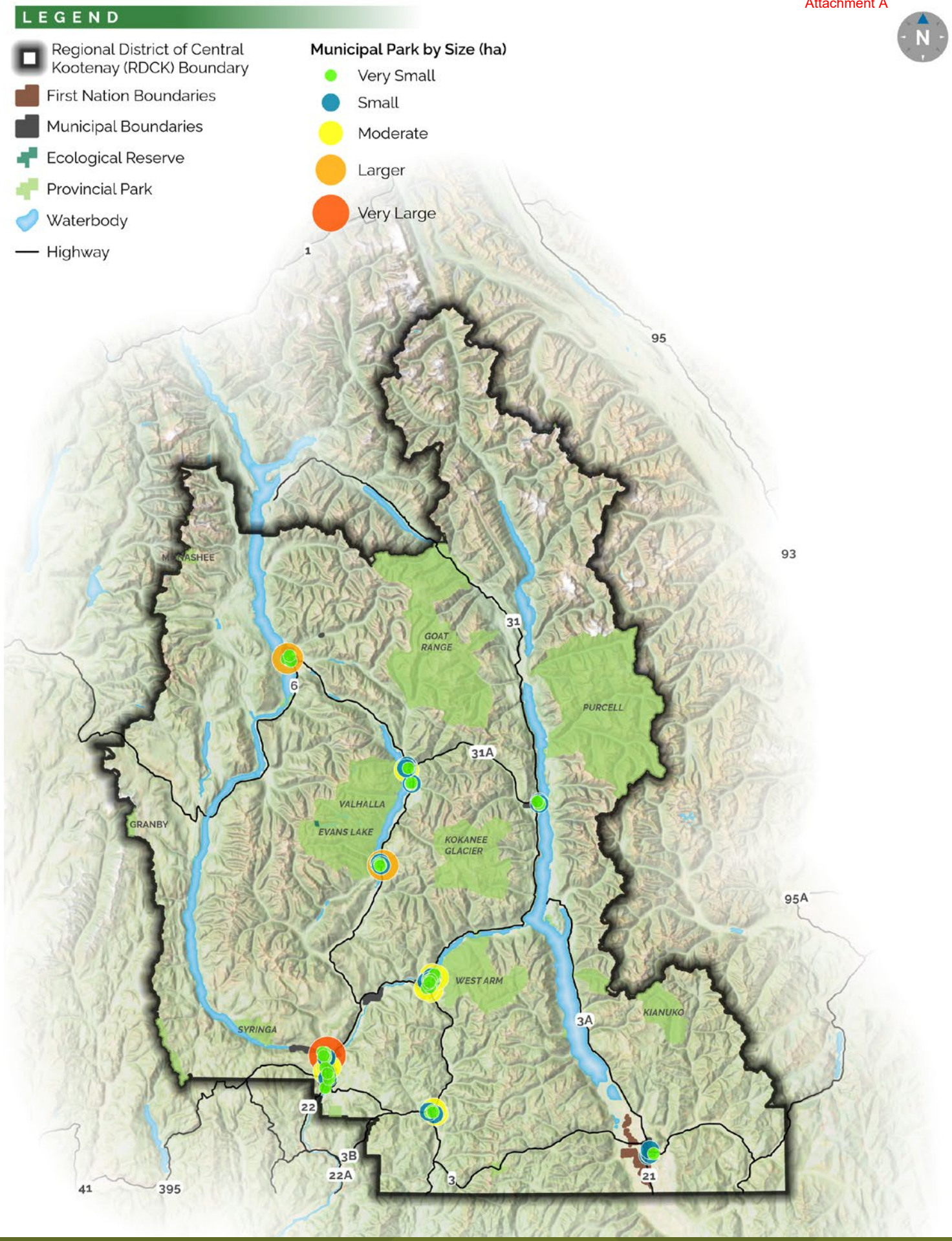

Municipal and Community Parks

Municipal and community parks also serve the residents of the RDCK and contribute to a system of connected green spaces and trails. Currently, no national guidelines exist for the amount of parkland needed per 1000 residents. However, the general guideline for park space provision is typically about 4 to 6 hectares per 1,000 residents. This can vary based on local government standards, community needs, geographic conditions, and city planning priorities.

Some cities aim for higher ratios, especially if they emphasize outdoor recreation or have ample land available, while denser urban areas may have less space and aim for innovative approaches to maximize green areas. Table 1 summarizes the approximate municipal parkland base by the municipality.

Table 1: municipal parkland by municipality

MUNICIPALITY	# OF MUNICIPAL PARKS (APPROX)	MUNICIPALITY AREA IN HECTARES	PARK % OF MUNICIPAL LAND BASE	POP. 2021	TOTAL PARK POVIDED IN HECTARES	PARK PROVIDED # HA /1000 POP.)	PARK REQUIRED (4 HA /1000 POP.)*	DEFECIT (-) IN HECTARES	SURPLUS (+) IN HECTARES
Castlegar	16	1474	3.1	8,485	61.12	5.04	36.1		9.4
Creston	16	609	1.5	5,506	31.38	1.72	20.9	11.9	
Kaslo	6	301	1.6	786	4.9	0.93	3.9		1.0
Nakusp	5	120	1.4	1,904	17.1	15.13	4.5		12.6
Nelson	17	687	6.4	11,074	43.9	4.12	42.7		1.2
Salmo	5	244	6.7	768	15.93	14.28	4.6		11.7
New Denver	5	87	1.4	487	11.9	25.15	1.9		10
Silverton	8	35	11.4	391	18.72	20.51	0.8		3.2
Slocan	6	78	26.0	299	20.3	74.63	1.1		19.2
TOTAL	78	-	1.5 to 26	29700	220.35	-	116.5	SURPLUS	56.4

Note these numbers are approximate/estimates of the #of parks per municipality as each area has evolving and differing methods of asset management and recording.

Image Source: RDCK

2.5.1 Ecological Significance

The RDCK is ecologically significant due to its diverse landscapes, which encompass multiple biogeoclimatic zones, including:

- Interior Cedar-Hemlock.
- Montane Spruce.
- Engelmann Spruce-Subalpine Fir.

These zones host unique ecosystems and species adapted to the distinct environmental conditions and topography of RDCK, from valleys to alpine areas, the region supports a wide range of flora and fauna, making it a biodiversity hotspot (Figure 11).

Common Threats to Conservation Values

- Residential & commercial development
  - » Tree cutting
  - » Fragmentation
  - » Groundwater alteration
- Climate change
  - » Drought
  - » Wildfire
  - » Heavy rainfall events
- Invasive Species
- Species Disturbance & Mortality
- Natural System Modification

Figure 12: Environmental Density Evaluation

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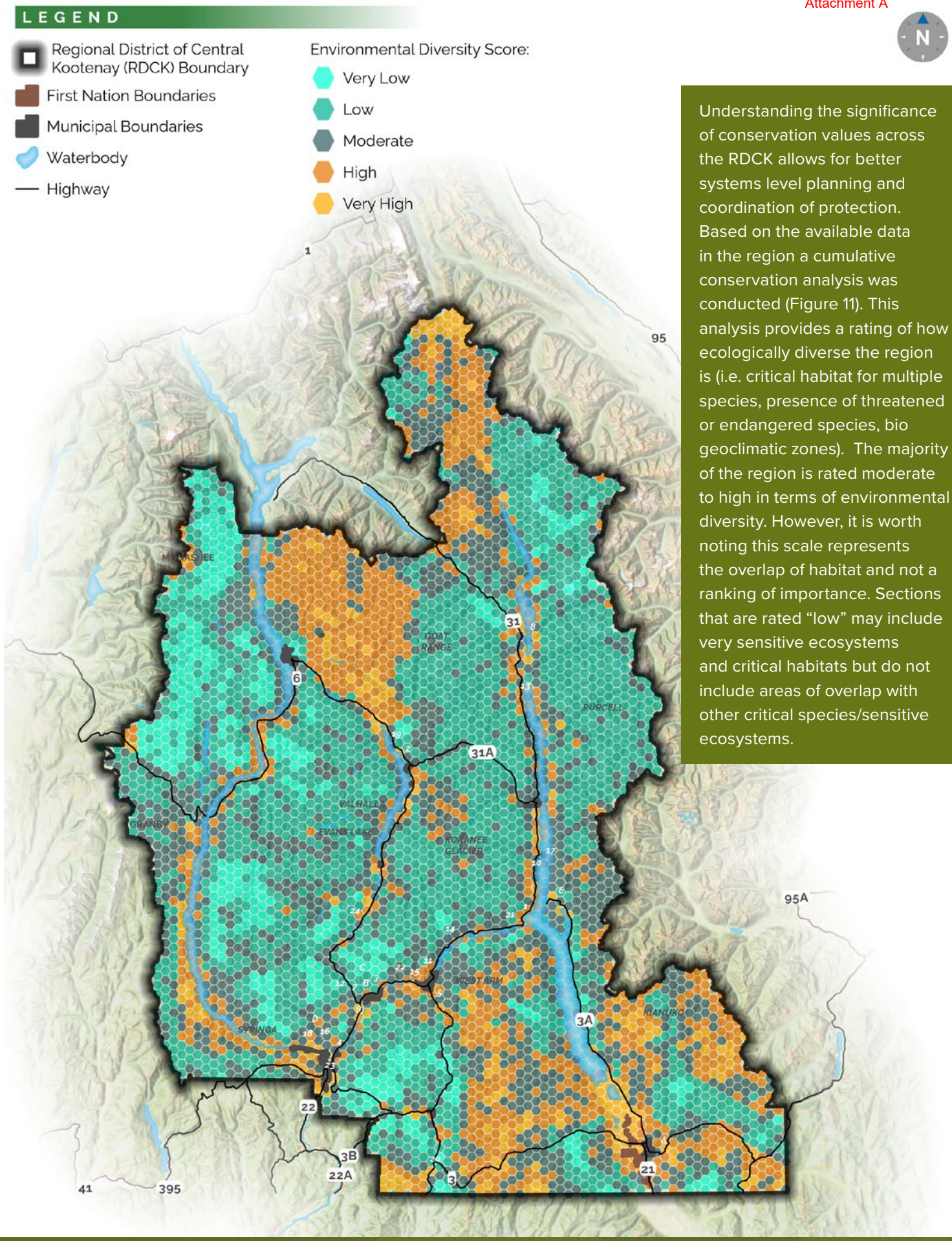

Understanding the significance of conservation values across the RDCK allows for better systems level planning and coordination of protection. Based on the available data in the region a cumulative conservation analysis was conducted (Figure 11). This analysis provides a rating of how ecologically diverse the region is (i.e. critical habitat for multiple species, presence of threatened or endangered species, bio geoclimatic zones). The majority of the region is rated moderate to high in terms of environmental diversity. However, it is worth noting this scale represents the overlap of habitat and not a ranking of importance. Sections that are rated “low” may include very sensitive ecosystems and critical habitats but do not include areas of overlap with other critical species/sensitive ecosystems.

Image Source: RDCK

The RDCK also contains critical habitats for species at risk (Figure 12), such as Grizzly Bears, Western Screech-Owls, Mountain Caribou, and The American Badger. These species rely on expansive landscapes, intact forests, grasslands and open forests, which are increasingly threatened by urban development and road mortality. Additionally, The Northern Leopard Frog, once widespread across Western Canada, is now restricted to a few locations, with RDCK's wetlands providing vital habitat. Wetland degradation and invasive species have contributed to its drastic decline. Whitebark Pine is also a key species at risk in the RDCK. This high-elevation tree species is essential for watershed stability and provides food for wildlife, such as Clark's Nutcracker and Grizzly Bears. However, it faces threats from white pine blister rust, climate change, and habitat loss, leading to its designation as endangered under Canada's Species at Risk Act (SARA). Conservation initiatives in the area emphasize preserving old-growth forests, riparian zones, and wetland areas like the Columbia River Wetlands, one of North America's most significant wetland ecosystems, which provides essential habitat for migratory birds and aquatic species. A significant portion of the region is listed as "red" (492,531 ha), suggesting that much of the land base in the RDCK is important habitat for threatened, endangered, or species at risk.

Figure 13: RDCK Critical Habitats and Species at Risk

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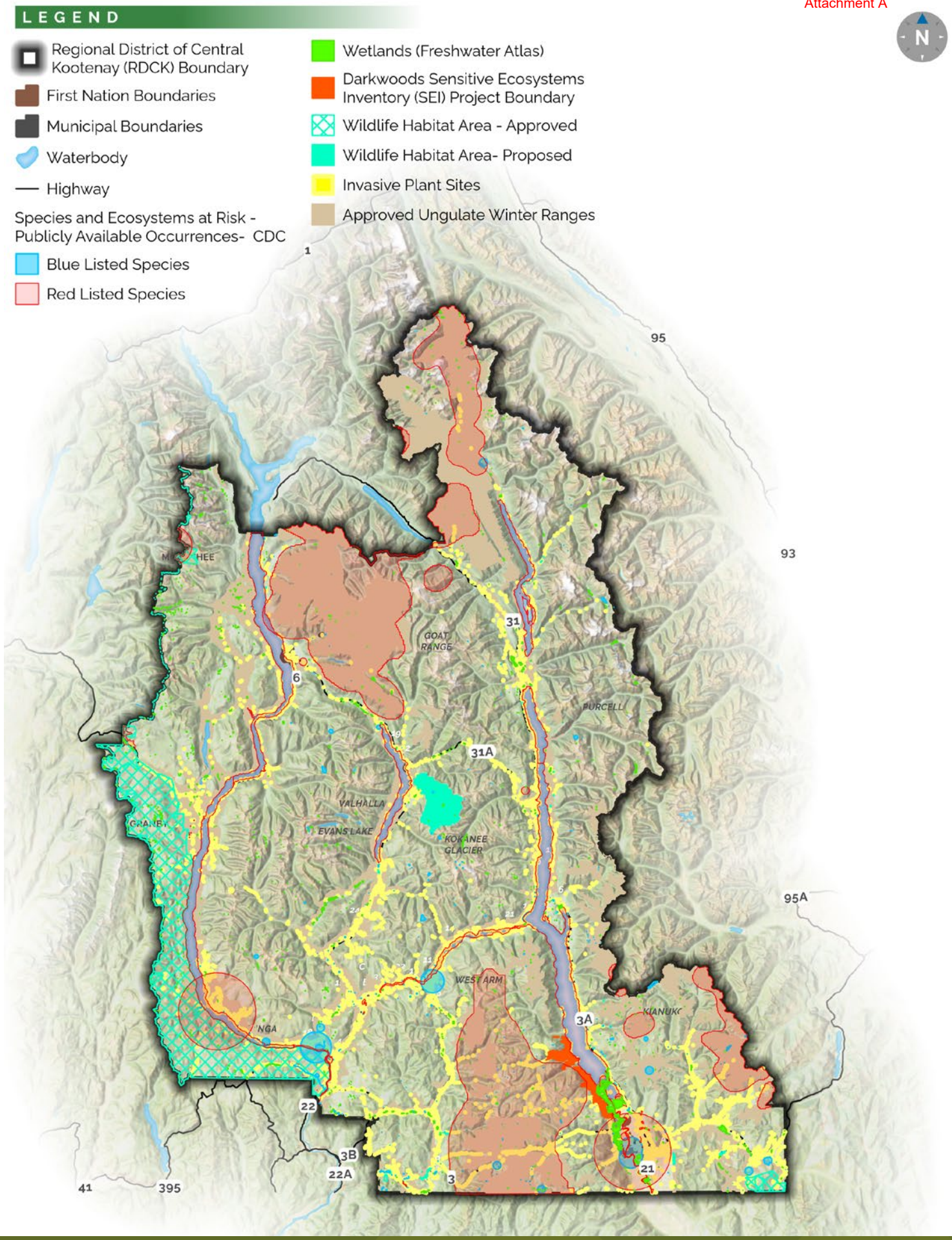


2.6 POLICY CONTEXT

As illustrated in Figure 13, regional parks and trails can help to achieve the priorities of broader provincial and national policies and strategies. The Regional Parks and Trails System also helps to support, or directly deliver, on the priorities set in regional and local government plans and policies.

National

- Truth & Reconciliation Commission Calls to Action (2015)
- Canada's 2030 Nature Strategy
- Parks for All (2017)
- Framework for Recreation in Canada (2015, updated 2024)
- Canada's National Active Transportation Strategy (2021)
- A Healthy Environment and a Healthy Economy (2020)
- One with Nature: A Renewed Approach to Land and Freshwater Conservation in Canada (2018)
- The Price of Inactivity: Measuring the Powerful Impact of Sport, Physical Activity, and Recreation in Canada (2023)
- Canada's 2030 Nature Strategy: Halting and Reversing Biodiversity Loss in Canada (2024)

Provincial

- Trails Strategy for British Columbia (2013)
- Authorizing Recreational Mountain Bike Trails on Provincial Crown Land Operational Policy (2013)
- British Columbia's Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples Act (2019)
- Clean BC. Our Nature. Our Power. Our Future. Roadmap to 2030 (2020)
- Accessible BC: B.C.'s Accessibility Plan (& Accessible British Columbia Act (2021))
- Outdoor Recreation Council of British Columbia Strategic Plan (2021-2025)
- BC Parks Commitment to Inclusion (2023)

Regional

- RDCK User Fees and Charges for Publicly Provided Parks and Recreation Services (2019)
- Park Use Permit Guidelines (2019)
- RDCK Strategic Plan 2024-2026 (2024)
- Parkland Dedication Policy (2024)
- All relevant Bylaws

Sub-Regional

- Regional District of Central Kootenay – Nelson and District Parks and Recreation Master Plan (2012)
- Regional District of Central Kootenay: Castlegar and Areas I & J Recreation & Culture Master Plan (2016)
- Regional District of Central Kootenay: Area H & the Villages of Slocan, Silverton, and New Denver Recreation Master Plan (2016)
- Regional District of Central Kootenay – Town of Creston and Electoral Areas A, B & C State of Parks and Recreation Report (2020)
- Regional District of Central Kootenay – Town of Creston and Electoral Areas A, B & C Parks and Recreation Master Plan (2020)
- All Municipal & Electoral Area Official Community Plans

Figure 14: Relevant Policy, Strategy & Plan Context

As guided by these policies and strategies, regional parks and trails should be planned, developed and managed to:

Provide a diversity of nature-based recreation experiences, for all ages and abilities, that allow people to connect to nature and be more physically active more often. Ensure equitable, geographically balanced access to high-quality outdoor recreation opportunities, particularly nature-based and water-based activities that are not otherwise offered by other levels of government.

Advance reconciliation and inclusion by integrating Indigenous knowledge, values, and cultural practices into park planning and management, supporting opportunities for co-management, and promoting cultural awareness through education and interpretation.

Conserve the region's biodiversity, species at risk and environmentally sensitive areas while helping to deliver on international commitments to protect 30% of Canada's land and water by 2030.

Strengthen the region's resilience and ability to adapt to climate change.

Support connected and sustainable communities by developing integrated trail networks, ensuring parks and trails align with Official Community Plans, and linking recreation with broader goals for transportation, growth management, and climate resilience.

Ensure fair and transparent use of parks and facilities through policies that regulate activities, guide partnerships, and establish fee structures that reflect shared and individual benefits.

Foster collaboration and partnerships across governments, First Nations, community groups, and local organizations to strengthen stewardship, programming, and resource management.

Recognize that long-term sustainability may require difficult decisions regarding reinvestment, repurposing, relocation, or decommissioning of assets that are no longer viable, safe, or aligned with the goals of the regional parks system.

3 GOALS

3.1 GOALS OVERVIEW

Provide Outstanding Nature-Based Recreation Opportunities

Enhance Access to Regional Parks, Trails, and Water Access

Advance Inclusion, Equity, and Welcoming Experiences Across Regional Parks and Trails

Protect and Steward Regionally Significant Natural and Cultural Areas

Strengthen Community and Regional Partnerships

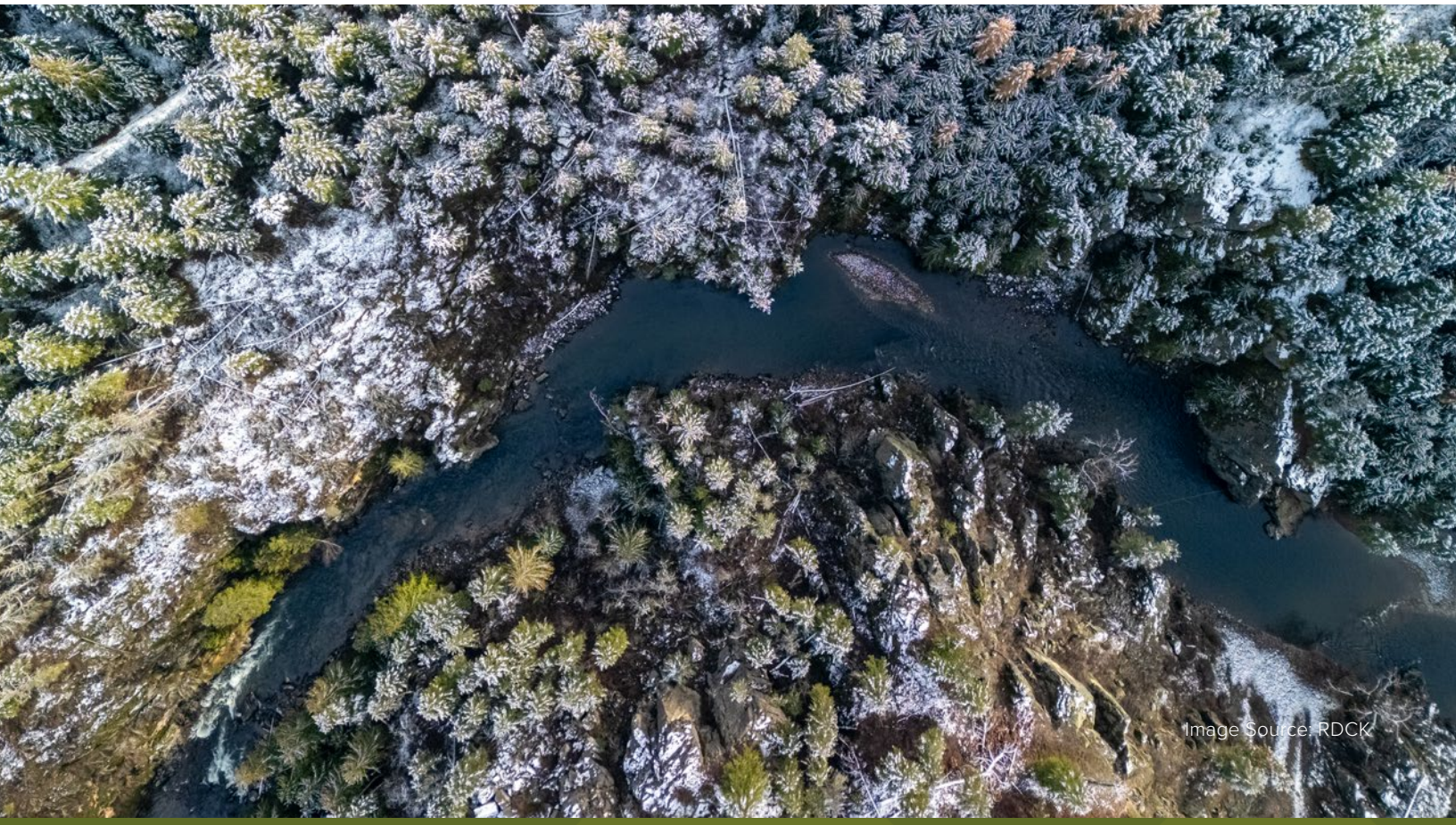
Ensure Operational Excellence and Fiscal Responsibility

3.2 SPECIFIC TARGETS AND ACTIONS

Table 2: SPECIFIC TARGETS AND ACTIONS

Goal	Targets and Actions
Provide Outstanding Nature-Based Recreation Opportunities	• Maintain and enhance the wide range of outdoor recreational options, including nature-based, water-based, and multi-use activities. • Maintain and enhance spaces and programs that encourage physical activity, mental health, well-being, and connection to nature. • Support appropriate visitor use to protect natural resources and ensure safe, high-quality recreation experiences.
Enhance Access to Regional Parks, Trails, and Water Access	• Strengthen the interconnected networks of parks and trails that link people, communities, and natural areas to all areas of the RDCK. • Prioritize development of new regional parks and trails in communities currently lacking regional parks and trails. • Prioritize regional trails and greenways to improve recreational and ecological corridors. • Continue to focus on water access in RDCK regional parks and trails (where appropriate and possible).
Advance Inclusion, Equity, and Welcoming Experiences Across Regional Parks and Trails	• Establish system-wide standards and design guidelines that define how inclusion, accessibility, and equity will be incorporated across different park and trail types. Collaborate with community-based organizations to ensure guidelines meet the needs of community members and feasibility across the system. • Review current parks to ensure that the system of RDCK regional parks and trails provides inclusive and accessible nature-based recreation opportunities. • Future regional parks and trails will be planned and designed to offer a range of experiences that reflect the region's geographic, cultural, and recreational diversity. Ensuring that people of all ages, abilities, and interests can connect with and be active in nature in ways that are meaningful to them.
Protect and Steward Regionally Significant Natural and Cultural Areas	• Safeguard ecosystems, biodiversity, and culturally significant areas through conservation planning, climate-resilient design, ecological sensitivity mapping, and Indigenous-led stewardship practices. • Ecological protection and climate resilience may require changes to recreation access, infrastructure, and service delivery, including rerouting, seasonal closures, restoration, or decommissioning where appropriate. • Participation in initiatives such as the Municipal Protected Areas Project to support the long-term recognition and protection of ecologically and culturally important lands within the RDCK parks and trails system. • Collaborate with Indigenous communities to integrate traditional ecological knowledge and advance reconciliation. • Promote public education on sustainability, biodiversity, and responsible recreation.

Goal	Targets and Actions
Strengthen Community and Regional Partnerships	• Continue to foster ongoing collaborative relationships with Indigenous groups, local governments, and community organizations. • Develop new meaningful relationships and collaborative partnership opportunities. • Partner with stakeholders to expand resources, enhance recreational opportunities, and align regional initiatives.
Ensure Operational Excellence and Fiscal Responsibility	• Develop a clear classification system for regional parks, trails, and water access areas that supports efficient and effective management. • Ongoing investment in asset management to ensure operation and maintenance capacity. • Prioritize sustainable funding models and innovation to support long-term operational success.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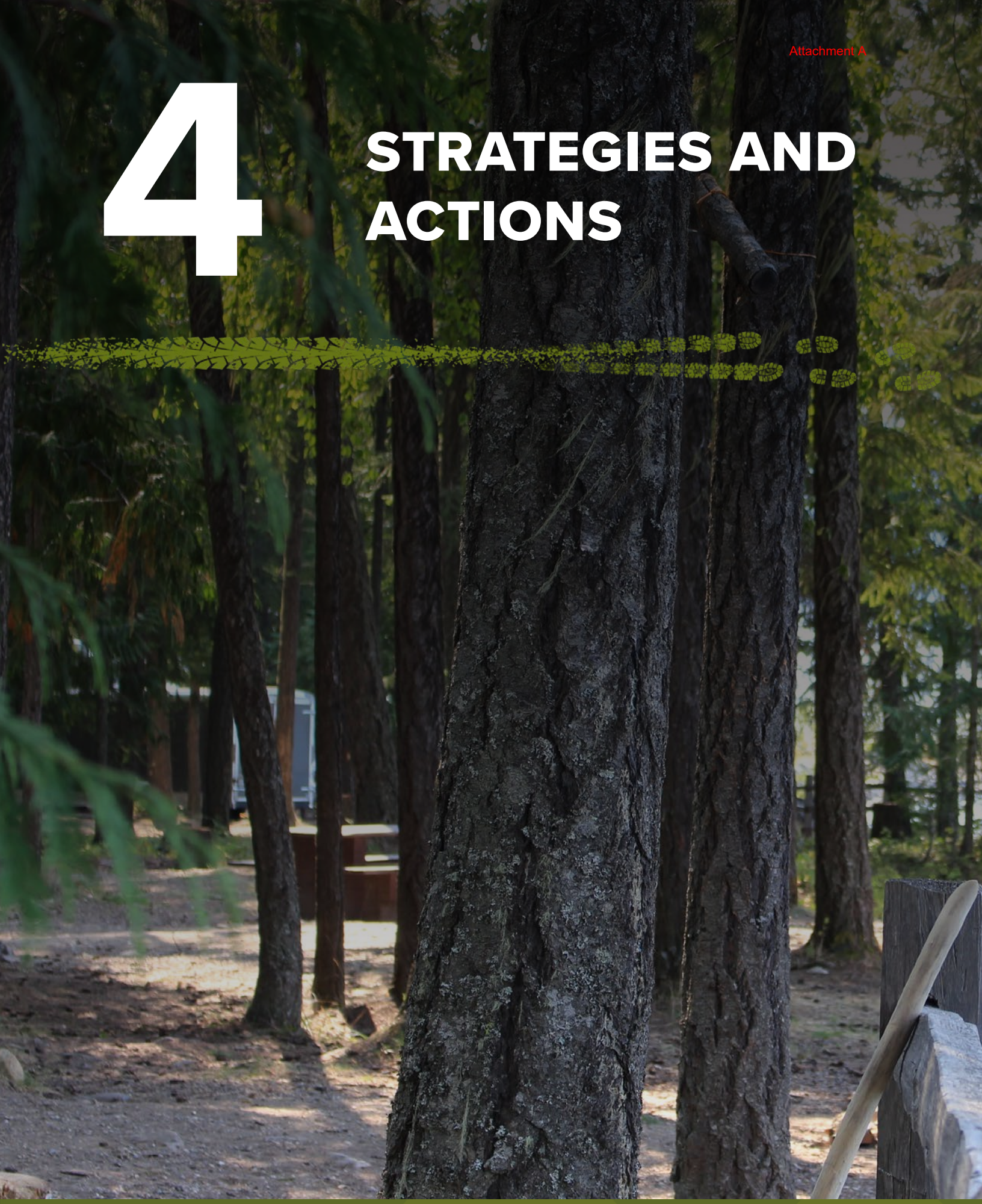
4 STRATEGIES AND ACTIONS



4.1 IMPROVE BALANCED (EQUITABLE) ACCESS TO REGIONAL PARKS AND TRAILS

Goals Supported

Outstanding Recreation | **Enhance Access** | Advance Inclusion | Protect and Steward | Strengthen Community | Operational Excellence

Not all areas in the RDCK have equal access to regional park and trail opportunities, creating service gaps that limit the benefits of the system for some communities. Addressing these imbalances is essential for equity, inclusion, and community well-being ensuring that all residents benefit from the health, recreation, and environmental values of the regional system.

4.1.1 Following the approval of the PTWAS, formally adopt the Land Acquisition Process identified in this strategy.

4.1.2 Establish a dedicated RDCK Land Acquisition Fund with annual contributions to build capacity for timely purchases or agreements.

4.1.3 Implement the land acquisition strategy to prioritize geographic and service gaps and to prioritize Electoral Areas and communities with little or no access to regional parks, trails, or water access, focusing on high-priority ecological areas, regional recreation nodes, and key connectivity corridors.

4.1.4 Partner with communities, First Nations, local governments, and utilize RDCK staff technical knowledge to co-create new regional assets that reflect local needs and values.

4.1.5 Engage the public in fundraising, awareness campaigns, and/or stewardship initiatives to support acquisition projects (when appropriate).

4.1.6 Review and update Land Acquisition Process and key information every five years (and as needed) to be adaptive to a changing region.

4.1.7 Monitor and report progress toward achieving equitable distribution of regional park, trail, and water access opportunities across the RDCK.

4.2 INCREASE AND ENHANCE WATER ACCESS THROUGHOUT THE REGION

Goals Supported

Outstanding Recreation | Enhance Access | Advance Inclusion | Protect and Steward | Strengthen Community | Operational Excellence

Water-based recreation is central to the RDCK lifestyle, yet access varies significantly across the region. The strategy emphasizes the need for safe, inclusive, and environmentally responsible access to lakes and rivers for all residents. A comprehensive RDCK Water Access Strategy will be developed to guide future investments, supported by a full mapping and inventory exercise of all formal and informal water access points. The inventory will clearly identify ownership, jurisdiction, and management responsibility and will help determine which sites are appropriate for future investment, stewardship, or improved access. No changes, improvement, or management decisions would be made without detailed public engagement.

4.2.1 Complete a region-wide mapping and inventory of water access points, including RDCK-managed sites, other formal public access, boat launches, swimming areas, and informal shoreline access. Clearly identify jurisdiction and management responsibility for mapped sites.

4.2.2 Develop and adopt an RDCK Water Access Strategy to guide future planning, investment, and stewardship. Considering recreation demand and existing use, environmental and cultural values, accessibility, neighbouring land uses, jurisdiction, management capacity, and community input.

4.2.3 Continue to monitor and maintain RDCK managed boat launches, swimming areas, and shoreline access points for safety, accessibility, and environmental protection.

4.2.4 Establish shoreline stewardship partnerships to monitor and maintain water access sites to support RDCK system.

4.2.5 Promote safe and responsible water use through signage, education programs, and seasonal outreach, including messaging related to waste, invasive species, appropriate site use, and environmental stewardship.

4.3 EXPAND AND ENHANCE REGIONAL TRAIL CONNECTIVITY

Goals Supported

Outstanding Recreation | Enhance Access | Advance Inclusion | Protect and Steward | Strengthen Community | Operational Excellence

The RDCK has an extensive but fragmented trail network, with many high-value recreation and active transportation routes lacking continuous connections or linkages to communities, regional parks, and key destinations. Engagement findings highlight strong public demand for a coordinated, high-quality regional trail system that integrates recreation, tourism, and alternative transportation opportunities. Within the RDCKRecreation Master Plan is a call for the development of a Regional Trails Strategy, recognizing trails as vital connectors for both residents and visitors alike. While this strategy acts as the guiding document for regional parks and trails, there is value in a detailed, map-based companion plan to this Strategy, that will guide trail development, connectivity improvements, and tourism-focused enhancements. This framework will provide a comprehensive inventory of existing trails, identify priority corridors and gaps, and align trail development with both recreation and active transportation objectives.

This strategy focuses on closing critical gaps, improving trailheads and wayfinding, and ensuring that regional trails are safe, accessible, and environmentally sustainable. It also emphasizes working with municipalities, First Nations, and provincial agencies to coordinate planning, align standards, and leverage funding. A formal Regional Trails Strategy will guide these investments, identify priority corridors, and integrate trail development with broader recreation and land use planning efforts.

4.3.1 Develop and adopt a Regional Trails Framework that maps existing routes, identifies priority connections, integrates tourism opportunities, and establishes design and maintenance standards. The Framework will consider existing and desired recreation uses, user compatibility, environmental and cultural values, safety, accessibility, and community context.

4.3.2 Classify Regional Trails and trails in Regional Parks using the classification guidelines outlined in section 5 in accordance with the National Guidelines for Classifying Multi-Use Trails in Canada, ensuring consistent standards for safety, accessibility, and user experience.

4.3.3 Pursue opportunities to connect communities, parks, and regional destinations through strategic trail linkages, using a mix of acquisitions, easements, and partnerships.

4.3.4 Upgrade trailheads, signage, and amenities, particularly at Regional Parks and Trails that function as primary trail access points, to enhance user experience, safety, and accessibility.

4.3.5 Collaborate with municipalities, First Nations, and other land managers to coordinate planning, secure funding, and ensure consistent trail quality across jurisdictions.

4.4 STRENGTHEN FOCUS ON OUTDOOR RECREATION & VISITOR EXPERIENCE

Goals Supported

Outstanding Recreation | Enhance Access | Advance Inclusion | Protect and Steward | Strengthen Community | Operational Excellence

Outdoor recreation is a cornerstone of the quality of life in the RDCK, enhancing physical and mental well-being, fostering connections with nature, supporting tourism, and strengthening the local outdoor recreation economy.

A diverse mix of recreation options helps ensure that the RDCK system meets the needs of all residents and visitors. Demand exists for both traditional and emerging activities, along with multi-season and multi-generational experiences that support families and key RDCK demographics such as seniors and older adults. Diversifying recreation opportunities requires intentional planning for a range of activities, difficulty levels, and settings, from accessible waterfront areas to challenging backcountry routes. While also ensuring that these experiences remain nature-based, non-motorized (with the exception of mobility aids and class 1 e-bikes), and environmentally sustainable. This approach also involves enhancing amenities, programming, and partnerships to broaden access and appeal, while respecting the site capacity and protecting natural and cultural resources. At the same time, there is a growing demand for purpose-built, activity-focused recreation areas, including mountain bike networks, climbing areas, paddling routes, major trailheads, and accessible waterfront sites. Responding to this shift requires intentional planning for specific recreation functions, rather than attempting to accommodate all activities at all sites. Activity-focused Regional Parks and Regional Recreation Areas can be optimized to support particular uses, skill levels, and user groups, while reducing environmental impacts and operational complexity.

A central principle of the RDCK regional park system is ensuring that both high-quality recreation opportunities and the protection of significant ecological and cultural values are prioritized. This means recognizing that each site in the network will have its own classification and management zones—some may be designed primarily for active nature-based recreation, others may focus on ecological conservation with limited amenities and infrastructure, and many will fall somewhere in between. The overall system will provide a balanced mix that connects people to nature while safeguarding sensitive environments, with management decisions informed by site-specific conditions, long-term sustainability, and the needs of both current and future generations.

This strategy also responds to key trends in outdoor recreation participation, indicating strong interest in cycling, paddling, hiking, and nature play, along with growing demand for accessible and inclusive opportunities.

4.4.1 Expand the amount of recreation-focused regional parklands (e.g., regional recreation parks, regional recreation areas) to address identified gaps such as paddling routes, freshwater swimming areas, mountain bike-optimized trails, climbing areas, and accessible/adaptive recreation facilities.

4.4.2 Use management zones to support regional recreation hubs with activity zones for varying skill levels and abilities that support multi-season use (e.g., cycling, skiing, paddling, hiking).

4.4.3 Provide a diversity of sustainable, multi-use, activity-optimized, universally accessible, and appropriately located recreation opportunities in alignment with the classification system, management zoning, and environmental safeguards. Ensure regional parks and trails support existing activities as well as emerging activities identified through engagement (e.g., pump tracks, disc golf, climbing areas).

4.4.4 Identify and designate specific sites or trail segments for managed motorized recreation (e.g., snowmobiling, off-road vehicles) where appropriate, considering existing and historical use, compatibility with other recreation uses, environmental and cultural values, safety, neighbouring communities, and opportunities for effective management and stewardship.

4.4.5 Enhance amenities such as toilets, benches, shade structures, secure bike parking, water stations, and wildlife-proof waste/recycling receptacles to improve visitor comfort and convenience.

4.4.6 Activate parks and trails through expanded programming in partnership with community groups, First Nations, schools, and tourism operators, with offerings such as environmental education, cultural interpretation, “learn to” programs, equity and inclusion initiatives, adaptive recreation opportunities, and art in the park.

4.4.7 Modernize infrastructure and design guidelines to meet accessibility standards, ensure climate resilience, and reflect evolving visitor expectations.

4.4.8 Support compatible commercial and tourism-oriented recreation opportunities through partnerships and permits, ensuring they align with system goals, enhance the visitor experience, and protect ecological and cultural values.

4.4.9 Enhance digital tools for trip planning, education, and trail navigation.

4.5 PROTECT AND CONSERVE ECOLOGICALLY SIGNIFICANT LAND/ AREAS

Goals Supported

Outstanding Recreation | **Enhance Access** | Advance Inclusion | **Protect and Steward** | Strengthen Community | Operational Excellence

The RDCK is home to rich biodiversity, critical habitats, and culturally significant areas. This strategy is grounded in strong community support for conserving these areas, while balancing recreation to protect sensitive values. The RDCK regional parks system values the importance of habitat connectivity, climate resilience, and cultural preservation, while engagement results confirm residents' willingness to prioritize protection over development in certain locations. Protecting ecologically and culturally significant lands requires an evidence-based approach to planning and decision-making. Depending on the sensitivity, scale, and nature of a proposed park acquisition, improvement, or development, the RDCK may undertake Initial Environmental Assessments or Biophysical Studies, and, where warranted, more detailed Environmental Impact Assessments. These assessments help identify sensitive habitats, species at risk, hydrological features, wildlife movement and habitat connectivity, invasive species risks, and cultural values, while also helping inform appropriate park classification, management zoning, design standards, and permitted uses. This approach ensures that conservation objectives are clearly understood and integrated early in planning, and that recreation is directed to areas where impacts can be appropriately managed.

4.5.1 Identify high-priority conservation and cultural heritage lands using detailed mapping and data set analysis from available public data, RDCK regional parks and trails background report, staff expert input, and conservation partners across the region.

4.5.2 Implement restoration projects as needed, to enhance degraded habitats and protect critical ecosystem functions.

4.5.3 Manage visitor use to minimize impacts on sensitive areas, apply the use of park classifications and management zoning, (following guidelines set out in this strategy). Consider seasonal closures, domestic pet restrictions, recreation activity guidelines (e.g. motorized versus non-motorized use) and/or low-impact design standards where necessary.

4.6 PLAN FOR CLIMATE CHANGE RESILIENCE AND HAZARD PREPAREDNESS

Goals Supported

Outstanding Recreation | Enhance Access | Advance Inclusion | **Protect and Steward** | Strengthen Community | **Operational Excellence**

Climate change impacts (e.g. increased wildfire risk, flooding, extreme heat, and invasive species) pose significant challenges to the RDCK's parks, trails, and water access sites. RDCK's strategic plan and key policy documents underscore the importance of adapting infrastructure, operations, and natural areas to withstand these changes while ensuring visitor safety and system resilience. This strategy focuses on integrating climate risk assessment, adaptation measures, and emergency preparedness into all aspects of park planning and management.

Climate resilience does not always mean rebuilding or replacing damaged infrastructure. As climate-related hazards such as flooding, erosion, wildfire, extreme weather events, and shoreline change become more frequent and severe, some parks, trails, water access sites, and amenities may become increasingly difficult, costly, or inappropriate to maintain in their current locations. In these circumstances, the RDCK will consider a range of adaptation responses including redesign, relocation, rerouting, seasonal closures, service level adjustments, and where necessary, managed retreat or decommissioning. Decisions will be guided by public benefit, environmental sustainability, visitor safety, financial responsibility, and system resilience.

4.6.1 Conduct vulnerability assessments for all regional parks, trails, and water access sites to identify climate and hazard risks.

4.6.2 Implement climate adaptation measures such as wildfire fuel management, riparian and wetland restoration, and heat-mitigating infrastructure (e.g., shade structures, drought-tolerant landscaping).

4.6.3 Incorporate climate change considerations into design and development of regional parks infrastructure.

4.6.4 Integrate hazard preparedness and emergency response protocols into operational plans, including evacuation routes, communications, and partnerships with emergency services.

4.6.5 Develop public education initiatives to build community awareness about climate change impacts, hazard safety, and stewardship practices.

4.6.5 Develop a climate adaptation and managed retreat framework to guide decision-making regarding infrastructure reinvestment, relocation, rerouting, service reductions, and decommissioning of parks, trails, water access sites, and amenities affected by climate-related hazards.

4.7 RECONCILIATION

Goals Supported

Outstanding Recreation | Enhance Access | **Advance Inclusion** | Protect and Steward | **Strengthen Community** | Operational Excellence

First Nations have stewarded the lands and waters in the region since time immemorial and the RDCK values their connections to the lands and waters within regional parks and trails. The RDCK also recognizes that the acquisition, development, management and enjoyment of regional parks and trails can have impacts on First Nations' rights and values. Strong and respectful relationships with First Nations are critical to the RDCK's ability to steward lands in a way that honours cultural heritage and reflects shared values. This strategy emphasizes the importance of collaboration, co-management, and celebrating Indigenous history and presence throughout the park system. Reconciliation is a path of listening and learning that we walk together, and we acknowledge that this path will evolve over time as relationships deepen and new opportunities emerge.

4.7.1 Take action on areas of interests identified in the Ktunaxa Nation Council Traditional Use Study (TUS). Apply the land acquisition process to determine sites for additional consideration into the regional parks system.

4.7.2 Work with First Nations across the region to determine appropriate, realistic and meaningful ways for First Nations to take part in the governance of regional parks and trails (e.g. management planning, land acquisition, policy development).

4.7.3 Establish working co-management agreements or MOUs that meet the needs of all parties, for key areas of interest following the land acquisition strategy process.

4.7.4 Support Indigenous-led programming, storytelling, and cultural interpretation throughout RDCK regional parks and trails. This work should be guided by local First Nations Communities.

4.7.5 Where there is support from local First Nations and Indigenous People, the RDCK will work to integrate Indigenous language and place names on signage and mapping.

4.7.6 Explore opportunities for Indigenous economic development and tourism experiences within the regional park system.

4.7.7 To support working together in a good way, including respectful relationships, reconciliation and informed decision making, the RDCK will focus on establishing and working within Ethical Spaces Guidelines.

4.7.8 Provide ongoing staff training and work together with First Nations to explore dialogue that works towards co-management.

4.8 ADVANCE INCLUSION, EQUITY, AND ACCESSIBILITY STANDARDS

Goals Supported

Outstanding Recreation | Enhance Access | **Advance Inclusion** | Protect and Steward | Strengthen Community | Operational Excellence

Regional parks and trails must serve the diverse needs of all RDCK residents, regardless of age, ability, income, cultural background, or geographic location. Engagement findings and the background report highlight that many residents, particularly those living with disabilities, in rural and remote communities, or from equity-deserving groups, face barriers to enjoying nature-based recreation. These barriers include limited availability of accessible or adaptive facilities, infrastructure that does not meet accessibility standards, lack of transportation options, and insufficient information about which parks and trails are suitable for different abilities and interests.

This strategy commits to removing these barriers and embedding inclusion, equity, and accessibility into every aspect of the RDCK parks, trails, and water access system. It will focus on improving geographic equity in the distribution of regional parks and trails, increasing the supply of accessible and adaptive recreation opportunities, and collaborating with partners to deliver inclusive programs and services.

4.8.1 Expand the regional parks and trails network to improve geographic equity, prioritizing areas currently underserved by regional assets and increasing proximity for more residents.

4.8.2 Develop and apply an equity, diversity, and inclusion lens policy to guide the review of bylaws, policies, procedures, programs, and investments to ensure the needs of equity-deserving residents are addressed.

4.8.3 Adopt or develop Accessibility Design Guidelines to ensure infrastructure (e.g., trails, bridges, boardwalks, viewing platforms) and amenities (e.g., parking, toilets, benches, picnic tables, signage) are as accessible and inclusive as feasible.

4.8.4 Increase the supply and variety of accessible and adaptive recreation opportunities in high-use, close-to-community regional parks and trails, such as universally accessible loop trails, accessible swimming areas with adaptive features (e.g., MobiMat, accessible docks), contemplative/viewpoint spaces, and adaptive mountain biking trails with progression.

4.8.5 Undertake assessments of existing sites to identify accessibility gaps and prepare concept designs for improvements, supporting future funding applications.

4.8.6 Enhance marketing and visitor information for accessible and adaptive recreation opportunities to empower residents and visitors to make informed decisions.

4.8.7 Collaborate with organizations and other community partners to provide adaptive equipment, “try days,” and inclusive nature-based programming.

4.8.8 Where feasible, work with transit providers to improve transit access and active transportation routes/corridors connecting to or near regional parks and trails

4.9 STEWARDSHIP, INTERPRETATION, AND ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION PROGRAMS AND PARTNERSHIPSS

Goals Supported

Outstanding Recreation | Enhance Access | Advance Inclusion | Protect and Steward | Strengthen Community | Operational Excellence

Stewardship, interpretation, and environmental education are vital to fostering a strong conservation ethic and building community connections to RDCK parks and trails. There is a need for more programming, enhanced interpretive signage, and volunteer opportunities. As well, current RDCK relationships and policies highlight the role of partnerships in delivering these initiatives. This strategy combines the community-based stewardship approach with improved signage, branding, and educational programming, with the Kokanee Creek Nature Centre serving as a flagship hub for nature interpretation and environmental learning.

4.9.1 Develop an interpretation strategy for the regional parks and trails system, identifying priority themes, locations, and delivery methods (e.g., signage, public art, live programs).

4.9.2 Strengthen partnership with local community based organizations and other groups to expand year-round interpretive and environmental education programs across the RDCK.

4.9.3 Develop consistent, high-quality interpretive signage that connects visitors to the ecological and cultural stories of each site.

4.9.4 Support volunteer stewardship initiatives by providing training, resources, and recognition, enabling residents to take an active role in park and trail care.

4.9.5 Launch seasonal events, workshops, and outreach campaigns that promote stewardship, conservation practices, responsible recreation, appropriate visitor behaviours, and environmental awareness.

4.10 DEVELOP A SIGNAGE, BRANDING, AND WAYFINDING STRATEGY (POLICY)

Goals Supported

Outstanding Recreation | Enhance Access | Advance Inclusion | Protect and Steward | Strengthen Community | Operational Excellence

A clear and consistent visual identity, coupled with effective wayfinding, enhances visitor confidence, safety, and sense of place. Engagement results stressed the need for better signage, cohesive branding, and more intuitive navigation tools across the RDCK system. Well-executed signage also supports education, interpretation, and promotion of a regional identity.

4.10.1 Develop a consistent regional signage and branding system for all RDCK regional parks and trails.

4.10.2 Implement a wayfinding strategy to improve navigation, accessibility, and visitor safety.

4.10.3 Incorporate cultural and ecological interpretation into signage to reflect the identity and diversity of the region. Ensure strong partnerships and co-development of signage with First Nations across the region.

4.10.4 Coordinate with partners to align branding and signage standards across jurisdictions and clearly communicate site ownership and management responsibility where appropriate.

4.11 STRENGTHEN REGIONAL AND COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS

Goals Supported

Outstanding Recreation | Enhance Access | Advance Inclusion | Protect and Steward | Strengthen Community | Operational Excellence

Partnerships are fundamental to how the RDCK delivers high-quality programs, services, and manages facilities and amenities including regional parks and trails. Working with First Nations, municipalities, community groups, and non-profit organizations enables the RDCK to expand capacity, share expertise, leverage funding, and secure land for conservation and recreation. Many of the region's successes, from land acquisitions to program delivery, have been achieved through collaboration. This strategy focuses on formalizing, expanding, and diversifying partnerships to maximize benefits for residents, visitors, and the environment.

4.11.1 Develop and maintain formal partnership agreements with municipalities, First Nations, non-profits, stewardship groups, and senior government agencies to define roles, responsibilities, and shared priorities.

4.11.2 Work with the non-profit organizations and foundations to identify, fund, and secure high-value land acquisitions for conservation and recreation.

4.11.3 Collaborate with community organizations to co-deliver programs, events, and stewardship initiatives, sharing resources and expertise to enhance regional reach.

4.11.4 Create a partnership engagement framework to identify new opportunities, monitor partnership effectiveness, and celebrate joint achievements.

4.12 REVIEW SERVICE DELIVERY MODEL

Goals Supported

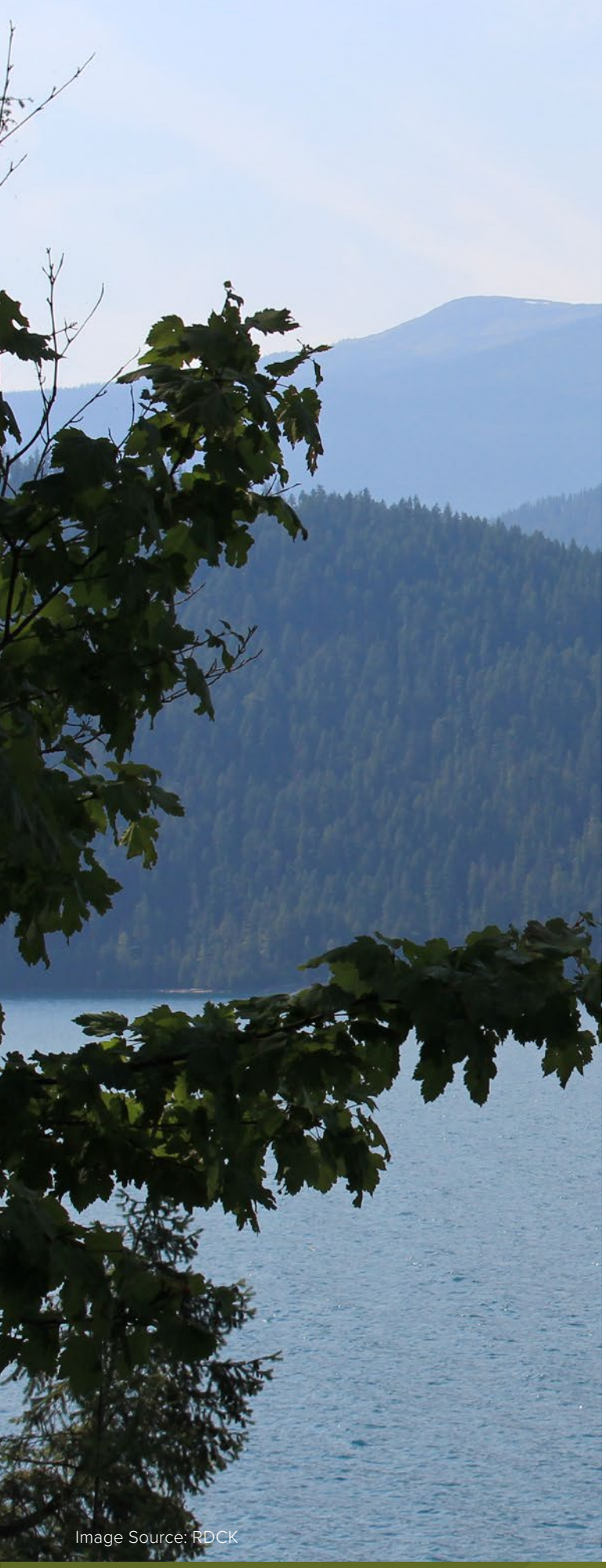
Outstanding Recreation | Enhance Access | Advance Inclusion | Protect and Steward | Strengthen Community | Operational Excellence

After more than 50 years of acquiring parkland and establishing regional parks and trails, the RDCK regional parks system and services are in need of a review. This review should investigate the opportunity for transitioning to a system with clearly defined “regional” and “sub-regional” tiers, to ensure equitable funding and service levels.

Many regional assets, such as destination parks, long-distance trails, and unique ecological or cultural sites are drawing visitors from across the RDCK and beyond. These assets protect regionally significant features, support biodiversity conservation, and provide recreation opportunities that cannot be replicated at the community scale. However, under the current model, funding for these assets is tied to specific service areas (sub-regional commissions), which can lead to inconsistent service levels, deferred maintenance, and missed opportunities for system-wide benefits. A system-wide review will provide the RDCK with a deeper understanding of how its parks and trails function collectively, and how they can best meet the needs of residents across the region.

The RDCK’s current bylaw does not allow for funding to support regional parks that serve the entire RDCK tax base; either by providing unique regional recreation opportunities or by protecting regionally significant ecological, historical, or cultural features. The current sub-regional funding model can result in inadequate resources for regionally significant parks and trails and may place an undue burden on specific service areas. Additionally, as visitation increases, reallocating funds towards parks experiencing high traffic and amenity use may support the ability to align the budget with actual usage, ensuring that resource-intensive sites receive the necessary operational and capital support. This comprehensive review would provide the RDCK the deep understanding needed to determine if transitioning to a regional and sub-regional system would ensure that all residents contribute to, and benefit from, the parks and trails that serve the broader region.

However, this shift would require governance changes, funding model updates, and clear communication with all stakeholders, therefore this strategy is recommending a detailed review of the pros and cons of this shift with a systematic approach to engagement and consultation to determine the best option for the RDCK regional parks and trails service. This review will not assume an immediate transition but will instead assess the potential benefits, risks, and implementation requirements of a new model. It will include financial analysis, governance review, and extensive consultation with municipal partners, First Nations, Electoral Area Directors, and the public. The outcome will provide the evidence base needed to determine whether a new system would improve fairness, sustainability, and service delivery.



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4.12.1 Building upon the jurisdictional comparison completed in the Background Research Report initiate a comprehensive review of the RDCK Regional Parks and Trails System to evaluate governance structures, funding models, and service delivery mechanisms across all sub-regional areas.

4.12.2 Expand the existing jurisdictional analysis through targeted engagement with peer regional districts to gather insights on best practices, governance transitions, and funding mechanisms.

4.12.3 Analyze visitor use patterns, geographic distribution, and management needs to identify parks and trails with regional significance.

4.12.4 Based on the classifications outlined in Section 5 of the strategy and the comprehensive visitor data, conduct a financial and operational assessment to understand the costs, benefits, and potential implications of refining or restructuring the current sub-regional framework to include regional assets.

4.12.5 Develop a summary report and recommendations outlining options, financial implications, governance structures, and timelines for decision-making.

4.12.6 Engage with Electoral Areas, municipalities, First Nations, community partners, and the public through workshops, surveys, and discussions to gather input and test potential models.

4.12.7 Create a communication and engagement report to share findings and support informed decision-making by the RDCK Board and the community.

4.13 ENHANCE REGIONAL PARKS, TRAILS, AND WATER ACCESS CLASSIFICATION SYSTEM

Goals Supported

Outstanding Recreation | **Enhance Access** | Advance Inclusion | Protect and Steward | Strengthen Community | **Operational Excellence**

A clear and transparent classification system ensures that each regional park, trail, and water access site in the RDCK system is managed according to its intended role, service level, and community benefit. This system should align with recognized best practices, such as the **Canadian Guidebook for the Application of IUCN Protected Area Categories**, and would serve as a structured framework to guide management intent, public access, facility development, programming, and maintenance standards. By defining categories such as Regional Conservation Parks, Regional Recreation Parks, and Sub-Regional/Community Parks, the RDCK would ensure each site's purpose and role in the system is clearly articulated. Details on the classification system are found under Planning Tools (Section 5). This would support informed decision-making for capital investment, operational priorities, and future land acquisition while ensuring residents understand the intent and opportunities at each site.

4.13.1 Develop and adopt a comprehensive classification framework with clear definitions, management goals, and compatible uses for each category.

4.13.2 Assign every existing and future regional and sub-regional park, trail, and water access site a classification based on its primary purpose and management intent.

4.13.3 Use the classification system to guide capital investment, maintenance standards, and staffing allocations.

4.13.4 Use the classification system to inform the scale, type, and location of amenities, services, and visitor infrastructure.

4.13.5 Communicate the classification system clearly to the public through mapping, signage, and online resources.

4.13.6 Periodically review and update the classification system to ensure it reflects evolving environmental values, system growth, recreation trends, and community expectations and priorities.

4.14 STRENGTHEN OPERATIONAL CAPACITY AND ASSET MANAGEMENT

Goals Supported

Outstanding Recreation | Enhance Access | Advance Inclusion | Protect and Steward | Strengthen Community | **Operational Excellence**

The RDCK Regional Parks, Trails, and Water Access System is highly valued and highly utilized, with visitation and the needs of the community increasing annually. A growing parks, trails, and water access system requires robust operational capacity and a proactive approach to asset management to ensure quality, safety, and sustainability. Not every asset can or should be rebuilt indefinitely. The RDCK will make strategic decisions about where to invest, where to adapt, and where to withdraw in order to ensure the long-term sustainability of the regional system. The system currently has aging infrastructure, inconsistent maintenance, and staffing shortages that must be addressed. Additionally, operational funding and staffing must keep pace with system growth, increased visitation, and the aging of built and natural assets. This strategy prioritizes aligning resources with demand, establishing asset management systems that integrate natural and built assets, and ensuring trained staff are available to meet service expectations.

4.14.1 Develop and maintain a comprehensive asset inventory and management system that includes both built infrastructure and natural assets, using it to guide budgeting, maintenance scheduling, and renewal planning.

4.14.2 Develop operational levels of service, including standards for customer services. Review staffing levels based on current and future system needs and service delivery. Through this comprehensive review, the RDCK should align staffing levels, expertise, and maintenance resources with the expansion and intensification of the parks and trails system, including developing staffing ratios tied to service levels.

4.14.3 Create resource management plans for each regional park, trail, and water access site (when feasible and where applicable), identifying operational requirements, lifecycle costs, and risk management measures.[A49.1]

4.14.4 Explore shared service agreements and strategic partnerships with municipalities, community groups, and contractors to expand operational capacity, reduce costs, and improve service delivery.

4.14.5 Develop capital funding ratios to ensure timely access to funds for preparing newly acquired lands for public use and replacing or upgrading aging assets.

4.14.6 Pursue external funding sources, grants, and non-tax revenue strategies to support capital improvements, maintenance, and operational enhancements.

4.14.7 Provide ongoing staff training in areas such as asset management, visitor use management, inclusion and accessibility design, ecological restoration, and emergency response.

4.15 MONITOR, EVALUATE, AND ADAPT

Goals Supported

Outstanding Recreation | Enhance Access | Advance Inclusion | Protect and Steward | Strengthen Community | Operational Excellence

Planning for the RDCK's regional parks and trails system is a continuous and adaptive process, requiring regular monitoring, evaluation, and adjustment. This ensures that actions remain relevant, progress is measured, and resources are directed to the most effective priorities. Tracking both qualitative and quantitative indicators such as visitor satisfaction, ecological health, asset condition, and program participation will provide insight into the system's performance. These indicators will align with the goals of this strategy and build on existing data collection methods, supplemented by new measures where gaps exist.

A transparent and consistent reporting process will build accountability and public trust while supporting data-driven decision-making. Annual reporting will track progress and identify emerging issues, while more comprehensive reviews at defined intervals will enable the RDCK to refine strategies, update priorities, and adjust resources as needed.

4.15.1 Annual Progress Review: Undertake yearly assessments of accomplishments against the strategy's goals and actions, publishing a concise progress report for the public and stakeholders.

4.15.2 Operational Reporting and Public Accountability: Prepare a concise year-end Regional Parks Operations Report that summarizes key activities, investments, outcomes, challenges, and emerging priorities. This report would demonstrate how operational work supports the goals of this strategy, informs future budget and capital requests, and responds to community needs. Where appropriate, the report could be publicly shared to improve transparency.

4.15.3 Five-Year Indicator Reporting: Produce a summary of key indicators every five years, including trends in ecological condition, visitation, asset performance, and community engagement. Use findings to adjust implementation priorities.

4.15.4 Mid-Term Review: Complete a comprehensive review of the Strategy at the 5-year mark, engaging partners, stakeholders, and the public to assess performance and update actions.

4.15.5 Integration with Asset Management and Land Acquisition: Regularly review and update the asset management system and land acquisition priorities to reflect new information, changing conditions, and emerging opportunities.

4.15.6 Adaptive Management: Apply an adaptive management approach, where monitoring results directly inform adjustments to management practices, budgets, and project priorities.

5 PLANNING TOOLS

5.1 LAND ACQUISITION PROCESS

Land acquisition enables the RDCK to secure and protect significant natural and cultural landscapes, enhance ecological resilience, improve public access to recreation, and address geographic inequities in the system. This process establishes a clear, transparent framework for making acquisition decisions, ensuring that investments are aligned with regional priorities, supported by partnerships, and are financially sustainable. To remain effective, the RDCK must act decisively when acquisition opportunities arise.

The RDCK recognizes that First Nations have significant interests in land acquisition and may independently pursue the acquisition of lands in the region for Indigenous Protected and Conserved Areas or other community or economic development purposes. Where permitted by legislation, and where specific sites contain values of mutual interest, the RDCK may explore opportunities to collaborate with First Nations on land acquisition.

5.1.1 External Land Proposals

External, community and partner-initiated proposals can play an important role in identifying lands and opportunities that respond to community needs, improve recreation access, protect valued landscapes, enhance water access, strengthen regional trail connectivity, support reconciliation, or advance stewardship and conservation priorities. To support consistent, transparent, and evidence-informed decision-making, the RDCK will implement a standardized intake and evaluation process for proposals initiated by external partners, community groups, organizations, governments, Indigenous communities, landowners, and other stakeholders. This process will ensure that sufficient information is available to evaluate opportunities in a fair and consistent manner while recognizing the unique nature of each proposal.

Information considered during the review process may include:

- The nature, location, scale, and purpose of the proposal;
- Alignment with this Strategy and other relevant RDCK plans;
- Demonstrated community need, recreation demand, conservation value, or service gaps;
- Community support, potential impacts, and opportunities for collaboration;
- First Nations interests, cultural considerations, and opportunities for partnership, stewardship, and reconciliation;
- Site suitability, feasibility, access considerations, and alternative approaches;
- Environmental, ecological, cultural heritage, archaeological, or technical considerations;
- Operational requirements, risks, liabilities, and long-term management responsibilities;
- Capital costs, operating impacts, lifecycle costs, funding opportunities, and financial sustainability; and
- Partnership capacity, implementation considerations, and long-term stewardship opportunities.

Following an initial review, proposals may proceed to more detailed evaluation, including technical analysis, due diligence investigations, acquisition assessment, financial review, partnership discussions, public engagement, or Board consideration, as appropriate. However, not all proposals will be appropriate or feasible for inclusion within the RDCK Regional Parks, Trails, and Water Access system. The RDCK will work to ensure that any new lands, amenities, or initiatives align with regional priorities and can be responsibly funded, operated, maintained, and managed over the long term.

Guiding Principles:

- Recreation Access: Target lands that improve service levels in underserved communities and remove barriers to participation.
- Connectivity: Acquire parcels that link existing parks, trails, and water access points into an integrated regional network.
- Water Access Protection: Secure public access to lakes, rivers, and riparian areas, particularly where access is currently informal, limited, or threatened.
- Conservation: Protect high-value ecosystems, biodiversity hotspots, climate resilience features, and critical watersheds.
- Cultural Stewardship: Honour and protect sites of Indigenous and community heritage significance.
- Leveraged Investment: Prioritize opportunities that involve partnerships, cost-sharing, and/or donated lands.
- Operational Viability: Ensure long-term maintenance, staffing, and financial capacity.
- Demonstrated community need: Ensure regional parks and trails provide public benefit, meet recreation demand, conservation values, or service gaps.
- Community support: All lands have been evaluated on potential impacts to neighbouring residents or park users, and opportunities for collaboration or partnerships.

Priority Acquisition Areas:

- Recreation Hubs and Facilities: Acquire lands for outdoor recreation areas that support activities such as hiking, cycling, paddling, winter sports, and community events, ensuring they are designed and managed for environmental sustainability.
- Natural Areas and Ecologically Significant Areas: Secure lands that safeguard sensitive ecosystems, species-at-risk habitats, and landscapes critical for climate resilience.
- Trails and Connectivity Corridors: Protect linear corridors and parcels that complete regional trail systems, provide safe staging areas, or link communities.
- Waterfront and Riparian Access: Secure shoreline properties that provide equitable public access and support healthy aquatic ecosystems.
- Cultural Heritage Sites: Protect and interpret lands with significant Indigenous, historical, or community heritage value.

Process

The acquisition process is structured around three-steps, each ensuring that potential acquisitions are carefully evaluated, strategically negotiated, and successfully integrated into the regional system. This process is designed to be both proactive and responsive, enabling the RDCK to advance planned priorities while remaining agile when unexpected opportunities arise.

Within this process, potential land acquisitions will all be assessed using an evaluation approach that balances efficiency with depth of analysis. The detailed assessment criteria and scoring framework are outlined in Section 5.2. Figure 14 provides an overview of the overall land acquisition process, from inquiry to integration into the RDCK Regional Parks and Trails System.

Acquisition Process Steps	Key Actions
Step 1: Planning and Identification	Identify areas of interest through any or all of the following methods: • Technical analysis. • Community proposals. • Indigenous engagement/proposals. • Private landownership or partnership proposals.
	Apply the detailed screening process, including scoring and evaluating of assessment criteria, to determine site suitability and if the area meets the minimum threshold for consideration.
	Where applicable, review potential sites/areas with First Nations. This step allows for a collaborative review of the merits of the candidate sites with First Nations in the region. This would also identify concerns, sites that support or conflict with First Nations land acquisition interests, and opportunities for collaboration and shared interests.
	Confirm sites of interest for inclusion and consideration as Regional Parks / Trails.
	Seek RDCK Board approval (or Recreation Commission approval) for the site of interest (to move to stage 2). As needed, update areas of interest for regional parks or trails acquisition in the regional strategy.

Acquisition Process Steps	Key Actions
Step 2: Land Acquisition, Negotiation, and Securing Lands	Prepare a comprehensive pre-acquisition briefing for senior management and Board approval when a potential acquisition opportunity is identified. Acquisition briefings should include the following: • Map of the property. • Description of the environmental, recreational, and cultural values. • Results of the detailed assessment and scoring. • Potential role within the regional parks, trails, or water access system. • Alignment with RDCK goals. • Historical background of the site. • Preliminary appraisal data. • Proposed acquisition funding model. • Funding partnership and collaboration opportunities. • Anticipated negotiation considerations. • Offer price or range (if purchase is the intended mechanism).
	Undertake due diligence, including: • Reviewing land titles information. • Conducting a property inspection. • Inventorying and confirming site values (environmental, recreational, and cultural). • Identifying potential risks and constraints. Once all due diligence is completed and the RDCK Board/relevant Recreation Commission has reviewed the details of the site, proceed to negotiate acquisition price and conditions with the landowner. Sign an option to acquire, securing the opportunity while assessments are completed.
	Prepare a final Board/Commission report for approval to acquire, including mapping, relevant documents/reports, costs, conditions, and evaluation results. Obtain RDCK Board/Commission approval to proceed with the acquisition.
	Develop a comprehensive communication plan to announce the acquisition publicly after transfer of title is complete.
Step 3: Post Acquisition Planning and Opening	Dedicate the site as a regional park or trail, assign appropriate classification, management zones, and update relevant zoning bylaws and statutory documents.
	Undertake site management and design plans as necessary.
	Undertake any necessary infrastructure and amenity developments (pending classification) necessary to provide and manage visitor use. Obtain necessary permits required by local bylaws or provincial legislation.
	Open the site to the public and promote visitation (pending classification).

Figure 15: Land Acquisition Process

Transfer of Land from Other Jurisdictions

There may be instances when the RDCK is approached by member municipalities, individual Electoral Areas, provincial park or Crown land managers, land trusts, or private landowners with proposals to transfer local or community parks, Crown lands, or privately owned lands into the regional parks and trails system (thereby negating the need to purchase lands). These opportunities will be carefully evaluated on a case-by-case basis to ensure alignment with RDCK's vision, goals, and long-term operational capacity.

Proposals for land transfers will receive strong consideration when they meet one or more of the following criteria:

- Expansion of an Existing Regional Park: The site directly expands the boundaries or enhances the ecological, recreational, or cultural value of an existing regional park.
- High-Value Regional Park Candidate: The site scores highly against RDCK's land acquisition evaluation criteria and demonstrates clear potential to serve as a regional park or trail.
- Addresses a Connectivity or Infrastructure Gap: The site closes a gap in the regional trail network or provides opportunities to add important amenities, staging areas, or infrastructure along an existing route.
- Operationally Sustainable: The projected operational costs are reasonable, sustainable, and can be accommodated within the RDCK's budget without compromising service levels elsewhere.

Image Source: RDCK

Partnerships and Funding

Partnerships are central to the RDCK's ability to secure high-priority lands in a cost-effective and timely manner. Successful acquisitions often result from collaboration between public agencies, First Nations, non-profit organizations, land trusts, and private donors. In recent years, partnerships with organizations such as the BC Parks Foundation have demonstrated the potential to leverage regional investment with provincial fundraising capacity, donor networks, and conservation expertise.

The RDCK will continue to cultivate partnerships with:

- First Nations/Indigenous Peoples: Collaborating on shared stewardship goals, co-management agreements, and joint acquisition priorities.
- Conservation Organizations and Land Trusts: Partnering to secure ecologically significant lands, access specialized expertise, and share acquisition costs.
- Provincial and Federal Governments: Accessing capital funding programs and grants that support parkland acquisition, ecological restoration, and climate resilience.
- Private Donors and Philanthropic Foundations: Encouraging direct land donations, conservation covenants, or financial contributions toward acquisitions.
- Local Governments and Community Groups: Partnering on joint projects to increase access, share infrastructure costs, and engage the public in stewardship.

Partnership Highlight – BC Parks Foundation & RDCK at Rosebud Lake

The 2025 acquisition of Rosebud Lake Regional Park was made possible through a landmark partnership between the RDCK and the BC Parks Foundation, combining local leadership with provincial fundraising expertise. This collaboration safeguarded an ecologically rich and culturally significant landscape, ensuring permanent public access and long-term protection for future generations.

Attachment A

5.2 ASSESSMENT CRITERIA AND SCORING FRAMEWORK

Assessment Criteria

The regional parks and trails assessment criteria enable:

- A structured and largely objective evaluation of a site's suitability to become a regional park or trail.
- Acquisition decisions to be aligned with the vision and goals of the Regional Parks and Trails System and community priorities.
- A transparent and evidence-based decision-making process.

The evaluation of potential sites will be conducted using the following criteria. There are a total of 20 criteria, and each criterion will be scored out of 5 (scale 0-5, see 5.2.1 for more detail). The evaluation and relative scoring will be used to help the RDCK determine the desirability or how well a potential site/area algins with the RDCK regional park and trails values, vision, and goals. The regional park acquisition criteria are organized into four categories:

1. **Recreation.**
2. **Conservation.**
3. **Community needs and priorities.**
4. **Operational capacity and alignment.**

Image Source: RDCK

5.2.1 Scoring/Rating

A points rating system will be used to evaluate how well candidate park or trail acquisitions align with RDCK's vision, goals, and priorities. Each site or route will be assessed against the established criteria using a **5-point scale (0–5),** where **0 = no value** and **5 = very high value**. This approach allows for a consistent, transparent, and comparable method of assessment while recognizing that professional judgement and local context will always play a role in decision-making. Scores for each criterion are combined to produce a composite score, which represents the overall degree of alignment between a potential site and the Regional Parks, Trails, and Water Access Strategy. The composite score is intended to identify high-potential opportunities, areas of concern and inform prioritization and sequencing of acquisition efforts. Importantly, the composite score does not represent a pass/fail threshold, nor does it predetermine acquisition decisions. Sites with similar scores may differ significantly in character, risk, cost, or strategic relevance, and may warrant different recommendations.

5 Point Rating Scale

Because the number and type of criteria differ between categories, a weighting system will be applied to ensure that each category is represented fairly and reflects its importance to the RDCK.

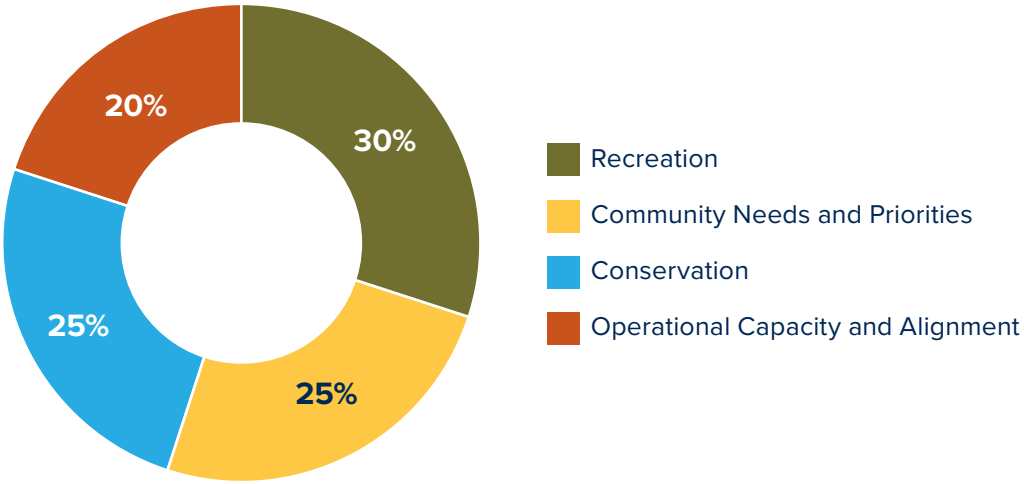
Recognizing that numerical scoring alone cannot fully capture the complexity, context, and nuance of potential acquisition opportunities, a qualitative narrative assessment will also be included to provide a more complete and defensible basis for comparison and decision-making.

5.2.2 Regional Park Categories and Criteria Overview

1. **Recreation**
   a. Nature-Based Recreation Features.
   b. Multi-Use Compatibility.
   c. Community Connectivity and Accessibility.
   d. Uniqueness.
   e. Scenic value/Viewscapes.
2. **Community Needs and Priorities**
   a. Public Interest and Identification.
   b. Regional Distribution.
   c. Cultural and Historic Value.
   d. Education or Interpretive Opportunity.
   e. Climate Resiliency.
3. **Conservation**
   a. Environmentally Sensitive Area (ESA).
   b. Endangered or Threated Species Conservation.
   c. Landscape Representation.
   d. Landscape Connectivity.
   e. Identified conservation Priority.
4. **Operational Capacity and Alignment**
   a. Land Ownership.
   b. OCP and Zoning Alignment.
   c. Development and Operational Costs.
   d. Existing/Identified Area of Interest.
   e. Partnership Opportunities and Alignment.

Each criterion is outlined in detail in the following section (5.2.1.1).

Regional Parks Categories and Criteria Overviews: Based on public engagement and the guiding values described in section 1.6, regional parks land acquisitions will be reviewed using a weighted approach. Each of the four categories will carry the following weighting:



Within each category, the criteria scores will be averaged, and the category weighting applied to generate the final score.

5.2.2 Criteria Explanation

When evaluating potential acquisitions for regional parks, the RDCK will apply a set of criteria designed to ensure that new sites provide meaningful recreation opportunities, protect important ecological and cultural values, and contribute to community needs and resiliency. These criteria establish a consistent framework to assess the significance, feasibility, and long-term benefit of potential park lands within the regional system. Each potential park site will be scored from 0–5 against the criteria, with higher scores reflecting stronger alignment with RDCK priorities for regional park protection, development, and management.

Recreation		**Score (0-5)**
Nature-Based Recreation Features	*To what extent does the site provide, or have the potential to provide, high-demand outdoor recreation opportunities that are underrepresented in the RDCK system, and is the setting suitable for sustainable infrastructure and amenities to support these activities?*	
Multi-Use Compatibility	*To what extent can the site accommodate a wide range of recreation users of varying ages, abilities, and interests?*	
Community Connectivity and Accessibility	*To what extent does the site expand regional access by placing more households within a 10-minute drive of a regional park and offer convenient access for both visitors and maintenance through existing road or trail connections?*	
Uniqueness	*To what extent does the site provide distinctive or regionally significant recreation experiences not readily available elsewhere in the RDCK?*	
Scenic value/ Viewscapes	*To what extent does the site offer opportunities to experience memorable views of landscapes, natural features, and wildlife that enhance the overall visitor experience?*	

Community Needs and Priorities		**Score (0-5)**
Public Interest and Identification	*To what extent has the public or other interested parties expressed clear support for acquiring the site as part of the regional parks system?*	
Regional Distribution	*To what extent does the site expand regional park space in Electoral Areas or municipalities with comparatively low levels of regional park space per resident?*	
Cultural and Historic Value	*To what extent does the site contain known or likely archaeological resources, unique heritage features, or opportunities to advance reconciliation and strengthen relationships with First Nations?*	
Education or Interpretive Opportunity	*To what extent does the site provide unique opportunities to share knowledge and foster learning about the natural or cultural context of the RDCK region?*	
Climate Resiliency	*To what extent does the site contribute to climate change mitigation and adaptation by providing natural infrastructure that supports ecosystem services and community resilience?*	

Conservation		Score (0-5)
Environmentally Sensitive Area (ESA)	*To what extent does the site encompass environmentally sensitive areas—such as rare ecosystems, old growth forests, critical habitats, wetlands, or wildlife ranges—and support high levels of biodiversity and natural community diversity?*	
Endangered or Threated Species Conservation	*To what extent does the site provide important habitat for rare, threatened, or endangered plants, animals, or ecosystems with recognized conservation value at the local, regional, provincial, or national scale?*	
Landscape Representation	*To what extent does the site represent distinctive or unique regional landscape types that are not well protected elsewhere in the RDCK and are of high ecological or public importance?*	
Landscape Connectivity	*To what extent does the site expand or connect with existing parks and conservation lands by maintaining unfragmented habitats, enhancing ecological linkages, and reducing pressures from development or invasive species?*	
Identified Conservation Priority	*To what extent has the site been identified by conservation organizations, partners, or regional/provincial strategies as a priority for protection?*	

Operational Capacity and Alignment		Score (0-5)
Land Ownership	*To what extent are the lands within the site feasible for acquisition and consistent with past regional park purchases?*	
OCP and Zoning Alignment	*To what extent is the site aligned with Official Community Plans, Local Area Plans, zoning, or recreation policies in a way that supports park establishment and minimizes conflict with existing land use designations?*	
Development and Operational Costs	*To what extent are the acquisition, development, and long-term operational costs reasonable and financially feasible relative to the community willingness to fund the development and operation of the park?*	
Existing/ Identified Area of Interest	*To what extent has the site already been identified as a priority for securement?*	
Partnership Opportunities and Alignment	*To what extent does the site align with the priorities of federal, provincial, municipal, Indigenous partners, and non-profit organizations, and also create opportunities for collaboration in acquisition, management, or conservation?*	

5.2.3 Regional Trails Categories and Criteria Overview

When evaluating potential acquisitions for regional trails, the RDCK will apply a set of criteria that ensure new routes contribute meaningfully to recreation, transportation, and conservation priorities. These criteria provide a consistent framework to assess connectivity, feasibility, and community benefit, while supporting alignment with regional and partner plans. Each potential trail route will be scored from 0–5 against the criteria, with higher scores reflecting stronger alignment with RDCK priorities for regional trail development and acquisition.

Unlike regional parks, which are assessed across four broad categories with multiple criteria under each (recreation, community needs, conservation, and operational capacity), regional trails are evaluated using a streamlined framework with one key criterion under each category.

This difference reflects the distinct roles of regional trails:

- Primary purpose is to provide safe/connected routes that support a range of recreation types (e.g. non-motorized and motorized use).
- Advances active transportation.
- Acts as an ecological corridor.

Overall, parks serve a wide range of purposes that require a more detailed evaluation. Whereas trails are linear features where the most important considerations—connectivity, user experience, feasibility, conservation value, and partnerships—can each be captured in a single targeted criterion.

Due to regional trails having one criterion per category, weighting will be distributed equally across the six categories (*Connectivity, Recreation, Visitor Experience & Active Transportation, Natural & Cultural Corridors, Feasibility & Standards, and Partnerships & Alignment*). Each category will therefore account for **approximately 16.7% of the total score.**

The weighted scores will provide a total score out of 100 for each site or route. These results will be used as one component in determining acquisition priorities but will not be the sole factor in decision-making, as local conditions, opportunities, and partnerships may also influence recommendations.

Regional Trails		Score (0-5)
Connectivity	*To what extent does the route connect existing regional trails, communities, parks, or adjacent regional districts to create a continuous network?*	
Recreation	*To what extent does the route provide opportunities for diverse recreational uses, including both non-motorized and motorized activities where appropriate, that are in demand and enhance the RDCK trail system?*	
Visitor Experience & Active Transportation	*To what extent does the route provide high-quality trail experiences and contribute to active transportation options across the RDCK?*	
Natural & Cultural Corridors	*To what extent does the route protect or enhance natural corridors, sensitive ecosystems, or cultural landscapes while supporting recreation?*	
Feasibility & Standards	*To what extent is the route suitable for development to a regional trail standard, considering terrain, environmental constraints, and land ownership types that are feasible to secure?*	
Partnerships & Alignment	*To what extent does the route align with Official Community Plans, regional growth and sustainability strategies, or partner initiatives (federal, provincial, municipal, or Indigenous), and create opportunities for collaboration?*	

Image Source: RDCK

5.3 PARK AND TRAIL CLASSIFICATIONS

5.3.1 Defining the System

The RDCK's current park classification system was established to provide general direction for the purpose, use, and management of regional parks; however, it remains limited in scope and application across the broader system. Currently, the RDCK identifies four categories: Community Parks, Multiple Purpose Parks, Waterfront Access Parks, and Regional Trails.

Table 3: Current/Existing RDCK Regional Park Classification System

Regional Park Class	Outdoor Recreation Focus
Community Park	Parklands acquired through the subdivision approvals process for the purpose of providing green space in communities experiencing development
Multiple Purpose Park	Parks that are intended to provide for a wide range of indoor and outdoor recreation opportunities and should be capable of sustaining a high level and variety of recreational and other public use activities. These parks may be associated with waterfront access.
Waterfront Access Parks	Parks that are intended primarily to provide public access to high-quality waterfront areas and associated facilities, with the intensity of development dependent on the characteristics of each site.
Regional Trails	Trails that are intended to provide for trail-oriented recreation that could link communities, provide access to areas possessing scenic and special interest qualities and provide access to Provincial recreation opportunities, Regional District Parks and other recreation sites.

While these categories offer a high-level understanding of park function, they do not fully reflect the diversity of assets, experiences, and management needs across the system. The current framework also lacks sufficient specificity to guide consistent decision-making related to conservation, recreation intensity, infrastructure provision, and long-term operational requirements. Key gaps include the absence of a dedicated conservation classification, limited differentiation between high- and low-intensity recreation areas, and no formal recognition of culturally or historically significant sites.

In addition, overlapping categories, particularly between multiple purpose and waterfront access parks, create ambiguity in management intent, which can lead to challenges in prioritizing investment, protecting sensitive features, and aligning service delivery with site-specific conditions. Further, while regional trails are identified as a category, the system does not provide a structured approach to classifying trails based on use, experience, or management objectives.

As the RDCK continues to expand its asset base and respond to increasing demand for both recreation and conservation, there is a clear need for a more comprehensive and structured classification framework that better aligns with the diversity of assets, management objectives, and community needs across the region.

5.3.2 Park Classifications

Classification is a structured framework that helps staff align the overarching management intents of individual sites with the overall goals of the regional parks system. Classification allows staff to clearly and consistently determine the level of public access as well as the types of facilities, amenities, programming and maintenance levels that may be considered at a site. Classification also enables staff to identify gaps in the regional parks system and inform priorities for future acquisition.

The classification system has been established to align with the Canadian Guidebook for the Application of IUCN Protected Area Categories.

Each asset in the RDCK regional parks and trails system will be assigned a Park Class. Park Classes include:

1. Sport Park
2. Outdoor Recreation Park
3. Water Access Area
4. Conservation Area
5. Cultural and Heritage Area

Table 4: Park Classifications

Sport Park		**RDCK Assets (draft)**
Primary Purpose	Sport Parks are intended to support organized outdoor sport and athletic activities within a park setting. Their primary purpose is to provide dedicated space for structured sport use, training, and competition, emphasizing quality playing environments, functional design, and safe participation. While sport-focused, these parks remain part of the broader parks system and contribute to community well-being, physical activity, and opportunities for sport development within an outdoor context.	Riondel Regional Park (Future site – Campbell Field)
Visitor Experiences and Themes	Visitors experience structured, organized outdoor sport and athletic activity in a purpose-built setting. Experiences are centred on scheduled use such as training, games, and competitions, often associated with sports fields, supporting facilities, and adjacent parking or gathering areas. These parks are typically designed around sport participation.	

Outdoor Recreation Park		RDCK Assets (draft)
Primary Purpose	Outdoor Recreation Parks are designed to provide high-quality, nature-based recreation experiences that support active living, connection to place, and enjoyment of the outdoors. These parks accommodate a range of outdoor activities within natural or semi-natural settings and emphasize flexibility, multi-season use, and experiential diversity. The primary focus is on nature-based recreation that encourages exploration, physical activity, and time spent outdoors while respecting ecological and cultural values. Outdoor Recreation Parks may also serve as gateways to trail systems or water-based experiences, where appropriate.	Bigelow Bay Regional Park Bonnington Regional Park Cottonwood Lake Regional Park Crawford Creek Regional Park Crescent Valley Beach Regional Park Glacier Creek Regional Park Krestova Regional Park Morning Mountain Regional Park Pass Creek Regional Park Taghum Beach Regional Park Waterloo Eddy Regional Park
Visitor Experiences and Themes	Visitors experience diverse, nature-based recreation that supports movement, exploration, and time spent outdoors. Experiences may include using trails, discovering new areas, gathering at viewpoints, accessing beaches or campgrounds, and finding “something for everyone” within a shared landscape. These parks are places to explore, stay longer, and return to across seasons, with themes of discovery, connection to nature, flexibility, and shared enjoyment.	

Water Access Area		RDCK Assets (draft)
Primary Purpose	Water Access Areas exist to provide safe, clear, and sustainable access to lakes, rivers, and other waterbodies. Their primary role is to facilitate entry to the water for activities such as swimming, paddling, angling, or boating, while protecting shorelines and aquatic ecosystems from unmanaged or informal use. These areas prioritize clarity of access, safety, and environmental protection, concentrating water-based activity in locations that can be responsibly managed and enjoyed.	Balfour Beach Regional Park Sunshine Bay Regional Park Glade Regional Park James Johnstone Regional Park Lardeau Regional Park Robson Boat Ramp Regional Park Rosebery Parklands Regional Park
Visitor Experiences and Themes	Visitors experience safe access to water, with the waterbody as the central focus. Experiences are purposeful and intuitive, such as launching a boat, paddling, swimming from a beach, fishing, using a wharf, or simply accessing the shoreline. There is an emphasize on public access, safety, stewardship, and minimizing barriers between people and water, rather than extended stays or multiple activity choices.	

Conservation Area		RDCK Assets (draft)
Primary Purpose	Conservation Areas are established to protect ecologically sensitive lands and waters, with conservation as the dominant management objective. These areas safeguard biodiversity, wildlife habitat, and important ecosystem functions such as riparian protection, wetlands, and climate resilience features. Where appropriate, Conservation Areas may support low-impact public access that fosters appreciation, education, and stewardship, provided such use does not compromise ecological integrity. Recreation, if present, is secondary to conservation outcomes.	Crawford Creek Regional Park Rosebud Lake Regional Park Winlaw Regional and Nature Park
Visitor Experiences and Themes	Visitors experience quiet, low-impact engagement with nature, often through walking or discovery trails, viewing areas, and interpretive moments that highlight ecological processes. Experiences prioritize observation, learning, and appreciation rather than activity choice. These areas focus on protection, stewardship, and respect for sensitive landscapes, where recreation is secondary to conservation outcomes.	

Cultural and Heritage Area		RDCK Assets (draft)
Primary Purpose	Cultural and Heritage Areas are dedicated to protecting and celebrating places of cultural, historical, spiritual, or archaeological significance. These areas support learning, reflection, storytelling, and cultural continuity, including the recognition and stewardship of Indigenous cultural landscapes and heritage values. The primary focus is on protection and interpretation of cultural assets, with any associated recreation or access designed to be compatible with cultural meaning and long-term preservation.	Brilliant Bridge Regional Park Historic Ainsworth Wharf Regional Park McDonalds Landing Regional Park
Visitor Experiences and Themes	Visitors experience places of meaning, learning, and reflection, shaped by cultural stories, heritage values, and living traditions. Experiences may include walking interpretive trails, visiting viewpoints or gathering spaces, participating in guided experiences, or accessing culturally significant waterfronts. Management of these areas emphasizes storytelling, reconciliation, and cultural continuity, with the experience centred on understanding rather than recreation variety.	

5.3.3 Regional Trails

Trail classification is a comprehensive approach to making decisions about and documenting the intended characteristics of a trail and its uses. Classifying trails allows the RDCK to provide accurate and consistent information to visitors about our trails which in turn helps them to choose trails that are right for them. Within the RDCK regional trail system, the majority of regional trails and trails within regional parks are intended to support non-motorized recreation. These non-motorized trail areas are a defining feature of the regional system and will continue to be protected and managed as such to support safety, environmental stewardship, and high-quality visitor experiences. A portion of the Nelson–Salmo Great Northern Trail (NSGNT) is the only Regional Trail designated as suitable for motorized use, reflecting its unique history, design, and management context. New or additional motorized trail opportunities would require a detailed planning process, including demonstrated need, environmental and safety assessments, engagement with affected communities and partners, and clear direction from the RDCK Board. Importantly, such considerations would not result in the conversion of existing non-motorized regional trails or regional park trail networks to motorized use.

Regional trails and trails in regional parks will be reviewed and classified in accordance with the **National Guidelines for Classifying Multi-Use Trails in Canada** (established by the Trans Canada Trail) and designated uses set out by the RDCK. This innovative classification system (Figure 15) allows the RDCK to comprehensively classify trails, determine the design parameters for trails, and document these decisions for each trail in the Trail Management Objective (Appendix A). Once determined, the selected classification and design parameters will also provide a basis on which the RDCK will evaluate the condition and characteristics of each trail and prioritize initiatives to ensure trails are in line with the intended classification and design parameters.

Trail Management Objective

A TMO synthesizes and documents, in a single form, the management intention for a trail in a clear, consistent and understandable way. TMOs are referred to and use in guiding all future trail planning, design, construction, maintenance and management decisions.

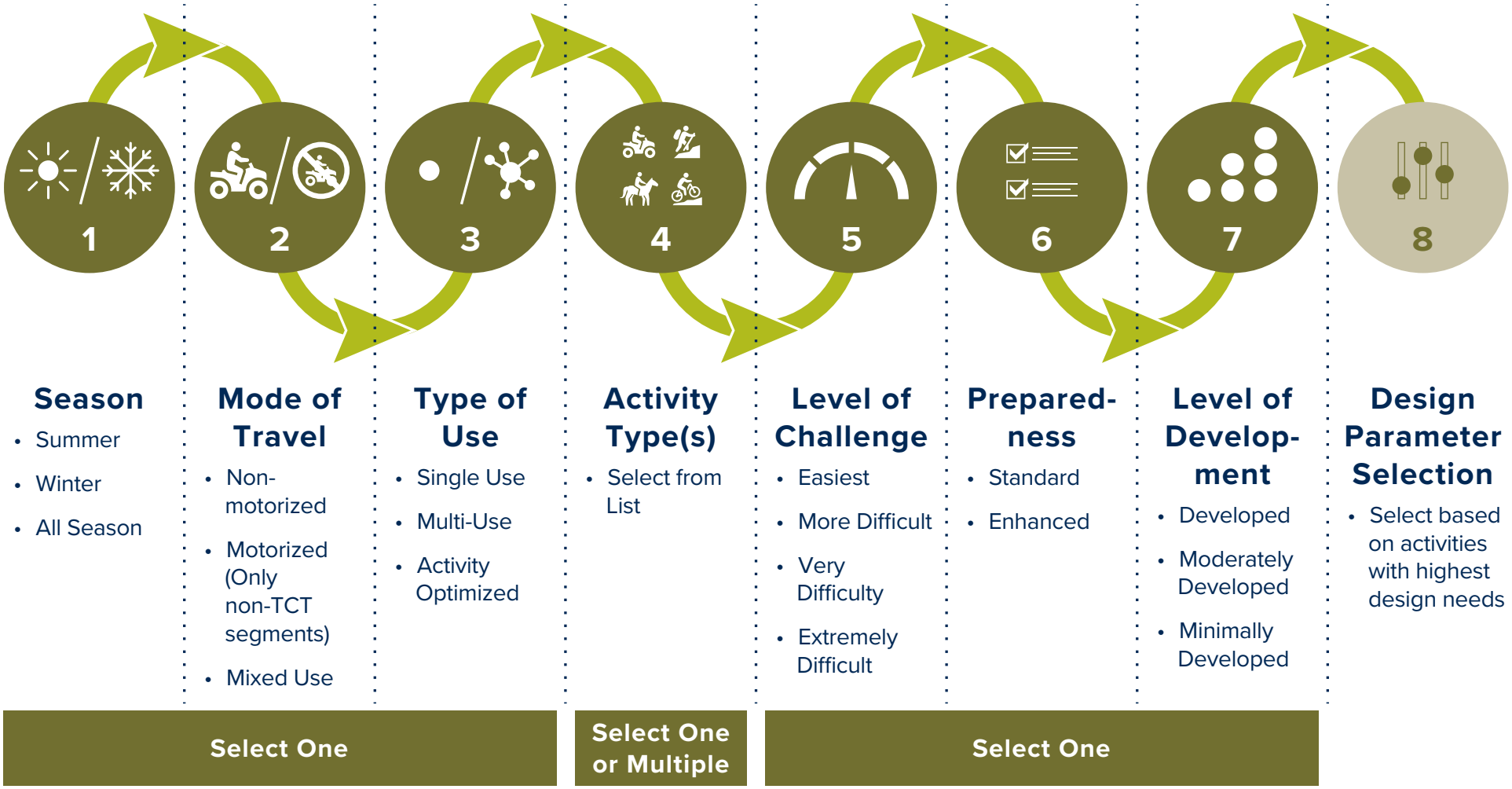


Figure 16: Trans Canada Trail (2021) Trail Classification System at a Glance

5.4 MANAGEMENT AND ZONING

Management zones are applied, where necessary, within individual regional parks or trails to provide more detailed management direction and further define where the goals of the regional parks and trails system will be delivered. Delineating management zones helps to balance competing management priorities such as conservation and outdoor recreation.

The process of zoning divides an individual regional park or trail into logical units based on:

- Values contained in each unit.
- Intended management intent.
- Existing and desired patterns.
- Types and intensity of visitation.
- Existing and desired facilities.
- Amenities.
- Intended level of management.

When applied, a regional park or trail may contain one, some, or all management zones.

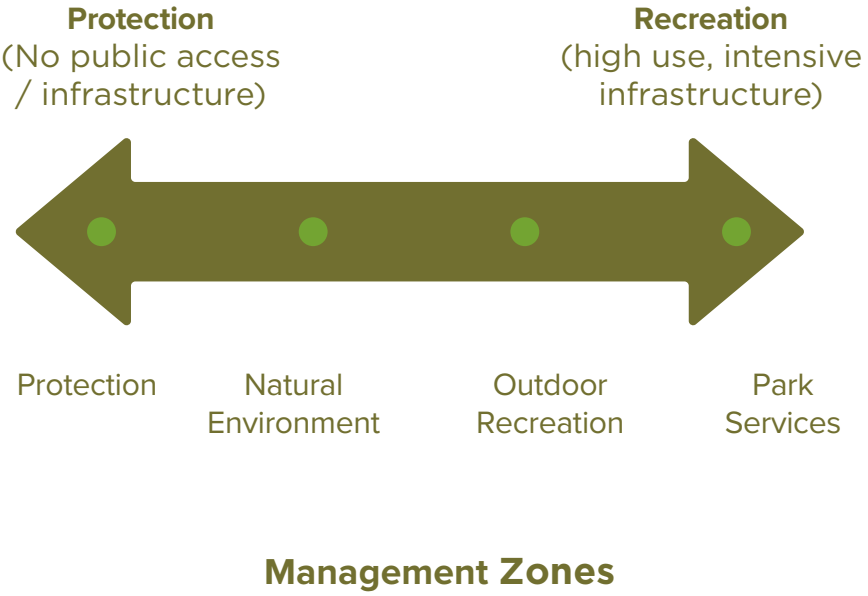


Figure 17: Management Zone Spectrum

Table 5: Regional Parks and Trails Management Zones

Regional Parks and Trails Management Zones	Main Role of Zone	Zone Land	Zone Management
Protection Zone	• Biodiversity, wildlife habitat, environmentally sensitive area protection. • First Nations values are preserved.	• Sensitive ecosystems. • Areas of high conservation value. • E.g. Endangered species habitat, archeological/cultural/ spiritual significant First Nations sites.	• Public access, recreational use, infrastructure and amenities generally not permitted.
Natural Environment Zone	• Conserves biodiversity, wildlife habitat, environmentally sensitive areas and/or First Nations values. • Provides dispersed, low-intensity, nature-based outdoor recreation in a mid-county or backcountry recreation setting.	• Sensitive ecological and/or First Nations values.	• Visitation actively managed through direct and indirect management strategies. • Visitation managed through appropriate visitor infrastructure (at minimum).
Nature-Based Outdoor Recreation Zone	• Conserves one or more regionally significant nature-based outdoor recreation features. • Provides outdoor recreation opportunities across front-country and mid-country settings	• Nature-based outdoor recreation landscapes.	• May receive low to high visitation, and infrastructure/amenities should manage the intended visitor experience. • Not appropriate in areas where unique, threatened, or endangered natural or First Nations values, systems, or processes are present.
Access and Services Zone	• Focused area for infrastructure that supports park access, learning, and site operations.	• Intended for access and services and may be modified for such permitted/intended purposes.	• Minimize disturbance to natural features. • Not suitable for areas containing unique, threatened, or endangered natural or cultural features, systems, or processes.

Protection Zone:

This zone is dedicated to the protection of the park's biodiversity, wildlife habitat, environmentally sensitive areas, and First Nations values. It encompasses sensitive ecosystems and areas of high conservation value, such as habitats for endangered species or sites of archaeological, cultural or spiritual significance to First Nations that could be unacceptably impacted through public access. In these areas, the preservation of ecological and/or First Nations values is the highest priority. Public access, recreational use, and infrastructure and amenities are generally not permitted to ensure their long-term protection.

Natural Environment Zone:

This zone conserves biodiversity, wildlife habitat, environmentally sensitive areas and/or First Nations values while providing compatible, dispersed and low-intensity nature-based outdoor recreation in a mid-country or backcountry recreation setting. Given the sensitivity of ecological and/or First Nation's values, visitation is carefully and actively managed through direct and indirect management strategies. Visitor infrastructure is the minimum necessary to effectively manage the potential impacts to ecological and/or First Nation's values from visitation.

Nature-Based Outdoor Recreation Zone:

This zone conserves one or more regionally significant nature-based outdoor recreation features and/or provides regionally valued outdoor recreation opportunities across front-country and mid-country settings. It may accommodate a range of visitation levels—from low to high—and includes infrastructure and amenities necessary to facilitate and manage the intended visitor experiences. Visitation is carefully managed using a combination of direct and indirect strategies to protect the quality of both the environment and the visitor experience. This zone is not appropriate in areas where unique, threatened, or endangered natural or First Nations values, systems, or processes are present.

Access and Services Zone:

This zone provides a focused area for infrastructure that supports park access, learning, and site operations. While modifications to the land are permitted and expected, management efforts aim to minimize disturbance to natural features wherever possible. This zone is not suitable for areas containing unique, threatened, or endangered natural or cultural features, systems, or processes.

Legend

– – – Park Boundary

Management Zones

- Protection Zone
- Natural Environment Zone
- Nature-Based Outdoor Recreation Zone:
- Access and Services Zone

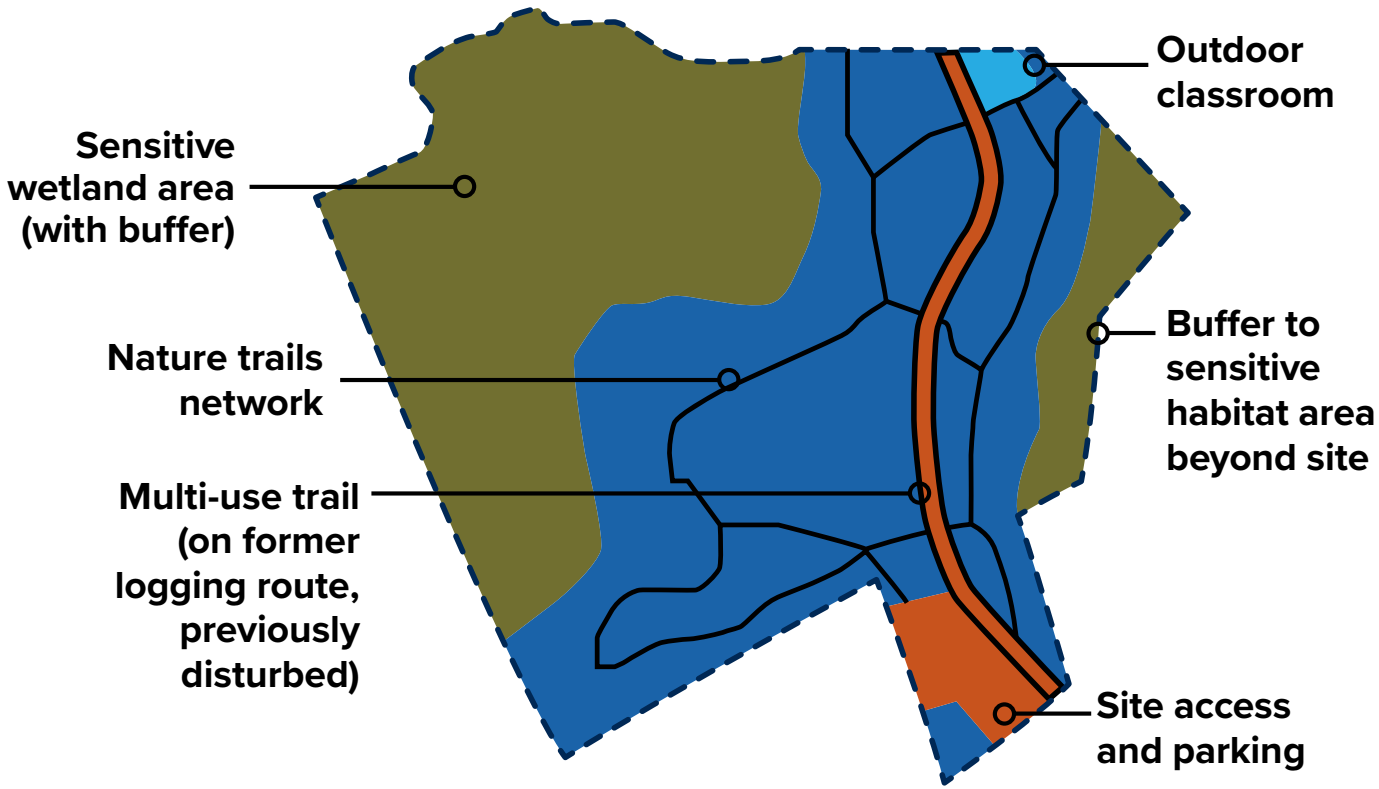


Figure 18: Example of Hypothetical Management Zone Map

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5.5 MANAGEMENT PLANS

The classification and zoning systems along with park development plans will provide adequate management direction for most regional parks and trails, however, some sites are more complex and may require the preparation of a site-specific management plan. As per the actions and strategies of this strategy, the RDCK will work to develop management plans for regional parks as needed. Additionally, other parks and regional trails within the system may require more detailed planning and therefore be determined to require a management plan.

Importance of Management Plans

Management plans are essential tools for implementing the goals of the regional parks system at the site level. They provide detailed direction about how and where the regional parks and trails goals will be delivered in individual parks.

When They're Needed

Regional Park or Regional Trail management Plans may be required when individual parks or trails contain a combination of the following characteristics:

- Complex ecological values and processes.
- First Nations values, including culturally or spiritually sensitive areas and traditional uses.
- Multiple overlapping and potentially conflicting outdoor recreation activities.
- High volumes of visitation.
- Growing visitor impacts and conflicts.
- Public safety risks or hazards.
- Onsite revenue generation and/or permitting.
- Major infrastructure that is approaching the end of its lifecycle.

Process and Elements of a Management Plan

Developed collaboratively with First Nations, interested parties and residents, management plans will be developed in accordance with the **Visitor Use Management Framework** planning process. Core elements of management plans will include:

- Purpose of the Management Plan
- Planning and Engagement Process
- Park Values (Ecological, First Nations, Recreational, Land Uses)
- Park Visitation
- Summary of Management Issues
- Desired Conditions and Indicators, Targets, Thresholds
- Appropriate Activities, Infrastructure, Amenities and Services
- Management Zoning
- Management Strategies and Actions
- Monitoring and Implementation [

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6 SERVICE MODEL

After more than five decades of acquiring parkland and establishing regional parks and trails, the RDCK is at a transition point. The system has grown into a significant portfolio of lands that protect biodiversity, provide recreation opportunities, and support cultural and heritage values. However, the current service and governance framework does not fully reflect the regional significance of many assets. Funding remains tied to local service areas, resulting in uneven service levels, deferred maintenance, and missed opportunities to deliver system-wide benefits.

The RDCK may wish to envision a new model. In line with regional district models across British Columbia the RDCK should engage in a process that clearly distinguishes between regional and sub-regional services, ensures equitable funding across the RDCK, and provides consistent, transparent standards for park delivery.

This section outlines the key elements of the proposed service and governance model and how the shift will be operationalized.

6.1 SERVICE DEFINITION

The RDCK Regional Parks, Trails, and Water Access Service currently operates across a diverse system of parks, trails, and water access sites that vary in function, scale, and significance. This Strategy recommends further investigation and engagement to better define and understand regional and sub-regional service delivery within the RDCK context. This work will support informed decision-making about future governance, funding, and service alignment and ensure that any changes reflect community values, operational realities, and fiscal responsibility. The classification system outlined in Section 5 provides an important foundation for this work by clarifying the primary purpose and visitor experience of different park, trail, and water access types. However, classification alone does not determine service delivery, taxation, or governance. These considerations require additional review and dialogue.

As per the recommendation in section 4.12.1 The RDCK may wish to consider the following categories to define the types of parklands within the system.

1. Regional
2. Sub-Regional
3. Community

To better understand the different categories of parklands the table on the following page outlines the defining features of the three types of parklands.

Table 6: RDCK Parkland Spectrum Comparison Table

Park Characteristic	Regional	Sub-Regional	Community
Funding and Governance	Funded and managed as a regional service through RDCK taxation and governance.	May involve shared responsibility between RDCK, partners, and local governments.	Typically funded and managed by municipalities or defined portion of electoral areas.
Primary Role and Significance	Protect and provide access to regionally significant natural, cultural, or recreation assets that serve the broader RDCK.	Serve multiple nearby communities or a defined sub-region by providing specialized or shared recreation opportunities that exceed local capacity.	Serve local neighbourhoods by providing everyday recreation, social, and green space functions close to home.
Geographic Scale and Service Area	Region-wide service, often drawing users from across the RDCK and occasionally beyond (including visitors).	Multiple communities within a sub-region.	Single neighbourhood, village, or community.
Recreation Experience	Primarily nature-based outdoor recreation, often unstructured and immersive, with an emphasis on conservation, connection to place, and regional significance.	Purposeful and activity-focused, often supporting specific recreation uses (e.g., trail networks, water access, destination trailheads).	Broad, flexible, and multi-use, focused on informal play, social interaction, and community-based recreation.
Relationship to Conservation	High conservation importance; protects regionally significant ecosystems, habitats, landscapes, or cultural heritage.	Moderate conservation role, often balancing recreation with protection of valued landscapes or corridors.	Limited conservation role; may protect small natural features or green space.
Typical Size	Medium to large.	Medium.	Small to medium.
Statutory Establishment	Does not require referendum.	Does not require referendum.	May require referendum.

6.2 SERVICE PARTICIPATION AND FUNDING

All RDCK jurisdictions (municipalities and Electoral Areas) will participate in and contribute to the regional service type, ensuring that all residents benefit from and support the system's most significant parks, trails, and water access sites. Participation in the sub-regional service type will vary depending on local interest and needs, with service areas defined based on geographic proximity, user demand, and agreements among participating jurisdictions.

In alignment with recommendation 4.12.1 the RDCK may wish to review the taxation model to ensure equitable taxation and alignment in funding with the scope and purpose of the service. The following is an example of how the RDCK may approach taxation following the review of the service model.

Regional Service

All residents contribute to the development, operation, and maintenance of regional assets through a region-wide tax requisition. Costs will be distributed according to agreed principles of fairness and benefit, ensuring that resource-intensive parks serving the wider region receive adequate funding.

Sub-Regional Service

Participating jurisdictions will fund acquisition, operation, and maintenance of sub-regional assets through local service areas. Costs will be shared among participating partners based on negotiated agreements.

Funding

A critical element of this model is the establishment of a dedicated RDCK Land Acquisition Fund (Action 4.1.2). Annual contributions to this fund will build capacity for timely land purchases or conservation agreements when opportunities arise. By linking the Land Acquisition Fund to the equitable taxation model, the RDCK will ensure:

- Predictable and sustainable funding for new regional acquisitions.
- A fair distribution of costs across all residents who benefit from the protection of regionally significant sites.
- Greater financial readiness to act quickly when strategic opportunities for conservation or regional recreation land arise.

This financial framework is consistent with best practices across British Columbia. The jurisdictional review completed in the background report demonstrated that other regional districts (such as Metro Vancouver, the CRD, RDCO, and RDN) already operate under similar models, where system-wide regional services are funded through equitable taxation and supported by dedicated land acquisition or reserve funds. Aligning the RDCK with this provincial standard will improve transparency, enhance fairness, and ensure the system is competitive and sustainable.

1. **Regional Service Type:** Funded through a region-wide tax requisition, distributed according to principles of fairness and benefit.

2. **Sub-Regional Service Type:** Funded through participating local service areas, with cost-sharing based on negotiated agreements.

3. **Capital vs. Operations:** Separate allocation of funds for land acquisition and capital development versus ongoing operations and maintenance.

4. **External Revenue:** Continued pursuit of grants, partnerships, and cost recovery (e.g., camping fees, permits, special events).

Figure 19: Financial Framework

6.3 PARTNERSHIPS AND COLLABORATIVE SERVICE DELIVERY

Partnerships are essential to the long-term sustainability of the regional system. Across the RDCK, many parks, trails, recreation amenities, stewardship initiatives, and outdoor programs are supported through the efforts of community organizations, trail associations, stewardship groups, volunteers, Indigenous communities, service clubs, local governments, tourism organizations, and other partners. These partnerships contribute significant value to the regional system by leveraging volunteer capacity, local knowledge, funding opportunities, stewardship expertise, and community leadership.

As the regional system continues to evolve, there is a growing need for greater clarity, consistency, and coordination regarding how the RDCK works collaboratively with external organizations and community partners. The RDCK will work towards developing a framework for partnership agreements and collaborative service delivery that supports accountability, risk management, operational sustainability, and long-term stewardship outcomes while continuing to enable community leadership and volunteer involvement. Depending on the nature and complexity of the partnership, the RDCK may use Memorandums of Understanding (MOUs), stewardship agreements, maintenance agreements, operating agreements, licence agreements, or other formal partnership contracts to clarify expectations and responsibilities.

Image Source: RDCK

6.4 SYSTEM GOVERNANCE

A revised governance framework will provide clear roles and decision-making structures:

- **RDCK Board of Directors Authority:** The RDCK Board would hold ultimate authority for regional service decisions, supported by amended bylaws that define the purpose, scope, and criteria for regional versus sub-regional assets (Action 4.12.1).
- **Advisory Committees/Commissions:** Existing park commissions and committees would continue to play a role at the sub-regional service type, advising on local needs and priorities.
- **Regional Advisory Structure:** A region-wide advisory mechanism (e.g., a Regional Parks and Trails Advisory Committee) may be established to ensure broad input into regional decisions, provide consistency across sub-regional commissions, and embed partnerships with First Nations, stakeholders, and the public.

Image Source: RDCK

6.5 SERVICE DELIVERY

The RDCK Regional Parks and Trails System has grown substantially over the past five decades, now encompassing twenty-four regional parks, three regional trails, and numerous water access points spread across more than 648 hectares and nearly 100 kilometres of trails.

Despite this growth, the current departmental staffing levels are low in comparison, with only four full-time and three seasonal staff currently responsible for the entire system (Figure 19).

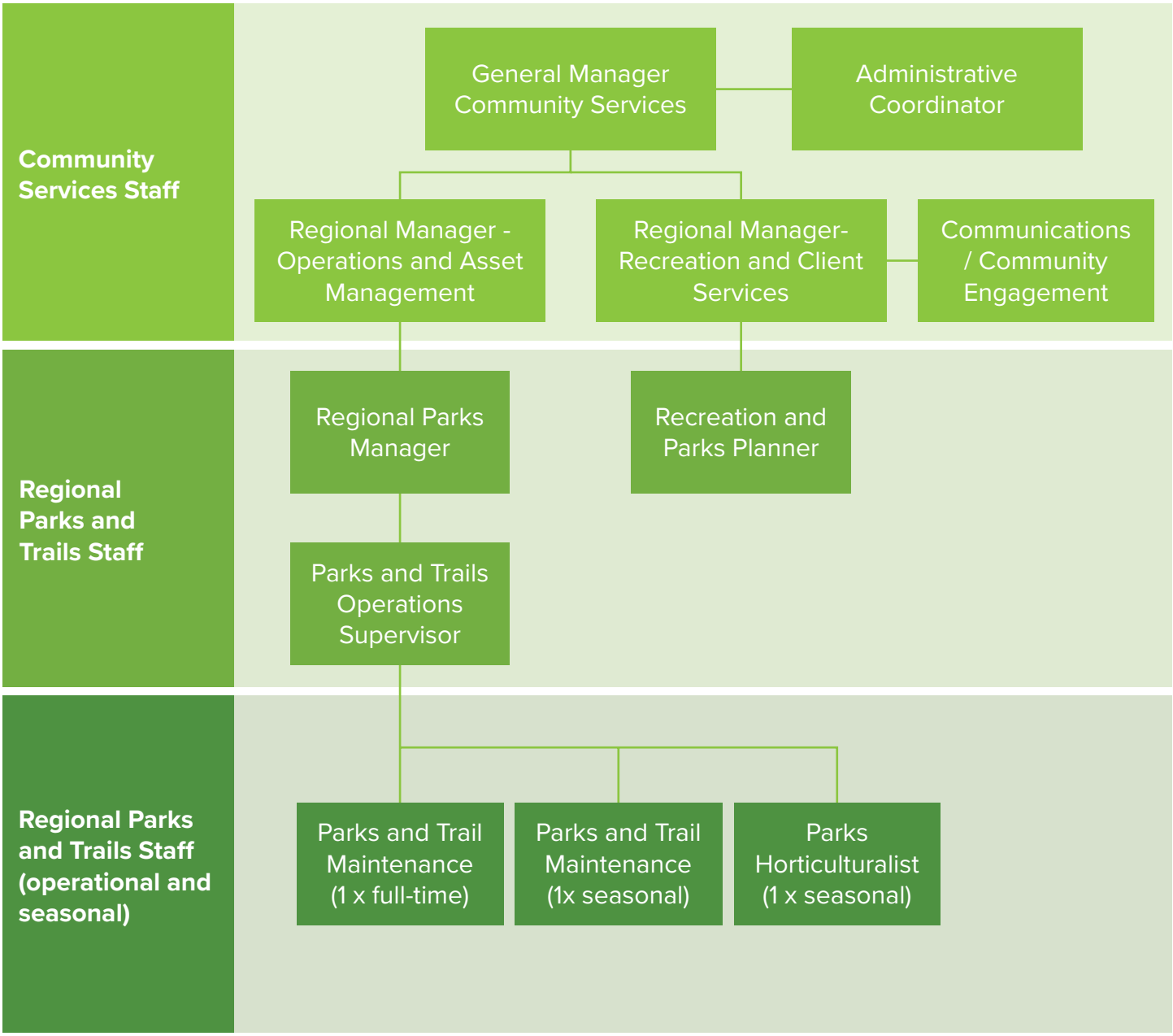


Figure 20: Staff Structure

The system growth without capacity growth has resulted in deferred maintenance, inconsistent service levels, limited ability to develop new sites, and reduced capacity to respond to emerging community needs. Based on the detailed background review there are 11 key service areas and 34 associated service functions. These identified services are critical to meeting the needs of RDCK residents and ensuring the regional parks and trails system is sustainable. The following table (Table 7) highlights these essential services and outlines the current deficiencies based on the current staffing levels. Based on current staffing levels 20 out of 34 service functions are being supported. However, it is important to note that some of these are only being partially supported, and others are supported through external contracts or other RDCK staffing capacity (e.g. Campground Operations is an external contract). This analysis demonstrates how the department may struggle to meet adequate service levels, indicating there are key service functions that are underserved due to staffing limitations.

Table 7: RDCK Regional Parks and Trails System Service Areas

Operations & Maintenance	
✓	Contract Management
✓	Park Operations & Maintenance
✓	Trail Construction
✓	Campground Operations
Planning and Design	
	Engineering and Design Services
✓	Park Standards & Park Inventory
✓	Strategic/Systems Planning
	Technical Services
✓	Management Plans
Land and Tenures	
✓	Land Acquisition
✓	Tenures, Permits and Approvals
Community Engagement	
	Community Development
✓	Communications and Public Relations
	First Nations Relationships
Budgeting, Funding and Asset Management	
	Asset Management
✓	Budgeting
✓	Grants and Other Revenues
Develop ment and Capital Projects	
✓	Development Projects (Small)
	Development Project (Large)
Promotions and Mapping	
✓	Website and Social Media
	Mapping
✓	Park Signage
Visitor Experiences and Opportunities	
	Recreation and Nature Based Programming
	Visitor Services
	Visitor Safety
✓	Special Events and Park Use Permits
Volunteer Support and Community Partnerships	
✓	Interagency Relations
✓	Stakeholder Services
	Volunteer Coordination
Land Use and Activity Management	
	Natural Resource Management
	Patrols and User Compliance (Regulations)
Governance	
✓	Commission/Committee Coordination
✓	Commission/Committee Liaison
	Policy Development

Based on this analysis the following table (Table 8) outlines how the RDCK's core service functions, ranging from operations and maintenance to visitor experience, community partnerships, and governance, are currently supported, and provides realistic recommendations for strengthening these functions moving forward.

Table 8: RDCK Regional Parks and Trails Service Core Functions and Service Areas

Core Function	Key Service Areas	Current Delivery Status	Recommendations
Operations and Maintenance	Park operations and maintenance; Trail construction; Campground operations; Contract Management.	Partially supported.	Strengthen coordination of day-to-day operations, asset inspections, and field delivery. Continue to utilize a mix of internal capacity, contractors, campground hosts, and partner organizations to support maintenance and trail upkeep.
Planning and Design	Engineering/ design services; Park standards and inventory; Strategic/ system planning; Management plans; Technical Services.	Partially supported.	Enhance capacity for asset inventory, planning, and system-level decision-making. Continue to use consultants for specialized design and engineering. Prioritize management plan updates for high-use and high-priority regional assets.
Land Acquisition and Tenures	Land acquisition; Tenures, permits and approvals.	Partially supported.	Strengthen coordination of land acquisition and tenure processes, aligned with the Land Acquisition Fund. Pursue shared acquisitions with BC Parks Foundation, Nature Conservancy, or First Nations.
Community Engagement and Partnerships	Community development; Communications/ PR; First Nations Relationships.	Partially supported.	Expand community engagement and strengthen relationships with First Nations. Enhance communications and continue to build and. expand partnerships with trail societies, stewardship groups, and schools for programming, education, and cultural interpretation.
Volunteer Support and Community Partnerships	Special Events and Park Use Permits; Interagency Relations; Stakeholder Services; Volunteer Coordination.		Strengthen volunteer coordination and community partnerships to support stewardship, events, and site-level initiatives. Establish a "Friends of RDCK Parks" program to formalize volunteer contributions. Strengthen interagency coordination (e.g., BC Parks, municipalities, NGOs) through partnership agreements rather than relying solely on staff delivery.
Budgets, Funding and Asset Management	Budgeting; Grants and revenues; Asset management.	Partially supported.	Improve asset management practices, including condition assessments and lifecycle planning. Seek grants for staffing multipliers (e.g., Canada Summer Jobs for seasonal crew). Expand fee-based revenue (camping, permits) to offset costs.

Core Function	Key Service Areas	Current Delivery Status	Recommendations
Development and Capital Projects	Development Projects (Small) Development Project (Large).	Unsupported.	Continue to contract out large-scale engineering/design. Seek cost-sharing with municipalities, First Nations, and NGOs for major capital builds. Seasonal staff and volunteers (Friends of RDCK Parks) can assist with lighter projects.
Visitor Experiences and Programming	Visitor services; Visitor safety; Recreation & nature-based programming; Special events and park use permits.	Partially supported.	Consider pilot of a seasonal park ranger program for high-use parks (visitor education + compliance). Partner with Kokanee Creek Nature Centre, RAD Society, schools, and tourism operators for program delivery.
Promotion and Mapping	Website/social media; Mapping; Park signage.	Partially supported.	Improve online communications via existing RDCK channels. Prioritize signage upgrades through partnerships with local tourism organization and First Nations (interpretive/cultural signage).
Governance and Policy	Commission/ committee liaison; Policy development; Overall system governance.	Partially supported.	Strengthen governance and policy coordination to support consistent decision-making across the system. Use regional/sub-regional service types to clarify roles and responsibilities.
Land Use and Activity Management	Natural Resource Management; Patrols and User Compliance (Regulations).	Unsupported.	Consider a pilot of a seasonal park ranger for high-use parks (visitor education and compliance). Coordinate with Kootenay Conservation Program, stewardship NGOs, and volunteer events for restoration.

6.6 SERVICE LEVELS

Park classification alone does not determine how a park is managed or maintained. While classification frameworks define the primary role and function of parks (e.g., recreation, conservation, waterfront), operational practices are guided by a separate and less formalized gradient of management intensity or service level. Not all parks, trails, and water access sites require the same level of maintenance or infrastructure, even within the same classification. Based on the management recommendation 14.4 the following service levels will be considered for use across the RDCK.

Table 9: Service Levels

Level of Service	Description	Characteristics	Typical Applications
Level A: High Service	Areas that are highly used, highly visible, and support a broad range of recreational activities.	• Frequent and scheduled maintenance (weekly to daily during peak periods). • Developed infrastructure (parking, washrooms, signage, formalized access points). • Regular garbage collection and site inspections. • Maintenance focused on cleanliness, safety, and user experience.	• Primary trailheads. • Developed day-use areas. • Regional destination parks. • High-use water access site
Level B: Moderate Service	Areas that support recreation with a moderate level of infrastructure and maintenance.	• Periodic, scheduled maintenance and inspections • Basic infrastructure (trails, signage, limited amenities). • Less frequent garbage collection. • Maintenance focused on functionality and safety.	• Secondary trails. • Dispersed recreation areas. • Linear trail corridors. • Moderate-use water access points.
Level C: Low Service	Areas managed with minimal intervention, where ecological conditions and low-intensity use are prioritized.	• Infrequent or reactive maintenance. • Limited or no built infrastructure. • Minimal or no garbage collection. • Natural processes prioritized over aesthetic maintenance	• Conservation areas. • Remote or low-access sites. • Environmentally sensitive areas. • Backcountry trails and water access points

6.7 Project, Asset, and Investment Prioritization Framework

The RDCK recognizes that available funding, staff capacity, partnership opportunities, and operational resources will not always allow for all desirable projects, acquisitions, improvements, or initiatives to proceed at the same time. As the system continues to grow, there is increasing competition for limited resources and investment. To support transparent, consistent, and evidence-informed decision-making, the RDCK may use the following Project, Asset, and Investment Prioritization Framework when evaluating multiple opportunities competing for RDCK support. The framework may be used to evaluate a broad range of opportunities including land acquisitions, park and trail development projects, water access improvements, partnership proposals, restoration initiatives, capital investments, major maintenance projects, asset renewal projects, and requests for RDCK funding or operational support. The framework is intended to support decision-making and prioritization and may be adapted to Regional Commission needs. It does not replace professional judgement, Board decision-making, community engagement, or technical review processes.

Scoring System

- 3 points = Strongly supports criterion
- 2 points = Moderately supports criterion
- 1 point = Limited support for criterion
- 0 points = Does not support criterion or presents significant concerns

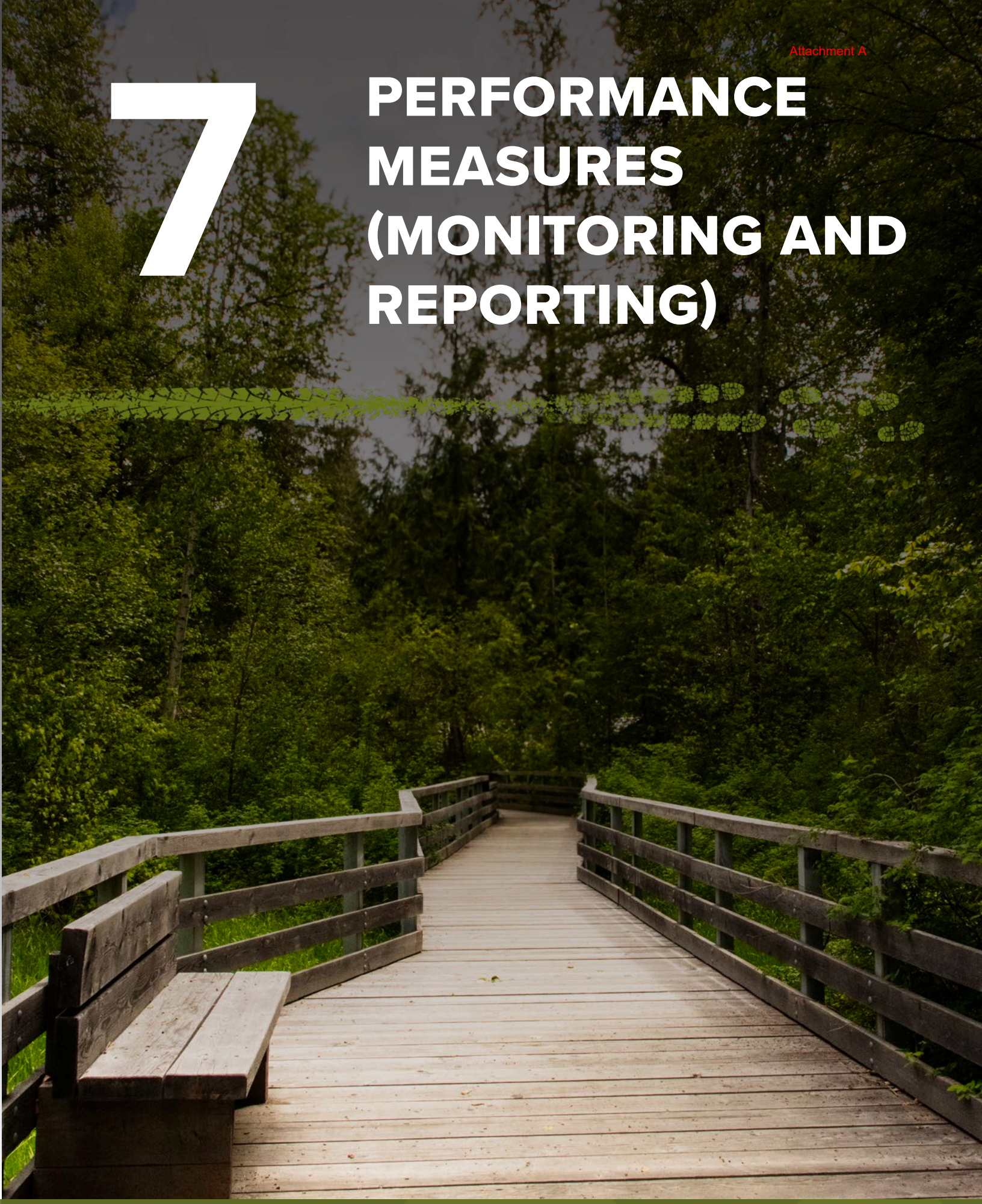
Projects with higher overall scores should generally receive higher priority for RDCK investment and support. However, final decisions should also consider timing, funding availability, partnership opportunities, regulatory requirements, emerging issues, and Board direction.

The framework may also be used to help guide decisions regarding reinvestment, renewal, repurposing, relocation, service level adjustments, and decommissioning of existing assets. In situations where infrastructure is repeatedly damaged, exposed to increasing climate-related hazards, no longer meets community needs, or creates unsustainable operational obligations, the framework can help support transparent and defensible decisions regarding future investment priorities, long-term asset sustainability, decommissioning, and managed retreat.

Table 10: Project, Asset, and Investment Prioritization Framework

Criteria	3 Points	2 Points	1 Point	0 Points
Strategic Alignment	Strongly advances multiple goals, recommendations, and priorities identified in the PTWAS.	Supports at least one major goal or recommendation.	Limited alignment with Strategy priorities.	Does not align with Strategy priorities.
Community Need and Benefit	Addresses a clearly demonstrated regional need or service gap and provides substantial public benefit.	Addresses a moderate community need or provides moderate benefit.	Addresses a localized or limited need.	Limited public benefit or need demonstrated.
Regional Significance	Serves multiple communities, supports regional connectivity, or provides regionally significant recreation, conservation, or water access benefits.	Serves a sub-regional area or multiple user groups.	Primarily serves a local area or specific user group.	Limited regional or community significance.
Operational Feasibility	Can be supported within existing staffing, operational capacity, and maintenance resources.	Requires minor increases in operational resources.	Requires significant new staffing, maintenance, or operational commitments.	Operational requirements are currently not feasible.
Financial Sustainability	Low lifecycle cost and strong long-term financial sustainability.	Moderate lifecycle and operational costs.	High lifecycle costs or uncertain long-term sustainability.	Costs are likely prohibitive or unsustainable.
Partnership and Funding Opportunities	Significant partner contributions, grants, volunteer capacity, or external funding secured or highly likely.	Moderate partnership or funding opportunities identified.	Limited partnership or funding opportunities available.	No partnership or funding opportunities identified.
Environmental and Cultural Considerations	Provides significant environmental, stewardship, conservation, cultural heritage, or Indigenous partnership benefits.	Provides moderate environmental or cultural benefits.	Minimal environmental or cultural benefit.	Potential negative impacts or unresolved concerns.
Climate Resilience and Risk	Low climate vulnerability and contributes to long-term resilience.	Moderate climate risk that can be reasonably mitigated.	High climate vulnerability requiring significant mitigation.	Significant unresolved climate or hazard risk.
Equity and Access	Significantly improves accessibility, inclusion, geographic distribution, or underserved populations.	Improves access for some users or communities.	Limited accessibility or equity benefits.	Does not improve access or may create barriers.
Asset Sustainability	Supports long-term sustainability, reduces future liabilities, and aligns with asset management objectives.	Generally sustainable with manageable future obligations.	Creates notable future maintenance or replacement obligations.	Creates significant long-term liabilities or is unlikely to be sustainable.

7 PERFORMANCE MEASURES (MONITORING AND REPORTING)



Performance monitoring and reporting are essential for ensuring accountability, identifying what is working (and what is not), and supporting informed, evidence-based decision-making.

The RDCK is committed to advancing the goals of this strategy and to regularly monitoring our progress towards achieving our vision. To track progress toward our vision and promote transparency, the Regional District will monitor and report on the indicators presented in Table 10.

7.1 MONITORING REPORT

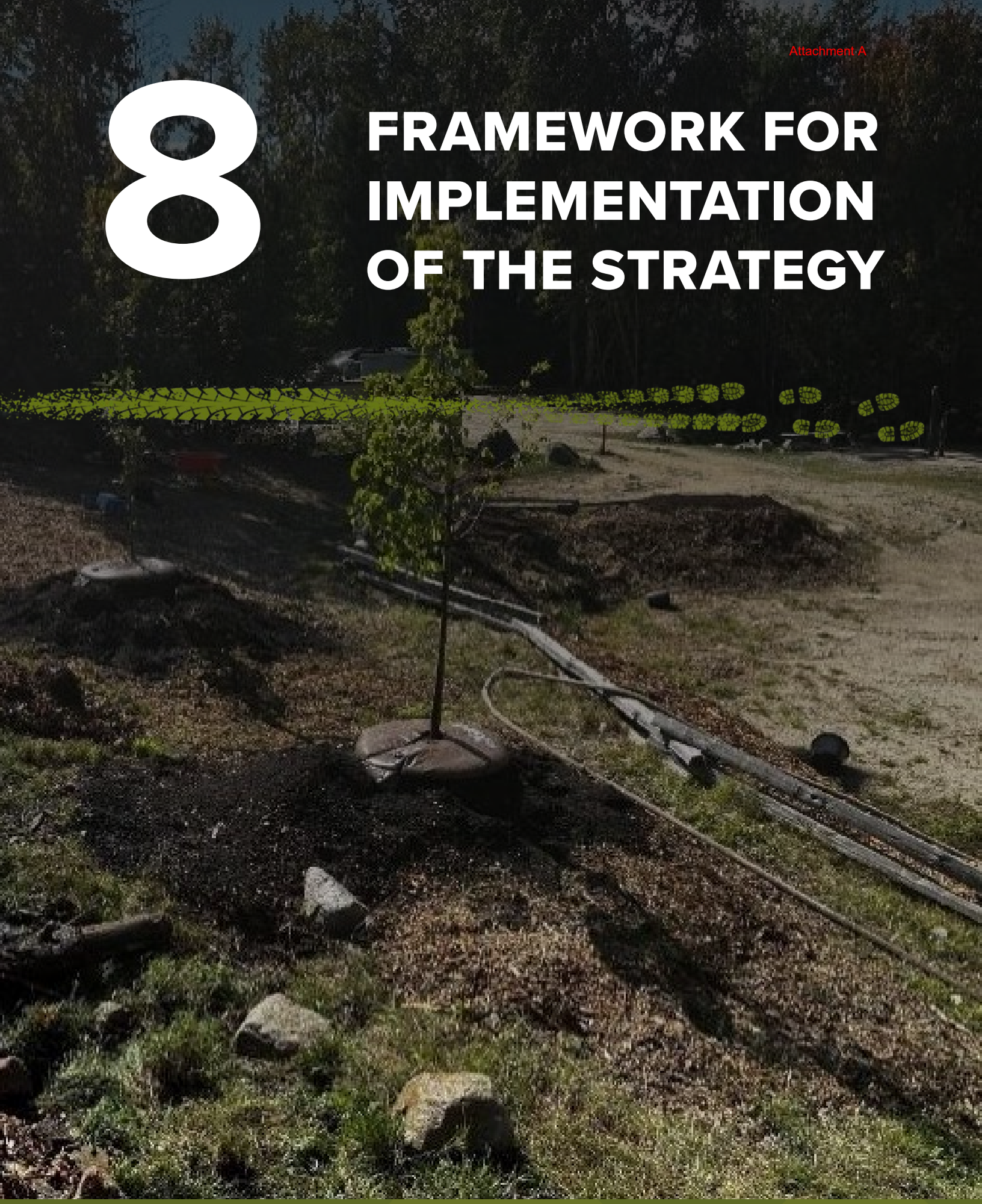
The RDCK will prepare and release a monitoring report every 5 years (Table 10). The report will provide both an update on the implementation of the strategic priorities and actions within this strategy and our progress towards achieving the goals and vision outlines in this strategy. Additionally, the RDCK will review goals, strategies, and actions on an annual basis to better inform the formal five-year report.

Table 11: Five Year Monitoring Matrix

Goal	Linked Strategy and Action Areas	Indicators
Provide Outstanding Nature-Based Recreation Opportunities	• Strengthen Outdoor Recreation & Visitor Experience (amenities, programming, digital tools). • Expand & Enhance Regional Trail Connectivity (framework, trailheads, standards). • Stewardship, Interpretation & Environmental Education (program delivery). • Signage, Branding & Wayfinding (visitor readiness).	• Total visits to regional parks/trails; % of visitors satisfied with experience. • Provide 5-year trends of visitation and visitor satisfaction through the use of a household survey. • Number of programs/events delivered; participation counts (incl. youth/adaptive). • Number of amenities upgraded to current accessibility & safety standards (e.g., trailheads, toilets, parking, etc.). • Number of incidents/conflicts recorded; compliance with use zones. • Percentage of (%) regional trails meeting adopted design and maintenance standards.
Enhance Access to Regional Parks, Trails, and Water Access	• Improve Balanced (Equitable) Access (land acquisition process; fund; gap closure). • Increase & Enhance Water Access (inventory; strategy; maintenance). • Expand & Enhance Regional Trail Connectivity (priority links). • Establish Regional/Sub-Regional System & Classification.	• Number of new/secured sites or partnerships. • Priority gaps in the system addressed. • Percentage (%) of residents within 30 minutes to a regional park/trail (report baseline and change). • Km of regional trail added or upgraded. • Priority connections advanced. • Water Access Site strategy completed, and water access points are better maintained/improved. • Increase number of shoreline stewardship activations. • Wayfinding/signage installs at priority access points.

Goal	Linked Strategy and Action Areas	Indicators
Advance Inclusion, Equity, and Welcoming Experiences Across Regional Parks and Trails	• Inclusion, Equity & Accessibility Standards (EDI lens; accessibility guidelines; assessments). • Reconciliation (co-development, Ethical Spaces, language/place names). • Signage/Branding/Wayfinding (inclusive, co-developed content). • Stewardship & Environmental Education (inclusive programming).	• Number of sites assessed for accessibility. • Universal design improvements completed (where needed and feasible). • Increase the number of adaptive/accessible recreation opportunities/participation. • Inclusion of universal design guideline applications in capital projects. • Increased number of co-developed cultural interpretation/signage elements with First Nations. • Increase in the number of partnerships with equity-serving organizations. • Investigate and implement transit access pilots.
Protect and Steward Regionally Significant Natural and Cultural Areas	• Protect & Conserve Ecologically Significant Lands (prioritization, restoration, visitor use management). • Climate Resilience & Hazard Preparedness (vulnerability, adaptation). • Stewardship & Environmental Education (volunteer initiatives).	• Number of ha protected or restored/enhanced. • Number of priority conservation acquisitions/ agreements advanced. • Number of sites with active visitor-use management measures (e.g., seasonal closures, domestic pet management). • Increase in the number of stewardship events, environmental education programming, and volunteer hours.
Strengthen Community and Regional Partnerships	• Reconciliation (co management; Indigenous led programming). • Regional & Community Partnerships (MOUs, shared delivery). • Water Access & Trails (stewardship partnerships; inter jurisdictional coordination). • Stewardship & Environmental Education.	• Increase in the number of formal partnership agreements and MOUs with First Nations. • Increase in the number of joint funding applications. • Increase in the number of Indigenous-led programs/events. • Increase in the number of volunteer initiatives and hours. • Partner satisfaction snapshot survey. • Increase in funding leveraged from grants/ partners per RDCK dollars invested.
Ensure Operational Excellence and Fiscal Responsibility	• Operational Capacity & Asset Management (inventory; staffing; lifecycle; funding ratios). • Establish Regional/Sub-Regional System & Classification (service standards). • Monitor, Evaluate & Adapt (annual review process).	• Percentage (%) of assets in inventory with asset condition ratings; facility condition index (FCI) trend. • Number of resource management plans updated/ created. • Percentage (%) assets with current RMPs. • Annual progress report delivered (on time, complete).

8 FRAMEWORK FOR IMPLEMENTATION OF THE STRATEGY



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The RDCK Regional Parks Program operates within a dynamic environment, where community needs, environmental conditions, and funding opportunities continue to evolve. As such, responding to the recommendations in this strategy will be imperative, responsive, and aligned with ongoing monitoring and evaluation.

8.1 ROADMAP FOR THE NEXT 10 YEARS

The following table identifies the priorities required to implement the recommendations in this strategy. Activities and initiatives are organized by strategic focus area and aligned with the goals outlined in the strategy.

Parks, Trails and Water Access Development

Actions	Goals	Timeframe:	Priority	Costs/Funding Implications:	Delivery Approach:
Improve and formalize access at priority water access sites.		Short-Term (1–5 years)	High	Moderate (site upgrades, infrastructure).	Project-based delivery with partners.
Develop and apply a water access classification and prioritization framework.		Short-Term (1–5 years)	High	Moderate (planning, mapping, stakeholder engagement; potential consultant support).	Integrated planning and technical analysis.
Develop and adopt a Regional Trails Framework that maps existing routes, identifies priority connections, integrates tourism opportunities, and establishes design and maintenance standards.		Short-Term (1–5 years)	High	Moderate (planning, mapping, stakeholder engagement; potential consultant support).	Partnership-based planning with municipalities, First Nations, and trail organizations; supported by technical analysis.
Enhance trail connectivity and address priority gaps in the network.		Medium-Term (5–10 years)	High	Moderate–High (capital development).	Partnership-based delivery.
Undertake site improvements aligned with Level of Service classifications.		Ongoing	Medium	Moderate–High (capital + lifecycle investment).	Phased capital improvements.
Assess and address gaps in parks, trails, and water access distribution across sub-regions.		Medium-Term (5–10 years)	High	Low (analysis) leading to Moderate–High (future capital).	System-level planning and analysis.

Land Acquisition and System Expansion

Actions	Goals	Timeframe:	Priority	Costs/Funding Implications:	Delivery Approach:
Adopt the strategic approach to land acquisition aligned with system priorities outlined in this Strategy.		Short-Term (1–5 years)	High	Low–Moderate (planning and strategy development).	Internal coordination and partnerships.
Pursue acquisition and tenure opportunities to expand parks, trails, and water access areas.		Ongoing	High	High (land acquisition; partnership funding required).	Partnerships with First Nations, NGOs, and agencies.
Identify and secure new water access opportunities in priority areas.		Medium-Term (5–10 years)	High	Moderate–High (land, tenure, site development).	Partnership-based acquisition and tenure strategies.

Conservation and Stewardship

Actions	Goals	Timeframe:	Priority	Costs/Funding Implications:	Delivery Approach:
Protect environmentally sensitive areas through classification and management approaches.		Immediate (0–2 years)	High	Low.	Integrated into planning and operations.
Implement restoration and stewardship initiatives in priority areas.		Ongoing	Medium	Low–Moderate (partnership-driven).	Partnerships with stewardship organizations.

Visitor Experience and Education

Actions	Goals	Timeframe:	Priority	Costs/Funding Implications:	Delivery Approach:
Evaluate signage, wayfinding, and information across the system.		Short-Term (1–5 years)	Medium	Moderate (signage and design updates).	Coordinated program delivery.
Expand education and stewardship messaging to support appropriate use.		Ongoing	Medium	Low.	Partnerships and communications.

Partnerships and Community Engagement

Actions	Goals	Timeframe:	Priority	Costs/Funding Implications:	Delivery Approach:
Evaluate signage, wayfinding, and information across the system.		Ongoing	High	Low (relationship-based).	Government-to-government collaboration.
Expand education and stewardship messaging to support appropriate use.		Ongoing	High	Low.	Ongoing engagement and agreements.

Governance and Service Framework

Actions	Goals	Timeframe:	Priority	Costs/Funding Implications:	Delivery Approach:
Undertake a detailed service delivery and governance review to evaluate options for implementing Regional and Sub- Regional Park, trail, and water access services, including funding and taxation models.		**Immediate (0–2 years)**	**High**	Moderate (analysis, financial and legal review; potential consultant support).	Internal process supported by external expertise in governance, finance, and service delivery models.
Engage with Electoral Areas, municipalities, and First Nations to explore service delivery options, funding approaches, and implications for equitable access across the region.		**Immediate (0–2 years)**	**High**	Moderate (engagement, facilitation, communications, potential consultant support).	Internal process supported by external expertise in governance, finance, and service delivery models, facilitated engagement (potential use of third-party facilitators).
Based on findings and engagement, refine and adopt a service framework/definition, including classification and funding/taxation approach, to support long-term implementation of the parks, trails, and water access system.		**Immediate (0–2 years)**	**High**	Low–Moderate (policy development; potential implementation costs).	Board decision-making supported by staff recommendations, technical analysis, and policy development.
Apply classification and Level of Service framework across all existing assets as outlined in this strategy.		**Short-Term (1–5 years)**	**High**	Low–Moderate (technical review, data support).	System-wide review and technical analysis.
Integrate Level of Service framework into operations, budgeting, and capital planning.		**Short-Term (1–5 years)**	**High**	Low (integration with existing processes).	Integration with asset management and financial planning.
Establish consistent decision-making processes for planning, investment, and management.		**Short-Term (1–5 years)**	**High**	Low.	Internal coordination and Board direction.

Planning and Asset Management

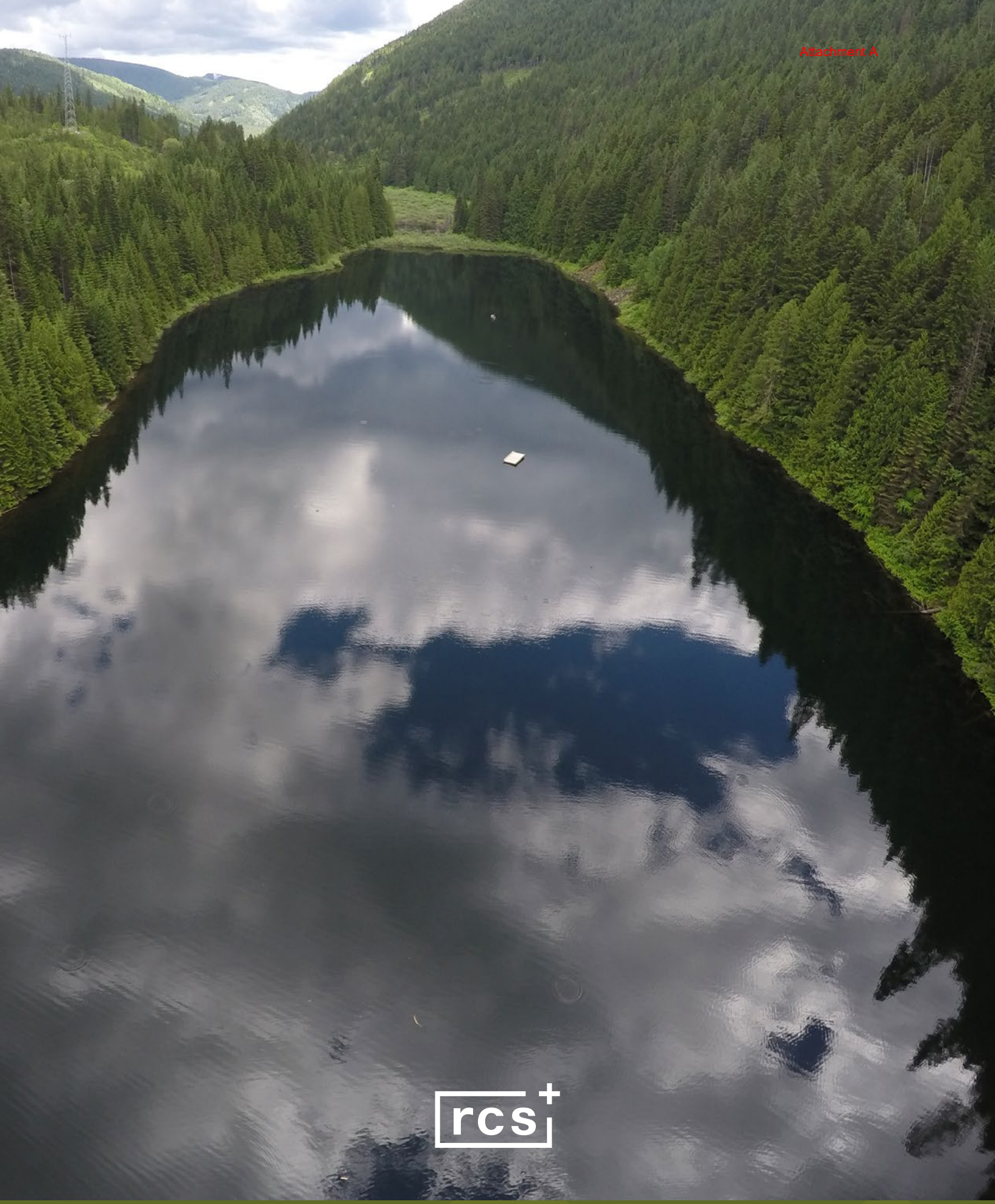
Actions	Goals	Timeframe:	Priority	Costs/Funding Implications:	Delivery Approach:
Update and maintain a comprehensive asset inventory and condition assessment program.		**Immediate (0–2 years)**	**High**	Moderate (systems, data, potential consultant support).	Internal coordination supported by technical tools.
Prioritize and update management plans for high-use and high-value sites.		**Short-Term (1–5 years)**	**High**	Moderate–High (consultant and staff resources).	Combination of internal work and consultant support.
Integrate asset management practices into long-term financial planning.		**Medium-Term (5–10 years)**	**High**	Low.	Alignment with RDCK financial processes.

Funding and Sustainability

Actions	Goals	Timeframe:	Priority	Costs/Funding Implications:	Delivery Approach:
Explore and implement sustainable funding approaches, including grants and user-based revenue where appropriate.		**Medium-Term (5–10 years)**	**Medium**	Low (strategy) with potential revenue generation.	Internal coordination and external funding.
Align capital and operational investment with system priorities and Level of Service.		**Ongoing**	**High**	Low (planning) guiding Moderate–High future investment.	Budgeting and financial planning processes.

Monitoring and Adaptive Management

Actions	Goals	Timeframe:	Priority	Costs/Funding Implications:	Delivery Approach:
Implement and operationalize the monitoring framework, including indicators and thresholds.		**Immediate (0–2 years)**	**High**	Moderate (program development, tools).	Integration with operations and planning.
Use monitoring and data to inform adaptive management and investment decisions.		**Ongoing**	**High**	Low.	Ongoing evaluation and decision-making.
Report on progress and adjust implementation priorities as needed.		**Ongoing**	**High**	Low.	Annual and periodic review.



Board Report

October 22, 2026

Goat Canyon Park Development

Author:	Mark Crowe, Parks Planner
File Reference:	7015-20-Goat
Electoral Area/Municipality:	Creston, A, B, C
Services Impacted	Service S201 Regional Parks Creston and Areas B and C

1.0 STAFF RECOMMENDATION

That the Board approve entering into a Contribution Agreement with Columbia Basin Trust for Project 23,426 - RDCK - Shoreline Outdoor Revitalization and Enhancement Planning and Design; and that the Chair and Corporate Officer be authorized to sign the necessary documents;

AND FURTHER, that the Board approve an amendment to the 2026 Financial Plan for Service S201 Regional Parks Creston and Areas B and C to INCREASE Grants by $50,000 and INCREASE Capital Expenditures by $50,000.

2.0 BACKGROUND/HISTORY

At its August 20, 2026 meeting, the Board approved Community Works Funding for the Goat Canyon Park Development project, including the project scope previously considered by the Board.

> *427/26 That the Community Works Fund application submitted by the RDCK for the RDCK- Goat Canyon Park Development in the total amount of $1,000,000 be approved and that funds be disbursed from Community Works Funds and allocated to Electoral Area B as an internal transfer to S201 Regional Parks Creston and Areas B and C. Carried*
>
> *428/26 That the Board approve an amendment to the 2026 Financial Plan for Service S201 Regional Parks Creston and Areas B and C to INCREASE Transfer from Community Works by $1,000,000 and INCREASE Capital Expenditures by $1,000,000.00.*

As identified in the Community Works Fund application, the approved funding does not fully fund the project, leaving an estimated funding gap of approximately $915,000. This shortfall may be addressed through external funding opportunities, including Columbia Basin Trust's SHORE funding program. Columbia Basin Trust has offered a contribution of $50,000 toward the project described in the Community Works Fund application. A contribution agreement is attached to this report.

3.0 PROBLEM OR OPPORTUNITY DESCRIPTION

The total project costs identified in the Community Works funding application are estimated at $1,915,000. The $1,000,000 in Community Works funding and $50,000 from CBT can be used toward the project costs.

3.1 Alignment to Board Strategic Plan

Manage our assets and service delivery in a fiscally responsible manner.

3.2 Legislative Consideration

Not applicable

3.3 What Are the Risks

Not completing the project on time.

4.0 PROPOSED SOLUTION

That the Board authorize execution of the Contribution Agreement with Columbia Basin Trust for Project #: 23,426.

4.1 Financial Considerations of the Proposed Solution

The 2026 Financial Plan will need to be amended for Service S201 Regional Parks Creston and Areas B and C by increasing grants by $50,000 and increasing capital expenditures by $50,000.

4.2 Risks with the Proposed Solution

A final report or the project will need to be submitted to CBT by October 30, 2027.

4.3 Resource Allocation and Workplan Impact

There is no change in scope to the Community Works Funding application previously approved by the Board.

4.4 Public Benefit and Stakeholder Engagement of Proposed Solution

The public benefits from external funding contributions to RDCK projects.

4.5 Leveraging Technology

Not Applicable.

4.6 Measuring Success

Success will be achieved when CBT approves the final project report.

5.0 ALTERNATIVE SOLUTION(S)

Not Applicable.

5.1 Financial Considerations of the Alternative Solution(s)

Not Applicable.

5.2 Risks with the Alternative Solution(s)

Not Applicable.

5.3 Resource Allocation and Workplan Impact

Not Applicable.

5.4 Public Benefit and Stakeholder Engagement of Alternative Solution

Not Applicable.

5.5 Measuring Success

Not Applicable.

6.0 OPTIONS CONSIDERED BUT NOT PRESENTED

Not Applicable.

7.0 OPTIONS SUMMARY

Option 1:

Recommendation:

That the Board approve entering into a Contribution Agreement with Columbia Basin Trust for Project 23,426 - RDCK - Shoreline Outdoor Revitalization and Enhancement Planning and Design; and that the Chair and Corporate Officer be authorized to sign the necessary documents;

AND FURTHER, that the Board approve an amendment to the 2026 Financial Plan for Service S201 Regional Parks Creston and Areas B and C to INCREASE Grants by $50,000 and INCREASE Capital Expenditures by $50,000.

Option 2:

Recommendation:

That the Board not approve entering into a Contribution Agreement with Columbia Basin Trust for Project 23,426 - RDCK - Shoreline Outdoor Revitalization and Enhancement Planning and Design.

8.0 RECOMMENDATION

That the Board approve entering into a Contribution Agreement with Columbia Basin Trust for Project 23,426 - RDCK - Shoreline Outdoor Revitalization and Enhancement Planning and Design; and that the Chair and Corporate Officer be authorized to sign the necessary documents;

AND FURTHER, that the Board approve an amendment to the 2026 Financial Plan for Service S201 Regional Parks Creston and Areas B and C to INCREASE Grants by $50,000 and INCREASE Capital Expenditures by $50,000.

Respectfully submitted,
Mark Crowe, Parks Planner

CONCURRENCE

Stuart Horn – Chief Administrative Officer Approved
Trisha Davison – Regional Manager – Recreation & Client Services Approved

ATTACHMENTS:

Attachment A – Columbia Basin Trust Project #23,426 - Contribution Agreement

CONTRIBUTION AGREEMENT

REGIONAL DISTRICT OF CENTRAL KOOTENAY

Box 590, 202 Lakeside Drive
Nelson, BC V1L 5R4

('Recipient')

COLUMBIA BASIN TRUST

Suite 300, 445 – 13th Avenue
Castlegar, BC V1N 1G1

('Trust')

WHEREAS in accordance with the Trust's purposes as set out in the *Columbia Basin Trust Act,* the Trust wishes to provide a grant for the project described in Schedule 'A' (Project) to be carried out by the Recipient and the Recipient has the capacity to carry out the Project.

NOW THEREFORE this Agreement witnesses that, in consideration of the mutual covenants herein contained, the parties agree as follows:

1. TERMS OF THE AGREEMENT

1.1 This Agreement will commence on September 23, 2026, and will, subject to Section 6 hereof, terminate on receipt and the Trust's approval of the Recipient's Final Report (as described in Schedule A hereto).

1.2 The obligations set out in Sections 9, 11 and 18.5 continue after the end of this Agreement.

2. PROJECT

2.1 The Recipient will undertake the Project described in Schedule A hereto in accordance with the terms of this Agreement.

2.2 The Recipient will not make any material changes to the Project without the prior written consent of the Trust.

2.3 Information used to support this Agreement that has been provided by the Recipient, either through an application process, funding request, or other submission, will be relied upon and considered accurate. The Recipient will immediately notify the Trust of any changes to any information provided to the Trust that relates to this Agreement.

3. GRANT

3.1 The Trust will provide a grant to the Recipient in the amount of $50,000 (the 'Grant'), such Grant to be payable in the amounts and at the times described in Schedule A hereto.

3.2 The Recipient will use the Grant only for the purpose of carrying out the Project.

3.3 If the Project is cancelled subsequent to the commencement of this Agreement, the Recipient will immediately thereafter return the Grant to the Trust, or in the event a portion of the Grant has been expended, the amount then remaining, along with an accounting of all expenditures.

3.4 If, at the conclusion of the Project, a portion of the Grant remains unexpended, the Trust may agree that the unexpended portion be used for other projects of the Recipient. If the Trust does not so agree, then:

a. if the Trust is the sole contributor to the Project, the Recipient will return the unexpended portion of the Grant to the Trust; or

b. if the Trust is one of a number of contributors to the Project, the Recipient will return the Trust's proportionate share of the unexpended portion of the total contributions to the Project to the Trust.

3.5 An obligation on the Trust to make a payment under this Agreement is dependent on budget approval of funds by the Trust for the fiscal year in which the payment is to be made, regardless of any other provision in this Agreement.

4. REPORTING

4.1 The Recipient will report to the Trust regarding the Project as described in Schedule A.

5. ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF THE TRUST CONTRIBUTION

5.1 The Recipient will use its best efforts to acknowledge the Trust's financial contribution to the Project by including the Trust's name and logo on Project-related materials.

6. EARLY TERMINATION

6.1 If a material provision of this Agreement is breached by the Recipient, the Trust may terminate this Agreement immediately on written notice to the Recipient.

6.2 In the event of a termination described in Section 6.1, the Trust will pay only such portion of the Grant not then advanced pursuant to Schedule A for Project costs up to the effective date of termination, which costs will not exceed the amount of the Grant.

7. ASSIGNMENT OF GRANT

7.1 The Recipient will not assign this Agreement or the Grant or any part thereof without the prior written consent of the Trust.

8. RECIPIENT'S REPRESENTATIONS AND WARRANTIES

8.1 The Recipient represents and warrants that:

a. If it is a corporation or other statutory entity duly incorporated or created under its applicable corporate legislation it is in good standing under the laws of each jurisdiction in which it is required to be registered and will maintain its corporate existence in good standing during the term of this Agreement;

b. it has the power and authority to enter into this Agreement; and

c. it has the power, authority and capacity to carry out the Project.

9. INDEMNITY

9.1 The Recipient will indemnify and save harmless the Trust, its officers, directors, employees, servants and agents from and against any and all claims and demands, including personal injury or death, arising from the Recipient's implementation of the Project except to the extent that such loss is caused or contributed to by the negligence of the Trust.

10. FURTHER ASSURANCES

10.1 The parties agree to do or cause to be done all acts or things necessary to implement and carry into effect the Agreement to its full extent.

11. FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT AND AUDIT

11.1 The Recipient agrees to maintain accurate financial records with supporting receipts for the Project and will provide the same to the Trust on request.

11.2 The Recipient agrees to permit the Trust, its agents and/or its auditors to inspect, and obtain copies on request, at all reasonable times, including subsequent to the termination of this Agreement, all records related to the Project.

12. SEVERABILITY OF PROVISIONS

12.1 The invalidity or unenforceability of any provision of the Agreement will not affect the validity or enforceability of any other provision of the Agreement and any invalid provision will be deemed to be severed.

13. CIRCUMSTANCES BEYOND THE CONTROL OF EITHER PARTY

13.1 A failure to perform any obligation under the Agreement that results from any matter beyond the control of the parties, including strike, lockout or any other action arising from a labour dispute, fire, flood, act of God, war, riot or other insurrection, lawful act of public authority, or delay or default caused by a common carrier which cannot be reasonably foreseen or provided against or from, will not be considered to be a breach of any term of the Agreement.

14. NOTICES

14.1 Any notice or communication required to be given under the Agreement will be in writing and will be delivered personally or by courier, electronic mail or facsimile addressed to the other party at the address provided above or at such other address as either party will later designate to the other in writing.

15. DISPUTE RESOLUTION

15.1 If a dispute should arise regarding this Agreement, the parties agree to attempt to resolve such dispute by discussion.

15.2 Any dispute which cannot be resolved within thirty (30) days pursuant to Section 15.1 will be resolved by mediation. The Trust and the Recipient will agree on the choice of mediator and will share the cost equally.

16. AMENDMENT AND INTERPRETATION

16.1 No amendment of this Agreement will be valid unless it is agreed to in writing and signed by the parties hereto. The Trust may, in its sole discretion, waive one or more terms of the Agreement and any such waiver must be in writing.

16.2 In the event of a conflict or inconsistency in any provision in any Schedule or other attachment to this Agreement and the main body of this Agreement, the main body of this Agreement will prevail.

17. INSURANCE

17.1 The Recipient will maintain insurance coverage for all risks arising from the Project in such amounts and with such insurers as are appropriate having regard to the nature of the Project and the risks associated therewith.

18. GENERAL

18.1 This Agreement and the rights, obligations and relations of the parties hereto will be governed by and construed in accordance with the laws of the Province of British Columbia.

18.2 This Agreement constitutes the entire agreement between the parties pertaining to the matters contemplated hereby.

18.3 Nothing contained in this Agreement will be construed to place the parties in the relationship of agent and principal, master and servant, settlor and trustee, partners or joint ventures and neither party will have any right to obligate or bind the other party in any manner.

18.4 Time is of the essence hereof.

18.5 The Recipient acknowledges that the Trust is a public body with duties and obligations under the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act* and that the Trust may be required by law to disclose information relating to the Recipient, this Agreement, the Project, any associated reporting, and the Grant. The Recipient consents to the release of such information and acknowledges that this consent is made pursuant to Section 33.1(1) of the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act.* The Recipient agrees that the Trust may disclose the Recipient's name, location and the amount and nature of any related funding to the public, individuals or any other entity in furtherance of the Trust's public purposes.

18.6 This Agreement may be executed in any number of counterparts, each of which will be deemed an original, but all of which together will constitute one and the same instrument.

18.7 All parties agree that participation in this project is without prejudice to the aboriginal title and rights of any First Nation, Band or members thereof.

This Agreement has been executed on behalf of the Trust and the Recipient as of the dates indicated below:

REGIONAL DISTRICT OF CENTRAL KOOTENAY

Signed by:

Name:

Title:

Date:

COLUMBIA BASIN TRUST

Signed by:

Name: Katie Kendall

Title: Senior Manager, Delivery of Benefits

Date: September 23, 2026

SCHEDULE A

Project: RDCK - Shoreline Outdoor Revitalization and Enhancement Planning and Design

A. Project Description

The purpose of the Project is in furtherance of the public purpose of the Trust and is specifically to support RDCK to complete planning and design work to create an accessible, multipurpose park that will provide safe public access to Goat River.

B. Duties and Deliverables

The Recipient will be responsible for all aspects of the supervision and administration of the Project, including:

1. carrying out the Project in accordance with the RDCK Community Works Fund Application submitted to the Trust on August 31, 2026, and subsequently approved by the Trust;
2. not using the Grant for RDCK staff wages;
3. ensuring procurement processes are consistent with the Recipient's policies and best practices;
4. ensuring all necessary regulatory permits and approvals are acquired for the Project and adhered to; and
5. paying for 83% of the final Project costs using funding sources other than the Grant.

C. Reporting Schedule

The Recipient will provide a Final Report to the Trust on or before October 30, 2027, which must include, but is not limited to, a completed Final Report on the template provided by the Trust, as well as a copy of the final, detailed architectural design and cost estimate.

D. Payment Schedule

The Trust will pay the Recipient as follows:

1. $45,000 within 20 business days upon receipt of this fully signed Agreement; and
2. $5,000 by December 30, 2027.

Board Report

Date of Report:	October 07, 2026
Date & Type of Meeting:	October 22, 2026, Board Meeting
Author:	Sadie Chezenkoo, Planner 1
Subject:	TEMPORARY USE PERMIT
File:	T2602F - DOUCET
Electoral Area/Municipality	F

SECTION 1: EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The purpose of this report is for the Rural Affairs Committee and Regional Board to consider authorizing a Temporary Use Permit (TUP) in Electoral Area 'F' for the construction of two accessory buildings on a lot prior to establishing a principal residential use.

This application was reviewed by the Rural Affairs Committee on September 23, 2026. On September 24, 2026, the Regional Board directed staff to provide notification of the Board's intention to consider the TUP pursuant to Section 494 of the Local Government Act. This notice has been completed, and the application is being brought back for the Board's consideration. Staff recommend that the Board approve the TUP.

SECTION 2: SUMMARY

Planning Discussion

The proposed TUP would allow the construction of two accessory buildings prior to establishing a residence on the subject property. The TUP would provide the ability for the applicant to have a dedicated workspace and tool and material storage space for up to three years.

There were no significant concerns raised by the public, RDCK departments or other agencies with respect to this proposal. Other than the request for this temporary use, the proposal is consistent with the OCP and zoning.

For the reasons noted above, staff recommend that the Board approve the issuance of the TUP.

SECTION 3: OPTIONS

Option 1

That the Board APPROVE the issuance of Temporary Use Permit T2602F by Ryan Doucet for the property located on 5775 Woodland Drive, Taghum, Electoral Area 'F' and legally described as LOT 2 DISTRICT LOT 5922 KOOTENAY DISTRICT PLAN NEP61991 TOGETHER WITH A 1/3 SHARE IN COMMON LOT 4 PLAN NEP61991 (SEE PLAN AS TO LIMITED ACCESS) (PID: 024-165-751).

Option 2

That the Board NOT APPROVE the issuance of Temporary Use Permit T2602F by Ryan Doucet for the property located on 5775 Woodland Drive, Taghum, Electoral Area 'F' and legally described as LOT 2 DISTRICT LOT 5922 KOOTENAY DISTRICT PLAN NEP61991 TOGETHER WITH A 1/3 SHARE IN COMMON LOT 4 PLAN NEP61991 (SEE PLAN AS TO LIMITED ACCESS) (PID: 024-165-751).

SECTION 4: RECOMMENDATIONS

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Respectfully submitted,
Sadie Chezenko, Planner 1

CONCURRENCE

Nelson Wight – Planning Manager Approved
Amy Wilson - Acting General Manager of Development and Community Sustainability Approved
Stuart Horn – Chief Administrative Officer Approved

ATTACHMENTS:
Attachment A – Draft Temporary Use Permit
Attachment B - Previous RAC Report and Attachments

Attachment A

Temporary Use Permit

T2602F (Doucet)

Date:

Issued pursuant to Section 492 of the *Local Government Act*

TO: Ryan Doucet

ADMINISTRATION

1. This Temporary Use Permit (TUP) is issued subject to compliance with all of the bylaws of the Regional District of Central Kootenay (RDCK) applicable thereto, except as specifically authorized by this Permit.
2. The land described shall be developed strictly in accordance with the terms and conditions and provisions of this Temporary Use Permit (TUP), and any plans and specifications attached to this Permit that shall form a part thereof.
3. This Temporary Use Permit (TUP) is not a Building Permit.

APPLICABILITY

4. This TUP is issued for the following purpose:
5. This TUP applies to and only to those lands within the RDCK described below, and any and all buildings, structures and other development thereon, substantially in accordance with Schedules '1' and '2':

Address: 5775 Woodland Drive, Taghum, Electoral Area 'F'
Legal: LOT 2 DISTRICT LOT 5922 KOOTENAY DISTRICT PLAN NEP61991 TOGETHER WITH A 1/3 SHARE IN COMMON LOT 4 PLAN NEP61991 (SEE PLAN AS TO LIMITED ACCESS)
PID (024-165-751)

CONDITIONS

6. This TUP authorizes the following use of the above mentioned lands for a period not to exceed three (3) years from the date of issuance or at the date of expiry:

7. This TUP is issued subject to the following conditions:
    a. The temporary use shall be limited to two accessory structures on the subject parcel, prior to the construction and establishment of the principal residential use and building on the subject property.
    b. The accessory structures shall not contain a dwelling unit.

c. The accessory structures shall not be used for commercial or industrial purposes.

d. It is understood and agreed that the Regional District of Central Kootenay has made no representations, covenants, warranties, guarantees, promises, or agreements (verbal or otherwise) with the Permittee other than those contained in this Permit.

e. Notice shall be filed in the Land Title Office that the land described herein is subject to this Permit.

f. It is understood and agreed that this Permit does not imply approval for future rezoning of the subject property for the specified use.

g. This Permit shall expire three (3) years from the date of issuance.

Authorized resolution *[enter resolution number]* passed by the RDCK Board on the day of , 20 .

The Corporate Seal of
THE REGIONAL DISTRICT OF CENTRAL KOOTENAY
was hereunto affixed in the presence of:

_____ _____

_____, Board Chair Mike Morrison, Corporate Officer

Schedule 1: Subject Property

Schedule 2: Site Plan

Committee Report

Date of Report:	September 12, 2026
Date & Type of Meeting:	September 23, 2026, Rural Affairs Committee
Author:	Sadie Chezenko, Planner
Subject:	TEMPORARY USE PERMIT
File:	T2602F – Doucet
Electoral Area/Municipality	F

SECTION 1: EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The purpose of this report is for the Rural Affairs Committee and Regional Board to consider authorizing a Temporary Use Permit (TUP) in Electoral Area 'F' for the construction of two accessory buildings on a lot prior to establishing a principal residential use.

Staff recommend that the Board direct staff to provide notice of their intention to consider approval of this TUP at a future Board meeting.

SECTION 2: BACKGROUND/ANALYSIS

GENERAL INFORMATION
Property Owner: Ryan Doucet
Property Location: 5775 Woodland Drive, Taghum, Electoral Area 'F'
Legal Description: LOT 2 DISTRICT LOT 5922 KOOTENAY DISTRICT PLAN NEP61991 TOGETHER WITH A 1/3 SHARE IN COMMON LOT 4 PLAN NEP61991 (SEE PLAN AS TO LIMITED ACCESS) PID: 024-165-751
Property Size: 0.61 hectares (1.47 acres)
Zoning Class: Suburban Residential F (R1F) in RDCK Zoning Bylaw No. 1675, 2004
OCP Designation: Suburban Residential (SR) in Electoral Area 'F' Official Community Plan Bylaw No. 2214, 2011

Site Context

The subject property is in Taghum in Electoral Area 'F.' It is designated for Suburban Residential (SR) use and similarly zoned Suburaban Residential F (R1F) in RDCK Zoning Bylaw no. 1675, 2004. The area surrounding the property is designated Suburban Residential (SR) and Country Residential (CR) and most properties are used for residential purposes.

The subject property is accessed off Woodland Drive and a common access lot and is within the service area of the Taghum Improvement District (TID). The property slopes upward to the north and is presently vacant other than a partially constructed accessory building.

Figure 1 – Location Map

Development Proposal

The purpose of the application is to authorize the construction of two accessory buildings prior to the establishment of a principal use on the subject property.

The two accessory buildings proposed are an 8.92m^2 (96ft^2) shed and an 11.15m^2 (120ft^2) studio space. The applicant indicated that the buildings would serve as a dedicated workspace and as tools and building materials storage. He indicated that having these buildings will help facilitate the future development of his residence.

The applicant began construction on one accessory building but has since stopped construction while he awaits a decision on this application.

Figure 2: Site Plan

Site Visit

A site visit was conducted on September 02, 2026. The figures below show the property and the partially constructed accessory building.

Figure 3: Subject Property

Figure 4: Accessory Building

Land Use Considerations

Official Community Plan (OCP)

The OCP identifies that temporary uses may be authorized by the Regional Board through the TUP process. It states that the use should be temporary and not negatively impact surrounding properties or the environment. The OCP designates the property for suburban residential use, which is consistent with the long-term development plans for the property.

SECTION 3: DETAILED ANALYSIS

3.1 Financial Considerations – Cost and Resource Allocations:

Included in Financial Plan:	☐ Yes	☒ No	**Financial Plan Amendment:**	☐ Yes	☒ No
Debt Bylaw Required:	☐ Yes	☒ No	**Public/Gov't Approvals Required:**	☐ Yes	☒ No

The application fee has been paid in full pursuant to the Planning Fees and Procedures Bylaw No. 2457, 2015.

3.2 Legislative Considerations (Applicable Policies and/or Bylaws):

Under Section 493 of the Local Government Act (LGA), the Board has the authority to issue a TUP by resolution to designated land within Official Community Plans (OCP's) where temporary uses are allowed.

The application was processed in accordance with Planning Fees and Procedures Bylaw No. 2457, 2015.

3.3 Environmental Considerations

None anticipated.

3.4 Social Considerations:

None anticipated.

3.5 Economic Considerations:

None anticipated.

3.6 Communication Considerations:

Public and Neighbour Notice

In accordance with Schedule 'G' of the *Regional District of Central Kootenay Planning Procedures and Fees Bylaw No. 2457, 2015*, a 'Notice of Development' sign was placed on the subject property. Notice of this proposal was sent via mail to owners and tenants of all parcels within 100 meters of the subject property. The proposal and relevant information was also posted to the RDCK Active Applications page where all current planning applications are made available to the public. Staff received calls requesting information on the proposal but no formal responses were received.

Agency Referral Responses

In accordance with Schedule 'G' of the *Regional District of Central Kootenay Planning Procedures and Fees Bylaw No. 2457, 2015*, planning staff referred the application to all applicable Regional District departments, government ministries and agencies for a period of thirty (30) days. Responses are attached to this report as Attachment B.

3.7 Staffing/Departmental Workplace Considerations:

Should the Regional Board resolve to provide the public with a 'Notice of Permit' staff will prepare the notification and publish it in the local paper, pursuant to Section 494 of the Local Government Act.

3.8 Board Strategic Plan/Priorities Considerations:

Not applicable.

SECTION 4: SUMMARY

Planning Discussion

The proposed TUP would allow the construction of two accessory buildings prior to establishing a residence on the subject property. The TUP would provide the ability for the applicant to have a dedicated workspace and tool and material storage space for up to three years.

There were no significant concerns raised by the public, RDCK departments or other agencies with respect to this proposal. Other than the request for this temporary use, the proposal is consistent with the OCP and zoning.

For the reasons noted above, staff recommend that the Board proceed with directing staff to undertake the statutory notification requirements to advance this TUP application.

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SECTION 5: RECOMMENDATIONS

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Respectfully submitted,

Sadie Chezenko, Planner 1

CONCURRENCE

Planning Manager – Nelson Wight Approved
Acting Manager of Development and Community Sustainability – Amy Wilson Approved
Chief Administrative Officer – Stuart Horn Approved

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Temporary Use Permit

T2602F (Doucet)

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TO: Ryan Doucet

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    b. The accessory structures shall not contain a dwelling unit.

c. The accessory structures shall not be used for commercial or industrial purposes.

d. It is understood and agreed that the Regional District of Central Kootenay has made no representations, covenants, warranties, guarantees, promises, or agreements (verbal or otherwise) with the Permittee other than those contained in this Permit.

e. Notice shall be filed in the Land Title Office that the land described herein is subject to this Permit.

f. It is understood and agreed that this Permit does not imply approval for future rezoning of the subject property for the specified use.

g. This Permit shall expire three (3) years from the date of issuance.

Authorized resolution *[enter resolution number]* passed by the RDCK Board on the day of , 20 .

The Corporate Seal of
THE REGIONAL DISTRICT OF CENTRAL KOOTENAY
was hereunto affixed in the presence of:

Aimee Watson, Board Chair	Mike Morrison, Corporate Officer

Schedule 1: Subject Property

Schedule 2: Site Plan

Referral Responses- T2602F

Agency/Department/First Nation	Response
Crown Land Authorizations	Thank you for the opportunity to review. On behalf of Crown Lands, we have no concerns regarding this TUP on private land.
Ecosystems Section Head - Kootenay-Boundary Region Ministry of Water, Land & Resource Stewardship	See attached letter.
RDCK Building Department	A building permit for the studio building will be required.
RDCK Emergency Management	The EM Dept comments are that the areas in question are unaffected by any current concerns.
Ministry of Transportation and Transit (MOTT)	Thank you for the opportunity to review and provide comments on the above-noted application. The Ministry has no concerns with the proposed Temporary Use of a shed and studio. The Ministry does have concerns over the 'current parking' area and the location of the proposed septic as shown in the Temporary Use Application referral package. The 'current parking' area is in the same location as an Access Easement (Charge # LA127262) identified in Reference Plan NEP81904 registered on title. Immediately above this area is a second Access Easement (Charge # CA7957836) identified in Reference Plan EPP89040 registered on title. These two easements are in place to ensure the continued and uninterrupted access for 5783 and 5765 Woodland Drive. Parking of vehicles, storage of materials, etc are not permitted in this area. The proponent should review the charges on their title with a legal professional to ensure that they are not infringing on the easement agreement. The referral package does not specify how far away the septic field is away from the south property line. The proponent should take steps to ensure that the planned location for the septic field does not encroach over the easement area. It is recommended that the proponent review and update their proposed lot layout to show the easement area, to find a more

	suitable parking location outside of the easement area and to ensure the planned septic location does not conflict with parking or the access easements. Update: The site plan has been revised to address these comments.
Taghum Improvement District (TID)	The TID does not object to this TUP as long as the following conditions are met: 1) Outstanding water connection fees of $150.53 are paid prior to any construction; and, 2) The proposed accessory buildings will not be connected to the TID water system. Update: The applicant has addressed these comments from TID.

July 5, 2023

Greetings,

The Kootenay-Boundary Ecosystems Section of the Ministry of Water, Land and Resource Stewardship has received your referral request. We are currently unable to provide a detailed review of the referral but provide the following standard requirements, recommendations and/or comments:

1. All activities are to follow and comply with all higher-level plans, planning initiatives, agreements, Memorandums of Understanding, etc. that local governments are parties to.

2. Changes in and about a "stream" [as defined in the *Water Sustainability Act* (WSA)] must only be done under a license, use approval or change approval; or be in compliance with an order, or in accordance with Part 3 of the *Water Sustainability Regulation*. Authorized changes must also be compliant with the Kootenay-Boundary Terms and Conditions and Timing Windows documents. Applications to conduct works in and about streams can be submitted through FrontCounter BC.

3. No "development" should occur within 15 m of the "stream boundary" of any "stream" [all as defined in the *Riparian Areas Protection Regulation* (RAPR)] in the absence of an acceptable assessment, completed by a Qualified Professional (QP), to determine if a reduced riparian setback would adversely affect the natural features, functions and conditions of the stream. Submit the QP assessment to the appropriate Ministry of Water, Land and Resource Stewardship office for potential review. Local governments listed in Section 2(1) of RAPR are required to ensure that all development is compliant with RAPR.

4. The federal *Species at Risk Act* (SARA) protects Endangered, Extirpated or Threatened species listed under Schedule 1 of SARA. Developers are responsible to ensure that no species or ecosystems at risk (SEAR), or Critical Habitat for Federally listed species, are

adversely affected by the proposed activities. The BC Species and Ecosystem Explorer website provides information on known SEAR occurrences within BC, although the absence of an observation record does not confirm that a species is not present. Detailed site-specific assessments and field surveys should be conducted by a QP according to Resource Inventory Standard Committee (RISC) standards to ensure all SEAR have been identified and that developments are consistent with any species or ecosystem specific Recovery Strategy or Management Plan documents, and to ensure proposed activities will not adversely affect SEAR or their Critical Habitat for Federally-listed Species at Risk (Posted).

5. Development specific Best Management Practices (BMPs) should be applied to help meet necessary legislation, regulations, and policies. Current BC BMPs can be found at: Natural Resource Best Management Practices - Province of British Columbia (gov.bc.ca) and Develop with Care 2014 - Province of British Columbia.

6. Vegetation clearing, if required, should adhere to the least risk timing windows for nesting birds (i.e., development activities should only occur during the least risk timing window). Nesting birds and some nests are protected by Section 34 of the provincial *Wildlife Act* and the federal *Migratory Birds Convention Act*. Guidelines to avoid harm to migratory birds can be found at: Guidelines to avoid harm to migratory birds - Canada.ca. If vegetation clearing is required during the bird nesting period (i.e., outside of the least risk timing window) a pre-clearing bird nest survey should be completed by a QP. The following least risk windows for birds are designed to avoid the bird nesting period:

Bird Species	Least Risk Timing Windows
Raptors (eagles, hawks, falcons, & owls)	Aug 15 – Jan 30
Herons	Aug 15 – Jan 30
Other Birds	Aug 1 – March 31

7. The introduction and spread of invasive species is a concern with all developments. The provincial *Weed Control Act* requires that an occupier must control noxious weeds growing or located on land and premises, and on any other property located on land and premises, occupied by that person. Information on invasive species can be found at: Invasive species - Province of British Columbia. The Invasive Species Council of BC

provides BMPs that should be followed, along with factsheets, reports, field guides, and other useful references. For example, all equipment, including personal equipment such as footwear, should be inspected prior to arrival at the site and prior to each daily use and any vegetative materials removed and disposed of accordingly. If noxious weeds are established as a result of this project or approval, it is the tenure holder's responsibility to manage the site to the extent that the invasive, or noxious plants are contained or removed.

8. Section 33.1 of the provincial *Wildlife Act* prohibits feeding or attracting dangerous wildlife. Measures should be employed to reduce dangerous human-wildlife conflicts. Any food, garbage or organic waste that could attract bears or other dangerous wildlife should be removed from the work area. If this is not feasible and waste is not removed, it should be stored in a bear-proof container to avoid drawing wildlife into the area and increasing the threat of human/wildlife conflict.

9. If this referral is in relation to a potential environmental violation it should be reported online at Report All Poachers & Polluters (RAPP) or by phone at 1-877-952-RAPP (7277).

10. Developments must be compliant with all other applicable statutes, bylaws, and regulations.

If the references above do not address your concerns, please do not hesitate to reach out to me for further investigation into your concerns.

Kind Regards,

Shannon White, RPBio
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Ministry of Water, Land & Resource Stewardship
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Board Report

October 22, 2026

Watershed Security Fund Application: Goat River Watershed Water Sustainability Planning

Author:	Paris Marshall Smith, Sustainability & Resilience Supervisor
File Reference:	5200-20-WGI-Goat River Watershed
Electoral Area/Municipality:	All
Services Impacted	S105 Community Sustainable Living Service; A108 Development Services

1.0 STAFF RECOMMENDATION

That the Board authorize staff to apply for a Watershed Security Fund Intake 4, Stream 3 grant in the amount of $400,000 to support the next stage of Goat River Watershed water sustainability planning, including Phase 4 community engagement, yaqan nuʔkiy partnership capacity, continued watershed monitoring and economic analysis;

AND FURTHER, that if successful the grant funding be a Service 105 Community Sustainable Living, and that staff and the Chair be authorized to sign all necessary documents.

2.0 BACKGROUND/HISTORY

In April 2025, the Board approved the engagement strategy for Goat River Watershed water sustainability planning, carried out with yaqan nuʔkiy and the Province (reso 218/25). Three phases of resident engagement are complete, including two surveys (338 responses in total), six open houses, producer engagement and an On the Land Gathering, with results shared in the What We Heard Engagement Report (June 2026). The Collective Conversations Working Group is developing recommendations for the consideration of each government, and the Phase 4 engagement strategy is before the Board under separate report.

In early 2026, the Board authorized an application to the Real Estate Foundation of BC (REFBC) General Grants program to support Phases 3 and 4. That application was not successful. Staff propose applying to the Watershed Security Fund (WSF), combining Phase 4 engagement with the components of the REFBC application that remain unfunded. The proposed scope and budget are provided in Attachment A.

Economic Analysis: Creston Valley Services Committee Request

At its October 1, 2026 meeting, the Creston Valley Services Committee (CVSC) requested a Terms of Reference outlining an economic analysis of the Creston Valley. Staff have prepared a draft scope of work or a business case analysis of agricultural output, to be used in approaching potential partners such as post-secondary institutions, the Fraser Basin Council, the FCM Green Municipal Fund and The Co-operators. It is provided for information as Attachment B.

The business case analysis is a separate but connected initiative. Component F of the WSF application, an analysis of the value of water and the costs of action and inaction, is related but narrower. If both proceed, staff will coordinate them so they complement rather than duplicate each other.

3.0 PROBLEM OR OPPORTUNITY DESCRIPTION

The WSF is a partnership of the First Nations Water Caucus, the First Nations Fisheries Council and REFBC. Intake 4 is open from October 5 to November 10, 2026, with funding decisions in spring 2027. Stream 3 provides up to $400,000 for larger projects with a strong foundation of prior work and partnerships, which reflects the stage of this work.

Without new funding, staff capacity to deliver Phase 4 engagement, support yaqan nuʔkiy participation and continue watershed monitoring beyond March 2028 will be limited.

3.1 Alignment to Board Strategic Plan

This project supports the RDCK's strategic priorities of building relationships with First Nations, climate action and resilience, watershed protection and managing assets and service delivery in a fiscally responsible manner, including the Arrow Creek-Erickson and Lister water systems.

3.2 Legislative Considerations

At a provincial level, this work aligns with the Water Sustainability Act and the Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples Act (DRIPA). The Local Government Act provides authority to engage communities and support collaborative planning.

For the RDCK, this work is supported by Board Resolutions 258/22, 386/24 and 612/24, the April 2025 approval of the engagement strategy (reso 218/25) and the direction to apply to REFBC (reso 06/26)

3.3 What Are the Risks

Risks if not pursued:

- **Capacity risk:** Phase 4 engagement and yaqan nuʔkiy participation would rely on existing grants and taxation.
- **Data risk:** The watershed monitoring record would end in March 2028, leaving a gap across future low-flow seasons.
- **Relational risk:** Momentum built with yaqan nuʔkiy, residents and producers may be lost.

4.0 PROPOSED SOLUTION

That staff apply to WSF Intake 4, Stream 3, for $400,000 over 24 months (spring 2027 to spring 2029) for the following components (Attachment A):

- A. yaqan nuʔkiy partnership, capacity and cultural protocols: $80,000
- B. Facilitation and project coordination, including RDCK staff time: $80,000
- C. Phase 4 engagement and community leadership tables: $60,000
- D. Continued ground and surface water monitoring (one-year extension beyond March 2028): $60,000
- E. Community-based water monitoring pilot: $25,000
- F. Economic analysis: $25,000
- G. Public water data and communications: $35,000
- H. Governance and tools readiness: $20,000
- I. Administration or contingency: $15,000

Staff will confirm with yaqan nuʔkiy how Component A is structured and whether yaqan nuʔkiy will provide a letter of support or co-apply.

4.1 Financial Considerations of the Proposed Solution

The request is $400,000 in grant funding. No additional RDCK cash contribution is proposed. Component B would fund RDCK staff time for coordination, offsetting taxation. Complementary funding and contributions include:

- Investment Agriculture Foundation, Stream 3: $100,000 (confirmed)
- Community to Community Program: $20,000 (confirmed)
- Hydraulic connectivity assessment to March 2028: $90,000 (confirmed)
- RDCK staff time (S105 and A108): $70,000 in-kind over two years

If successful, a Financial Plan amendment for S105 would be brought forward.

4.2 Risks with the Proposed Solution

- **Competitive intake:** Demand exceeds available funds. The application builds on established partnerships and prior work, which Stream 3 prioritizes.
- **One application per organization:** WSF accepts one application per organization per intake. Staff will confirm no other RDCK application is planned.
- **Timing:** WSF does not fund costs incurred before approval. Phase 4 activities before spring 2027 would rely on existing funding.
- **Monitoring costs:** The Component D amount will be confirmed with the current monitoring contractor; any difference would be reallocated to Components A or E.

4.3 Resource Allocation and Workplan Impact

This work is included in the workplans of the Sustainability & Resilience Supervisor and the Community Resilience Coordinator. Grant administration and reporting would be managed within existing staff capacity.

4.4 Public Benefit and Stakeholder Engagement of Proposed Solution

- Supports Phase 4 engagement that responds directly to what residents and producers asked for
- Resources yaqan nuʔkiy participation in the work
- Maintains a continuous monitoring record through additional low-flow seasons
- Makes water information public and understandable

4.5 Leveraging Technology

A public water data page would report river and creek flows, supported by maps and infographics, balanced with printed materials and in-person sessions for accessibility.

4.6 Measuring Success

- Funding secured and delivered on schedule and within budget
- Participation in Phase 4 engagement, by sector and community
- A continuous monitoring record to spring 2029
- Engagement results, monitoring summaries and economic analysis reported to the CVSC and the Board

5.0 ALTERNATIVE SOLUTION(S)

Do not apply: Continue with existing grants and taxation, and seek other funders as opportunities arise.

5.1 Financial Considerations of the Alternative Solution(s)

Not applying would place more of the work on taxation or leave it undone.

5.2 Risks with the Alternative Solution(s)

Do not apply: Reduced capacity for Phase 4 and loss of momentum with partners and the community.

5.3 Resource Allocation and Workplan Impact

Not applying would require less effort to prepare but more work later to secure funding for the remaining components.

5.4 Public Benefit and Stakeholder Engagement of Proposed Solution

This alternative would provide a lower level of public benefit.

5.5 Measuring Success

Same as the proposed solution, at a reduced scale.

6.0 OPTIONS CONSIDERED BUT NOT PRESENTED

Reapply to REFBC General Grants: Not presented, as the next intake would delay funding beyond the WSF timeline.

7.0 OPTIONS SUMMARY

Option 1 (Recommended): Apply to WSF Stream 3 for $400,000
That the Board authorize staff to apply for a Watershed Security Fund Intake 4, Stream 3 grant in the amount of $400,000 to support the next stage of Goat River Watershed water sustainability planning, including Phase 4 community engagement, yaqan nuʔkiy partnership capacity, continued watershed monitoring and economic analysis;

AND FURTHER, that if successful the grant funding be allocated to Service 105 Community Sustainable Living, and that staff and the Chair be authorized to sign all necessary documents.

Option 2: Do not apply
That the Board do not authorize staff to apply for a Watershed Security Fund Intake 4, Stream 3 grant.

8.0 RECOMMENDATION

That the Board authorize staff to apply for a Watershed Security Fund Intake 4, Stream 3 grant in the amount of $400,000 to support the next stage of Goat River Watershed water sustainability planning, including Phase 4 community engagement, yaqan nuʔkiy partnership capacity, continued watershed monitoring and economic analysis;

AND FURTHER, that if successful the grant funding be allocated to Service 105 Community Sustainable Living, and that staff and the Chair be authorized to sign all necessary documents.

Respectfully submitted,
Paris Marshall Smith, Sustainability & Resilience Supervisor

CONCURRENCE

Chief Administrative Officer: Stuart Horn Approved
General Manager of Development and Community Sustainability Services: Amy Wilson Approved

ATTACHMENTS

Attachment A: Watershed Security Fund Application, Project Scope and Budget
Attachment B: Terms of Reference, Business Case Analysis for Agricultural Output in the Creston Valley (draft, for information)

ATTACHMENT A

Watershed Security Fund Application: Project Scope and Budget

Goat River Watershed Water Sustainability Planning | Intake 4, Stream 3

Purpose

This attachment outlines the proposed scope and budget for an application to the Watershed Security Fund (WSF) to support the next stage of Goat River Watershed water sustainability planning, carried out with yaqan nuʔkiy and the Province.

Background

Three phases of resident engagement have built shared understanding of water conditions and values across the Goat River Watershed, and the Collective Conversations Working Group is developing recommendations for the consideration of each government. In September 2025, yaqan nuʔkiy monitoring recorded a Goat River flow of 2.5 m^3/s, the lowest since records began in 1919 and below the 2.7 m^3/s Kokanee need to spawn.

A 2026 application to the Real Estate Foundation of BC (REFBC) General Grants program was not successful. This application builds on the Phase 4 engagement strategy and carries forward the components of the REFBC application that remain unfunded.

Funding Opportunity

Item	Detail
Funder	Watershed Security Fund (First Nations Water Caucus, First Nations Fisheries Council and REFBC)
Intake	Intake 4: applications open October 5 to November 10, 2026; funding decisions spring 2027
Stream	Stream 3: up to $400,000 for larger projects with a strong foundation of prior work and partnerships
Themes	Watershed Collaboration, Planning and Governance (primary); Monitoring and Assessment; Watersheds and Food Systems; Land and Water-based Learning
Request	$400,000 over 24 months (spring 2027 to spring 2029)

Project Overview

Working title: Goat River Watershed: From Shared Understanding to Shared Action

The project moves the community from understanding water conditions to working on solutions together. It supports community leadership tables and wider public engagement, yaqan nuʔkiy participation and cultural protocols, continued watershed monitoring, economic analysis, accessible public water data, and governance and tools readiness so each government can make informed decisions on the Working Group recommendations.

Objectives

- Continue to support the strengthening of the government-to-government and staff working relationship between yaqan nuʔkiy and the RDCK, with resourced yaqan nuʔkiy participation and protocols
- Engage the wider community in considering the Collective Conversations Working Group recommendations and identifying actions they can carry forward

- Continue the watershed monitoring record through additional low-flow seasons and fill priority data gaps
- Make water information public and understandable
- Build governance and tools readiness across all three governments

Scope and Budget

Component	Scope and deliverables	Amount
A. yaqan nuʔkiy partnership, capacity and cultural protocols	Capacity funding for yaqan nuʔkiy staff participation; Elder and knowledge holder honoraria; ceremony and protocol; on-the-land gatherings; engagement designed by yaqan nuʔkiy for its members. Structure to be confirmed with yaqan nuʔkiy.	$80,000
B. Facilitation and project coordination – RDCK staff time	Independent facilitation for leadership tables and intergovernmental sessions; project coordination; documentation and reporting	$80,000
C. Phase 4 engagement and community leadership tables	Three to four advisory tables; community meetings; webinar; pop-up booths; youth sessions; venues, materials and honoraria	$60,000
D. Continued hydraulic ground and surface water monitoring	One-year extension of current monitoring beyond March 2028 to maintain a continuous record; data management; annual data summary	$60,000
E. Community-based water monitoring pilot	Pilot with youth, residents and stewardship groups that complements the professional monitoring record	$25,000
F. Economic analysis	Value of water in the watershed; scenario-based analysis of the costs of action and inaction; building on direction from CVSC October 1	$25,000
G. Public water data and communications	Maps and infographics; a public water data page to report on real time river and creek flows; peak-demand stewardship materials building on the Erickson Universal Water Metering Project; report back to participants	$35,000
H. Governance and tools readiness	Intergovernmental sessions on the Working Group recommendations; summary of governance and tool pathways for each government's consideration	$20,000
I. Administration or contingency	Grant administration if eligible, otherwise contingency	$15,000
Total request		**$400,000**

Complementary Funding and In-Kind Contributions

Source	Purpose	Amount	Status
Investment Agriculture Foundation, Stream 3	Producer engagement, including in-person events	$100,000	Confirmed

Source	Purpose	Amount	Status
Community to Community Program	Relationship building between yaqan nuʔkiy Council and RDCK Directors	$20,000	Confirmed
Hydraulic connectivity assessment	Current monitoring and assessment to March 2028	$90,000	Confirmed
RDCK staff time (S105 and A108)	Sustainability & Resilience Supervisor and Community Resilience Coordinator, 0.25 FTE each	$70,000 in-kind over two years	Confirmed

Timeline

Period	Key activities
Spring 2027	Project continuation with yaqan nuʔkiy; table membership confirmed; economic analysis begins
Spring 2027 to spring 2028	Leadership table sessions; community meetings and webinar; monitoring pilot designed
Spring 2028 to spring 2029	Extended monitoring following the current contract; report back on Phase 4; economic analysis shared; community monitoring pilot in the field
Fall 2028 to spring 2029	Intergovernmental sessions on recommendations and pathways; annual monitoring summary; readiness summary; final reporting

Terms of Reference: Business Case Analysis for Agricultural Output in the Creston Valley

October 2026

1. Purpose

The RDCK is seeking partners to co-design and support a business case analysis of how agricultural output and value in the Creston Valley can be strengthened over the long term. This Terms of Reference is a draft for discussion. It sets out the questions, scope and governance the RDCK proposes, and invites potential partners to shape it before it is finalized.

The analysis responds to a request from Creston Valley Services Committee to understand the valley's economic potential ahead of any water sustainability planning work. It is intended to give elected officials, producers and partner governments a shared, evidence-based picture of where agricultural investment would make the greatest difference, and what it would take.

This document is shared with prospective partners, including post-secondary institutions, the Fraser Basin Council, the Federation of Canadian Municipalities Green Municipal Fund (FCM GMF) and The Co-operators. It does not commit the RDCK or any partner to funding or to a course of action.

2. Background

Agriculture is central to the Creston Valley economy and identity, spanning tree fruit, field crops (including seed and forage), dairy, livestock, viticulture and a growing agri-food and agritourism sector. Much of this activity sits in Electoral Areas A, B and C, outside municipal boundaries.

Producers face a set of linked pressures: climate variability and extreme heat, labour and housing for workers, farm succession, access to processing and markets, and the cost of land and inputs. There is currently no consolidated analysis of how these factors affect the sector's output and viability, or which interventions would deliver the strongest return.

RDCK community engagement in the Goat River Watershed (2025 to 2026), including producer conversations and kitchen table dialogues, is publicly documented in the What We Heard Report (June 2026). That record can inform this work as context. This analysis is a separate initiative and does not draw conclusions from, or anticipate the outcomes of, that intergovernmental process.

3. Guiding Principles

- **Output within ecological limits:** The analysis treats water availability, soil health and ecosystem function as limits to work within, not variables to optimize. It does not assess or recommend changes to water allocation, licensing or watershed governance, which belong to other processes and decision-makers.
- **Value, not only volume:** "Maximizing output" includes value added, resilience and long-term viability, not just tonnage or acreage.

- **Producer-informed:** Findings are tested with the people who farm the valley, at times that respect the growing season.
- **Indigenous knowledge stays with its holders:** Any information shared by yaqan nuʔkiy remains theirs. How it is used, stored and reported is set by yaqan nuʔkiy before work begins.
- **Open and reusable:** Data and findings are shared in forms that producers, partners and funders can use, subject to the data governance terms above.

4. Scope of Work

The business case will answer five questions:

1. **Baseline -** What does Creston Valley agriculture produce today, on how much land, with what employment and economic value?
2. **Potential -** Where is there realistic room to increase output or value, by commodity and by area, within land and ecological limits?
3. **Constraints -** What most limits that potential: labour and housing, processing and storage capacity, market access, succession, climate risk, infrastructure or finance?
4. **Interventions -** Which investments, programs or partnerships would address those constraints, at what cost, and with what expected return to producers and the regional economy?
5. **Pathway -** Who is best placed to lead each priority, and which funding sources could support implementation?

In scope

- Agricultural land in the Town of Creston and Electoral Areas A, B and C
- Primary production, processing, storage, distribution and agritourism
- Economic modelling of costs, benefits and return on investment for priority interventions
- Climate risk to production, using existing projections
- Producer, processor and partner engagement to test findings
- Water allocation, licensing or watershed governance recommendations
- Land use or zoning changes, including Agricultural Land Reserve decisions

Out of scope

- Site-specific feasibility or design for individual facilities
- Characterization of yaqan nuʔkiy interests without their confirmation

5. Deliverables

Deliverable	Description
Agricultural baseline	Production, land, employment and economic value by commodity and area
Constraints and opportunities assessment	Ranked constraints and areas of realistic growth, tested with producers

Deliverable	Description
Business case	Costed priority interventions with expected returns, risks and lead organizations
Implementation and funding pathway	Sequencing, partner roles and funding sources for priority actions
Summary for elected officials and producers	Plain-language summary for the Creston Valley Services Committee, RDCK Board and community
Open data package	Datasets and methods in reusable form, subject to data governance terms

6. Potential Partner Roles

Roles below are proposed starting points for conversation. Each partner's program fit and current intake should be confirmed directly.

Organization	Potential contribution
Selkirk College (Selkirk Innovates, Rural Development Institute)	Applied research, regional economic data, student research capacity
College of the Rockies, Creston campus	Local presence; workforce and training perspective
UBC Okanagan or UBC Faculty of Land and Food Systems	Agricultural economics, climate and crop modelling
Kwantlen Polytechnic University, Institute for Sustainable Food Systems	Regional food system and economic modelling
Fraser Basin Council	Neutral convening and facilitation across governments, producers and sectors
FCM Green Municipal Fund	Funding for climate adaptation and resilience studies; builds on the RDCK's existing GMF relationship
The Co-operators	Climate risk and resilience expertise for agriculture; community or resilience funding
BC Ministry of Agriculture and Food	Agricultural data - Agricultural Land Use Inventory & Agricultural Water Demand Modeling, regional agrologist advice, program alignment

Organization	Potential contribution
Investment Agriculture Foundation and Columbia Basin Trust	Co-funding and implementation alignment
Kootenay Boundary Farm Advisors and local producer organizations	Producer outreach and testing findings

7. Governance and Coordination

The RDCK will act as administrative lead and agreement holder. A Steering Committee will guide the work and recommend findings; it does not make decisions on behalf of any government.

Proposed Steering Committee

- RDCK staff lead (Sustainability and Resilience)
- Directors for Electoral Areas A, B and C
- Town of Creston representative
- yaqan nuʔkiy, at their invitation and discretion
- Lead research partner
- Two producer representatives
- BC Ministry of Agriculture and Food (advisory)

A neutral facilitator, such as the Fraser Basin Council, may support Steering Committee meetings and engagement. Findings are reported to the Creston Valley Services Committee and then the RDCK Board through formal meetings. Funders receive reporting as set out in their agreements.

Board Report

October 22, 2026

Phase 4 Engagement Strategy: Goat River Watershed Water Sustainability Planning

Author:	Camille LeBlanc, Community Resilience Coordinator and Paris Marshall Smith, Sustainability & Resilience Supervisor
File Reference:	5200-20-WGI-Goat River Watershed
Electoral Area/Municipality:	Creston, Areas A, B and C
Services Impacted	S105 Community Sustainable Living Service

1.0 STAFF RECOMMENDATION

That the Board approve the Phase 4 Engagement Strategy for Goat River Watershed water sustainability planning, as summarized in the Phase 4 Public Engagement Overview (Attachment A) and the In-Person Producer Events Overview (Attachment B) of the October 22, 2026 Board report;

AND FURTHER, that a report be submitted to the Board following completion of Phase 4 engagement.

2.0 BACKGROUND/HISTORY

The RDCK, working with yaqan nuʔkiy and the Province, is undertaking water sustainability planning for the Goat River Watershed. In April 2025, the Board approved the engagement strategy (Reso 218/25), and in November 2025 staff provided an update describing four phases of resident engagement.

Phase 4, “What Can We Do Together?”, focuses on community-based solutions, including ways to reduce peak-demand pressures and strengthen shared stewardship during the highest-use months.

Engagement to date (Phases 1 to 3) includes:

- Water Values Survey (220 responses)
- Six open houses in Canyon, Erickson, Kitchener, Town of Creston, West Creston and Wynndel (137 participants)
- Producer engagement funded by the Investment Agriculture Foundation (IAF), including on-farm visits and conversations with 15 producers, a Lunch and Learn with Kootenay Boundary Farm Advisors (50 attendees) and producer outreach on July 8, 2026 (15 attendees)
- The What We Heard Engagement Report, released June 2026
- Water Sustainability Planning Survey (118 responses)
- Summer Gathering (45 attendees)
- The 3D Goat River Watershed model at the Creston Valley Visitor Centre and the Goat River Watershed Celebration on September 27, 2026

In parallel, the Collective Conversations Working Group, made up of RDCK, yaqan nuʔkiy and provincial staff, is developing recommendations for the consideration of each government. The Working Group is currently paused during the Provincial election and is expected to resume discussions.

3.0 PROBLEM OR OPPORTUNITY DESCRIPTION

Phases 1 to 3 built shared understanding of water conditions and values across the Goat River Watershed. Residents told us they want action, structured and recurring forums for dialogue with decision-makers, and a clearer picture of who decides what. Phase 4 responds by moving from understanding to working on solutions together: following a similar route of discussion from the Collective Conversations Working Group (current state, values, desired state, issues, gaps and tools), hearing what they could mean for each sector and community, and identifying actions the community can carry forward.

Phase 4 has two companion parts that share the same values, recommendations and methods, so producer and public input can be compiled and reported together:

- **Phase 4 Public Engagement** (Attachment A): reaches the wider community, including irrigation and improvement districts, industry, business, stewardship groups and residents.
- **In-Person Producer Events** (Attachment B): is focussed on producers

Attachment C outlines possible pathways for how water sustainability planning could proceed, for the Board's information. The Board is not being asked to choose a pathway at this time; the Working Group recommendations and Phase 4 engagement results will inform what staff bring forward at a later time for Board discussion.

3.1 Alignment to Board Strategic Plan

This work supports the RDCK's strategic priorities of building relationships with First Nations, climate action and resilience, and responsive service delivery, with a focus on water conservation and watershed protection.

3.2 Legislative Considerations

At a provincial level, this work aligns with the Water Sustainability Act and the Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples Act (DRIPA).

For the RDCK, this work is supported by Board Resolutions 258/22, 386/24 and 612/24, the April 2025 approval of the engagement strategy (Reso 218/25), and the direction to apply to IAF Stream 3 (Reso 434/25). Consistent with Resolution 386/24, elected officials will be briefed and engaged if yaqan nuʔkiy Nasookin and Council are engaged.

3.3 What Are the Risks

Risks if not pursued:

- **Relational risk:** Momentum and trust built with hundreds of residents and producers may be lost, particularly given the clear request for action
- **Knowledge gap risk:** Outcomes of the Collective Conversations would not be tested with the people and sectors most affected by them
- **Funding risk:** The IAF funding obligation to engage with producers would remain incomplete

4.0 PROPOSED SOLUTION

Objective: Create spaces for the wider community to move from understanding water conditions to working on solutions together and build a foundation for how this work continues.

Key Components:

A. In-Person Producer Events

- A producer gathering co-hosted with existing farm networks, such as Kootenay Boundary Farm Advisors, Fields Forward and Young Agrarians (similar to the Producer Lunch and Learn offered in January 2026)
- Pop-up listening booths at events where producers already gather
- A Seasonal Water Demand Worksheet to understand when operations need water most and where conservation could have the greatest impact

B. Community Leadership Tables

- Advisory tables of approximately 10 to 15 people representing irrigation and improvement districts, industry and business, producers, community leaders, stewardship groups, residents and youth
- Membership built by reconvening people already engaged, identifying who is missing, targeted outreach and a public expression of interest, and confirmed against criteria of knowledge, influence and representation
- Terms of reference to set out purpose, membership and how input is shared with the Working Group

C. Engagement with the Wider Public

- Formats chosen from survey results: a plain-language written summary, evening and weekend community meetings, a webinar, pop-up booths, an online feedback form and site visits
- Targeted outreach in Alice Siding, West Creston and Kitchener, where survey participation has been lowest

D. Relationship with yaqan nuʔkiy

- Confirm with yaqan nuʔkiy how they wish to be involved, including opening, hosting and on-the-land visits
- Ktunaxa language and place-name content confirmed with yaqan nuʔkiy before use
- Phase 4 complements, and does not replace, the government-to-government relationship between yaqan nuʔkiy, the Province and the RDCK

E. Engagement with Elected Officials

- Regular updates to the Creston Valley Services Committee (CVSC)
- Directors invited to community meetings in their areas
- Report to the RDCK Board at the close of Phase 4

F. Where We Go From Here

- Discussion of actions to sustain this work, such as a continuing community forum, community-based water monitoring, publicly available water data, and a peak-demand stewardship campaign that builds on the Erickson Universal Water Metering Project, which gives property owners near real-time access to their water use and leak alerts

Engagement level: Inform, Consult and Involve (IAP2). Every session begins with who decides what, and makes clear that input will be recorded, summarized and shared for consideration, and that community leadership tables are advisory.

Timeline: Preparation (outreach, terms of reference and materials) can begin now. Public engagement would run over approximately six months following Board consideration of the Working Group recommendations, avoiding the harvest season and mid-December to early January. Results will be compiled with the IAF producer results and reported to the CVSC and the Board.

4.1 Financial Considerations of the Proposed Solution

Budget:

- $20,000: In-person producer events (grant funded, IAF Stream 3)
- $60,000: Phase 4 public engagement, including materials, facilities and facilitation (Watershed Security Fund, seeking approval from the Board to apply for this funding)
- In-kind staff time for the Sustainability & Resilience Supervisor and Community Resilience Coordinator

TOTAL: $80,000 + staff time for 2027 budget within Community Sustainable Living Service S105 and Development Services Allocation A108.

4.2 Risks with the Proposed Solution

- **Expectations exceeding authority:** Each session opens with the roles of yaqan nuʔkiy, the Province, the RDCK and improvement districts, and what input can and cannot do.
- **Engagement fatigue:** Build on existing networks and co-host where possible, using the formats residents said they prefer.
- **Uneven participation:** Targeted outreach to under-represented communities and sectors, tracked through evaluation.
- **Timing:** Preparation proceeds now; public sessions follow over winter and spring.
- **Cultural missteps:** yaqan nuʔkiy involvement and all Ktunaxa content confirmed with yaqan nuʔkiy before use.

4.3 Resource Allocation and Workplan Impact

This work is included in the workplans of the Sustainability & Resilience Supervisor and the Community Resilience Coordinator. Staffing beyond 2026 is to be confirmed.

4.4 Public Benefit and Stakeholder Engagement of Proposed Solution

- Responds directly to what residents and producers asked for in the What We Heard Engagement Report
- Tests the recommendations with those most affected before further decisions are made
- Creates a structured forum for interest groups that could support future collaboration
- Identifies practical, community-led actions for the highest-use months

4.5 Leveraging Technology

The following tools will be utilized: engage.rdck.ca, a recorded webinar, an online feedback form and the 3D Goat River Watershed model will support participation, balanced with printed materials and in-person sessions for accessibility.

4.6 Measuring Success

- Number of sessions and participants, by sector and community, including new participants

- Views captured for each recommendation, by interest group
- Participation from Alice Siding, West Creston, Kitchener, Canyon and Lister
- Participant feedback on whether roles and expectations were clear
- Number of people who sign up for an ongoing action

5.0 ALTERNATIVE SOLUTION(S)

- **Condensed three-month engagement:** One mixed table meeting twice, two community meetings, a webinar and online feedback; no youth sessions.
- **Inform-only:** A written summary and online feedback form only.
- **Defer Phase 4:** Pause engagement until the Province has clear directive to proceed again.

5.1 Financial Considerations of the Alternative Solution(s)

The condensed and inform-only options would cost less than the proposed approach. The IAF producer events would proceed under all options, as they are grant funded. Deferral would shift costs into a later year.

5.2 Risks with the Alternative Solution(s)

- **Condensed:** Less time to build a representative table or start a first action.
- **Inform-only:** Does not respond to requests for dialogue and would likely be seen as a step back.
- **Defer:** Loss of momentum and participant interest; IAF timelines may be affected.

5.3 Resource Allocation and Workplan Impact

Each alternative would require less staff time in the short term, but possibly more work in future to rebuild participation.

5.4 Public Benefit and Stakeholder Engagement of Proposed Solution

The alternatives would provide a lower level of public benefit and interest group involvement.

5.5 Measuring Success

Same as the proposed solution.

6.0 OPTIONS SUMMARY

Option 1 (Recommended): Approve the Phase 4 Engagement Strategy (six months)

That the Board approve the Phase 4 Engagement Strategy for Goat River Watershed water sustainability planning, as summarized in the Phase 4 Public Engagement Overview (Attachment A) and the In-Person Producer Events Overview (Attachment B) of the October 22, 2026 Board report;

AND FURTHER, that a report be submitted to the Board following completion of Phase 4 engagement.

Option 2: Condensed three-month engagement

That the Board approve the Phase 4 Engagement Strategy for Goat River Watershed water sustainability planning, as summarized in the Phase 4 Public Engagement Overview (Attachment A) and the In-Person Producer Events Overview (Attachment B) of the October 22, 2026 Board report with a condensed 3 month timeline;

AND FURTHER, that a report be submitted to the Board following completion of Phase 4 engagement.

Option 3: A written summary and online feedback form only.

That the Board direct staff to conduct an 'inform only' engagement regarding the Goat River Watershed water sustainability planning.

Option 4: Pause engagement until the Collective Conversations Working Group has reconvened.

That the Board direct staff to pause engagement regarding the Goat River Watershed water sustainability planning until the Collective Conversations Working Group has reconvened.

7.0 RECOMMENDATION

That the Board approve the Phase 4 Engagement Strategy for Goat River Watershed water sustainability planning, as summarized in the Phase 4 Public Engagement Overview (Attachment A) and the In-Person Producer Events Overview (Attachment B) of the October 22, 2026 Board report, with public engagement to begin following Board consideration of the Collective Conversations Working Group recommendations;

AND FURTHER, that a report be submitted to the Board following completion of Phase 4 engagement.

Respectfully submitted,
Paris Marshall Smith, Sustainability & Resilience Supervisor

CONCURRENCE

Chief Administrative Officer: Stuart Horn Approved
General Manager of Development and Community Sustainability Services: Amy Wilson Approved

ATTACHMENTS
Attachment A: Phase 4 Public Engagement Overview
Attachment B: In-Person Producer Events Overview
Attachment C: GRW Planning pathways

ATTACHMENT A

Phase 4 Public Engagement Overview

Goat River Watershed Water Sustainability Planning | What Can We Do Together?

Purpose

Phase 4, "What Can We Do Together?", is the final phase of resident engagement for Goat River Watershed water sustainability planning, carried out with yaqan nuʔkiy. It creates spaces for the wider community to move from understanding water conditions to working on solutions together. Phase 4 will:

- Share the Collective Conversations Working Group process and recommendations in plain language
- Hear what the recommendations could mean for households, irrigation and improvement districts, industry, business, producers and stewardship groups
- Explore possible water futures, including status quo, abundance and scarcity, and how we can work together in each
- Identify actions the community can carry forward
- Report back on what we heard in earlier engagement

What Shapes Phase 4

Phase 4 is built on what residents and producers told us through the Water Values Survey, open houses, producer engagement and the Water Sustainability Planning Survey.

What we heard	How Phase 4 responds
Producers asked for structured, recurring forums for dialogue with decision-makers	Community leadership tables extend this to all interest groups
The difference between provincial and RDCK responsibilities was a source of confusion	Every session begins with jurisdictional differences, focusing on what role the RDCK plays
Transparent, publicly available data was the top trust factor (99 of 118 respondents)	Data is shared at every session, with a report back on how input was used
Preferred formats were written summaries (67), evening or weekend meetings (60) and webinars (53)	These formats lead the public engagement
Participation was lowest in Alice Siding, West Creston and Kitchener	Targeted outreach in these communities
67 of 118 respondents were interested or open to community-based monitoring	Monitoring is explored as an ongoing action

Community Leadership Tables

Advisory tables of approximately 10 to 15 people who represent the groups that rely on and care for water in the Goat River Watershed: irrigation and improvement districts, industry and business, producers, community leaders, stewardship groups, residents from across the watershed, and youth. We will ask yaqan nuʔkiy how they would like to be involved.

Membership will be built by reconvening people already engaged, identifying who is missing, targeted outreach and a public expression of interest. Members will be confirmed against three criteria: knowledge of how their sector or community uses water, influence to carry information back to their group, and representation across sectors, communities and water sources. Terms of reference will set out purpose, membership and how input is shared with the Working Group.

The tables are advisory. They do not replace the Collective Conversations Working Group or the government-to-government relationship between yaqan nuʔkiy, the Province and the RDCK.

Reaching the Wider Public

- A plain-language written summary of the recommendations, online and in print
- Evening and weekend community meetings in several communities
- A webinar, with the recording posted to engage.rdck.ca
- Pop-up booths at community events, aligned with the producer listening booths
- An online feedback form using the same questions as the tables
- Site visits and the 3D Goat River Watershed model at the Creston Valley Visitor Centre

Promotion will use social media, the project newsletter and direct invitations through partner networks.

Engagement Level

Part of engagement	IAP2 level	Our promise
Overview of values and recommendations	Inform	We will keep you informed and be transparent about the process.
Recommendations and scenarios discussion	Consult	We will listen, acknowledge your concerns and report back on how your input was considered.
Community leadership tables	Involve	We will work with you so your ideas are reflected in the options considered, and share how your input was used.

What Input Can and Cannot Do

Input will be recorded, summarized and shared with those working on water sustainability planning, alongside technical studies and producer input. No single view can be promised a place in the final outcome. The Working Group recommends; each government decides.

Timeline

Preparation can begin now: confirming the approach with yaqan nuʔkiy and the Working Group, reaching out to interest groups, drafting terms of reference and preparing materials. Public engagement would run over approximately six months following Board consideration of the Working Group recommendations, avoiding the harvest season and the winter holidays.

Stage	Activities
Months 1 to 2	Expression of interest and invitations, written summary, pop-up booths, first table session
Months 3 to 4	Community meetings, webinar, online feedback, further table sessions
Months 5 to 6	Compile results with producer input, report back to participants, report to the CVSC and the Board

Measuring Success

- Number of sessions and participants, by sector and community, including new participants
- Views captured for each recommendation, by interest group
- Participation from Alice Siding, West Creston, Kitchener, Canyon and Lister
- Participant feedback on whether roles and expectations were clear
- Number of people who sign up for an ongoing action

ATTACHMENT B

In-Person Producer Events Overview

Goat River Watershed Water Sustainability Planning | Producers

Purpose

These in-person events support farm-based engagement in Goat River Watershed water sustainability planning. The events will:

- Share the Collective Conversations Working Group discussion outcomes and hear producers' views on them
- Understand when each operation needs water most and where conservation could have the greatest impact
- Report back on what we heard in earlier engagement

Producer Engagement to Date

- On-farm visits and phone conversations with 15 producers
- A direct mail-out of 400 letters to farms in the watershed
- A Lunch and Learn with Kootenay Boundary Farm Advisors (50 attendees)
- Producer outreach at Kootenay Farmers Supply on July 8, 2026 (15 attendees)

Our Approach

Meeting producers where they are - We will invite existing farm networks, such as Kootenay Boundary Farm Advisors, Fields Forward and Young Agrarians, to co-host or add a session to something they already run.

Reconvening and expanding the circle - We will start with producers already engaged, identify who is missing by commodity, farm size, community and water source, and reach out to fill the gaps. Participants will be invited with attention to knowledge, influence and representation. Producers who take part may also be invited to the Phase 4 community leadership tables.

Producer gathering - A session of about two and a half hours at a familiar farming community space, including:

- A welcome and opening
- Where the process is, an update on the Goat River Watershed including drought forecasting, and what we heard
- The recommendations and what they could mean for producers
- Hearing from the RDCK and partner organizations
- A Seasonal Water Demand Worksheet activity (the worksheet)
- Next steps and when we will report back

Pop-up listening booths - Staffed booths at community spaces, partner events and meetings where producers can complete the worksheet, comment on the recommendations and pick up information.

Seasonal Water Demand Worksheet - Asks in which months producers could reduce or shift water use and at what cost, what water storage they have, and what would help them add storage or flexibility.

Engagement Level

Part of session	IAP2 level	Our promise
Values and recommendations overview	Inform	We will keep you informed.
Recommendations discussion	Consult	We will listen, acknowledge your concerns and report back on how your input was considered.
Worksheet discussion	Involve	We will work with you to understand your operation's water needs and share back what we heard.

What Input Can and Cannot Do

Input will be recorded, summarized and shared with those working on water sustainability planning, alongside technical studies and wider community input. No single view can be promised a place in the final outcome, and asking what support would help is not an offer of support. The Working Group recommends; each government decides.

Alignment with Phase 4

The producer events and Phase 4 public engagement share the same values, recommendations, discussion questions and worksheet, so producer and public results can be compiled and reported together.

Timeline and Budget

Step	Timing
Confirm co-hosts and session content	Late 2026
Producer gathering and pop-up listening booths	Aligned with Phase 4, outside the harvest season
Compile results and report back to producers	Following the events

Events are funded through the IAF Stream 3 grant.

Measuring Success

- Number of sessions and participants, including producers new to the engagement
- Producer views captured for each recommendation
- Number of completed worksheets, by sector
- Participant feedback on whether expectations were clear and the session reflected earlier input

ATTACHMENT C

Pathways for Water Sustainability Planning

Goat River Watershed Water Sustainability Planning | For Information

Purpose

This attachment is provided for information. It outlines possible pathways for how water sustainability planning in the Goat River Watershed could proceed, so the Board can see the range of possibilities ahead of the Collective Conversations Working Group recommendations and Phase 4 engagement.

The Board is not being asked to choose a pathway at this time. The Working Group recommends; each government decides. yaqan nuʔkiy is a rights-holding government, and the Province holds authority over water licensing, groundwater and Crown land under the Water Sustainability Act. The pathways are not mutually exclusive: several could run at the same time or lead into one another.

At a Glance

Pathway	Who is at the table	Legal basis	RDCK role
1. Tripartite, Water Sustainability Act + phased set of tools	yaqan nuʔkiy, the Province and the RDCK	Water Sustainability Act, DRIPA and each government's own authorities	Partner in planning and implementation
2. yaqan nuʔkiy and the Province	yaqan nuʔkiy and the Province	Water Sustainability Act and DRIPA	Not a party to decisions; may be invited to advise
3. RDCK proceeds without the Province	RDCK, with residents and interest groups	RDCK service, land use and bylaw authorities	Lead, within RDCK authority only
4. RDCK and yaqan nuʔkiy	yaqan nuʔkiy and the RDCK	Relationship agreement and each government's own authorities	Partner
5. yaqan nuʔkiy proceeds on its own	yaqan nuʔkiy	yaqan nuʔkiy governance, and DRIPA where the Province is involved	Respond and coordinate where invited

Pathway 1: Tripartite Planning with a Phased Set of Tools

yaqan nuʔkiy, the Province and the RDCK continue working together toward a phased set of tools. One option within this pathway is a recommendation that the Province consider any of the tools, including but not limited to a Water Sustainability Plan, under the Water Sustainability Act, which could provide an umbrella for other tools, phased from immediate actions to longer-term measures. Examples of what each phase could include:

Phase	Could include
Immediate	Actions within existing authorities: metering and leak detection (building on the Erickson Universal Water Metering Project), conservation and drought response, shared monitoring and publicly available data, and community leadership tables
Near term	Aligning land use policy and water service planning with watershed values, coordinated storage and infrastructure planning, and provincial tools such as water objectives
Longer term	A Water Sustainability Plan established by the Province, with the roles of yaqan nuʔkiy, the Province and the RDCK defined through the planning process

Considerations

- Brings together the authorities of all three governments, which no single government holds on its own
- Keeps the RDCK at the table and builds on the relationships and engagement to date
- A Water Sustainability Plan is a long-term tool; immediate actions would proceed alongside it
- Depends on the Province's decision to participate and on timelines set by each government

Pathway 2: yaqan nuʔkiy and the Province Proceed Together

yaqan nuʔkiy and the Province may choose to pursue water sustainability planning on a government-to-government basis. DRIPA enables the Province to enter agreements with Indigenous governing bodies, including for joint decision-making. In other watersheds, such as the Xwulqw'selu (Koksilah) process on Vancouver Island, a First Nation and the Province lead planning together, with others contributing through advisory tables.

Considerations

- The RDCK would not be a party to decisions, and could participate in an advisory role if invited
- Outcomes are less likely to reflect community complexity which will come through the extensive engagement
- Outcomes could still shape RDCK land use decisions and water services
- RDCK knowledge, engagement results and community relationships could still inform the process

Pathway 3: RDCK Proceeds Without the Province

If provincial participation does not resume, the RDCK could continue water sustainability planning within its own authority. This would be a non-statutory plan, since a Water Sustainability Plan under the Water Sustainability Act requires the Province.

Considerations

- The RDCK could act on its water services (metering, conservation, drought response and infrastructure), land use policy, monitoring and advocacy
- The RDCK has no authority over water licensing, groundwater allocation or Crown land, which limits what this pathway can address
- Community engagement and the relationship with yaqan nuʔkiy could continue

Pathway 4: RDCK and yaqan nuʔkiy Work Together

The RDCK and yaqan nuʔkiy could continue together, building on the relationship established through this work and consistent with Resolution 258/22, which a joint effort on water sustainability planning in the Goat River Watershed . This could take the form of a relationship agreement, joint monitoring, and shared planning within each government's authority.

Considerations

- Strengthens the government-to-government relationship between the RDCK and yaqan nuʔkiy
- Could prepare shared priorities to bring forward when the Province re-engages
- Like Pathway 3, it cannot address matters under provincial authority without the Province

Pathway 5: yaqan nuʔkiy Proceeds on Its Own

As a rights-holding government, yaqan nuʔkiy may choose to advance water stewardship and governance through its own laws, processes and priorities, and may work directly with the Province.

Considerations

- The RDCK would respect yaqan nuʔkiy decisions and coordinate where invited
- RDCK actions under Pathway 3 could continue in parallel

Next Steps

The Working Group recommendations and Phase 4 engagement results will inform which pathway, or combination of pathways, staff bring forward for the Board's consideration. Any pathway involving yaqan nuʔkiy or the Province depends on their own decisions.

Board Report - For Information

October 22, 2026

RDCK Climate Action Work Overview

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Services Impacted	None

1.0 PURPOSE OF REPORT

This report responds to Board resolution 503/25. It brings together, in one place, the RDCK's historical and current work toward the goals of the BC Climate Action Charter and the Partners for Climate Protection program. For each area of work, it summarizes the funding sources, scope, staff and external resources, milestones met, reporting completed, and the benefits realized for communities and for the organization.

> *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.*

This report is for information. Much of what follows has already come to the Board through State of Climate Action (SoCA) reports, Local Government Climate Action Program (LGCAP) updates and the RDCK Climate Actions process. Rather than repeat that material, this report summarizes it and points to the attachments for detail.

2.0 BACKGROUND AND UPDATE

2.1 Two voluntary commitments

BC Climate Action Charter. The Charter is a voluntary agreement between the Province, the Union of BC Municipalities and local governments, and has been signed by almost every local government in BC. The RDCK signed on to the charter 2007. Signatories commit to:

- working toward carbon neutral corporate operations;
- measuring and reporting community greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions; and
- creating complete, compact, and more energy efficient communities.

Partners for Climate Protection (PCP). PCP is a voluntary program delivered by the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) and ICLEI Canada. PCP uses a five-milestone framework that applies to both corporate operations and the wider community:

- Milestone 1: create a baseline emissions inventory and forecast
- Milestone 2: set emissions reduction targets
- Milestone 3: develop a local action plan
- Milestone 4: implement the plan
- Milestone 5: monitor progress and report results

Neither commitment comes with penalties or dedicated long term funding. In practice, the provincial funding that followed the Charter, the Climate Action Revenue Incentive Program (CARIP) and then LGCAP from 2022, became the main source of money for climate work outside of service budgets and project grants. For that reason, funding detailing in this report is organized mostly around those two programs.

2.2 How the work has unfolded

RDCK climate work has grown in stages. Attachment A provides the full timeline. In brief:

- **2007:** Signed the BC Climate Action Charter.
- **2015:** Partners for Climate Protection.
- **2016 to 2017:** Completed the Strategic Community Energy and Emissions Plan (SCEEP) with the Community Energy Association, which set the first baseline and actions. Hired a Senior Energy Specialist in 2017 to implement it. Began reducing emissions at the three recreation centres, the RDCK's largest emitters.
- **2017 to 2019:** Accelerate Kootenays, which installed 13 fast chargers along Highways 1, 3 and 95. Committed to 100% renewable energy by 2050 with a midpoint of 50% GHG reduction by 2030 (Reso 257/18) and declared a Climate Action Imperative (Reso 272/19) Launched the Regional Energy Efficiency Program (REEP) and published the first State of Climate Action snapshot in 2019.
- **2020 to 2021:** Developed the 100% Renewable Energy Plan pathway for rural areas and held rural workshops with elected officials.
- **2022:** Board received the RDCK Climate Action Strategy, which set goals across ten pathways and proposed four-year action cycles.
- **2023 to 2024:** Released the draft RDCK Climate Actions and led region wide engagement. In April 2024 the Board endorsed RDCK Ideas for Climate Action and directed that priority ideas return with business cases before proceeding (231/24).
- **2025 to 2026:** Board approved an LGCAP spending framework (April 2025). Released the 2021 to 2024 SoCA report and a 2025 update. Began adaptation planning with Green Municipal Fund support (June 2026).

2.3 Progress on the Partners for Climate Protection milestones

The table below shows where the RDCK stands on each PCP milestone. It reflects staff's reading of the milestone criteria.

PCP Milestone	What the RDCK has done	Status
1. Baseline inventory and forecast	Community: SCEEP baseline and forecast (2016); provincial community energy and emissions inventories; Community Energy Association modelling for the 100% Renewable Energy Plan and for the 2023 draft Climate Actions. Corporate: annual inventories for CARIP and LGCAP reporting; all corporate buildings reporting through Energy Star Portfolio Manager.	Corporate: complete and updated yearly. Community: complete, but relies on provincial and regional data that is published irregularly.
2. Reduction targets	100% renewable energy by 2050 and 50% reduction in GHG emissions by 2030 – adopted in 2018 and 2019 respectively	Complete
3. Local action plan	SCEEP (2016); 100% Renewable Energy Plan (2019 to 2021); Climate Action Strategy (2022); draft RDCK Climate Actions (2023); RDCK Ideas for Climate Action (endorsed April 2024).	In place in a modified form. Ideas for Climate Action guides the work, with each idea returning to the Board as a business case.
4. Implement the plan	See Section 2.5. As of March 2025, 19 of 31 Ideas for Climate Action were underway, 7 were in research or business case development and 5 were not being pursued.	Ongoing
5. Monitor and report	SoCA since 2019, including the 2021 to 2024 four-year report and the 2025 update; annual CARIP and LGCAP reporting to the Province; two years of reporting to Carbon Disclosure Project (CDP).	Ongoing

2.4 Progress on the Climate Action Charter commitments

Carbon neutral corporate operations. The RDCK tracks corporate emissions every year. In 2022, corporate emissions were 1,775 tonnes of carbon dioxide equivalent (tCO2e): 1,659 from facilities, 116 from vehicles and 5 from contracted services. In the same year, landfill gas flaring at Creston (1,012 tCO2e) and composting at Creston (819 tCO2e) avoided a combined 1,831 tCO2e. On paper this balances the RDCK's own emissions. Staff note that these avoided emissions are not the same as reductions within RDCK buildings and fleet, which remain mostly driven by natural gas heating in recreation facilities. The provincial recognition program that once assessed carbon neutrality under the Charter ended when CARIP was replaced.

Measuring and reporting community emissions. Community emissions are measured through provincial inventories and Community Energy Association modelling and reported through SoCA. The RDCK does not run its own regular community inventory. Modelling shows that vehicle fuel is the largest source of emissions in rural RDCK areas, at roughly 70% (SOCA, 2025).

Complete, compact, energy efficient communities. This commitment is carried mainly through land use planning and building regulation: Official Community Plan updates (including the Area I update), wildfire Development Permit Areas, floodplain mapping and bylaw work, joint growth planning between neighbouring areas such as Area F and Nelson, and the BC Energy Step Code. During the 2023 engagement, many rural residents said they did not want climate action delivered through new land use rules. Staff have since focused on voluntary, supportive and locally shaped approaches in rural areas and on being clear about what is regulated and what is not.

2.5 Summary of projects

The table below summarizes the main projects that have advanced the Charter and PCP goals. Dollar amounts reflect Board resolutions and the March 2025 funding summary (Attachment B) and may not match actual spending in a given year.

Project and years	Scope and milestones met	Funding sources	Staff and external resources	Benefits realized
A. Planning, inventory and reporting (PCP Milestones 1, 2, 3 and 5)				
Strategic Community Energy and Emissions Plan (SCEEP) 2016	First regional baseline, forecast and corporate and community actions. Led directly to hiring a Senior Energy Specialist in 2017.	FortisBC and BC Hydro	Community Energy Association; Sustainability staff	Set the direction for the building and energy work that continues today.
100% Renewable Energy Plan 2019 to 2021	Board commitment to 100% renewable energy by 2050. Rural pathway and rural elected official workshops (333/21). Kootenay Clean Energy Transition pilot (123/20).	CARIP: $3,200 workshops; $15,000 a year for two years to CEA	Senior Energy Specialist; Community Energy Association; partner municipalities	A shared regional target with member municipalities and a rural pathway to 2050.
Climate Action Strategy, draft RDCK Climate Actions and engagement 2022 to 2024	2022 Strategy. 2023 draft Climate Actions and Workbook, region wide engagement and Climate Action Ambassadors. 2024 Board survey and workshop. Ideas for Climate Action endorsed April 2024 (231/24).	CARIP and LGCAP: $80,000 (259/22), including $40,000 for Ambassadors; $121,700 for communication and engagement (391/23); workshop costs (90/24)	Sustainability Planner, Community Resilience Coordinator, Climate Action Assistant; Wildsight Youth Climate Corps; Community Energy Association modelling	A locally shaped list of actions. A much deeper understanding of rural concerns. Meets funder requirements for a climate action document.
State of Climate Action (SoCA) 2019 to present	Indicator framework across ten pathways with 0 to 2 scoring. 2019 snapshot, annual updates, 2021 to 2024 four-year report, 2025 update.	LGCAP: $5,000 a year plus $15,000 every four years	Community Sustainability staff with input from all departments	One public place to track progress. Reduces duplicate reporting and supports grant applications.
Corporate inventory and provincial reporting 2016 to present	Annual CARIP (to 2021) and LGCAP (2022 onward) reports. Carbon measurement software and Energy Star Portfolio Manager (2021).	CARIP and LGCAP: reporting costs, including $36,000 finance fees and $8,632 GHG accounting over three years	Senior Energy Specialist; Finance; consultant	Keeps the RDCK eligible for provincial funding. Building level energy data for planning.
B. Corporate operations (Charter commitment 1)				
Facility energy upgrades and Better Building Policy 2016 to present	Emissions reductions at three recreation centres. Better Building Policy and project manager training. Heat pumps at 3 fire halls and 5 resource recovery sites. LED lighting at 5 fire halls. 96 solar panels (44 kW) at Creston and District Community Complex. Lakeside office HVAC and roof (267/22). Asset management review to integrate carbon goals.	CARIP: $50,000 (267/22); grant funding for Creston solar from Columbia Basin Trust; various services capital budgets	Senior Energy Specialist; Facilities; Community Services; consultants	Lower energy use and costs in the RDCK's highest emitting buildings.

Project and years	Scope and milestones met	Funding sources	Staff and external resources	Benefits realized
Fleet electrification and charging 2017 to present	Accelerate Kootenays: 13 fast chargers. Basin Charge Up: first electric fleet vehicle and first corporate charger at Lakeside (2023). Fleet zero emission feasibility in the Senior Energy Specialist workplan.	LGCAP: up to $20,000 matching to leverage $55,500 in external funding (603/22)	Senior Energy Specialist; Fleet; Columbia Basin Trust and Accelerate Kootenays partners	A regional charging network for residents and visitors. A first step toward the 2035 zero emission fleet objective.
Landfill gas management ongoing	Landfill gas flaring at Creston. Feasibility study on future landfill gas management at Creston and Ootischenia (67/24).	Resource Recovery service; LGCAP: $7,000 + $28,000 from GMF	Resource Recovery staff; consultant	1,012 tCO2e avoided at Creston in 2022, with about a 23% increase expected from the system expansion.
C. Community emissions (Charter commitments 2 and 3)				
Regional Energy Efficiency Program (REEP), now HomeSave Central Kootenays 2019 to present	Home energy assessments, coaching and rebate navigation. 348 homes registered in 2023. Growth of the local qualified contractor network.	CARIP: $37,500 reserve transfer (677/17); Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM): $190,000; FortisBC $240,000	Senior Energy Specialist; Community Energy Association; local contractors	40 homes completing retrofits in 2022 cut 52.8 tCO2e, mostly from reduced natural gas use. Lower energy bills and local jobs.
BC Energy Step Code regulated	Applied through building permits. In 2023, 54 Part 9 buildings were built to Step 1 through Step 5.	Building service	Building Department	Higher performing, lower energy new homes.
Organic waste diversion 2022 to present	Composting facilities at Creston and Salmo. Curbside collection engagement (1,290 survey responses). Waste composition study. Rural diversion initiatives.	Operations funded by Resource Recovery services and tipping fees; OIP: $2,525,561; OICP: $900,350; CBT: $538,085	Resource Recovery staff	819 tCO2e avoided at Creston (March 2022 to March 2023); an estimated 2,784 tCO2e at Salmo in 2024; 1,683 tonnes composted in 2025.
Rural mobility and low carbon transportation 2022 to present	Transportation Think Tanks and Tamarack Institute coaching. Rural Mobility Community Advisory Committee (384/24). Support for the New Denver to Silverton active transportation corridor feasibility study. Over $200,000 in rural transportation funding secured in 2025.	LGCAP: up to $15,000 (384/24); Columbia Basin Trust: $75,000 requested for the corridor study (unconfirmed); CRIS: $20,000 for Alternative Transit Model Study	Climate Action Assistant; Community Resilience Coordinator; Planning; Transit; Rural Mobility Community Advisory Committee	Transit ridership up 30% in 2023 and 36% in 2025. Work targets the largest source of rural emissions.
D. Resilience and adaptation (LGCAP climate resilience stream)				
Watershed Governance Initiative and water stewardship 2020 to present	Scoping and service case analysis for a drinking water watershed service. Mapping and storymap. Surface water monitoring with Living Lakes Canada. Slocan Lake and River Partnership with the Okanagan Nation Alliance. Flow monitoring support for Yaqan Nukiy.	CARIP: $14,723 (846/20); CARIP and LGCAP: $25,000 (86/22) and $45,000 (717/22)	Sustainability and Resilience Supervisor; GIS assistants; Living Lakes Canada; Indigenous governments	Better water data. Working relationships with Indigenous governments on shared watersheds.

Project and years	Scope and milestones met	Funding sources	Staff and external resources	Benefits realized
Food systems and agriculture 2023 to present	Central Kootenay Food Policy Council Grow and Connect project (431/24). Agricultural extension through Kootenay Boundary Farm Advisors. Farm water leak detection.	LGCAP: $20,000 (431/24); S100 annual KBFA contribution $45,000 (209/20) and annual KFC contribution $30,000 (04/26)	Community Resilience Coordinator; CKFPC; KBFA	Stronger local food distribution.
Community Resilience Coordinator 2024 to December 2026	Term position advancing Ideas for Climate Action, partnerships and links with emergency management (490/24).	LGCAP: $70,981 a year; $138,600 for April 2025 to December 2026	Community Sustainability	Capacity to develop business cases and partnerships without new taxation.
Wildfire, flood and emergency preparedness ongoing	FireSmart assessments - over 3,000 assessments since 2018 and rebates. Neighbourhood Emergency Preparedness Program. Wildfire Development Permit Area. Floodplain mapping (16 of 29 high risk areas). Selous Creek fuel treatment. Prescription development and fuel modification treatments at six sites throughout the RD to be completed in 2028.	UBCM and provincial program, FireSmart Community Funding Supports: $1.6 million July 2025-July 2027 and $639,500 from CBT's Columbia Basin Wildfire Resiliency Initiative	Emergency Management; Planning; Selkirk College and FPInnovations	411 FireSmart assessments in 2023 and 357 in 2025. 27 FireSmart neighbourhoods and 13 NEPP neighbourhoods in 2023.
Regional Invasive Species Working Group 2024	Support for regional coordination (379/24).	LGCAP: $15,000	Community Sustainability; regional partners	Coordinated response to growing climate-related pressure.
Climate Readiness through Adaptation Planning June 2026 to December 2027	Baseline climate risk and vulnerability assessment using local data, Indigenous knowledge and regional projections. Engagement with Indigenous governments, member municipalities and community groups. Adaptation plan.	Green Municipal Fund: $94,000 grant (LLCA-25-0774); RDCK in kind and LGCAP staff time	Community Sustainability; consultants; Indigenous and municipal partners	Underway. Will give the RDCK its first region wide climate risk baseline.

2.6 Funding summary

Provincial climate funding received since 2016 is summarized below. Attachment B provides the year by year detail, including Board resolutions.

Source	Amount received	Notes
CARIP, 2016 to 2021	$423,087	From 2016 to 2018, $144,469 of CARIP funding was absorbed into general surplus rather than held for climate work. From 2019 the balance was placed in reserve and carried forward to LGCAP ($181,153).
LGCAP 1, 2022 and 2023	$268,164	$134,082 a year. Fully committed by March 2025.
LGCAP 2, years 3 to 5	$392,869	One time payment in March 2024. Must be spent by March 31, 2027, under the April 2025 framework.

Source	Amount received	Notes
Total provincial climate funding since 2016	**$1,084,120**	The funding requires that the RDCK prepare the strategic climate documents and reporting.
External funding leveraged (examples)		Basin Charge Up $55,500; Columbia Basin Trust corridor study $75,000; Green Municipal Fund $70,000; rural transportation funding over $200,000 (2025)

The RDCK's 20% LGCAP matching contribution ($132,174) is met through Sustainability and Resilience Supervisor and Senior Energy Specialist staff time over the five years of the program.

2.7 Reporting completed

Report	Years	Audience
CARIP annual public report	2016 to 2021	Province and public
LGCAP annual survey and report	2022 to 2025	Province and public
State of Climate Action	2019 snapshot; annual updates; 2021 to 2024 four year report; 2025 update	Board and public
PCP milestone documentation	Milestone 1 and 2 were submitted in 2017 and 2018	FCM and ICLEI Canada
Board reports on climate direction and funding	2022 Climate Action Strategy, 2024 Climate Actions, 2024 Ideas for Climate Action, 2025 LGCAP framework, and project reports	Board and public

2.8 Staff and external resources

RDCK climate action planning and coordination is supported by a small team within Community Sustainability: the Sustainability and Resilience Supervisor, the term positions of the Senior Energy Specialist, Community Resilience Coordinator funded by LGCAP, and Climate Action Assistant. However, extensive delivery happens in other departments, including Facilities, Resource Recovery, Water Services, Planning, Building, Emergency Management, Community Services and Finance.

External partners have been essential. They include the Community Energy Association, Columbia Basin Trust, Accelerate Kootenays, Wildsight, the Tamarack Institute, Living Lakes Canada, Kootenay Boundary Farm Advisors, the Central Kootenay Food Policy Council, Selkirk College, BC Transit, UBCM and FCM, as well as member municipalities, neighbouring regional districts, and Indigenous governments.

2.9 Community and organizational benefits realized

- **Lower emissions where the RDCK has direct control:** facility upgrades, solar generation, landfill gas flaring, and composting.
- **Household savings and local jobs:** home energy assessments and retrofits through REEP and HomeSave, and a growing network of qualified local contractors.
- **Safer, better prepared communities:** FireSmart, neighbourhood emergency preparedness, floodplain mapping and water stewardship, which residents consistently named as priorities during engagement.

- **More transportation choice in rural areas:** transit growth, a regional community working group and feasibility studies for transportation alternatives.
- **Money brought into the region:** provincial funding kept flowing because reporting obligations were met, and that funding was used to leverage grants from Columbia Basin Trust, FCM and others with limited impact on taxation.
- **Relationships and trust:** closer working ties with member municipalities, neighbouring regional districts, community organizations and Indigenous governments.

2.10 What staff have learned

Programs designed for larger urban centres do not always fit rural and remote communities where distances are long, housing stock is older, and many homes rely on propane, wood stoves, or heating oil. The 2023 engagement showed that residents want clear communication, clarity on what is voluntary and what is required, local solutions, and a focus on resilience. Staff have carried these lessons into how ideas are developed and brought forward.

Reporting to several programs with different requirements takes significant staff time. SoCA has helped by giving one framework that can feed CARIP, LGCAP, and other provincial reporting requirements.

Work on shared lands and waters is strongest when it is relational and respects Indigenous authority. Staff draw on the idea of ethical space, where Indigenous and non-Indigenous ways of knowing and deciding meet on equal footing, as it has been explored in land-based reconciliation work across the Kootenay region.

Finally, much of this work depends on funding constraints. LGCAP 2 must be spent by March 2027 and the Community Resilience Coordinator term ends June 2027 The Province has not confirmed funding beyond the current LGCAP period.

3.0 NEXT STEPS AND TIMELINE

- Continue to bring climate action ideas forward to the Board with business cases
- Deliver the Climate Readiness through Adaptation Planning project through December 2027 and update the Board at key milestones.
- Continue to use SoCA as the main vehicle for future Charter and PCP reporting to the Board, to avoid duplicate reports.

Respectfully submitted,
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CONCURRENCE

Chief Administrative Officer - Stuart Horn Approved
General Manager of Development and Community Sustainability Services - Amy Wilson Approved

ATTACHMENTS:
Attachment A: Climate Action Timeline 2024-02-15-History-RDCK-Climate-Action.pdf
Attachment B: Summary of CARIP and LGCAP Funding and Expenses (March 20, 2025)
Attachment C: RDCK Ideas for Climate Action, Status Update (March 2025)

Attachment D: State of Climate Action 2021 to 2024
Attachment E: State of Climate Action 2025 Update

HISTORY OF CLIMATE ACTION AT THE RDCK

2007 Joined the BC Climate Action Charter with a commitment to work towards carbon neutrality.

2008 Launched Carbon Neutral Kootenays a partnership between Central Kootenay, East Kootenay, and Kootenay Boundary regional districts and Columbia Basin Trust to meet the targets established under the BC Climate Action Charter.

2009 Completed the Integrated Community Sustainability Plan This initiative—SustainABLE Central Kootenay—gathered input and engaged citizens in a dialogue about sustainability in our region in 2009, and was intended to guide discussions on sustainability in our region. The RDCK's vision for sustainability emerged from this process.
Read the RDCK's vision statement and a summary of community input from the ICSP.
SustainABLE Central Kootenay established a baseline that has helped inform subsequent action.

2010 Climate Change adaptation Project included the Village of Kaslo and Electoral Area D in partnership with Columbia Basin Trust.

2015 Joined Federation of Canadian Municipalities` Partners for Climate Protection – since then, RDCK has achieved Milestone 4.

2016 Created a regional & sub regional Strategic Community Energy and Emissions Plan (SCEEP)

2017 Rural Development Institute (RDI) Climate Change Adaptation indicators was a partnership Selkirk College

2018 RDCK commits to 100% renewable energy by 2050
Reso 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.

2019 RDCK Board declares Climate Action Imperative: April 15, 2019 Media Release
Reso 270/19
WHEREAS

1.Climate change is recognized to be an urgent reality requiring rapid decarbonisation of energy across all sectors;
2.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 Board direct staff to report back within 150 days on opportunities to build on work already being undertaken by RDCK, to increase and/or accelerate timelines for existing actions under the ICSP and the SCEEP, and to create a unified document highlighting this work.

Reso 272/19
WHEREAS
1.Climate change is recognized to be an urgent reality requiring rapid decarbonisation of energy across all sectors;
2.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.

2019 The RDCK produces the annual RDCK State of Climate Action report to:
1.Help the RDCK track the progress towards its climate action objectives and targets2.Evaluate and improve its climate action initiatives and efforts3.Maintain public transparency on these processes 4.Demonstrate climate action leadership
By tracking and reporting on climate action, the RDCK will also be able to find ways to streamline its efforts, achieve co-benefits through integration and collaboration between projects and initiatives, and optimize the use of time and resources.

2022 State of Climate Action
2021 State of Climate Action
2020 State of Climate Action
2019 State of Climate Action

2019 RDCK participates in 100% Renewable Kootenays by 2050 Initiative led by Neighbours United in collaboration with nine other local governments from across the West Kootenays. The RDCK contributes to but does not endorse the 100% Renewable Energy Plan

2019 RDCK enters into agreement with Selkirk College for the Regional Approach to Rural Climate Adaptation Project Partnership

2019 The Board directs staff to update RDCK Policy Framework to incorporate a climate action lens

Reso 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.

2022 The Board adopts science based carbon pollution reduction targets
Reso 125/22 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.

2022 *Reso 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.*

2023 RDCK launches pilot year of Community Ambassadors
Reso 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.

2023 RDCK Climate Action Plan engagement
Reso 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).

2023 RDCK Climate Action Plan engagement
Reso 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.

2024 The Board directed staff to explore climate action priorities that are practical and affordable and based on RDCK Ideas for Climate Action. In order for an idea to move forward, staff would need to do a business case and bring it to the Board of Directors to vote on at a public meeting.

RDCK IDEAS FOR CLIMATE

UPDATED as of MARCH 2025 - Ranked RDCK Ideas for Climate Action, emerging ideas from the public engagement process and potential emerging ideas from the conversations with pathway leads by the following criteria:

- Regional resident priority (based on climate action engagement)
- Board priority (based on engagement and climate action survey)
- Staff priority (based on capacity and workplans)
- Urgency (based on staff input)

Steps

- Research - if no clear staff responsible, Community Resilience Coordinator will be first point of contact and then find relevant staff to work with
- Business Case - once problem is understood, create a business case for Board review
- Pilot / Advocacy - if proposed solution is approved, intent is to seek funding to pilot the idea
- Implement - if pilot successful, seek funding to implement idea
- Review & Adjust - review, report and adjust as needed

Legend: Green - in progress; Yellow - items to follow up on; Red - not started/no action anticipated

Number and order of priority	Pathways	RDCK Ideas for Climate Actions	Status	Next Steps	Timing	Funding	Staff lead
1	Food & Agriculture	Support local farmers who would like to upgrade their irrigation systems	KBFA is doing this work - https://kbfa.ca/soil-water-resources/	None at this time	N/A	S100	Community Resilience Coordinator/Climate Action Assistant
2	Food & Agriculture	Increase advocacy for small-scale livestock farming	KBFA is doing this work - https://kbfa.ca/livestock/	None at this time	N/A	S100	Community Resilience Coordinator/Climate Action Assistant
3	Food & Agriculture	Encourage and support local food production (e.g. farmers' markets, home gardens and food production)	KBFA is doing this work - https://kbfa.ca/services/	None at this time	N/A	S100	Community Resilience Coordinator/Climate Action Assistant

4	Land Use & Planning	Work with the Provincial government to connect communities by increasing regional active and public transportation options	Feasibility study presented to Board, no further action. Rural Mobility Working Group (RMWG) is building a case regional active transportation planning	2-year pilot reporting	2025-2027	LGCAP funding approved - $5,000 for year 1 and possibley $10,000 for year 2	Climate Action Assistant
5	Transportation & Mobility	Partner with community groups to expand local options for cycling, walking and other forms of active transportation	RMWG underway	2-year pilot reporting	2025-2027	LGCAP	Climate Action Assistant
6	Food & Agriculture	Support efficient water use in agriculture and food production through regional water stewardship partnerships and collaborations	KBFA is doing this work https://kbfa.ca/soil-water-resources/ RDCK Water Services is also introducing water metering on farms Water Sustainability Planning on Goat Watershed	Monitor work and report on findings	2025-2026	S100	Sustainability & Resilience Supervisor
7	Food & Agriculture	Support local food producers who want to enhance their resilience related to food system challenges, such as shifting weather patterns	CKFPC is developing Grow & Connect distribution project with support from RDCK	Monitor work and report on findings	2025-2026	LGCAP	Community Resilience Coordinator/Climate Action Assistant

8	WildFire	Help farmers and those in the agricultural industry who would like to prepare for wildfire emergencies	KBFA is doing this work https://kbfa.ca/climate/#wildfire includes FireSmart ranch program https://firesmartbc.ca/farm-and-ranch-wildfire-preparedness/	None at this time	On-going	S100	Community Resilience Coordinator
9	Food & Agriculture	Look into ways to support to farmers who want to capture and store more water on their farms	KBFA is doing this work https://kbfa.ca/soil-water-resources/#irrigation	None at this time	On-going	S100	Community Resilience Coordinator/Climate Action Assistant
10	Food & Agriculture	Support a connected and resilient food system across the region through collaboration, partnerships and support for local efforts	CKFPC is developing Grow & Connect distribution project with support from RDCK Resource Recovery is also proposing a pilot on food waste recovery	Develop business case on food waste recovery pilot	2025	LGCAP	CKFPC, Resource Recovery
11	Land Use & Planning	Research and learn from how other regional districts have used alternative/innovative strategies to guide regional development	Approved via workplan	Research	On-going	~~S103~~ S104	Planning staff
12	Transportation & Mobility	Look into amenities in each community – such as hospitals, schools, parks and recreation facilities – that could benefit from access to increased transit service or pathways	RMWG underway	2-year pilot reporting	2025-2027	LGCAP	Climate Action Assistant staff time

13	Floods & Geohazards	Consider mapping more of the identified high risk areas (16 of 29 completed so far)	Approved via workplan, have applied for DRIFT funding to update floodplain bylaw	To be determined	2025/2026	unknown	Planning staff
14	Floods & Geohazards	Establish additional development requirements for flood-prone areas	Approved via workplan, have applied for DRIFT funding to update floodplain bylaw	To be determined	2025/2026	Taxation & Provincial (Ministry of Municipal Affairs & Union of BC Municipalities)	Planning staff
15	Water Supply	Support the region in conserving water	WGI - focus on drought management	Needs business case for increased public engagement	To be determined	Various	Sustainability Planner
16	Land Use & Planning	Consider a regional approach to land use planning and support municipalities and neighbouring areas (e.g. Area F and Nelson) in planning for growth together	Approved via workplan, work is underway	To be determined	To be determined	Taxation & Provincial (Ministry of Municipal Affairs & Union of BC Municipalities)	Planning staff

17	Leadership & Operations	Review RDCK investment portfolio to be sure we are divested from fossil fuel creators	No action to date	Research	To be determined	Staff time to investigate	Climate Action Assistant staff time/Community Resilience Coordinator
18	Resource Recovery	Explore mobile chipping program options (such as wildfire fuel mitigation, yard waste, landfill wood stream, construction & demolition, etc.)	No action to date	Research	To be determined	Staff time to investigate	Climate Action Assistant staff time/Community Resilience Coordinator
19	Water Supply	Residents wanted regulations for logging on Crown land to apply to private land as well	WGI and advocacy watershed by watershed	Research	To be determined	Staff time to investigate	Sustainaibility Planner
20	Wildfire	Residents wanted local people to be empowered to fight local wildfires	Approved via Emergency Management workplan	Research	To be determined	LGCAP to investigate	Community Resilience Coordinator
21	Energy	Residents wanted industry to be held responsible for reducing emissions and waste	Sue Big Oil motion at Board on February 20 and defeated	No further action anticipated at this time	N/A	LGCAP to investigate	Community Resilience Coordinator
22	Building	Updating the sustainability checklist and tying together energy efficiency, firesmart, watersmart, and resiliency in housing	Approved as part of SES workplan	Design phase	2nd quarter 2025	LGCAP	Senior Energy Specialist
23	Building	Piloting RDCK Fire Halls Heat Ventilation Air Conditioning (HVAC) controls to improved efficiency	Approved as part of SES workplan	Research	2026	LGCAP	Senior Energy Specialist
24	Energy	Fuel switching from diesel to solar at Resource Recover transfer stations (Kaslo)	Approved as part of SES workplan	Research	2nd quarter 2025	LGCAP	Senior Energy Specialist

25	Building	Offset Heat Ventilation Air Conditioning (HVAC) Roof Top Units costs for Community Services facilities	This is a Community Services priority	Research	late 2025	LGCAP	Senior Energy Specialist
26	Transportation & Mobility	Feasibility Study of transition RDCK corporate fleet to zero emission vehicles	Approved as part of SES workplan	Research	3rd quarter 2025	LGCAP	Senior Energy Specialist
27	Transportation & Mobility	Connect all new and renovated RDCK buildings (such as offices and recreation facilities) to bus routes and to pathways for cycling and walking	Not formally included in the RMWG projects, but may be included in future	Research	To be determined	LGCAP for working group coordination	Climate Action Assistant staff time
28	Energy	Support community organizations in switching to renewable energy sources	No action to date	Research	N/A	LGCAP to investigate	Senior Energy Specialist
29	Floods & Geohazards	Increase education and awareness of how the conservation of riverbanks and shorelines supports flood mitigation and healthy aquatic systems	No action to date	Research	To be determined	unknown	Disaster Mitigation & Adaptation Senior Advisor & CRC
30	Floods & Geohazards	Increase expertise regarding flood risk	Approved via workplan, have applied for DRIFT funding to update floodplain bylaw	To be determined	2025/2026	unknown	Planning staff
31	Floods & Geohazards	Develop criteria for qualified professionals to determine what is 'safe' when develop-ing hazard areas	Approved via Emergency Management workplan	Research	To be determined	LGCAP to investigate	CSUS Manager

SUMMARY of CARIP and LGCAP funding and expenses – March 20, 2025

	Funding	Expenses	Reserve Cont
2016 to 2021 (Funding Source: CARIP)			
CARIP funding 2016	**$49,612**		
2016 Expenses related to reporting to Province		$2,209	
Moved to Reserve			$419
CARIP balance absorbed into surplus			$47,403
CARIP funding 2017	**$47,228**		
2017 Expenses related to reporting to Province		$1,707	
Moved to Reserve			$422
CARIP balance absorbed into surplus			$45,521
CARIP funding 2018	**$53,505**		
2018 Expenses related to reporting to Province		$1,960	
Moved to Reserve			$428
CARIP balance absorbed into surplus			$51,545
CARIP funding 2019	**$84,774**		
2019 Expenses related to reporting to Province		$8,697	
Moved to Reserve			$437
CARIP 2019 balance carried forward & put in reserve			$76,077
CARIP funding 2020	**$84,775**		
Interest income	**$1,193**		
2020 Expenses & Actions directed by the Board		$2,514	
Transferred to the REEP work order (677/17)		$37,500	
CARIP 2020 balance carried forward & put in reserve			$122,031
CARIP funding 2021	**$103,193**		
Accounting for 2016 to 2019 reserves	**$1,706**		
2021 Expenses & Actions directed by the Board		$45,776	
CARIP 2021 balance carried forward & put in reserve			$181,153

	Funding	Expenses	Reserve Cont

2022 to 2023 (Funding Source: LGCAP 1)			
CARIP Funding converted to LGCAP and carried forward from 2021	**$181,153**		
LGCAP 2022 funding	**$134,082**		
2022 Expenses & Actions directed by the Board		$110,541	
LGCAP 2022 balance carried forward & put in reserve			$204,694
LGCAP 2023 funding	**$134,082**		
2023 Expenses & Actions directed by the Board		$116,400	
LGCAP 2023 balance carried forward & put in reserve			$222,377

	Funding	Expenses	
2024 (Funding Source: LGCAP 1)			
LGCAP 1 Opening Balance (January 1, 2024)	**$222,377**		
Funding committed by the Board			
CKFPC - Grow and Connect		$20,000	
Basin Charge Up - EV charger and EV purchase		$9,349	
Regional Invasive Species Working Group		$15,000	
Regional Transportation Working Group ($5000 in total - $2000 spent in 2025)		$3,000	
State of Climate Action reporting ($5,000 every year + $15,000 every 4 years)		$30,000	
Community Resilience Coordinator (Jan 2024-Sept 2024)		$49,945	
Community Resilience Coordinator (November - December 2024)		$5,592	
Sub-totals		**$127,294**	
Balance Remaining			$95,082.50

	Funding	Expenses
2025 - January 1 to March 31 (Funding Source: LGCAP 1)		
LGCAP 1 Opening Balance (January 1, 2025)	**$95,082.50**	
Funding committed by the Board		
Resource recovery methane capture feasibility study		$7,000
Regional Transportation Working Group ($5000 in total - $3000 spent in 2024)		$2,000
Community Resilience Coordinator (January - March 2025)		$19,800
Administration costs associated with the LGCAP funding & reporting		
LGCAP reporting - RDCK finance fees for 3 years @ $12000 per year		$36,000
LGCAP annual reporting cost - GHG accounting for 3 year @ $2880 per year		$8,632
LGCAP conference attendance for 3 years @ $2000 per year		$6,000
RDCK Admin fees		$5,225
Sub-totals		$84,657

Balance Remaining			$10,426

	Funding	Expenses	
April 2025 to March 2027 (Funding Source: LGCAP 2)			
Income carried forward from 2025 for Rural Mobility Working Group pending approval by Board (this is the remainder of $15,000 initially allocated and may be requested for year 2)	**$10,426**		
LGCAP 2 Opening Balance (as of April 2025)	**$392,869**		
Funding committed by the Board			
Community Resilience Coordinator (April 2025 - Dec 2026)		$138,600	
Balance Remaining			$254,269
Proposed spending framework on remaining funds to be spent by March 2027	**$254,269**		
Proposed: 60% Community Sustainability to advance Ideas for Climate Action		$152,561	
Proposed: 20% Other departments with climate action projects with business cases		$50,854	
Proposed: 10% Emerging issues with business cases		$25,427	
Proposed: 10% Administration		$25,427	
Balance Remaining			$0

SUMMARY OF CARIP-LGCAP BOARD RESOLUTIONS – Below is the list of approved action items but does not necessarily reflect actual spending within a fiscal year. Some actions may have happened in a following fiscal year, have changed, or still be in development.

2019

- $19,000 to provide Step 1 rebates for BC Hydro service area residents (resolution 594/19 – *rescinded 284/21)*
- $10,000 to provide Step 1 rebates for off-grid homes in FortisBC and Nelson Hydro service areas (resolution 702/19 – *not spent)*

2020

- $15,000 for two (2) years to the Community Energy Association for the purpose of participating in the Kootenay Clean Energy Transition Pilot Project (resolution 123/20 - *paid in 2021/2022*).
- $37,500 transfer from reserve went to REEP in S100 (resolution 677/17 – *paid directly from reserve in 2021*)

2021

- $2,481.40 for Carbon Measurement software licence
- $1,538.11 Allocate CARIP funds to A108 for staff time complete the carbon report submission
- $15,000 for Community Energy Association - 50% Kootenay Clean Energy Transition Contribution-Year 1 (resolution 123/20)
- $14,722.77 for CARIP Funds for WGI Student Position in GIS (resolution 846/20)
- $3,293.14 for CARIP funds to S105 for student employment as (resolution 848/20)
- $3,200.00 for CARIP funds to S105 for the Rural Area Climate Workshops Climate Action Revenue Incentive Program (CARIP) Service 100 funds to offer a workshop for rural area elected officials on the proposed Big Moves for the Regional District of Central Kootenay rural areas in the 100% Renewable Energy Plan (resolution 333/21)
- $2,790.56 Allocate CARIP funds to S105 for the Climate Action Project (resolution 849/20)
- $2,750.00 Allocate CARIP funds to A108 for the Energy Star Portfolio Manager (ESPM) program consultant (resolution 145/21)

2022

- $25,000 in funds for the 2022 Watershed Governance Initiative (resolution 86/22)
- $80,000 for the development of the 2023 -26 Climate Action Plan and associated four (4) year Communication and Engagement Strategy (resolution 259/22)
    - $40,000 for the development and delivery of the Climate Action Ambassadors program in partnership with Youth Climate Corps - Wildsight
    - $25,000 for the development of the 2023-26 Climate Action Plan and associated four (4) year Communication and Engagement Strategy
    - $15,000 piloting ideas - mobile chipping program options (wildfire fuel mitigation, logging, yard waste, landfill wood stream, construction & demolition etc); Circular Economy experimentation; Parks & Natural Spaces conversations
- $50,000 for the purpose of the construction services for the Lakeside Drive Office HVAC Rooftop Units and Roofing Replacement Project (resolution 267/22)
- Basin Charge up Program to purchase an electric vehicle for RDCK general fleet; that the Regional District of Central Kootenay contribute up to $20,000 of matching funding from the Local Government Climate Action Program Service S100 in order to leverage $55,500 in external funding (resolution 603/22)

- $45,000 for the 2023 Watershed Governance Initiative GIS Assistant (resolution 717/22)

2023

- $121,700 to support communication and engagement related to RDCK Climate Actions (resolution 391/23)

2024

- $7000 to complete a feasibility study that would investigate options to financially support future Landfill Gas (LFG) management at the Creston and Ootischenia Landfills (resolution 67/24)

- stipend and expenses for the Climate Action Plan workshop to be paid from General Administration Service S100 (resolution 90/24)

- up to $15,000 to establish a collaborative working group on regional transportation and partner with regional industry, local governments, and community organizations (resolution 384/24)

- $20,000 to the Central Kootenay Food Policy Council for the Grow & Connect Interior project (resolution 431/24)

- $15,000 for the Regional Invasive Species Working Group (resolution 379/24)

- That the Board direct staff to extend the Community Resilience Coordinator term position to December 2026 at an annual cost of $70,981 (*total $153,790* – resolution 490/24)

RDCK State of Climate Action (SoCA)

Progress Report 2021 - 2024

This progress report provides a detailed overview of the RDCK's climate action progress across 10 pathways, including objectives, indicators, jurisdiction details, and annual updates specific to each. The RDCK is committed to advancing meaningful climate action, recognizing that many initiatives are complex and require time to demonstrate visible results. Progress can sometimes stall due to factors like limited funding, board discussions, staffing constraints, or shifting priorities. As you explore these pages, you'll gain insight into the progress made, and the areas where further efforts are needed.

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The RDCK`s climate action **goals, objectives, targets and indicators** are grouped into the following **pathways**.

PATHWAY: LAND USE & PLANNING

Goal

Ensure RDCK policies and decision-making guidelines promote healthy, sustainable and low-carbon lifestyles for residents, and minimize risks associated with natural hazards.

Progress Scores

2021	2022	2023	2024
0.5	1.0	0.9	1.2

PATHWAY:TRANSPORTATION & MOBILITY

Goal

Develop an integrated active and low-carbon regional transportation network that supports universal access to services and amenities.

Progress Scores

2021	2022	2023	2024
0.8	0.8	1.0	1.4

PATHWAY: ENERGY

Goal

Build grid resilience and transition to a low-carbon future through clean energy efforts, including reducing emissions, improving efficiency and using sustainable energy sources.

Progress Scores

2021	2022	2023	2024
0.3	0.3	1.1	0.7

PATHWAY: BUILDINGS

Goal

Encourage improvements to existing buildings by improving energy efficiency and reducing carbon pollution.

Progress Scores

2021	2022	2023	2024
1.2	1.3	1.1	1.3

PATHWAY: RESOURCE RECOVERY

Goal

Improve the health of our natural ecosystem by reducing the RDCK's environmental impact through the assessment and diversion of waste from landfills, while simultaneously advancing the recovery of waste through improved waste management and new technologies.

Progress Scores

2021	2022	2023	2024
1.0	1.5	1.3	1.5

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HOW WE MEASURE PROGRESS WITH THE SOCA

For each pathway, we looked at each indicator and determined whether there was **strong progress (green - 2)**, **moderate progress (yellow - 1)**, or **limited progress (red - 0)**. Once all indicators within a given pathway were scored, an average was taken to provide the overall score for that pathway.

PATHWAY: FOOD SUPPLY & AGRICULTURE

Goal

Strengthen watershed governance and implement strategies to protect drinking water and agricultural water supply.

Progress Scores

2021	2022	2023	2024
1.3	1.4	1.3	1.5

PATHWAY:WATER SUPPLY

Goal

Support a sustainable and resilient regional food system, through climate adapted agricultural strategies that enhance local food security and ensure access for all residents.

Progress Scores

2021	2022	2023	2024
1.1	1.0	1.3	1.8

PATHWAY: FLOODING & GEOHAZARDS

Goal

Reduce community vulnerability by promoting emergency preparedness and risk assessments, and assessing infrastructure for opportunities to adapt against increased flooding and geohazard events.

Progress Scores

2021	2022	2023	2024
1.0	1.2	1.7	1.4

PATHWAY: WILDFIRE

Goal

Reduce fire risk within and around each RDCK community, while adapting to more frequent and intense fires.

Progress Scores

2021	2022	2023	2024
1.6	1.3	1.4	1.7

PATHWAY: LEADERSHIP & OPERATIONS

Goal

Incorporate a climate lens for all Board decision making to prioritize climate action and adaptation.

Progress Scores

2021	2022	2023	2024
0.6	0.4	0.8	0.9

PATHWAY: LAND USE & PLANNING

OBJECTIVES	INDICATOR	2021	2022	2023	2024	JURISDICTION
Update planning policies and bylaws to guide future development to create sustainable and complete communities	# of Official Community Plans (OCPs) over 10 years old.		4 of 10	8 of 10	9 of 11 (Areas I & J OCPs split, Area I OCP drafted)	**REGIONAL**
	Level of progress/ engagement on regional growth planning				A provincially-funded Regional and Local Community Needs project is underway, along with additional funding to investigate a regional growth strategy - Currently working with most member municipalities to collect/model data to direct new growth	**REGIONAL**
	# of new RDCK parks and/ or improvements to existing parks	There are a total of 26 regional parks in the RDCK			RDCK has recently expanded Rosebud Lake Regional Park from 16 to over 80 hectares, protecting critical habitat for the endangered Western Painted Turtle Many improvements were made to other regional parks	**REGIONAL**
Leverage planning policy to reduce the risk threshold of community development decisions and projects	Level of progress and improvements made to landuse policy frameworks for hazards (flood, fire, erosion).			Floodplain mapping will be added to the existing Flooplain Bylaw rather than as DPAs to OCPs (regional approach) 5 Community Wildfire Resiliency Plans updated	Update underway of Floodplain Bylaw, currently pursuing additional funding 6 Community Wildfire Resiliency Plans updated	**REGIONAL**
	# of OCPs with updated hazard Development Permit Areas (DPAs).	0	0	0 Wildfire & Riparian Setback DPA's being developed	0 But Area I OCP is drafted and includes Wildfire, Aquifer Protection, and Riparian Protection DPAs - once passed, these can be referenced by future OCPs	**REGIONAL**
	# of Industrial Commercial & Resort Commercial & Residential Cluster Development Permits.	3	2 applications (1 issued)	3 applications (1 issued)	These two indicators were discontinued In coming years, a new indicator may be included to track habitat loss (in hectares) due to developments	**REGIONAL**
	# of Environmentally Sensitive & Watercourse Development Permits issued.	11	6 applications (1 issued)	10 applications (7 issued)		**REGIONAL**

PATHWAY: TRANSPORTATION & MOBILITY

OBJECTIVES	INDICATOR	2021	2022	2023	2024	JURISDICTION
Support improvements to the regional transportation network and increased accessible, and affordable low-carbon transportation options for all residents (with a focus on equity-seeking populations)	# of new transportation trails added	RDCK supported the Castlegar-Nelson Active Transportation Corridor feasibility study planning process			Castlegar-Nelson Active Transporation Path Feasiblity Study completed and presented to Board - no formal endorsement, but further planning/programs can reference this plan	**PROVINCIAL, REGIONAL, MUNICIPAL**
	Level of progress on investigation of rural, low-carbon transportation solutions and how a Regional Active Transportation Strategy might support this		Hosted Transportation Think Tank to discuss community transportation challenges and opportunities with 15 regional organizations	Investigated community transportation interests and concerns through the Climate Action Plan (CAP) public engagement process	Hosted a Regional Transportation Summit where 40 attendees representing 35 local organizations collectively prioritized regional transportation initiative areas for collaborative action RDCK Board committed to supporting the Rural Mobility Community Advisory Committee (RMCAC), which will advise, plan, and implement regional transportation pilots and initiatives Successfully acquired $25,000 from Age Friendly Communities to support RMCAC work	**REGIONAL**
	Annual public transit ridership	West Kootenay Transit Future Service Plan completed	542,420 rides	716,540 rides (+30%) 48,970 service hours	772,940 rides (+8%) 51,400 service hours	**PROVINCIAL**
By 2035, plan to shift all new cars to be zero emission vehicles (ZEV), which aligns with the provincial CleanBC goal, and transitioning large diesel vehicles to run on low-carbon fuels	# of ZEV's purchased by the RDCK	0	0	0 First Electric Vehicle (EV) charging station planned for Lakeside Office	1 - first Zero Emissions Vehicle (ZEV) purchased for RDCK fleet (Toyota BZ4X1) Dual-charger installed at the Lakeside office Engagement conducted with various RDCK departments to guage needs and support for ZEVs in fleet	**REGIONAL**
	Reduction of RDCK fleet emissions	**2020**: 223 tCO2e	**2021**: 755 tCO2e	**2022**: 89.1 tCO2e (online data portal) 116 tCO2e (LGCAP reporting) 283 tCO2e (retroactive calculations) **The 3 values above demonstrate the conflicting results of multiple database that we were unable to resolve, this supports efforts to streamline data collection in the future*	**2023**: 235 tons CO2e **RDCK fleet fuel emissions data has been tracked through a number of frameworks/departments in recent years and is not consistently verifiable, this makes year to year comparisons challenging, there will be a unified effort moving forward to standardize the data collection process*	**REGIONAL**

PATHWAY: ENERGY

OBJECTIVES	INDICATOR	2021	2022	2023	2024	JURISDICTION
Engage in efforts to improve grid resilience and future-proof electrical infrastructure	Increase in rural community grid resiliency			Developed a grid resilience pilot for Lardeau Valley - free home assessments to recommend renewable energy and backup power options to ensure building/ property grid resilience in power failures	Lardeau Valley Opportunity LINKS Society - kicked off a Grid Resilience Pilot, 16 of 20 available rebates were accessed based on the recommendations of the free home assessments	**REGIONAL, UTILITY**
	Level of engagement and advocacy with Province and Utilities on rural energy resiliency			Attended BC Hydro Seminar on 'Is BC Ready for Electrification' Reviewed BC Hydro, FortisBC, and Provincial statements on plans for electrification and resiliency	New hire and fresh workplan developed for Senior Energy Specialist position	**REGIONAL, PROVINCIAL, UTILITY**
Support a regional transition to 100% renewable energy by 2050	Level of leadership, education, and engagement around the transition to renewable energy	Board committed to 100% renewable energy by 2050 (carbon neutrality) - Rural Affairs Committee reviewed proposed actions and considered how to proceed given RDCK's unique rural context	Supported the South Kootenay Community Services Society to research potential commercial applications for local active geothermal systems 100% Renewable Energy Plan integrated into the RDCK Climate Actions (2023-2026) plan draft	RDCK Staff monthly newsletter has a column on CAP pathways and emission reduction programs Supported Cool It program which explored climate activisim and education in classrooms around the RDCK	96 solar panels installed at the Creston & District Community Complex that will produce ~41,800 kWh/year (estimated $274,384 savings from energy use over 30 years)	**REGIONAL**
Develop and maintain robust carbon pollution and energy inventories (both corporate & community) to accurately inform decision makers and to track direct impacts and progress towards climate action targets	Total corporate GHG emissions	**2020 Total:** 2646 tCO2e ***Facilities:** 1,540 - 2,814 tCO2 ***Fleet:** 154 - 223 tCO2e **Contracted Services:** 272 tCO2e **Range provided is indicative of conflicting database results*	**2021 Total:** 2,082 tCO2e **Facilities:** 1327 tCO2e **Fleet:** 755 tCO2e	**2022 Total:** 1652 - 2,099 tCO2e ***Facilities:** 1,558 - 1,811 tCO2e ***Fleet:** 89.1 - 283 tCO2e **Contracted Services:** 5 tCO2e **Above provides a range of possible emission totals based on multiple databases to demonstrate historical data inconsistencies*	**2023 Total:** 1619 tons CO2e **Facilities:** 1,367 tCO2e **Fleet:** 235 tCO2e **Contracted Services:** 17.4 tCO2e **Corporate emissions data has been tracked across a number of departments and systems since it became a corporate priority, efforts are being made internally to streamline and centralize these tracking systems into an efficient, accurate, and reliable approach*	**REGIONAL**
	Total corporate energy use	**2020 Total:** Data not available **Facilities:** 5,920,437 kWh **Fleet**: No data available	**2021 Total:** 9,758,074 kWh **Facilities:** 7,235,104 kWh **Fleet:** 2,522,970 kWh	**2022 Total:** 8,199,566 kWh **Buildings:** 8,085,061 kWh **Fleet:** 114,505 kWh	**2023 Total:** 7326,314 **Buildings:** 7,129,529 kWh **Fleet:** 196,785 kWh **Similarly to corporate emissions data, energy use data has been collected from a variety of sources using a variety of methods and should not be relied upon too heavily for decision-making as the data is challenging to verify*	**REGIONAL**
	Total community GHG emissions	**2018 Community Energy & Emissions Inventory (Unincorporated Areas)** **Total:** 190,000 tCO2e **Transportation:** 133,530 tCO2e **Buildings:** 38,997 tCO2e **Landfills:** 17,473 tCO2e	1012 tCO2e offsets from landfill flaring estimated 30% increase from expansion and leak repairs	Creston composting facility offsets: 819 tCO2e (March 2022-March 2023) Salmo central facility estimates 2784 tCO2e for upcoming year	**2023 Community Energy & Emissions Inventory (Unincorporated Areas)** **Total:** 217,631 tCO2e (+14.5% since 2018) **Transportation:** 179,411 tCO2e (+34.4% since 2018) **Buildings:** 26,120 tCO2e (-33.0% since 2018) **Landfills:** 12,100 tCO2e (-30.8% since 2018)	**REGIONAL, MUNICIPAL, PRIVATE, PUBLIC**

PATHWAY: COMMUNITY BUILDINGS

OBJECTIVES	INDICATOR	2021	2022	2023	2024	JURISDICTION
Align new Community & Residential buildings with provincial Step Code timelines (Part 3 & Part 9 buildings respectively) encouraging community organizations and residents to push for Net Zero Ready for all new builds by 2030	# of Step 3 - Part 3 Buildings	Step Code adopted very recently - no applications finalized yet	None built		1 - Selkirk College Castlegar Student Housing achieved Step 3 & EL2 (4.29 kgCO2e/m2/yr)	PROVINCIAL
	# of Step 4 - Part 3 Buildings				0	
	# of Step 3 - Part 3 Buildings		14	19	26	
	# of Step 4 - Part 9 Buildings		4	22	18	
	# of Step 5 - Part 9 Buildings		1	2	6	
	Level of support for public and industry with Energy & Zero Carbon Step Codes			Regional Building Official roundtable quarterly meetings for regional networking Partnered with Regional District of Kootenay Boundary (RDKB) on 5 High Performance Homes Step Code case studies	Presented on building science and Energy & Zero Carbon Step Code implementation across Province, including Building Official conference Worked with the Province on a Step Code Handbook for Building Officials and co-chaired Step Code Peer Network	PROVINCIAL
Encourage residents and businesses to retrofit existing buildings to meet 20-30% energy efficiency improvements	# of homes signed up Regional Energy Efficiency Program (REEP)		300	292	213 (1250 since program started)	REGIONAL & MUNICIPAL
	Reduction of GHG emissions from REEP housing stock	126 Pre-assessments: 289.8 tCO2e potential GHG reductions (2.3/house) 9 Post-assesments: 16.48 tCO2e potential GHG reductions (1.83/house) 5.58 tCO2e realized GHG reductions (0.62.house)	90 Pre-assessments: 354.2 t/CO2e potential GHG reductions (3.77/house) 40 Post-assessments: 115.8 t/CO2e potential reductions (2.9/house) 52.8 tCO2e realized GHG (1.32/house)	124 Pre-assessments: 494.4 tCO2e potential GHG reductions (3.99/house) - 85% from natural gas use 114 Post-assessments: 335.3 t/CO2e potential reductions (2.94/house) Saved 3,757 GJ of energy (32.96/house) Reduced 182.6 tCO2e (1.6/house)	82 Pre-retrofit assessments 73 Post-retrofit assessments Most common reccomendations are door/window replacements (98%), heat pumps (97%), and draft sealing (90%) Program undergoing a restructuring phase and exploring new funding opportunities	
	# of businesses given commercial energy audits	60	18	Program discontinued	Some regional businesses have used new FortisBC program (energy consultation & rebates) with GreenStep Solutions	UTILITY
	Level of outreach, education, and engagement with industry and public on energy retrofits			Contractor capacity training offerred by Kootenay Clean Energy Transition (KCET) with RDCK support Ground Oriented Database received from KCET (BC Assessment data) to assist with REEP targetting and support efforts	Promoting Builder Breakfasts and workshops (BCIT, Community energy Association (CEA) KCET etc.) Promoting Home Performance Contractor Network (HPCN) and participated in Home Performance Stakeholder Council quarterly meetings (HPSC)	REGIONAL, MUNICIPAL, UTILITY, PRIVATE
	Level of advocacy for rural considerations in Provincial Retrofit Code				Participating in the Retrofit Peer Network - a Retrofit Guideline document was produced, but needs to better account for rural concerns	PROVINCIAL
Buildings and infrastructure construction/renovation projects consider embodied carbon and other life cycle impacts	Level of outreach/education on embodied carbon and low carbon building				Promoting Indsutry Toolkit and other resources from Nelson's Low Carbon Homes Pilot, and advocating for Prvincial codes to consider embodied carbon	FEDERAL, PROVINCIAL, PRIVATE

PATHWAY: CORPORATE BUILDINGS

OBJECTIVES	INDICATOR	2021	2022	2023	2024	JURISDICTION
Corporate structures will adhere to the Better Building Policy for RDCK Facilities to ensure that all existing buildings continue to improve on energy efficiency	# of RDCK's existing facilities retrofitted to high performance attributes	2 Transfer Station attendant buildings were retrofitted with heat pumps, new windows and doors	3 Beasley Fire Hall – new windows Slocan Fire Hall – use of Structural Insulated Panels (SIP's) for increased wall and roof insulation for an addition, heat pump installation Lakeside Drive Office – high efficiency HVAC replacement	0	2 Castlegar & District Recreational Center and Nelson & District Community Center had rooftop gas units replaced with dual-fuel (combined natural gas & electric) units Design for Arrow Lakes facility out for procurement	**REGIONAL**
Lower total workplace carbon pollution and energy consumption in both corporate and RDCK-controlled community buildings/facilities	Corporate building energy use and GHG emissions	**2020:** **Energy:** 5,920,437 kWh **Emissions:** 1,540 - 2,814 tCO2 **Depending on database used*	**2021:** **Energy:** 7,235,104 kWh **Emissions:** 2,082 tCO2e	**2022:** **Energy:** 8,085,061 kWh **Emissions:** 1,558 - 1,811 tCO2e **Depending on database used*	**2023:** **Energy:** 7,129,528 kWh **Emissions:** 1367 tons CO2e **RDCK facilities energy & emissions data has historically been tracked in a number of ways, and is not consistently verifiable, data collection for facilities is now largely automated, optimizing future data collection accuracy and efficiency - a few examples of the variability between databases is provided for the 2020 and 2022 facilities emissions values*	**REGIONAL**
Applicable buildings (i.e. offices) align with Provincial Government's Step Code and have all new corporate buildings be net-zero ready by 2030, 2 years ahead of Province's goal (aligns with 100% Renewables Kootenays goal)	# of buildings achieving Step Code 3 \# of buildings achieving Step Code 4	Step Code adopted very recently - no applications finalized yet But Castlegar Child Care Centre used cross laminated timbers, heat pump installation, and increased building insulation, achieving more than 50% energy savings over conventional building	None built			**PROVINCIAL**

PATHWAY: RESOURCE RECOVERY

OBJECTIVES	INDICATOR	2021	2022	2023	2024	JURISDICTION
Align with CleanBC and aim to divert 95% of organic waste (food waste only) from landfills	Level of progress on diversion of organic wastes	Planning 2 regional composting facilities	Creston composting facility operational Ootischenia & Grohman Narrows organics transfer infrastructure complete	Initial pre-waste composition study conducted - 30% of waste is organic matter Two organics composting facilities now open (Creston and Salmo)	Castlegar, Creston, and RDKB green bin curbside collection programs now underway Self haul organics now accepted at Creston and Ootischenia Landfills, and Grohman Narrows and Central Salmo Transfer Stations End-product compost ready and will be for-sale from both facilities in 2025	**PROVINCIAL**
	Implement a program to increase the awareness of opportunities to self-manage organic waste			Worked with a Community Ambassador from Wildsight on the creation of a backyard composting brochure - decided instead to direct residents to existing composting resources and focus on promoting the organics diversion (curbside collection efforts)	First container free program for residents who self-haul organics established Developed videos and social media communications around organic diversion, these have been shared with municipalities	**REGIONAL**
Achieve reductions in disposal rates that exceed alignment with the provincial target of 350 kg per person per year	Degree of implementation of the updated Resource Recovery Plan		RRP still under review by Province, so large components requiring long-term borrowing are on hold	Resource Recovery Plan approved by Province January 2023, and implementation is underway Plan will be reviewed in 2027/28		**REGIONAL**
	Level of progress on diversion of construction and demolition (C&D) wastes & other organic non-food wastes			Worked with Wildsight's Community Ambassadors to start assessing opportunities and limitations for diverting construction and demolition (C&D) waste in the RDCK	Attended Nelson's Embodied Carbon Advisory Group & discussed opportunities locally for C&D diversion Participating in Coast Waste Management Association's rural subgroup for C&D waste diversion	**REGIONAL**
	Level of progress towards a resource recovery system that is financially self-sufficient and incentivizes waste reduction			Contract awarded for System Efficiency Study - collecting financial data to support this	System Efficiency Study and Cost Recovery through Tipping Fee Analysis completed and report submitted to Board for review	**REGIONAL**

PATHWAY: RESOURCE RECOVERY

OBJECTIVES	INDICATOR	2021	2022	2023	2024	JURISDICTION
Complete a waste composition study to create a baseline for the RDCK and measure effectiveness of Resource Recovery Plan and Organic Waste Diversion Strategy.	Change in the composition of the landfills from baseline results from the Waste Composition Study)	Waste Composition Study proposed in the Resource Recovery Plan	Study planned for 2023 prior to starting organic diversion from Ootischenia landfill	Preliminary Waste Composition study completed, results coming soon	A second (post-effort) study will be needed to assess evaluate organics diversion and Resource Recovery Plan efforts - Preliminary Waste Composition Study estimates 67% of all garbage can be diverted **Study Results:** Compostable Organics - 24% Plastics - 14% Paper - 14% Non-Comostable Organics - 11% Building Materials - 11% Other - 9% Household Hygeine - 7% Metal - 4% Electronic Waste - 3% Glass - 2% Hazardous Household Waste - 1%	**REGIONAL**
Reduce the greenhouse gas emissions resulting from regional waste streams	Reduction in solid waste GHG emissions through methane capture or treatment.	194 tons CO_2e avoided by flairing in Creston in 2020	1290 tons CO_2e avoided by flairing in Creston in 2021 Completed Creston Landfill Phase 1E closure including landfill gas capture & flaring	1012 tons CO_2e (40.5 tonnes of methane combusted) avoided by flaring in Creston in 2022 (19% flare downtime) Expect an increase with additions and leakage improvements made to the system - Phase 1E increased annual methane capture from 58 tonnes/yr to 71 tonnes/yr	Passive flare still operating and reducing methane/GHG emissions associated with landfill gas (LFG) at Creston Landfill, but reductions no longer measured - system upgrades have likely increased reductions by an estimated 30% Pre-application for Green Municipal Fund approved, and full application will be submitted in Spring 2025 to fund an assessment for viable waste-to-energy systems and business models for small rural landfills	**PROVINCIAL** **FEDERAL**
	Improvements to landfill septage management			Considering contracting septage management with a municipal facility - if not possible will consider building a facility in Salmo	Staff attend Liquid Waste Management Plan (LWMP) Advisory Committees to advocate for septage solutions Creston is near completion of a detailed design for a septage receiving facility, RDCK will fund this work Working on a pilot to accept biosolids from the City of Nelson Wastewater Treatment facility at Salmo Composting Facility	**REGIONAL**

PATHWAY: AGRICULTURE & FOOD SUPPLY

OBJECTIVES	INDICATOR	2021	2022	2023	2024	JURISDICTION
Support efforts to improve the capacity, feasibility, and climate resiliency of local agriculture	# of new farms.	537 (2016)	Awaiting 2021 Census results	461 (2021 data) New conceptual definition for 'farm' introduced, so can't be compared with historical data	Awaiting 2026 Census results	**PRIVATE**
	Gross farm receipts	$45,582,870 (2016 capital) $518,235,558 (2016 gross)		$694,544,050 - capital (2021) $488,278,314 - gross receipts (2021)		**PRIVATE**
	# of hectares in production (farmland use)	21,267 ha (2016)		17,356 ha (2021)		**PRIVATE**
	# of Agricultural Land Reserve (ALR) Exemptions or ALC Applications	16 applications	0 As of 2021, public cannot apply to remove land from ALR, but other application types exist. ALC applications received in 2022: • 4 Subdivision within ALR applications • 2 Non-Farm Use within ALR applications	Indicator Discontinued ALR exclusions must now be requested as part of an OCP or block request (5+ properties or 5+ acres)		**REGIONAL**
Establish and nurture partnerships with a wide variety of involved organizations, and actively maintain a high level of regional collaboration on local agriculture initiatives	Level of engagement and support for food producers and the agricultural industry for increased climate variability (research, education infrastructure) and regional food resiliency	Engaged with Climate Change Adaptation Project - Kootenay and Boundary Adaptation Strategies for Agriculture Plan and related projects	Continued engaging with Climate Change Adaptation Program on agriculture climate adapttion projects related to flood and wildfire preparedness	Extensive engagement with the public regarding the RDCK Climate Action Plan revealed supporting agriculture as a top community priority, agriculture and food-related action items were added to the RDCK Ideas for Climate Action	Attended Basin Food & Buyers Expo - workshops on regional opportunities and challenges for food system resilience CSLAC provided $10,000 Elk Root to launch the Community Food Box pilot, which supported 20 multi-generational families with free, fresh produce over the spring, summer, and fall Resource Recovery department exploring how food recovery and organic waste diversion goals can align and are pursuing a pilot project next year	**PRIVATE, PUBLIC**
	Continuation of funding and collaboration with the Central Kootenay Food Policy Council - now known as the Central Kootenay Food Council (CKFC)				RDCK contributed $20,000 to support the Kootenay Distribution Pilot of Grow & Connect project (networking app to connect suppliers/buyers with transport providers) CKFC is collaborating with Selkirk College on the role of Food Hubs in regional food system resiliency CKFC is updating the Farm & Food Directory	**REGIONAL**
	Continuation of funding and collaboration with the Kootenay Boundary Farm Advisory (KBFA)	Engaged with KBFA on Evidence-based Planning project			KBFA is working with the Ministry of Agriculture on soil management - Launched the Kootenay Soil Building Network KBFA secured 6 years of continued core funding	**REGIONAL**

PATHWAY: COMMUNITY SYSTEMS WATER SUPPLY

OBJECTIVES	INDICATOR	2021	2022	2023	2024	JURISDICTION
Enhance regional water conservation	# of residents in RDCK water systems signed up for irrigation assessments or attending Xeriscape Demonstration Garden tours	Some garden tours, but WaterSmart program not run due to COVID & no funding	Considering reestablishing program	Engaged public on the WaterSmart program revision, but renewal rejected, no funding available	Indicator Discontinued This program is no longer offered	
Creating the conditions for regional collaborative decision making to protect watersheds where drinking water sources are at risk	Implementation of the Water Governance Initiative				Partnering with yaqan nuʔkiy to develop water sustainability goals for the Goat River Watershed (including Duck and Arrow systems). Including planning initial collective and individual actions, engaging interest group, learn together and individually, and report on progress Continuing to support the development of the Slocan Lake and River Partnership (SLRP)	**REGIONAL**
	Funding accessed for small water system users to support resilience planning		$25,000 approved from CSLAC to support a cumulative impact study in Duck Creek watershed on proposed logging activities		Funding received from Watershed Security Fund to work on Goat River Watershed sustainability planning	**REGIONAL**
	Level of increase in surface and groundwater monitoring programs			Worked with Living Lakes Canada on Surface Water Monitoring survey to identify potential stream monitoring sites across Columbia Basin	Supported Living Lakes Canada on a grant application for a basin wide aquifer study Conducted the Creston Valley Alternative Water Feasibility Supply study (https://engage.rdck.ca/cvstudy)	**REGIONAL**
	Level of engagement and collaboration with First Nations			Working with the Okanagan Nation Alliance on the Slocan Lake and River Partnership Working with Yaqanuki in the Duck Creek watershed	Working with Syilx (Okanagan Nation Alliance) and Sinixt Confederacy on Slocan Lake and River Partnership (SLRP) Partnering with yaqan nuʔkiy on water sustainability for the Goat River Watershed	**REGIONAL, FIRST NATIONS**
Focus on water protection as well as watershed landscape planning	Development of plans and policies to support water supply resiliency measures through land planning management			Source Water Protetion Plan for Balfour completed	Source Water Protection Plan (SWPP) completed for Woodbury Area I OCP update is prepared and will include Riparian Protection, and Aquifer Protection DPAs but has not had any readings yet	**REGIONAL**

PATHWAY: CORPORATE SYSTEMS WATER SUPPLY

OBJECTIVES	INDICATOR	2021	2022	2023	2024	JURISDICTION
Undertake and complete capital infrastructure upgrades to address system leakage, storage capacity, and water quality concerns	Reduced number of mainline breaks and system leakage				Mainline repairs (over 1.28 kilometres of pipe) in Lister, and Duhamel where there were known leakages and recent breakages ($1.16 million spent)	**REGIONAL**
Improve management of RDCK systems to prepare for the impacts of climate change	Continued and improved management of RDCK water systems					**REGIONAL**
	Level of monitoring of RDCK-operated water systems				Post-reservoir meter installed in Ymir & Riondel to enhance data collection & night flow analysis	**REGIONAL**
	Level of development and implementation of a Leak Detection Strategy			Leak detection performed on Edgewood & Burton distribution systems led to significant leak repairs	The Ymir post-reservoir meter data showed that a leak repaired by a resident on a private line led to a reduction of 1 litre/second in night flow-rates, potentially saving >31.5 million litres in a year	**REGIONAL**
	Level of development and implementation of a Metering Implementation Strategy			Secured $1.2 million funding for first phase metering project to meter Agricultural properties > 7 acres. Installations expected in 2024. Applied for additional Investment Agriculture Foundation grant	Phase 1 of metering Industrial, Commercial, and Institutional users, and Agricultural properties >5 acres underway in Erickson	**REGIONAL**
	Reduction in water consumption	6,648,226 m3 (2020 - all RDCK systems)	6,903,234 m3 (2021 - all RDCK systems)	6,672,880 m3 (2022 - all RDCK systems) - 3.3% (all systems) 1080 l/connection (excluding Erickson & Arrow Creek)	6,401,797 (2023 - all RDCK systems) - 4.1% (all systems) 1114 l/connection (excluding Erickson & Arrow Creek)	**REGIONAL**

PATHWAY: FLOODING & GEOHAZARDS

OBJECTIVES	INDICATOR	2021	2022	2023	2024	JURISDICTION
Increase emergency preparedness and resilience of communities	# of Neighborhood Emergency Preparedness Plans (NEPPs)	0 NEPP Guide completed, and template being drafted	8 NETs have developed Emergency Preparedness Plans	13 active Neighbourhood Emergency Teams (NETs)	Indicator Discontinued Plans are no longer submitted to the RDCK, so there is no way to track this data	**PUBLIC**
	Level of improvements made to the Neighborhood Emergency Preparedness Program (NEPP)				Developed 3 free online resources to support interested neighbourhoods: - Updated NEPP template - Handbook for teams - Updated Guide to the Plan	**REGIONAL**
Support communities in developing resilience to flood and geohazard risk	Flood and geohazard maps for identified high risk areas are updated and available for the public	Updated mapping published online		Indicator Discontinued These are developed on a case-by-case basis in emergency situations		**REGIONAL**
	Identify acceptable levels of risk and integrate these into guidelines and policy		Applied for funding	Secured funding	Project scoping and RFP for contractor selection will go out in early 2025 to help characterize what the RDCK considers acceptable or safe when developing in areas exposed to geotechnical hazards	**REGIONAL**
	Development of risk reduction strategies for identified high hazard areas	Mapping of the 16 priority Floodplain & Steep Creek hazard areas completed in 2020 - 3 identified high-priority areas	Waiting on funding	Detailed risk mitigation plans created for the 3 identified high-priority areas	Assessing the implications of structural flood mitigation strategies identified through the National Disaster Mitigation Program project that highlighted three high-priority flood hazard areas	**REGIONAL**
Consider flood and geohazard risk within the RDCK when making land use decisions	Development of plans and policies to support flood and geohazard adaptation measures through building and land planning management			Floodplain mapping will be added to the existing Flooplain Bylaw rather than as DPAs to OCPs (regional approach) Creston Valley Flood Mitigation Plan identified gaps in floodplain bylaws and local regulations	Update underway of Floodplain Bylaw, currently pursuing additional funding	**REGIONAL**
	# of Site-Specific Floodplain Exclusions	5 (1 cancelled)	4 (2 issued)	4 (1 cancelled, 1 issued, 2 in progress)	2 (both issued)	**REGIONAL**

PATHWAY: WILDFIRE

OBJECTIVES	INDICATOR	2021	2022	2023	2024	JURISDICTION
Increase participation in FireSmart Program	# of FireSmart Neighbourhoods recognized as FireSmart Communities	14	20	27	34 (8 new, 1 didn't renew)	REGIONAL, PUBLIC
	# and $-value of FireSmart Rebates awarded	73	122	94	115	PROVINCIAL, REGIONAL
	# of FireSmart Home Partners Home Assessments completed annually	326	285	411	527	REGIONAL, PUBLIC
	# of homeowners received FireSmart Home Partners certification	3	1	1	2 (15 since program started)	REGIONAL, PUBLIC
Incorporate wildfire adaptation measures through building and land planning management to reduce wildfire risk	Development of plans and policies to support wildfire adaptation measures through building and land planning management			5 Community Wildfire Resiliency Plans updated	6 Community Wildfire Resiliency Plans updated LEEP Wildfire Resistant Building training promoted Developed the RDCK Wildfire Resilience Contractors program with 29 contractors added A Wildfire DPA has been added to the Area I OCP draft	REGIONAL, PUBLIC
Mitigate and adapt to wildfire risk by creating fuel-breaks around at-risk communities	# of hectares treated (or dollars spent) - Through direct RDCK funding		No system in place to collect this data, work is completed by many parties		Indicator Discontinued Provincial Crown Land Wildfire Risk Reduction Program - community forests apply directly to Province	PROVINCIAL
	# of hectares treated (or dollars spent) - Through funders OTHER than the RDCK			Planning work in Selous Creek through a partnership between FP Innovations, Selkirk College, and Kalesnikoff	The RDCK funds and participates in the regional and sub-regional wildfire round-tables. Funding has been acquired to support GIS mapping to track data from various community organizations doing this work	PROVINCIAL, PRIVATE

PATHWAY: LEADERSHIP & OPERATIONS

OBJECTIVES	INDICATOR	2021	2022	2023	2024	JURISDICTION
Develop and maintain robust carbon pollution and energy inventories to accurately inform decision makers and to track direct impacts and progress towards climate action targets	Comprehensiveness of Corporate GHG & Energy data			Portfolio Manager (for corporate buildings) collecting data, but improvements needed to better track fleet and stationary equipment	Developed community and corporate GHG emission inventories (based on 2023 data) included in the 2021 - 2024 RDCK State of Climate Action package	**REGIONAL**
	Increased understanding of regional climate projections and impacts				Community Resilience Coordinator conducted research on the local impacts of climate change and extreme climate events. Currently drafting educational resources on this	**REGIONAL**
Provide leadership and participate in multi-agency intiatives to accelerate climate action & mitigation efforts within the RDCK	Level of collaboration with other agencies on climate action			Participated in a year-long process with the Tamarack Institute Supported Cool It program which explored climate activisim and education in classrooms around the RDCK	Worked with a Steering Committee to plan for the development of the Rural Mobility Community Advisory Committee Collaborated with First Nations Emergency Services Society (FNESS) at subregional Emergency Preparedness Committees sharing data and research from across the region with Lightship GIS project	**REGIONAL**
Update and improve RDCK systems and guiding documents to better support and further climate actions and initiatives	Improvements to Asset Management framework		Inventory of assets completed	Consultant hired to conduct a review of the Asset Management Plan and make recommendations for improvements	Report expected by the end of 2024 that will recommend best practices, staff workshops were conducted to guage the current state of different departments	**REGIONAL**
	Incorporation of sustainability into Procurement decisions				No progress on the update of the Purchasing Policy, but a Purchasing Officer was hired	**REGIONAL**
	Enhance Emergency Management Services			Backup Emergency Operations Center built	Planning to create a mobile Emergency Operations Center Added a third Emergency Programs Coordinator role	**REGIONAL, PROVINCIAL**
Align decision making with the RDCK's carbon pollution targets in all areas (i.e.. land use & planning, building construction, project management) and provide staff with resources to support climate targets and goals	Update and implement new policies	Better Building Policy drafted	Climate Action Plan drafted, awaiting Board approval	Climate Action Plan review delayed for further public engagement Training for staff on Better Building Policy	RDCK Ideas for Climate Action replaced the Climate Action Plan based on community input and priorities - this is a list of potential ideas for staff to build business cases for prior to exploring	**REGIONAL**
	Level and quality of consideration of climate impacts in Board Reports & decisions				In cue, may come next year	**REGIONAL**
	Development and uptake of an internal carbon budgeting tool	Some preliminary research conducted on potential options			Not enough internal capacity for this currently, may need to be considered on a project-to-project basis	**REGIONAL**
	Progress towards digitization of processes			Some digitization of departmental processes (i.e. online fillable forms and digital signatures)		**REGIONAL**
	Develop a post disaster recovery plan			Indicator Discontinued These are developed on a case-by-case basis in emergency situations		**REGIONAL**

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State of Climate Action in the RDCK
2025 Update

ONGOING RDCK CLIMATE ACTION

Many climate action measures are underway and have been in progress for years. The annual RDCK State of Climate Action report provides an update on work that is in progress.

The State of Climate Action (SoCA) is a reporting framework that aims to:

- Help the RDCK track the progress towards its climate action objectives and targets;
- Evaluate and improve its climate action initiatives and efforts;
- Maintain public transparency on these processes; and,
- Demonstrate climate action leadership.

By tracking and reporting on climate action, the RDCK will also be able to find ways to streamline its efforts, achieve co-benefits through integration and collaboration between projects and initiatives, and optimize the use of time and resources.

POTENTIAL FUTURE RDCK CLIMATE ACTION

The RDCK held an extensive public engagement process in 2023 on a draft Climate Action Plan.

Staff used the feedback from the engagement process to develop RDCK Ideas for Climate Action. In April 2024, the Board directed staff to explore climate action priorities that are practical and affordable and based on RDCK Ideas for Climate Action.

In order for an idea to move forward, staff would need to do a business case and bring it to the Board of Directors to vote on at a public meeting.

HOW TO READ THIS DOCUMENT

Pages 2 and 3 are a quick snapshot of pathways, goals and the average score for each of the 10 pathways. Pages 4-12 provide more detail with objectives, indicators, whether the RDCK has jurisdiction and an update on progress.

How did we get the score?

First we looked at each indicator and determined whether there was strong progress (green - 2), moderate progress (yellow - 1), or limited progress (red - 0). Once all indicators within a given pathway were scored, an average was taken to provide the overall score for that pathway.

Progress on RDCK Climate Action

While the RDCK is ambitious in its climate action, many of the actions in the following pages will take years to show progress as they are complex and often multi-year initiatives. Some indicators may not change for several years depending on what the work is. Read through the pages to get a sense of how progress is being made and where efforts may be taking longer.

In 2025, the RDCK:

- Updated Area I Official Community Plan including improved aquifer, riparian area, and wildfire protections
- Saw a 36% increase in transit ridership
- Contributed and/or leveraged >$200,000 in funding to improve transportation options in rural communities
- Processed 1,683 tons of organic waste into compost
- Avoided >48 million litres/year of water leakage by detecting and fixing 2 leaks on farms in Erickson
- Delivered 357 FireSmart home assessments with 10% of civic addresses now assessed

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The RDCK`s climate action goals, objectives, targets and indicators are grouped into the following pathways.

PATHWAY	GOALS	AVERAGED SCORE
LAND USE & PLANNING	Ensure RDCK policies and decision-making guidelines promote healthy, sustainable and low-carbon lifestyles for residents, and minimize risks associated with natural hazards.	1.8
TRANSPORTATION & MOBILITY	Develop an integrated active and low-carbon regional transportation network that supports universal access to services and amenities.	1.3
ENERGY	Build grid resilience and transition to a low-carbon future through clean energy efforts, including reducing emissions, improving efficiency and using sustainable energy sources.	1.0
BUILDINGS	Encourage improvements to existing buildings by improving energy efficiency and reducing carbon pollution.	0.8
RESOURCE RECOVERY	Improve the health of our natural ecosystem by reducing the RDCK's environmental impact through the assessment and diversion of waste from landfills, while simultaneously advancing the recovery of waste through improved waste management and new technologies.	1.8

SCORING

- Strong Progress
- Moderate Progress
- Limited Progress

PATHWAY	GOALS	AVERAGED SCORE
WATER SUPPLY	Strengthen watershed governance and implement strategies to protect drinking water and agricultural water supply.	1.8
FOOD SUPPLY & AGRICULTURE	Support a sustainable and resilient regional food system, through climate adapted agricultural strategies that enhance local food security and ensure access for all residents.	1.8
FLOODING & GEOHAZARDS	Reduce community vulnerability by promoting emergency preparedness and risk assessments, and assessing infrastructure for opportunities to adapt against increased flooding and geohazard events.	1.6
WILDFIRE	Reduce fire risk within and around each RDCK community, while adapting to more frequent and intense fires.	1.6
LEADERSHIP & OPERATIONS	Incorporate a climate lens for all Board decision making to prioritize climate action and adaptation.	0.9

SCORING

- Strong Progress
- Moderate Progress
- Limited Progress

PATHWAY: LAND USE & PLANNING

OBJECTIVES	INDICATOR	UPDATE	JURISDICTION	STATUS
Update planning policies and bylaws to guide future development to create sustainable and complete communities	Number of Official Community Plans (OCPs) over 10 years old	8 of 11 (Area I completed)	Regional	Moderate Progress
	Level of progress and engagement on regional growth planning	Board has committed to develop two sub-regional Official Community Plans (OCPs): • Sub-Regional OCP for Electoral Areas F, H, J, K • Sub-Regional OCP for Electoral Areas A, B, C • RDCK undertaking a Regional & Local Community Needs Project in collaboration with Castlegar, Nelson, Creston, Salmo, Slocan, Kaslo, and Nakusp	Regional	Strong Progress
	Number of new RDCK parks and/or improvements to existing parks	• RDCK purchased a 4.4-acre property (3823 Goat Canyon Road) that will soon allow long-term public access to the Goat River in a cherished community gathering location	Regional	Strong Progress
Leverage planning policy to reduce the risk threshold of community development decisions and projects	Level of progress and improvements made to landuse policy frameworks for hazards (flood, fire, erosion)	Area I 2025 OCP (Sentinel Mountain OCP) includes enhanced land use objectives and policies for hazard lands and: • Development Approval Information Areas (DAIAs) • Aquifer Protection Development Permit Areas (APDPs) • Riparian Protection Development Permit Areas (RPDP) • Wildfire Development Permit Areas (WDPs) • RDCK has initiatied a Floodplain Management Bylaw project in partnership with Village of Salmo	Regional	Strong Progress
	Number of OCPs with updated hazard Development Permit Areas (DPAs)	1 Area I - Sentinel Mountain OCP include updated Hazard DPAs	Regional	Strong Progress

PATHWAY: TRANSPORTATION & MOBILITY

OBJECTIVES	INDICATOR	UPDATE	JURISDICTION	STATUS
Support improvements to the regional transportation network and increased accessible, and affordable low-carbon transportation options for all residents (with a focus on equity-seeking populations)	Number of new transportation trails added	• Rural Mobility Community Advisory Committee has been supporting the North Slocan Trails Society to investigate the feasibility of adding an active transportation link between New Denver & Silverton • RDCK is working with the Nelson Area Community Transportation group to accomodate connector trails between uphill Nelson and the Great Northern Rail Trail	Provincial, Regional, Municipal	Moderate Progress
	Level of progress towards an improved regional network of rural, alternative and low-carbon transportation options, or mobility mosaic	• Established the Rural Mobility Community Advisory Committee (RMCAC) This group has collaborated on a series of rural community transportation initiatives including, childrens bicycle education programming, active transportation infrastructure investigations, regionalshared mobility programs, and has also channeled community input into RDCK transit services • The RDCK has directly accessed or contributed > $100,000 in grant funding towards rural mobility initiatives informed by the RMCAC, and leverage approximately $100,000 in external funding opportunities accessed by community partners	Regional	Strong Progress
	Increase in annual public transit ridership	1,050,000 rides (+36%) • This significant increase is likely due to real increases in ridership as well as the installation of Automated Passenger Counters on buses that allow for more accurate data collection than previously possible	Provincial	Strong Progress
	Improvements made to regional transit services and systems	• In 2025, RDCK passed a motion establishing transit apportionment equation for the West Transit Service. This delineates how transit services and associated costs are divided across the region, and will help facilitate service adjustments and improvements in the future	Provincial, Regional	Strong Progress
By 2035, plan to shift all new cars to be zero emission vehicles (ZEV), which aligns with the provincial CleanBC goal, and transitioning large diesel vehicles to run on low-carbon fuels	# of ZEV's purchased by the RDCK	• None purchased in 2025 • An Electric Vehicle (EV) orientation event was provided for staff with a presentation, test drives, and local Toyota rep sharing expertise on the new Toyota bZ4X • An EV tips sheet was also developed outlining best practices for EV travel and charging stations across RDCK	Regional	Moderate Progress

PATHWAY: ENERGY

OBJECTIVES	INDICATOR	UPDATE	JURISDICTION	STATUS
Engage in efforts to improve grid resilience and future-proof electrical infrastructure	Increase in rural community grid resiliency	• Grid Stability Pilot Project is complete. • Administered by Lardeau Valley Opportunity LINKS Society, provided rebates of up to $1,000 to help 41 eligible households and businesses establish or enhance back-up power systems	Regional, Utility	Strong Progress
	Level of engagement and advocacy with Province and Utilities on rural energy resiliency	• Secured funding from FortisBC for retrofit rebate top-ups alongside the Home Save program ($65,000/yr for next 3 years)	Regional, Provincial, Utility	Moderate Progress
Support a regional transition to 100% renewable energy by 2050	Level of leadership, education, and engagement around the transition to renewable energy	• Renewed effort to transition Kaslo Transfer Station from diesel generation to solar power for heating and electrical loads	Regional	Moderate Progress
Develop and maintain robust carbon pollution and energy inventories (both corporate & community) to accurately inform decision makers and to track direct impacts and progress towards climate action targets	Total corporate GHG emissions	**2024 Total**: 2,059 tonnes CO2e **Facilities**: 1,399 tCO2e **Fleet**: 294 tCO2e **Contracted Services**: 366 tCO2e	Regional	Limited Progress
	Total corporate energy use	• GHG Emission Reduction Pathway Study completed for RDCK facilities • Delivered 5 training sessions to Facility Managers on energy monitoring and management • Prioritized Energy Control Measures that will be implemented through the Asset Management Plan as assets reach end-of-service life	Regional	Moderate Progress
	Total community GHG emissions	• Inventory to be updated every 5 years • Developed and published a public summary of the 2023 Community Inventory for wide audiences	Regional, Municipal, Private, Public	Moderate Progress

PATHWAY: BUILDINGS

	OBJECTIVES	INDICATOR	UPDATE	JURISDICTION	STATUS
COMMUNITY BUILDINGS	Align new Community & Residential buildings with provincial Step Code timelines (Part 3 & Part 9 buildings respectively) encouraging community organizations and residents to push for Net Zero Ready for all new builds by 2030	Operational energy & emission performance of newly constructed Part 9 residences	78 permitted Part 9 homes were built in 2025, achieving the following levels of Energy & Zero Carbon Step Code performance: Energy Step 1: 12 Energy Step 2: 2 Energy Step 3: 26 Energy Step 4: 31 Energy Step 5: 7 Zero Carbon Level 2: 1 Zero Carbon Level 3: 1 Unidentified Level: 76	Provincial	Strong Progress
	Encourage residents and businesses to retrofit existing buildings to meet 20-30% energy efficiency improvements	Number of homes signed up Regional Energy Efficiency Program	149 (1,389 since program began)	Regional & Municipal	Moderate Progress
		Reduction of GHG emissions from REEP housing stock	• The Regional Energy Efficiency Program (REEP) has been replaced by Home Save, a new City of Nelson-RDCK collaborative home retrofit program that will begin tracking this metric. This new program will include in-house rebates and is set to launch in spring of 2026	Regional & Municipal	Moderate Progress
		Level of outreach, education, and engagement with industry and public on energy retrofits	• The new regional retrofit program - Home Save - will include an extensive public outreach campaign	Regional, Municipal, Utility, Private	Moderate Progress
CORPORATE BUILDINGS	Corporate structures will adhere to the Better Building Policy for RDCK Facilities to ensure that all existing buildings continue to improve on energy efficiency	Number of RDCK's existing facilities retrofitted to high performance attributes	• Arrow Lakes water treatment facility HVAC upgrades completed • Committed $20,000 LGCAP funding towards Resource Recovery facility programmable thermostats • Upgrading community complex HVAC systems and controls, and committed $15,000 of LGCAP funding towards purchasing and installing Direct Digital Controls to improve system efficiency through automation	Regional	Strong Progress

PATHWAY: RESOURCE RECOVERY

OBJECTIVES	INDICATOR	UPDATE	JURISDICTION	STATUS
Align with CleanBC and aim to divert 95% of organic waste (food waste only) from landfills	Level of progress on diversion of organic wastes	• 230 tonnes of organics collected at Creston facility • 1,453 tonnes collected at Salmo facility in 2025 • Initiated sale of compost material from Salmo facility. Donated compost from Creston Facility to Fields Forward • Initiated pilot to incentivize Institutional, Commercial, Industrial (ICI) sector organics diversion • Drafted a bylaw amendment to regulate the disposal of organic waste by ICI sector (surcharges for loads of ICI waste containing >10% organics/recycling)	Provincial	Strong Progress
	Implement a program to increase the awareness of opportunities to self-manage organic waste	• Secured funding through Columbia Basin Trust for a rural residential self-haul program, two part-time rural focused organics ambassadors that will assist with kit distribution. In 2025, initiated planning for 2026 launch of self-haul funded program, and developing job descriptions for organic ambassadors.	Regional	Strong Progress
Achieve reductions in disposal rates that exceed alignment with the provincial target of 350 kg per person per year	Degree of implementation of the updated Resource Recovery Plan	Status of Capital projects and new programs listed in Resource Recovery Plan: • 52% - complete • 25% - in progress • 12% - not proceeding • 12% - yet to be initiated	Regional	Strong Progress
	Level of progress on diversion of construction and demolition wastes	• RDCK and City of Nelson collaborated on the design of a Multi-Material Construction Waste Diversion Pilot that is set to launch in Spring 2026, initially targetting drywall and glass	Regional	Strong Progress
Reduce the greenhouse gas emissions resulting from regional waste streams	Reduction in GHG emissions through methane capture or treatment	• 1,405 tonnes of CO_2e avoided by flaring in Creston in 2024 • Awarded funding in support of a feasibility study for landfill gas management at Ootischenia and Creston landfills and completed procurement	Provincial, Federal	Moderate Progress
	Improvements to landfill septage management	• Stage I of the Castlegar Liquid Waste Management Plan was finalized in 2025. • The detailed design work for the Creston receiving facility is complete	Regional	Strong Progress

PATHWAY: WATER SUPPLY

	OBJECTIVES	INDICATOR	UPDATE	JURISDICTION	STATUS
COMMUNITY WATER SYSTEMS	Creating the conditions for regional collaborative decision making to protect watersheds where drinking water sources are at risk	Funding accessed for small water system users to support resilience planning	• Secured funding through Investment Agriculture Foundation to support agricultural water users in the Goat River Watershed • Conducted the Quartz Creek Natural Asset Management Plan for the Ymir Water system • Completed the Terms of Reference for the Slocan Lake and River Partnership	Regional	Strong Progress
		Level of increase in surface and groundwater monitoring programs	No increase in monitoring in 2025	Regional	Limited Progress
		Level of engagement and collaboration with First Nations	• Working with Syilx (Okanagan Nation Alliance) and Sinixt Confederacy on Slocan Lake and River Partnership (SLRP) • Working with Ktunaxa Nation and yaqan nu?kiy on the Kootenay Lake Partnership (KLP) • Partnering with yaqan nu?kiy on water sustainability for the Goat River Watershed	Regional, First Nations	Strong Progress
	Focus on water protection as well as watershed landscape planning	Development of plans and policies to support water supply resiliency measures through land planning management	• Source Water Protection Plan (SWPP) completed for Lister • Area I OCP updated in 2025, includes Riparian and Aquifer Protection Development Permit Areas	Regional	Strong Progress
CORPORATE WATER SYSTEMS	Improve management of RDCK systems to prepare for the impacts of climate change	Level of monitoring of RDCK-operated water systems	• New post-flow meter installed on Duhamel system • New outflow meter installed and operating on Grandview water system	Regional	Strong Progress
		Level of development and implementation of a Leak Detection Strategy	• 2 leaks detected and repaired in Erickson during first half of agricultuaral property meter installations This will save about 131,870 litres/day • Metering and leak detection on Balfour system has also reduced consumption by ~25%	Regional	Strong Progress
		Level of development and implementation of a Metering Implementation Strategy	• Phase 1 of meter installation in Erickson underway (80 of 150 planned meters installed for large agricultural properties) • Phase 2 planned for 500 residential connections	Regional	Strong Progress

PATHWAY: AGRICULTURE & FOOD SUPPLY

OBJECTIVES	INDICATOR	UPDATE	JURISDICTION	STATUS
Establish and nurture partnerships with a wide variety of involved organizations, and actively maintain a high level of regional collaboration on local agriculture initiatives	Level of engagement and support for food producers and the agricultural industry for increased climate variability (research, education infrastructure) and regional food resiliency	• Engaged with > 25 producers and community members (including > 15 active farms) regarding water supply resilience across the Goat River Watershed through in-person visits, calls, emails, event attendance, and local outreach	Private, Public	**Strong Progress**
	Continuation of funding and collaboration with the Kootenay Food Council	**In 2025 the Kootenay Food Council:** • Released its 8th Annual Farm & Food Directory • Launched the Grow & Connect Platform (beta version) This app helps coordinate transportation needs between food sector producers & buyers • Advanced the Kootenay Food Procurement Network Pilot with $20,000 to bridge food access institutional purchasing and recovery with local resources	Regional	**Strong Progress**
	Continuation of funding and collaboration with the Kootenay Boundary Farm Advisory	**In 2025, the Kootenay Boundary Farm Advisory:** • Delivered 192 1-on-1 farmer engagements and 56 farm visits • Conducted 80 food producers engagements across the RDCK • Accessed 8 agricultural expert supports • Hosted 16 events and held 35 meetings • Continued to host the Kootenay Soil Building Network	Regional	**Strong Progress**
	Support and collaborate with the Kootenay Food Council on a regional Food Systems Report Card	**KFC - Food Systems Report Card sneak peek** In the RDCK there are: • 138 farms • 67 farmgate sales locations • 36 food processors • 11 emergency food services Stay tuned for KFC's upcoming pilot report	Regional	**Strong Progress**

PATHWAY: FLOODING & GEOHAZARDS

OBJECTIVES	INDICATOR	UPDATE	JURISDICTION	STATUS
Increase emergency preparedness and resilience of communities	Level of improvements made to the Neighborhood Emergency Preparedness Program (NEPP)	• Strengthening the NEPP through a Columbia Basin Trust-funded Community Readiness project by expanding training, developing new program materials, and supporting greater community participation. This includes enhancing local capacity through outreach, improved resources, and more structured support for neighbourhood-level preparedness.	Regional	Strong Progress
Support communities in developing resilience to flood and geohazard risk	Identify acceptable levels of risk and integrate these into guidelines and policy	• Drafted a Risk Tolerance Policy that should be in place by the end of the 2026 that will help characterize what the RDCK considers acceptable or safe when developing in areas exposed to geotechnical hazards.	Regional	Moderate Progress
	Development of risk reduction strategies for identified high hazard areas	• Continued assessing the implications of structural flood mitigation strategies identified through the National Disaster Mitigation Program project and highlighted three high-priority flood hazard areas, and now seeking funding to address structural mitigation options where applicable.	Regional	Moderate Progress
Consider flood and geohazard risk within the RDCK when making land use decisions	Development of plans and policies to support flood and geohazard adaptation measures through building and land planning management	• RDCK has initiatied a Floodplain Management Bylaw project in partnership with Village of Salmo • The RDCK Board adopted the OCP for Electoral Area I: Sentinel Mountain Official Community Plan (Electoral Area I) Bylaw No. 2821, 2024, in 2025. OCP include enhanced land use objectives and policies for hazard lands, as well as policies related to: • Development Approval Information Areas (DAIAs) Riparian Protection Development Permit (RPDP) Areas	Regional	Strong Progress
	Number of Site-Specific Floodplain Exclusions	• 3 applications • 2 approved	Regional	Strong Progress

PATHWAY: WILDFIRE

OBJECTIVES	INDICATOR	UPDATE	JURISDICTION	STATUS
Increase participation in FireSmart Program	Number of FireSmart Neighbourhoods recognized as FireSmart Communities	32 (5 new, changes in municipal partnerships resulted in overall decrease)	Regional, Public	Strong Progress
	Number and dollar-value of FireSmart Rebates awarded	95 rebates • $246,302 total across Electoral Areas • 10% of all civic addresses in Elecoral Areas have been assessed	Provincial, Regional	Strong Progress
	# of FireSmart Home Partners Home Assessments completed annually	357	Regional, Public	Moderate Progress
	# of homeowners received FireSmart Home Partners certification	0	Regional, Public	Limited Progress
Support RDCK residents and communities to be aware, informed, and resilient towards the risks of wildfire	Level of community engagement regarding wildfire risk Hours spent engaging and educating community	**2025 Youth Climate Corps** • Presented on RDCK FireSmart Programming in communities throughout the RDCK Wildfire Mitigation specialist spent 232 hours in community engagement/public education events across region	Regional, Public	Strong Progress
Incorporate wildfire adaptation measures through building and land planning management to reduce wildfire risk	Development of plans and policies to support wildfire adaptation measures through building and land planning management	• 2 Community Wildfire Resiliency Plans (CWRP) were updated in 2025 - Area H North and South • Continued RDCK Wildfire Resilience Contractors program • A Wildfire DPA has now been implemented in Area I	Regional, Public	Strong Progress
Mitigate and adapt to wildfire risk by creating fuel-breaks around at-risk communities	# of hectares treated (or dollars spent) - Through funders OTHER than the RDCK	• The RDCK funds and participates in the regional and sub-regional wildfire roundtables • Developed web-based Wildfire Resilience Planning Tool to support GIS mapping to track data from various organizations • Successfully applied for funding from Columbia Basin Trust to facilitate prescription development and implementation for 6 potential treatment units identified in local CWRPS	Provincial, Private	Strong Progress

PATHWAY: LEADERSHIP & OPERATIONS

OBJECTIVES	INDICATOR	UPDATE	JURISDICTION	STATUS
Develop and maintain robust carbon pollution and energy inventories to accurately inform decision makers and to track direct impacts and progress towards climate action targets	Comprehensiveness of Corporate GHG & Energy data	• Published the RDCK 2023 Community GHG Inventory and developed a Summary of this technical document that has been a published alongside it to support residents to understand the key takeaways and next steps recommended in the report	Regional	Strong Progress
Provide leadership and participate in multi-agency intiatives to accelerate climate action & mitigation efforts within the RDCK	Level of collaboration with other agencies on climate action	• Continued working and engaging closely with many community organizations on regional transportation initiatives through the Rural Mobility Community Advisory Committee	Regional	Strong Progress
Update and improve RDCK systems and guiding documents to better support and further climate actions and initiatives	Improvements to Asset Management framework	• Following an asset management analysis that included setting up an Asset Management Steering Committee and undertaking workshops with staff to develop prioritization criteria, the Asset Management Coordinator (AMC) was hired to review the RDCK's asset inventory and identify all remaining gaps. The AMC then drafted a 3-year Asset Management Plan that is undergoing final review and revisions	Regional	Strong Progress
	Incorporation of sustainability into Procurement decisions		Regional	Limited Progress
	Enhancements to Emergency Management Services	• Strengthening operational effectiveness by modernizing EOC systems and building greater coordination with municipal and regional partners	Provincial, Regional	Strong Progress
Align decision making with the RDCK's carbon pollution targets in all areas (i.e.. land use & planning, building construction, project management) and provide staff with resources to support climate targets and goals	Level of improvement made to RDCK policies to align with RDCK's climate action targets		Regional	Limited Progress
	Level and quality of consid-eration of climate impacts in Board Reports & decisions		Regional	Limited Progress

2026 Union of BC Municipalities Convention

Summary Notes of Meetings with the Province of British Columbia

Report Date: 2026-10-09
Prepared By: Mike Morrison, Corporate Officer

September 9,2026 - Ministry of Transportation and Transit (virtual)

Topic: Inland Ferries and the need for surety for communities

RDCK Attendees: Aidan McLaren-Caux, Councillor Village of Nakusp/RDCK Vice Chair; Aimee Watson, RDCK Area D Director/RDCK Board Chair; Garry Jackman, RDCK Area A/Rural Affairs Committee Chair; Stuart Horn, RDCK Chief Administrative Officer; Mike Morrison, RDCK Corporate Officer
Ministry Attendees: Reg Bawa, Assistant Deputy Minister of Policy, Programs, and Partnerships; Francois Bertrand, Executive Director, Marine, Air and Rail Services Branch.

Background:
The recent inland ferry job action caused significant hardship across our region. Reduced sailings limited access to essential and routine services, disrupted local economies, and undermined confidence in a transportation system that small communities depend on. Establishing essential service levels is necessary to keep these critical transportation corridors operating during future labour disputes. Relying on a private contractor to set those levels puts communities at risk. While the Ministry of Labour will play a role in implementation, we believe the Ministry should take the lead, as it does for the provincial road network, to ensure reliable and equitable access for all communities.

Discussion Summary:

- RDCK's request is for the Province to establish essential service designation for inland ferries, and to better understand the impacts that inland ferry labour disruptions have on RDCK communities.
- Inland ferries should have the same essential service protection as coastal ferries.
- Lack of an essential service designation creates uncertainty and significant hardship in rural communities in the event of a labour disruption by limiting access to healthcare, education and employment.

- Nakusp and Area K rely on the ferry for access to any services outside of the area and there are limited alternate routes. In a ferry service disruption what might normally be a 90-minute trip could take up to 9 hours on a detour route, and some detours involve forest service roads which are not safe for all vehicles. Maintaining public access to transportation corridors is critical.
- RDCK seeks to understand why ferries are not treated like the roads. If there is a road closure immediate action is taken to open the road. Inland ferry disruptions are not actioned in the same way.
- RDCK requests that the Province do more to help the Labour Relations Board understand the critical impacts to communities during labour disruptions. The Province has the time and capacity to understand the harms done to rural communities during ferry service disruptions and could do more to protect the public interest.

Province response

- It is a misconception that the essential service provisions of the Coastal Ferry Act limits the right to strike. The right to strike is a constitutional right.
- In a ferry strike scenario, the Labour Relations Board sets the minimum service standards
- As a result of the most recent labour disruption on the Kootenay Lake ferry, the Ministry understands the Labour Relations Board processes better now and that knowledge will help in the event of future disruptions.
- The surveys of residents affected by ferry service disruptions have been provided to the Province. Province staff committed to compiling that information for each ferry route they have received it for so that is available to the Labour Relations Board in the event of future service disruptions.

September 9,2026 - Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing (virtual)

Topic: Provincial downloading to local government with insufficient consultation and funding

RDCK Attendees: RDCK Area D Director/RDCK Board Chair, Aimee Watson; Councillor Village of Nakusp/RDCK Vice Chair, Aidan McLaren-Caux; RDCK Area A/Rural Affairs Committee Chair, Garry Jackman; RDCK Corporate Officer, Mike Morrison; RDCK Chief Administrative Officer, Stuart Horn
Province Attendees: Kara Woodward- Executive Director, Local Government Policy and Research Branch; Miriam Starkl-Moser, Manager, Local Government Policy and Research Branch, Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing

Background:
Regional districts and municipalities have always been used in conjunction with the provincial government to achieve policy objectives. It makes sense that provincial objectives can be more easily achieved by enacting legislation to delegate responsibilities to local governments. However, some delegated initiatives do not come with any funding at all, while those projects/initiatives that do come with funding do not come with enough to meet the project/administrative needs. In many instances (for example the Emergency and Disaster Management Act), local governments are consulted too late in the process to provide feedback that would actually be incorporated into the legislation, and the funding to comply with the legislation has to come from local property taxation, with no provincial support.

Discussion Summary:

- RDCK wants the Province to understand the cumulative impacts of the province's new initiatives on local governments. The RDCK understands and accepts our role as a local government in achieving the policy objectives of the Province, but we struggle with the delegation by legislation and feel we are not consulted early enough on matters that greatly affect us.
- The two main impacts of downloading are the lack of early consultation with local governments on new initiatives and the lack of funding to meet new legislated obligations.
- Many delegated responsibilities come with no funding to cover our costs, like with Emergency and Disaster Management Act. Or funding is provided early on but then removed, like with the Community Emergency Preparedness Fund.
- Rural and small communities are very different than large communities. Rural communities have low populations, limited tax bases and have serious constraints on staff capacity. Delivering on provincial responsibilities is very challenging in small and rural communities.
- RDCK requests that a 'rural lens' be applied to any new provincial legislation that adds to local government responsibilities.
- An example of the challenges created without rural consideration is the recent firefighter training standards. In some rural area there are no fire services, and where they exist volunteers may be scarce.

- Time demands to meet current training standards result in fewer volunteer firefighters in rural communities, which diminishes community safety and resiliency.

  Province response:
  - There is a growing awareness within the provincial government of the need for better consultation with local governments.
  - There is a local government awareness initiative underway for Province staff to better understand the needs of smaller communities.
  - The Province is hearing from many local governments about impacts from the Heritage Conservation Act, the Emergency and Disaster Management Act, Bill 44 and Bill 46. The Province is learning from those experiences.
  - Recent engagement with local governments regarding Code of Conduct legislation shows that improvements have been made. They noted strong engagement at the beginning of the process, but that the amount and scope of engagement could have been broadened.

September 9, 2026 - Interior Health Authority (virtual)

Topic: Follow up on Mental Health issues in Nelson BC serving the surrounding Rural Areas

RDCK Attendees: Walter Popoff, RDCK Area H Director; Stuart Horn, RDCK Chief Administrative Officer; Mike Morrison, RDCK Corporate Officer
Province Attendees: MLA Steve Morissette; Diane Shendruk, VP of Clinical Operations, Interior Health Authority

Background:
RDCK wants to discuss supports for families who have a family member experiencing a mental health crisis. Current protocols appear to not be working well and there are difficulties for individuals to access timely treatment and follow-up.

Discussion Summary:

- RDCK shared general details of the experience of some local families that have family members in a mental health crisis, and the challenges they face in accessing support, summarized as follows:
    - Timely access to services
    - Lack of support for family members, especially parents of adult children. Counselling support specifically is challenging to access
    - Lack of involvement of parents in the treatment of their adult children
    - Emphasis on psychiatric treatment over psychological treatment results and over-reliance on medicated treatment options vs. non-medicated options

Province Response:

- Acknowledgement of family frustration and the need for better coordination of supports for families experiencing metal health crises.
- The Province is building capacity for integrated care plans and team -based clinical care which is especially important in rural areas.
- The Interior Health Authority does not direct clinical care- that is the role of care providers.
- Privacy considerations prevent information sharing with families, which is challenging when families desire more information, but the patient disagrees.
- The Interior Health Authority committed to looking at processes for referrals to psychologists.

September 9, 2026 - Ministry of Water, Land and Resource Stewardship (virtual)

Two topics discussed:

RDCK Attendees: Roger Tierney, RDCK Area B Director; Arnold DeBoon, Mayor of Creston; Aimee Watson, RDCK Board Chair; Stuart Horn, RDCK Chief Administrative Officer; Aidan McLaren-Caux, Councillor Village of Nakusp/RDCK Vice Chair; Garry Jackman, RDCK Area A/Rural Affairs Committee Chair; Mike Morrison, RDCK Corporate Officer; Walter Popoff, RDCK Area H Director
Province Attendees: David Muter, Assistant Deputy Minister; Charlie Short, Acting Assistant Deputy Minister

Topic 1: Request that Cottonwood Island be considered for Protected Area status as an Ecological Reserve.

Background:
The Goat River whose headwaters flow out from Kianuko Provincial Park, is a pristine undeveloped river corridor that flows down from the mountains and through the Creston Valley to join the Kootenay River. The river course has created a canyon that is undeveloped and safeguards riparian habitat and wildlife corridor connectivity, provides responsible recreation, and is supported by Indigenous stewardship. The Cottonwood Island Ecological Reserve proposal would provide protection for old growth Black Cottonwood stand that is 150 - 200 years old, along with the associated ecosystem that supports Western Screech-Owl, a blue listed species of “Special Concern “.

Discussion Summary:

- RDCK acknowledged that the Province has recently provided a formal response letter on this matter and indicated that they have no capacity to move forward on protected area status as staff are focussed on enforcement priorities at this time.
- Illegal dumping on the island continues to be of concern to the RDCK.

Topic 2: Support for Governance and Capital Funding for Small Water Systems

Background:
Small water systems in BC are consistently struggling with governance & funding issues, & having regional districts acquire all these systems is not feasible. A few years ago, an improvement district in the RDCK, which was under order from the IHA to build a treatment plant, hired a consultant to determine the feasibility of doing so. At the same time the consultant looked for solutions to fix legacy governance issues that were crippling the community's ability to improve the quality of their water. The project highlighted the need for strong governance models for these small systems. Templated approaches to governance could assist these systems greatly. We have a solution to present to you. The RDCK respectfully requests the Ministry of Water, Land and Resource Stewardship support our approach to allow small water systems to access support for governance and capital projects.

Discussion Summary:

- In a rural RDCK residential dwellings are clustered in small groupings and there are a myriad of water systems.
- Residents look to the RDCK to support for improvements on water quality as these systems are volunteer run and lack technical capacity.
- The RDCK may have up to 1,000 small water systems within its boundary and is has a process to consider taking on those that are interested in becoming RDCK systems and trying to support others where we can.
- Governance issues are not covered in the Drinking Water Protection Act or other any small water guidance but many of the issues with small systems stem from governance challenges. A risk-based framework for water governance should be considered.
- A feasible governance model for improvement districts might have the following components:
    - Contracted service provision based on point-of-entry treatments systems.
    - A point of entry bylaw could cover the governance aspects of that service.
    - Self-policing would be a key element (i.e. posting boil water notices on noncompliant properties).
    - Drinking Water Protection Act requirements would be satisfied therefore these systems could be eligible for funding.
- To address the technical skills gap, small water systems require help in navigating regulations and available templates and toolkits. RDCK utility staff understand the context for water treatment and the regulations are well positioned to assist independent systems. RDCK staff are developing a framework for this support.
- Intake for the Infrastructure Planning Grant program is currently paused but should be reactivated and focussed on small water systems.

Province response:

- The Province requests that RDCK provide our template for onboarding new regional district water systems, which would help the Province understand where they could assist. RDCK committed to providing this.
- The Province must ensure that volunteer- run water systems have adequate governance and controls in place in order to qualify for funding.
- The Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing and the Ministry of Health both need to be part of the solution.

September 17, 2026 - Minister of State for Local Governments and Rural Communities (in-person)

Topic: Provincial downloading to local government with insufficient consultation and funding

RDCK Attendees: Aimee Watson, RDCK Area D Director/RDCK Board Chair; Garry Jackman, RDCK Area A/Rural Affairs Committee Chair; Keith Page, City of Nelson; Stuart Horn, RDCK Chief Administrative Officer; Mike Morrison, RDCK Corporate Officer
Province Attendees: Brittny Anderson, Minister of State for Local Government and Rural Communities, Jenna Lange, Director- Local Government Relations, Office of the Premier; Vincent Portal - Executive Director – Local Government Relations Unit

Background: Regional districts and municipalities have always been used in conjunction with the provincial government to achieve policy objectives. It makes sense that provincial objectives can be more easily achieved by enacting legislation to delegate responsibilities to local governments. However, some delegated initiatives do not come with any funding at all, while those projects/ initiatives that do come with funding do not come with enough to meet the project/administrative needs. In many instances (for example the Emergency and Disaster Management Act), local governments are consulted too late in the process.

Discussion Summary:

- The RDCK understands and accepts our role as a partner in delivering the Province's policy objectives, but the current demands are not sustainable for local governments.
- Local Government Climate Action Program – funding programs have disappeared
- Funding to meet new firefighter training standards has gone, which puts pressure on local taxation.
- Engagement between the Province and local governments regarding the Emergency and Disaster Management Act (EDMA) is ongoing, but this legislation is administratively burdensome.
- For example the required Declaration of a State of Local Emergency under EDMA procedures is a good example of an area that local government should have been consulted on. The Province has turned a subject matter expert decision into a political decision.
- The Province's scheduled review of the EDMA legislation in five years is too far away – this is not working right now.
- Partly due to the new firefighter training standards the RDCK has difficulty attracting volunteers for our fire departments and we are directly experiencing taxation increases to meet these standards.
- The work of RDCK staff is increasingly driven by provincial requirements and is not discretionary.
- The RDCK suggests regularly scheduled housekeeping sessions between regional districts and the Province to catch up on issues.

Province response:

- The Province should engage with local governments early and often to work out issues before drafting legislation.
- The Province should consult with local governments on anything affecting local governments and not just by way of a one- time survey.
- The Province should front-load the consultation work rather than going back to change legislation later.
- The Regional District Chair and CAO group, though currently an informal group, may be another effective avenue for regional districts to raise issues with the Province regarding downloading.

September 17, 2026 - Minister of Health (in-person)

Two topics discussed:

RDCK and RDKB Attendees: Keith Page, City of Nelson; Sharon Gibbs, RDKB Area E Director; Terry Martin, City of Trail; Stuart Horn, RDCK Chief Administrative Officer; Mike Morrison, RDCK Corporate Officer

Province Attendees: Ravi Kahlon, Minister of Health; Sylvia Weir, CEO, Interior Health Authority, Diane Shendruk, VP of Clinical Operations, Interior Health Authority

Topic 1: Regional Strategy for Rehabilitation, Homelessness, and Public Safety

Background:

Mental health and addiction challenges require comprehensive and coordinated care, and the current resources in southeastern BC are insufficient to meet the growing demand for detoxification, rehabilitation, and supportive housing, leading to inadequate treatment and forcing individuals to leave their home communities for essential services; Communities in British Columbia have experienced a significant increase in the street population, leading to heightened concerns about public safety, community well-being, and the challenges associated with mental health, substance abuse, and public disorder, while current policing resources remain insufficient. Request: Funding for detox and rehabilitation and community street population challenges. Initiatives that ensure effective coordination, resource allocation, and support for those in detox and rehabilitation; Strategy for homelessness through funding for housing and treatment in the KB regions.

Discussion Summary:

- The West Kootenay Boundary Regional Hospital District requests that the Province develop a regional detoxification and rehabilitation facility and make investments in an ecosystem of mental health and addictions care and infrastructure to cover the gaps in current treatment.
- Our region does not have enough beds for recovery for mental health and addiction issues and for those individuals who are able to access services there is no facility to transition into after initial stage treatment so relapse often follows. All available beds are significantly oversubscribed.
- In 2025 the mayors of Castlegar, Trail and Nelson coordinated a request for a single regional treatment facility, understanding that each city would not get their own treatment facility.
- A single treatment facility for the region is not yet in development, and the West Kootenay Boundary Regional Hospital District would like to see that started.

Province Response:

- The Province acknowledges that there is no continuum of care from beginning to end of treatment and that gaps exist.
- The Province would like to understand the bottlenecks in moving people through the system noting specifically that second stage housing is a known bottleneck.

- The Province prefers a regional approach rather than each community advocating on their own for new facilities.
- The Province has the data on treatment and recovery and intends to bring in the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing to the discussion to identify where BC Housing can play a larger role. The housing structure should work around mental health and addictions priorities.
- The Province agrees that the discussion should continue with the municipalities not the West Kootenay Boundary Regional Hospital District.

Topic 2: Expansion and permanent implementation of virtual care

Background:

Rural communities are already seeing benefits from virtual emergency care. Arrow Lakes Hospital in Nakusp had previously been using the provincial VERRa (Virtual Emergency Room Rural Assistance) program two nights per week. Staff reported positive experiences, providing confidence that a broader virtual-care model could work safely in other rural hospitals. Rather than facing overnight ER closures due to staffing shortages, patients can continue receiving care locally. Virtual care strengthens the partnership between nurses and physicians, reducing professional isolation while improving access to physician expertise. Request: That the virtual care pilot be expanded and permanently implemented in rural hospitals.

Discussion Summary:

- The VERRa pilot project was received well in Nakusp and the West Kootenay Boundary Hospital District would like to make this a permanent feature of the health care system.

Province Response:

- The Interior Health Authority is undertaking a six-month evaluation of the program looking at qualitative and quantitative data.
- Data analysis should be finished by mid-October with recommendations to follow.
- Both staff and patients need to be comfortable with expanding virtual care. A cultural shift may be required as some people still want to see a doctor in person.
- The service model must be flexible, and patient safety is the priority.

September 18, 2026 - Minister of Water, Land and Air Stewardship (in-person)

Two topics discussed:

RDCK Attendees: Aidan McLaren-Caux, Councilor Village of Nakusp/RDCK Vice Chair; Aimee Watson, RDCK Area D Director/RDCK Board Chair; Garry Jackman, RDCK Area A/Rural Affairs Committee Chair; Mike Morrison, RDCK Corporate Officer; Roger Tierney, RDCK Area B Director; Stuart Horn, RDCK Chief Administrative Officer; Teresa Weatherhead, RDCK Area K; Walter Popoff, RDCK Area H Director
Province Attendees: Randene Neil, Minister of Water , Land and Air Stewardship, Lori Halls Deputy Minister of Water, Land and Air Stewardship.

Topic 1. Support for Governance and Capital Funding for Small Water Systems

Background:
Small water systems in BC are consistently struggling with governance & funding issues, & having regional districts acquire all these systems is not feasible. A few years ago, an improvement district in the RDCK, which was under order from the IHA to build a treatment plant, hired a consultant to determine the feasibility of doing so. At the same time the consultant looked for solutions to fix legacy governance issues that were crippling the community's ability to improve the quality of their water. The project highlighted the need for strong governance models for these small systems. Templated approaches to governance could assist these systems greatly. We have a solution to present to
Request: The RDCK respectfully requests the Ministry of Water, Land and Resource Stewardship support our approach to allow small water systems to access support for governance and capital projects.

Discussion Summary:

- The RDCK operates 20 small water systems directly but there may be around 1000 small systems in our area. The RDCK has no capacity to take on provincial responsibilities in relation to non -RDCK water systems.
- The RDCK brought forward ideas for improvements to ministry staff with the intention that a different approach could be helpful to small systems in distress.
- The RDCK has recently completed a water systems acquisition framework. The RDCK's rural administration service has allocated funding and staff time to guide small water systems to come on board to the RDCK. Three systems are in the application process.
- An advisor appointed by the Province to assist a local Improvement District has innovative ideas for water governance and options for bylaws. Implementation of these ideas would enable provision of water under a risk-based framework.
- RDCK's request is that the Province formally recognize small systems that can meet good governance criteria so they become eligible for provincial funding to improve water quality.
- These systems are not going away, and they need assistance, so the RDCK and the Province should work together to ensure they can provide clean water.

Province response

- The work on small water systems could fit under broader initiatives planned or underway regarding watershed governance.
- The province wishes to review the RDCK's Water and Wastewater System Acquisition Policy. The RDCK will send this to Ministry staff.

Topic 2. Include old growth forest and lakefront habitat of Argenta in the Purcell Wilderness Conservancy

Background:

Protection of the Argenta Face has been a focus of surrounding communities since the inception of the Purcell Wilderness Conservancy Provincial Park (PWCPP) in 1974. In 2008 a survey by the Regional District of Central Kootenay found that 90% of citizens in local communities agreed with the statement: "Additional Crown Land should be allocated for wilderness park status", including 73% who strongly agreed. In 2016, in response to proposed logging, residents formed Mount Willet Wilderness Forever and in 2017 submitted a park proposal to the Government of British Columbia advocating for the inclusion of the Argenta Face in the PWCPP. Request: To include the significant remaining low-mid elevation old growth forest and lakefront habitat of the Argenta Face in the Purcell Wilderness Conservancy Provincial Park, with connectivity habitat for Deep-Snow Mountain Caribou, Grizzly Bears and other Species at Risk.

Discussion Summary:

- During the 2024 Argenta fire the community brigade was among the first brigades to work with the BC wildfire service.
- The Argenta face has critical habitat for caribou and other at-risk species.
- Fire mitigation work must be part of any conversation regarding the Argenta Face.
- The Yakan Nukiy are involved in the conversation about protecting Argenta Face.

Quarterly Report

Q3 2026

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PROJECTS ADDED IN Q3 2026 QUARTERLY REPORT	
Project/Initiative Name	**Responsible Department**
Evaluate Committee of the Whole for Sustainability Initiatives	Administration
Options for Encampments in Rural Areas	Bylaw Enforcement
Castlegar Arena Project Public Engagement	Community Services
Review Recreation Allocation Policy No. 500-01-09	Community Services
Sahlstrom Road Fire Services Options Analysis	Fire Services
Goat River Watershed Hydraulic Connectivity Assessment	Sustainability
Creston Valley Alternative Water Supply Investigation Phase 2	Utilities
Regional Water and Wastewater Sustainability Framework	Utilities

Project Name: Nakusp and Area K Shared Services Governance Review

Project Origin	Original Completion Date	Revised Completion Date	Project Status	Date Assigned
Board	October 31, 2025	May 31, 2027	Delayed	June 18, 2024

Objectives and Outcomes: The review will evaluate governance options for all services shared between Nakusp and Area K, including replacing the current Commission model with the shared services committee model.

Most Recent Actions: Staff are evaluating options for changing the current arena service to a financial contribution service only. The outcome of that process may affect how this is item is prioritized.

Next Steps and Upcoming Milestones: The Nakusp and Area K Arena Reconfiguration Options Analysis was considered at the April 2026 Board meeting and the update of the bylaws was directed for the service to become an Area K - only financial contribution service. The proposed governance changes will become part of the overall shared services commitee review in 2027.

Applicable Areas: Nakusp and Arrow Lakes

Strategic Priority and Area: Organizational Excellence – Review Governance Structures, Relationships– Partner with Member Municipalities

Project Name: Shoreacres No Hunting or Discharge of Firearm Bylaw Survey

Project Origin	Original Completion Date	Revised Completion Date	Project Status	Date Assigned
Board	December 31, 2020	June 30, 2028	Not Started	September 19, 2019

Objectives and Outcomes: Conduct a survey to evaluate interest in a local bylaw to prohibit hunting in Area I that might address gaps in provincial regulations regarding the discharge of firearms.

Most Recent Actions: This project has not been initiated due to competing project priorities.

Next Steps and Upcoming Milestones: Q3 2026-This is considered to be a low priority item with no expected completion date.

Applicable Areas: Castlegar and Area

Strategic Priority and Area: None

Department Name: Administration

Project Name: Transit Services Amalgamation Service Case Analysis

Project Origin	Original Completion Date	Revised Completion Date	Project Status	Date Assigned
Board	April 30, 2026	December 31, 2027	Not Started	July 18, 2024

Objectives and Outcomes: This project will evaluate the feasibility of any steps involved in amalgamating S237 Transit Castlegar and Area, Service 238 Slocan Valley North Shore and Service 239 Kootenay Lake West into a single service to improve administrative efficiency.

Most Recent Actions: No actions in Q3 2026. This project has been parked because the new apportionment formula and the subsequent amendments to service establishment bylaw amendments were a necessary first step. These bylaw amendments were adopted in Q1 2026.

Next Steps and Upcoming Milestones: Following completion of the System Review by BC Transit later in 2026, staff will discuss with the West Transit Service Committee meeting whether or not to delay this work further. With the onboarding of new Directors to transit work, and the prioritization of the 2027 transit budgets it is likely Q2 2027 before this project is started.

Applicable Areas: Entire RDCK

Strategic Priority and Area: Organizational Excellence – Focus on Core Services, Fiscal Responsibility- Review and streamline outdated processes, Fiscal Responsibility- Manage taxation by responding to residents needs

Project Name: Evaluate Expansion of Sub-Regional Services Committee Model

Project Origin	Original Completion Date	Revised Completion Date	Project Status	Date Assigned
Board	December 31, 2025	March 18, 2027	Delayed	July 18, 2024

Objectives and Outcomes: The objective of this project is to bring forward a roadmap for implementing the Sub-Regional Services Committee in all areas not currently covered by active committees.

Most Recent Actions: No progress in Q3 2026. This project has been delayed pending completion of other priority projects.

Next Steps and Upcoming Milestones: The Board Governance and Committee Structure Review was identified as a high priority in the Organizational Assessment completed by Samson in 2026. With the implementation of the recently adopted Delegated Authority Bylaw complete by Q1 2027 this will become the priority project for the Corporate Officer.

Applicable Areas: Entire RDCK

Strategic Priority and Area: Organizational Excellence – Review Governance Structures, Relationships– Partner with Member Municipalities

Department Name: Administration

Project Name: Ymir Cemetery Ownership Investigation

Project Origin	Original Completion Date	Revised Completion Date	Project Status	Date Assigned
Board	August 28, 2024	January 01, 2029	Delayed	September 14, 2023

Objectives and Outcomes: To determine the feasibility of the RDCK assuming ownership and operational responsibility for the Ymir Cemetery and to advise on next steps for the RDCK.

Most Recent Actions: In 2023 staff connected the society currently providing stewardship over the site with legal assistance to evaluate their options to discharge their responsibilities as licensees. The society has not contacted the RDCK on this matter since then.

Next Steps and Upcoming Milestones: No actions are planned and the absence of any communication from the society since 2023 suggests this initiative will not proceed.The RDCK cannot legally act on this matter until the licensee issues are resolved by the society.

Applicable Areas: Salmo and Area

Strategic Priority and Area: RP – Support Recreational Assets, Relationships– External Organization's Involvement in Recreation

Project Name: Kaslo and Area D Economic Development Commission Bylaw Update

Project Origin	Original Completion Date	Revised Completion Date	Project Status	Date Assigned
Board	January 01, 2025	December 31, 2026	Not Started	August 17, 2023

Objectives and Outcomes: The update to the current bylaw will involve reviewing Commission procedures and membership and updating to the current RDCK commission bylaw template.

Most Recent Actions: No progress made on this initiative in Q3 and neither of the directors for Area D or Kaslo have asked for this to be prioritized.

Next Steps and Upcoming Milestones: This is considered a low priority item as the Commission is still functioning and it will be given consideration of the overall plan for governance related work. No actions expected in Q4.

Applicable Areas: Kaslo and Kootenay Lake North

Strategic Priority and Area: Organizational Excellence – Review Governance Structures

Project Name: FCM Board and Committee Appointments Policy

Project Origin	Original Completion Date	Revised Completion Date	Project Status	Date Assigned
Board	November 20, 2025	December 31, 2027	Not Started	July 15, 2023

Objectives and Outcomes: This policy will establish criteria for the Board to apply when considering appointments to and/or support for candidacy for positions within the Federation of Canadian Municipalities Board or Committees.

Most Recent Actions: This initiative has not been started due to competing project priorities.

Next Steps and Upcoming Milestones: This is considered a low priority item and will be considered for action within the 2027 work plan.

Applicable Areas: Entire RDCK

Strategic Priority and Area: Organizational Excellence –Policy-Focused Board Decisions

Department Name: Administration

Project Name: Delegation of Authority Bylaw

Project Origin	Original Completion Date	Revised Completion Date	Project Status	Date Assigned
Senior Management Team	March 19, 2026	September 17, 2026	On Track	January 01, 2018

Objectives and Outcomes: The project will identify authority delegated to be delegated to staff by the Board, with the objective of the proposed bylaw being to clarify staff's authority, address and shortcoming and gaps, and to streamline administrative decision making.

Most Recent Actions: Bylaw 3091 was adopted at the September Board meeting.

Next Steps and Upcoming Milestones: In advance of the bylaw coming into force on Jan 1 2027 through Q4 2026 staff will develop the required reporting systems, internal guidelines and work flows to support effcetive implementation of the new delegation framework.

Applicable Areas: Entire RDCK

Strategic Priority and Area: Organizational Excellence – Review Policies & Processes, Organizational Excellence – Review Governance Structures

Project Name: Creston and Areas A,B, and C Jaws of Life Service Establishment Bylaw amendment

Project Origin	Original Completion Date	Revised Completion Date	Project Status	Date Assigned
Board	November 30, 2025	March 31, 2027	Delayed	May 08, 2023

Objectives and Outcomes: The bylaw amendment will remove medical first responder and SAR services from the scope of this service and reduce the service scope to road rescue only.

Most Recent Actions: Bylaw 3033 received 2nd reading at the July 2025 Board meeting.

Next Steps and Upcoming Milestones: Third reading and adoption of the bylaw should align with Board consideration of the Defined Area A Medical First Responder Service. Progress on this item is dependent on further actions to be taken by Fire Services staff and will be directed by the CVSC. No progress is reported in Q3 2026.

Applicable Areas: Creston and Area, East Shore Kootenay Lake

Strategic Priority and Area: Fiscal Responsibility- Manage taxation by responding to residents needs, Organizational Excellence – Focus on Core Services, Energy & Environment- Community Resiliency & Safety

Project Name: Special Event Permit Regulatory Bylaw

Project Origin	Original Completion Date	Revised Completion Date	Project Status	Date Assigned
Board	December 18, 2025	June 30, 2027	On Track	August 18, 2022

Objectives and Outcomes: To review the effectiveness of Bylaw 2596 and recommend improvements to the Board.

Most Recent Actions: Due to difficulties with prosecuting 2022 events under this bylaw, in Q3 2022 the Board directed staff to review options to make the bylaw more effective. Following the successful prosecution of two 2023 events in Area H under the Noise Control Bylaw, bylaw staff identified the noise bylaw as the preferred tool for large event enforcement.

Next Steps and Upcoming Milestones: This item is parked pending a review of the noise control bylaw by the byalw enforcement group. The full rescinding of the Special Event Permit bylaw will be recommended to coincide with the adoption of the proposed revised noise bylaw. Timing is subject to bylaw enforcement team resources. No progress reported in Q3 2026.

Applicable Areas: Slocan Valley

Strategic Priority and Area: None

Department Name: Administration

Project Name: Arrow Creek Water Commission Bylaw

Project Origin	Original Completion Date	Revised Completion Date	Project Status	Date Assigned
Board	June 18, 2026	December 31, 2027	Delayed	September 16, 2022

Objectives and Outcomes: The Arrow Creek Commission bylaw update is intended to address issues with delegated authority identified by the Town of Creston.

Most Recent Actions: A draft bylaw was received by the Commission in Q1 2023 by concerns were raised by the Town of Creston in a subsequent letter to the Board. Staff reported to the Commission in Q3 2024 regarding the powers and duties of the Commission and options for future revisions.

Next Steps and Upcoming Milestones: RDCK is awaiting a response from Town staff on specific wording to include within the bylaw regarding the Town's request for full delegated authority to the Commission. Q3- Water Services staff will request Commission direction on whether to pursue bylaw changes any further or direct that no further action be taken on this matter

Applicable Areas: Creston and Area

Strategic Priority and Area: Organizational Excellence – Review Governance Structures, Relationships– Partner with Member Municipalities

Project Name: Financial Grant-In-Aid Services Policy

Project Origin	Original Completion Date	Revised Completion Date	Project Status	Date Assigned
Board	December 31, 2025	August 19, 2027	Not Started	May 15, 2023

Objectives and Outcomes: As directed by the Board the policy would require that all financial grant in aid service funding recipients provide detailed information regarding their use of taxation funding as part of the annual budget process. Additional measures to address the RDCK's risk management and transparency requirements will also be proposed.

Most Recent Actions: No progress was made on this in Q3 2026.

Next Steps and Upcoming Milestones: Considering the priority actions identified for the Corporate Administration group within the 2026 Organizational Assessment, this policy is delayed and will be prioritized within the 2027 work plan.

Applicable Areas: Entire RDCK

Strategic Priority and Area: Organizational Excellence – Review Policies & Processes, Organizational Excellence – Transparency & Accessibility

Department Name: Administration

Project Name: Director's Code of Conduct Review

Project Origin	Original Completion Date	Revised Completion Date	Project Status	Date Assigned
Provincial Requirement	February 19, 2026	April 30, 2027	Delayed	December 15, 2022

Objectives and Outcomes: Review Policy 100-01-17 Director Code of Conduct in accordance with the new Community Charter requirements and to incorporate best practices recommended by the UBCM working group on elected official conduct.

Most Recent Actions: At the June 2024 Board meeting a report on options was received and staff were directed on the specific items to include in a draft code of conduct. On April 2, 2026 the Province introduced Bill 17 that provides the authority to prescribe a mandatory Code of Conduct applicable to all local governments.

Next Steps and Upcoming Milestones: Q3 update-the passing of Bill 17 was expected prior to the October 17 general local elections. However with the calling of the provincial election Bill 17 was stopped with the Legislature's dissolution. An RDCK Code of Conduct may be reintroduced to the Board in 2027 if a mandatory Code is not picked up by the next provincial government.

Applicable Areas: Entire RDCK

Strategic Priority and Area: Organizational Excellence – Review Policies & Processes, Organizational Excellence – Transparency & Accessibility, Organizational Excellence – Review Governance Structures

Project Name: Area E Fire Service Contract with City of Nelson & Regulatory Bylaw

Project Origin	Original Completion Date	Revised Completion Date	Project Status	Date Assigned
Senior Management Team	December 31, 2025	March 31, 2027	Delayed	January 01, 2023

Objectives and Outcomes: To develop and execute a new Area E fire contract between the RDCK and the City of Nelson based on a modernized contract template and to a adopt a modernized regulatory.

Most Recent Actions: Negotiations on the substantive contract wording were concluded in Dec. 2025 and the outstanding items pertain to cost sharing. The Board authorized payment for 2026 at the March 2026 meeting as there is no finalized contract. Progress on the assigned work to evaluate options for service delivery will be tracked as a separate project.

Next Steps and Upcoming Milestones: Administrative aspects of the agreement are complete and negotiations on the financial aspects of the agreement will be ongoing through 2026. Q3 update -considering the delay on the contract, staff have advanced discussions with city staff on the accompanying regulatory bylaw.It si hoped that both the contract and bylaw will be ready for Board approval in Q1 2027.

Applicable Areas: Nelson Area and West Arm of Kootenay Lake

Strategic Priority and Area: Organizational Excellence – Focus on Core Services, Energy & Environment- Community Resiliency & Safety, Relationships– Partner with Member Municipalities

Department Name: Administration

Project Name: Update to 2018 Area I 'Using Community Halls for Child Care' study

Project Origin	Original Completion Date	Revised Completion Date	Project Status	Date Assigned
Board	December 31, 2024	December 31, 2027	Not Started	December 14, 2023

Objectives and Outcomes: The purpose of this project is to update the assumptions and data from the 2018 Area I Childcare Study to determine if the RDCK should establish a service to support childcare facilities at community halls in Area I.

Most Recent Actions: No progress has been made on this due to competing project priorities. In Q2 2026 the Board determined to keep this on staff's work plan.

Next Steps and Upcoming Milestones: This is considered a low priority project and is not connected to any existing RDCK services. Due to current workloads it was not prioritized within the 2026 work plan and no actions are currently planned.

Applicable Areas: Castlegar and Area

Strategic Priority and Area: Relationships– External Organization's Involvement in Recreation

Project Name: Update Advisory Planning and Heritage Commission Bylaw

Project Origin	Original Completion Date	Revised Completion Date	Project Status	Date Assigned
Senior Management Team	December 18, 2025	March 31, 2027	Delayed	January 15, 2023

Objectives and Outcomes: This project will update the bylaw to align APHC's with the modern commission template and clarify roles and responsibilities for the APHC's.

Most Recent Actions: No actions in Q3 2026. Initial discussion between the planning and administration groups has occurred however it has been delayed due to competing project priorities for the Deputy Corporate Officer.

Next Steps and Upcoming Milestones: A draft bylaw is planned to be provided to the Rural Affairs Committee for review and comment by the end of Q1 2027.

Applicable Areas: Entire RDCK

Strategic Priority and Area: Organizational Excellence – Review Governance Structures

Project Name: Edgewood Community Society Service Case Analysis

Project Origin	Original Completion Date	Revised Completion Date	Project Status	Date Assigned
Board	June 01, 2027	November 18, 2027	Not Started	May 15, 2025

Objectives and Outcomes: To determine the feasibility of establishing a contribution service to fund the Edgewood Community Society.

Most Recent Actions: No actions in Q3 2026.

Next Steps and Upcoming Milestones: The project will be considered for prioritization within the 2027 workplan.

Applicable Areas: Nakusp and Arrow Lakes

Strategic Priority and Area: Relationships– External Organization's Involvement in Recreation

Department Name: Administration

Project Name: Burton Volunteer Fire Brigade Service Case Analysis

Project Origin	Original Completion Date	Revised Completion Date	Project Status	Date Assigned
Board	June 01, 2027	June 01, 2027	Not Started	December 03, 2025

Objectives and Outcomes: To determine costs and evaluate the feasibility of establishing a contribution service to fund the Burton community fire brigade.

Most Recent Actions: No actions in Q3 2026.

Next Steps and Upcoming Milestones: No actions planned for Q4 2026. The project will be considered for prioritization within the 2027 workplan.

Applicable Areas: Nakusp and Arrow Lakes

Strategic Priority and Area: Energy & Environment- Community Resiliency & Safety, Fiscal Responsibility- Manage taxation by responding to residents needs

Project Name: Accessibility Plan Implementation

Project Origin	Original Completion Date	Revised Completion Date	Project Status	Date Assigned
Board	December 31, 2028	December 31, 2027	Not Started	March 19, 2026

Objectives and Outcomes: To implement actions identified in the 2026 RDCK Accessibility Plan.

Most Recent Actions: Plan was adopted at the January 2026 Board meeting.

Next Steps and Upcoming Milestones: Application to the SPARC-BC Local Community Accessibility Grant program to fund implementation activities was delayed in Q3 however it should be complete no later than end of Q1 2027. In Q2 2026 SPARC staff confirmed that the funding stream remains open for the forseeable future.

Applicable Areas: Entire RDCK

Strategic Priority and Area: Organizational Excellence – Transparency & Accessibility, Organizational Excellence – Enhance Customer Service

Project Name: New Denver and Area H Library Contribution Service

Project Origin	Original Completion Date	Revised Completion Date	Project Status	Date Assigned
Board	December 31, 2026		On Track	June 18, 2026

Objectives and Outcomes: To establish a contribution service for a defined portion of Area H and the Village of New Denver.

Most Recent Actions: The Board directed the drafting of a service establishment bylaw in Q2 2026. Bylaw 3089 was considered at the September Board meeting and the Board directed that no further action be taken regarding North Slocan Lake Library Contribution Service Establishment Bylaw No. 3089.

Next Steps and Upcoming Milestones: Any future discussions regarding funding for libraries in the North Slocan area will occur at the Slocan Valley Services Committee.

Applicable Areas: Slocan Valley

Strategic Priority and Area: Relationships– Partner with Member Municipalities

Department Name: Administration

Project Name: Evaluate Committee of the Whole for Sustainability Initiatives

Project Origin	Original Completion Date	Revised Completion Date	Project Status	Date Assigned
Board		July 15, 2027	Not Started	September 24, 2026

Objectives and Outcomes: To prepare a draft scope for a Commitee of the Whole to enable full Board consideration of sustainability initiatives plus other matters that might be suitable for whole Board consideration.

Most Recent Actions: Board resolution followed a staff recommendation within a report recieved on the Sept. 2026 Board agenda.

Next Steps and Upcoming Milestones: The draft terms of reference will be recieved by the Board no later July 2027 in accordance with Board direction. Prior to that staff will consider how this project aligns with other governance work directed by the Board as part of the Sub Regional Services Committee Model initiative which will come forward earlier in 2027.

Applicable Areas:

Strategic Priority and Area: None

Project Name: Defined Area A First Responder Service Establishment Bylaw

Project Origin	Original Completion Date	Revised Completion Date	Project Status	Date Assigned
Board	June 30, 2025	June 17, 2027	Delayed	May 18, 2023

Objectives and Outcomes: The proposed service will fund provision of first responder services to portions of Area A outside the boundaries of the current fire protection area.

Most Recent Actions: Bylaw 2924 has received 2 readings and the third reading was considered in September 2025 by the Creston Valley Services Committee and was not recommended to the Board. No progress to report in Q3 2026.

Next Steps and Upcoming Milestones: Staff understands that the Town of Creston Fire Chief and RDCK Fire Services will coordinate to provide additional information on service provision to the CVSC prior to consideration of third reading of the bylaw. Any further actions on this bylaw will be at the direction of CVSC.

Applicable Areas: East Shore Kootenay Lake, Creston and Area

Strategic Priority and Area: Organizational Excellence – Focus on Core Services, Relationships– Partner with Member Municipalities, Energy & Environment- Community Resiliency & Safety

Department Name: Building Inspection

Project Name: Update Building Inspection Service Agreement with Municipalities

Project Origin	Original Completion Date	Revised Completion Date	Project Status	Date Assigned
Board	November 30, 2025	May 28, 2027	Delayed	October 01, 2018

Objectives and Outcomes: To ensure consistency and reduce potential risk work with municipal service participants to bring the building bylaw in alignment with the Building Act and define how the service will be provided via a service agreement.

Most Recent Actions: There has been no recent action. Reduced staffing levels / staff leaves of abcense and workload have pushed the project timeline.

Next Steps and Upcoming Milestones: Stakeholder engagement will occur once the project of updating the building bylaw is nearing completion as the the building bylaw update should occur first to create the foundation of service.

Applicable Areas: Salmo and Area, Kaslo and Kootenay Lake North, Slocan Valley, Nakusp and Arrow Lakes

Strategic Priority and Area: Organizational Excellence – Review Policies & Processes

Project Name: Building Services Policy Review

Project Origin	Original Completion Date	Revised Completion Date	Project Status	Date Assigned
Senior Management Team	September 30, 2025	August 27, 2027	Delayed	January 01, 2018

Objectives and Outcomes: To review older policies and prevent redundancy with updated building bylaw. As well present any new policies that align with objectives of consistency and regulatory requirements.

Most Recent Actions: None. Building department has received a considerable high volume in permit applications, manager has been working on plan reviews to keep up with high volume with reduced staffing levels and additional projects with bylaw department. Currently have staff on leave of abcense starting October 1st.

Next Steps and Upcoming Milestones: Priority Policies to update include: Lapsed Building Permit Policy 400-01-07, Expired Building Permit Policy 400-01-02, Building Inspection Service - Process for Lack of Valid Permit 400-01-5, Building Permits for Manufactured Homes 400-01-07.

Applicable Areas: Entire RDCK

Strategic Priority and Area: Organizational Excellence – Review Policies & Processes

Project Name: Update Building Bylaw 2200

Project Origin	Original Completion Date	Revised Completion Date	Project Status	Date Assigned
Senior Management Team	September 30, 2025	March 31, 2027	Delayed	October 01, 2018

Objectives and Outcomes: The RDCK building bylaw has had no significant updates or revisions except for minor amendments since 2010. A revised/updated building bylaw will align with new regulatory requirements such as the building act and energy step code.

Most Recent Actions: None. Project currentlly paused - due to reduced staffing levels and workload.

Next Steps and Upcoming Milestones: Commence review of required changes and stakeholder engagement. Framework from MIABC template COR Bylaw. Received template of COR Bylaw.

Applicable Areas: Entire RDCK

Strategic Priority and Area: Organizational Excellence – Review Policies & Processes

Department Name: Bylaw Enforcement

Project Name: Dog Control - Area A, B, C, H expansion

Project Origin	Original Completion Date	Revised Completion Date	Project Status	Date Assigned
Board	December 31, 2025	December 18, 2026	On Track	October 10, 2020

Objectives and Outcomes: These electoral areas are seeking to establish a dog control regulation and new service in areas currently without this service and specifically focused on Dangerous and Aggressive Dogs.

Most Recent Actions: Area H did not pass assent vote. Area A/B/C alternate approval process passed Board approved proceeding with dangerous and agressive bylaw for area A/B/C

Next Steps and Upcoming Milestones: Regulatory bylaw for Areas A/B/C to be presented to board for final adoption in fall.

Applicable Areas: East Shore Kootenay Lake, Creston and Area, Slocan Valley, Nakusp and Arrow Lakes

Strategic Priority and Area: Organizational Excellence – Review Policies & Processes, Organizational Excellence – Focus on Core Services, Organizational Excellence – Enhance Customer Service, Fiscal Responsibility – Align work plans with Board priorities

Project Name: Review Noise Bylaw 2440, 2015

Project Origin	Original Completion Date	Revised Completion Date	Project Status	Date Assigned
Senior Management Team	December 21, 2025	June 30, 2027	Delayed	September 22, 2022

Objectives and Outcomes: Legal review of the Noise Bylaw 2440, 2015 to ensure it continues to be legally enforceable on noise issues related to Rave like events, barking dogs, and industrial activities.

Most Recent Actions: None. In early 2027 this project will be assigned to the newly recruited bylaw supervisor.

Next Steps and Upcoming Milestones: Review is dependent on staff capacity and workloads. Once incoming Bylaw Supervisor is trained - project will commence based on staff capacity

Applicable Areas: East Shore Kootenay Lake, Creston and Area, Nelson Area and West Arm of Kootenay Lake, Salmo and Area, Slocan Valley, Castlegar and Area, Nakusp and Arrow Lakes

Strategic Priority and Area: Organizational Excellence – Review Policies & Processes, Organizational Excellence – Focus on Core Services, Fiscal Responsibility- Review and streamline outdated processes, Fiscal Responsibility – Align work plans with Board priorities

Project Name: Comprehensive review of bylaw enforcement regulatory bylaws & options for funding

Project Origin	Original Completion Date	Revised Completion Date	Project Status	Date Assigned
Board	December 11, 2025	August 31, 2027	Delayed	August 17, 2023

Objectives and Outcomes: We currently have a variety of bylaws, aside from dog control bylaws - condensing them into one bylaw is objective the outcome should provide for a more simplified approach.

Most Recent Actions: The comprehensive review of all regulatory bylaws has not yet commenced with the new Manager of Building and Bylaw, the building bylaw update will commence first depending on staffing levels.

Next Steps and Upcoming Milestones: Further Bylaw review dates are yet to be established. The building bylaw update will commence first.

Applicable Areas: Entire RDCK

Strategic Priority and Area: Organizational Excellence – Review Policies & Processes

Department Name: Bylaw Enforcement

Project Name: Aggressive and Dangerous Dogs Regulatory Bylaw

Project Origin	Original Completion Date	Revised Completion Date	Project Status	Date Assigned
Board	June 30, 2025	November 19, 2026	On Track	July 17, 2025

Objectives and Outcomes: A Dangerous Dog Control regulation was requested by the Board to address the number of agressive dog attacks on humans and other dogs in various areas of the region.

Most Recent Actions: Bylaw No. 3009, 2025 was given third reading. Third reading was rescinded at the june 18, 2026 meeeting

Next Steps and Upcoming Milestones: The bylaw will come back to the Board for consideration of adoption in fall 2026

Applicable Areas: Creston and Area, East Shore Kootenay Lake

Strategic Priority and Area: Organizational Excellence – Review Policies & Processes, Organizational Excellence – Focus on Core Services

Project Name: Options for Encampments in Rural Areas

Project Origin	Original Completion Date	Revised Completion Date	Project Status	Date Assigned
Board	August 30, 2027	August 30, 2027	Not Started	June 18, 2026

Objectives and Outcomes: To provide a report to board on potential response options for homeless encampments.

Most Recent Actions: None

Next Steps and Upcoming Milestones: Will review in 2027

Applicable Areas: Entire RDCK

Strategic Priority and Area: Advocacy – Rural Lens on Provincial Programs, Regional Growth – Balance Regional & Local Needs

Department Name: CAO

Project Name: Project Prioritization Matrix

Project Origin	Original Completion Date	Revised Completion Date	Project Status	Date Assigned
Board	April 17, 2025	January 21, 2027	On Track	December 03, 2025

Objectives and Outcomes: Board assigned projects are not prioritized by the elected officials on a consistent basis. The Board has asked that a scoring matrix be created to allow the Board to provide clear direction to staff on which projects should be prioritized in the workplan.

Most Recent Actions: First draft was completed and Director feedback received. At this point staff is determining the best next steps as the feedback from Directors had a wide range and at this point would not be able to be reasonably incorporated. Staff brought a report to September Board and received direction to update the Board report template rather than proceed with a matrix at this time

Next Steps and Upcoming Milestones: Staff will work to update the Board report template for use beginning in January 2027.

Applicable Areas: Entire RDCK

Strategic Priority and Area: Organizational Excellence –Policy-Focused Board Decisions

Department Name: Community Services

Project Name: Fees & Charges Bylaw Development

Project Origin	Original Completion Date	Revised Completion Date	Project Status	Date Assigned
Committee or Commission	June 26, 2025	March 26, 2027	Delayed	June 20, 2020

Objectives and Outcomes: To bring the fees and charges schedule into a bylaw.

Most Recent Actions: Fees & Charges schedule is updated annually in the Spring. Coordination with Corporate Services is required to move the schedule into a bylaw format.

Next Steps and Upcoming Milestones: Review other like RDCK bylaws and review process with RDCK staff.

Applicable Areas: Entire RDCK

Strategic Priority and Area: Organizational Excellence – Review Policies & Processes

Project Name: Castlegar Arena Project Public Engagement

Project Origin	Original Completion Date	Revised Completion Date	Project Status	Date Assigned
Board	February 08, 2027		On Track	July 16, 2026

Objectives and Outcomes: This part of the Castlegar and Arena Walking Track project is about educating the public about the project leading up to the referendum in February 2027.

Most Recent Actions: With the Board's prior approval, a consulting team from HCMA was successfully procured. A project kick off meeting has occured and working is underway to launch public engagement for this project in December with the most significant formal engagement activites occuring in January 2027.

Next Steps and Upcoming Milestones: As the project continues to work through the various milestones, engagement planning will conitnue to increase. The next big milestone impacting engagement will occur at the time proposals are submitted for evaluation in early November.

Applicable Areas: Castlegar and Area

Strategic Priority and Area: None, Organizational Excellence – Transparency & Accessibility

Project Name: Review Recreation Allocation Policy No. 500-01-09

Project Origin	Original Completion Date	Revised Completion Date	Project Status	Date Assigned
Board	May 28, 2027		On Track	September 24, 2026

Objectives and Outcomes: To look at updating the Community Services Allocation policy and associated procedures as a result of learnings that have occured over the past couple of seasons of facility allocation.

Most Recent Actions: At the last two All Recreation Committee meetings, staff have provided updates related to work being done on the allocation procedures. During the ice allocation process for the 2026/27 season, several appeals identified areas of the policy that should be reviewed and updated.

Next Steps and Upcoming Milestones: At the October 2026 All Recreation Committee, staff plan to bring forward a report with a recommendation on a path forward.

Applicable Areas: Entire RDCK

Strategic Priority and Area: None, Organizational Excellence - Communication with Residents, Organizational Excellence – Review Policies & Processes, Organizational Excellence – Enhance Customer Service

Project Name: EDMA - Indigenous Engagement Requirement

Project Origin	Original Completion Date	Revised Completion Date	Project Status	Date Assigned
Provincial Requirement	March 31, 2026	November 30, 2026	Delayed	January 01, 2024

Objectives and Outcomes: As part of EDMA, local authorities are required to engage with Indigenous Governing Bodies on all aspects of emergency management. The Province has provided LAs $40,000ea for the engagement. The RDCK is collaborating with its partner municipalities and pool funds to coordinate the engagement in hopes of reducing the burden on our First Nations.

Most Recent Actions: Complete: Municipal engagement + Indigenous Governing Body engagement. Draft final reports have been received and are being reveiwed by staff. Staff are meeting with the consultants in October to finalize the draft report and will be presenting the report to the Board in December.

Next Steps and Upcoming Milestones: Consultant team finalizing draft report that will complete Phase 1. The report will inform actions and potential RFP(s) for Phase 2 actions.

Applicable Areas: Entire RDCK

Strategic Priority and Area: Relationships –Dialogue with Indigenous Communities, Relationships– Partner with Member Municipalities

Project Name: Johnsons Landing Hazard Area Geotechnical Re-Assessment

Project Origin	Original Completion Date	Revised Completion Date	Project Status	Date Assigned
Board	May 21, 2026	July 16, 2026	On Track	December 03, 2025

Objectives and Outcomes: Staff to contract a Geotechnical reassessment of Johnsons Landing.

Most Recent Actions: Staff determining what services (Hydro, Road Maintenance, Canada Post, Telus) (if any) are still not provided to Johnsons Landing post landslide. Staff receiving guidance from geotechnical engineers on a geotechnical reassessment. Staff have heard back from all stakeholders with a report coming to Board in July Report was provided to the Board in July.

Next Steps and Upcoming Milestones: None . Project is complete

Applicable Areas: Kaslo and Kootenay Lake North

Strategic Priority and Area: Energy & Environment- Natural Hazard and Risk Mitigation

Project Name: Temporary Access into Evacuation Order Areas Policy

Project Origin	Original Completion Date	Revised Completion Date	Project Status	Date Assigned
Provincial Requirement	July 16, 2026	July 16, 2026	On Track	March 19, 2026

Objectives and Outcomes: The Province of BC changed the guidelines for local authorities for Temporary Access to Evacuation Order Areas. Local authorities should have policies in place to manage access.

Most Recent Actions: RDCK Board adoption of Temporary Accesss Pass Policy 800-01-03.

Next Steps and Upcoming Milestones: Project complete. Staff will now move to operationalize the policy.

Applicable Areas: Entire RDCK

Strategic Priority and Area: Organizational Excellence – Review Policies & Processes

Project Name: 2026 Wildfire Mitigation Projects

Project Origin	Original Completion Date	Revised Completion Date	Project Status	Date Assigned
Senior Management Team	February 26, 2027	April 01, 2028		March 19, 2026

Objectives and Outcomes: Reduce wildfire risk across the regional district through targeted fuel treatments and demonstration projects: Farm and Ranch FireSmart Assessments: $14,700 East Arrow Park: $120,600 Gray Creek: $154,000 Harrop: $12,640 Pass Creek: $53,560 Robson: $153,400 Wynndel: $130,600

Most Recent Actions: Signing of contribution agreements with CBT. Farm and Ranch Program Launched. Temporary Assignment filled for the Disaster Mitigation and Adapation Senior Advisor, allowing for capacity to tender fuel treamtent work Farm and Ranch Program was offered throughout the RDCK in 2026. Fuel Treatment prescription RFPs will be tendered in October.

Next Steps and Upcoming Milestones: Preparing RFP(s) for prescriptions. Preparing RFP(s) for fuel treatments.

Applicable Areas: Entire RDCK

Strategic Priority and Area: Energy & Environment- Natural Hazard and Risk Mitigation

Project Name: Alternate EOC

Project Origin	Original Completion Date	Revised Completion Date	Project Status	Date Assigned
Board	December 31, 2024	July 31, 2026	On Track	October 01, 2023

Objectives and Outcomes: 2023: Began project to establish an alternate EOC in the event the primary EOC needed to be evacuated. Initial procurement, IT/networking, and protocols were developed. 2024: Finalize IT/networking, use UBCM CEPF funds to complete needed procurement (based on RDCK IT staff's plan), conduct exercise to practice needing to activate alternate EOC.

Most Recent Actions: Spring 2026: EM and IT visited the site to identify final steps and roadmap for completion. The alternate EOC is prepared and equipped for use if needed as a back up site.

Next Steps and Upcoming Milestones: 2026 Summer/Fall: Coordination between IT and EM teams to complete final steps established in the roadmap. Work will be completed in 2026

Applicable Areas: Entire RDCK

Strategic Priority and Area: Organizational Excellence – Enhance Customer Service

Department Name: Emergency Management

Project Name: 2025-2027 CBT Community Readiness Partnership Grant

Project Origin	Original Completion Date	Revised Completion Date	Project Status	Date Assigned
Senior Management Team	March 31, 2027		On Track	February 01, 2025

Objectives and Outcomes: $230,000 funding agreement has been signed. RDCK will collaborate with RDEK and RDKB to maximize the amount of funds at our disposal. Projects will be brought to board as they are ready to be contracted. The span of projects includes: Southeast EOC Incident Management Team, Southeast Emergency Management Round Table, NEPP Redesign and Amplification, MS365 Digital EOC

Most Recent Actions: Developing the technical requirements and project scope for EOC M365 project. RFP Prepared and set to be issued for the EOC MS365 Project and a Flood Response Plan

Next Steps and Upcoming Milestones: EOC M365 project going to market in the next 1-2 months. Project should begin in the fall.

Applicable Areas: Entire RDCK

Strategic Priority and Area: Organizational Excellence – Focus on Core Services, Organizational Excellence – Enhance Customer Service

Department Name: Environmental Services

Project Name: Streetlight Services - Conversion to LED lights

Project Origin	Original Completion Date	Revised Completion Date	Project Status	Date Assigned
Senior Management Team	December 01, 2026	April 30, 2027	On Track	January 01, 2025

Objectives and Outcomes: 8 Streetlight Services in place with a mixture of lighting media (LED old, LED new, HPS, etc.) supplied by BC Hydro and Fortis on mixed format contracts. Contract details are not known and need to be investigated and optimized. Assessment of conversion feasibility, assessment of cost and options for financing need to be established.

Most Recent Actions: Continued review with Fortis to complete inventory and correction of billing where required. Request for budgetary quotes for conversion. Investigation of grant options.

Next Steps and Upcoming Milestones: Project lead to transition to Emma Clark, Supervisor for the administrative group in Environmental Services. Public meeting in Riondel to provide facts and options for the replacement project and to gauge feedback.

Applicable Areas: East Shore Kootenay Lake, Salmo and Area, Slocan Valley, Castlegar and Area, Nakusp and Arrow Lakes

Strategic Priority and Area: Organizational Excellence – Focus on Core Services, Fiscal Responsibility- Asset Management Planning, Energy & Environment- Environmental Stewardship & Energy Efficiency, Fiscal Responsibility – New technology in Asset Replacement

Department Name: Finance and Procurement

Project Name: Update Minimum Required Insurance for Contracts Policy 300-03-04

Project Origin	Original Completion Date	Revised Completion Date	Project Status	Date Assigned
Board	December 31, 2025	June 30, 2027	Not Started	November 14, 2024

Objectives and Outcomes: Staff have identified that current RDCK policy may, in some circumstances, require excessive coverage from contractors and which is not aligned with actual risks to the RDCK. The policy may drive up project costs and create unnecessary administrative burden. This project will review RDCK risk exposure and recommend options for reducing costs and streamlining processes.

Most Recent Actions: No recent actions. The project start has been delayed due to heavy internal demand for contract and insurance support. Contract and insurance support has recently been consolidated with procurement functions as proposed in the 2026 Organizational Assessment therefore reporting on this is now moved to Finance and Procurement group.

Next Steps and Upcoming Milestones: Some elements of this policy will be addressed within the Delegated Authority bylaw, to be recieved at the August 2026 Board meeting.

Applicable Areas: Entire RDCK

Strategic Priority and Area: Organizational Excellence – Review Policies & Processes, Organizational Excellence – Enhance Customer Service, Fiscal Responsibility- Review and streamline outdated processes

Project Name: Unit 4 ERP Software Cloud Migration

Project Origin	Original Completion Date	Revised Completion Date	Project Status	Date Assigned
Senior Management Team	September 30, 2026	November 30, 2026	Delayed	December 03, 2025

Objectives and Outcomes: Currently the accounting system used by the RD, Unit 4, requires its customers to complete a migration of the software to the Cloud. This migration will fulfill the software being operational on a go forward basis and continue to be supported.

Most Recent Actions: RDCK staff are engaged with the migration consultant to configure, test and implement the Unit4 cloud environment

Next Steps and Upcoming Milestones: Migration is in progress with expected go-live in Novermber 2026.

Applicable Areas: Entire RDCK

Strategic Priority and Area: Fiscal Responsibility- Review and streamline outdated processes

Project Name: Purchasing Policy Update

Project Origin	Original Completion Date	Revised Completion Date	Project Status	Date Assigned
Senior Management Team	December 31, 2026	December 31, 2026	Delayed	December 03, 2025

Objectives and Outcomes: To revise and update the Purchasing policy to meet modern requirements including current procurement levels.

Most Recent Actions: Reached out to other jursidications to get samples of their policies. Had Discussions with procurement staff on issues with current policy. Will likely do an interm revision of the existing policy for alignment to the Delgation of Authority Bylaw.

Next Steps and Upcoming Milestones: Review Policies from other jurisdiction and set priorities for revisions to the RDCK policy.

Applicable Areas: Entire RDCK

Strategic Priority and Area: Organizational Excellence – Review Policies & Processes

Project Name: Service S128 Riondel Fire Protection

Project Origin	Original Completion Date	Revised Completion Date	Project Status	Date Assigned
Board	August 31, 2024		Delayed	August 20, 2020

Objectives and Outcomes: This project involves evaluating equitable share of funding for the Riondel Fire Services for providing First Responder and Road Rescue services outside of the fire service boundary. Q3 update-The Province has advised that Service 152 should be split into new service areas.

Most Recent Actions: Other priorities in Riondel Fire Service have delayed this action.

Next Steps and Upcoming Milestones: Review this project priority and assess adding it to the 2027 FEMS work plan.

Applicable Areas: East Shore Kootenay Lake

Strategic Priority and Area: Organizational Excellence – Focus on Core Services

Project Name: Area D First Responder Service

Project Origin	Original Completion Date	Revised Completion Date	Project Status	Date Assigned
Board	June 30, 2024	September 04, 2026	On Track	February 20, 2020

Objectives and Outcomes: To establish a First Responder service in the Lardeau Valley.

Most Recent Actions: Building lease agreement finalized.

Next Steps and Upcoming Milestones: Project is complete.

Applicable Areas: Kaslo and Kootenay Lake North

Strategic Priority and Area: Organizational Excellence – Enhance Customer Service

Project Name: Area K Fire -Summit Lake Expansion Service Case Analysis

Project Origin	Original Completion Date	Revised Completion Date	Project Status	Date Assigned
Board	June 30, 2024	March 31, 2027	Delayed	September 23, 2021

Objectives and Outcomes: Develop a service case for establishing an RDCK volunteer fire department to service the Hills area.

Most Recent Actions: Regional Fire Chief had discussion with the Nakusp Fire Chief. Temporarily paused until negociations of the new contract.

Next Steps and Upcoming Milestones: RDCK Research Analyst Tom Dool and Regional Fire Chief will coordinate options with the Village of Nakusp. Work will be examined against other priorities and assessed for the 2027 FEMS work plan.

Applicable Areas: Nakusp and Arrow Lakes

Strategic Priority and Area: Organizational Excellence – Enhance Customer Service, Relationships– Partner with Member Municipalities

Department Name: Fire Services

Project Name: Area 'A' Medical First Responder Services - Service Case Analysis

Project Origin	Original Completion Date	Revised Completion Date	Project Status	Date Assigned
Board	June 01, 2025	August 31, 2027	Delayed	September 12, 2024

Objectives and Outcomes: Assess the possiblity of establishing Medical First Responder Services for all of Area A.

Most Recent Actions: Assigned to Deputy Regional Fire Chief - East for project scoping: 1) review needed updates to agreement with BCEHS for higher than FR scope., and 2) operationally, review needed equipment and meds related to a higher license level.

Next Steps and Upcoming Milestones: Work will be examined against other priorities and assessed for the 2027 FEMS work plan.

Applicable Areas: East Shore Kootenay Lake

Strategic Priority and Area: Organizational Excellence – Enhance Customer Service

Project Name: Policies for Fire Safety Act Inspections in RDCK - Operated and Contracted Service Areas

Project Origin	Original Completion Date	Revised Completion Date	Project Status	Date Assigned
Provincial Requirement		December 31, 2026	Not Started	October 17, 2024

Objectives and Outcomes: Establish policies for Fire Safety Act Inspections in the RDCK.

Most Recent Actions: Review complete for needed structure to deliver on Fire Safety Act requirement for fire inspections. Various team members are completeing the required training. Deadline is September 30, 2026.

Next Steps and Upcoming Milestones: Project will complete in fall 2026 and compliance will shift to regular operations.

Applicable Areas: Entire RDCK

Strategic Priority and Area: Organizational Excellence – Focus on Core Services, Organizational Excellence – Review Policies & Processes

Project Name: Sahlstrom Road Fire Services Options Analysis

Project Origin	Original Completion Date	Revised Completion Date	Project Status	Date Assigned
Board	May 31, 2027		Not Started	September 24, 2026

Objectives and Outcomes: To evaluate the possibility of fire protection services for the Sahlstrom Road area being provided by the City of Castlegar under contract instead of the Ootischenia Fire Dept.

Most Recent Actions: This initaitive was assigned at the Sept. 2026 Board meeting

Next Steps and Upcoming Milestones: Discussions with the City regarding service arrangments and contract costs plus evaluation of impacts on the existing Ootischenia fire service area.

Applicable Areas:

Strategic Priority and Area: Organizational Excellence – Focus on Core Services, Energy & Environment- Community Resiliency & Safety, Relationships– Partner with Member Municipalities

Project Name: Crawford Bay Fire Service feasability study

Project Origin	Original Completion Date	Revised Completion Date	Project Status	Date Assigned
Board	December 31, 2020	December 31, 2026	Delayed	January 01, 2016

Objectives and Outcomes: This project analyzes options for establishing a fire hall in the Crawford Bay area.

Most Recent Actions: Temporarily on hold while other activities are prioritized for the Riondel Fire Service.

Next Steps and Upcoming Milestones: Ongoing recruitment and training for Riondel Fire Department members.

Applicable Areas: East Shore Kootenay Lake

Strategic Priority and Area: Organizational Excellence – Enhance Customer Service

Project Name: Creston Area Sub-Regional Fire Service

Project Origin	Original Completion Date	Revised Completion Date	Project Status	Date Assigned
Board	December 31, 2024	December 31, 2026	Delayed	January 01, 2012

Objectives and Outcomes: This ongoing project aims to align and streamline fire services delivery between the RDCK and Town of Creston in the Creston Valley.

Most Recent Actions: No actions taken during this quarter due to staff turnover at Creston Fire Department.

Next Steps and Upcoming Milestones: Discussions will restart once the new Director of Protective Services is hired in Creston.

Applicable Areas: Creston and Area, East Shore Kootenay Lake

Strategic Priority and Area: Organizational Excellence – Focus on Core Services

Project Name: Area E (Nelson Contract Area) Fire Protection Services Options Analysis

Project Origin	Original Completion Date	Revised Completion Date	Project Status	Date Assigned
Board	November 30, 2026		On Track	March 19, 2026

Objectives and Outcomes: Explore fire protection options for Area E that is currently under contract with City of Nelson. Staff are directed to bring a report to Board regarding Service S133 Area E Fire Protection (Nelson Contract) that includes focus areas listed in the resolution.

Most Recent Actions: Coordination between FEMS and Finance teams to divide the work on this.

Next Steps and Upcoming Milestones: Bring report to the Board.

Applicable Areas: Nelson Area and West Arm of Kootenay Lake

Strategic Priority and Area: Organizational Excellence – Enhance Customer Service, Organizational Excellence – Focus on Core Services

Project Name: Next Generation 911 Data Transition

Project Origin	Original Completion Date	Revised Completion Date	Project Status	Date Assigned
Provincial Requirement	February 28, 2027	February 28, 2027	On Track	December 03, 2025

Objectives and Outcomes: The project will ensure that the RDCK and Municipal partners are ready to go live with the nation wide 911 emergency response improvement initiative, Next Generation 9-1-1. Creation of high quality, accurate, public safety grade GIS data is central to the NG9-1-1 system, providing better information to quickly identify the location of a 9-1-1 incident.

Most Recent Actions: Ph I: First pass 'Address Point' and 'Roads' data corrections - Complete. Ph II: Public outreach / education, address changes, Grant recieved to move this forward - In Progress Ph III: Municipal 'Address' data and 'Roads' and ongoing rural data corrections and improvements - In Progress Ph IV: Locality Data improvements – awaiting final review from GeoBC

Next Steps and Upcoming Milestones: Ph II: Public outreach, community education, address changes - In Progress / ongoing Ph III: Municipal 'Address' data and 'Roads' and ongoing rural data corrections and improvements - In Progress Ph IV: Locality Data improvements – awaiting final review from GeoBC Ph V: Data Model updates - in progress Ph VI: Addressing and compliance process improvements - in progress

Applicable Areas: Entire RDCK

Strategic Priority and Area: Relationships– Partner with Member Municipalities, Organizational Excellence - Communication with Residents, Organizational Excellence – Focus on Core Services, Organizational Excellence – Enhance Customer Service

Project Name: GIS Software and Applications Upgrades for 2026

Project Origin	Original Completion Date	Revised Completion Date	Project Status	Date Assigned
Senior Management Team	September 30, 2026	March 31, 2027	On Track	October 01, 2025

Objectives and Outcomes: Required upgrades are underway for the ESRI ArcGIS Enterprise GIS software suite to stay current and functional with modern IT systems, databases and web-based GIS systems. This includes enhancements to existing web mapping applications, migrating to the newest map viewer interface. The upgrade will improve performance, user experience and increase longevity.

Most Recent Actions: Phase I: ArcGIS Enterprise Implementation Development environment – install and testing complete Q1 2026 Phase II: ArcGIS Enterprise Implementation Production environment – Complete Phase III: ArcGIS Portal Web Map Content Migration and Application upgrades in new environment – Complete

Next Steps and Upcoming Milestones: Ph IV: Organization wide Portal map upgrades GO LIVE - Complete July 30 2026 Ph V: ArcGIS Online Web App upgrades - In progress - Expected completion end of Q1 2027

Applicable Areas: Entire RDCK

Strategic Priority and Area: Organizational Excellence – Focus on Core Services, Organizational Excellence – Enhance Customer Service, Organizational Excellence - Communication with Residents, Relationships– Partner with Member Municipalities

Department Name: Human Resources

Project Name: Policy to Address Harassment of Staff Attending Private Properties

Project Origin	Original Completion Date	Revised Completion Date	Project Status	Date Assigned
Board	June 18, 2026	December 31, 2026	Not Started	May 19, 2022

Objectives and Outcomes: This policy will follow from the Staff Safety and Harassment Policy adopted in September 2023 that covers RDCK workplaces. This new policy will be similar, but will cover RDCK employees attending private properties in the course of their duties, such as building inspectors and bylaw officers.

Most Recent Actions: No progress has been made on this initiative due to competing project priorities. In the post-Covid period the frequency of incidents that require reference to the Staff Safety and Harassment Policy has declined.

Next Steps and Upcoming Milestones: This is currently considered a low priority item. If incidents occur, the process and procedural fairness elements describe in the Staff Safety and Harassment Policy would be followed.

Applicable Areas: Entire RDCK

Strategic Priority and Area: Organizational Excellence – Review Policies & Processes, Organizational Excellence – Enhance Customer Service, Organizational Excellence – Transparency & Accessibility

Project Name: Organizational Review - Phase Two

Project Origin	Original Completion Date	Revised Completion Date	Project Status	Date Assigned
Board	September 30, 2026	December 11, 2026	Not Started	March 19, 2026

Objectives and Outcomes: As directed by the Board, staff will develop a work plan and budget from Contracted Services in S100 General Administration for the Phase 2 Organizational Review and report back to the Board by September 2026. Additionally, staff will focus on, and provide an update to, phase 1 items.

Most Recent Actions: Update to the Board was provided at the September Board meeting on phase 1 action items. Those items are complete or substantially underway, with Board approval as appropriate (eg, delegation of authority bylaw, priority matrix).

Next Steps and Upcoming Milestones: The Board has been advised that we will bring forward a recommendation for Phase 2 no earlier than the November Board meeting.

Applicable Areas: Entire RDCK

Strategic Priority and Area: Organizational Excellence – Transparency & Accessibility, Organizational Excellence – Focus on Core Services

Department Name: Information Technology

Project Name: End User Computing Strategy

Project Origin	Original Completion Date	Revised Completion Date	Project Status	Date Assigned
Senior Management Team	December 31, 2027		On Track	December 03, 2025

Objectives and Outcomes: To reduce costs via standardization, enhance security and improve the overall user experience, aligning with current technological trends and organizational needs. For this project, the primary deliverables include: - Bulk procurement and deployment of new laptops. - Replacement of thin clients with desktops or laptops. - Implement modern device management.

Most Recent Actions: - Testing and piloting device based Office apps license continued - Deployment plan and schedule for replacement of shared devices in rec facilities

Next Steps and Upcoming Milestones: - Deployment of shared systems with device based licensing to rec sites, Oct. 2026

Applicable Areas: Entire RDCK

Strategic Priority and Area: Fiscal Responsibility- Asset Management Planning, Fiscal Responsibility – New technology in Asset Replacement

Department Name: Parks

Project Name: Lardeau Regional Park Construction

Project Origin	Original Completion Date	Revised Completion Date	Project Status	Date Assigned
Committee or Commission	November 23, 2026	November 23, 2028	On Track	April 15, 2021

Objectives and Outcomes: Amenity installations and small waterfront restoration budgeted for in 2026.

Most Recent Actions: Foreshore work and replanting as well as cleanup has been done and will continue into spring 2026. Many of the invasives have been removed and planting of non invasives. Continued planting and riparian area restoration into the fall of 2026. Dog waste bag receptacle was installed as per community disccussion.

Next Steps and Upcoming Milestones: As per above continued riparian restoration and invasive plant management will occur in 2026 and the addition of a picnic table to be installed in the late spring. Spring work to start 2026 Continuing into 2027 some work will include CBT grant funding. Spring 2026 work has started as noted above.

Applicable Areas: Kaslo and Kootenay Lake North

Strategic Priority and Area: Organizational Excellence – Focus on Core Services, Organizational Excellence - Communication with Residents

Project Name: Taghum Beach Parking lot improvements

Project Origin	Original Completion Date	Revised Completion Date	Project Status	Date Assigned
Committee or Commission	December 31, 2026		On Track	March 31, 2021

Objectives and Outcomes: To improve the challenges and safety concerns related to parking at the park while also looking at the overall park design.

Most Recent Actions: Feedback on the concept designs has created revisions to the concepts. FUrther, a biological report has been provided to the staff that considers the location of the parking improvements design.

Next Steps and Upcoming Milestones: A review of the biological report and considerations for mitigation/restoration of the biological findings is underway. First Nations engagment will be undertaken as the next phase in planning.

Applicable Areas: Nelson Area and West Arm of Kootenay Lake, Salmo and Area

Strategic Priority and Area: Organizational Excellence – Focus on Core Services, Organizational Excellence – Enhance Customer Service

Department Name: Parks

Project Name: Glade Legacy Project

Project Origin	Original Completion Date	Revised Completion Date	Project Status	Date Assigned
Committee or Commission	October 31, 2025	October 31, 2028	Delayed	July 01, 2017

Objectives and Outcomes: Staff working with consultant for final draft. Final draft will be provided to Commission and then for public consultation. Draft design provided to Commission looking at community meeting in February. Staff had a community meeting in Glade, receiving community input through jotform survey. Working on comments. Community meeting was mixed with many not wanting any develop

Most Recent Actions: Ecological values assessment is being finalized through the Project Management team. This work may inform the preferred concept and will provide the assessment need for the required Env. Sensitive Development Permit.

Next Steps and Upcoming Milestones: Ecological values assessment report will determine next steps. The preferred concept design needs to be determined before proceeding to the ALC application.

Applicable Areas: Castlegar and Area

Strategic Priority and Area: Organizational Excellence – Enhance Customer Service, Organizational Excellence – Focus on Core Services

Project Name: Regional Parks and Water Access Strategy

Project Origin	Original Completion Date	Revised Completion Date	Project Status	Date Assigned
Board	October 30, 2025	November 27, 2026	Delayed	August 17, 2023

Objectives and Outcomes: The Regional Parks & Water Access Strategy is a comprehensive strategy to assist with future planning, administration, operations and asset management strategies for all RDCK regional parks.

Most Recent Actions: Final edits to the document have been circulated to the PTWAS working group. The strategy will be brought forward to October Board meeting for adoption as a guiding document for RDCK Parks Services.

Next Steps and Upcoming Milestones: Seek Board approval of the final document at the October 2026 meeting.

Applicable Areas: Entire RDCK

Strategic Priority and Area: Organizational Excellence – Review Policies & Processes, Organizational Excellence - Communication with Residents, Regional Growth – Balance Regional & Local Needs, Fiscal Responsibility- Review and streamline outdated processes

Project Name: Goat River Park Development (3823 Goat Canyon Rd.)

Project Origin	Original Completion Date	Revised Completion Date	Project Status	Date Assigned
Board	June 30, 2028		On Track	December 11, 2025

Objectives and Outcomes: With the property at 3823 Goat Canyon Road now purchased, this project is about the long term plan to develop a park at the site.

Most Recent Actions: Hazardous materials assessment and a structural assessment have been completed on the house. Geotechnical contractor is secured. CBT has contributed $50,000k from CBT for park design. $1m from Community Works Funding (Area B) has been secured.

Next Steps and Upcoming Milestones: Staff go to site a couple of times a week to check on the property. Staff are looking to leveraging funding to secure additional CBT monies to support park development.

Applicable Areas: Creston and Area

Strategic Priority and Area: Organizational Excellence – Enhance Customer Service, Organizational Excellence – Focus on Core Services

Project Name: Regional Parks Enhancement Project

Project Origin	Original Completion Date	Revised Completion Date	Project Status	Date Assigned
Senior Management Team	December 31, 2027	July 01, 2027	On Track	March 19, 2026

Objectives and Outcomes: A grant from Columbia Basin Trust was received to support park enhancements in regional parks. The is to determine the highest and best use of these funds to support enhancements across the RDCK park system.

Most Recent Actions: There are approximately 16 project affiliated with year one work. Projects are in various stafes of procurement, scoping, and implementation. A more comprehensive report will following in the Spring of 2027.

Next Steps and Upcoming Milestones: Staff will work to implement the year 1 projects and then update the Board at a future meeting about the progress and plans for year 2 projects

Applicable Areas: Entire RDCK

Strategic Priority and Area: None, Organizational Excellence – Transparency & Accessibility, Regional Growth – Balance Regional & Local Needs, Fiscal Responsibility- Asset Management Planning, Relationships– External Organization's Involvement in Recreation

Project Name: Campbell Fields Park Development Phase One

Project Origin	Original Completion Date	Revised Completion Date	Project Status	Date Assigned
Committee or Commission	December 31, 2028			March 27, 2026

Objectives and Outcomes: Phase one of this project is identified as a "gateway" project to support future development at the site.

Most Recent Actions: No further update this quarter. Previous reporting: Funding support through Community Works has been applied for and received. Site surveys are also underway.

Next Steps and Upcoming Milestones: A procurement process to identify an appropriate consultant is expected to be the next step once all land survey work is completed. Other parks projects have taken priority,

Applicable Areas:

Strategic Priority and Area: Regional Growth – Balance Regional & Local Needs, Relationships– External Organization's Involvement in Recreation

Department Name: Planning

Project Name: Regional Local Government Development Approvals Project

Project Origin	Original Completion Date	Revised Completion Date	Project Status	Date Assigned
Board	July 07, 2028	July 07, 2028	On Track	March 19, 2026

Objectives and Outcomes: To utilize funding through UBCM's Local Government Development Approvals Program (LGDAP) to complete a review of planning procedures best practices to inform future updates to the Planning Procedures and Fees bylaw as well as updating/creating guides and checklists to improve clarity and consistency.

Most Recent Actions: LGDAP funding received. Kickoff meetings held with project partners: Village of Nakusp and Village of New Denver.

Next Steps and Upcoming Milestones: Development Applications Best Practices review to inform updates to Planning Procedures and Fees Bylaw.

Applicable Areas: Entire RDCK

Strategic Priority and Area: Organizational Excellence – Review Policies & Processes, Organizational Excellence – Review Governance Structures, Organizational Excellence – Enhance Customer Service, Organizational Excellence – Transparency & Accessibility, Relationships– Partner with Member Municipalities

Project Name: Area D Community Planning

Project Origin	Original Completion Date	Revised Completion Date	Project Status	Date Assigned
Board	September 30, 2027	September 30, 2027	On Track	February 17, 2022

Objectives and Outcomes: Project follows up on completed work in 2022 to host land use planning discussions (virtually) for most communities in Area D. The goal of this work is to update the Area D Comprehensive Land Use Bylaw focusing on updating and expanding the Zoning Bylaw to additional communities.

Most Recent Actions: Phase 1 community engagement took place over summer 2026.

Next Steps and Upcoming Milestones: What we heard report summarizing engagement and staff recommendations or Phase 2 targetted for October 21, 2026 RAC agenda.

Applicable Areas: Kaslo and Kootenay Lake North

Strategic Priority and Area: Energy & Environment- Environmental Stewardship & Energy Efficiency, Organizational Excellence –Policy-Focused Board Decisions, Organizational Excellence – Review Policies & Processes, Regional Growth – Simplify Land Use Planning, Regional Growth – Encourage Housing Near Services

Project Name: Subdivision Servicing Bylaw Review

Project Origin	Original Completion Date	Revised Completion Date	Project Status	Date Assigned
Board	August 31, 2026	March 31, 2027	Delayed	May 21, 2020

Objectives and Outcomes: To undertake a review of the RDCK Subdivision Bylaw to improve administrative process/efficiency, and seek solutions for recurring challenges (e.g. servicing).

Most Recent Actions: Staff workshops held and drafting of subdivision bylaw has started.

Next Steps and Upcoming Milestones: Ongoing internal department review of relevant bylaw sections and revising draft as needed. Legal review to follow bylaw draft completion. Targetting initial consideration by RAC and Board in Q1 2027.

Applicable Areas: Entire RDCK

Strategic Priority and Area: Organizational Excellence – Review Policies & Processes, Fiscal Responsibility- Review and streamline outdated processes, Energy & Environment- Environmental Stewardship & Energy Efficiency

Department Name: Planning

Project Name: Regional & Local Community Needs Project

Project Origin	Original Completion Date	Revised Completion Date	Project Status	Date Assigned
Board	February 28, 2026	April 16, 2026	On Track	April 10, 2024

Objectives and Outcomes: The RDCK and its partnering municipalities: City of Castlegar, City of Nelson, Town of Creston, Village of Kaslo, Village of Nakusp, Village of Salmo and Village of Slocan are utilizing the complete communities assessment funding for growth management planning to ensure efficient expansion of servicing and infrastructure in line with long-term community development goals.

Most Recent Actions: Board received final report at their April meeting. Directed staff to use the data and analysis from the project to inform future planning projects.

Next Steps and Upcoming Milestones: Incorporate GIS deliverable to internal RDCK webmap.

Applicable Areas: Entire RDCK

Strategic Priority and Area: Regional Growth – Simplify Land Use Planning, Regional Growth – Balance Regional & Local Needs, Regional Growth – Encourage Housing Near Services

Project Name: Planning Procedures and Fees Bylaw Review

Project Origin	Original Completion Date	Revised Completion Date	Project Status	Date Assigned
Board	January 23, 2025	December 31, 2027	Delayed	August 17, 2023

Objectives and Outcomes: Update the Planning Procedures and Fees Bylaw to streamline development approvals, improve clarity and consistency, and align with Board direction. Introduce a standardized application framework, review fee structures for cost recovery, and incorporate new tools (e.g., DAIAs) to support efficient and transparent processes.

Most Recent Actions: Completed the Standard Terms of Reference (STORe) initiative to establish clearer and more consistent technical submission requirements for development applications. The broader Planning Procedures and Fees Bylaw review continues to be coordinated with the LGDAP initiative.

Next Steps and Upcoming Milestones: Advance the broader review through the LGDAP work program. Review existing procedures, application requirements, fee structures, and opportunities for process improvements, and prepare proposed amendments for internal and Board consideration.

Applicable Areas: Entire RDCK

Strategic Priority and Area: Organizational Excellence – Review Policies & Processes, Organizational Excellence – Enhance Customer Service, Fiscal Responsibility- Review and streamline outdated processes

Project Name: Local Government Housing Initiatives

Project Origin	Original Completion Date	Revised Completion Date	Project Status	Date Assigned
Board	December 11, 2025	March 31, 2027	Delayed	November 30, 2023

Objectives and Outcomes: Advance SSMUH implementation through coordinated OCP and zoning updates across electoral areas. OCP amendments focus on aligning with provincial housing requirements, modernizing language, removing regulatory provisions, and simplifying policy structure to improve clarity, consistency, and development approvals.

Most Recent Actions: Presented the OCP Updates 2026 Information Report to the Rural Affairs Committee. Prepared and distributed referral packages. Prepared public consultation materials, including the RDCK Engage project page, presentation materials, and an informational videos. Coordination is underway for upcoming APHC meetings.

Next Steps and Upcoming Milestones: Continue receiving and documenting referral and public feedback. Present proposed amendments to APHCs. Refine the amendments as required and advance the bylaws through the formal adoption process, including consideration of a public hearing.

Applicable Areas: Nelson Area and West Arm of Kootenay Lake, Castlegar and Area, Salmo and Area, Kaslo and Kootenay Lake North, East Shore Kootenay Lake, Creston and Area, Nakusp and Arrow Lakes

Strategic Priority and Area: Fiscal Responsibility- Review and streamline outdated processes, Regional Growth – Simplify Land Use Planning

Project Name: Natural Hazards Risk Tolerance Policy

Project Origin	Original Completion Date	Revised Completion Date	Project Status	Date Assigned
Board	May 31, 2026	March 31, 2027	On Track	December 03, 2025

Objectives and Outcomes: The Regional District of Central Kootenay (RDCK) is developing a new Risk Tolerance Policy to strengthen risk-informed land use planning decisions and enhance community resilience to natural hazards. Similar policies are increasingly common within municipalities and jurisdictions across British Columbia.

Most Recent Actions: All final deliverables received from consultant including draft policy.

Next Steps and Upcoming Milestones: Further information anticipated to return to the Board in 2027.

Applicable Areas: Entire RDCK

Strategic Priority and Area: Energy & Environment- Natural Hazard and Risk Mitigation

Project Name: Development Permit Area Enforcement Framework

Project Origin	Original Completion Date	Revised Completion Date	Project Status	Date Assigned
Board	June 30, 2025	October 30, 2026	Delayed	January 07, 2026

Objectives and Outcomes: To enable better enforcement options for Environmental Development Permit Areas for Electoral Areas A, G, and H, initially. Areas A and H removed via Board resolution.

Most Recent Actions: Board directed staff to undertake early and ongoing consultation for bylaw amendments in electoral Area G only, First reading given by Board and formal referrals to agencies has been sent.

Next Steps and Upcoming Milestones: Respond to any feedback or requests from identified stakeholders. Public hearing to be held on Oct. 1, 2026.

Applicable Areas: East Shore Kootenay Lake, Salmo and Area, Slocan Valley

Strategic Priority and Area: None, Organizational Excellence – Review Policies & Processes, Energy & Environment- Watershed Governance and Protection, Regional Growth – Simplify Land Use Planning, Fiscal Responsibility- Review and streamline outdated processes

Department Name: Planning

Project Name: Electoral Area F, H, J and K Sub-Regional Official Community Plan Update

Project Origin	Original Completion Date	Revised Completion Date	Project Status	Date Assigned
Board	March 31, 2029	March 31, 2029	On Track	January 07, 2026

Objectives and Outcomes: Advance preparation of a Sub-Regional OCP for Electoral Areas F, H (North), J, and K. The plan will provide clear, high-level policy direction on land use, housing, environment, and servicing, supporting coordinated growth and informed decision-making across the sub-region.

Most Recent Actions: Completed the Project Charter and Engagement Framework and advanced the project into the next phase of work. Initiated existing-conditions research and background analysis, including demographic, population, housing, and growth trends. Preparing background materials, maps and graphics to communicate key findings and provide a foundation for future policy discussions.

Next Steps and Upcoming Milestones: Complete existing-conditions analysis and supporting background materials. Engagement with residents, APHCs, First Nations, agencies, stakeholders, and internal departments. Identify key planning issues and opportunities and begin translating technical findings and community input into policy directions and the emerging structure of the Sub-Regional OCP.

Applicable Areas: Nelson Area and West Arm of Kootenay Lake, Nakusp and Arrow Lakes, Slocan Valley, Castlegar and Area

Strategic Priority and Area: Organizational Excellence – Review Policies & Processes, Regional Growth – Simplify Land Use Planning, Regional Growth – Balance Regional & Local Needs, Regional Growth – Encourage Housing Near Services, Fiscal Responsibility- Review and streamline outdated processes

Project Name: Floodplain Management Bylaw Review Project

Project Origin	Original Completion Date	Revised Completion Date	Project Status	Date Assigned
	June 03, 2026	March 31, 2027	On Track	April 01, 2026

Objectives and Outcomes: The project seeks to guide and modernize the RDCK and Village of Salmo's regulations (and associated mapping) related to flood and steep creek hazards, which have not yet been updated to integrate the extensive hazard mapping and risk assessments completed since 2019 and contains outdated regulations and terminology about hazard and risk.

Most Recent Actions: Board workshop in April 14, 2026; Staff workshop in April; public webinar #2 in May. Engagement Summary Report, Final Project Report, and draft Bylaws received by Board at their July 2026 meeting. Legal review in progress. Project implementation framework "for information" report on September Board agenda.

Next Steps and Upcoming Milestones: Draft Bylaws to come for initial consideration and readings at future meeting. Province previously approved extention on funding from June 30 to Dec. 31, 2026. Complete legal review. Undertake action on implementation framework.

Applicable Areas:

Strategic Priority and Area: None

Department Name: Project Management

Project Name: Asset Management Planning

Project Origin	Original Completion Date	Revised Completion Date	Project Status	Date Assigned
Board	September 30, 2027		On Track	December 05, 2025

Objectives and Outcomes: Developing a robust asset management plan through research and documentation of our Regional District owned assets that helps to put timelines on repairs, maintenance and replacement of assets while providing more cost certainty to the Board on policy for reserve contributions, financing, and tax requisition.

Most Recent Actions: Updates to the Board provided in January 2026. A draft 3 year Asset Management Plan has been drafted and sent out for comment. The Asset Managmeent Coordinator resigned from their position in early 2026 and staff are currently working through revisions to the position description and reporting structure.

Next Steps and Upcoming Milestones: Working with Senior Management Team to revise position desciption and duties. Hire a new Asset Management Coordinator in summer of 2026. Revise schedule for Asset Management Implementation. Undertake revisions to the draft 3 year Asset Management Plan.

Applicable Areas: Entire RDCK

Strategic Priority and Area: Fiscal Responsibility- Asset Management Planning

Project Name: Facility Condition Assessments to Support Asset Management Planning

Project Origin	Original Completion Date	Revised Completion Date	Project Status	Date Assigned
Board	September 30, 2026		On Track	June 26, 2026

Objectives and Outcomes: Facility and Building Condition Assesments being undertaken on key facilities in the RDCK to determine condition, life expectancy and estimated repair costs.

Most Recent Actions: Contract has been awarded to ASI. Kickoff meeting has been completed. Desktop analysis is underway and initial site visits to facilities have been scheduled.

Next Steps and Upcoming Milestones: Site visits to facilities will be completed in the summer and will include staff.

Applicable Areas: Entire RDCK

Strategic Priority and Area: None, Fiscal Responsibility- Asset Management Planning

Department Name: Recreation

Project Name: Facility Space Allocation Review

Project Origin	Original Completion Date	Revised Completion Date	Project Status	Date Assigned
Committee or Commission	March 31, 2026	April 30, 2027		June 10, 2025

Objectives and Outcomes: This project includes reviewing and revising allocation timelines and procedures, defining public use commitments and integrating them into policy, exploring dedicated space/time rentals for user groups, developing internal guidelines for managing multi-facility user request, and providing recommended changes to the Allocation Policy where appropriate.

Most Recent Actions: An update on this project was provided at the June All Recreation Committee meeting. Initial areas of focus include updated submission timelines, clarified definitions, updated conflict resolution practices, and enhanced expectations of ser groups and staff. Allocation appeals for the 2026/27 ice season have highlighted where additional review is required.

Next Steps and Upcoming Milestones: Staff will be preparing a report for the October All Recreation Committee meeting identifying a framework to support the policy review. Learnings from the recent ice appeal processes in Nelson and Castlegar will inform a recommendation on a path forward.

Applicable Areas: Entire RDCK

Strategic Priority and Area: Organizational Excellence – Review Policies & Processes, Organizational Excellence – Transparency & Accessibility, Organizational Excellence – Enhance Customer Service

Project Name: East Shore Recreation Facility Implementation Project

Project Origin	Original Completion Date	Revised Completion Date	Project Status	Date Assigned
Board	September 30, 2025	April 30, 2027	On Track	June 15, 2025

Objectives and Outcomes: RDCK took over the operations for of the Crawford Bay Fitness Centre from the East Shore Facilities Society. An agreement was entered into with SD8. Transition plans are underway with the goal of minimal disruption to service to the community.

Most Recent Actions: A staff report was provided to Rec 9 on September 28 that recommended staff direction be provided to come back with a program feasibility study on aligning the business practices of the Crawford Bay service with that of the New Denver operation. This will be presented to the Commission in Apri 2027.

Next Steps and Upcoming Milestones: Staff will be presenting a policy to the All Recreation Committee on "Unstaffed Fitness Centre operations" for consideration to support these more rural recreational offerings in October. Further, staff will be conducting a program review on the impacts to aligning the fitness center service offerings in Crawford Bay with that of New Denver.

Applicable Areas: East Shore Kootenay Lake

Strategic Priority and Area: Organizational Excellence - Communication with Residents, Regional Growth – Balance Regional & Local Needs, Relationships– Co-operation with Neighbouring Regions, Relationships– External Organization's Involvement in Recreation

Department Name: Recreation

Project Name: Community Services Membership Services Restructuring

Project Origin	Original Completion Date	Revised Completion Date	Project Status	Date Assigned
Committee or Commission	February 28, 2026	June 30, 2027	Delayed	November 15, 2023

Objectives and Outcomes: This is a long term project that aims to consider different ways of providing term based membership services at the recreation facilities.

Most Recent Actions: A report on punch passes was provided to the All Rec Committee on April 2, 2026. This is a key step in determining what alternate options may be appropriate for this type of pass as it is a key factor in idenifying what options the department might have to change how term based memberships are provided.

Next Steps and Upcoming Milestones: Implementing new communication strategies for punch pass holders to help ensure people are utilizing their passes and/or making the best choice for themselves on what pass to purchase. Next reporting on this topic is not expected until April 2027.

Applicable Areas: Entire RDCK

Strategic Priority and Area: Organizational Excellence – Enhance Customer Service, Organizational Excellence – Review Policies & Processes

Project Name: Salmo and Area G Recreational Services Review

Project Origin	Original Completion Date	Revised Completion Date	Project Status	Date Assigned
Committee or Commission	November 10, 2025	December 31, 2026	Delayed	October 17, 2024

Objectives and Outcomes: The Salmo and Area G Recreation Services Review is to amend the scope and requisition of the Salmo and Electoral Area G (Rec. #7) Recreational Program Bylaw No.784, 1990. The intended outcome is combine the establishment bylaw #784 and bylaw #1135.

Most Recent Actions: Process has been initiated with the Ministry to amend bylaw #784 and #1135 to increase the maximum taxation requisition. Discussions are underway with what steps are required to combine the establishment bylaws with the Ministry and other RDCK staff.

Next Steps and Upcoming Milestones: Reach out to Corporate Services staff to identify what Community Services can do to support the work required for this transition.

Applicable Areas: Salmo and Area

Strategic Priority and Area: Organizational Excellence – Review Governance Structures

Project Name: Castlegar & District Arena & Walking Track Project

Project Origin	Original Completion Date	Revised Completion Date	Project Status	Date Assigned
Committee or Commission	October 31, 2026	February 12, 2027	On Track	March 19, 2026

Objectives and Outcomes: The goal is to take take a borrowing bylaw for up to $15m to referendum in October 2026 to support the development of a secondary sheet of ice and indoor walking at the Castlegar & District Recreation Complex.

Most Recent Actions: Participation agreements were signed by two of the three proponents that were short listed from the RFPQ. Proposal submission deadline is November 4. Referendum target continues to be February 6, 2027.

Next Steps and Upcoming Milestones: Commission continues to be updated monthly on the timeline for this project. Project risks continue to be proponents submitting a complete proposal and a successful referendum result.

Applicable Areas: Castlegar and Area

Strategic Priority and Area: None, Organizational Excellence – Transparency & Accessibility, Fiscal Responsibility- Asset Management Planning

Department Name: Recreation

Project Name: Leisure Access Program Subsidy Feasibility Study

Project Origin	Original Completion Date	Revised Completion Date	Project Status	Date Assigned
Committee or Commission	May 31, 2027		Not Started	July 03, 2026

Objectives and Outcomes: To determine the feasibility to incorporating an account level subsidy into the administration of the Leisure Access Program (LAP).

Most Recent Actions: No update this quarter. The next reporting will occur in. April 2026 All Recreation Committee meeting, a staff report was provided that summarized the evaluation of the first full year of implementation of the revised LAP. One of the most consistent challenges identified was the amount of time required to process family visits when all family members are using LAP.

Next Steps and Upcoming Milestones: Review the pros, cons and feasiblity of incorporating an account level subsidy into the LAP administration. This is not anticipated to occur until April 2027. If there were any proposed changes, they would not be implemented until June 2027 when the program renews.

Applicable Areas: Entire RDCK

Strategic Priority and Area: Organizational Excellence – Transparency & Accessibility, Fiscal Responsibility- Review and streamline outdated processes, Relationships– External Organization's Involvement in Recreation

Department Name: Resource Recovery

Project Name: Regionalization Assessment

Project Origin	Original Completion Date	Revised Completion Date	Project Status	Date Assigned
Committee or Commission	April 01, 2026	September 30, 2027	On Track	January 01, 2025

Objectives and Outcomes: The 3 subregional framework of the Resource Recovery services are demonstratively inefficient and inequitable, therefore staff are assessing options to consider for regionalization.

Most Recent Actions: Resource Recovery staff working with Corporate Administration to clarify the possible legislative pathways to regionalization to be assessed as part of feasibility study, prior to issuing a procurement for a feasibility study.

Next Steps and Upcoming Milestones: Staff plan to procure the feasibility study in Q4 and return to JRRC for consideration of next steps once the study is complete.

Applicable Areas: Entire RDCK

Strategic Priority and Area: Organizational Excellence – Review Governance Structures, Waste Reduction – Implement Resource Recovery Plan, Fiscal Responsibility- Review and streamline outdated processes

Project Name: Residential Cooking Oil Pilot Creston Landfill

Project Origin	Original Completion Date	Revised Completion Date	Project Status	Date Assigned
Committee or Commission	December 31, 2025	December 31, 2027	On Track	June 13, 2024

Objectives and Outcomes: Pilot program to collect residential cooking oil at the Creston Landfill.

Most Recent Actions: No update from Q2 - Program continues to operate at no cost to the RDCK. Staff continue to collect data on the program via the Strong scale software.

Next Steps and Upcoming Milestones: No significant change - data collection and communication will continue in Q4. Staff to return to JRRC with a summary of the pilot program and request a determination of next steps.

Applicable Areas: Creston and Area, East Shore Kootenay Lake

Strategic Priority and Area: Waste Reduction – Sustainable Diversion Programs

Project Name: Landfilling Diversion Initiatives - C&D

Project Origin	Original Completion Date	Revised Completion Date	Project Status	Date Assigned
Committee or Commission	December 31, 2026	June 30, 2027	Delayed	March 18, 2021

Objectives and Outcomes: Collaborate with City of Nelson Low Carbon Building Specialist on diversion pilots, investigate opportunities for Specified Agreements and/or Remote Supports with qualified businesses, prepare a RFEOI or procurements for alternative management of C&D materials. Ongoing participation in province wide C&D working group and other opportunities.

Most Recent Actions: No change from Q2 report.

Next Steps and Upcoming Milestones: In Q4, develop pilot guidelines for drywall acceptance and incentive pricing at Nakusp Transfer Station. Create communications plan to inform commercial operators of reduced-rate recycling for verified clean, asbestos-free drywall. Develop hazard assessment to prevent asbestos contamination. Investigate other sites suitable for drywall/glass recycling.

Applicable Areas: Entire RDCK, Nakusp and Arrow Lakes

Strategic Priority and Area: Waste Reduction – Sustainable Diversion Programs, Waste Reduction – Zero Waste in RDCK Operations, Waste Reduction – Implement Resource Recovery Plan, Waste Reduction – Value-Added Materials Transformation

Project Name: Scale Software Upgrade

Project Origin	Original Completion Date	Revised Completion Date	Project Status	Date Assigned
Committee or Commission	December 31, 2025	October 01, 2026		January 01, 2022

Objectives and Outcomes: RR is onboarding a new scale software at all waste facilities. Project largely implemented, with accompanying tools still being implemented such as plate readers at scaled sites and hand held devices for remote entering of transactions.

Most Recent Actions: In Q3 the Central Landfill Kiosk was fully operational; Staff have created five Site Use Agreements, and are awaiting for signed documents and proof of insurance. One Site Use Agreement is fully executed and the contractor is using the kiosk to self-process loads of septage outside of open public hours.

Next Steps and Upcoming Milestones: Staff are investigating the possible installation of license plate readers at the Ootischenia Landfill in 2027, based on the improvements to processing ease reported at the Grohman Narrows Transfer Station. Q4 software updates expected to allow for off-line processing and expansion of remote transactions using handheld devices for sites that still use manual tickets.

Applicable Areas: Entire RDCK

Strategic Priority and Area: Organizational Excellence – Focus on Core Services, Organizational Excellence – Enhance Customer Service

Project Name: Creston Landfill Phase 1C/D, Berm

Project Origin	Original Completion Date	Revised Completion Date	Project Status	Date Assigned
Committee or Commission	October 31, 2026	September 30, 2027	Delayed	October 18, 2017

Objectives and Outcomes: Closure of Creston Landfill Phase 1C/D and construction of stabiliztion berm.

Most Recent Actions: Ministry of Forests License to Cut was delayed and received in Q3. Project Management (PM) continuing work with consultants to advance design with input from Resource Recovery staff.

Next Steps and Upcoming Milestones: Project Issued for Tender package expected in Q4, with tendering to proceed in late Q4, and early Q1 2027 for construction early in 2027 construction season. Project to transition to PM reporting moving into construction stage.

Applicable Areas: Creston and Area, East Shore Kootenay Lake

Strategic Priority and Area: Waste Reduction – Implement Resource Recovery Plan

Project Name: ICI Sector Organics Diversion

Project Origin	Original Completion Date	Revised Completion Date	Project Status	Date Assigned
Committee or Commission	December 31, 2025	September 30, 2026	On Track	January 01, 2024

Objectives and Outcomes: Support ICI businesses in organics diversion by reducing barriers through resources, rebates, and reduced tipping fees for pilot programs. Encourage early ICI sector participation in a pilot programs ahead of Q3 2026 organics regulation implementation.

Most Recent Actions: Engagement focused on large generators of organic waste and haulers providing separated organic waste disposal. Smaller operations continue to receive support through access to resources and rebates. Virtual and on-site support and guidance have been provided upon request.

Next Steps and Upcoming Milestones: Staff will continue to use RDCK engagement platform as primary information portal. Ongoing support of organics recycling implementation for the ICI sector. Updated round of communication via email and social media planned. Promotion of rebates and resources will be prioritized.

Applicable Areas: Entire RDCK

Strategic Priority and Area: Waste Reduction – Sustainable Diversion Programs, Waste Reduction – Public Education & Outreach, Waste Reduction – Implement Resource Recovery Plan

Project Name: Regional Finished Compost Sales and Distribution Planning

Project Origin	Original Completion Date	Revised Completion Date	Project Status	Date Assigned
Committee or Commission	August 31, 2025	November 30, 2026	On Track	October 01, 2022

Objectives and Outcomes: Support regional compost distribution by continuing sales at Ootischenia, Creston, and Central Landfills. Expand compost sales locations to transfer stations. Improve screening schedule to move towards spring and fall sales to better aligning with ideal agricultural and residential use timelines.

Most Recent Actions: Report brought to Committee in August to update pricing and sales logistics for 2026. Screening at Central Compost Facility began early September. Sales started Sept. 16 at Central (Salmo) Landfill, expanding to Ootischenia and Creston as screening and other logistics allow.

Next Steps and Upcoming Milestones: Completion of screening for 2026, and sale of compost for residential and agricultural users at designated facilities.

Applicable Areas: Entire RDCK

Strategic Priority and Area: Energy & Environment- Agriculture & Food Security, Waste Reduction – Value-Added Materials Transformation

Project Name: Collaboration with City of Nelson on Organics Program

Project Origin	Original Completion Date	Revised Completion Date	Project Status	Date Assigned
Committee or Commission	October 31, 2025	December 31, 2026	On Track	January 01, 2019

Objectives and Outcomes: Support the City of Nelson in advancing organics diversion planning. Goal is to enable meaningful diversion in 2026, with outcomes verified through waste composition studies.

Most Recent Actions: No recent actions to report. Activities collaborating with City of Nelson on organics have been paused due to lack of need.

Next Steps and Upcoming Milestones: No new actions or milestones anticipated. This project will be closed.

Applicable Areas: Nelson Area and West Arm of Kootenay Lake

Strategic Priority and Area: Energy & Environment- Agriculture & Food Security, Waste Reduction – Sustainable Diversion Programs, Waste Reduction – Public Education & Outreach, Waste Reduction – Implement Resource Recovery Plan, Relationships– Partner with Member Municipalities

Project Name: Ootischenia Landfill Lands Acquisition

Project Origin	Original Completion Date	Revised Completion Date	Project Status	Date Assigned
Provincial Requirement	December 31, 2025	December 31, 2027	Delayed	January 01, 2018

Objectives and Outcomes: Acquire an expansion to the existing Ootischenia Landfill License of Occupation (LOO), to facilitate the future landfill expansion project. Additional public lands to the south and east of the existing LOO will be included in the acquisition application.

Most Recent Actions: Sperling Hansen Associates will resume lands application work once the Design, Operations and Closure Plan is complete (draft was completed in Q3).

Next Steps and Upcoming Milestones: First Nations and public engagement will commence on completion of draft lands application plan, now expected in Q4. Land acquisition approval may take 3+ years once submitted due to extended approvals timelines with Province.

Applicable Areas: Nelson Area and West Arm of Kootenay Lake, Kaslo and Kootenay Lake North, Salmo and Area

Strategic Priority and Area: Organizational Excellence – Focus on Core Services, Waste Reduction – Implement Resource Recovery Plan

Project Name: HB Tailings Facility Active Closure

Project Origin	Original Completion Date	Revised Completion Date	Project Status	Date Assigned
Committee or Commission	December 31, 2026		On Track	September 14, 2022

Objectives and Outcomes: Achieve passive-closure, where monitoring completed during the active-care (post-closure) phase indicates that long-term geochemical, geotechnical, and environmental stability have been achieved, and monitoring frequencies can be reduced. Finalize new regulatory required reports and plans for closed facilities.

Most Recent Actions: In Q3, the Province provided support for the 5-year Reclamation and Closure Plan (RCP) framework. Two RCP planning meetings were held with consultants. The Stability Assessment Report surrounding findings from the 2025 drilling program was finalized, and an RFP for a facilitated test of the Emergency Preparedness and Response Plan (EPRP) was drafted.

Next Steps and Upcoming Milestones: In Q4, work will continue on the 5-year RCP update, with the first draft expected in October. The RCP will support an application for reduced monitoring frequencies, and a request to reduce Code required reporting. The RFP for the facilitated EPRP test will be posted in Q4.

Applicable Areas: Salmo and Area, Kaslo and Kootenay Lake North, Nelson Area and West Arm of Kootenay Lake

Strategic Priority and Area: Relationships –Dialogue with Indigenous Communities, Energy & Environment- Watershed Governance and Protection

Project Name: Ymir Transfer Station Closure

Project Origin	Original Completion Date	Revised Completion Date	Project Status	Date Assigned
Committee or Commission	December 31, 2026		On Track	March 19, 2026

Objectives and Outcomes: The Hours of Operation review recommended closure of the Ymir TS due to low traffic, cost, and close proximity to other services.

Most Recent Actions: In Q1, Board directed closure of Ymir Transfer Station at the end of 2026. Staff developed an RFP for a bin wall engineering assessment which closed in early Q3. The bin wall assessment report was completed in late August.

Next Steps and Upcoming Milestones: In Q4, updates to the engineering assessment report will be completed, to provide costing details. A media release around the closure of the site will be issued in Q4.

Applicable Areas: Salmo and Area

Strategic Priority and Area: None

Project Name: Industrial, Commercial and Institutional Organics Regulation Implementation.

Project Origin	Original Completion Date	Revised Completion Date	Project Status	Date Assigned
Committee or Commission	June 30, 2027	October 31, 2027	On Track	June 22, 2026

Objectives and Outcomes: Develop and implement Resource Recovery Facilities Bylaw updates to regulate ICI participation in organics diversion and provide support to help the sector transition.

Most Recent Actions: Site visits to large generators occurred to provide explanation of regulatory changes. An inspection standard operating procedure was developed for landfills and transfer stations that accept organic waste. A notification of non-compliance letter was developed, as well as digital inspection forms. The first ICI loads were inspected at Ootischenia Landfill.

Next Steps and Upcoming Milestones: Load inspections will increase at landfills to target commercial compactors from ICI operations, typically originating from grocery stores. An updated round of communication to affected businesses will be completed.

Applicable Areas: Entire RDCK

Strategic Priority and Area: Waste Reduction – Sustainable Diversion Programs, Waste Reduction – Public Education & Outreach, Waste Reduction – Implement Resource Recovery Plan

Project Name: Textiles Diversion Opportunities Investigation

Project Origin	Original Completion Date	Revised Completion Date	Project Status	Date Assigned
Committee or Commission	December 31, 2026	February 28, 2027	On Track	June 22, 2026

Objectives and Outcomes: Investigate textiles recycling opportunities as per the RRP.

Most Recent Actions: in Q3, staff met with a local business interested in potential textile recycling and is exploring options and external funding opportunities.

Next Steps and Upcoming Milestones: Determine whether textile recycling is viable in RDCK with a local partner; estimate the cost and environmental impact of textiles disposal in RDCK landfills and bring a report to JRRC in Q4 with an update and request for direction.

Applicable Areas: Entire RDCK

Strategic Priority and Area: Waste Reduction – Sustainable Diversion Programs

Project Name: Illegal Dumping Strategy

Project Origin	Original Completion Date	Revised Completion Date	Project Status	Date Assigned
Committee or Commission	December 31, 2024	December 31, 2028	On Track	June 22, 2026

Objectives and Outcomes: Work with the community to reduce illegal dumping and pursue the development of a regional, multi-sector approach mitigating illegal dumping.

Most Recent Actions: In Q3, supported two community-based cleanups in the West sub-region with a one in the Central sub-region planned this fall; reached out to representatives from relevant Ministries to initiate development of inter-agency illegal dumping mitigation strategy.

Next Steps and Upcoming Milestones: No change from Q2 Report - Continue to support community-based cleanup initiatives, implore relevant provincial Ministries to help in the development of a multi-sector approach to mitigating illegal dumping, lobby the province to provide adequate staff resources to support the investigation and enforcement of illegal dumping on Provincially-manage lands.

Applicable Areas: Entire RDCK

Strategic Priority and Area: Waste Reduction – Implement Resource Recovery Plan

Project Name: Ootischenia Transfer Station Upgrades

Project Origin	Original Completion Date	Revised Completion Date	Project Status	Date Assigned
Committee or Commission	November 30, 2027		On Track	January 12, 2026

Objectives and Outcomes: Ootischenia Landfill requires upgrades to the transfer station to allow for future landfill development to proceed and accomodate increased traffic with a second scale.

Most Recent Actions: In Q3, updated 50% design drawings provided to Staff, which now include water/septic/electrical plans. Engaged with site staff, contractors, and field supervisors for feedback on designs. Conducted site visit with Sperling Hansen in September to review and discuss upgrade plans. Application to MOTT for second site entrance has been approved.

Next Steps and Upcoming Milestones: In Q4, the consultant will continue work on the detailed design. The Issued for Tender (IFT) package is expected in Q4. Depending on timing of the IFT package completion, staff will determine if an RFP will proceed to commence portions of construction work in 2026 (weather-dependent), or defer full construction start to 2027.

Applicable Areas: Slocan Valley, Salmo and Area, Nelson Area and West Arm of Kootenay Lake, Nakusp and Arrow Lakes, Kaslo and Kootenay Lake North, Castlegar and Area

Strategic Priority and Area: None, Organizational Excellence – Focus on Core Services, Organizational Excellence – Enhance Customer Service

Project Name: Legacy Landfill Closure -Landfill Criteria Sites

Project Origin	Original Completion Date	Revised Completion Date	Project Status	Date Assigned
Committee or Commission	December 31, 2029	December 31, 2027	On Track	January 12, 2026

Objectives and Outcomes: Complete closure to BC Landfill Criteria standards for the seven legacy landfill sites that still contain transfer station infrastructure. Closure objectives are outlined in the 2025 Closure Plans that were prepared by Sperling Hansen Associates.

Most Recent Actions: Staff provided a progress update to Committee on August 19th. Most clean up, cover placement, and earthwork has now been completed. Draft letters to Ministry of Environment have been prepared, requesting revision to contaminating lifespan and post-closure monitoring period at all sites, to align with the actual closure dates of the sites.

Next Steps and Upcoming Milestones: Earthwork at Boswell, Marblehead and Salmo to be deferred until 2027 to align with current Financial Plan. Monitoring well installation RFP to be completed in Q4. Letters to Ministry of Environment will be sent by end of Q4.

Applicable Areas: Entire RDCK

Strategic Priority and Area: Energy & Environment- Environmental Stewardship & Energy Efficiency

Project Name: Legacy Landfil Closure - Contaminated Sites Regulation Sites

Project Origin	Original Completion Date	Revised Completion Date	Project Status	Date Assigned
Committee or Commission	December 31, 2029	December 31, 2029	On Track	January 12, 2026

Objectives and Outcomes: Complete closure of the three legacy landfill sites that no longer contain transfer station infrastructure. Closure of these sites will follow BC Contaminated Sites Regulation (CSR) requirements, and will include Stage 1 and Stage 2 reporting, and possibly detailed site investigations. CSR Closure Plan development will proceed on completion of site investations.

Most Recent Actions: Staff provided a progress update to Committee on August 19th. Staff comments on CSR Stage 1 reports were provided to Sperling Hansen.

Next Steps and Upcoming Milestones: Staff plans to engage with Remediation Branch to determine rationale behind the intensive assessment work being recommended on sites, with the goal of potentially reducing the amount of work needed to satisfy the Ministry in regards to CSR site closure. Any required CSR Stage 2 work will be included in an RFP in Q4.

Applicable Areas: Entire RDCK

Strategic Priority and Area: None, Energy & Environment- Environmental Stewardship & Energy Efficiency

Project Name: Septage Management Strategy

Project Origin	Original Completion Date	Revised Completion Date	Project Status	Date Assigned
Committee or Commission	January 01, 2030	November 30, 2028	On Track	January 01, 2024

Objectives and Outcomes: Septage Management within the RD has been identified as not meeting current environmental standards and likely to create long-term liability if not addressed. Septage facilities in 4 different locations (Creston, Salmo, Castlegar and Nakusp area) require various different approaches which may include: Partnerships with Municipalities and RDCK owned pilot treatment.

Most Recent Actions: Ootischenia septage lagoon design for reloacation complete. Construction to start in 2026.

Next Steps and Upcoming Milestones: Completion of negotiations with the the Town of Creston about establishing the municipal wastewater treatment facility as septage receiving facilities. Communications with Nakusp about possibilities to treat septage in their municipal facilities and possibility of an contribution agreement for required engineering services.

Applicable Areas: Entire RDCK

Strategic Priority and Area: Organizational Excellence – Focus on Core Services, Fiscal Responsibility- Asset Management Planning, Energy & Environment- Environmental Stewardship & Energy Efficiency, Waste Reduction – Implement Resource Recovery Plan

Project Name: RR Facility and Site Hours Review

Project Origin	Original Completion Date	Revised Completion Date	Project Status	Date Assigned
Committee or Commission	December 31, 2025	December 31, 2026	Delayed	January 01, 2025

Objectives and Outcomes: Following a recommendation from the Systems Efficiency Review, staff are assessing traffic, tonnage, and distance to other services at both waste and recycling sites. Staff will present options for modifying hours of operation to more efficiently match site usage, provide quality service levels, and consider cost of services.

Most Recent Actions: JRRC directed staff to reduce operation at Riondel Satellite Recycling depot to one day per week and re-assess site viability for the 2027 budget cycle. Riondel operations reduced as of July 1, 2026; collection of traffic data from standalone recycling depots continued in Q3.

Next Steps and Upcoming Milestones: Traffic data from standalone recycling depots and West subregion transfer stations will be assessed in Q4 after sufficient data is collected. Continuing to collect traffic data from standalone recycling depots. May adjust completion date if required for fulsome data collection and reporting.

Applicable Areas: Entire RDCK

Strategic Priority and Area: Organizational Excellence – Enhance Customer Service, Fiscal Responsibility- Review and streamline outdated processes

Project Name: Septage Management Options for Central and West subregions

Project Origin	Original Completion Date	Revised Completion Date	Project Status	Date Assigned
Committee or Commission	December 31, 2026	December 31, 2027	On Track	June 19, 2019

Objectives and Outcomes: Reassess Central & West septage management options over a 10–15 year horizon. Advance feasibility of septage receiving at the Nakusp WWTP, while also assessing whether low-volume septage management at the Nakusp and Salmo transfer stations could be accommodated via decentralized treatment/dispersal under the Sewerage System Regulation or other applicable regulatory pathway

Most Recent Actions: Continued participation in Nelson & Castlegar LWMP's & engagement with Salmo and Nakusp regarding WWTP septage receiving. Detailed tipping data analysis completed. Castlegar has confirmed no realistic WWTP receiving option for 10–15 years, current Salmo WWTP receiving costs $1000 are prohibitive. Nakusp WWTP req further assessment as does reg pathway

Next Steps and Upcoming Milestones: Reassess Central and West septage management options over a 10–15 year horizon. Advance feasibility of septage receiving at the Nakusp WWTP, while also assessing whether low-volume septage management at the Nakusp and Salmo transfer stations could be accommodated through decentralized treatment/dispersal under appropriate provincial regulatory pathway

Applicable Areas: Nelson Area and West Arm of Kootenay Lake, Kaslo and Kootenay Lake North, Salmo and Area, Slocan Valley, Nakusp and Arrow Lakes, Castlegar and Area

Strategic Priority and Area: Waste Reduction – Implement Resource Recovery Plan

Project Name: Creston, Castlegar and Nakusp Eco-Depots

Project Origin	Original Completion Date	Revised Completion Date	Project Status	Date Assigned
Committee or Commission	September 30, 2026	March 31, 2027	Delayed	October 10, 2018

Objectives and Outcomes: The RDCK is pursuing options to offer year round collection of Household Hazardous Waste in the communities of Creston, Castlegar and Nakusp.

Most Recent Actions: In Q3, Staff conducted cost estimate assessment for the required to establish Eco-Depots. Staff presented at Committee to request financial amendments for the allocated capital expenditures towards Eco-Depot establishment. Staff drafted an RFP for the establishment and operation of Eco-Depots, which was under Corporate Administration review at the end of Q3.

Next Steps and Upcoming Milestones: In Q4, Staff plan to issue the RFP, and in late Q4 or Q1 2027, plan to evaluate the RFP responses and present the result to the Joint Resource Recovery Committee.

Applicable Areas: Entire RDCK, Castlegar and Area, Creston and Area, Nakusp and Arrow Lakes

Strategic Priority and Area: Organizational Excellence – Enhance Customer Service, Waste Reduction – Sustainable Diversion Programs, Waste Reduction – Zero Waste in RDCK Operations, Waste Reduction – Implement Resource Recovery Plan

Project Name: Creston Septage Facility

Project Origin	Original Completion Date	Revised Completion Date	Project Status	Date Assigned
Committee or Commission	December 31, 2026	December 31, 2027	On Track	June 01, 2018

Objectives and Outcomes: As per the RRP, RDCK and Town of Creston staff are pursuing the installation of a septage receiving facility at the ToC's wastewater treatment facility to manage septage waste in the East subregion. Implement a long-term septage receiving solution for the East subregion through a partnership with the Town of Creston, including receiving infrastructure at the ToC WWTP

Most Recent Actions: Received design and billing information from the Town of Creston and commenced review. SPF grant was unsuccessful. Staff are assessing options and developing an implementation pathway to advance the project without grant funding. Staff resource constraints to deliver septage related initiatives mean that progress is restrained.

Next Steps and Upcoming Milestones: Complete review of design, capital and operating costs. Assess alternative funding and financing options and develop the administrative and cost-recovery framework required to finalize an agreement with the ToC. Administration of septage management must be developed to guide the finalizing of an agreement with the ToC.

Applicable Areas: Creston and Area, East Shore Kootenay Lake

Strategic Priority and Area: Waste Reduction – Implement Resource Recovery Plan

Project Name: Creston Landfill-Crown License of Occupation

Project Origin	Original Completion Date	Revised Completion Date	Project Status	Date Assigned
Provincial Requirement	December 31, 2027			January 01, 2025

Objectives and Outcomes: Transition the current Licenses of Occupation (LOOs) at the Creston Landfill to a single Crown Grant that also includes additional land to the south and east.

Most Recent Actions: In Q3, Ministry staff requested additional updates to the 2021 Management Plan, and confirmation from First Nations that previous engagement records provided to the Ministry in 2023 are still valid. Staff initiated follow-up engagement with First Nations, and completed further updates to the Management Plan.

Next Steps and Upcoming Milestones: In Q4, Staff expect to resubmit engagement records and the 2021 Management Plan, and will continue to engage with the Lands Branch for regular updates on the file.

Applicable Areas: Creston and Area, East Shore Kootenay Lake

Strategic Priority and Area: Organizational Excellence – Focus on Core Services

Project Name: Rural Organics Diversion Opportunities Assessment

Project Origin	Original Completion Date	Revised Completion Date	Project Status	Date Assigned
Committee or Commission	December 31, 2025	December 31, 2027	On Track	January 01, 2024

Objectives and Outcomes: Advance rural organics diversion by reallocating $454k Columbia Basin Trust (CBT) funding to self-haul drop-off sites, in-home diversion options, resident rebates, and support staffing.

Most Recent Actions: In Q3, the Rural Organic Waste Diversion program launched. The engagement website published and promoted via social media and media release. Rebates for self-management were issued, and self-haul kits were distributed. The fully grant funded Organics Ambassador job competition was posted, and interviews were conducted.

Next Steps and Upcoming Milestones: In Q4, delivery of the program will continue, which will be promoted via hand-outs at transfer stations and landfills. Organics Ambassadors will attend in-person events and RR facilities to promote the program, provide support to residents, and process rebate and self-haul kit applications.

Applicable Areas: Entire RDCK

Strategic Priority and Area: Waste Reduction – Sustainable Diversion Programs, Waste Reduction – Zero Waste in RDCK Operations, Waste Reduction – Public Education & Outreach

Project Name: Ootischenia Landfill Design and Operation plan update

Project Origin	Original Completion Date	Revised Completion Date	Project Status	Date Assigned
Provincial Requirement	December 31, 2025	June 30, 2026	On Track	April 13, 2017

Objectives and Outcomes: Advance Ootischenia Landfill planning by finalizing the updated Design, Operations, and Closure Plan (DOCP) utilizing the optimized footprint geometry, as outlined in the Resource Recovery Plan.

Most Recent Actions: Additional archeological field work was completed in July. The draft DOCP was provided to RDCK staff who completed detailed review of the document and provided comments/questions to Sperling Hansen. Septage designs were also provided to staff in Q3.

Next Steps and Upcoming Milestones: Septage upgrade work to commence in Q4 starting with clean out of existing pits. in early Q4, a meeting is planned with Sperling Hansen to review draft DOCP document and address comments provided by RDCK staff. The completed DOCP is expected later in Q4. The finalized document will be brought to Committee in Q1 2027.

Applicable Areas: Nelson Area and West Arm of Kootenay Lake, Salmo and Area, Kaslo and Kootenay Lake North, Castlegar and Area, Slocan Valley, Nakusp and Arrow Lakes

Strategic Priority and Area: Waste Reduction – Implement Resource Recovery Plan, Organizational Excellence – Enhance Customer Service

Project Name: Nelson Landfill Closure

Project Origin	Original Completion Date	Revised Completion Date	Project Status	Date Assigned
Committee or Commission	December 31, 2026		On Track	February 16, 2017

Objectives and Outcomes: Achieve final closure to Industrial Land standards of the 70 Lakeside Dr. portion of the former Nelson Landfill through a Contaminated Sites Regulation risk-based remediation process.

Most Recent Actions: No change in Q3.

Next Steps and Upcoming Milestones: In Q4, discussions with City staff on moving the project forward will be scheduled.

Applicable Areas: Nelson Area and West Arm of Kootenay Lake, Kaslo and Kootenay Lake North, Salmo and Area

Strategic Priority and Area: Waste Reduction – Implement Resource Recovery Plan

Project Name: Asbestos Waste Management Area at Creston Landfill

Project Origin	Original Completion Date	Revised Completion Date	Project Status	Date Assigned
Committee or Commission	September 30, 2026	September 30, 2027		December 01, 2019

Objectives and Outcomes: Intent is to improve site safety and meet best practices for handling/disposal, while reducing future liabilities.

Most Recent Actions: Has been on hold pending obtaining Crown Grant on landfill area and Operational Certificate (OC) amendment/liner exemption.

Next Steps and Upcoming Milestones: Staff expect response from the Province on OC amendment in Q4. Pending lands acquisition and response to OC amendment/liner exemption staff will advance planning for asbestos area.

Applicable Areas: Creston and Area, East Shore Kootenay Lake

Strategic Priority and Area: Waste Reduction – Implement Resource Recovery Plan

Department Name: Resource Recovery

Project Name: Expressions of Interest for Alternative Contaminated Wood Waste Mangement

Project Origin	Original Completion Date	Revised Completion Date	Project Status	Date Assigned
Board		December 31, 2026	Not Started	June 19, 2025

Objectives and Outcomes: The RDCK wood diversion programs generate significant material across the district. Diverted wood is chipped and stockpiled, it has some uses at landfills, but we generate a significant surplus. Staff are investigating beneficial end uses for the material.

Most Recent Actions: No change in Q3.

Next Steps and Upcoming Milestones: Staff will investigate scope and opportunities to prepare a Request for Expression of Interest for wood waste diversion opportunities in Q4.

Applicable Areas: Entire RDCK

Strategic Priority and Area: Waste Reduction – Sustainable Diversion Programs, Waste Reduction – Zero Waste in RDCK Operations

Department Name: Sustainability

Project Name: Regional Mobility Working Group

Project Origin	Original Completion Date	Revised Completion Date	Project Status	Date Assigned
Committee or Commission	December 08, 2026	April 30, 2027	On Track	August 15, 2024

Objectives and Outcomes: Established by Board in 2025 the Rural Mobility Community Advisory Committee, formerly a Working Group, is a collaborative, problem solving and idea generating group that creates space for diverse community organizations to meet to share resources, brainstorm and coordinate joint efforts to address transportation needs.

Most Recent Actions: Staff have applied to CBT to investigate the active transportation corridor between New Denver and Silverton. Funding received from Age Friendly Communities. Staff presented to CSLAC and discussed options regarding transportation in the region. Funding received from Area H to explore bike lockers, no work completed to date.

Next Steps and Upcoming Milestones: Conitnue to support working group. Develop the scope of work bike locker pilot in Area H.

Applicable Areas: Entire RDCK

Strategic Priority and Area: Energy & Environment- Environmental Stewardship & Energy Efficiency, Energy & Environment- Community Resiliency & Safety

Project Name: Slocan Lake and River Partnership Initiation

Project Origin	Original Completion Date	Revised Completion Date	Project Status	Date Assigned
Committee or Commission	December 31, 2026	December 31, 2027	On Track	February 17, 2022

Objectives and Outcomes: A project to support the development of a partnership to conserve, protect, and restore habitat; provide education; build relationships; and guide development on Slocan Lake and River.

Most Recent Actions: Steering Committee Meeting September 29, Several meetings with Advisory Committee. Community Works funding granted and procurement for mapping on the Slocan River system underway.

Next Steps and Upcoming Milestones: Seeking funding for coordinator role. Launch Request for Proposals, put out media release. Create an engage page for SLRP.

Applicable Areas: Slocan Valley

Strategic Priority and Area: Energy & Environment- Watershed Governance and Protection

Project Name: Review of RDCK's Historical BC Climate Action Charter Project Work

Project Origin	Original Completion Date	Revised Completion Date	Project Status	Date Assigned
Board	December 31, 2026	October 30, 2026	On Track	September 18, 2025

Objectives and Outcomes: Review requested by the Board.

Most Recent Actions: Staff have prepared a report for the Board

Next Steps and Upcoming Milestones: Discussion at Board table

Applicable Areas: Entire RDCK

Strategic Priority and Area:

Project Name: Community Sustainable Living Advisory Committee Governance Review

Project Origin	Original Completion Date	Revised Completion Date	Project Status	Date Assigned
Board	December 31, 2026	July 30, 2027	On Track	June 18, 2026

Objectives and Outcomes: How is the work of evaluating, responding to and developing sustainability ideas and projects funded? What governance model supports the work of CSLAC? (Do we need a committee to manage the service or could it be a standing committee of the Board or other?) How do we do the work going forward? (What can be absorbed into existing services vs. what needs dedicated space?

Most Recent Actions: Board direction to prepare terms of reference, and any necessary bylaw, to reconstitute the sustainability and resilience function currently carried by the Community Sustainable Living Advisory Committee as a Committee of the Whole of the Board, providing a regular regional forum for sustainability, resilience and cross-boundary issues for the Board's consideration 479/26

Next Steps and Upcoming Milestones: The review is complete and Board direction is to move toward the Commitee of the Whole model. That will be led and reported on under the Administration group.

Applicable Areas: Entire RDCK

Strategic Priority and Area:

Project Name: Goat River Watershed Hydraulic Connectivity Assessment

Project Origin	Original Completion Date	Revised Completion Date	Project Status	Date Assigned
Board		December 31, 2028	On Track	August 20, 2026

Objectives and Outcomes: This project will map the groundwater to surface water connection in the Goat River Watershed, using a 3D model of underground water layers and water sample testing to trace how water moves through the watershed.

Most Recent Actions: Contract with Western Water Associates is in place, workplan and smapling schedule expected soon.

Next Steps and Upcoming Milestones: Work will include creating a 3D groundwater model, two seasons of field sampling, and a final report with a plain language summary, to be presented to the Creston Valley Services Committee in summer or fall of 2028

Applicable Areas:

Strategic Priority and Area: None, Energy & Environment- Watershed Governance and Protection

Department Name: Sustainability

Project Name: Watershed Governance Initiative - Goat Watershed

Project Origin	Original Completion Date	Revised Completion Date	Project Status	Date Assigned
Committee or Commission	December 31, 2026	December 31, 2027	On Track	December 13, 2018

Objectives and Outcomes: A project to understand RDCK's role in protecting watersheds in the region.

Most Recent Actions: Goat River Planning Phase 3 now complete with a successful inaugural Rivers Day celebration in Creston on September 27. The Collective Conversations Working Group is paused during interregnum, will reconvene post provincial election. A report to RDCK Board on October 22 agenda outlining Phase 4 engagement strategy, request for direction to apply to Watershed Security Fund

Next Steps and Upcoming Milestones: Continue engagement and Collective Conversations, working with RDCK Board, launch Phase 4. Creston Valley Alternative Water Supply project – Staff are directed to prepare a workplan for next steps of this investigation.

Applicable Areas: Entire RDCK

Strategic Priority and Area: Energy & Environment- Watershed Governance and Protection

Project Name: Service 105 (Sustainability) Project Funding Policy

Project Origin	Original Completion Date	Revised Completion Date	Project Status	Date Assigned
Board	December 31, 2026	December 31, 2027	Not Started	August 15, 2024

Objectives and Outcomes: Seeking to establish a policy for funding new initiatives through Service 105. Community Sustainable Living Service.

Most Recent Actions: With the current discussion at the Board table, it is likely this is now not relevant as the S105 is likely to be wound down in 2028. If that changes staff will prepare a report.

Next Steps and Upcoming Milestones: To be determined

Applicable Areas: Entire RDCK

Strategic Priority and Area: Organizational Excellence - Communication with Residents, Organizational Excellence – Review Policies & Processes

Department Name: Utilities

Project Name: North Canyon/Erickson Water Feasibility Study

Project Origin	Original Completion Date	Revised Completion Date	Project Status	Date Assigned
	December 31, 2026			March 19, 2026

Objectives and Outcomes: Investigate reservicing options/cost-benefit/administrative and governance framework.

Most Recent Actions: Staff report to WSC - approval and direction to staff to proceed with feasibility. Engaged NCID operator to understand infrastructure and what might be required to reservice.

Next Steps and Upcoming Milestones: Engage NCID, refine concept/feasibility, report back to WSC in future meeting.

Applicable Areas:

Strategic Priority and Area: None, Fiscal Responsibility- Asset Management Planning

Project Name: Quartz Creek Community Watershed Protection and Acquisition Strategy

Project Origin	Original Completion Date	Revised Completion Date	Project Status	Date Assigned
Committee or Commission		January 29, 2027	Delayed	June 18, 2026

Objectives and Outcomes: 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 and Ministry of Forests), Interior Health Authority, and relevant First Nations, and that this strategy be brought back to the Board

Most Recent Actions: Staff received direction from the Board to develop an acquisition strategy. Staff spoke with MoF staff and the suggestion of an MoU would be the easiest way to proceed. Staff have attempted ot connect with Atco (licensee) staff to discuss, no success to date.

Next Steps and Upcoming Milestones: Staff will continue to pursue a strategy in collaboration with the Ymir Community Watershed Society, the Province of BC (Ministry of Water, Land and Resource Stewardship and Ministry of Forests), Interior Health Authority, and relevant First Nations and bring it back to the Board for consideration

Applicable Areas: Salmo and Area

Strategic Priority and Area: Organizational Excellence - Communication with Residents, Energy & Environment- Environmental Stewardship & Energy Efficiency, Energy & Environment- Watershed Governance and Protection, Fiscal Responsibility- Asset Management Planning

Project Name: Provincial Water Metering Pilot Project

Project Origin	Original Completion Date	Revised Completion Date	Project Status	Date Assigned
Board	March 31, 2027	November 30, 2028	On Track	May 15, 2025

Objectives and Outcomes: Erickson water system experiences seasonal capacity challenges that could largely be mitigated through demand side management. Grant funding through the Provincial Water Metering Pilot Project will enable 506 meter installations on residential and small agricultural properties. These meters will identify leaks requiring repair and provide valuable water usage data.

Most Recent Actions: All 5 packages awarded and installations are averaging 3 meters/pits per day. Approximately 200 installations for Phase 2 have been completed. Phase 1 Universal Metering installation 95% completed. An extension request has been approved for a new Nov. 2028 completion date.

Next Steps and Upcoming Milestones: The 13 remaining Phase 1 properties which require significant re-servicing work will be completed in the spring of 2027. Site inspections and endpoint installations for Phase 2 meters is ongoing.

Applicable Areas: Creston and Area

Strategic Priority and Area: Fiscal Responsibility- Asset Management Planning, Energy & Environment- Agriculture & Food Security, Energy & Environment- Watershed Governance and Protection, Organizational Excellence – Enhance Customer Service

Project Name: Water and Wastewater Acquisition Plan

Project Origin	Original Completion Date	Revised Completion Date	Project Status	Date Assigned
Committee or Commission	August 31, 2028		On Track	January 05, 2026

Objectives and Outcomes: Provide a clear, transparent pathway for non-RDCK water and wastewater systems to explore becoming an RDCK service, while supporting informed decision-making. Outcomes include consistent evaluation, reduced risk to RDCK, and improved sustainability and governance of regional systems.

Most Recent Actions: Robson Raspberry Improvement District (RRID) - RDCK Water staff completed facility and system site visit with RRID Operators and discussed admin matters with RRID Chair. RDCK meet with Taghum Improvement District (TID) 6/10/26 for meeting #1 - TID users voted 89% to support EOI and next steps as of 7/6/26. Planning for fall meeting with Armstrong Bay ID.

Next Steps and Upcoming Milestones: Continue applicant-driven engagement, refine intake screening tools, & align evaluation criteria with updated asset management and financial risk frameworks. RDCK now developing AMP, 5 year financial, EOI eval & staff report. TID users support proceeding with acquisition next steps. Armstrong Bay in early stages incl infrastructure confirmation.

Applicable Areas: Entire RDCK

Strategic Priority and Area: Energy & Environment- Environmental Stewardship & Energy Efficiency

Project Name: Creston Valley Alternate Water Supply Feasibility Study

Project Origin	Original Completion Date	Revised Completion Date	Project Status	Date Assigned
Committee or Commission	January 31, 2027		On Track	January 12, 2026

Objectives and Outcomes: Evaluate the technical, financial, governance and overall business case feasibility of a secondary water supply for agricultural use in the Creston Valley. Outcomes include identified servicing options, cost ranges, risks, and decision points to support future Board direction.

Most Recent Actions: Feasibility study and initial engagement completed. Next-stage discussions have focused on developing the agricultural/economic business case, identifying a practical first phase, and exploring potential funding. A Kootenay River intake near the former ferry landing, potentially coordinated with future park and dike works, has been identified for further discussion.

Next Steps and Upcoming Milestones: Presented at CVSC - Feedback from Directors/stakeholders in refining scope - reporting back to CVSC in Q3. Area A Director requests staff rpt to CVSC in Q4 to discuss next-stage scope, including agricultural economic analysis, identification of a potential first phase, possible Kootenay River intake opportunities, and potential FCM/GMF and other funding sources.

Applicable Areas: Creston and Area

Strategic Priority and Area: None, Energy & Environment- Environmental Stewardship & Energy Efficiency, Energy & Environment- Agriculture & Food Security

Project Name: McDonald Creek Water System – Legacy Weir Management and Removal

Project Origin	Original Completion Date	Revised Completion Date	Project Status	Date Assigned
Committee or Commission	December 31, 2030		On Track	January 12, 2026

Objectives and Outcomes: Address RDCK liability associated with a legacy intake weir on McDonald Creek that is no longer required for water supply. Outcomes include reduced long-term liability, clarified ownership and responsibility, and support for environmentally appropriate creek management and monitoring.

Most Recent Actions: Review historic asset transfer records, abandoned water licences, site conditions. Engaged with monitoring partners re: proposed maintenance work to support flow monitoring & confirmed no safety concerns. Correspondence with landowner re: RDCK interest in weir removal. Property owner wants weir to remain for personal use: clarifies no unauthorized RDCK tresspass permitted.

Next Steps and Upcoming Milestones: Engage landowner for permission to inspect weir as part of due diligence.

Applicable Areas: Kaslo and Kootenay Lake North

Strategic Priority and Area: None, Energy & Environment- Natural Hazard and Risk Mitigation, Fiscal Responsibility- Asset Management Planning

Project Name: Support for Non-RDCK Water and Wastewater Systems

Project Origin	Original Completion Date	Revised Completion Date	Project Status	Date Assigned
Committee or Commission	December 31, 2028		On Track	January 12, 2026

Objectives and Outcomes: Explore enhanced non-billable administrative supports and assess the viability of optional, cost-recovered services for non-RDCK water and wastewater systems. Outcomes include improved access to credible resources and reduced long-term risk of system failure.

Most Recent Actions: Presented report to the Water Services Committee/RAC outlining support options and recent demand. Board directed staff to investigate expanded non-billable supports and explore feasibility of billable project management and operational services. Staff drafting guidance/eligibility docs for Community Works eligibility assessment for 3rd party Water/WW systems

Next Steps and Upcoming Milestones: Continue to develop enhanced web-based resource hub, assess demand for billable services, and report back to the Water Services Committee with options, risks, and resource implications.

Applicable Areas: Entire RDCK

Strategic Priority and Area: None, Energy & Environment- Environmental Stewardship & Energy Efficiency

Department Name: Utilities

Project Name: Sanca Park Water Supply and Distribution System – Service Establishment (Bylaw No. 2665)

Project Origin	Original Completion Date	Revised Completion Date	Project Status	Date Assigned
Committee or Commission	December 31, 2027		On Track	January 12, 2026

Objectives and Outcomes: Convert the Sanca Park water service from a continued specified area to a formal service establishment under the Local Government Act, while addressing system risk associated with two parcels requiring alternate water supply. Outcome is a legally sound service boundary that protects the broader system.

Most Recent Actions: Bylaw No. 2665 has been adopted, removing the two northernmost parcels. Continue to work with the affected landowner providing administrative assistance to support securing an alternate water source.

Next Steps and Upcoming Milestones: Continue servicing while supporting the landowner to secure alternate water. Landowner submitted letter request for financial ccompensation for reservicing to be presented at fall CAC for consideration.

Applicable Areas: East Shore Kootenay Lake

Strategic Priority and Area: None, Fiscal Responsibility- Asset Management Planning, Energy & Environment- Natural Hazard and Risk Mitigation

Project Name: Creston Valley Alternative Water Supply Investigation Phase 2

Project Origin	Original Completion Date	Revised Completion Date	Project Status	Date Assigned
Board	June 30, 2027	June 30, 2027	On Track	June 18, 2026

Objectives and Outcomes: Develop a proposed next-stage workplan to advance a dedicated agricultural water supply for the Creston Valley. Building on the completed feasibility study, the initiative will assess technical, financial and governance requirements to improve agricultural water security, reduce reliance on treated drinking water and strengthen drought resilience.

Most Recent Actions: The Board received the Creston Valley Agricultural Water Supply Feasibility Study and, through Resolution 275/26, directed staff to develop a proposed next-stage workplan. The study, completed in 2025 by Associated Engineering, identified potential infrastructure, agricultural water demands and a phased approach to implementation.

Next Steps and Upcoming Milestones: Staff to develop workplan outlining next phase including refinement of agricultural water demands, infrastructure requirements, governance and funding options, and integration with watershed and drought planning. The proposed scope, schedule and resource requirements will be brought forward for Board consideration. Assess potential for infrastructure coordination

Applicable Areas: Creston and Area

Strategic Priority and Area: None, Energy & Environment- Watershed Governance and Protection, Energy & Environment- Agriculture & Food Security

Department Name: Utilities

Project Name: Regional Water and Wastewater Sustainability Framework

Project Origin	Original Completion Date	Revised Completion Date	Project Status	Date Assigned
Board	December 31, 2026	December 31, 2026	On Track	August 20, 2026

Objectives and Outcomes: Develop a regional framework to support the long-term sustainability of community water and wastewater systems. Establish criteria for evaluating and prioritizing Community Works Fund investments in eligible third-party infrastructure projects, considering infrastructure needs, financial sustainability, regional benefits and opportunities to leverage other funding.

Most Recent Actions: Following Board direction under Resolution 389/26, staff initiated development of the framework. Work has focused on establishing eligibility and evaluation criteria for 3rd-party water and wastewater projects, including infrastructure condition, asset management, financial sustainability, community benefits and alignment with CWF requirements.

Next Steps and Upcoming Milestones: Finalize the proposed framework, including project eligibility, evaluation criteria, application procedures and funding considerations. Present the framework to the Water Services Committee for review and approval. Subject to approval, staff will use the framework to assess future requests for CWF support.

Applicable Areas:

Strategic Priority and Area: None, Energy & Environment- Community Resiliency & Safety, Organizational Excellence – Focus on Core Services

CAPITAL PROJECTS TO SEPTEMBER 30, 2026									
ACTIVE PROJECTS BEING MANAGED: 60 (13 Completed YTD)					TOTAL BUDGET BEING MANAGED: $17,827,636.80				
Project Name	**PM**	**Start Date**	**End Date**	**% Complete**	**Status**	**Project Type**	**Project Phase**	**Dept**	**Comments or Next Steps**
CDRD Pool Roof Replacement • 2024-278-COM: Evoke • 2025-162-COM: Heritage Roofing	AJ Evenson	1-Jan-2025	15-Jan-26	100%	Completed	Buildings	Close Out	Community Services	Completed.
NDCC RTU's • 2024-251-COM: Rocky Point Eng. • 2025-143-COM: Venture Mechanical	Carolyn Hogan	1-Jan-2025	31-Jan-26	100%	Completed	Buildings	Close Out	Community Services	Completed.
Erickson Water Main Replacement • 2023-105-ENV: WSP • 2025-006-ENV: Riteway Holdings	AJ Evenson	2-Aug-2025	28-Feb-26	91%	In Progress	Utilities	Construction	Utilities	Waiting for as-builts from WSP
East Shore Connectivity Project • 2023-176-ADM: Kaslo InfoNet • 2024-208-ADM: Scott Lewis/SL Telecom	AJ Evenson	1-Jan-2025	31-Mar-26	100%	Completed	Utilities	Construction	Corporate Admin	Final claim to be prepared and submitted.
Creston Landfill: Litter Fence	AJ Evenson	1-Jan-2026	31-Mar-26	100%	Completed	Resource Recovery	Construction	Resource Recovery	Completed end of March.
CDCC Outdoor Washroom • 2025-043-COM: ZKO Constr.	Jeannine Bradley	1-Jan-2025	31-Mar-26	100%	Completed	Buildings	Construction	Community Services	Substantially complete.
Balfour PN19 Watermain Replacement • 2025-046-ENV: Highland Consulting • 2025-259-ENV: Brenton Industries	AJ Evenson	10-Jan-2025	30-Apr-26	100%	Completed	Utilities	Close Out	Utilities	Completed.
CDRD Door Replacement • 2025-040-COM: Stand Architecture • 2025-163-COM: K4 Construction	Carolyn Hogan	1-Jan-2025	31-May-26	100%	Completed	Buildings	Construction	Community Services	Complete.
Erickson Water Meter Installation-Phase 1 • 2024-049-ENV: Emco • 2024-050-ENV: Wolseley • 2024-219-ENV: Riteway Holdings • 2025-194-ENV: Valhalla Hydrovac	AJ Evenson	1-Jan-2025	31-Mar-27	82%	In Progress	Utilities	Construction	Utilities	Valhalla contract completion by end of Jun. Reviewing outstanding non-contracted installs.

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Robson Fire Hall - Man Door Replacement • 2024-179-FIR: Stand Architecture • 2026-325-FIR: Horvath Contracting	Carolyn Hogan	1-Apr-2025	31-Dec-26	45%	In Progress	Buildings	Construction	Fire Services	Contract award in progress. Shop drawings underway.
Central SR - Legacy Landfill Closures (BAL/KAS/MAR/SAL) • 2026-036-ENV: Brenton Industries • 2026-090-ENV: McNally Excavating	AJ Evenson	1-Jan-2026	30-Jun-26	100%	Completed	Resource Recovery	Construction	Resource Recovery	Complete
Taghum Beach Site Upgrades • 2025-218-COM: VDZ Consulting • 2026-060-PKS: Masse Environmental	Carolyn Hogan	1-Jan-2025	30-Jun-26	18%	In Progress	Civil	Concept Design	Parks	IFR conceptual design received. CW application approved Oct 2025 board. Ecological draft report received; FN consultation underway.
Creston Office Upgrades	AJ Evenson	1-Feb-2025	30-Jun-26	9%	In Progress	Buildings	Concept Design	Corporate Admin	Preliminary site investigation ongoing.
East SR - Legacy Landfill Closures (BOS/CRA) • 2026-091-ENV: GRS Contracting	Jeannine Bradley	1-Jan-2026	30-Jun-26	100%	Completed	Resource Recovery	Procurement	Resource Recovery	Substantially complete as of June 30.
West SR - Legacy Landfill Closures (BUR/EDG) • 2026-101-ENV: Arrow Lakes Aggregates	AJ Evenson	1-Jan-2026	31-Jul-26	100%	Completed	Resource Recovery	Construction	Resource Recovery	Complete
CDCC Refrigeration Engineering/Construction • 2024-234-COM: Polar Eng. • 2025-142: Polar Eng. (Fortis studies) • 2025-416-COM: Yeti Refrigeration • 2026-301-COM: CWMM	Carolyn Hogan	15-Jan-2026	15-Sep-26	91%	In Progress	Buildings	Construction	Community Services	Substantially Complete.
• NDCC Refrigeration Engineering/Construction 2024-234-COM: Polar Eng. • 2025-141: Polar Eng. (Fortis studies) • 2025-416-COM: Yeti Refrigeration • 2026-069-COM: Hil-Tech	Carolyn Hogan	15-Jan-2026	31-Oct-26	91%	In Progress	Buildings	Construction	Community Services	Substantial Completion achieved. Dehumidifier installation in November.

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Fauquier - Willow-Oak Completion • 2024-081-ENV: Highland Consulting • 2026-113-ENV: Milestone Equipment	Carolyn Hogan	1-Jan-2025	31-Oct-26	82%	In Progress	Utilities	Procurement	Utilities	Nearing substantial completion.
CDRD Pool Wall Renos • 2026-077-COM: Horvath Contracting	AJ Evenson	13-Jan-2026	7-Sep-26	91%	In Progress	Buildings	Construction	Community Services	Substantial Completion as of Sep 2nd.
CDRD R6-R7 Roofing • 2024-278-COM: Evoke • 2026-093-COM: BF Roofing	AJ Evenson	1-Jun-2026	6-Sep-26	82%	In Progress	Buildings	Procurement	Community Services	Construction underway. Estimated completion by end of September.
CDRD Arena Roof Insulation • 2024-174-COM: Evoke • 2026-057-COM: Zarikoff Developments	AJ Evenson	1-Jan-2026	30-Sep-26	100%	In Progress	Buildings	Construction	Community Services	Completed.
Marblehead TS Retaining Wall • 2026-008-ENV: Sperling Hansen • 2026-153-ENV: Brenton Industries	AJ Evenson	1-Jan-2026	31-Oct-26	64%	In Progress	Civil	Procurement	Resource Recovery	Construction underway, completion in October.
CDRD Arena Expansion & Walking Track • 2025-192-COM: HCMA • 2026-013-COM: HCMA • 2026-305-COM: Crowsnest Engineering • 2026-366-COM: Owens Drilling	AJ Evenson	1-Jan-2026	30-Nov-26	36%	In Progress	Buildings	Procurement	Community Services	2 proponents; site visits completed; collaborative meetings last week of Sep.
Ootischenia Landfill: Litter Fence	AJ Evenson	1-Jan-2026	30-Nov-26	18%	In Progress	Resource Recovery	Construction	Resource Recovery	
Ootischenia LF: Septage Facility Upgrades • 2026-098-ENV: Sperling Hansen	AJ Evenson	1-Jan-2026	30-Nov-26	18%	In Progress	Resource Recovery	Detailed Design	Resource Recovery	Ready to issue tender.
Creston LF Berm - Phase 1C/D • 2025-190-ENV: Sperling Hansen	AJ Evenson	1-Mar-2026	30-Nov-26	27%	In Progress	Civil	Detailed Design	Resource Recovery	SHA undertaking detailed design. Tree removal RFQ closes Oct 1.
West Robson - Broadwater Rd: Design • 2026-001-ENV: Fusion Consulting • 2026-114-ENV: Copcan Civil Ltd.	Carolyn Hogan	1-Oct-2025	30-Nov-26	100%	Completed	Utilities	Procurement	Utilities	Completed.

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Burton Water System • 2024-247-ENV: Highland Consulting • 2026-115-ENV: Milestone Equipment	Carolyn Hogan	1-Jan-2026	30-Nov-26	73%	In Progress	Utilities	Procurement	Utilities	Construction underway. CWG approved.
Edgewood Water - PN13 • 2026-120-ENV: Lineal Engineering	Carolyn Hogan	1-Jan-2026	30-Nov-26	27%	In Progress	Utilities	Procurement	Utilities	Design ongoing.
CDRD: Accessibility Lift • 2026-055-COM: Stand Arch	Carolyn Hogan	15-Oct-2025	31-Dec-26	9%	In Progress	Buildings	Concept Design	Community Services	Report finalized; evaluating options and associated costs.
CDRD: Staff Office Renos • 2026-066-COM: Stand Architecture • 2026-316-COM: BES	Carolyn Hogan	15-Oct-2025	31-Dec-26	27%	In Progress	Buildings	Concept Design	Community Services	Design due late October. Mechanical design underway.
Asset Management BCA's FCA's • 2026-116-COM: ASI	Carolyn Hogan	1-Jan-2026	31-Dec-26	9%	In Progress	Other	Procurement	Community Services	Draft report by end of Sept.
Glade Regional Park • 2026-061-PKS: Masse Environmental	Carolyn Hogan	1-Feb-2026	31-Dec-26	9%	In Progress	Other	Concept Design	Parks	Ecological assessment report by end of Sept.; drone footage complete.
Fire Halls: Structural Upgrades (13 halls)	Jeannine Bradley	1-Jan-2025	31-Dec-26	100%	Completed	Buildings	Close Out	Fire Services	Structural engineering LoAs received. Scheduling final BP inspections.
Grohman Narrows Recycling Depot - Detailed Design and Fleet Building • 2024-146-ENV: Ottoted Eng.	Carolyn Hogan	1-Jan-2025	31-Dec-26	36%	In Progress	Resource Recovery	Detailed Design	Resource Recovery	Intersection preliminary design awarded.
Arrow Creek WTP: Pretreatment Upgrades • 2026-015-ENV: CIMA	AJ Evenson	1-Aug-2025	31-Dec-26	45%	In Progress	Buildings	Construction	Utilities	Emptying reservoirs Oct 6-7 to be able to finalize design.
Ootischenia FH: Structural Upgrades • 2025-413-FIR: MBAC	TBA	1-Aug-2025	31-Dec-26	18%	In Progress	Buildings	Detailed Design	Fire Services	Received 50% detailed design.
Robson FH: Structural Upgrades • 2025-414-FIR: MBAC	TBA	1-Aug-2025	31-Dec-26	18%	In Progress	Buildings	Detailed Design	Fire Services	Received 50% detailed design. Awaiting AHJ feedback.
Ymir FH: Structural Upgrades • 2025-415-FIR: MBAC	TBA	1-Aug-2025	31-Dec-26	18%	In Progress	Buildings	Detailed Design	Fire Services	Received 50% detailed design.

CAPITAL PROJECTS TO SEPTEMBER 30, 2026									
ACTIVE PROJECTS BEING MANAGED: 60 (13 Completed YTD)					TOTAL BUDGET BEING MANAGED: $17,827,636.80				
Project Name	**PM**	**Start Date**	**End Date**	**% Complete**	**Status**	**Project Type**	**Project Phase**	**Dept**	**Comments or Next Steps**
Canyon Lister FH: Structural Upgrades • 2025-412-FIR: MBAC	TBA	1-Jan-2026	31-Dec-26	18%	In Progress	Buildings	Detailed Design	Fire Services	Received 50% detailed design.
Goat-Canyon Park - Osborne Rd	Carolyn Hogan	1-Jan-2026	31-Dec-26	9%	In Progress	Other	Initiation	Parks	RFP for access transportation study. HazMat assessment complete; NRFP ongoing for geotech.
Lister Watermain - PN25 (16th Street) • 2026-071-ENV: WSP	AJ Evenson	1-Jan-2026	31-Dec-26	18%	In Progress	Utilities	Procurement	Utilities	Received 50% detailed design. Drilling crossings last week of Sept; finalizing design.
Ymir and Boswell TS: Retaining Wall • 2026-188-ENV: Bolen Engineering	AJ Evenson	1-Mar-2026	31-Dec-26	100%	Completed	Resource Recovery	Initiation	Resource Recovery	Completed.
Erickson Water: Phase 2 Metering • 2025-167-ENV: Metercor • Pk1: 2026-066-ENV: Valhalla Hydrovac • Pk2: 2026-094-ENV: Zarikoff Developments • Pk3: 2026-102-ENV: Valhalla Hydrovac • Pk4: 2026-151-ENV: Zarikoff Developments • Pk5: 2026-152-ENV: Valhalla Hydrovac	AJ Evenson	15-Apr-2025	31-Mar-27	73%	In Progress	Utilities	Construction	Utilities	Construction underway.
Erickson Water System: Hwy 3 Main PN172/172/182 • 2026-159-ENV: Lineal Engineering	AJ Evenson	1-Jun-2026	31-Mar-27	27%	In Progress	Utilities	Detailed Design	Utilities	Design complete; MOTT application submitted.
Ootischenia TS Upgrades • 2026-087-ENV: Sperling Hansen	AJ Evenson	1-Jan-2026	31-May-27	36%	In Progress	Resource Recovery	Detailed Design	Resource Recovery	Reviewing design & IFT, tender once electrical design complete; MOTT approval received.
South Slocan Old Schoolhouse Redevelopment • 2026-128-COM: Highland Consulting • 2026-176-COM: Cover Arch	Carolyn Hogan	15-Apr-2026	31-Dec-27	18%	In Progress	Buildings	Initiation	Community Services	Design underway. Building permit received/paid. Preparing report to apply for CBT grant.

CAPITAL PROJECTS TO SEPTEMBER 30, 2026									
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Project Name	**PM**	**Start Date**	**End Date**	**% Complete**	**Status**	**Project Type**	**Project Phase**	**Dept**	**Comments or Next Steps**
Erickson Distribution System Replacement (PN26-52-24-155-23-27-126)	Carolyn Hogan	1-Jan-2026	31-Dec-27	9%	In Progress	Utilities	Initiation	Utilities	Preparing RFP for design services; working on R/W issues. Line location investigation by end of July.
South Slocan Dam	TBA	1-Jun-2026	31-Dec-26	0%	Not Started	Utilities	Initiation	Utilities	
Creston Library HVAC • 2026-317-COM: BES	Carolyn Hogan	1-Jun-2026	31-Dec-26	18%	In Progress	Buildings	Initiation	Community Services	Contract awarded; design underway.
South Slocan Water Distribution Upgrades • 2026-315-ENV: JY Contracting	Carolyn Hogan	1-Jun-2026	20-Jun-27	9%	In Progress	Civil	Initiation	Utilities	Contract awarded. Construction to start early Oct.
Tarrys FH Bay Expansion	Carolyn Hogan	1-Jul-2026	31-Dec-27	9%	In Progress	Buildings	Initiation	Fire Services	CWG approved.
CDCC Accessible Trail to Washroom	TBA	1-Jul-2026	31-Dec-27	0%	Not Started	Other	Initiation	Community Services	
Riondel – Projects	TBA	1-Jul-2026	31-Dec-27	0%	Not Started	Other	Initiation	Community Services	Drafting RFP for concept design.
Fire Halls: Back-Up Generators (SLO; WIN; CSV)	TBA	1-Oct-2026	30-Jun-27	0%	Not Started	Other	Initiation	Community Services	
Blewett FH Siding	TBA	1-Jul-2026	31-Dec-27	0%	Not Started	Buildings	Initiation	Fire Services	CWG to be submitted.
Balfour FH Bay Expansion	TBA	15-Jul-2026	31-Dec-27	0%	Not Started	Buildings	Initiation	Fire Services	
New Denver-Silverton Corridor	TBA	1-Oct-2026	31-Dec-27	0%	Not Started	Other	Initiation	Other	
West Robson - Broadwater Rd PH2	Carolyn Hogan	1-Oct-2026	31-Dec-27	0%	In Progress	Civil	Initiation	Utilities	
Beasely Fire Hall - Dry Hydrants	TBA	1-Jan-2027	31-Dec-27	0%	Not Started	Other	Initiation	Fire Services	

PROJECTS COMPLETED IN Q2 2026 REMOVED FROM THE QUARTERLY REPORT	
Project/Initiative Name	**Responsible Manager**
Director Attendance At Conferences Policy	Administration
Nakusp and Area K Arena Service Reconfiguration Options Analysis	Administration
Areas A, B & C Aggressive and Dangerous Dog Control Service Establishment Bylaw	Bylaw Enforcement
Area H Aggressive and Dangerous Dog Control Service Establishment Bylaw	Bylaw Enforcement
Whitewater Fire Protection Fire Response Service Case Analysis	Fire Services
Kootenay Lake Local Conservation Fund Policy Revision	Planning
Legacy Landfill Closure Plan Assessments	Resource Recovery
Industrial, Commercial and Institutional Organics Ban Feasibility Assessment	Resource Recovery

PROJECTS COMPLETED IN Q3 2026	
Project/Initiative Name	**Responsible Manager**
Delegation of Authority Bylaw	Administration
New Denver and Area H Library Contribution Service	Administration
Alternate EOC	Emergency Management
Johnsons Landing Hazard Area Geotechnical Re-Assessment	Emergency Management
Temporary Access into Evacuation Order Areas Policy	Emergency Management
Area D First Responder Service	Fire Services
Collaboration with City of Nelson on Organics Program	Resource Recovery
Community Sustainable Living Advisory Committee Governance Review	Sustainability

Community Development Grant Program Application Form

REGIONAL DISTRICT OF CENTRAL KOOTENAY

202 Lakeside Drive, Box 590, Nelson, B.C. V1L 5R4
Phone 250-352-6665 Fax 250-352-9300
Toll Free in B.C. 1-800-268-7325

FILE NO. 1865-20-___

Contact Information:

Note: Applicants are encouraged to discuss their project with the applicable RDCK elected official prior to submitting their grant application.

Organization/Society Name: Kaslo & Area Chamber of Commerce	**Date of Application:** 09/25/2026
Contact Name: Alana Jenkins	**RDCK Electoral Area/Member Municipality:** ☐ RDCK Electoral Area: D ☐ Municipality:
Mailing Address: PO Box 329 Kaslo BC V0G1M0	**Payment Type:** ☐ Electronic Fund Transfer ☐ Mailed cheque
Phone #: (250) 354-9792	**Email:** thekaslochamber@gmail.com

Project/Service Description

Please provide an overview of the project and/or service and how the funds will be used. (600 characters max.) *Attach supporting project documentation, organization's list of directors and their respective executive position, plus overall number of members. Grant requests exceeding $5,000 must be accompanied by the organization's most recently approved financial statements.*

The funds will be used to pay for a technician to live stream the upcoming All Candidates meeting providing professional video, audio, and active stream engagement.

Grant Application:

Total Grant Requested: $ 450

Which funding criterial objective does this project meet? ☐ Social ☑ Economic ☐ Cultural

Other Funding Sources - Identify all sources of project funding and amounts. Both funds requested and received:
The Kaslo Chamber will be covering the cost of the hall rental, no other funding has been requested.

Previous Community Development Grants Received – Year and Amount:
2026 - $2,500 re Kaslo Video

By submitting this application for the Discretionary Fund Grant Program, I confirm I am an authorized signatory of the recipient organization and I agree to the Discretionary Fund Grant Program Recipient Obligations detailed on page two of this application.

Signed at: 2026-09-25 11:49:31 — Signature

Alana Jenkins — Print Name

Authorization

Signature of Area Director: Signed by Director	Total Grant Approved $: $450
Board Approved Date:	Resolution #

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FILE NO. 1865-20-___

Contact Information:

Note: Applicants are encouraged to discuss their project with the applicable RDCK elected official prior to submitting their grant application.

Organization/Society Name: Royal Canadian Legion Branch #74	**Date of Application:** 10/06/2026
Contact Name: Barbara Lawrence	**RDCK Electoral Area/Member Municipality:** ☐ RDCK Electoral Area: D ☐ Municipality:
Mailing Address: 403 Fifth Street PO Box 520 Kaslo British Columbia V0G 1M0	**Payment Type:** ☐ Electronic Fund Transfer ☐ Mailed cheque
Phone #: (306) 450-8453	**Email:** barbaralou2004@yahoo.com

Project/Service Description

Please provide an overview of the project and/or service and how the funds will be used. (600 characters max.) *Attach supporting project documentation, organization's list of directors and their respective executive position, plus overall number of members. Grant requests exceeding $5,000 must be accompanied by the organization's most recently approved financial statements.*

Kaslo Legion Branch #74 is raising $70,000 to purchase and install a permanent standby generator, with the $5,000 Area D grant applied toward project costs. The generator will keep this established community and emergency facility operational during prolonged outages. The building is a designated Emergency Evacuation Muster Centre with Group Lodging and a commercial kitchen. It supported evacuation activities for about two weeks during the 2024 wildfires and regularly serves as a cooling centre. Emergency power will maintain essential services during outages.

Grant Application:

Total Grant Requested: $ $5000.00

Which funding criterial objective does this project meet? ☑ Social ☐ Economic ☐ Cultural

Other Funding Sources - Identify all sources of project funding and amounts. Both funds requested and received:
Community fundraising and donations - approximately $11,000 received
New Horizons for Seniors Program - $25,000 requested; application pending
Kootenay Savings Community Impact Grant - $10,000 requested; pending...

Previous Community Development Grants Received – Year and Amount:

By submitting this application for the Discretionary Fund Grant Program, I confirm I am an authorized signatory of the recipient organization and I agree to the Discretionary Fund Grant Program Recipient Obligations detailed on page two of this application.

Signed at: 2026-10-06 13:23:01

Signature

Barbara Lawrence

Print Name

Authorization

Signature of Area Director Signed by Director	Total Grant Approved $ $5,000.00
Board Approved Date:	Resolution #

REGIONAL DISTRICT OF CENTRAL KOOTENAY

RIONDEL COMMISSION
OPEN MEETING MINUTES

7:00 p.m.
September 1, 2026

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

Join by Video:
Join Zoom Meeting
Https://rdck-bc-ca.zoom.us/j/99365439474?pwd=dt01B7UQVRpVgzCgb2t1woavUKcZ0w.1

Meeting ID: 993 6543 9474
Passcode: 528084

Dial by your location
• +1 778 907 2071 Canada
• 833 955 1088 Canada Toll-free

In-Person Location: Riondel Community Centre, Commission Office, Room #6
1511 Eastman Avenue, Riondel, BC

COMMISSION MEMBERS

Commissioner G. Panio	Riondel
Commissioner N. Anderson	Riondel
Commissioner J. Donald	Riondel
Commissioner S. Downing	Riondel
Commissioner M. Stevely	Riondel
Commissioner S. Horwood	Riondel
G. Jackman	Director – Electoral Area A

MEMBERS ABSENT

_ out of 6 voting Commission members were present – quorum was met.

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Panio called the meeting to order at 7:01 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 1, 2026 Riondel Commission meeting, be adopted as with the addition of items 8.7 – Water Treatment Plant Update, and 8.8 – Fire Alarm Update.

Carried

4. RECEIPT OF MINUTES

The August 4, 2026 Riondel Commission minutes, have been received.

5. DELEGATE

ORDER OF AGENDA CHANGED The order of Business was changed due to public interest, with item No. 5.2 Delegate Dan Seguin, RDCK Regional Fire Chief considered at this time.

5.2 Dan Seguin, RDCK Regional Fire Chief, discussed the importance of the Riondel Commission's help in obtaining volunteer Fire Fighters.

Key discussion items included:

- The Dwelling Protection Grade system used to help calculate home insurance premiums.
- The timeline of when Riondel's grade was lowered and the requirements to increase it.
- The challenges of recruiting and keeping trained volunteer firefighters.
- Clarification of the Riondel Fire Protection Area.
- The potential for expanding the service area to attract more volunteers.
- The impact of wildfires on home insurance renewals and applications.

ORDER OF AGENDA RESUMED Item 5.1 Delegate Ken Payne, with Canada Post was considered at this time

5.1 Ken Payne, with Canada Post provided a verbal discussion regarding the upcoming Canada Post rental renewal.

Key discussion items included:

- The current post office location is no longer viable, creating the potential for it to close.
- The potential considerations/options of moving the post office to the Community Centre.
- Canada Post timelines and requirements.
- Existing precedence in other communities using public facilities for their post office.
- Ongoing challenges of Canada Post closing rural centres.

6. PUBLIC TIME

The Chair called for questions from the public at 8:28 p.m.
No questions received.

ORDER OF AGENDA CHANGED The order of Business was changed, with item No. 8.7 Water Treatment Plant Update considered at this time.

8.7 Water Treatment Plant Update

Chair Panio provided the Commission with a verbal update regarding the Water Treatment Plant Update including:

- A part in the plant has been repeatedly failing, it has now been completely replaced and expected to last 10 years.
- Plant is fixed an operational but awaiting test results to officially reopen.

8.8 Fire Alarm Update

Chair Panio provided the Commission with a verbal update regarding the Fire Alarm including:

- The alarm has been malfunctioning for three weeks.
- The Chair continues to follow up on a timeline for repairs.

ORDER OF AGENDA RESUMED Item 7.1 Community Centre Renovations Update was considered at this time

7. OLD BUSINESS

7.1 Community Centre Renovations Update

Chair Panio provided the Commission with a verbal update regarding the Community Centre Renovations including:

- Reflooring complete in part of the storage room.
- Awaiting update on if an architect has been hired by RDCK.

7.2 Playground Update

Chair Panio provided the Commission with a verbal update regarding the regarding the playground including:

- The woodchips that are to be spread under the swings are awaiting pick up in Creston.

7.3 Rental Protocols

Chair Panio provided the Commission with a verbal update regarding rental protocols including:

- The need to review the protocols and provide feedback.
- To be included at next month's meeting.

7.4 Streetlights Update

Chair Panio provided the Commission with a verbal update regarding the streetlights including:

- RDCK will be replacing the lights.

- Anyone wanting to submit feedback on the style or type of lights can do so through Chair Panio.

7.5 Insurance and Fire Protection

Chair Panio provided the Commission with a verbal update regarding insurance and fire protection.

7.6 Landscaping Update

Chair Panio provided the Commission with a verbal update regarding landscape maintenance including:

- Hired a contractor for one day.
- Volunteers assisted for half a day.

7.7 New Tables and Benches for Community Centre Grounds

Chair Panio provided the Commission with a verbal update regarding new tables and benches for the community centre grounds including:

- The Shed has offered to build 5 picnic tables at a discounted price.
- The Commission supports providing funding for the purchase of the materials.

8. NEW BUSINESS

8.1 Canada Post Rental

The Commission to review and discuss the possibility of establishing a Canada Post rental office in the Community Center.

Key discussion items included:

- Potential location for a parcel room within the Community Center.
- The possibility of adding post office boxes into the Community Center.

8.2 Rekey of Main Door Lock

Chair Panio provided the Commission with a verbal update on the front entrance door lock.

Key discussion items included:

- The number of existing keys throughout the community.
- The potential costs for various key options.

8.3 Emergency Preparedness Committee

Chair Panio will provide the Commission with a verbal update regarding the emergency preparedness committee meeting on September 10.

Key discussion items included:

- The Committee is not able to help with funds for generator at the Community centre.
- Committee does meet regularly, would be great to have a Riondel citizen join.

8.4 Stage Curtains

Chair Panio will provide the Commission with a verbal update regarding the stage curtains.

Key discussion items included:

- The need for the curtains to be replaced.
- The requirement that the curtain material be fireproof.
- The potential for the Quilters Guild to sew the curtains.

8.5 Roof Leak

Chair Panio provided the Commission with a verbal update regarding the recent roof leak.

Key discussion items included:

- A leak has been discovered in the entrance hallway.
- The cause has not been found and is still under investigation.

8.6 Bocce Court

Chair Panio provided the Commission with a verbal update regarding the bocce court.

Key discussion items included:

- The court is now seeing regular use.
- The possibility of adding outdoor carpet utilizing a recreation grant to prevent the regrowth of weeds.

9. CORRESPONDENCE

There is no correspondence for this Commission meeting.

10. AREA DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Director Jackman provided the Commission with a verbal update including:

- The initiatives and success of the Eastshore Transportation Society in obtaining funding.
    - Have obtained funding for a hybrid van.
    - Are offering an important service to the community.
    - The society needs more volunteer involvement to ensure longevity and continued access to funding.

11. PUBLIC TIME

The Chair called for questions from the public at 9:03 p.m.
No questions received.

12. NEXT MEETING

The next Riondel Commission meeting is scheduled for October 6, 2026, at 7:00 p.m.

13. ADJOURNMENT

MOVED and seconded,
AND Resolved

The Riondel Commission meeting be adjourned at 9:04 p.m.

Carried

Digitally Approved

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G. Panio, Chair

RECOMMENDATION(S) TO THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

1. *N/A.*

THE FOLLOWING ITEMS ARE PROVIDED FOR CONVENIENCE ONLY AND WILL BE CONSIDERED AT ITS APPROPRIATE MEETING AS STATED.

Future Riondel Commission Meetings

1. *N/A.*

REGIONAL DISTRICT OF CENTRAL KOOTENAY

AREA D ADVISORY PLANNING AND HERITAGE COMMISSION
OPEN MEETING MINUTES

1:00 PM
Thursday September 17, 2026
Remote Meeting

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/93670305357?pwd=4JWaKOzxgCGCK6EoLRj9bI6CbdAxk2.1

Join by Phone:
855 703 8985 Canada Toll-free

Meeting Number (access code): 936 7030 5357
Meeting Password: 076449

COMMISSION MEMBERS PRESENT

Commissioner Member B. Wells	Chair, Area D
Commissioner Member S. Sinclair	Area D
Commissioner Member K. Kerswell	Area D
Commissioner Member I. Dunlop	Area D
Commissioner Member M. Staples	Area D

COMMISSION MEMBERS ABSENT

Commissioner Member F. Bonner	Area D

STAFF

D. Hawkins	RDCK Planner

1. CALL TO ORDER
Chair Wells called the meeting to order at 1:06 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 17, 2026 Electoral Area D Advisory Planning and Heritage Commission meeting, be adopted as circulated.

Carried

4. RECEIPT OF MINUTES

The June 16, 2026 Electoral Area D Advisory Planning and Heritage Commission minutes, have been received.

5. STAFF REPORTS

5.1 AREA D COMMUNITY PLANNING PHASE 1 COMPLETION

Phase 1 of the Area D Community Planning Project is completed. Planning staff presented a summary of community engagement activities that took place over summer 2026 attached to the agenda as the draft What We Heard Report.

For discussion the APHC was asked to provide feedback and a recommendation on actions to be taken as part of Phase 2 of the project. Phase 2 is the drafting and/or amendment of Official Community Plan policies, Development Permit Areas and zoning regulations within the Area D Comprehensive Land Use Bylaw where desired (i.e. for certain communities or specific topics).

The Board of the Regional District of Central Kootenay be advised that:

The Area D APHC supports staff continuing engagement and education across Area D, and begin exploring options for suggested zoning or alternative land use controls for the communities surrounding Kaslo.

Carried

6. DISCUSSION ITEM: PROPOSAL OF NEW MEETING TIME

A request was made via email by an existing member to revisit the scheduled time of this meeting. From now on meetings will take place on the 3rd Thursday of every month at 1:00 p.m.

7. PUBLIC TIME

The Chair called for questions from the public at 2:07 p.m.

8. NEXT MEETING

The next Electoral Area D Advisory Planning and Heritage Commission Meeting is scheduled for October 15, 2026 at 1:00 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

MOVED and seconded,

AND Resolved:

The Electoral Area D Advisory Planning and Heritage Commission meeting was adjourned at 2:09 p.m.

REGIONAL DISTRICT OF CENTRAL KOOTENAY

AREA A ADVISORY PLANNING AND HERITAGE COMMISSION
OPEN MEETING MINUTES

3:00PM
Monday, September 21, 2026
Hybrid Meeting

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/91557144774?pwd=yG19tegqcHLayPeWG9wCzFhIarzne4.1

Join by Phone:
+1 778 907 2071 Canada Toll-free

*6 to unmute or mute
*9 to raise or lower your hand

Meeting ID: 915 5714 4774
Meeting Password: 290445

In-Person Location: Gray Creek Hall 15047 Highway 3A Gray Creek, BC

COMMISSIONERS

Commissioner Branca Lewandowski	Electoral Area A
Commissioner Michella Moss	Electoral Area A
Commissioner Julie March	Electoral Area A

COMMISSIONERS ABSENT

Commissioner Shawn Ryks	Electoral Area A, Chair

DIRECTORS

Gary Jackman	Electoral Area A, Director

STAFF

Zachari Giacomazzo	Planner
Rishab Gaba	Planner

Robin Baril Meeting Coordinator

PUBLIC
Kristin Thankachen Applicant

3 out of 4 voting Commission/Committee members were present – quorum was met.

1. CALL TO ORDER
Director Jackman called the meeting to order at 3:05 p.m.

2. ELECTION OF CHAIR
Director Jackman called for Nominations of Interim Chair 3 times.
Member March nominated Member Moss
Member Lewandowski nominated Member Moss

Director Jackman ratifies the appointed Member Moss as Interim Chair of the Area A Advisory Planning and Heritage Commission.

3. COMMENCEMENT OF APHC MEETING
Interim Chair Moss called the meeting to order.

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 September 21, 2026 Electoral Area A Advisory Planning and Heritage Commission meeting, be adopted as circulated.

Carried

6. RECEIPT OF MINUTES
The May 11, 2026 Electoral Area A Advisory Planning and Heritage Commission minutes, have been received.

7. STAFF REPORTS

7.1 Development Permit Application - Thankachen
The Referral Package dated August 14, 2026 from Planner Zachari Giacomazzo, has been received.
- Development has already begun on the property.
- Commission discussed the level of restoration that has been suggested by the Masse report.
- Homeowners are prepared to restore the vegetation that has been affected.
- Site plan shows the proposed deck outside of the affected environmental sensitive area.

MOVED and seconded,
AND Resolved:

That the Area A Advisory Planning Commission SUPPORT the Development Permit Application to Kristin and Shaun Thankachen for the property located 12541 Lewis Bay Road, Boswell and legally described as STRATA LOT 22 DISTRICT LOT 5027 KOOTANEY DISTRICT STRATA PLAN NES75 TOGETHER WITH AN INTEREST IN THE COMMON PROPERTY IN PROPORTION TO THE UNIT ENTITLEMENT OF THE STRATA LOT AS SHOWN ON FORM V (PID: 030-857-741).

Carried

7.2 Temporary Use Permit Application - Thankachen

The Referral Package dated August 14, 2026 from Planner Zachari Giacomazzo, has been received.

- Allow for temporary deck and storage buildings for a period of 3 years.
- Deck has been partially constructed.
- Homeowners have gotten a perk test done (for future septic field) and are planning on building a primary residence.
- Commission noted that prior to an additional Temporary Use Permit Application being applied for, staff would need to see an application for a primary residence.

MOVED and seconded,
AND Resolved:

That the Area A Advisory Planning Commission SUPPORT the Temporary Use Permit Application to Kristin and Shaun Thankachen for the property located 12541 Lewis Bay Road, Boswell and legally described as STRATA LOT 22 DISTRICT LOT 5027 KOOTANEY DISTRICT STRATA PLAN NES75 TOGETHER WITH AN INTEREST IN THE COMMON PROPERTY IN PROPORTION TO THE UNIT ENTITLEMENT OF THE STRATA LOT AS SHOWN ON FORM V (PID: 030-857-741).

Carried

7.3 Bylaw Amendment Application – Referral Form

The Referral Package dated August 24, 2026 from Rishab Gaba, Planner 2, has been received.

- This application identifies the language that is being modernized in the Official Community Plan (OCP).
- Both OCP and Amended Bylaw Zoning should match in their definitions and not allow for any inconsistencies. This includes simplifying the language to match in both documents.
- The Commission likes removing the regulations from the OCP and leaving those details to the Comprehensive Land Use Bylaw.
- The Commission wants to ensure that the community will have public input when OCP changes.

MOVED and seconded,
AND Resolved:

That the Area A Advisory Planning Commission SUPPORT the Bylaw Amendment Application – Referral Form.

Carried

8. PUBLIC TIME

No public present

9. NEXT MEETING

The next Electoral Area A Advisory Planning and Heritage Commission Meeting is scheduled for October 19, 2026 at 3:00pm.

10. ADJOURNMENT

MOVED and seconded,
AND Resolved:

The Electoral Area A Advisory Planning and Heritage Commission meeting be adjourned at 4:15 p.m.

Carried

Digitally approved by

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Michella Moss, Interim Chair

REGIONAL DISTRICT OF CENTRAL KOOTENAY

RECREATION COMMISSION NO. 7
OPEN MEETING MINUTES

7:00 p.m.
September 21, 2026

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

Join by Video:
https://rdck-bc-ca.zoom.us/j/98083065968?pwd=azSoaaagdWwu5JxKSdFvK9zwCunKEF.1
Join by Phone:
1 833 958 1164
Meeting ID: 980 8306 5968
Meeting Password: 136289
In-Person Location: Village of Salmo – 423 Davies Avenue

COMMISSION/COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Director D. Lockwood	Village of Salmo - Chair
Director H. Cunningham	Area G
Commissioner I. McInnes	Area G
Commissioner S. Chew	School District No. 8
Commissioner M. MacDonald	Village of Salmo

MEMBERS ABSENT

Commissioner A. Ellis	Village of Salmo

STAFF

Trisha Davison	General Manager of Community Services
Kristi Calder	Regional Manager of Recreation & Client Services
Tia Wayling	Regional Programming Manager
Alana Jenkins	Meeting Coordinator

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Lockwood called the meeting to order at 7:05 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 21, 2026 Recreation Commission No. 7 meeting, be adopted as circulated.

Carried

4. RECEIPT OF MINUTES

The May 11, 2026 Recreation Commission No. 7 minutes, have been received.

5. DELEGATE

Jon Francis, a representative with Salmo Secondary School to provide the Commission with a discussion to extend hours for a high school fitness class or to allow the School District to rent the space.

Key discussion items included:

- Request for school use of the fitness centre 3 to 4 days a week until January 29th.
- The number of students enrolled in the class and the benefits of it.
- The risk of students dropping the class if access is not part of the curriculum.
- Alternative options explored.
- The possibility of coordinating with Salmo Valley Youth & Community Centre staff.

Direction to Staff:
The Commission directs staff to research potential options to extend hours for a high school fitness class or to allow the School District to rent the space.

6. OLD BUSINESS

6.1 Salmo Valley Youth & Community Centre Summer Camp Update

The Commission Report dated September 21, 2026, from Kristi Calder, Regional Programming Manager, re: Salmo Valley Youth & Community Centre Summer Camp program, has been received.

MOVED and seconded,
AND Resolved:

That Laura Stavast, Executive Director of the Salmo Valley Youth and Community Centre be granted freedom of the floor.

Carried

Key discussion items included:

- The financials provided and suggestions to improve the clarity of future reports.
- Success of the pilot project preventing cancellations from lack of instructors.

MOVED and seconded,
AND Resolved:

That the board directs staff to release $10,131 in grant funding through Service No. S218 for Pro-D Day and summer camps to the Salmo Valley Youth and Community Centre.

Carried

7. STAFF REPORTS

7.1 Salmo Pool 2026 Update

The Commission Report dated September 21, 2026, from Kristi Calder, Regional Manager of Recreation & Client Services and Tia Wayling, Regional Programming Manager, re: Salmo Pool 2026 Update, has been received.

Key discussion items included:

- Attendance and donation statistics and the updated data collection methods.
- The ongoing review of payment and admission options.
- How to make donations easier for users.
- How groups can sponsor an event.

Staff Direction:
The Commission directs staff to research options to expand and improve the accessibility of the donation system, increase public awareness, and report back in the spring.

8. PUBLIC TIME

The Chair called for questions from the public at 7:53 p.m.

One member of the public welcomed the high school students potentially having a separate time in the fitness centre to prevent crowdedness and noted the Youth Centre's mandate is to support recreation so they would be happy to support the initiative.

9. NEXT MEETING

The next Recreation Commission No. 7 meeting is to be determined.

10. ADJOURNMENT

MOVED and seconded,
AND Resolved:

The Recreation Commission No. 7 meeting be adjourned at 7:58 pm.

Carried

Digitally Approved

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D. Lockwood, Chair

RECOMMENDATION(S) TO THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

1. ***That the board directs staff to release $10,131 in grant funding through Service No. S218 for Pro-D Day and summer camps to the Salmo Valley Youth and Community Centre.***

THE FOLLOWING ITEMS ARE PROVIDED FOR CONVENIENCE ONLY AND WILL BE CONSIDERED AT ITS APPROPRIATE MEETING AS STATED.

Future Recreation Commission No. 7 Meetings

1. ***The Commission directs staff to research potential options to extend fitness centre hours for a high school fitness class or to allow the School District to rent the space.***

2. ***The Commission directs staff to research options to expand and improve the accessibility of the donation system at the Salmo Pool, increase public awareness, and report back in the spring.***

REGIONAL DISTRICT OF CENTRAL KOOTENAY

CRESTON VALLEY AGRICULTURAL ADVISORY COMMISSION
OPEN MEETING MINUTES

7:00PM PT
Monday, September 28, 2026
Hybrid Meeting

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/97534145331?pwd=DuyTclwGKeM2lqFR7Zr267aYqtnTSI.1

Join by Phone:
• 833 955 1088 Canada Toll-free

Meeting ID: 975 3414 5331
Meeting Password: 846516

In-Person Location: 312 19 Avenue North, Creston, BC
Creston & District Community Complex – Erickson Room

COMMISSIONERS

Commissioner Randy Meyer	Electoral Area B, Chair
Commissioner David Mutch	Electoral Area B
Commissioner Owen Edwards	Electoral Area B
Commissioner Larry Rast	Electoral Area C
Commissioner Dean Eastman	Electoral Area C

COMMISSIONERS ABSENT

Commissioner Dale McNamar	Electoral Area C

DIRECTORS

Roger Tierney	Electoral Area B, Director
Kelly Vandenberghe	Electoral Area C, Director

STAFF

Zachari Giacomazzo	Planner

PUBLIC
Gregory Chacalias Applicant

5 out of 6 voting Commission/Committee members were present – quorum was met.

1. CALL TO ORDER
Chair Meyer called the meeting to order at 7:08 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 28, 2026 Creston Valley Agricultural Advisory Commission meeting, be adopted as circulated.

Carried

4. RECEIPT OF MINUTES
The July 2, 2026 Creston Valley Agricultural Advisory Commission minutes, have been received.

5. STAFF REPORTS

5.1 Land Use Bylaw Amendment Application - Chacalias
The Referral Package dated August 25, 2026 from Planner Zachari Giacomazzo, has been received.

- Property has been zoned Commercial for about 30 years
- Does not meet the minimum lot size requirement for AG1 lot (minimum 4 hectares), but AG1 zoning fits with the neighbouring property zoning due to being in a Agricultural Land Reserve area
- Lot can exist at the current size of under 1 acre and a primary use can be established with AG1 zoning
- A replacement dwelling would be considered with the new zoning of AG1
- 15-meter set back from Camp Run Creek would be required for any new dwelling

MOVED and seconded,
AND Resolved:

That the Creston Valley Agricultural Advisory Commission SUPPORT the Land Use Bylaw Amendment Application to Gregory Chacalias for the property located 4580 44 Street, Canyon and legally described as BLOCK 145 DISTRICT LOT 812 KOOTENAY DISTRICT PLAN 730C EXCEPT PARCEL A (REFERENCE PLAN 1132891) PID: 012-126-993.

Carried

6. PUBLIC TIME

Chair Meyer called for questions at 7:38 p.m.

No questions or comments from the public online.

7. NEXT MEETING

The next Creston Valley Agricultural Advisory Commission Meeting has not been scheduled.

8. ADJOURNMENT

MOVED and seconded,
AND Resolved:

The Creston Valley Agricultural Advisory Commission meeting be adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

Carried

Digitally approved by:

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Randy Meyer, Chair

REGIONAL DISTRICT OF CENTRAL KOOTENAY

AREA B ADVISORY PLANNING AND HERITAGE COMMISSION
OPEN MEETING MINUTES

7:00PM PT
Tuesday, September 29, 2026
Hybrid Meeting

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/94587073424?pwd=4jkdnipZZM89MQZGZz3fj0dPx9wr8y.1

Join by Phone:
+1 778 907 2071 Canada Toll-free

Meeting ID: 945 8707 3424
Meeting Password: 147647

In-Person Location: Creston Valley Public Library – 531 16 Avenue South, Creston, BC

COMMISSIONERS

Commissioner Wade Brunham	Electoral Area B, Chair
Commissioner Brock Lillico	Electoral Area B
Commissioner Jerry Bauer	Electoral Area B
Commissioner Lon Main	Electoral Area B
Commissioner Adam Mjolsness	Electoral Area B
Commissioner Jeff Karbonik	Electoral Area B
Commissioner Karen Kraan	Electoral Area B
Commissioner Randy Meyer	Electoral Area B
Commissioner Petra Flaa	Electoral Area B

COMMISSIONERS ABSENT

Commissioner Daryl Bjarnason	Electoral Area B
Commissioner Jon Delcaro	Electoral Area B

DIRECTORS

Roger Tierney	Electoral Area B, Director

STAFF

Zachari Giacomazzo	Planner
Rishab Gaba	Planner 2

PUBLIC

Gregory Chacalias	Applicant

9 out of 11 voting Commission/Committee members were present – quorum was met.

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Brunham called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

2. TRADITIONAL LANDS ACKNOWLEDGEMENT STATEMENT

We would like to acknowledge that this meeting is being held on the unceded traditional territory of the Ktunaxa Nation and the Yaqan Nuʔkiy People.

3. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

MOVED and seconded,
AND Resolved:

The Agenda for the September 29, 2026 Electoral Area B Advisory Planning and Heritage Commission meeting, be adopted as circulated.

Carried

4. RECEIPT OF MINUTES

The May 26, 2026 Electoral Area B Advisory Planning and Heritage Commission minutes, have been received.

5. STAFF REPORTS

5.1 Land Use Bylaw Amendment Application - Chacalias

The Referral Package dated August 25, 2026 from Planner Zachari Chacalias, has been received.

- Property has been zoned Commercial for about 30 years
- Does not meet the minimum lot size requirement for AG1 lot (minimum 4 hectares), but AG1 zoning fits with the neighbouring property zoning

MOVED and seconded,
AND Resolved:

That the Area B Advisory Planning Commission SUPPORT the Land Use Bylaw Amendment Application to Gregory Chacalias for the property located 4580 44 Street, Canyon and legally described as BLOCK 145 DISTRICT LOT 812 KOOTENAY PLAN 730C EXCEPT PARCEL A (REFERENCE PLAN 1132891I) (PID: 012-126-993).

Carried

5.2 Bylaw Amendment Application – Referral Form

The Referral Package dated August 24, 2026 from Rishab Gaba, Planner 2 has been received.

- Terminology updates within the Official Community Plan (OCP)
- Accessory Dwelling Unity – outside of a principal residence (90 square meters)
- The definition of terms is not being changed
- 2024 Zoning changes was supposed to be updated with OCP, which was paused. These are the same changes that were proposed in 2025.

MOVED and seconded,
AND Resolved:

That the Area B Advisory Planning Commission SUPPORT the Bylaw Amendment Application.

Carried

6. PUBLIC TIME

Chair Brunham called for questions from the public at 7:20 p.m.

Conservative candidate Gordon Skulnec gave a brief introduction to the Commission.

7. NEXT MEETING

The next Electoral Area B Advisory Planning and Heritage Commission Meeting is scheduled for October 27, 2026 at 7:00 p.m.

8. ADJOURNMENT

MOVED and seconded,
AND Resolved:

The Electoral Area B Advisory Planning and Heritage Commission meeting be adjourned at 7:32 p.m.

Carried

Digitally approved by:

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Wade Brunham, Chair

Regional District of Central Kootenay
CRESTON VALLEY SERVICES COMMITTEE
Open Meeting Minutes

Thursday, October 1, 2026
9:00 am PT
Creston and District Complex – Erickson Room
312 19 Avenue North, Creston, BC

COMMITTEE MEMBERS' PRESENT

Director A. DeBoon	Town of Creston
Director G. Jackman	Electoral Area A
Director R. Tierney	Electoral Area B
Director K. Vandenberghe	Electoral Area C

STAFF PRESENT

S. Horn	Chief Administrative Officer
T. Davison	General Manager of Community Services
C. Stanley	Regional Manager – Operations & Asset Management
A. Wilson	Acting General Manager of Development & Community Sustainability
T. Wayling	Regional Programming Manager/Community Development
P. Marshall-Smith	Sustainability and Resilience Supervisor
R. Baril	Meeting Coordinator

GUESTS

D. Dumas	Creston Town Counselor

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1. ZOOM REMOTE MEETING INFO

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

Meeting Time:
9:00 a.m. PT

Join by Video:
https://rdck-bc-ca.zoom.us/j/92632670829?pwd=VkcPYOv0WnMTDNowScaJt12nFYz8zN.1

Join by Phone:
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*6 to unmute or mute
*9 to raise or lower your hand

Meeting ID: 926 3267 0829
Meeting Password: 430277

In-Person Location: 312 19 Avenue North, Creston, BC
Creston & District Community Complex - Erickson Room

2. CALL TO ORDER
Chair DeBoon called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.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
Moved and seconded,
And resolved:

The agenda for the October 1, 2026 Creston Valley Services Committee meeting be adopted as circulated.

Carried

5. RECEIPT OF MINUTES
The September 3, 2026 Creston Valley Services Committee minutes, have been received.

6. DELEGATE

6.1 DELEGATION: CRESTON VALLEY TOURISM SOCIETY 2027/2028 DESTINATION BC CO-OPERATIVE MARKETING PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM APPLICATION
Jesse Willicome presented an update to the Committee re: changes to the 2027/28 Destination BC Co-operative Marketing Partnership Program.

After reviewing the growth that has been noted in the Creston Valley, staff pointed out that this request is included in the draft budget until 2030 based on the success of the Creston Valley Tourism Society's application to Destination BC.

The Committee also discussed ways to draw more attention to the Internation Selkirk Loop (ISL). Website redesign and printed maps are two ideas that can operate passively while still engaging visitors to the area, until such a time that there would be funding to support employee(s) to better promote the ISL.

Jesse answered the Committee's questions.

Moved
MOTION ONLY

THAT the Creston Valley Services Committee support Creston Valley Tourism Society's application to Destination BC's 2027/28 Co-operative Marketing Partnerships Program, including the participation of the Town of Creston and RDCK Electoral Areas B and C as community partners;

AND FURTHER THAT the Committee support CVTS identifying the customary $22,000 contribution from Service 108 as pending partner funding, subject to formal consideration and approval through the 2027 Service 108 budget.

7. STAFF REPORTS

7.1 FOR INFORMATION: PROGRAMMING UPDATE

Staff gave an update of the summer programming at Creston & District Community Complex (CDCC). Summer camps increased in participation over last year, with specialized camps continuing to grow in popularity. Public swimming lessons focused on swim safety; staff want to raise more awareness of water safety in the Creston Valley. Fitness has shown a strong drop-in attendance and following. User fees saw an increase in the Adult and under 5 categories. CDCC has been open throughout the day, allowing people to utilize indoor activities on smoky days. Summer Ice rentals were affected by a late opening of the ice rink.

Vintage (55+) hockey participants spoke to staff after the September CVSC meeting. Staff are proceeding with scheduling one day a week scheduled for 55+ (age group) hockey (aside from goalies). Second ice time is set to start in November to 19+ (age group). In 2027 budget, a 3rd ice time (all-age) will be added to the schedule. The senior's hockey group have been given the option to rent ice time as well.

CDCC aims to have the level of programming meet the needs of the community. Age and level of play will become the indicators to engage in the opportunity to participate.

The Committee would like staff to engage in a round-table discussion with the participants to form the ideal boundaries for the activity.

8. NEW BUSINESS

8.1 DISCUSSION ITEM: HIGHEST AND BEST USE OF CRESTON VALLEY FARMLAND FROM ERICKSON TO USA BORDER

The Committee identified an opportunity that now is the time to take a more formal, scientific approach by experts to determine what could be the focus for agricultural potential farmland from Erickson to the US border, if more water could be brought to the area.

Staff acknowledged that they are at maximum capacity in terms of engagement, so part of the request for funding would be the opportunity to add capacity to the team to develop a scope of work. Staff have committed to bring back a term of reference to the Committee for the next meeting.

From the work with the Goat River Watershed Water Sustainability study, Agricultural Land Use Inventories (ALUI) has taken note, and we have moved up the list in priority. The hope is that this engagement would provide a baseline of information that would support further conversations and planning for water resources in the Creston Valley.

Direction to Staff:

That the Creston Valley Services Committee direct staff to approach post-secondary institutions, Fraser Basin Council or other organizations including Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM), Green Municipal Fund (GMF) and the co-operators which can support a business case analysis for maximizing agricultural output in the Creston Valley.

9. OLD BUSINESS

9.1 DISCUSSION ITEM: CEMETERY FUNDING

Cemetery groups are reminded to be diligent in their paperwork and to also provide expenditures, annual general meeting (AGM) minutes and future plans to the Committee annually. This helps to make decisions easier and timely during budget season.

Ideally, the Committee would like Cemetery, Community Halls, Library and Reading Centers to submit budgets and AGM reports annually to ensure accountability.

FREEDOM OF THE FLOOR

Moved and seconded,
And resolved:

That Counselor Dumas have freedom of the floor.

Carried

9.2 GOAT RIVER WATERSHED WATER SUSTAINABILITY PLAN

Staff update re: first Rivers Day Event, which was a wonderful day with great turn out. Phase three has now been completed with the wrap up of meetings and the Rivers Day event.

Note: Presentation slides and brief are included in minutes.

9.3 ACTION ITEM LIST

The Committee feels good progress has been made with the items on the list, and this list will be left for the new Committee that is formed.

10. PUBLIC TIME

The Chair called for questions from the public and members of the media at 10:45 a.m.

The Committee thanked staff for their hard work, they feel that the needle really moved in the last 4 years, the proof is in efficiency at Board meetings.

11. CLOSED

11.1 Meeting Closed to the Public

Moved and seconded,
And resolved:

In the opinion of the Committee - and, in accordance with Section 90 of the Community Charter – the public interest so requires that persons other than DIRECTORS, ALTERNTAE DIRECTORS, DELEGATIONS AND STAFF be excluded from the meeting;

AND FURTHER, in accordance with Section 90 of the Community Charter, the meeting is to be closed on the basis(es) identified in the following Subsections:

90. (1) A part of a council meeting may be closed to the public if the subject matter being considered relates to or is one or more of the following:

(e) the acquisition, disposition or expropriation of land or improvements, if the council considers that disclosure could reasonably be expected to harm the interests of the municipality;

Carried

11.2 Recess of Open Meeting

Moved and seconded,
And resolved:

The Open meeting be recessed at 10:47 a.m. in order to conduct the Closed meeting.

Carried

12. NEXT MEETING

The next Creston Valley Services Committee meeting is scheduled for December 3, 2026 at 9:00 a.m.

13. ADJOURNMENT

Moved and seconded,
And resolved:

The Creston Valley Services Committee meeting be adjourned at 11:05 a.m.

Carried

Digitally approved by:

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Arnold DeBoon, Chair

GOAT RIVER WATERSHED WATER SUSTAINABILITY PLANNING OCTOBER 1 2026 UPDATE

REGIONAL DISTRICT CENTRAL KOOTENAY

YAQAN NUKIY
LOWER KOOTENAY BAND

RIVERS DAY EVENT

REPORT BACK

- **September 27, CDCC:** we hosted a free, family-friendly afternoon for BC Rivers Day ~100 attendees, 6 community booths, $4,250 total budget
- **Booths:** Living Lakes Canada, CKISS, West Kootenay Watershed Collaborative, Wildsight, Kootenay-Columbia Discovery Centre, Creston Museum
- **Highlights:** opening welcome from yaqan nuʔkiy council member Robin Louie, the Creston Museum's Electrified slideshow, and Wildsight's Sharing Water game
- **Hands-on activities:** a 3D watershed model, booth bingo, a watershed demonstration station and crafts for kids

REGIONAL DISTRICT CENTRAL KOOTENAY

YAQAN NUKIY LOWER KOOTENAY BAND

AUGUST - SEPTEMBER 2026 MILESTONES

MEETINGS AND WORKSHOPS PURPOSE SUMMARY

- **Collective Conversations Working Group**
  - August 25: each government named the tools it can bring to the watershed.
- **CVSC Directors**
  - August 26: learned about Water Sustainability Act tools and began linking tools to values
  - September 9: worked on completing the Statement of Values and reviewed the tool inventory
- **RDCK Board**
  - September 22: the full Board prepared to receive the Working Group's recommendations in October

REGIONAL DISTRICT CENTRAL KOOTENAY

YAQAN NUKIY LOWER KOOTENAY BAND

THANK YOU
QUESTIONS?

REGIONAL DISTRICT CENTRAL KOOTENAY

YAQAN NUKIY
LOWER KOOTENAY BAND

Goat River Watershed

CVSC October Update

Report Date: September 28, 2026

Goat River Watershed Water Sustainability Planning

Purpose

To update the Creston Valley Services Committee on the Goat River Watershed Celebration held for BC Rivers Day, and on the Milestone 3 conversations held with the Collective Conversations Working Group, CVSC Directors, and the full RDCK Board.

Context

Since the August 6 update, the process has moved from Milestone 2 (values and desired future state) into Milestone 3, the discussion of tools. The Collective Conversations Working Group met on August 25 to open Milestone 3, and CVSC Directors met for Workshop Sessions 3 and 4 of 6 on August 26 and September 9. On September 22, the full RDCK Board met for a readiness workshop. On September 27, the project team hosted the Goat River Watershed Celebration in Creston for BC Rivers Day, with approximately 100 people attending.

RDCK staff are not decision makers in this process; the RDCK Board holds that authority, and the Working Group may bring recommendations forward. A Water Sustainability Plan remains one possible tool under consideration, not a decided direction.

1.0 BC Rivers Day: Goat River Watershed Celebration

The Goat River Watershed Celebration took place on Sunday, September 27, 2026, from 12:00 to 4:00 p.m. at the Creston & District Community Complex (CDCC). It was a free, family-friendly afternoon held in conjunction with BC Rivers Day.

Budget and Metrics

- **Attendance:** approximately 100 people
- **Community group booths:** 6

Community groups hosting booths

- Living Lakes Canada
- Central Kootenay Invasive Species Society
- West Kootenay Watershed Collaborative
- Wildsight Creston
- Kootenay-Columbia Discovery Centre
- Creston Museum

Program highlights

- Opening welcome from yaqan nuʔkiy council member Robin Louie
- Creston Museum slideshow, Electrified: Electrical Power Comes to Creston, on the history of hydroelectric power in the valley, including the Goat River Dam
- Wildsight's hands-on Sharing Water game, where participants take on the roles of different water users and weigh what is fair for everyone on the river, including nature
- Booth activities on community-based watershed monitoring, aquatic invasive species prevention (including clean, drain, dry), and the Goat River Watershed Water Sustainability Planning project
- River-friendship bracelets, a colouring contest, a 3D model of the Goat River Watershed, "I Love the Goat River Watershed" stickers, refreshments, and booth bingo for a chance to win a Creston goodies basket

2.0 Collective Conversations Working Group

- On August 25, the Working Group opened Milestone 3. Each party shared the water management tools it can bring to the Goat River Watershed.
- Parties at the table were yaqan nuʔkiy, the Province of BC (Agriculture and Food; Forests; WLRS Authorizations, LUPCE and Policy), and the RDCK.
- This gave all three governments a shared picture of the tools, so future recommendations rest on what is realistic.

3.0 CVSC Directors Workshops

- Directors met on August 26 and September 9. They heard from WLRS staff on Water Sustainability Act tools, worked on completing the Statement of Values, and began shaping the criteria for evaluating tools, including a Water Sustainability Plan as one option among several.
- Attending were Directors Jackman (Area A), Tierney (Area B), Vandenberghe (Area C), Watson (Area D), DeBoon and Dumas (Town of Creston) and McLaren-Caux (Village of Nakusp), with RDCK staff and Carys Pinches (WLRS).
- Directors' questions and priorities are being carried into the Working Group's tool analysis, so local values shape how tools are weighed.

4.0 RDCK Board Workshop

- On September 22, we held a half-day workshop to bring the full RDCK Board into the Collective Conversations process: why it is under way, who is at the table, how it works, and the six watershed values developed with the CVSC.
- It was a learning and readiness session; no decisions were taken and no resolutions were brought forward.
- The session was chaired by Chair Aimee Watson and facilitated by Paris Marshall Smith, with CVSC Directors sharing their experience and perspectives with the remaining Board.
- This prepares every Director to receive and consider the Working Group's recommendations in October, with questions and concerns raised now rather than for the first time at this meeting.

Next Steps

- Compile the Working Group's tool inventory and limitations
- Hold the Working Group's full-day assessment session post Provincial elections

- Hold RDCK Directors workshop on October 7
- Staff report to the RDCK Board in October

Stay Informed

For more information on the Goat River Watershed Water Sustainability Planning project, visit engage.rdck.ca/projects/goatwatershed. Sign up for the mailing list to receive updates as the project moves forward.

REGIONAL DISTRICT OF CENTRAL KOOTENAY

RIONDEL COMMISSION
OPEN MEETING MINUTES

7:00 PM
Oct 6, 2026

IN-PERSON MEETING LOCATION FOR HYBRID MEETING MODEL
The following location has been determined to hold the in-person meetings for Riondel Commission of Management:

Location Name: Riondel Community Centre, Commission Office, Room #6
Location Address: 1511 Eastman Ave., Riondel BC

The facility listed above will be able to accommodate the remote requirements for the meeting.

Meeting Link:
https://rdck-bc-ca.zoom.us/j/99365439474?pwd=dt01B7UQVRpVgzCgb2t1woavUKcZ0w.1

Join by Phone:
+1 604 449 3026 Canada Toll Free

Meeting ID: 993 6543 9474
Passcode: 528084

COMMISSION MEMBERS

Commissioner G. Panio	Riondel	In-person
Commissioner N. Anderson	Riondel	In-person
Commissioner J. Donald	Riondel	In-person
Commissioner S. Downing	Riondel	In-person
Commissioner S. Horwood	Riondel	In-person
Commissioner M. Stevely	Riondel	In-person
G. Jackman	Director – Electoral Area A	In-person

STAFF
Evan Salmon - Riondel Meeting Coordinator

7 out of 7 voting Commission/Committee members were present – quorum was met.

1. CALL TO ORDER
Chair Panio called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

2. TRADITIONAL LANDS ACKNOWLEDGEMENT STATEMENT

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

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

MOVED and seconded,
AND Resolved:

The Agenda for the October 6, 2026, Riondel Commission meeting, be adopted.

Carried

3. RECEIPT OF MINUTES

The September 1, 2026, Riondel Commission minutes, have been received.

4. DELEGATE

4.1 Constable Gerry Sliworsky, from Creston RCMP will present current events to the Commission.

Key topics of discussion included:

- Incorporated municipalities such as Chase, Elkford and Sparwood have enforceable bylaws with designated road crossings for golf carts and ATVs.
- In years past, golf carts could be licensed. Now, it is an insurance question.
- Concerned residents can first approach parents of younger children with concerns.
- Following this, call into the RCMP with pictures, video and descriptions.
- Prior, wonton driving by youth resulted in restorative justice, which proved effective.
- Patrolling frequency relies on a 60% under-staffed Creston detachment and priorities.
- Officers are suffering burnout with little cycling through other areas vs northern assignments.
- Their coverage includes Riondel to Kootenay Bay to past Yahk to Kootenay Pass to the US border.
- On shift, two RCMP are often covering this whole area.
- Priorities on drugs and child trafficking.
- There is a quarterly repost available which includes that five of six larger drug busts netted prosecution.
- They have had calls about repeat, drunken drivers but these are difficult to catch when responding.
- Crime rates are flat or slightly declining so attention should be given to major crime.
- If called out, RCMP will do a patrol through the campground and surrounding area.
- Regarding dangerous dogs, in 2027 Director Jackman suggested a process with dealing with dogs that have attacked, chased or are causing fear in the public, limiting community enjoyment.
- A bylaw officer accompanied by RCMP can visit dog owners. The animal may be apprehended and taken to a SPCA-designated facility.

- The court will determine what conditions or actions need to be taken such as adding a fence, chain, rehoming or destroying the animal.
- Areas A, B, and C voted to have a contractor to deal with dangerous and aggressive dogs.
- Hopefully, this enforcing will be noted by such dog owners.
- In regards to speeding on highways, often by motorcycles, if a resident chooses to report an incident, RCMP advises you, from a safe spot, take video and descriptions- not just a black bike and jacket. This evidence is similar to providing security footage.
- It is dangerous for RCMP to chase bikes on this highway.

5. PUBLIC TIME

The Chair will call for questions from the public at 7:32 p.m.

6. OLD BUSINESS

6.1 Canada Post Office Update

Chair Panio will provide the Commission with a verbal update regarding the post office follow-up in the Community Center.

Director Jackman relayed the pain also felt in Wyndell, Sirdar and Destiny Bay as Canada Post are squeezing their postmasters by reducing hours and revenue, expecting them to do more with less.

- Postmaster candidates are withdrawing interest and post offices are showing a trend towards closing.
- Local gov't interacts with Canada Post needing addresses and 911 information.
- If grandfathered in, you can have minimal building standards. A new site proves unaffordable with new rules and higher costs.
- Wyndel *was* a contractor (vs postmaster) serving 600 residents, but the store was overrun with demands such as money orders.
- Destiny Bay downgraded their standing.
- A postmaster is expected to subsidise the office rent and phone from a minimum wage.
- Residents need to keep saying that it is unacceptable to drive to Gray Creek.
- Canada Post is showing a trend towards contracting and installing mailboxes.
- These mailboxes have limited capacity for expanding parcel buying via online shopping.
- Crawford Bay post office has limited capacity, especially during Christmas.
- The firehall was suggested as a new location, tieing into their existing amenities and extra lot area.
- Adding capacity to meet Canada Post standards can cost over $25 000 upon a potential postmaster with further subsidising necessary from a family's income.
- The Lakeview store is acting as a temporary postal service with minimal renumeration needing to pay overtime to employees to cover demands. It is a short-term solution.
- If Lakeview drops their arrangement, residents may need parcel retrieving from Creston who may soon be incapable of this extra demand. This is 90kms and 1.5 hours away.
- Residents are now driving ½ hour, 24 kms on challenging roads to retrieve mail and parcels.

- The meeting developed momentum for having the new post office in the community center.
- The current renter of the community center's lower floor, the Kootenay Lake East Shore Men's Shed, offered to accommodate adding a post office from their externally accessible spaces.
- Director Jackman said a portion of an RDCK building is currently being leased to the Balfour post office.
- Canada Post demands no external boxes from postmasters -they must be accessible from inside to load. New mailboxes are installed by Canada Post.
- A community center location suggests a stable, long-term solution, but commercial spaces are being considered.

6.2 Fire alarm Update

Chair Panio will provide the Commission with a verbal update regarding the fire alarm.

- Through two power outages, the fire alarm continued working. Tratech Mechanical are capable of maintaining the panel. The panel is still not calling to an outside service.

6.3 Rental Protocols

Chair Panio will provide the Commission with a verbal update regarding rental protocols.

- Chair Panio tabled this item.

6.4 Roof Leak Update

Chair Panio will provide the Commission with a verbal update regarding the roof leak.

- Chair Panio noted one leak caused by the respective drain being plugged with tree needles lodged in a bend far under the gym. Being plugged, rainwater spilled over the outside wall seeping inside. Staff was resourceful in clearing the problem. This drainage line needs further work.

6.5 Drainage Issues

Chair Panio will provide the Commission with a verbal update regarding drainage issues.

- Drainage work is currently being done on Ainsworth Ave
- With property development years prior, a swamp was filled in and a willow tree removed adding to the issue.
- There is an existing, Cominco-installed pipe that is disintegrating. This should be investigated.
- The ditch-line needs to be cleared of debris, leaves and overgrown brush to allow flow.

6.6 Picnic Tables and Park Benches

Chair Panio will provide the Commission with a verbal update regarding new tables and benches for the community centre grounds.

- Six rotting park tables and benches have been replaced by Kootenay Lake East Shore Men's Shed with winsome cedar builds.

- The room showed appreciation for this generous effort with applause.

7. NEW BUSINESS

7.1 Elections at Community Centre

The Commission to review and discuss the October 17th elections.

A room is reserved for the election.

7.2 Volunteer Grounds Cleanup and Sign Removal

Chair Panio will provide the Commission with a verbal update on the grounds cleanup by volunteers and the sign removal.

- Thanks to volunteers, the parking lot and old, concrete sign-posts were cleaned up.

7.3 Riondel Commission Account at Nelson District Credit Union

Chair Panio will provide the Commission with a verbal update on Riondel Commission account

- Chair Panio is waiting yet on this status.

7.4 Youth Group Rental of Media Lab

Chair Panio will provide the Commission with a verbal update on the rental of the Media Lab room.

- The East Shore's youth group is renting it for one year.

7.5 Alternative For Garbage Ticket Sales

Chair Panio will provide the Commission with a verbal update on the garbage ticket sales.

Garbage tags are now being sold at the Riondel Reading Centre in the Community Centre. They are available any time the library is open: Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, and Saturday from 10 am to noon, and Tuesday from 2 pm to 4 pm.

The tags are also available in the Commission office on Tuesdays from 9 am to 1 pm.

8. CORRESPONDENCE

There is no correspondence for this commission meeting.

9. AREA A DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Director Jackman will provide the Commission with a verbal report.

- Director Jackman will review the RDCK-Balfour Post Office contract.

10. PUBLIC TIME

The Chair will call for questions from the public at 8:45 p.m.

The discussion centered on the road to Riondel:

- A vehicle slid off the road on the excess gravel from the recent chip-coating.
- One driver slid off the road on loose gravel. Motorcyclists are alarmed with loose gravel on sharp turns over asphalt.
- Director Jackman said repairing with recycled pavement here is too far a distance.
- The Eastshore and North sections are years away from repaving, likely then, with used recycled asphalt.
- The Riondel road won't hold up. He advised considering another chipcoat and sealcoat.
- MOTI likely won't pave with new asphalt.
- More logging is planned up Campbell Creek. Logging trucks are wearing on the road but they contribute to this via road taxes.

11. NEXT MEETING

The following Riondel Commission meeting will be held on December 1, 2026 at 7:00 pm.

12. ADJOURNMENT

MOVED and seconded,
AND Resolved:

The Riondel Commission meeting adjourned at 8:51 pm.

Carried

Digitally Approved

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G. Panio, Chair

REGIONAL DISTRICT OF CENTRAL KOOTENAY

CASTLEGAR & DISTRICT RECREATION COMMISSION
OPEN MEETING MINUTES

4:00 p.m.
October 6, 2026

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

Meeting Time:
4:00 p.m. PDT

COMMISSION/COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Commissioner Member B. Bogle	City of Castlegar
Commissioner Member S. Heaton-Sherstobitoff	City of Castlegar
Commissioner Member M. McFaddin	City of Castlegar
Commissioner Member H. Hanegraaf	Director Area J

MEMBERS ABSENT

Commissioner Member A. Davidoff	Director Area I

STAFF

Trisha Davison	General Manager of Community Services
Craig Stanley	Regional Manager of Operations and Asset Management
Kristi Calder	Regional Manager of Recreation & Client Services
Tia Wayling	Regional Programming Manager
Alana Jenkins	Meeting Coordinator

4 out of 5 voting Commission/Committee members were present – quorum was met.

1. CALL TO ORDER
Chair Bogle called the meeting to order at 4:00 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 October 6, 2026, Castlegar & District Recreation Commission meeting, be adopted as circulated.

Carried

4. RECEIPT OF MINUTES

The September 1, 2026 Castlegar & District Recreation Commission meeting minutes, have been received.

5. DELEGATE

There are no delegates scheduled for this Commission meeting.

6. STAFF REPORTS

6.1 Castlegar & District Programming Quarterly Update

The Commission Report dated October 6, 2026 from Tia Wayling, Regional Programming Manager, re: Castlegar & District Programming Quarterly Update, has been received.

Key discussion items included:

- An overview of programming and financials.
- The success of summer camps with participation meeting demand.
- A comparison of the planned budget to actuals on the year.

6.2 Castlegar & District Community Complex Operations Update

Craig Stanley, Regional Manager of Operations and Asset Management to provide the Commission with a verbal update re: Castlegar & District Community Complex Operations Update.

Key discussion items included:

- An overview of recent repairs and the plans for future fixes.
- The success of making ice in 6 days vs 11 days due to previous facility upgrades.
- An update on the broadcast booth project – additional scope needed due to building code.

6.3 Kootenay Family Place Facility Use Agreement

The Commission Report dated October 6, 2026 from Kristi Calder, Regional Manager of Recreation & Client Services re: Kootenay Family Place Facility Use Agreement has been received.

Key discussion items included:

- Kootenay Family Place Society's request to access the facility in July & August.
- Staff are completing an analysis of the operational and financial impacts of the request.
- Recommendations for consideration to be presented at the December 2026 Commission meeting.

6.4 Castlegar & District Arena and Walking Track Project – Timeline Update

The Commission Report dated October 6, 2026 from Trisha Davison, General Manager of Community Services re: Castlegar & District Arena and Walking Track Project – Timeline Update has been received.

Key discussion items included:

- Two of three proponents have signed the participation agreement
- The baseline geotechnical assessment has been completed
- Submission deadline for proponents is November 4.
- The engagement team is planning the communication strategy to keep the public well informed.
- The criteria used in the decision-making process.

7. PUBLIC TIME

The Chair called for questions from the public at 4:31 p.m.

A member of the public requested an update on the Castlegar Rebels request for a longer-term contract. Staff provided clarification on the process between Commission and RDCK Board decisions and the timeline of the contract research and negotiations.

8. NEXT MEETING

The next Castlegar & District Recreation Commission meeting is scheduled for December 1, 2026 at 4:00 p.m.

9. ADJOURNMENT

MOVED and seconded,
AND Resolved:

The Castlegar & District Recreation Commission meeting be adjourned at 4:56 p.m.

Carried

Digitally Approved

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B. Bogle, Chair

File No. 01-0210-01

August 19, 2026

West Creston Community Hall Society
Maura Schadeli, Secretary
Via: wcchsecretary@gmail.com

To Whom It May Concern:

RE: LETTER OF SUPPORT – WEST CRESTON COMMUNITY HALL SOCIETY FUNDRAISING FOR WEST CRESTON COMMUNITY FIREHALL PROJECT

The Regional District of Central Kootenay (RDCK) Board passed the following resolution at the July 16, 2026 Board meeting:

373/26 That the Board send a letter of support to the West Creston Community Hall Society for their fundraising efforts towards the completion of the West Creston Community Firehall project.

While the RDCK conducted an assent approval process to build this hall in 2024 that subsequently failed, the need and interest from the community remains. The West Creston Community Hall Society has been actively engaged in all of the steps to complete building of the fire hall, knowing the limitations of financing in rural areas, and the RDCK has been supportive by committing over $650,000 in funds. We have also provided staff support on the various land use applications.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

RDCK Board Chair
Aimee Watson

Outlook

Letter from the Honourable Jodie Wickens, Minister of Children and Family Development

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Regional District of Central Kootenay

E-mail: info@rdck.bc.ca

Dear Board of Directors:

As Minister of Children and Family Development, I am delighted to once again proclaim October as Foster Family Month in British Columbia. This year marks the 36 th anniversary of Foster Family Month, providing an important opportunity to recognize and celebrate the remarkable contributions of family and foster caregivers across our province. I am honoured to express my sincere gratitude for their unwavering dedication and commitment to supporting children and youth in care.

Caregivers of all kinds demonstrate extraordinary compassion and generosity by opening their hearts, homes, and lives to children and youth who need support. By providing a safe and nurturing environment for these young people, they help them cope with what can be very difficult times, and also help them begin to heal and work through the challenges they have experienced.

Over the years, I have had the privilege of meeting many exceptional caregivers whose kindness, compassion and dedication to the children and youth they care for has left a lasting impression on me. Their willingness to provide love, stability, and hope during challenging times makes a meaningful difference in the lives of children, youth, and families throughout British Columbia.

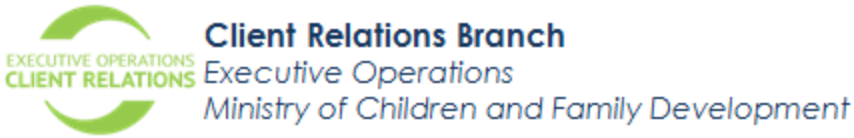
Please join me in celebrating these caregivers for the crucial role they play in all our communities, and for the selfless work they do for the children, youth, and families of British Columbia.

Sincerely,

Jodie Wickens

Minister of Children and Family Development

Sent on behalf of the Minister by:



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September 10, 2026

The Honourable David Eby, Premier
The Honourable Adrian Dix, Minister of Energy and Climate Solutions
The Honourable Kelly Greene, Minister of Emergency Management and Climate Readiness
The Honourable Christine Boyle, Minister of Housing and Municipal Affairs
The Honourable Brenda Bailey, Minister of Finance

Dear Premier Eby and Ministers:

Re: Support for a Minimum Five-Year Renewal of the Local Government Climate Action Program

On September 3rd, 2026, the Regional District of Okanagan-Similkameen (RDOS) passed the following motion:

THAT the Board direct staff to prepare a letter to the Province in support of the Union of BC Municipalities' (UBCM) call for a minimum five-year renewal of Local Government Climate Action Program (LGCAP) funding, commencing in 2027.

On behalf of the Board of Directors of the RDOS, I am writing in support of the Union of British Columbia Municipalities' (UBCM) call for a minimum five-year renewal of the Local Government Climate Action Program (LGCAP), commencing in 2027.

The RDOS joins local governments throughout British Columbia in recognizing LGCAP as a critical and effective partnership between the Province and local governments. The program provides predictable and flexible funding that enables communities to undertake locally relevant climate action initiatives, build organizational capacity, and advance projects that reduce greenhouse gas emissions while strengthening resilience to climate-related hazards.

As a predominantly rural regional district covering a large and diverse geographic area, the RDOS faces increasing challenges associated with climate change, including wildfire risk, extreme heat, drought, flooding, and other severe weather events. Local governments are on the front lines of responding to these impacts and require stable, long-term funding to plan and implement meaningful actions that protect residents, infrastructure, local economies, and the natural environment.

In the RDOS, LGCAP funding has enabled climate action work that would be difficult to advance through a rural tax base alone. This includes dedicated staff capacity, climate action planning and reporting, community emissions reduction initiatives, energy efficiency programming such as the HomeEnergy Guide initiative, electric vehicle charging infrastructure, climate adaptation and resilience planning, climate-related risk and vulnerability assessments, regional planning efforts, and public engagement. Just as importantly, LGCAP has provided a stable foundation for securing additional provincial and federal grants, building partnerships, and advancing multi-year projects that support both local priorities and provincial climate objectives.

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The value of LGCAP is strengthened by its flexibility and predictability. Unlike competitive grant programs, LGCAP allows communities to respond to local priorities while contributing to broader provincial objectives under CleanBC and related climate resilience strategies. This is particularly important for smaller and rural communities, where administrative capacity and financial resources are often limited and where sustained funding is needed to move from planning to implementation.

Without multi-year certainty, local governments may be forced to delay staffing decisions, defer strategic planning, pause partnerships, or slow project delivery. A renewed commitment would help maintain local capacity, preserve momentum, and ensure climate action investments continue to deliver meaningful outcomes for residents, infrastructure, local economies, and the natural environment.

The RDOS respectfully requests that the Province commit to a minimum five-year renewal of LGCAP beginning in 2027. Multi-year funding certainty would provide local governments with the confidence needed to continue investing in locally relevant climate mitigation, adaptation, emergency preparedness, energy efficiency, and resilience initiatives while supporting the Province's broader climate objectives.

For regional districts and rural communities, continued LGCAP investment is essential to maintaining the Province-local government partnership needed to address climate-related risks. Renewing the program for a minimum five-year term would help ensure local governments remain effective partners in protecting British Columbians and building resilient, sustainable communities.

The Board also encourages the Province to continue working collaboratively with UBCM, local governments, and Modern Treaty Nations to ensure the program remains responsive to the diverse needs of communities throughout British Columbia.

Thank you for your consideration of this important matter and for your continued partnership with local governments in building resilient, sustainable communities.

Sincerely,

Mark Pendergraft
Chair
Regional District of Okanagan-Similkameen

cc: Union of British Columbia Municipalities (UBCM)
Penticton-Summerland MLA

Boundary-Similkameen MLA
UBCM Member Municipalities

File No. 01-0210-01

October 5, 2026

South Kootenay Lake Community Services Society
Via email: skootenaylakecss@gmail.com

To Whom It May Concern:

RE: LETTER OF SUPPORT - ETSI BC FUNDING APPLICATION - KOOTENAY LAKE GEOTHERMAL PROJECT

The Regional District of Central Kootenay (RDCK) Board is pleased to provide a letter of support to the South Kootenay Lake Community Services Society for their Economic Trust of Southern Interior British Columbia (ETSI BC) funding application. This funding will help support the Kootenay Lake Geothermal Project's Community Benefit & Development Evaluation.

The Kootenay Lake Geothermal Project began approximately six years ago as a community-led effort to determine whether the region's geothermal resources could create new economic opportunities while delivering lasting benefits to local communities. Through volunteer leadership, academic collaboration, Indigenous engagement and public investment, the initiative has progressed from an early concept to a credible geothermal exploration opportunity. More than $500,000 in public funding has supported geological, geochemical and geophysical investigations that have identified a promising geothermal target on the East Shore of Kootenay Lake. The proposed project will bridge resource exploration and economic development and produce a community-informed geothermal development strategy, an objective framework for comparing opportunities, and a foundation for subsequent feasibility studies and business planning.

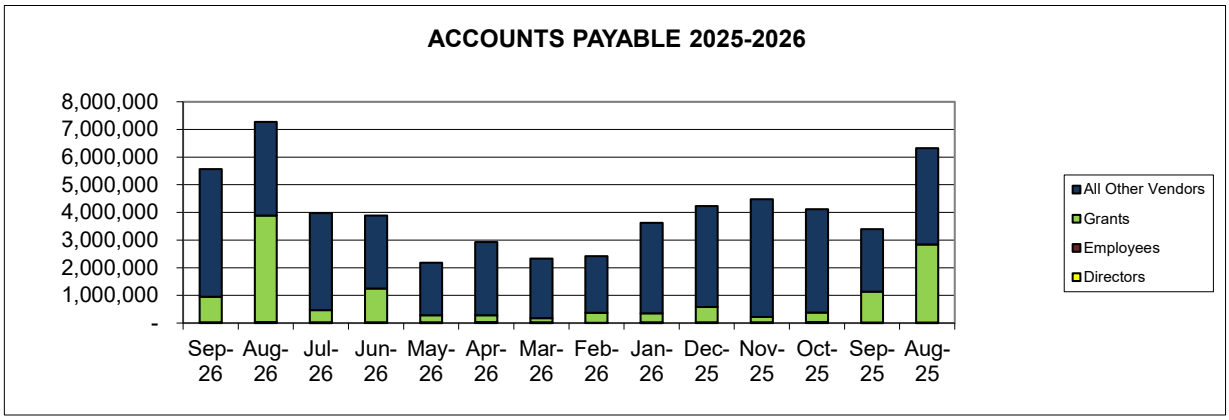
In the near term, advancing the opportunity will generate expenditures on technical, planning and business development activities. If a viable geothermal opportunity is demonstrated, development could attract tens of millions of dollars in investment, supporting employment, local procurement, new businesses, economic diversification, and potential community and Indigenous revenues.

The RDCK Board continues to support the valuable work the South Kootenay Lake Community Services Society is doing in the region.

Sincerely,

Aimee Watson
RDCK Board Chair

Financial Expenditure Report for September 2026



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	1,221	$5,570,105	
Top 80% of payments by value	244	4,444,592	80%
Remaining 20% of payments by value	977	1,125,513	20%
	Total	**$5,570,105**	**100%**

	Number of Payments	Value	% of Total
	1,221	$5,570,105	
Payments to Directors	36	7,049	0.1%
Payments to Employees	88	23,149	0.4%
	Subtotal	**30,199**	**0.5%**
Discretionary and Community Development Grants	33	921,635	16.5%
Other Vendors	1,064	4,618,271	82.9%
	Subtotal	**5,539,906**	**99.5%**
	Total	**$5,570,105**	**100%**

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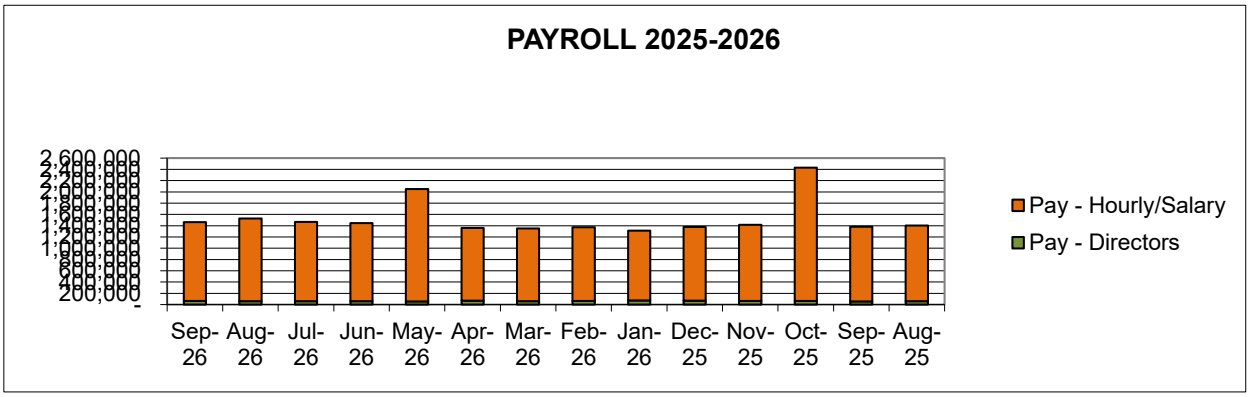
	1109	91%	112	9%



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		$1,461,686	100%
Directors		62,831	4.3%
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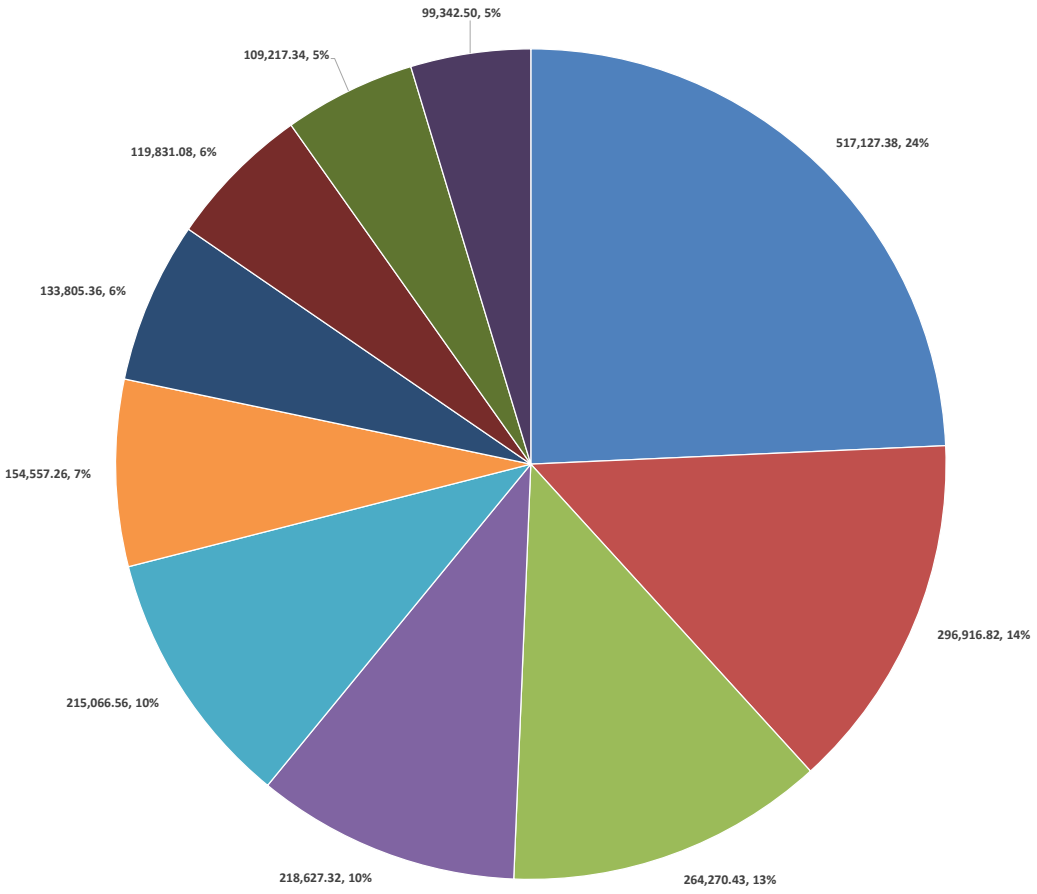
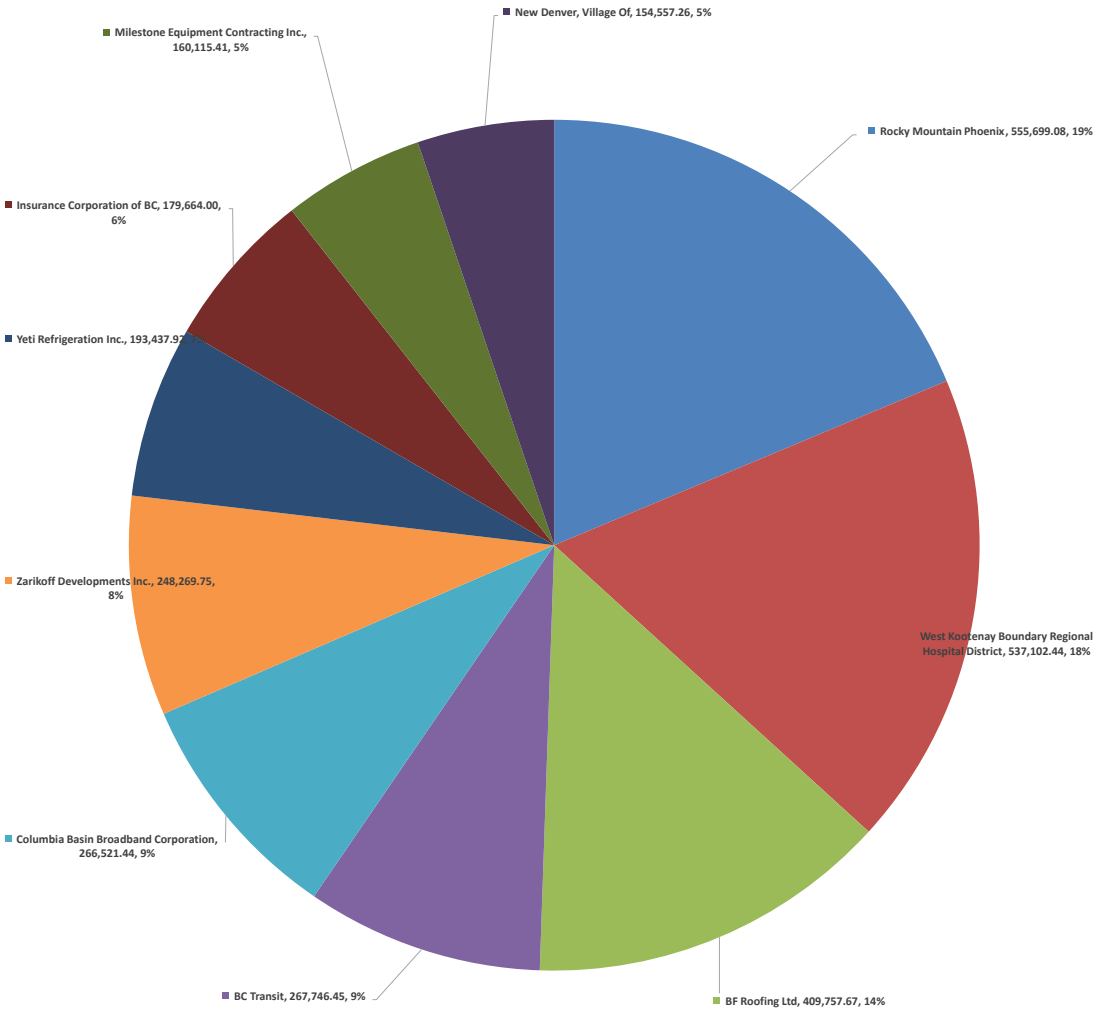
Top 10 Services by Amount Spent



- Fire Protection-Area J (Ootischenia)
- Aquatic Centre-Castlegar and Areas J and I
- Water Utility-Area B (Erickson)
- Recreation Facility-Nelson and Areas F and Defined E
- Recreation Facility-Creston and Areas B, C and Area A
- Fire Protection-Area H (New Denver Contract)
- Water Utility-Area K (Fauquier)
- General Administration
- Refuse Disposal (Central Subregion)-Nelson, Kaslo, Salmo and Areas D, E, F, and G
- Asset Management

Top 10 Vendors by Value



- Rocky Mountain Phoenix
- West Kootenay Boundary Regional Hospital District
- BF Roofing Ltd
- BC Transit
- Columbia Basin Broadband Corporation
- Zarikoff Developments Inc.
- Yeti Refrigeration Inc.
- Insurance Corporation of BC
- Milestone Equipment Contracting Inc.
- New Denver, Village Of

Accounts Payable Top 80% of Payments for September 2026

Top 80% of payments by value	Number of Payments		Value
	244	$	4,444,592
Arrow Lakes Aggregates	2	$	47,537.64
ASI-Asset Strategy Inc.	1	$	104,309.63
Associated Fire Safety Equipment	4	$	60,488.55
BC Transit	5	$	267,746.45
BF Roofing Ltd	2	$	409,757.67
Columbia Basin Broadband Corporation	1	$	266,521.44
Edgewood Volunteer Fire Department	1	$	40,500.00
Evoke Buildings Engineering Inc.	3	$	38,757.36
Fields Forward	2	$	79,000.00
FortisBC - Electricity	50	$	55,013.39
Frazer Excavation Ltd.	1	$	48,326.35
GFL Environmental Inc.	9	$	54,324.59
Hil-Tech Contracting Ltd	2	$	27,882.99
Horvath Contracting and Design LTD.	2	$	26,619.48
Insurance Corporation of BC	2	$	179,664.00
Kaslo Search & Rescue	1	$	30,690.00
Keefer Ecological Services Ltd.	3	$	47,250.00
Milestone Equipment Contracting Inc.	2	$	160,115.41
Nelson Hydro	28	$	76,427.00
Nelson, City Of	5	$	70,361.08
New Denver, Village Of	2	$	154,557.26
New Denver, Village of	3	$	104,515.44
Polar Engineering Ltd.	2	$	31,239.86
Rocky Mountain Agencies	11	$	49,824.02
Rocky Mountain Phoenix	4	$	555,699.08
Salmo Valley Youth & Community Centre	2	$	75,800.00
Salmo, Village of	1	$	44,242.32
Sperling Hansen Associates Inc	5	$	44,833.89
Sundry Vendor	71	$	58,393.28
The Corporation of the Village of Salmo	1	$	74,316.00
The Corporation of the Village of Silverton	1	$	41,577.12
Valhalla Hydrovac Ltd.	4	$	44,055.04
West Kootenay Boundary Regional Hospital District	2	$	537,102.44
Wynndel Irrigation District	1	$	48,826.00
Yeti Refrigeration Inc.	2	$	193,437.92
Zarikoff Developments Inc.	5	$	248,269.75
Z-KO Construction Ltd.	1	$	46,609.50

Accounts Payable Bottom 20% of Payments for September 2026

Remaining 20% of payments by value	Number of Payments		Value
	977	$	1,125,513
0885708 BC LTD dba Joseph Fritz	1	$	8,400.00
1022117 Alberta Ltd.	1	$	714.00
1445357 BC Ltd DBA: Rook Design Media	2	$	541.65
1494359 BC Ltd.	3	$	6,600.00
672111 BC Ltd. dba PNW Nelson	3	$	4,397.11
A-3 Plumbing Heating & Gas Fitting Ltd	2	$	1,093.31
Able Plastics Ltd	1	$	380.80
Abracadabra Plumbing Services	1	$	252.00
ACE Courier Services	5	$	245.43
Acklands-Grainger Inc	1	$	262.47
Activity Base	2	$	290.08
Agilyx Solutions Limited	1	$	7,638.76
Air Liquide Canada Inc	7	$	485.03
Alberta Fire Chiefs Association	1	$	540.84
Allstate Canada	1	$	1,170.00
Aluma Systems Inc.	1	$	2,382.36
Andex Equipment Rentals	5	$	4,641.63
Andrew Sheret Ltd	10	$	701.60
Archibald, Katherine	1	$	151.15
Arena Resources Corp.	1	$	1,044.42
Arrow Mountain Carwash & Mini Storage Ltd	2	$	7,350.00
Arrow Mountain Water	1	$	159.50
Arrow Professional Landscaping	1	$	997.50
ATS Traffic Ltd	1	$	43.05
Authorized Security Ltd.	1	$	252.00
Automated Aquatics Canada Ltd	1	$	1,497.02
B&L Security Patrol (1981) Ltd	1	$	2,056.95
B.A. Benson & Son Ltd.	5	$	1,416.02
Backburn Mechanical Ltd.	1	$	483.66
Baker, Edward	1	$	15.38
Balfour & Area Business & Historical Association	1	$	9,000.00
Barnhouse, Gregory	2	$	956.37
BC Hydro & Power Authority	5	$	2,505.65
BC Water & Waste Association (BCWWA)	1	$	160.00
Beaudry, Abby	1	$	175.00
Bench, Heidi	1	$	1,000.00
Bernhardt, Hope	1	$	136.07
BGC Engineering Inc.	1	$	9,475.73
Big Cranium Design	2	$	1,610.11
Bill´s Heavy Duty Enterprises (2004) Ltd.	2	$	94.88
Black Press Group Ltd	4	$	12,048.42
Bloomfield, Cory	1	$	19.55
Bluebell Publishing	1	$	44.10
Bolen Engineering Inc.	1	$	9,156.00
Bradley, Jeannine	1	$	945.00
Breath Love Enterprises Ltd. O/A Mountain Valley Station	1	$	114.86
Brenton Industries Ltd	1	$	15,741.81
Broadwater Electric Ltd.	1	$	4,861.50
Brogan Fire & Safety	14	$	18,099.65
Buller, Ezra	1	$	315.00
Burton Community Association	1	$	5,408.26
Burton Volunteer Fire Brigade Society	1	$	660.00
BWS Enterprise Ltd	2	$	10,756.55
C.A. Fischer Lumber Co. Ltd.	11	$	694.55
Calder, Kristen A	1	$	310.98
Canadian Centre for Occupational Health and Safety	11	$	219.45
Canadian Linen & Uniform	4	$	545.75
Canadian Red Cross	2	$	435.00
Canco Petroleum Ltd.	2	$	755.59
CanGas Propane Inc.	4	$	449.53
Canoe - EECOL Electric Nelson	1	$	25.77
Canoe - EMCO (Brantford ON)	2	$	3,644.09
Canoe - EMCO (Cranbrook)	1	$	103.88
Canoe - Kal Tire Vernon	14	$	14,571.05

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	977	$	1,125,513
Carvello Law Corporation	1	$	4,802.95
Cascade Lock & Safe	2	$	100.80
Castlegar & District Chamber Of Commerce	1	$	110.25
Castlegar & District Community Services Society (CDCSS)	2	$	16,242.81
Castlegar Machine & Chrome Ltd	1	$	101.46
Castlegar Medical Associates	1	$	52.90
Castlegar, City Of	2	$	561.92
Cintas Canada Ltd Location 889	1	$	280.45
Civic Auto Repair	2	$	684.63
CJ Industries Inc.	1	$	12,132.72
Clarke, Ryan	2	$	1,110.33
Cleartech Industries Inc	6	$	24,987.51
Cloverdale Paint Inc	3	$	1,420.72
Colton Concrete Finishing	1	$	1,260.00
Columbia Basin Broadband Corporation	1	$	4,508.00
Columbia Wireless Inc	5	$	421.40
Comfort Welding Ltd	8	$	395.66
Connect Hearing	2	$	775.95
Copcan Civil LP	1	$	10,504.94
Cowan´s Office Supplies	27	$	2,972.67
Cranbrook Water Conditioning Ltd.	5	$	215.48
Crawford Bay & District Hall & Parks Association	1	$	36.75
Crawford Bay & District Hall & Parks Association	2	$	18,000.00
Crawford Bay Store	3	$	408.23
Creston Card & Stationery	3	$	372.85
Creston Valley Chamber of Commerce	1	$	18,000.00
Creston, Town Of	4	$	11,503.85
Cunningham, Hans	3	$	499.11
Cupe Local 2262	2	$	7,354.11
CWMM Consulting Engineers Ltd.	1	$	4,060.88
Dave´s Plumbing Ltd	3	$	8,989.77
Davidson, Gregory	2	$	5,395.00
Day, Grant	1	$	120.00
DB Perks & Associates Ltd	11	$	16,193.18
DeBoon, Arnold Frank	2	$	430.76
DHC Communications Inc	1	$	150.94
Divlakovski, Alexandra	1	$	181.04
Downtown Automotive	1	$	4,805.54
Dreher, Marla	1	$	189.80
Dunlop, Ian	1	$	91.57
Earthworks Excavating Inc.	1	$	703.50
East Shore Express Courier	1	$	123.69
East Shore Internet Society	3	$	199.93
Egan, Liam	2	$	184.95
Entandem	2	$	101.47
Environmental 360 Solutions BC Ltd.	1	$	10,529.61
Expresslane Deliveries	1	$	378.00
Federated Co-Operatives Ltd	7	$	5,049.03
Fergie, Barbara	3	$	652.50
Field, Carson L	1	$	473.04
Fishlock, Garrett	2	$	758.61
Fluent Information Management Systems Inc	3	$	7,980.00
Fortisbc - Natural Gas	6	$	14,711.91
Fouquette, Sage	1	$	41.41
Fraser Valley Building Supplies Inc.	12	$	965.28
Froehlich, Clifford	1	$	275.22
Frozen Solutions Inc. dba Frozen Refrigeration	3	$	6,645.56
G and W Lawncare	1	$	110.00
Gaynor, Naiya M	1	$	100.00
Geo H Hewitt Co Ltd	1	$	82.66
Gerrard, Kelly	1	$	64.97
Gescan	3	$	549.52
Gilbert Parts Depot	8	$	385.91
Gilbert, Ryan	2	$	994.99
Glade Recreation Commission (Society)	1	$	9,000.00
Goat Mountain Enterprises Ltd	3	$	2,387.30
Gordon, Tanya	1	$	141.47
Graham, Cheryl Elaine	1	$	48.46
Graham, Owen	1	$	65.70

Remaining 20% of payments by value	Number of Payments		Value
	977	$	1,125,513
Gray Creek Hall Society	1	$	50.00
Gray Creek Store	1	$	106.98
Guest Automation Inc.	1	$	1,434.51
Guille, Pam	1	$	1,365.00
Hall Printing	5	$	4,437.03
Hanegraaf, Henny (Henrica)	2	$	127.20
Harrison, Jerold	1	$	1,051.20
HCMA Architecture and Design	1	$	3,433.50
Heetebrij, Courtenay	1	$	78.84
Hewat, Suzan	2	$	204.40
Hewgill, Mathew	1	$	500.00
Highland Consulting Ltd	2	$	5,129.25
Hipperson Hardware	1	$	35.89
Hitman Housekeeping	1	$	200.00
Hi-Way 9 Express Ltd	1	$	87.19
Hogan, Carolyn	1	$	67.50
HomePlus Products	1	$	1,437.80
Hootsuite Inc.	1	$	3,461.14
Horn, Stuart	1	$	577.57
Hufty´s Leasing Ltd	1	$	547.66
Hume Hotel	2	$	600.18
Hywood Truck & Equipment Ltd	13	$	11,979.30
I.T. Blueprint Solutions Consulting Inc.	1	$	14,637.67
Industrial Alliance Insurance and Financial Services Inc.	1	$	1,148.00
Inland Allcare	17	$	8,369.73
Inland Kenworth (Castlegar)	1	$	17.88
Insight Canada Inc.	1	$	19,310.35
Interior Health Authority - Environmental Health	1	$	147.00
Iridia Medical	1	$	160.65
Iron Mountain	1	$	85.70
Jackman, Garry	1	$	105.56
Jaguar Plumbing & Heating	2	$	1,800.90
Jakubow Enterprises Ltd o/a Canadian Tire Castlegar (492)	14	$	1,029.09
Janz, Gabriel	1	$	65.70
Jennifer Wickwire	1	$	525.00
JY Contracting Ltd.	1	$	8,861.58
K.S. Enterprises	1	$	1,120.00
Kaslo Building Maintenance	1	$	651.00
Kaslo Community Services Society	1	$	1,403.70
Kaslo Home Hardware	2	$	470.91
Kaslo Infonet Society	5	$	25,486.37
Kaslo, Village Of	1	$	52.63
Kendrick Equipment (2003) Ltd	2	$	1,185.59
Kennlyn Enterprises	2	$	263.77
Kilburn, Jackie	1	$	2,660.00
Kim, Jeanne DBA: Injeanneous Projects & Consulting	1	$	6,416.55
Kinch, Veronica	1	$	120.00
Kintetsu World Express (Inc)	1	$	127.84
Kitchener Valley Recreation & Fire Protection Society	1	$	21,550.00
Klering, Philipp	1	$	120.00
Klines Motors Ltd.	1	$	315.00
KM Kootenay Motors a Division of Bills Motors-In Ltd.	1	$	7,807.67
Knudsen, Leroy B	2	$	1,075.77
Kokanee Chalets	1	$	2,100.00
Kokanee Fire & Safety Ltd.	3	$	1,155.36
Komline Pure Water Inc. dba BI Purewater Canada	4	$	18,774.79
Kone Inc	1	$	1,927.83
Kootenai Hydrant Services	1	$	300.00
Kootenay Ground Maintenance Ltd.	1	$	1,260.00
Kootenay Industrial Supply Ltd	9	$	1,303.98
Kootenay Technical Surveys Ltd.	1	$	1,575.00
Kootenay Valley Water & Spas	5	$	179.10
KRIK Services Co	1	$	202.05
Landers, Sean	1	$	238.29
Lesperance Mendes	2	$	4,865.28
Lewandowski, Opal	1	$	52.50
Lidstone & Company	2	$	4,262.72
Lifesaving Society (Burnaby)	6	$	4,469.62
Linde Canada Inc.	1	$	82.12

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	977	$	1,125,513
Linn, James	1	$	1,050.00
Lister Community Association	1	$	21,550.00
Little h Design Works	1	$	7,061.25
Lockwood, Diana LD	4	$	244.52
Lo-Cost Propane	1	$	257.60
Lordco Parts Ltd	6	$	229.61
Lorencz, Cal	2	$	3,103.69
Lunn, Jessica	1	$	109.50
Maglio, Benjamin	1	$	100.00
Main Jet Motorsports Inc	2	$	644.70
Malekow, Pamela	2	$	209.51
Martech Motor Winding Ltd	1	$	352.80
Martin & Levesque Inc	1	$	211.46
Masse Enviromental Consultants Ltd.	1	$	1,617.62
Mayday Electric Ltd	6	$	7,582.01
McFaddin, Maria June	1	$	71.64
McGovern, Zoe R	1	$	72.21
McLaren-Caux, Aiden(Kenneth)	3	$	1,231.85
McVean, Jason D	1	$	97.38
Medhurst, Cory	1	$	539.60
Mentz, Jake	2	$	244.62
Micah´s Plumbing & Heating Ltd.	1	$	1,823.05
Minister of Finance	4	$	13,418.33
Minister Of Finance - Product Distribution Centre	5	$	925.12
Mitchell Supply Ltd	4	$	336.57
Moe Nadeau Consulting	1	$	882.00
Moreira, Maxine	1	$	100.00
Morrow Bioscience Ltd	1	$	14,605.85
Mountain Transport Institute ltd	1	$	735.00
Mt.44	1	$	4,988.34
Mts Maintenance Tracking Systems Inc	1	$	1,363.95
Nakusp, Village of	1	$	13,500.00
Nanaimo, City of	14	$	6,835.50
Napa Auto Parts (Castlegar)	1	$	9.85
Napa Auto Parts (Nelson)	2	$	66.27
Navigata Communications Ltd. dba ThinkTel	1	$	21.17
Nelson Building Centre Ltd	41	$	8,437.74
Nelson Cycling Club	1	$	5,719.20
Nelson Farmers Supply Ltd	17	$	2,548.94
Nelson Leafs Hockey Society	1	$	7,652.40
Nelson Toyota	8	$	3,930.60
Network Innovations Inc.	1	$	224.00
Newell, Thomas	2	$	41.00
NEXUS Community Support Society	1	$	73.64
Nickerson, Britany	2	$	1,000.00
North Shore Fire Social Club	1	$	3,500.00
Okanagan Office Systems	2	$	294.11
OPTA Precise Services LP	1	$	6,300.00
Orion Fire Distribution Ltd.	1	$	6,635.22
Orkin Canada Corporation	1	$	247.84
Oso Negro	1	$	92.40
Overland West Freight Lines Ltd	6	$	7,147.46
P.R.C. Cab Co. Ltd. DBA: Glacier Cab Company	1	$	71.10
Pass Creek Neighbourhood Association	1	$	5,400.00
Passmore Laboratory Ltd	5	$	1,155.00
Patterson, Yvonne	1	$	113.88
Patz, Andrea	1	$	161.01
Pauls, Tanya	1	$	25.00
Perrot, Denis	1	$	100.00
Phoenix Designs & Apparel	1	$	1,209.49
Phoenix Law Corporation Inc.	1	$	2,562.00
Pickering, Makayla A	2	$	419.60
Pine Environmental Canada Inc.	1	$	3,299.12
Pipeology Home Solutions	2	$	6,560.03
Pitney Bowes	3	$	1,451.22
Plaza Laundromat	1	$	637.17
Poisson-Gagnon, Vincent	1	$	60.00
Popoff, Walter A	3	$	595.32
Power Paving	2	$	9,240.00

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	977	$	1,125,513
PPE Solutions Inc.	1	$	404.70
Preissl, Colton	1	$	25.00
Prepare4 Rescue Inc	2	$	1,428.00
Prestige Lakeside Resort	4	$	1,932.00
Priore, Amy-Beth	1	$	65.70
Purolator Inc	3	$	367.71
Pyper, Glenn	1	$	35.04
Pyramid Building Supplies	4	$	688.58
Rafeeq, Afnan	1	$	175.00
RC Strategies Inc.	1	$	4,333.88
Responsive First Aid Training	1	$	1,291.50
Right Touch Auto Detailing, The	1	$	512.51
Riteway Holdings Ltd. dba Tremlock Properties Ltd	3	$	5,084.64
Riverside Farm	4	$	10,826.22
Roadpost Inc. T46274	1	$	267.23
Robson-Raspberry Improvement District	1	$	17,764.20
Roenspiess, Ethan (Kai)	1	$	1.46
Roper Greyell LLP	1	$	2,656.64
Rose, Cameron	2	$	220.25
Rushforth, Nathen	1	$	945.00
Sabir, Chris	1	$	102.20
Salmo & Area Supportive Housing Society dba Salmo Valley	1	$	9,000.00
Salmo & District Chamber of Commerce	1	$	12,240.00
Salmo Valley Youth & Community Centre	1	$	866.67
Schmidt, Julie	2	$	600.79
School District#8 (Kootenay Lake)	1	$	978.00
Scot Norsemen Enterprises Inc.	1	$	1,281.25
Scott, Corey	1	$	147.46
Selkirk Security Services Ltd	1	$	39.38
SFJ Inc.	1	$	6,470.15
Shaw Cable	26	$	5,415.11
Sheffield, Leonard	1	$	60.00
Shields, Matthew	2	$	1,852.81
Silverton Building Supplies Ltd	3	$	67.15
Simply Clean Kootenay	2	$	3,070.20
Singh, Anamika	1	$	93.40
Sk Electronics Ltd	9	$	10,966.59
Slocan Lake Arts Council	1	$	575.00
Slocan Park Community Hall Society	2	$	1,640.80
Slocan Valley Home Hardware	1	$	41.03
Slocan, Village of	1	$	4,950.00
SLR Consulting (Canada) Ltd.	1	$	8,722.85
Smienk, Johannes	1	$	39.95
Smokey Creek Salvage	1	$	574.88
SOS 4 Kids Inc	1	$	2,123.75
Soukochoff, William	1	$	36.12
Southern Interior Public Works Ltd.	4	$	21,827.95
Speedpro Signs	1	$	434.61
Speedpro Signs (Trail)	1	$	351.01
SRK Consulting (Canada) Inc.	3	$	7,519.16
St. Andrews United Church Hall	1	$	85.00
Stafford Welding	6	$	3,921.75
Stand Architecture Inc.	2	$	1,874.25
Sterling Backcheck Canada Corp.	1	$	93.17
Summit AidXpert	1	$	538.00
Summit Automation Consulting Ltd	1	$	7,749.00
Summit Trailer Ltd	1	$	6,608.98
Summit Truck & Equipment Repair	2	$	7,397.29
Suncor Energy Products Partnership	1	$	509.06
Taghum Shell (1997)	11	$	528.10
Technical Safety BC	1	$	87.00
Telus Communications Inc	7	$	6,619.20
Telus Communications Inc. Mascon by Telus	3	$	235.20
Telus Mobility	4	$	19,181.65
Tenaquip Industrial Distribution	2	$	990.16
Terus Construction Ltd.	2	$	1,528.80
The Lodge at Arrow Lakes	1	$	207.00
the marc boutin architectural collaborative inc.	4	$	11,623.50
Thiele, Dustin	4	$	1,375.50

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	977	$	1,125,513
ThinkTel	1	$	378.06
Thomas & Company Locksmithing Ltd.	1	$	783.92
Thurber Engineering Ltd.	1	$	191.63
Tierney, Roger Bruce	3	$	931.28
Tip-it Waste Solutions Kootenay	5	$	9,536.62
Toffolon, Maria	1	$	635.95
Tratech Mechanical Ltd	3	$	685.48
Trons Matrix Refrigeration Inc.	1	$	1,033.62
Trottier, Nadine	1	$	200.00
Trowelex Equipment Rentals And Sales	2	$	982.81
Tsunami Solutions Ltd. dba: SafetyLine	2	$	2,941.98
Tu-Dor Lock & Safe Ltd	9	$	1,047.92
Uline Canada Corporation	4	$	1,959.64
Valley Lift Truck (Castlegar)	1	$	261.56
Valley Voice Ltd	4	$	1,980.00
Van Houtte Coffee Services ULC	2	$	490.19
Vandenberghe, Kelly	1	$	186.37
Venema, Sebastian	1	$	60.00
VH Sport Canada	4	$	306.88
Vissers Sales Corp	1	$	2,470.39
Ward, Crystal	2	$	412.60
Waste Management	15	$	8,581.66
Watson, Aimee	3	$	1,959.07
Weatherhead, Teresa A	1	$	71.64
Webster, Heather	2	$	156.22
Wells Fargo Equipment	2	$	2,605.20
Wesco Distribution-Canada Inc	1	$	208.96
West Creston Community Hall Society	1	$	60.00
Western Auto Wreckers (1974) Ltd	2	$	3,026.11
WEX Canada Ltd.	1	$	3,493.80
WFR Wholesale Fire & Rescue Ltd	10	$	5,776.34
Whitney, Stephanie	2	$	195.09
Winegarden, Joel	1	$	175.20
Winlaw Mini-Mart	1	$	35.65
Wolseley Waterworks Branch	2	$	4,552.69
Wood Wyant Inc	4	$	8,603.42
Wood, Roy	1	$	100.90
Woodward, Jesse	1	$	10.22
Wyatt, Megan	1	$	65.70
Xplore Inc.	1	$	129.36
Yahk-Kingsgate Firefighters Fund	1	$	4,000.00
Yahk-Kingsgate Recreation Society	1	$	1,471.30
Yellow Line Traffic Control	1	$	4,137.00
Yellow Pages Group	1	$	3.15
Zap Welding	1	$	739.20
Zayden Creighton dba: Creightons Cuttings	2	$	362.25
Zbeetnoff, Antonette Wanda	1	$	25.00

Employees and Directors September 2026

Directors	Number of Payments		Value
	36		7,049
Cunningham, Hans	3	$	499.11
DeBoon, Arnold Frank	2	$	430.76
Gordon, Tanya	1	$	141.47
Graham, Cheryl Elaine	1	$	48.46
Hanegraaf, Henny (Henrica)	2	$	127.20
Hewat, Suzan	2	$	204.40
Jackman, Garry	1	$	105.56
Lockwood, Diana LD	4	$	244.52
Lunn, Jessica	1	$	109.50
McFaddin, Maria June	1	$	71.64
McLaren-Caux, Aiden(Kenneth)	3	$	1,231.85
Newell, Thomas	2	$	41.00
Popoff, Walter A	3	$	595.32
Smienk, Johannes	1	$	39.95
Tierney, Roger Bruce	3	$	931.28
Vandenberghe, Kelly	1	$	186.37
Watson, Aimee	3	$	1,959.07
Weatherhead, Teresa A	1	$	71.64
Woodward, Jesse	1	$	10.22

Employees	Number of Payments		Value
	88	$	23,149
Archibald, Katherine	1	$	151.15
Baker, Edward	1	$	15.38
Barnhouse, Gregory	2	$	956.37
Beaudry, Abby	1	$	175.00
Bench, Heidi	1	$	1,000.00
Bernhardt, Hope	1	$	136.07
Bloomfield, Cory	1	$	19.55
Bradley, Jeannine	1	$	945.00
Calder, Kristen A	1	$	310.98
Clarke, Ryan	2	$	1,110.33
Day, Grant	1	$	120.00
Divlakovski, Alexandra	1	$	181.04
Dreher, Marla	1	$	189.80
Dunlop, Ian	1	$	91.57
Egan, Liam	2	$	184.95
Fergie, Barbara	3	$	652.50
Field, Carson L	1	$	473.04
Fishlock, Garrett	2	$	758.61
Fouquette, Sage	1	$	41.41
Froehlich, Clifford	1	$	275.22
Gaynor, Naiya M	1	$	100.00
Gerrard, Kelly	1	$	64.97
Gilbert, Ryan	2	$	994.99
Graham, Owen	1	$	65.70
Harrison, Jerold	1	$	1,051.20
Heetebrij, Courtenay	1	$	78.84
Hogan, Carolyn	1	$	67.50
Horn, Stuart	1	$	577.57
Janz, Gabriel	1	$	65.70
Kinch, Veronica	1	$	120.00
Klering, Philipp	1	$	120.00
Knudsen, Leroy B	2	$	1,075.77
Landers, Sean	1	$	238.29
Lewandowski, Opal	1	$	52.50
Lorencz, Cal	2	$	3,103.69
Maglio, Benjamin	1	$	100.00
Malekow, Pamela	2	$	209.51
McGovern, Zoe R	1	$	72.21
McVean, Jason D	1	$	97.38
Medhurst, Cory	1	$	539.60
Mentz, Jake	2	$	244.62
Patterson, Yvonne	1	$	113.88
Patz, Andrea	1	$	161.01
Pauls, Tanya	1	$	25.00
Perrot, Denis	1	$	100.00
Pickering, Makayla A	2	$	419.60
Poisson-Gagnon, Vincent	1	$	60.00
Preissl, Colton	1	$	25.00
Priore, Amy-Beth	1	$	65.70
Pyper, Glenn	1	$	35.04
Rafeeq, Afnan	1	$	175.00
Roenspiess, Ethan (Kai)	1	$	1.46
Rose, Cameron	2	$	220.25

Accounts Payable for September 2026 Breakdown by Type of Payment

All Other Vendors	Number of Payments		Value
	1,064	$	4,618,271
0885708 BC LTD dba Joseph Fritz	1	$	8,400.00
1022117 Alberta Ltd.	1	$	714.00
1445357 BC Ltd DBA: Rook Design Media	2	$	541.65
1494359 BC Ltd.	3	$	6,600.00
672111 BC Ltd. dba PNW Nelson	3	$	4,397.11
A-3 Plumbing Heating & Gas Fitting Ltd	2	$	1,093.31
Able Plastics Ltd	1	$	380.80
Abracadabra Plumbing Services	1	$	252.00
ACE Courier Services	5	$	245.43
Acklands-Grainger Inc	1	$	262.47
Activity Base	2	$	290.08
Agilyx Solutions Limited	1	$	7,638.76
Air Liquide Canada Inc	7	$	485.03
Alberta Fire Chiefs Association	1	$	540.84
Allstate Canada	1	$	1,170.00
Aluma Systems Inc.	1	$	2,382.36
Andex Equipment Rentals	5	$	4,641.63
Andrew Sheret Ltd	10	$	701.60
Arena Resources Corp.	1	$	1,044.42
Arrow Lakes Aggregates	2	$	47,537.64
Arrow Mountain Carwash & Mini Storage Ltd	2	$	7,350.00
Arrow Mountain Water	1	$	159.50
Arrow Professional Landscaping	1	$	997.50
ASI-Asset Strategy Inc.	1	$	104,309.63
Associated Fire Safety Equipment	4	$	60,488.55
ATS Traffic Ltd	1	$	43.05
Authorized Security Ltd.	1	$	252.00
Automated Aquatics Canada Ltd	1	$	1,497.02
B&L Security Patrol (1981) Ltd	1	$	2,056.95
B.A. Benson & Son Ltd.	5	$	1,416.02
Backburn Mechanical Ltd.	1	$	483.66
BC Hydro & Power Authority	5	$	2,505.65
BC Transit	5	$	267,746.45
BC Water & Waste Association (BCWWA)	1	$	160.00
BF Roofing Ltd	2	$	409,757.67
BGC Engineering Inc.	1	$	9,475.73
Big Cranium Design	2	$	1,610.11
Bill´s Heavy Duty Enterprises (2004) Ltd.	2	$	94.88
Black Press Group Ltd	4	$	12,048.42
Bluebell Publishing	1	$	44.10
Bolen Engineering Inc.	1	$	9,156.00
Breath Love Enterprises Ltd. O/A Mountain Valley Station	1	$	114.86
Brenton Industries Ltd	1	$	15,741.81
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Castlegar & District Chamber Of Commerce	1	$	110.25
Castlegar Machine & Chrome Ltd	1	$	101.46
Castlegar Medical Associates	1	$	52.90
Castlegar, City Of	2	$	561.92
Cintas Canada Ltd Location 889	1	$	280.45
Civic Auto Repair	2	$	684.63
CJ Industries Inc.	1	$	12,132.72
Cleartech Industries Inc	6	$	24,987.51
Cloverdale Paint Inc	3	$	1,420.72
Colton Concrete Finishing	1	$	1,260.00
Columbia Basin Broadband Corporation	1	$	4,508.00
Columbia Wireless Inc	5	$	421.40
Comfort Welding Ltd	8	$	395.66
Connect Hearing	2	$	775.95
Copcan Civil LP	1	$	10,504.94
Cowan´s Office Supplies	27	$	2,972.67
Cranbrook Water Conditioning Ltd.	5	$	215.48
Crawford Bay & District Hall & Parks Association	1	$	36.75
Crawford Bay Store	3	$	408.23
Creston Card & Stationery	3	$	372.85
Creston, Town Of	4	$	11,503.85
Cupe Local 2262	2	$	7,354.11
CWMM Consulting Engineers Ltd.	1	$	4,060.88
Dave´s Plumbing Ltd	3	$	8,989.77
Davidson, Gregory	2	$	5,395.00
DB Perks & Associates Ltd	11	$	16,193.18
DHC Communications Inc	1	$	150.94
Downtown Automotive	1	$	4,805.54
Earthworks Excavating Inc.	1	$	703.50
East Shore Express Courier	1	$	123.69
East Shore Internet Society	3	$	199.93

All Other Vendors	Number of Payments		Value
	1,064	$	4,618,271
Entandem	2	$	101.47
Environmental 360 Solutions BC Ltd.	1	$	10,529.61
Evoke Buildings Engineering Inc.	3	$	38,757.36
Expresslane Deliveries	1	$	378.00
Federated Co-Operatives Ltd	7	$	5,049.03
Fluent Information Management Systems Inc	3	$	7,980.00
FortisBC - Electricity	50	$	55,013.39
Fortisbc - Natural Gas	6	$	14,711.91
Fraser Valley Building Supplies Inc.	12	$	965.28
Frazer Excavation Ltd.	1	$	48,326.35
Frozen Solutions Inc. dba Frozen Refrigeration	3	$	6,645.56
G and W Lawncare	1	$	110.00
Geo H Hewitt Co Ltd	1	$	82.66
Gescan	3	$	549.52
GFL Environmental Inc.	9	$	54,324.59
Gilbert Parts Depot	8	$	385.91
Goat Mountain Enterprises Ltd	3	$	2,387.30
Gray Creek Hall Society	1	$	50.00
Gray Creek Store	1	$	106.98
Guest Automation Inc.	1	$	1,434.51
Guille, Pam	1	$	1,365.00
Hall Printing	5	$	4,437.03
HCMA Architecture and Design	1	$	3,433.50
Hewgill, Mathew	1	$	500.00
Highland Consulting Ltd	2	$	5,129.25
Hil-Tech Contracting Ltd	2	$	27,882.99
Hipperson Hardware	1	$	35.89
Hitman Housekeeping	1	$	200.00
Hi-Way 9 Express Ltd	1	$	87.19
HomePlus Products	1	$	1,437.80
Hootsuite Inc.	1	$	3,461.14
Horvath Contracting and Design LTD.	2	$	26,619.48
Hufty´s Leasing Ltd	1	$	547.66
Hume Hotel	2	$	600.18
Hywood Truck & Equipment Ltd	13	$	11,979.30
I.T. Blueprint Solutions Consulting Inc.	1	$	14,637.67
Industrial Alliance Insurance and Financial Services Inc.	1	$	1,148.00
Inland Allcare	17	$	8,369.73
Inland Kenworth (Castlegar)	1	$	17.88
Insight Canada Inc.	1	$	19,310.35
Insurance Corporation of BC	2	$	179,664.00
Interior Health Authority - Environmental Health	1	$	147.00
Iridia Medical	1	$	160.65
Iron Mountain	1	$	85.70
Jaguar Plumbing & Heating	2	$	1,800.90
Jakubow Enterprises Ltd o/a Canadian Tire Castlegar (492)	14	$	1,029.09
Jennifer Wickwire	1	$	525.00
JY Contracting Ltd.	1	$	8,861.58
K.S. Enterprises	1	$	1,120.00
Kaslo Building Maintenance	1	$	651.00
Kaslo Home Hardware	2	$	470.91
Kaslo Infonet Society	5	$	25,486.37
Kaslo, Village Of	1	$	52.63
Keefer Ecological Services Ltd.	3	$	47,250.00
Kendrick Equipment (2003) Ltd	2	$	1,185.59
Kennlyn Enterprises	2	$	263.77
Kilburn, Jackie	1	$	2,660.00
Kim, Jeanne DBA: Injeanneous Projects & Consulting	1	$	6,416.55
Kintetsu World Express (Inc)	1	$	127.84
Klines Motors Ltd.	1	$	315.00
KM Kootenay Motors a Division of Bills Motors-In Ltd.	1	$	7,807.67
Kokanee Chalets	1	$	2,100.00
Kokanee Fire & Safety Ltd.	3	$	1,155.36
Komline Pure Water Inc. dba BI Purewater Canada	4	$	18,774.79
Kone Inc	1	$	1,927.83
Kootenai Hydrant Services	1	$	300.00
Kootenay Ground Maintenance Ltd.	1	$	1,260.00
Kootenay Industrial Supply Ltd	9	$	1,303.98
Kootenay Technical Surveys Ltd.	1	$	1,575.00
Kootenay Valley Water & Spas	5	$	179.10
KRIK Services Co	1	$	202.05
Lesperance Mendes	2	$	4,865.28
Lidstone & Company	2	$	4,262.72
Lifesaving Society (Burnaby)	6	$	4,469.62
Linde Canada Inc.	1	$	82.12
Linn, James	1	$	1,050.00
Little h Design Works	1	$	7,061.25
Lo-Cost Propane	1	$	257.60
Lordco Parts Ltd	6	$	229.61
Main Jet Motorsports Inc	2	$	644.70
Martech Motor Winding Ltd	1	$	352.80
Martin & Levesque Inc	1	$	211.46
Masse Enviromental Consultants Ltd.	1	$	1,617.62
Mayday Electric Ltd	6	$	7,582.01
Micah´s Plumbing & Heating Ltd.	1	$	1,823.05
Milestone Equipment Contracting Inc.	2	$	160,115.41
Minister of Finance	4	$	13,418.33
Minister Of Finance - Product Distribution Centre	5	$	925.12
Mitchell Supply Ltd	4	$	336.57
Moe Nadeau Consulting	1	$	882.00
Moreira, Maxine	1	$	100.00
Morrow Bioscience Ltd	1	$	14,605.85
Mountain Transport Institute ltd	1	$	735.00
Mt.44	1	$	4,988.34
Mts Maintenance Tracking Systems Inc	1	$	1,363.95

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	1,064	$	4,618,271
Nanaimo, City of	14	$	6,835.50
Napa Auto Parts (Castlegar)	1	$	9.85
Napa Auto Parts (Nelson)	2	$	66.27
Navigata Communications Ltd. dba ThinkTel	1	$	21.17
Nelson Building Centre Ltd	41	$	8,437.74
Nelson Farmers Supply Ltd	17	$	2,548.94
Nelson Hydro	28	$	76,427.00
Nelson Leafs Hockey Society	1	$	7,652.40
Nelson Toyota	8	$	3,930.60
Nelson, City Of	5	$	70,361.08
Network Innovations Inc.	1	$	224.00
New Denver, Village Of	2	$	154,557.26
NEXUS Community Support Society	1	$	73.64
Nickerson, Britany	2	$	1,000.00
North Shore Fire Social Club	1	$	3,500.00
Okanagan Office Systems	2	$	294.11
OPTA Precise Services LP	1	$	6,300.00
Orion Fire Distribution Ltd.	1	$	6,635.22
Orkin Canada Corporation	1	$	247.84
Oso Negro	1	$	92.40
Overland West Freight Lines Ltd	6	$	7,147.46
P.R.C. Cab Co. Ltd. DBA: Glacier Cab Company	1	$	71.10
Passmore Laboratory Ltd	5	$	1,155.00
Phoenix Designs & Apparel	1	$	1,209.49
Phoenix Law Corporation Inc.	1	$	2,562.00
Pine Environmental Canada Inc.	1	$	3,299.12
Pipeology Home Solutions	2	$	6,560.03
Pitney Bowes	3	$	1,451.22
Plaza Laundromat	1	$	637.17
Polar Engineering Ltd.	2	$	31,239.86
Power Paving	2	$	9,240.00
PPE Solutions Inc.	1	$	404.70
Prepare4 Rescue Inc	2	$	1,428.00
Prestige Lakeside Resort	4	$	1,932.00
Purolator Inc	3	$	367.71
Pyramid Building Supplies	4	$	688.58
RC Strategies Inc.	1	$	4,333.88
Responsive First Aid Training	1	$	1,291.50
Right Touch Auto Detailing, The	1	$	512.51
Riteway Holdings Ltd. dba Tremlock Properties Ltd	3	$	5,084.64
Riverside Farm	4	$	10,826.22
Roadpost Inc. T46274	1	$	267.23
Rocky Mountain Agencies	11	$	49,824.02
Rocky Mountain Phoenix	4	$	555,699.08
Roper Greyell LLP	1	$	2,656.64
Rushforth, Nathen	1	$	945.00
Salmo Valley Youth & Community Centre	1	$	866.67
School District#8 (Kootenay Lake)	1	$	978.00
Scot Norsemen Enterprises Inc.	1	$	1,281.25
Selkirk Security Services Ltd	1	$	39.38
SFJ Inc.	1	$	6,470.15
Shaw Cable	26	$	5,415.11
Silverton Building Supplies Ltd	3	$	67.15
Simply Clean Kootenay	2	$	3,070.20
Sk Electronics Ltd	9	$	10,966.59
Slocan Park Community Hall Society	2	$	1,640.80
Slocan Valley Home Hardware	1	$	41.03
SLR Consulting (Canada) Ltd.	1	$	8,722.85
Smokey Creek Salvage	1	$	574.88
SOS 4 Kids Inc	1	$	2,123.75
Southern Interior Public Works Ltd.	4	$	21,827.95
Speedpro Signs	1	$	434.61
Speedpro Signs (Trail)	1	$	351.01
Sperling Hansen Associates Inc	5	$	44,833.89
SRK Consulting (Canada) Inc.	3	$	7,519.16
St. Andrews United Church Hall	1	$	85.00
Stafford Welding	6	$	3,921.75
Stand Architecture Inc.	2	$	1,874.25
Sterling Backcheck Canada Corp.	1	$	93.17
Summit AidXpert	1	$	538.00
Summit Automation Consulting Ltd	1	$	7,749.00
Summit Trailer Ltd	1	$	6,608.98
Summit Truck & Equipment Repair	2	$	7,397.29
Suncor Energy Products Partnership	1	$	509.06
Sundry Vendor	71	$	58,393.28
Taghum Shell (1997)	11	$	528.10
Technical Safety BC	1	$	87.00
Telus Communications Inc	7	$	6,619.20
Telus Communications Inc. Mascon by Telus	3	$	235.20
Telus Mobility	4	$	19,181.65
Tenaquip Industrial Distribution	2	$	990.16
Terus Construction Ltd.	2	$	1,528.80
The Corporation of the Village of Salmo	1	$	74,316.00
The Lodge at Arrow Lakes	1	$	207.00
the marc boutin architectural collaborative inc.	4	$	11,623.50
Thiele, Dustin	4	$	1,375.50
ThinkTel	1	$	378.06
Thomas & Company Locksmithing Ltd.	1	$	783.92
Thurber Engineering Ltd.	1	$	191.63
Tip-it Waste Solutions Kootenay	5	$	9,536.62
Tratech Mechanical Ltd	3	$	685.48
Trons Matrix Refrigeration Inc.	1	$	1,033.62
Trowelex Equipment Rentals And Sales	2	$	982.81
Tsunami Solutions Ltd. dba: SafetyLine	2	$	2,941.98
Tu-Dor Lock & Safe Ltd	9	$	1,047.92

All Other Vendors	Number of Payments		Value
	1,064	$	4,618,271
Uline Canada Corporation	4	$	1,959.64
Valhalla Hydrovac Ltd.	4	$	44,055.04
Valley Lift Truck (Castlegar)	1	$	261.56
Valley Voice Ltd	4	$	1,980.00
Van Houtte Coffee Services ULC	2	$	490.19
VH Sport Canada	4	$	306.88
Vissers Sales Corp	1	$	2,470.39
Waste Management	15	$	8,581.66
Wells Fargo Equipment	2	$	2,605.20
Wesco Distribution-Canada Inc	1	$	208.96
West Creston Community Hall Society	1	$	60.00
West Kootenay Boundary Regional Hospital District	2	$	537,102.44
Western Auto Wreckers (1974) Ltd	2	$	3,026.11
WEX Canada Ltd.	1	$	3,493.80
WFR Wholesale Fire & Rescue Ltd	10	$	5,776.34
Winlaw Mini-Mart	1	$	35.65
Wolseley Waterworks Branch	2	$	4,552.69
Wood Wyant Inc	4	$	8,603.42
Xplore Inc.	1	$	129.36
Yahk-Kingsgate Firefighters Fund	1	$	4,000.00
Yahk-Kingsgate Recreation Society	1	$	1,471.30
Yellow Line Traffic Control	1	$	4,137.00
Yellow Pages Group	1	$	3.15
Yeti Refrigeration Inc.	2	$	193,437.92
Zap Welding	1	$	739.20
Zarikoff Developments Inc.	5	$	248,269.75
Zayden Creighton dba: Creightons Cuttings	2	$	362.25
Z-KO Construction Ltd.	1	$	46,609.50

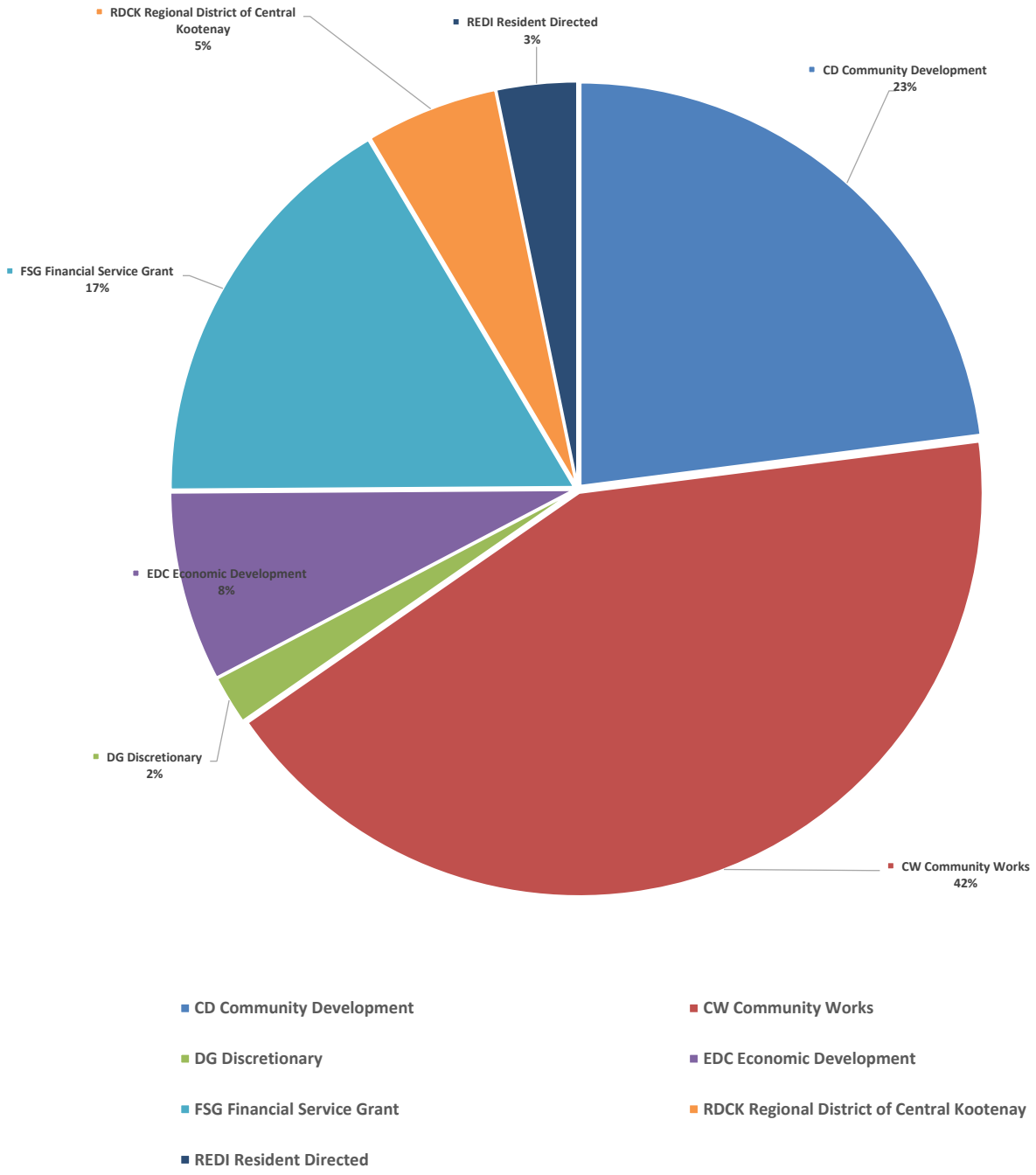
Sundry Payments for September 2026 Breakdown by Description of Payment

Sundry	Description of Payment		Value
		$	58,393
Sundry Vendor	COM-STEM Camp Delivery-Aug 2026	$	2,767.06
Sundry Vendor	NDCC-Art Camp-July 2026	$	2,630.00
Sundry Vendor	CDCC-Rec Refund Request	$	19.95
Sundry Vendor	NDCC-Chef Camp-July 2026	$	1,685.83
Sundry Vendor	RDCK-Reimburse Water Payment due to Account Char	$	495.32
Sundry Vendor	RDCK-Donation from Pam Guille	$	200.00
Sundry Vendor	RDCK-Reimburse Duplicate Payment-BP#029475	$	117.00
Sundry Vendor	NDCC-Rec Refund Request	$	29.90
Sundry Vendor	CDRD-Rec Refund Request	$	56.00
Sundry Vendor	FIR-FireSmart Rebate Program-2026	$	1,000.00
Sundry Vendor	FIR-FireSmart Rebate Program-2026	$	2,452.38
Sundry Vendor	FIR-FireSmart Rebate Program-2026	$	1,173.00
Sundry Vendor	FIR-FireSmart Rebate Program-2026	$	444.63
Sundry Vendor	FIR-FireSmart Rebate Program-2026	$	2,273.00
Sundry Vendor	FIR-FireSmart Rebate Program-2026	$	1,765.01
Sundry Vendor	NDCC-Rec Refund Request	$	1,799.28
Sundry Vendor	NDCC-Rec Refund Request	$	57.55
Sundry Vendor	NDCC-Rec Refund Request	$	164.76
Sundry Vendor	FIR-FireSmart Rebate Program-2026	$	2,500.00
Sundry Vendor	FIR-FireSmart Rebate Program-2026	$	284.38
Sundry Vendor	ENV-Organics Rebate Program	$	175.00
Sundry Vendor	ENV-Organics Rebate Program	$	134.39
Sundry Vendor	ENV-Organics Rebate Program	$	175.00
Sundry Vendor	ENV-Organics Rebate Program	$	111.99
Sundry Vendor	ENV-Organics Rebate Program	$	172.34
Sundry Vendor	ENV-Organics Rebate Program	$	175.00
Sundry Vendor	ENV-Organics Rebate Program	$	131.03
Sundry Vendor	ENV-Organics Rebate Program	$	133.27
Sundry Vendor	ENV-Organics Rebate Program	$	175.00
Sundry Vendor	ENV-Organics Rebate Program	$	156.79
Sundry Vendor	FIR-FireSmart Rebate Program-2026	$	653.25
Sundry Vendor	ENV-Organics Rebate Program	$	175.00
Sundry Vendor	ENV-Organics Rebate Program	$	114.99
Sundry Vendor	FIR-FireSmart Rebate Program-2026	$	2,500.00
Sundry Vendor	FIR-FireSmart Rebate Program-2026	$	1,000.00
Sundry Vendor	FIR-FireSmart Rebate Program-2026	$	770.67
Sundry Vendor	NDCC-Scenic Theatre Art-Aug 2026	$	1,200.00
Sundry Vendor	NDCC-Rec Refund Request	$	256.28
Sundry Vendor	CDRD-Rec Refund Request	$	251.89
Sundry Vendor	ENV-Organics Rebate Program	$	135.98
Sundry Vendor	CDCC-Rec Refund Request	$	335.03
Sundry Vendor	ENV-Organics Rebate Program	$	175.00
Sundry Vendor	FIR-FireSmart Rebate Program-2026	$	5,000.00
Sundry Vendor	FIR-FireSmart Rebate Program-2026	$	1,000.00
Sundry Vendor	FIR-FireSmart Rebate Program-2026	$	373.15
Sundry Vendor	FIR-FireSmart Rebate Program-2026	$	690.00
Sundry Vendor	FIR-FireSmart Rebate Program-2026	$	624.00
Sundry Vendor	ENV-Organics Rebate Program	$	127.68
Sundry Vendor	ENV-Organics Rebate Program	$	154.12
Sundry Vendor	ENV-Organics Rebate Program	$	175.00
Sundry Vendor	FIR-FireSmart Rebate Program-2026	$	146.63
Sundry Vendor	FIR-FireSmart Rebate Program-2026	$	3,000.00
Sundry Vendor	FIR-FireSmart Rebate Program-2026	$	4,030.97
Sundry Vendor	FIR-FireSmart Rebate Program-2026	$	454.05
Sundry Vendor	FIR-FireSmart Rebate Program-2026	$	575.23
Sundry Vendor	CDRD-Rec Refund Request	$	352.28
Sundry Vendor	RDCK-Rivers Day 2026	$	250.00
Sundry Vendor	CDRD-Rec Refund Request	$	29.40
Sundry Vendor	CDRD-Rec Refund Request	$	300.00
Sundry Vendor	NDCC-Rec Refund Request	$	89.80
Sundry Vendor	NDCC-Rec Refund Request	$	44.93
Sundry Vendor	NDCC-Rec Refund Request	$	44.93
Sundry Vendor	NDCC-Rec Refund Request	$	60.77
Sundry Vendor	FIR-FireSmart Rebate Program-2026	$	248.00
Sundry Vendor	FIR-FireSmart Rebate Program-2026	$	1,015.19
Sundry Vendor	FIR-FireSmart Rebate Program-2026	$	756.00
Sundry Vendor	FIR-FireSmart Rebate Program-2026	$	750.77
Sundry Vendor	FIR-FireSmart Rebate Program-2026	$	832.74
Sundry Vendor	FIR-FireSmart Rebate Program-2026	$	273.98
Sundry Vendor	FIR-FireSmart Rebate Program-2026	$	5,000.00
Sundry Vendor	FIR-FireSmart Rebate Program-2026	$	970.71

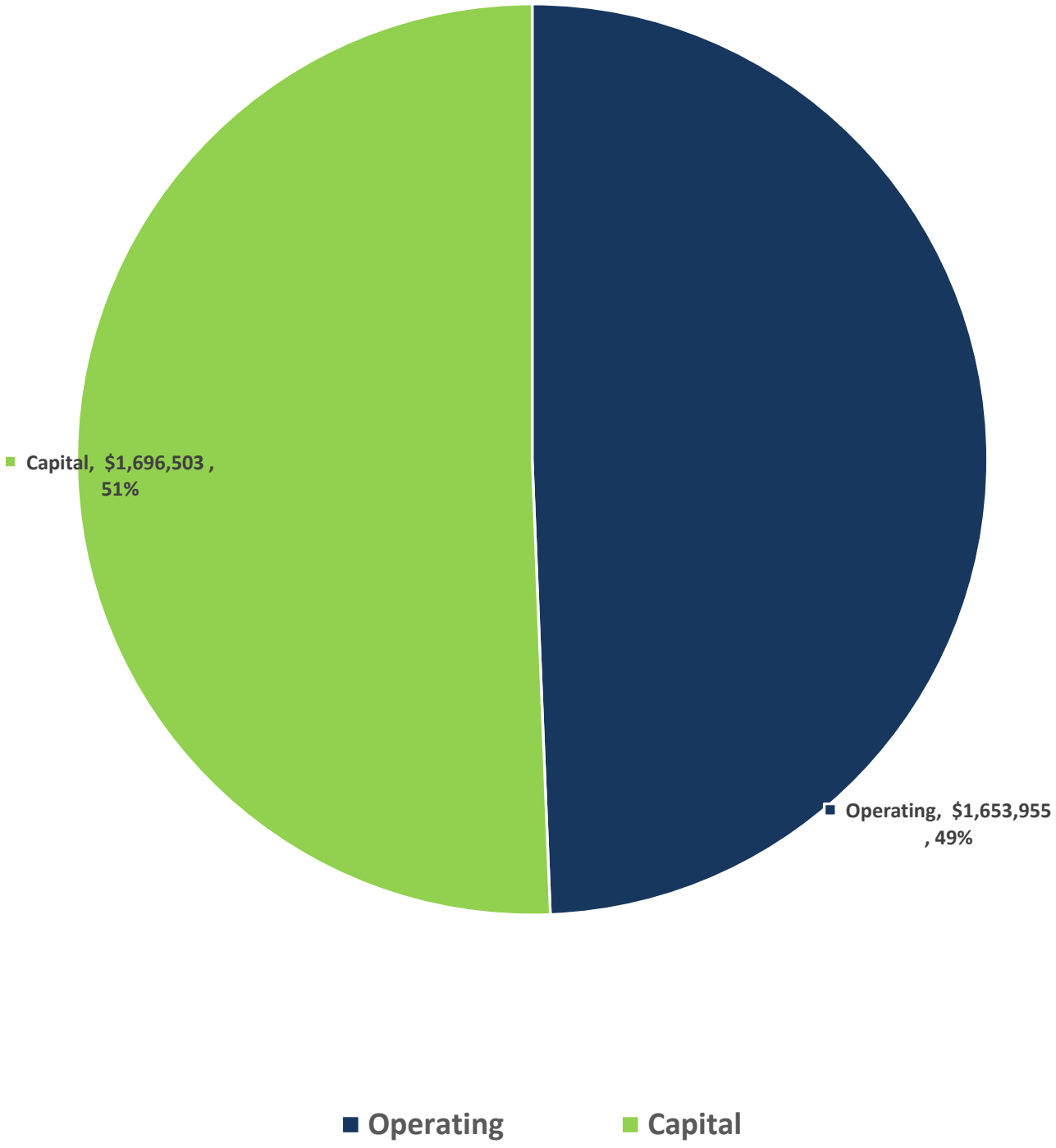
Accounts Payable for September 2026 Breakdown by Type of Payment

Discretionary, Community Development, and Other Grants	Number of Payments		
	33	$	921,635
Balfour & Area Business & Historical Association	1	$	9,000.00
Burton Community Association	1	$	5,408.26
Burton Volunteer Fire Brigade Society	1	$	660.00
Castlegar & District Community Services Society (CDCSS)	2	$	16,242.81
Columbia Basin Broadband Corporation	1	$	266,521.44
Crawford Bay & District Hall & Parks Association	2	$	18,000.00
Creston Valley Chamber of Commerce	1	$	18,000.00
Edgewood Volunteer Fire Department	1	$	40,500.00
Fields Forward	2	$	79,000.00
Glade Recreation Commission (Society)	1	$	9,000.00
Kaslo Community Services Society	1	$	1,403.70
Kaslo Search & Rescue	1	$	30,690.00
Kitchener Valley Recreation & Fire Protection Society	1	$	21,550.00
Lister Community Association	1	$	21,550.00
Nakusp, Village of	1	$	13,500.00
Nelson Cycling Club	1	$	5,719.20
New Denver, Village of	3	$	104,515.44
Pass Creek Neighbourhood Association	1	$	5,400.00
Robson-Raspberry Improvement District	1	$	17,764.20
Salmo & Area Supportive Housing Society dba Salmo Valley Estates	1	$	9,000.00
Salmo & District Chamber of Commerce	1	$	12,240.00
Salmo Valley Youth & Community Centre	2	$	75,800.00
Salmo, Village of	1	$	44,242.32
Slocan Lake Arts Council	1	$	575.00
Slocan, Village of	1	$	4,950.00
The Corporation of the Village of Silverton	1	$	41,577.12
Wynndel Irrigation District	1	$	48,826.00

Grants by Type



September 2026 Capital VS Operating Expenditures



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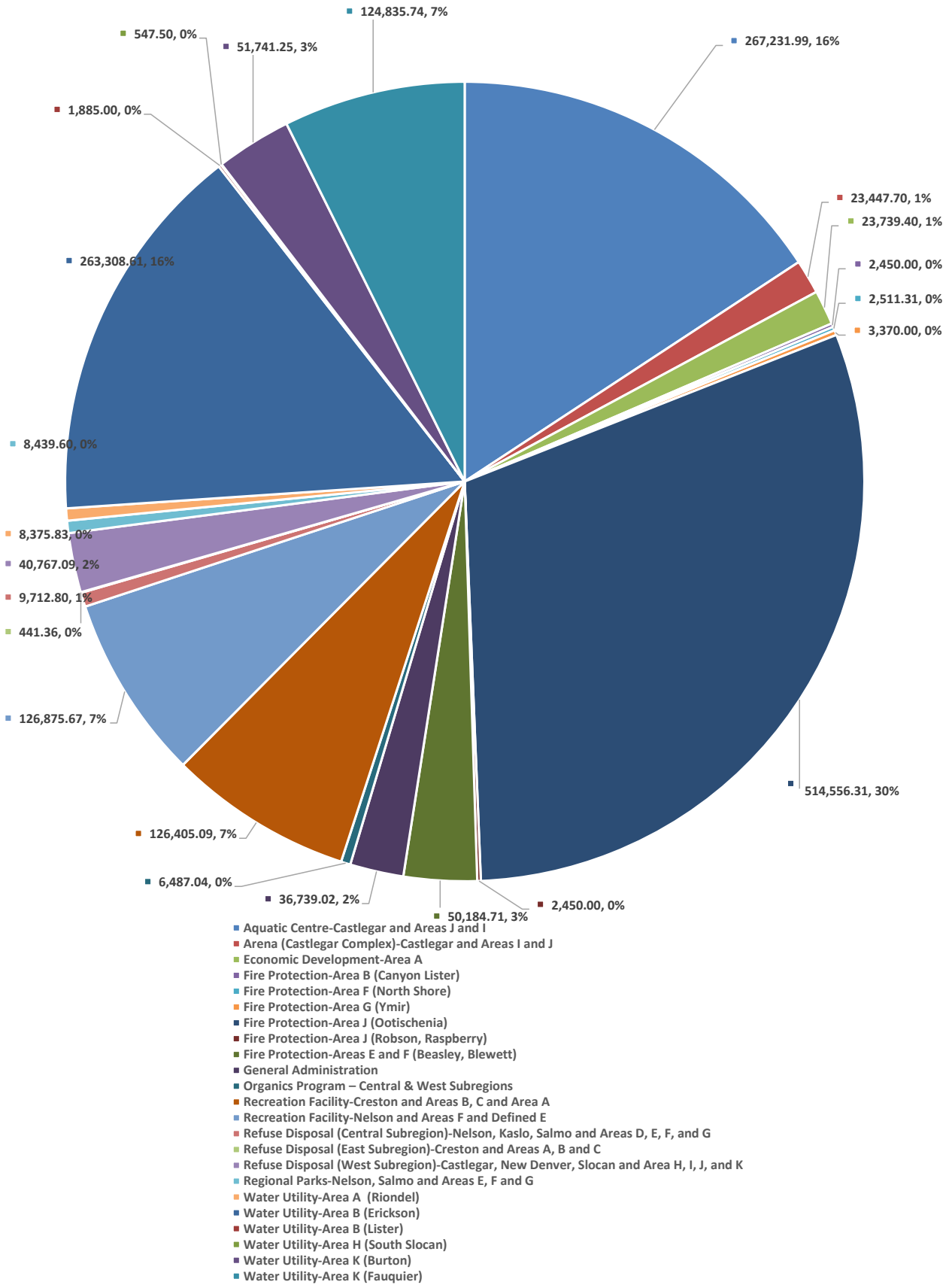

Director's Report

Garry Jackman – Area A – Wynndel/East Shore
Kootenay Lake

Report Date: October 13, 2026

International Joint Commission (IJC) Study Board on Elk/Kootenay River Pollution and IJC Order Meetings

The International Elk-Kootenai/y Watershed Study Board (Study Board) is announcing a postponement of the public release for its draft final report to late November 2026. The new timeline is a result of the Study Board obtaining an extension to the deadline for its final report and recommendations to the International Joint Commission (IJC) until February 5, 2027.

Accordingly, the next sessions for the governance group providing comments on the Study Board report have been deferred scheduled pending the release of the draft Final Draft. The Study Board will be organizing online listening sessions with the advisory groups to hear directly from advisory group members.

You can find background info on the IJC study board and the council of governments advisory group (CoGAG) from their website at International Elk-Kootenai/y Watershed Study Board | International Joint Commission.

Columbia Basin Regional Advisory Committee (CBRAC)

CBRAC held a session on October 5th. There were no substantive updates on the CRT itself, which remains paused, but the group did spend time reviewing and commenting on a BC Hydro "explainer video" which provides an overview of the basin and the hydro operations. CBRAC made suggestions for edits prior to the video being released publicly.

For CRT updates go to https://engage.gov.bc.ca/columbiarivertreaty/info-sessions/

Regional Connectivity Committee (RCC)

The RCC met on September 2nd . to review the design and construction status. While some segments are nearing the completion of the fiber mainline construction, other areas are still awaiting utility permits to proceed. Member discussed strategies to push for more timely approvals, a topic which

dovetails with the UBCM meeting with the Minister of Citizen Service. For the RCC's main progress along with CBBC, you can find updates as they occur at Connect the Basin - Columbia Basin Trust .

Union of BC Municipalities (UBCM) 2026

Monday, Sept 14th:

- 2-4 pm Regional Hospital District workshop – funding - MR 1,2,3, Vancouver Convention Centre - East
    - Presenters: Bowinn Ma, Minister of Infrastructure Ravi Kahlon, Minister of Health Al Richmond, Chair, Cariboo Chilcotin Regional Hospital District Kyle Sampson, Chair, Fraser-Fort George Regional Hospital District Sylvia Weir, President & CEO, Interior Health Janice Perrino, Chair, Nanaimo Regional Hospital District James Hanson, Vice President Community Clinical Operations and Support Program, Island Health
    - The main message I took away from this session is that the cost escalation for various health projects is being challenged, especially the "best practices" standards which were adopted for recent long term care facilities that exceed building code requirements.
    - I managed to have side conversations with IHA Chair Sylvia Weir and Health DM Plecas to discuss the status of a project awaiting ministerial approval for the Cranbrook Regional Hospital.
- 6pm Fortis open house - Pan Pacific crystal ballroom – brief conversation with Blair Weston
- 7-8pm EAD meet and greet – Princess Louisa suite Waterfront hotel

Tuesday, Sept 15th:

- 7am Industry breakfast – forestry - Terminal City Club, 837 West Hastings Street
- 9am – noon EAD forum
    - Intros and updates from Jerrilyn Kirk, comments from MLA's Anderson and Morrisette – some discussion about improving rural Director access to Ministers
    - Presentation on incorporation of Okanagan Falls
    - Presentation on ag waste plastic recycling – not relevant for the scale of local ag waste generated but interesting to hear of efforts to expand recycling programs
    - Discussion on advocacy across regional districts and formation of RD Chairs caucus – main current topic was wildfire response and mitigation
    - Presentation from BC Fire Commissioner John McKerney – updates on the implementation of the Fire Safety Act and assistance his office can provide. The office currently has 9 fire services advisors with 2 more coming onstream soon.
    - Open mic

- Noon – EAD lunch
- 2:20 – 2:35 DM Plecas meeting (Infrastructure for Bowen Ma) - Mackenzie Ballroom 2, Fairmont Waterfront Hotel – KERHD ask to improve communications around longer term planning
- Approx. 3pm – 5pm – attended remainder of DRIPA session. Grand Chief Phillip made an interesting closing statement that we need to "start where your at, use what you have and get to work"
- 6:30 pm - Welcome Reception Level 2 & 3 Foyer, VCC West

Wednesday, Sept 16th:

- 7:30 – 8:15 – UBCM governance review update
    - There appears to be a consensus emerging around going to a two year term for some UBCM board positions, considering a model for the table officers which emulates FCM, and some changes to the categories of appointed members
- 8:30 – opening session – I estimate that 70% to 80% of the seats in the room were empty. UBCM President's comments touched on lack of local government input for some legislative changes, objections to requests to sign NDA's, comments on the impacts from the community housing fund rollback, and concern that the next round of RCMP contract negotiations need to get underway soon.
- 9:35 – start of keynote – Anna Marie Tremonti – gj missed most of the talk due to need to get setup to run through the September RDCK Board and RAC agenda prep
- 10:30 – noon – agenda prep
- Noon – AKBLG lunch
- 2:00 – 2:30 - Address by the Minister of State for Local Governments and Rural Communities
- 3:00 to 4:15 - Cabinet Town Halls Look West: Growing BC's Economy
- Regional Connectivity Committee meeting with Steve Morrisett @ 4:20pm – room 5 convention center – part of the RCC annual contact with all MLA's across the basin

Thursday, Sept 17th:

- 7:30 – 8:15 – clinic Interregional Transit and Rural Passenger Transportation
- 8:35 address by the leader of the official opposition
- 10:00 – 10:15 - Cabinet Minister Anderson - Local Governments and Rural Communities, Minister of State – room 20 VCC level 2 – see RDCK briefing notes
- 11:40 – 11:55 - Minister of Citizens' Services – Honourable Diana Gibson (RCC) – MacKenzie ballroom 1 Fairmont – meeting with Regional Connectivity Committee to ask for support in expediting permits from utility companies
- 2pm – remaining elections

- 2:30 – 4:30 – workshop - Powering British Columbia's Future – interesting panel discussion with 3 Ministers, although I felt the moderator was rushing the guests on their opening comments and later rushing the attendees – gj pointed out we attend these sessions at great expense to our constituents, so if enough time is not allocated to have a fulsome conversation at each panel session then maybe too much is being jammed in and rushed through the agendas
- 2:30 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. - Canfor Kootenay Operations - Fairmont Pacific Rim Hotel, Emerald A Room (3rd Level) **-** Mat Parras, VP Canadian Operations, Cheryl Hodder, Canfor's Chief Forester, Mina Laudan, Vice President, Corporate Affairs – a group of Kootenay RD reps were invited for a small group update on Canfor's operations in the SE of BC. The group was smaller than I hoped, as I had pushed for this session to be held, I still need to do my follow up on a few points raised

Friday, Sept 18th:

- 8am – resolutions
- 9:20 – 9:35 – Minister of Water, Land and Resource Stewardship (room 16 VCC level 2) – see RDCK briefing notes for details
- 11:20 – premier's address – key statement was the request to not overlap the local and provincial elections will be "taken under consideration"

Garry Jackman
Director of Electoral Area A – Wynndel/
East Shore Kootenay Lake

September 30, 2026

Charlene Strelaeff
District Manager Ministry of Forests, Lands and Natural Resource Operations
Selkirk Resource District
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RE: Creston Valley Community Forest tenure expansion – Letter of Support

As Director on the RDCK Board for Area A – Wynndel/East Shore Kootenay Lake, I am writing to express my support for the area expansion and Allowable Annual Cut increase request for Community Forest Agreement K3D. I recognize that for nearly three decades, the Creston Valley Forest Corporation (CVFC) has demonstrated the benefits of community-based forest management in the Creston Valley. Established in 1997 as one of British Columbia's early community forests, CVFC has developed a strong record of sustainable forest management, wildfire risk reduction, watershed and community-value protection, local employment, forest education, and economic benefits that remain in the region.

The proposed expansions in the Crawford Bay and Duck Creek areas will provide enhanced social, environmental, and economic benefits. The Duck Creek watershed will benefit both from carefully managed fuel management to both strategically reduce fuel loads in order to avoid a major catastrophic wildfire as well as consideration of ensuring shaded breaks in cut blocks to facilitate slower snow melt along the faces at mid and high elevation, contributing to a more even spring runoff through the early months of the year. The Crawford Bay area can facilitate access to fiber to feed the growing value-added manufacturers such as Kalesnikoff and Spearhead, while also paying close attention to slope stability and the overall sensitivity of the watershed. CVFC has recently been approached by Crawford Bay water users regarding potential management of the Crawford Creek watershed, further demonstrating local interest in community-based stewardship of this area. Expanding both the land base and AAC would provide the economies of scale needed to support the community forest's long-term viability.

If you have any questions or want further information, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

Garry Jackman
RDCK Director Area A – Wynndel/East Shore Kootenay Lake

cc: Angela Lund – RDCK Deputy Corporate Officer
Tom Olenczuk - CVFC Chairperson

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Garry Jackman
Director of Electoral Area A – Wynndel/
East Shore Kootenay Lake

October 2, 2026

Karina Cail & Ben Johnson
Eastshore Internet Society (ESIS) Management team
Crawford Bay, BC

RE: Mountain Shores and Gray Creek Bandwidth Uplift – Letter of Support

As Director on the RDCK Board for Area A – Wynndel/East Shore Kootenay Lake, I am writing to express my support for the Mountain Shores and Gray Creek Bandwidth Uplift project. Within Electoral Area A, we have several clusters of residents stretched along more than 80 km of highway from just north of Creston to Riondel. Several pockets along the area are under served being limited to relatively slow fixed wireless systems or Telus DSL service.

I support the ESIS proposal to uplift the internet bandwidth available to the East Shore neighborhoods of Mountain Shores, East Shore Properties and Gray Creek, by building out fibre-optic networks and high-capacity wireless links in these areas which can provide internet speeds with low latency, above and beyond the national benchmark of 50 Mbps download and 10 Mbps upload bandwidth, and which will ultimately be connected to the regional fibre fabric, thus ensuring locally-operated, resilient connectivity for our future.

The residents of Mountain Shores, East Shore Properties and Gray Creek face significant challenges due to inadequate internet access. For families, students, and remote workers, the lack of high-speed internet hampers educational opportunities, economic development, and access to essential services. Businesses, which are vital to the sustainability of our rural communities, are also constrained by unreliable connectivity. Enhanced connectivity will foster greater social inclusion and support remote healthcare initiatives. These outcomes align closely with the RDCK's goals of strengthening rural resilience and improving the quality of life for our residents. This project represents the next step forward in closing the digital divide for these communities.

Please do not hesitate to reach out if you require further information or support.

Sincerely,

Garry Jackman
RDCK Director Area A – Wynndel/East Shore Kootenay Lake
Cc: Angela Lund – Deputy Corporate Officer

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Roger Tierney
Director of Electoral Area B

October 5, 2026

RE: Letter of Support for Creston Centennial Baseball Park Renovation Committee

To Whom it May Concern,

On behalf of Area B of the Regional District of Central Kootenay (RDCK), this letter strongly supports the proposed renovation and improvements to the baseball field at Centennial Park in Creston.

Centennial Park is an important sport and recreation facility serving residents throughout the Creston Valley. Its central location within the Valley makes it a valuable and accessible gathering place for organized sport, youth recreation, community events, tournaments, and other recreational activities.

While Centennial Park is located within the Town of Creston, its importance extends well beyond municipal boundaries. Participants, families, teams, and community organizations from throughout the Regional District and surrounding communities use the baseball field. Improvements to the facility will therefore benefit the broader Creston Valley and support regional access to quality recreational infrastructure.

The field is especially important in giving children and youth opportunities to participate in organized recreation. Accessible, safe, and well-maintained recreational facilities encourage active lifestyles, strengthen community connections, and give young people opportunities to participate in sport close to home.

The proposed renovation of the Centennial Park baseball field represents an important investment in the long-term recreational infrastructure of the Creston Valley. The planned improvements will enhance the facility's safety, functionality, accessibility, and overall quality while increasing its ability to accommodate local programming, regional users, and future tournaments and events.

I recognize that successful investment in recreational infrastructure requires not only the initial capital improvements but also a commitment to maintaining those improvements over the long term. I support the project and, subject to the applicable budget approval process, support ongoing maintenance funding for all approved phases of the Centennial Park baseball field renovation. This commitment will help ensure that investments made through the project are properly maintained and continue to benefit residents for years to come.

I am pleased to support the Centennial Park Baseball Field Renovation and recognize the value this project will provide to youth, families, sporting organizations, and communities throughout the Creston Valley and Regional District.

I appreciate the considerable work the project partners and community volunteers are undertaking to move this important initiative forward, and we respectfully support their efforts to secure the funding needed to complete the project.

Thank you,

Sincerely,

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Kelly Vandenberghe
Director of Electoral Area C

File No.CV Wildlife
Management Area

August 25, 2026

Letter of Support

To Whom This May Concern,

The Creston Valley Wildlife Management Area (CVWMA) is one of the most significant wetland complexes in British Columbia, and Electoral Area C of the Regional District of Central Kootenay (RDCK) is pleased to support the environmental education work and tourist programs the Kootenay-Columbia Discovery Centre Society (KCDCS) carries out in these wetlands. This letter confirms support for the KCDCS and the programming it provides in our region.

Set aside in 1968 as the province's very first Wildlife Management Area, the 17,000-acre CVWMA holds Ramsar designation as a Wetland of International Importance and is recognized federally as an Important Bird Area and Important Amphibian and Reptile Area. Public education at the site began in 1974, and since 2018 KCDCS has carried that work forward, building on decades of community investment in the wetlands.

KCDCS's promotes and provides environmental education, awareness programs, and activities in the Kootenay-Columbia region to help people understand and value wetlands. This shows up in a full slate of programming, including: K-12 school programs aligned with the BC curriculum, guided canoe and walking excursions, interpretive talks, summer nature camps for youth, group and special events, and both virtual and self-guided options for those visiting outside operating hours. The Discovery Centre itself complements this with interactive exhibits, giving drop-in visitors a hands-on introduction to the wetland and the wider Kootenay-Columbia Basin.

Since 2018, KCDCS has drawn well over 33,000 visitors through the Discovery Centre's doors, brought curriculum-based programming to more than 13,500 students across five regional school districts, run summer camps for over 600 kids, guided upwards of 5,000 paddlers on the water, and hosted special events for more than 7,000 other participants. While many of their visitors are local to Creston and the surrounding Kootenays, the Centre also draws visitors from elsewhere in BC, Alberta, other parts of Canada, the United States, and abroad, which speaks to its standing as a regional destination and not just a community resource.

For Area C, KCDCS is a genuine asset: it advances environmental literacy, strengthens ties between the community and the CVWMA, and contributes to tourism in the Creston Valley. As the Society works to diversify and secure funding to sustain this programming going forward, the RDCK is glad to lend its support and encourages your consideration of their request.

Sincerely,
Kindest regards,

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Cheryl Graham
Director of Electoral Area E

Sept 29, 2026

File No. WS- EC

To Whom It May Concern,

I am pleased to provide this letter of recognition for Erin Christopherson, who served as the Newsletter Coordinator for the Area E & F Director's Weekly Community E-Newsletter through West Shores Leisure Advancement Society during my term as Director for RDCK Electoral Area E.

In this role, Erin was responsible for the behind-the-scenes work required to produce the Area E & F Director's weekly community e-newsletter on a consistent basis. Her responsibilities included preparing monthly area activity calendars, newsletter set-up and production, formatting and layout, creating many of the graphics and visual elements, researching community events and local information, and organizing material for publication.

The newsletter became an important communication tool for residents of Areas E, providing timely information about community events, RDCK meeting information, local services, public notices and other items of interest to the community. Producing it regularly required considerable organization, attention to detail, creativity and reliability.

I found Erin to be dependable, resourceful and committed to producing a professional and informative publication. She worked independently, met deadlines, researched information carefully and contributed significantly to the overall quality and appearance of the e-newsletter.

Her combination of organizational ability, research skills, communication skills and graphic creativity I believe would be an asset in any position involving communications, publications, community engagement or administrative coordination.

I am very grateful for the contribution she made to the Area E & F Director's Community e-newsletter during my term as Area E Director and am pleased to recognize the important role she played in its ongoing success.

Sincerely,

Cheryl Graham
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Teresa Weatherhead
Director of Electoral Area K

File No. 20265

August 22, 2025

Community Gaming Grants Program, British Columbia

To whom it may concern,

RE: Arrow Lakes Caribou Society

As the Electoral Area K Director of Regional District of Central Kootenay, it gives me great pleasure to support the Arrow Lakes Caribou Society in their continued commitment to assist in the restoration of local mountain caribou populations. The tireless advocacy work of ALCS has shown great success toward the early years of restoration of the detrimentally low population levels our region is facing. To see this trend through they must rely upon collective efforts and funding to enable these maternity penning endeavors each year in the need to achieve levels toward a healthy enough population that can enable this species survival for future generations.

The ALCS's mission and vision has been transparent, cooperative and highly collaborative. The maternity pen installed took many hands of support from the community and qualified professionals. The placement of the pen is strategically situated on local government owned lands accessible by a forestry road and controlled by strict guidelines during calving season. We witness the health, growth and safety of these vulnerable ungulates is assured before they begin their journey back into the mountain range to thrive and strengthen the overall herd.

This project directly reflects the local values and needs in the advocacy work that included stakeholder communications, consultations and involvement from Federal and Provincial Governments in mountain caribou recovery efforts. The keen local interest and participation is evident and ongoing. Many volunteers participate in the essential lichen gathering to nourish each year's cohort of cows and calves. First Nation relations have played in a large part of the operations alongside biologists, veterinarians and shepherds, lending the opportunity to share in the indigenous values that align in the importance of this conservation effort.

Sincerely yours,

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Director of Electoral Area K

File No. 20264

July 28, 2026

Heritage BC Legacy Fund
PO Box 42054
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Dear Heritage BC Board Members,

RE: Historical Saddle Mountain Fire Lookout renovation

As the Regional District of Central Kootenay Rural Director for Area K (Arrow Lakes), I am pleased to support the Nakusp & Area Community Trails Society (NACTS) in its proposal to renovate the historic fire lookout on Saddle Mountain. NACTS volunteers are dedicated stewards of the region's trail infrastructure, contributing significantly to its maintenance, upkeep, safety, and enjoyment by hikers and heritage enthusiasts.

Saddle Mountain Trail and its decommissioned fire lookout hold significant historical value for residents of the Arrow Lakes region. Each year, residents and visitors make the 1,847-metre climb to take in the sweeping views of Arrow Lakes and the Monashee and Selkirk mountain ranges. With its 360-degree vantage point, the fire lookout offers visitors a direct connection to its original purposes: monitoring for early wildfire detection, providing refuge during sudden alpine weather changes, and serving as a destination for overnight hikers. The structure's authenticity has been well preserved, and NACTS's proposed interior upgrades will provide practical improvements while respecting the historical values of preservation.

I respectfully encourage Heritage BC to consider NACTS as a worthy recipient of this funding stream.

Sincerely,

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CRESTON VALLEY
TOWN of CRESTON

COUNCIL MEMBER REPORT

This report is completed by the individual Council member to update the other members of Council on meeting attendance on assigned committees or other events attended representing the Town of Creston.

This report does not reflect the views of Council as an elected body, nor the corporation of the Town of Creston. Information stated within the report is only informational, the view and opinion of the individual Council member.

REPORT INFORMATION:

Report Number: AD 83

Report Submitted By: MAYOR DeBoon

Date Report Submitted: 2026-09-29 13:24:00

MEETING INFORMATION:

Meeting Date: 2026-09-14 08:30:00

Meeting Type: Conference

Committee:

Report Topic: UBCM Convention

ATTENDEES:

Councillors Dumas, Hawton, Ares, Holland, Baldwin, Mike Moore, me, Councils, Mayors, and CEO's from across BC, Provincial MLA's and Cabinet Ministers, many others.

DISCUSSION:

September 14th.

9:30 AM, attended Future of Policing in BC session. Current policing contract with RCMP expires in 2032. The desire is to renew the contract and the negotiations take up to 5 years to fully complete.

2:00 PM, afternoon session titled Regional Hospital Districts: Funding Health Care Beyond Local Means. Regional Hospital Districts were established in 1967. Current funding level is $ 3.2 B and rising. Increasing costs are due to tariffs, labour costs, and supply chains. Cost predictability is a challenge, and we need more equity in cost sharing.

September 15th.

7:00 AM, attended first Resource Breakfast called Leading Through Change: Community Resilience and Forestry Innovation. Sitting on the panel were Christine Gallowitz, CEO of Forest Professionals BC, Minister Randene Neill, and Minister Ravi Parmar.

8:30 AM, attended the Rural Mayors Health Group with Minister Ravi Kahlon and rural community Mayors from many parts of BC. We discussed how to better allocate existing health care dollars to create more sustainable services, the desire to expand the role of Nurse Practitioners in underserved communities, improving transportation to out of community appointments, providing CT scans in geographical locations that are too distant to make it easy to get them, simplifying the immigration process for out of country doctors and nurses, receiving better support in recruiting from the Health Authorities, and other solutions to improve recruiting. Creston has far less of a problem than most rural communities, but we need to continue with our efforts to keep it that way.

10:30 AM, attended the session on The Continuum of Responses in Our Communities. This session highlighted the responses to homelessness and addictions in Penticton, Langley, and Fort St John. These communities all value the Situation Tables, and work hard to find solutions. Their strategies are all similar, and they all understand the roles each party plays in dealing with unhoused, addiction, and mental health issues.

1:45 PM, attended the plenary session on the impacts of DRIPA. Clarity around decision making is required, and the Crown has to do the work. Local governments are the closest to the situations, and they need to build trust. We need to work to greater certainty and we need to beware of legislation tied to emotion. Grand Chief Stuart Philip spoke and addressed the need to do the right thing no matter what the consequences. If you're not working together, get out of the room. DRIPA offers accountability, and sets the course for future generations. His advice is to start where you're at, use what you have, and get to work, which I found to be practical advice for almost any situation.

2:00 PM, attended meeting with Minister of Public Safety and Solicitor General Nina Krieger along with CAO Moore and Council, regarding Creston Detachment Staffing Review. Creston is at a critically low level of staffing due to transfers and other staff off on disability. We need to address the shortages along with other inequities.

5:30 PM, attended Community Excellence Awards Ceremony and Reception.

6:30 PM, attended the UBCM Welcome Reception.

8:00 PM, attended the Library Reception.

September 16th.

7:00 AM, attended the Resource Breakfast titled Building Communities, Powering the Future, with Brendan Galloway, manager of government relations and policy with ARC Resources, Richard Wong, VP of regulatory and operations with the Canadian Association of Petroleum Producers, Steven Rayner, interim ED of Clean Energy BC, and Adrian Dix, Minister of Energy and Climate Solutions.

8:40 AM, Council, CAO, and I attended a meeting with MOTT Minister Mike Farnworth to further advocate for our Highway Realignment. Progress has been made, but it's 18 years and counting.

9:00 AM, attended opening ceremony.

9:35 AM, attended keynote address by Anna Maria Tremonti.

10:35 AM, attended Trade Show.

12:00 PM, attended AKBLG Luncheon.

2:00 PM, attended Address by Minister of State for Local Governments and Rural Affairs Brittny Anderson.

3:00 PM, attended Cabinet Town Hall on Strong Communities with Ministers Ravi Kahlon, Christine Boyle, and Mike Farnworth.

September 17th.

7:00 AM, attended Resource Breakfast titled Mining Matters: Opportunities for BC and Communities with Jagrup Brar, Minister of Mining and Critical Minerals, Nadia Haider, VP Sustainable Development, Elk Valley Resources, and Greg Perrins, VP Sustainable Development Osisko Gold.

8:35 AM, attended the address by the leader of the Conservative Party of BC, Kerri Lyn Findley.

9:00 AM, attended Resolutions Session.

1:00 PM, attended Trade Show.

4:40 PM, Council, CAO, and I attended meeting with Minister of Health Ravi Kahlon, regarding strengthening Rural Health Services in the Creston Valley, specifically to strengthen mental health and addiction services locally, increase long term care beds, and receive more support in physician recruiting.

7:00 PM, attended dinner with Council and CAO.

September 18th.

8:00 AM, attended final resolutions session and installation of new UBCM President.

11:20 AM, attended address by Premier Eby.

12:30 PM, Vancouver Airport.

3:45 PM, flew to Edmonton.

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS:

Attachments

Attached to email if applicable

Director's Report

Suzan Hewat – Village of Kaslo

Report Date: October 13, 2026

Columbia Basin Trust (CBT)

Annual General Meeting in Rossland – September 10th.
There was good attendance at the AGM, and this was followed by a community BBQ in Warfield that was attended by over 500 people.

Board meetings in Rossland – September 11th and 12th.
Copies of the minutes and Trust Board Highlights can be found through this link.
https://ourtrust.org/publications

I have provided a copy of the highlights for this meeting.

Federation Of Canadian Municipalities (FCM)

Board of Directors meeting (virtual) - September 10th.

BC Caucus meeting (virtual) – September 10th.

Union Of BC Municipalities (UBCM)

September 14th to 18th.

Thank you for the opportunity to attend this conference. I always appreciate the opportunity to learn from the workshops and sessions that are offered. The networking events are also very important as they allow for the opportunity to meet with colleagues from across the province.

I feel the resolutions are an important part of the conference. I think this is the first time since I started attending UBCM that we got through all the resolutions. It was very disappointing though that so many people left the room when the resolution session started.

Outlined below are the meetings, workshops and networking events that I attended.

September 14th.

Accelerating Affordability Through Modern Methods of Construction
9:30 AM – 11:30 AM
Presenters:
Alex Boston, Consulting Lead, Local Government Offsite Housing Construction Accelerator, Zero Emissions Innovation Centre.
Lisa Helps, Executive Lead, Project Acceleration, BC Housing.
Mike Hurley, Mayor, City of Burnaby, **Paul Binotto**, Director, Modular BC.
Annabelle Hamilton, Executive Director, WoodWorks BC.
Details: This session will explore how local governments can use modern methods of construction (MMC)—including prefabricated components and modular housing—to support housing affordability. It will provide an overview of available technologies, key government programs, and practical examples of communities already advancing MMC. Attendees will learn from emerging implementation experience and leave with a clearer understanding of the local government role in enabling MMC, as well as opportunities for participation and partnership.

Regional Hospital Districts: Funding Health Care Beyond Local Means
2:00 PM – 4:00 PM
Presenters:
Bowinn Ma, Minister of Infrastructure, **Ravi Kahlon**, Minister of Health.
Al Richmond, Chair, Cariboo Chilcotin Regional Hospital District.
Kyle Sampson, Chair, Fraser-Fort George Regional Hospital District.
Sylvia Weir, President & CEO, Interior Health.
Janice Perrino, Chair, Nanaimo Regional Hospital District.
James Hanson, Vice President Community Clinical Operations and Support Program, Island Health.
Details: Though health care is a responsibility, local governments are contributing more and more of their budgets towards this essential public service in BC. This is taking place at a time when local governments are already facing significant financial pressures due to the expansion of services from senior governments on many issues including housing, community safety and climate change.
This session will examine the unsustainability of local government contributions towards health care infrastructure through their Regional Hospital Districts, and explore changes needed to provide for equitable health care in BC communities.

September 15th.
Rural Mayors meeting with Ravi Kahlon, Minister of Health.
8:30 AM to 9:30 AM.
I was among a group of approximately 20 mayors who were invited to this meeting to discuss the challenges being faced by rural communities regarding health care delivery.

Small Talk Forum.
9:00 AM to 12:00 PM.
The forum provides an opportunity for small communities to share their success stories and the challenges faced. Chances are there are others that had similar experiences.

Municipal Insurance Association of BC – Voting Member Orientation.
3:00 PM – 3:30 PM

Municipal Insurance Association of BC AGM.
3:30 PM – 4:30 PM
As the Village's voting member, I attended the AGM.
There were several bylaw amendments that were discussed and passed followed by the election of directors.

Municipal Finance Authority Semi – Annual Meeting.
4:30 PM – 5:30 PM
I attended this meeting as the RDCK appointed board member.

Community Excellence Awards Ceremony & Reception
5:30 PM – 6:30 PM
Details: The Community Excellence Awards recognize and celebrate UBCM members that have implemented projects and programs that demonstrate excellence in meeting the purposes of local government in BC. The awards are designed to profile promising practices and to create successful pathways and incentives for others to follow.
The categories are: • Excellence in Governance• Excellence in Service Delivery
• Excellence in Asset Management• Excellence in Sustainability
• Presidents Committee Choice

UBCM Welcome Reception
6:30 PM – 8:30 PM
September 16th.
8:30 AM – 10:25 AM

Convention Opening Session
8:30 AM – 9:00 AM
Welcome from Squamish, Musqueam & Tsleil-Waututh Nations
O Canada
Welcome from the Lieutenant Governor of BC
Welcome from the Host Municipality
UBCM President Address

Recognition for UBCM's Gary MacIsaac
9:00 AM – 9:10 AM
Gary is retiring after almost 20 years with UBCM.

Annual Meeting
9:10 AM – 9:30 AM
Adoption of Conference Rules and Procedures
Adoption of Minutes of 2025 Convention
Annual Report

Question-and-Answer Period
Adoption of Financial Statements
Appointment of Auditors
Appointment of Convention Committee

First Report of the Nominating Committee for the Positions of Table Officers
9:30 AM – 9:35 AM

Keynote Address: Anna Maria Tremonti
9:35 AM – 10:35 AM
Anna Maria Tremonti is an award-winning journalist and broadcaster who captivated listeners around the world for nearly two decades as the host of CBC Radio's The Current, one of Canada's most popular radio programs. Known for her thoughtful, compelling interviews, Tremonti has explored everything from the politics of the day and the forces shaping our society to the deeply personal
stories of individuals whose experiences and journeys resonate with us all. Her trademark approach, curious, empathetic and deeply human, has earned her a
devoted audience and inspired countless listeners.
Through her work, Tremonti has demonstrated the power of a good question and the importance of listening with genuine curiosity and compassion.

Nominations From the Floor for Table Officer Positions
10:35 AM – 10:40 AM

Principal Policy Session: Resolutions
10:40 AM – 11:45 AM

Area Association Lunch
12:00 PM – 1:30 PM
AKBLG Waterfront Ballroom A/B, Fairmont Waterfront Hotel.

Candidate Speeches
2:30 PM – 2:45 PM
3:00 PM – 4:15 PM
Provincial Cabinet Town Halls

Strong Communities
Presenters:
Honourable Christine Boyle, Minister of Housing and Municipal Affairs
Honourable Ravi Kahlon, Minister of Health
Honourable Mike Farnworth, Minister of Transportation and Transit
Trade Show Reception
4:00 PM – 5:00 PM

September 17th.
Second Report of the Nominating Committee for Executive Positions
8:30 AM – 8:35 AM

Address by Leader of the Conservative Party of BC
8:35 AM – 8:55 AM
Honourable Kerry-Lynne Findlay, PC, DSJ, KC

Resolutions Session Continues
8:55 AM – 11:15 AM

Election of Table Officers Closes
9:00 AM

Address by FCM
11:15 AM – 11:30 AM
Councillor Rebecca Bligh, Past President, FCM

Nominations from the Floor for Executive Positions
11:30 AM – 11:35 AM

Candidate Speeches
11:35 AM – 12:00 PM

Delegates' Lunch
12:00 PM – 1:30 PM
Recognition of Life Members and Presentation of LGLA Certificates.
During lunch I was presented with my LGLAL Levels 1, 2 and 3 certificates.
These were earned through my participation in LGLA training opportunities as well as my board membership on FCM.

Election of Remaining Executive Positions Opens
2:00 PM

UBCM Annual Banquet Reception
6:30 PM – 7:30 PM

UBCM Annual Banquet (additional registration required)
7:30 PM – 11:00 PM

Awards
Life Memberships, Long Service, and Special Long Service awards will be presented at the Banquet.
I received my 20-year Certificate of Appreciation.

September 18th.
Friday Sessions
Resolutions Session Continues
8:00 AM - 11:05 AM
Report on Resolutions Received After the Deadline (Late Resolutions)

Election of Table Officers Closes Online
8:30 AM

Installation of President Elect
11:05 AM - 11:15 AM

Vancouver Fraser Port Authority Alaska Cruise Prize Draw *
11:15 AM - 11:20 AM

Address by the Premier
11:20 AM - 12:00 PM
Honourable David Eby.
After Premier Eby's address, he agreed to answer questions from delegates.

Congratulations to Keith Page, elected as Third Vice President and Aidan McLaren-Caux for being re-elected Small Communities representative.

Attachments: Trust Board Highlights

These highlights provide a general summary of key discussion items and decisions from the Board of Directors meetings held **September 10 to 12, 2026** in Rossland, BC. Confidential matters, such as business negotiations, personnel matters and legal issues, are not included.

- **Annual General Meeting (AGM)**
  The Trust held its AGM on Thursday, September 10, both online and in person at the Prestige Mountain Resort in Rossland. Highlights from the 2025/26 Annual Service Plan Report were presented. Following the AGM, a community BBQ was held in Warfield.

  - Read the Annual Service Plan Report.
  - Watch the recording: Annual General Meeting 2026.

- **Columbia Basin Symposium RE:Energize 2027**
  The Trust announced that the Columbia Basin Symposium, RE:Energize, will be held May 6-8, 2027 at Selkirk College in Castlegar. The symposium will feature expert speakers, interactive sessions, a Renewable Energy Expo, the Basin Renewable Energy Awards, tours of the Arrow Lakes Generating Station, local food and live entertainment.

  More information is available at ourtrust.org/2027symposium.

- **$10 Million Approved for Delivery of Benefits Activities**
  The Board approved $10 million in the 2026/27 budget for new Delivery of Benefits activities aligned with the 2024–2034 Columbia Basin Management Plan. Details on specific initiatives will be shared in the coming months.

- **Resident Directed Grants Program Renewal**
  The Board approved $4.7 million in the 2026/27 Budget for a five-year renewal of the Resident Directed Grants (ReDi Grants) program which is delivered in partnership with local governments and First Nations in the Columbia Basin. ReDi Grants support projects that provide broad community benefit and public good through community-based decision-making.

- **Board Meeting Schedule**

  2026 meeting dates:

  - November 27/28 Fernie

  2027 meeting dates:

  - January 22/23 Cranbrook
  - April 2/3 Salmo
  - May 28/29 Golden
  - July 23/24 Ainsworth
  - September 16 (AGM) Nakusp
  - September 17/18 Nakusp
  - November 26/27 Radium

Board meeting minutes are posted once approved at the subsequent meeting. View minutes at ourtrust.org/publications.

Director's Report

Aidan McLaren-Caux – Village of Nakusp

Report Date: October 22nd, 2026

Reporting from September 12th to October 13th, 2026.

Director's Activities

Village Council

- September 28th, attended regular ***Council Meeting***

Regional District of Central Kootenay (RDCK) as municipal director

- September 22nd, attended ***Goat River Watershed Water Sustainability Planning Workshop***
- September 23rd, attended ***Joint Resource Recovery Committee Meeting***
- September 24th, attended in-person ***Board Meeting*** in Nelson
  - Agenda for the meeting can be found here: https://www.rdck.ca/EN/main/government/meetings-agendas-minutes.html
- October 7th, attended ***Goat River Watershed Water – RDCK Directors Workshop***
- October 7th, attended ***Lessons Learned in the Reconciliation Journey Workshop***

Association of Kootenay & Boundary Local Governments (AKBLG)

- September 13th, attended ***Board Meeting*** in Vancouver

Union of BC Municipalities (UBCM)

For detailed and regular updates from UBCM, sign up to their newsletter, *The Compass* here: https://www.ubcm.ca/thecompass

- September 13th, attended ***Executive Meeting*** in Vancouver

September 14-18, attended ***2026 UBCM Convention*** in Vancouver

Below is a brief summary and schedule for my attendance at this year's UBCM convention. Please let me know if you have questions about any specific items, and I would be happy to get into more detail.

My direct advocacy for Nakusp, the RDCK, and our region focused on several practical priorities:

- FireSmart: advocating for stable, long-term funding for wildfire prevention and community resilience.
- Healthcare: discussing continued and expanded virtual emergency care in Nakusp, medical transportation across the Kootenay-Boundary, and regional approaches to rehabilitation, homelessness and public safety.
- Emergency services: making the case for provincial support for road rescue in small communities like ours.
- Water infrastructure: discussing governance and capital funding for small community water systems.
- Nakusp waterfront: meeting with BC Hydro about opportunities for collaboration on the marina, breakwater and waterfront.

The convention also provided valuable lessons from communities across BC.

At the Small Talk Forum, that I happened to chair, discussions covered disaster recovery, FireSmart, drought and watershed resilience, rural healthcare access, environmental assessment and innovative approaches to recreation.

I also chaired a session on resilient infrastructure, where one of the strongest messages was that good planning, early engineering, climate-informed design and strategic grant funding can help small municipalities stretch limited tax dollars further.

Other sessions explored tourism as an economic-development tool, trade diversification, agriculture, water security, rural connectivity, local procurement, responsible conduct and the growing problem of online harassment directed at elected officials.

One common theme ran through almost every discussion: small communities can accomplish a great deal, but capacity matters. Whether we are talking about wildfire prevention, healthcare, infrastructure, housing or economic development, communities need predictable funding, practical partnerships, and provincial policies that recognize rural realities.

I was also honoured to be acclaimed as UBCM's Small Community Representative for 2026–27, giving me another year at the provincial table representing the interests and challenges of small communities across BC.

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Monday

- Opposition Town Hall - Jobs, Economy, Affordability
- BC Hydro Lunch
- *Run for Office, not from Online Harrassment*
- Jim Pattison Centre for Health Systems Learning + Innovation Working Dinner
- Evening Receptions

Tuesday

- Rural Mayor's Health Forum
- *Preparing for the Proposed Responsible Conduct Legislation*
- Small Talk Forum
- Small Talk Lunch
- *Understanding DRIPA: Opportunities, Challenges and Implications for BC Communities*
- Meeting with Minister of Forests re: Funding for FireSmart
- Evening Receptions

Wednesday

- *Attracting Investment: Working with Tourism Organizations*
- Convention Opening Ceremony
- Meeting with BC Hydro re: Collaboration on Nakusp Marina, Breakwater, and Waterfront
- Meeting with Ministry of Health re: Medical Transportation in the Kootenay and Boundary Region
- Keynote Speech: Anna Maria Tremonti
- AKBLG Lunch
- *Cabinet Town Hall: Look West – Growing BC's Economy*
- Evening Receptions

Thursday

- Early Morning UBCM Walk/Run Club
- *Resilient Infrastructure for the Common Good*
- Address by the Leader of the Conservative Party of Canada
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- UBCM Resolutions Session
- Acclaimed as Small Community Representative for 2026-27
- Delegates' Lunch
- Meeting with Minister of Health re: Virtual Emergency Room Pilot in Nakusp and Regional Strategy for Rehabilitation, Homelessness, and Public Safety
- Meeting with the Minister of Emergency Management and Climate Readiness re: Funding for Road Rescue in Nakusp
- Banquet and Awards Ceremony

Friday

- Resolutions Sessions cont'd'
- Meeting with Minister of Water, Land and Resource Stewardship on Support for Governance and Capital Funding for Small Water Systems
- Address by the Premier
- Convention Closing
- UBCM Executive Meeting

RDCK External Appointments

- ***Kootenay Food Council (FPC)***
    - https://ckfoodpolicy.ca/
    - October 2nd, attended online council meeting
        - Delivered a presentation on how to effectively engage with local governments

- ***Columbia River Treaty Local Governments Committee (CRTLGC)***
    - https://www.crtlgc.ca/
    - *Reminder that committee topics are confidential, as they pertain to international treaty negotiations. The Province of BC and the Government of Canada periodically release statements regarding the progress of the discussions between Canada and the United States.*
    - September 29th, attended online committee meeting.

- ***Regional Innovation Chair in Regional Economic Development Regional Advisory Committee (RIC-RED-RAC)***

- ***Economic Trust of the Southern Interior (ETSI-BC) – Regional Advisory Committee (RAC)*** *(as alternate)*

Director's Report

Director Lockwood – Village of Salmo

Report Date: October 15, 2026

Economic Trust of the Southern Interior – BC (ETSI-BC):

The trust celebrated its 20th year anniversary in Creston inviting a wide range of people. Director Jackman, Vandenburghe, and Hannegraff were in attendance and got to hear all the economic development that is happening in the Kootenay-Columbia area. We have less people although we get a bigger share of the pie because this region really pulls together with their projects.

Union British Columbia Municipalities Conference:

I attend everyday from Sept 14-18, 2026, in Vancouver and here is what I learned.

The Future of RCMP Policing:

Presenters were Jamie Lipp, Deputy Director, Indigenous, Core Policing and Contract Management, Policing and Security Branch, Ministry of Public Safety and Solicitor General

Elijah Rain, Assistant Commissioner & LMD District Commander, B.C. RCMPP

Craig Hodge, Metro Vancouver/GVRD Representative, Union of B.C. Municipalities

Dr. Joshua Murphy, Professor, Department of Criminology, Kwantlen Polytechnic University

Details: The federal government has informally signaled its intention to negotiate new RCMP police service agreements (PSAs) with willing jurisdictions, but what does that mean for B.C. local governments? British Columbia is the only contract jurisdiction where PSAs are between the province and local governments (as opposed to direct agreements with the federal government). How will this arrangement impact contract negotiations, which are expected to begin imminently? What will be the role of local governments, who pay the largest share of policing costs in B.C., as part of this process?

The threshold of 5000 people has created problems in the payment structure as the population grows throughout the province. Population in 2013 was 586.8million and has risen to 855.5million in 2024. Populations under 5000 pay 33% of the policing cost. The panel was saying that the local governments need to be at the table for the decisions being made through data instead of Ottawa making the decision.

Service delivery, some partners want different levels of service and that is not available currently in BC.

BC Local Government RCMP contract Management Committee is the only one that exists in Canada.

Local Governance and Accountability would look like:

Establish a local board or council, drawing on the Yukon model.

Give municipalities a formal role in OIC selection and vetting (municipalities already have a say in this, but do not always exercise that ability).

Make the existing requirement that community priorities become RCMP priorities meaningful and enforceable.

Require regular engagement between RCMP and community stakeholders.

I am happy to say that Salmo has this kind of a relationship with our RCMP.

We Have an Evacuation Plan, But What If …?s

Presenters were Christina Carbrey, Protective Services Manager /Regional EOC Director, Regional District of East Kootenay

Ken Nickel, Food Security Emergency Planning and Preparedness Project Coordinator, BC Agriculture Council

Ty Helgason, Emergency Program Manager, City of Kamloops

Jaylene MacIver, Deputy CAO, Northern Rockies Regional Municipality

Details where evacuations are complex, emotional and often require input from multiple agencies. Even when an evacuation plan is in place, local governments may have questions about how they can best serve their communities during emergencies. There is a vulnerable populations database which helps the emergency responders identify and support residents who may face challenges. All livestock are supposed to be registered although most are not. It is the BC Premises ID Program.

Social Infrastructure: BC's Way Forward to Connected Communities

Presenters were Katie Fenn, CEO, BC Recreation and Parks Association

Mary Morrison-Clark, GM, Parks, Recreation and Culture, City of Burnaby

Carmut Me, Head of Cultural Space Programs,

Andrew Price, CEO, viaSport

John Hawkings, Executive Lead, BC Ministry of Environment and Parks

Details where liveability is the cornerstone of sustainable, resilient communities and how important it is to bring together essential partners who collectively build complete communities through recreation. Recreation is the heart of communities which brings people together and tourism. Infrastructure always needs to be maintained

and there is a cost to that. I asked Mr. Hawkins the reason back country was being closed under his direction and used Rady Creek for and example. He said it is on the top of his desk but did not give answer to why the province would close a tourist attraction and with all the public out cry over it.

MIABC is the Insurance that the Village of Salmo uses.
MFA is where the Village of Salmo gets there loans.

Understanding DRIPA: Opportunities, Challenges and Implications for BC Communities

Presenters were Reece Harding, Partner, Young Anderson Barrister and Solicitors

Dwight Newman, Professor of Law & Canada Research Chair in Right, Communities and Constitutional Law, University of Saskatchewan

Merle Alexander, KC, Principal Lawyer, Miller Titerle + Company Karen Restoule, Director of Indigenous Affairs, Macdonald-Laurier Institute

Laura Jones, President and CEO, Business Council of British Columbia

George Lampreau, Chief, Simpcw First Nation Aaron Pete, Chief,

Chawathil First Nation

Cori Ramsay, President, UBCM

Details were the Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples Act (DRIPA) continues to shape conversations about reconciliation, governance, law-making and community relationships across BC. We had an overview of DRIPA including how the legislation was developed, and what it means for provincial laws, Indigenous rights and public decision-making.

The only place local governments are mentioned is in section7(3) and the average person doesn't know what is going on as it appears there is a lack of transparency. If both sides disagree is a question for the crown who needs to engage with everyone.

UBCM Governance Review Update

Presenters were Allan Neilson, Principal, Neilson Strategies

Gary MacIsaac, Executive Director, Union of BC Municipalities

Details were to update the engagement on the UBCM governance review process, which responds to recent requests from the membership through resolutions and direct correspondence. The governance review focuses on representation of the range of UBCM members as reflected in the composition of the UBCM Executive board and the name of the organization.

Anna Maria Tremonti was a keynote speaker. She is an award-winning journalist and broadcaster who captivated listeners around the world for nearly two decades as the host of CBC Radio's The Current, one of Canada's most popular radio programs. Known for her thoughtful, compelling interviews, Tremonti has explored everything from the politics of the day and the forces shaping our society to the deeply personal stories of individuals whose experiences and journeys resonate with us all. Her trademark approach, curious, empathetic and deeply human, has earned her a devoted audience and inspired countless listeners. Through her work, Tremonti has demonstrated the power of a good question and the importance of listening with genuine curiosity and compassion. Very interesting to listen to.

Resolutions for the next three days.

Resilient Infrastructure for the Common Good

Presenters were Meghan Lee, Director of Engineering and Operations, District of Sechelt

Kiera Tsakonas, Portfolio Manager, Canadian Urban Institute

LouAnn Birkett, Senior Supply Chain Advisor - Contracting, Kinetic GPO Inc.

Michael Walker, Manager - Regional Infrastructure, Associated Engineering

Details where municipalities are under increasing pressure to deliver infrastructure projects quickly, responsibly, and with greater resilience to future conditions. It is really important to have a plan how your going to execute your strategic plan and how to improve infrastructure delivery.

Director's Report

Tanya Gordon-Village of Silverton

UBCM-Vancouver BC

September 14-18, 2026

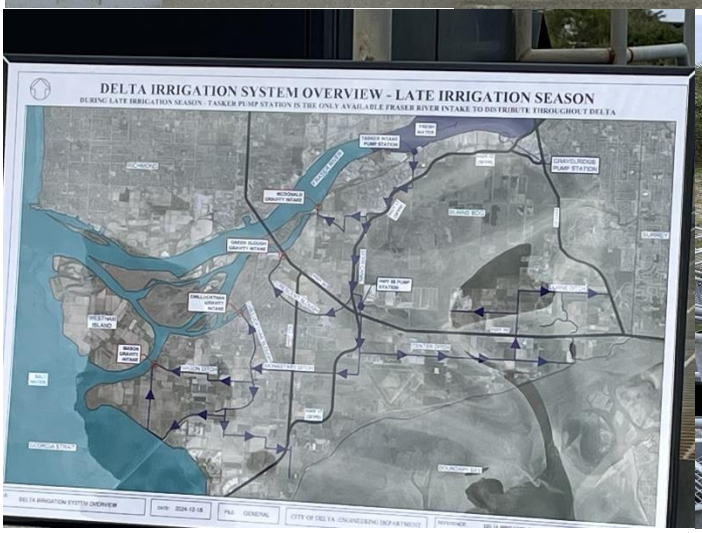
September 14, 2026 Agriculture Study Tour Delta, BC

Stop 1-Eagleview Farms ***Family-owned dairy, forage and cranberry operation.***

We saw the dairy cows being fed and learned that much of their feed is grown on the farm. Eagleview also grows eight cranberry varieties as part of the farmer-owned Ocean Spray cooperative. After cranberry slips are planted, fields typically take three to four years to reach full production. Despite the farm's size, it operates with only 14 employees, supported by advanced technology and mobile apps.

Stop 2-Oliver Pump Station

We toured the pump station, a critical part of the drainage and dike infrastructure that supplies water to East Delta's extensive agricultural lands. The station is part of the City of Delta's broader drainage and irrigation system, which includes hundreds of kilometers of waterways.



Stop 3-Emma Lee Farms

We were welcomed by the Honourable Lana Popham, Minister of Agriculture, Land and Food; the Mayor of Delta; and an Elder from the Tsawwassen First Nation. Although the speeches left no time for a farm tour, we enjoyed a delicious lunch on site.

Stop 4-Westcoast Vegetables

This fourth-generation operation began as a small greenhouse and now specializes in vertically grown peppers, maximizing available space. An automated system waters and fertilizes the plants, while excess water is

collected and reused elsewhere in the greenhouse to minimize waste. Processing also takes place in the same building, allowing products to reach customers quickly and at peak freshness.

I enjoyed the tour and believed this approach could benefit our local farms and greenhouses by maximizing space, conserving water, and supporting the production and processing of fresh produce.

September 15, 2026

Small Talk Forum 9am-12pm

West Coast Corridor Resiliency Partnership-Five mayors formed the West Coast Corridor Resiliency Partnership around shared concerns. By working together, they strengthened their advocacy with the provincial and federal governments, particularly when communities compete for funding released across the province at the same time. The partnership coordinates advocacy on common issues and meets monthly to share updates from each area. How can we do this with the Slocan Lakes communities?

Environmental Assessment Act—The CAO and a council member from Wells, B.C., described the town's mining history and its challenges participating in the environmental assessment for the Cariboo Gold Project. Under the current Act, local governments have no formal role in the process. Residents formed a Community Advisory Committee but soon learned that it also had no influence on decisions. This was another example of the provincial government failing to meaningfully involve local governments and residents or seek their input and concerns.

FireSmart Funding Concerns—A group from Logan Lake described the steps the community took to become Canada's first FireSmart community and its experience during the 2021 Tremont Fire amid drought conditions. Delegates noted that conditions vary across B.C.; drought in one region does not mean the entire province is affected. In 2026, the southeast experienced wetter spring and summer conditions and fared better than much of the province. It was pointed out by most of the municipalities, that this funding was needed to complete further mitigation and keep employees hired for FireSmart work.

The Village of Radium described establishing a Wildfire Hazard Development Permit Area covering the entire community, similar to Silverton's approach. It is considering purchasing unusable slopes for $1 so they can be regularly treated to reduce wildfire risk and potential liability if a fire spreads to neighbouring properties. Could this approach work for the Haven for Ecology's unusable slope in Silverton? Regular fire mitigation would reduce the wildfire risk to the village. I believe this was the plan when the agreement was first made between the Village of Silverton and Colleen's family.

Reimagining Recreation—Port Hardy's CAO explained how the community transformed a facility crisis into an invitation to participate, connect, and belong. They found that changing access increased participation. By making barrier-free recreation an ongoing priority, council increased attendance at a typical swim from 5–10 people to more than 75 when admission was free. The community also expanded programming, attracting people for activities beyond swimming. The key missing asset was not the building, but the staff capacity to bring it to life.

Plenary Session: Understanding DRIPA:
Opportunities, Challenges and Implications for BC Communities 1:45pm-5:00pm

This informative session revealed differing views among presenters and delegates. I was left wondering what DRIPA/UNDRIP adds to Section 35 of the Constitution and whether B.C. needs a DRIPA policy. Because the presenters interpreted DRIPA differently, I left with more questions than answers. The fact that every party in the case is appealing suggests there are no easy solutions. This also appears to be another instance of the government passing legislation before adequately consulting those it will affect. Some presentations are available on the UBCM website: Understanding DRIPA: 2026 Plenary Session | Union of BC Municipalities

September 16, 2026

Village of Silverton BC Assessment Meeting 9:00am
We discussed how BC Assessment determines land values for each commercial parcel in Silverton. Commercial land and buildings are assessed differently from residential properties. BC Assessment also offers council presentations to explain the process.

UBCM Annual Meeting 9:00am-12:00pm

Delegates adopted the minutes, annual report, and financial statements, and appointed the auditors and Convention Committee. Keynote speaker Anna Maria Tremonti reflected on her career as a CBC television journalist. Delegates endorsed the first three resolutions: ER1, SR1, and SR2.

AKBLG Luncheon 12:00pm-1:30pm

The well-attended networking luncheon gave me an opportunity to speak with members of our local government association about the challenges they faced and their plans to address them. As the term was ending, many who did not plan to return in the fall shared farewells and words of wisdom.

Address by the Minister of State for Local Governments and Rural Communities 2:00pm-2:30pm

The Honorable Brittny Anderson highlighted local government successes and the challenges facing rural communities. Having travelled across B.C. and spoken with every community, she was able to bring their concerns back to the provincial government.

Cabinet Town Hall-Emergency Management 3:00pm-4:15pm

The panel included Ravi Parmar from the Ministry of Forests, Kelly Greene from the Ministry of Emergency Management and Climate Readiness, and Randene Neill from the Ministry of Water, Land and Resource Stewardship. They noted that initial attack crews kept 90% of this year's wildfires under four hectares. Because residents rely on mayors, councils, and staff for timely information and leadership, participants emphasized the need to continually improve communications. Delegates also called for renewed forest thinning and wildfire mitigation, especially near communities. They noted that the province-wide state of emergency harmed municipalities unaffected by wildfires by discouraging summer tourism, which many communities and businesses depend on year-round. The declaration did not provide additional firefighters or aircraft, as those resources were already available; instead, it was intended to reserve hotel rooms for evacuees, although the rooms were ultimately not needed. More thought needs to go into it before calling it in the future.

September 17, 2026

Address by the Leader of the Conservative Party of BC 8:35am-8:55am

Resolutions Session Continues 8:55am-11:15am
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I particularly enjoy the resolution sessions because proposals such as NR52—Active Transportation as a Core Ministry Policy prompt valuable discussion among both rural and urban delegates. NR52 calls for a formal, cross-departmental framework through which the Ministry of Transportation and Transit and regional districts

can align capital projects with active transportation priorities, coordinate funding and delivery, and strengthen accountability for rural transportation, safety, and community connectivity. The resolution would apply to the corridor between Silverton and New Denver and was endorsed by the membership.

This was the first year, in many years they were able to get through all the resolutions put forward.

Emergency Management Together 2:30pm-4:30pm

The presenter was Keith Preston, Executive Director for Policy for the Ministry of Emergency Management and Climate Readiness. He reviewed the new legislation coming in for EDMA (Emergency & Disaster Management Act) and how it pertains to local governments, First Nations and the Province. He explained how municipalities and regional districts must prepare a risk assessment and emergency management plan that considers existing hazards and potential emergencies that may arise from those hazards.

September 18, 2026
Installation of President Elect—Councilor Jenna Stoner of the District of Squamish

Address by the Premier—Following the Premier's address to delegates, outgoing UBCM President Cori Ramsy urged him not to call a snap provincial election during municipal elections, as doing so would undermine local democratic efforts. He then called it a week later.

Adjournment of UBCM - UBCM 2027 will be held in Whistler, BC from September 20-24.