Regional District of Central Kootenay

NORTH KOOTENAY LAKE SERVICES COMMITTEE

Open Meeting Agenda

**Date:** Monday, October 26, 2026

**Time:** 10:00 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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   **Meeting Time:**

   10:00 a.m. PDT

   **Join by Video:**

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   **Meeting ID:** 965 1068 6084
   **Meeting Password:** 511543

   **In-Person Location:**

   Village of Kaslo Council Chambers 413 4th Street, Kaslo

2. **CALL TO ORDER**

   Chair Hewat called the meeting to order at [Time] 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

**RECOMMENDATION:**

The agenda for the October 26, 2026 North Kootenay Lake Services Committee meeting be adopted as circulated.

## 5. RECEIPT OF MINUTES

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The August 17, 2026 North Kootenay Lake Services Committee minutes, have been received.

## 6. DELEGATE

### 6.1 Kaslo and Area Chamber of Commerce

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Alana Jenkins, Kaslo & Area Chamber of Commerce Administration Manager, will present the Kaslo and Area Chamber of Commerce budget.

The Kaslo and Area Chamber of Commerce 5-Year Forecasted Budget has been received.

### 6.2 Kaslo Search & Rescue

10 - 11

The Kaslo Search & Rescue's Alana Jenkins, Administrator and Franz Kocher, Treasurer, will present the Kaslo Search & Rescue Society budget.

The Kaslo Search & Rescue Society 2026 Year to Date and 5-Year Forecasted Budget , has been received.

### 6.3 Lardeau Valley LINKS

12 - 18

Chelsey Jones, LINKS Executive Director, will present the Lardeau Valley LINKS budget.

The Lardeau Valley LINKS 2026 Budget Summary, 2027 Budget and 5-Year Forecasted Budget, has been received.

### 6.4 Kaslo and District Library

19 - 30

Darlene Edwards, Library Director, will present the Kaslo and District Library budget.

The presentation regarding the Kaslo and District Library 2027–2031 Operating Budget has been received.

The Kaslo and District Library 5-Year Budget and Notes has been received.

## 7. OLD BUSINESS

### 7.1 Imagine Kootenay Membership - 2027

At the August 24, 2026 North Kootenay Lakes Services meeting, the Committee requests staff bring back this item to a future NKLSC meeting for discussion after Imagine Kootenay presents to Board as a delegation at the October 21, 2026 meeting.

## 8. STAFF REPORTS

### 8.1 Community Air-Quality Monitoring

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At the October 13, 2026 Village of Kaslo Council meeting, the following resolution was passed:

> *THAT the issue of community air-quality monitoring be referred to the [RDCK] North Kootenay Lake Services Committee to assess whether community-level monitoring would provide regional value, whether a regional or partnership-based approach is warranted, and what role, if any, member municipalities should have, with a report back to Council.*

The Village of Kaslo Staff Report dated October 13, 2026 from Robert Baker, Village of Kaslo Chief Administrative Officer, re: Community Air-Quality Monitoring and correspondence dated August 17, 2026 from Bill Wells, re: Purple Air, has been received.

### 8.2 For Information: Glacier Creek Regional Park Tenure

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The RDCK Staff Report dated October 26, 2026 from Mark Crowe, Regional Park Planner, re Glacier Creek Regional Park Tenure, has been received.

## 9. PUBLIC TIME

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

## 10. NEXT MEETING

The next North Kootenay Lake Services Committee meeting is scheduled for November 23, 2026 at 10:00 a.m.

## 11. ADJOURNMENT

**RECOMMENDATION:**

The [Name of Commission] meeting be adjourned at [Time].

# Regional District of Central Kootenay

## NORTH KOOTENAY LAKE SERVICES COMMITTEE

## Open Meeting Minutes

Monday, August 17, 2026
10:00 am
Hybrid Model - In-person and Remote

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| **COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT** | Director S. Hewat | Village of Kaslo – Chair |
| | Director A. Watson | Area D |
| **STAFF PRESENT** | S. Horn | Chief Administrative Officer |
| | D. Seguin | General Manager of Fire and Emergency Management Services |
| | D. Zayac | Regional Deputy Fire Chief |
| | T. Davison | General Manager of Community Services |
| | K. Calder | Regional Manager of Recreation & Client Services |
| | C. Hopkyns | Corporate Administration Coordinator |
| **KASLO STAFF PRESENT** | R. Baker | Village of Kaslo - CAO |

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**3. TRADITIONAL LANDS ACKNOWLEDGEMENT STATEMENT**

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**4. ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

Moved and seconded,
And Resolved:

The agenda for the August 17, 2026 North Kootenay Lake Services Committee meeting be adopted as circulated.

**Carried**

**5. RECEIPT OF MINUTES**

The April 13, 2026 North Kootenay Lake Services Committee minutes, have been received.

**6. STAFF REPORTS**

**6.1 Lease Agreement: Kaslo Fire Department and Kaslo Search and Rescue**

The Board Report from Dan Zayac, Regional Deputy Fire Chief, seeking Board approval to enter into a lease agreement with Kaslo Search And Rescue, has been received.

*At the July 16, 2026 Board meeting, the following motion was passed:*
*341/26 That the following recommendation BE REFERRED to the August 17, 2026 North Kootenay Lake Committee meeting:*
*That the Board approve the RDCK enter into a lease agreement with Kaslo Search And Rescue for shared use of the Kaslo Fire Hall's common areas, and lease of an office space for the period of 1 year, with an annual option to renew up to 5 years, and that the Chair and Corporate Officer be authorized to sign the necessary documents.*

Dan Zayac, Regional Deputy Fire Chief and Dan Seguin, General Manager of Fire and Emergency Management Services answered the Committee's questions regarding lease agreements.

The Committee discussed the changes to the lease agreement including the revision to the term from 1 year to 5 years. They shared that Kaslo Search and Rescue (KSAR) is reviewing the agreement now and will put forth recommendations if needed.

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

That the Board approve the RDCK enter into a lease agreement with Kaslo Search And Rescue for shared use of the Kaslo Fire Hall's common areas, and lease of an office space for the period of 5 year, and that the Chair and Corporate Officer be authorized to sign the necessary documents.

**Carried**

**6.2 For Information: Operational & Capital Grants – Community Halls**

The Committee Report dated August 17, 2026 from Trisha Davison, General Manager of Community Services, re: operational funding to community halls through Financial Services Grants, has been received.

Trisha Davison, General Manager of Community Services provided an overview to the Committee regarding the current process used to provide operational funding to community halls through Financial Services Grants and discussed the opportunities to enhance communication and engagement between the committee and recipient organizations. Staff answered the Committee's questions.

The Committee discussed inviting Community Hall representatives to attend the last two meetings of the year. The Committee agreed to schedule an additional meeting in December and rescheduling the November meeting would better accommodate the all the delegations.

Moved and seconded,
And Resolved:

That the November North Kootenay Lake meeting be rescheduled to November 23, 2026, and an additional meeting be scheduled on December 7, 2026.

**Carried**

**6.3 For Information: Glacier Creek Regional Park Tenure**

The Committee Report dated August 17, 2026 from Mark Crowe, Regional Park Planner, re: Glacier Creek Regional Park tenure agreement, has been received.

Trisha Davison, General Manager of Community Services and Kristi Calder, Regional

Manager of Recreation & Client Services, provided an overview to the Committee regarding the Glacier Creek Regional Park and the land tenure agreement. Staff answered the Committee's questions.

The Committee had a discussion regarding the complexity of Glacier Creek Regional Park and provided history on the area.

Staff will prepare background and budgeting information to bring back to the Committee.

**7. NEW BUSINESS**

**7.1 Imagine Kootenay Membership - 2027**

Chair Hewat requested a discussion regarding the 2027 Imagine Kootenay membership.

The Committee had a discussion regarding Imagine Kootenay and it's economic value to the Kaslo and Area D area.

**STAFF DIRECTION:** The Committee requests staff bring back this item to a future NKLSC meeting for discussion after Imagine Kootenay presents to Board as a delegation in the fall.

**8. PUBLIC TIME**

The Chair will call for questions from the public and members of the media at 11:04 a.m.

No public had questions.

**9. NEXT MEETING**

The next North Kootenay Lake Services Committee meeting is scheduled for October 26, 2026 at 10:00 a.m.

**10. ADJOURNMENT**

Moved and seconded,
And Resolved:

The North Kootenay Lake Services meeting be adjourned at 11:05 a.m.

**Carried**

Digitally Approved
_____
Suzan Hewat, Chair

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Christine Hopkyns, Meeting Coordinator

| Kaslo & Area Chamber of Commerce | 5 Year Forecast Budget beginning 2027 | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | | | | |
| | **Forecast 2027** | **Forecast 2028** | **Forecast 2029** | **Forecast 2030** | **Forecast 2031** |
| **Funding Revenue** | | | | | |
| Advertising Revenue | 2,200.00 | 2,250.00 | 2,400.00 | 2,500.00 | 2,500.00 |
| Chamber Group Insurance Commission | 2,750.00 | 2,800.00 | 2,900.00 | 3,100.00 | 3,100.00 |
| Chamber Cash Sales | 7,500.00 | 7,550.00 | 8,000.00 | 8,100.00 | 8,200.00 |
| Grants | 18,000.00 | 18,250.00 | 18,250.00 | 18,300.00 | 18,300.00 |
| Membership Revenue | 8,100.00 | 8,250.00 | 8,300.00 | 8,400.00 | 8,600.00 |
| Special Events Revenue | 16,000.00 | 16,250.00 | 16,250.00 | 17,000.00 | 17,000.00 |
| **Net Funding Revenue** | 54,550.00 | 55,350.00 | 56,100.00 | 57,400.00 | 57,700.00 |
| | | | | | |
| **Operating Expenses** | | | | | |
| Advertising Expenses | 1,700.00 | 1,750.00 | 1,800.00 | 1,800.00 | 1,800.00 |
| Banking/Credit Card Fees | 20.00 | 20.00 | 25.00 | 25.00 | 25.00 |
| Bookkeeping/Accounting Services | 2,000.00 | 2,050.00 | 2,100.00 | 2,100.00 | 2,100.00 |
| Chamber Cash Redemptions | 7,300.00 | 7,350.00 | 7,350.00 | 7,400.00 | 7,400.00 |
| Insurance | 1,600.00 | 1,650.00 | 1,675.00 | 1,700.00 | 1,700.00 |
| Membership Fees | 925.00 | 950.00 | 950.00 | 1,000.00 | 1,000.00 |
| Office expenses/supplies | 775.00 | 800.00 | 815.00 | 830.00 | 830.00 |
| Permits & Licenses | 390.00 | 400.00 | 400.00 | 410.00 | 410.00 |
| Professional Services | 23,000.00 | 23,500.00 | 24,000.00 | 25,000.00 | 25,500.00 |
| Special event expenses | 13,000.00 | 13,200.00 | 13,400.00 | 13,500.00 | 13,500.00 |
| Website | 2,000.00 | 3,000.00 | 3,200.00 | 3,200.00 | 3,300.00 |
| **Total Expenses** | **52,710.00** | **54,670.00** | **55,715.00** | **56,965.00** | **57,565.00** |
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| **Net Income/(Loss)** | 1,840.00 | 680.00 | 385.00 | 435.00 | 135.00 |

*October 19, 2026*

KSAR 2026 Year to Date

- 31 Active Members, 5 Members in Training
- Called out 43 times
    - Ground Search & Rescue – 14
    - Fire – 1
    - Flood – 2
    - Marine Search & Rescue – 6
    - Mountain Rescue – 6
    - Road Rescue – 13
    - Search Management – 1
- Responded as Mutual Aid for neighbouring teams 6 times.
- Team has logged over 5,800 volunteer hours in 2026 so far.
- Certifications in 2026 (as of October)
    - Advanced First Aid – 2 new, 5 renewed.
    - Avalanche Skills Training Level 2 – 10 new.
    - Basic First Aid – 3 renewed.
    - Canine Tracking Certification – 1 renewed.
    - Canine Wilderness Certification – 1 renewed.
    - Drone Aware – 4 new.
    - Extrication – 1 new, 14 renewed.
    - Ground Search and Rescue – 3 new.
    - Flat Ice Rescue Technician – 3 new.
    - Helicopter Hover Exit – 3 new, 18 renewed.
    - Helicopter Long Lining – 9 renewed.
    - Organized Avalanche Response Team Leader – 1 new.
    - Public Safety Lifeline SAR Leadership – 1 new.
    - Small Vessel Operator Proficiency – 3 new.
    - Swiftwater Aware – 3 new, 1 renewed.
    - Swiftwater Rescue Technician – 1 renewed.
- Community Events
    - Polar Dip
    - Winter in the Forest
    - Hartwood School Visit
    - Helicopter Rides
    - May Days Parade
    - Rubber Duck Race

| Kaslo Search and Rescue Society | 5 Year Budget Forecast Beginning 2027 | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | | | | |
| | **Forecast 2027** | **Forecast 2028** | **Forecast 2029** | **Forecast 2030** | **Forecast 2031** |
| **Savings - Interally Restricted for future Building Project** | 367,542.00 | 387,542.00 | | | |
| **Funding Revenue** | | | | | |
| Regional District Operating funds | 30,690.00 | 30,690.00 | 30,690.00 | 30,690.00 | 30,690.00 |
| BC SARA funding | 72,500.00 | 77,500.00 | 77,500.00 | 72,500.00 | 72,500.00 |
| EMCR Tasks | 61,000.00 | 62,000.00 | 62,500.00 | 63,000.00 | 64,000.00 |
| Donations/Fundraising | 10,000.00 | 26,300.00 | 12,000.00 | 8,000.00 | 8,000.00 |
| Grants | 113,000.00 | 348,000.00 | 95,000.00 | 80,000.00 | 80,000.00 |
| **Total Funding Revenue** | **654,732.00** | **932,032.00** | **277,690.00** | **254,190.00** | **255,190.00** |
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| **Equipment Purchases** | | | | | |
| Search and Rescue Equipment Purchases | 21,000.00 | 22,000.00 | 22,000.00 | 23,000.00 | 23,000.00 |
| Road Rescue Equipment Purchases | 11,000.00 | 11,000.00 | 11,000.00 | 11,000.00 | 11,000.00 |
| New SAR Building | 20,000.00 | 750,000.00 | 75,000.00 | 30,000.00 | 15,000.00 |
| **Total Equipment Purchases** | 52,000.00 | 783,000.00 | 108,000.00 | 64,000.00 | 49,000.00 |
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| **Equipment Maintenance** | | | | | |
| Search and Rescue Equipment Maintenance | 4,100.00 | 4,200.00 | 5,000.00 | 6,000.00 | 6,500.00 |
| Road Rescue Equipment Maintenance | 3,690.00 | 3,690.00 | 3,690.00 | 3,690.00 | 3,690.00 |
| **Total Equipment Maintenance** | 7,790.00 | 7,890.00 | 8,690.00 | 9,690.00 | 10,190.00 |
| | | | | | |
| **Training Expenses** | | | | | |
| Search and Rescue Training Expenses | 55,000.00 | 57,000.00 | 60,000.00 | 63,000.00 | 64,000.00 |
| Road Rescue Training Expenses | 17,000.00 | 17,500.00 | 18,000.00 | 18,000.00 | 18,000.00 |
| **Total Training Expenses** | 72,000.00 | 74,500.00 | 78,000.00 | 81,000.00 | 82,000.00 |
| | | | | | |
| **General Operating Expenses** | | | | | |
| Administration | 4,975.00 | 5,000.00 | 5,400.00 | 6,000.00 | 6,000.00 |
| Professional Services | 17,000.00 | 20,000.00 | 19,000.00 | 20,000.00 | 21,000.00 |
| Operations & Response | 24,850.00 | 25,000.00 | 35,000.00 | 37,000.00 | 38,000.00 |
| Events | 7,400.00 | 7,500.00 | 7,500.00 | 7,600.00 | 7,600.00 |
| Insurance | 8,000.00 | 8,100.00 | 15,000.00 | 16,000.00 | 16,500.00 |
| **Total General & Administration Expense** | 62,225.00 | 65,600.00 | 81,900.00 | 86,600.00 | 89,100.00 |
| | | | | | |
| **Total Expenses** | **194,015.00** | **930,990.00** | **276,590.00** | **241,290.00** | **230,290.00** |
| **Net Income/(Loss)** | **460,717.00** | **1,042.00** | **1,100.00** | **12,900.00** | **24,900.00** |

# Lardeau Valley Marketfest

## 2026 Summary

Lardeau Valley LINKS hosted 4 Marketfest events between May and August 2026. Each market featured a unique theme, and an opportunity for a vendor's market. The June, July and August events were scheduled for Friday evenings, and featured a dinner, live music and a raffle featuring locally made products. All four events took place at the Argenta Community Hall, where the necessary amenities were available.

The May event was unique, in that it was advertised as a community garage sale and took place on a Saturday. Vendors could either bring their wares to the Argenta Hall to sell, or host independent residential garage sales which would be advertised alongside the Marketfest event. There were 13 vendors at this event, but only one resident reached out to advertise an independent garage sale. Attendance was mediocre, and sales for garage sale vendors were low. However, a vendor selling coffee and bedding plants reported sales above $500.

Despite early advertisement and date announcements, the June/July/August events had minimal vendor uptake. To avoid disappointed attendees expecting a market, we pivoted these events to focus instead on the dinner and live music components. These were scheduled to take place on Friday evenings from 4-7pm, and vendors were welcome to participate. The June/July events were well attended, the food vendor was very successful and the demographic represented the Lardeau Valley widely. The August event was postponed due to vendor illness, resulting in a later event on Saturday, August 29th from 5-8pm. Unfortunately, this event was less well attended.

Ultimately, we only had two recurring vendors, Au Soleil Levant and Lynseed, who we solicited feedback from at each event, so no vendor survey was administered.

## Marketfest Reflections

**Location, Dates & Time**

Although the sample size is small, the two Friday early evening events were well attended compared to Saturday events. This aligns with our experience in the 2025 season. The earlier time caters to our significant elder demographic; the 5-8pm market

had few customers arrive past 7pm.  The Argenta Hall's amenities were well used, and invaluable once the focus of the events pivoted to dinner and live music.

**Themes**

Excluding the community garage sale, themes of the events largely seemed irrelevant. For instance, we had a board game themed event but few board games were used.

**Music**

Live music was appreciated, but often served as background music for the dinner.

**Food Vendor**

A scheduled, paid and reliable food vendor offering a hearty meal to attendees was the draw for these events and key to good attendance.  In a rural and remote community with few and infrequent options for a unique dining experience, this component was highly valued.

**Vendor's Market**

The market had two recurring vendors, Au Soleil Levant and Lynseed.  The August market featured a Lardeau Valley Collective Table, with three additional vendors. Unfortunately the August event was so poorly attended it remains unclear if the collective table would have been a success at other, better attended events.  At this point, there seems to be minimal interest in a vendor's market, both by vendors and attendees.  That said, when vendors had in demand products, they did well (ex. Lynseed with her bedding plants and coffee).

**Prizes**

Prizes were purchased from local businesses unable to attend the market, including our brick-and-mortar store the Meadow Creek Store, and services like workshops and yoga. Again, they were appreciated but not key to attendance. Businesses from which prizes in 2026 were purchased were: Meadow Creek Bar + Grill, Meadow Creek Store, Andrea Lake Ceramics, Kootenay Mountain Apiary, HelloSpirit Yoga, Rose Temple Garden, Ingrid Cooper Purses, Argenta Community Workshop.

# LVMF 2026 Suggestions

Although these events are appreciated by the community and there is value in fostering community connection, they are not fulfilling their role in economic development for the

Lardeau Valley at this time.  If we were to continue these events, here are some suggestions:

**Frequency:** Reducing frequency to two or three events seems more sustainable.  Early season and late season marketfests have generally been poorly attended, suggesting a window between mid June and mid August.

**Location:** We would continue to advocate for the Argenta Hall.  It has every amenity needed to create a successful event and makes set up and service easy and stress free.

**Time:** Fridays from 4-7pm were well-attended.  By Saturday, people seemed focused on their weekend plans.  Later into the evening appeared to be a barrier for elder community members.  If we did the garage sale again, we would make that a shorter event, vs the 4 hour event it was this year.

**Planning & Advertising:** Early advertising and date setting was beneficial for organizing these events. We first advertised the marketfest dates in March, two months in advance of the first event in May.  The events were frequently advertised on community poster boards, the LINKS newsletter, and on social media community pages.

**Food Vendor Strategy:** Having a reliable and consistent food vendor was invaluable in attracting attendees.

**Prizes:**  Prizes allow us to interact with local businesses that are not attending as vendors and attendees.  A welcome addition, and a way to include local brick and mortar businesses and services.

**Music:** Music was appreciated and would be missed if absent.  A challenge of booking music is the availability of local musicians.  With fewer events, this would be resolved.

**Market Themes:** These do not seem to matter.

# Conclusion:

These events are appreciated by the community, and act as a catalyst for gathering and connection, which is necessary and valuable in a rural, remote and aging community. Local businesses are supported and engaged through these events, with prizes, catering, local music and vending opportunities; however, they have not fulfilled their economic development goals, and vendor participation has been minimal. The balance between the cost of these events, and the economic development benefit they provide the community remains in question.

We would be happy to continue the Marketfest events, as although they may not be an economic driver, they are highly valued by the community.  Budget would be as follows:

| | 2026 Budget | 2026 Actuals | 2027 Budget |
|---|---|---|---|
| Admin | $700 | $700 | $700 |
| Coordination | $3,000 | $2800 | $3500 |
| Venue Rental | $800 | $800 | $800 |
| Entertainment/Sound | $1,000 | $1250 | $1,250 |
| Music equipment rental | $1,000 | $1500 | $1,500 |
| LV Coupons | $800 | $300 | $0 |
| Door Prizes | $800 | $710 | $600 |
| Refreshments | $800 | $674 | $600 |
| **Totals:** | **$8900** | **$8734** | **$8,950** |
| | | | |
| | | | |
| **Income** | **2026 Budget** | **2026 Actuals** | **2027 Budget** |
| Donations | $300 | $150 | $150 |
| NKLSC Financial Services Grant/Economic Development grant | $6,800 | $6800 | $6,800 |
| LINKS | $300 | 300 | $500 |
| CBT Sponsorship | $1500 | $1500 | $1,500 |
| **Totals:** | **$8900** | **$8750** | **$8,950** |

However, if the primary goal of the NKLSC for these funds is economic development, given our findings, we propose the NKLS Committee consider pivoting these funds to a modified, multi-pronged economic development project from LINKS.

# Alternative To Marketfest

**Micro grants:** Micro grants are a direct and simple way to contribute to local businesses and support economic development in the Lardeau Valley. This is our top recommendation to directly support practical improvements for local businesses, entrepreneurs, and self-employed residents to strengthen their operations and contribute to the local economy.

Local businesses would apply to LINKS for a one-time microgrant to assist with a concrete component of their business. Examples would include new signage, website development, branding, attending a workshop, equipment upgrades, etc. Businesses would submit applications, and LINKS would assemble a committee to vet the proposals and distribute the funds.

Not only would these grants financially support our local businesses, but also provide a glimpse into the kind of support local businesses are seeking. For example, if many businesses would like a grant to attend a bookkeeping workshop, we could recognize this knowledge gap and address it by organizing a local workshop on the topic.

The proposed microgrant program would be subject to confirmation of funding eligibility and approval by the NKLS Committee, with transparent application and selection criteria established by LINKS.

**Business "Walk" Survey:** Concurrent to the micro-grants, LINKS would conduct a business survey to further collect information from local businesses and services to better understand their current circumstances, challenges, opportunities, and priorities. The survey will gather information on business activity, employment, workforce needs, barriers to growth, and the types of support that would be most beneficial.

The Business Survey will be designed as an annual initiative, allowing LINKS to establish baseline economic indicators, monitor changes over time, and better target future economic-development projects toward areas of greatest need and impact.

As LINKS annually contacts local businesses to update our business directory, additional coordination expenses for this project will be predominantly around designing the survey and compiling the results, making it a high-impact but efficient endeavour.

**Buy Local Sticker Campaign:** To continue engaging with the community on supporting local businesses, we will design a buy Lardeau Valley Local sticker for local producers to put on their products.  Community members will collect these stickers and be eligible for a locally sourced prize once they collect 5. A small pilot on this project in 2026 has already seen enthusiastic uptake by local producers.

**Community Dinner and Music Events:** Given the appreciation by the community of the June and July Community Dinner and Music events, we will continue these on a smaller scale, offering two events.  At these events, we will award the prizes for the Buy Local Sticker Campaign and support local vendors, musicians, and food providers.

Together, these projects will provide both immediate benefits to local businesses and a stronger foundation for long-term, community-informed economic development in the

Lardeau Valley, while engaging the community in a positive way towards supporting the local economy.

**2027 Revised Budget:**

**Expenses:**

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Admin | | $450 |
| **Microgrants** | Coordination | $650 |
| | Grants (6x$500) | $3000 |
| **Business Survey** | Coordination | $1000 |
| | Printing | $100 |
| **Buy Local Sticker Campaign** | Printing stickers | $200 |
| | Promotion | $100 |
| | Prizes | $300 |
| | Coordination | $200 |
| **Community Dinner** | Music and Sound | $1600 |
| | Venue Rental | $400 |
| | Refreshments | $400 |
| | Coordination | $550 |
| **Total:** | | **$8950** |

**Revenue:**

| | |
|---|---|
| Donations: | $150 |
| NKLSC Financial Services Grant/Economic Development grant | $6800 |
| LINKS | $500 |
| CBT Sponsorship Grant | $1500 |
| **Total** | **$8950** |

| LINKS Multi-Year Budget - 2027-2031 | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Years** | **2027** | **2028** | **2029** | **2030** | **2031** |
| Consolidated | | | | | |
| **Income** | | | | | |
| Admin Cost Recovery From Projects | $17,600 | $19,360 | $21,300 | $23,500 | $25,850 |
| Operating Grants | $46,593 | $47,240 | $50,237 | $50,723 | $54,125 |
| LINKS discretionary - uncategorized income | $5,000 | $5,000 | $5,000 | $5,000 | $5,000 |
| **Total Income** | **$69,193** | **$71,600** | **$76,537** | **$79,223** | **$84,975** |
| **Expense** | | | | | |
| Bank charges | $155 | $170 | $185 | $205 | $225 |
| Bookkeeping | $2,010 | $2,060 | $2,110 | $2,165 | $2,380 |
| Accounting | $2,500 | $2,500 | $2,500 | $2,500 | $2,500 |
| Insurance/WorkSafe | $3,195 | $3,515 | $3,870 | $4,250 | $4,675 |
| Meeting expenses | $605 | $665 | $730 | $805 | $885 |
| Memberships and Subscriptions | $2,460 | $2,705 | $2,975 | $3,270 | $3,600 |
| Office Expenses and Supplies | $1,760 | $1,935 | $2,130 | $2,340 | $2,575 |
| Subcontracts - Admin | $37,600 | $38,600 | $41,450 | $42,500 | $45,690 |
| Subcontracts - Projects | $11,288 | $11,570 | $12,438 | $12,749 | $13,700 |
| Tech Support | $660 | $730 | $800 | $890 | $980 |
| Training and development | $1,100 | $1,200 | $1,300 | $1,400 | $1,500 |
| Travel | $860 | $950 | $1,050 | $1,150 | $1,265 |
| Unanticipated Expense | $5,000 | $5,000 | $5,000 | $5,000 | $5,000 |
| **Total Expense** | **$69,193** | **$71,600** | **$76,538** | **$79,224** | **$84,975** |

Kaslo & District PUBLIC LIBRARY

# 2027–2031 Operating Budget

Delegation to the North Kootenay Lake Services Committee

RDCK & Village of Kaslo | October 26, 2026

# Our 2027 operating plan

A balanced proposal, with a significant funding dependency

**$209,711**

Proposed revenue and expenditures

**$40,000**

Anticipated grants not yet secured

**19.1%**

Share of budget dependent on these grants

**The proposed budget balances only if anticipated revenue is realized.**

# Where the $40,000 comes from

These are planned revenues—not confirmed awards

## $16,000

### Other Grant Income

Includes anticipated Canada Summer Jobs and Osprey Community Foundation support

## $24,000

### New Grant Income

Anticipated BC Community Gaming Grant funding

Grant restrictions matter: not every grant dollar can be redirected to core operations.

# What is at risk if grants are unsuccessful?

Service reductions would be considered to keep expenditures within available funding

## Public opening hours

Fewer staffed hours and reduced community access

## Programs & events

Fewer activities and community opportunities

## Staffing capacity

Less flexibility for coverage and service delivery

## Technology replacement

Further delay replacing computers now 5–9 years old

# Technology is an essential service

Aging equipment affects public access and daily operations

## 5–9 years

Current age of some library computers

2027 technology budget

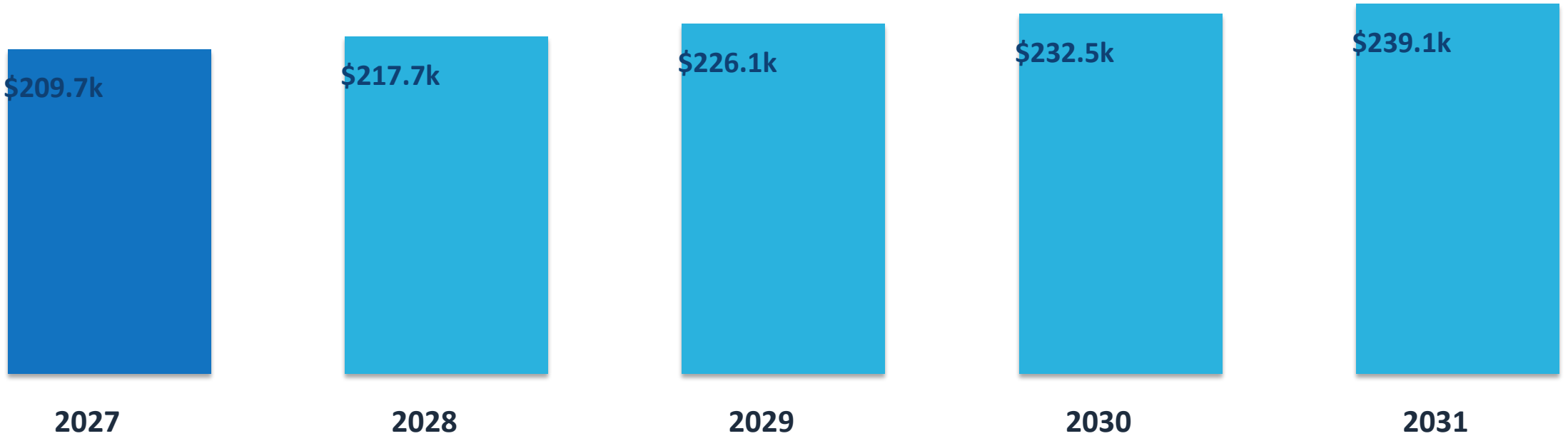
## $5,000

Planned replacement and upgrades would be deferred if funding is insufficient.

**Technology supports both public computer access and reliable staff services.**

# Five-year financial outlook

The proposed plan assumes continued funding growth and successful grant applications




Projected revenue and expenditures are equal in each year; this does not guarantee the funding will be received.

# 2027 funding contingency

The message accompanying the proposed budget

**The proposed 2027 operating budget is balanced at $209,711; however, it includes $40,000 in anticipated grant revenue that has not yet been secured.**

If anticipated funding is not received, the Library will review and reduce expenditures. Potential impacts include public opening hours, staffing, programs and events, and replacement of aging technology.

**Grant funding is not a reliable substitute for sustainable core operating support.**

# Our priorities for 2027

Maintaining access while managing uncertainty

| | |
|---|---|
| **Maintain core services** | Protect predictable public access and essential staffing |
| **Continue grant applications** | Support youth employment, programming and special initiatives |
| **Plan technology renewal** | Replace aging equipment as resources permit |

**We value our partnership with the RDCK and Village of Kaslo.**

# Thank you

Questions and discussion

**Kaslo & District Public Library**

# Kaslo & District Public Library Operating Budget

| APPROVED 2026-10-20 | 2027 | 2028 | 2029 | 2030 | 2031 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **ESTIMATED INCOME** | | | | | |
| Donations & Fundraising | 300.00 | 350.00 | 400.00 | 500.00 | 550.00 |
| Library Services | 4,600.00 | 4,600.00 | 4,600.00 | 4,600.00 | 4,600.00 |
| Interest | 900.00 | 900.00 | 900.00 | 900.00 | 900.00 |
| **GRANTS** | | | | | |
| Other Grant Income[1] | 16,000.00 | 16,750.00 | 17,500.00 | 18,250.00 | 19,000.00 |
| NEW Grant Income[2] | 24,000.00 | 24,000.00 | 24,000.00 | 24,000.00 | 24,000.00 |
| Prov. B.C. Equity Grant ǂ | 2,400.00 | 2,400.00 | 2,400.00 | 2,400.00 | 2,400.00 |
| Prov. B.C. Resource sharing ǂ | 3,500.00 | 3,500.00 | 3,500.00 | 3,500.00 | 3,500.00 |
| Prov. B.C. One Card grant ǂ | 6,350.00 | 6,350.00 | 6,350.00 | 6,350.00 | 6,350.00 |
| Prov. B.C. Operating grant ǂ | 7,427.00 | 7,427.00 | 7,427.00 | 7,427.00 | 7,427.00 |
| RDCK and Village of Kaslo[3] | 144,234.00 | 151,446.00 | 159,018.00 | 164,584.00 | 170,345.00 |
| | $209,711.00 | $217,723.00 | $226,095.00 | $232,511.00 | $239,072.00 |
| **ESTIMATED EXPENDITURES** | | | | | |
| Advertising & Promotion | 500.00 | 500.00 | 500.00 | 500.00 | 500.00 |
| Argenta Library | 1,120.00 | 1,120.00 | 1,120.00 | 1,120.00 | 1,120.00 |
| Bank Charges | 150.00 | 150.00 | 150.00 | 150.00 | 150.00 |
| Board & AGM | 700.00 | 700.00 | 750.00 | 750.00 | 750.00 |
| Bookkeeping, Accounting & Legal | 4,845.00 | 4,940.00 | 5,040.00 | 5,140.00 | 5,240.00 |
| Collection Development | 13,660.00 | 14,000.00 | 15,500.00 | 15,500.00 | 15,500.00 |
| Insurance (includes D&O) | 3,200.00 | 3,250.00 | 3,300.00 | 3,350.00 | 3,400.00 |
| Maintenance & Repairs | 6,800.00 | 7,000.00 | 7,200.00 | 7,400.00 | 7,600.00 |
| Membership | 900.00 | 920.00 | 940.00 | 960.00 | 980.00 |
| Lease[4] | 6,996.00 | 7,206.00 | 7,422.00 | 7,645.00 | 7,874.00 |
| Office/Lib Supplies & postage | 6,189.00 | 6,375.00 | 6,566.00 | 6,763.00 | 6,996.00 |
| Technology[9] | 5,000.00 | 6,000.00 | 6,000.00 | 6,000.00 | 6,000.00 |
| Telephone, Internet, Copier | 3,600.00 | 3,708.00 | 3,819.00 | 3,934.00 | 4,052.00 |
| Training & Professional Dev. | 1,900.00 | 1,900.00 | 2,000.00 | 2,100.00 | 2,200.00 |
| Wages +Vac & Stat Pay[5] | 118,808.00 | 120,087.00 | 123,690.00 | 127,400.00 | 131,222.00 |
| Wage Expense -CPP,EI, WCB, BEN[6] | 18,580.00 | 19,026.00 | 19,681.00 | 20,329.00 | 21,000.00 |
| Youth Wage Expenses[7] | 14,763.00 | 15,500.00 | 16,500.00 | 17,250.00 | 18,000.00 |
| Programs & Events[8] | 1,000.00 | 3,341.00 | 3,917.00 | 4,220.00 | 4,488.00 |
| Contingency Fund | 1,000.00 | 2,000.00 | 2,000.00 | 2,000.00 | 2,000.00 |
| | $209,711.00 | $217,723.00 | $226,095.00 | $232,511.00 | $239,072.00 |
| SURPLUS/(DEFICIT) | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |

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5-Year Budget 2026-2031 Approved October 20, 2026 by email motion

**2027 Funding Contingency**

The proposed 2027 operating budget is balanced at $209,711; however, it includes $40,000 in anticipated grant revenue that has not yet been secured.

The Library continues to rely on grants, donations and community partnerships to supplement its core operating funding and maintain current service levels.

If anticipated grant funding is not received, the Library will be required to review and reduce expenditures, potentially including reductions to public opening hours, staffing, programs and community events. Planned replacement of aging technology, including computers currently 5–9 years old, would also need to be deferred.

The Library will continue to pursue available grant opportunities; however, grant funding is not a reliable substitute for sustainable core operating support.

Thank you for your assistance in preparing the agenda and for including this important context alongside the budget.

**Notes to the 5-Year Budget**

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Village of Kaslo

# STAFF REPORT

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| MEETING DATE: | October 13, 2026 | FILE No: | 5280-20 |
| TO: | Mayor and Council | | |
| FROM: | Robert Baker, Chief Administrative Officer | | |
| SUBJECT: | Community Air-Quality Monitoring | | |
| DATE WRITTEN: | September 11, 2026 | | |

## 1.0 PURPOSE:

The purpose of this report is to seek Council direction on a request for community air-quality monitoring and to recommend that the matter be referred to the Regional District of Central Kootenay (RDCK) for regional assessment. The referral, if responded to by the RDCK, would provide Council with a better understanding of the potential public value, geographic coverage, partnership opportunities and regional service-delivery options before the Village commits resources.

## 2.0 RECOMMENDATION:

THAT the issue of community air-quality monitoring be referred to the Regional District of Central Kootenay to assess whether community-level monitoring would provide regional value, whether a regional or partnership-based approach is warranted, and what role, if any, member municipalities should have, with a report back to Council.

## 3.0 BACKGROUND:

The Village received correspondence asking Council to consider acquiring a community air-quality sensor so residents could access localized information, particularly during wildfire-smoke events. A Council member subsequently provided a memorandum advancing the request for Council's consideration and identifying environmental stewardship and improved local information as potential benefits. Council referred the matter to staff for further review and report, including the proposed equipment, Canadian availability, cost, siting, data access, maintenance, public communication and responsibility for operation.

The equipment proposed through the correspondence is the PurpleAir Classic Plus, an outdoor Wi-Fi-enabled, low-cost sensor designed primarily to measure fine particulate matter (PM2.5). When connected to continuous power and Wi-Fi, readings can be displayed on PurpleAir's publicly accessible online map. The sensor can provide hyperlocal information about particulate concentrations associated with smoke and dust, but it is not a regulatory monitor and does not provide the complete Air Quality Health Index. The equipment is available by direct purchase from the United States; the base sensor and outdoor power supply are currently listed at a combined minimum of US$284 before exchange, shipping, taxes, duties, mounting, connectivity, installation and staff time.

Staff also reviewed how similar equipment is used elsewhere. The Town of Comox hosts sensors at municipal facilities through a regional initiative supported by the Comox Valley Regional District and external grant funding. The City of Courtenay participates in the broader Comox Valley monitoring network and provides public access to the information. These examples demonstrate that municipalities may contribute locations and public communication while acquisition, network planning, technical support or funding is coordinated regionally or through external partners.

Air quality is influenced by conditions that cross municipal boundaries, and the Village does not currently provide air-quality monitoring as a service. The RDCK has regional environmental, climate, emergency-management and partnership resources that may provide an appropriate context for considering whether additional monitoring would add value, whether it could fit within an existing program or service, and whether municipalities should be offered an opportunity to participate. The referral proposed in this report is intended to obtain that regional perspective.

**4.0 DISCUSSION:**

The Village does not currently provide air-quality monitoring as a municipal service and does not have comprehensive bylaws or policies governing environmental monitoring. Proceeding independently would therefore involve more than purchasing equipment; it would require Council to define the purpose and scope of the activity, assign responsibility, establish operating and communications practices, and provide ongoing funding. The RDCK has regional environmental, climate, emergency-management and partnership resources and is better positioned to consider whether this issue could be addressed through an existing service, program or partnership, with municipalities choosing whether to participate where applicable.

The proposed PurpleAir Classic Plus could provide residents with easily accessible, hyperlocal PM2.5 readings during wildfire-smoke or localized wood-smoke events. This information may supplement wider-area monitoring where local conditions differ. However, the sensor would measure only part of the air-quality picture, would not provide a complete AQHI, and would not replace federal or provincial monitoring, forecasts, warnings or health advice. Its value would depend on whether the readings address a demonstrated information gap and whether residents, health agencies or emergency-management partners would use them to make meaningful decisions.

A viable monitoring arrangement would require a clear service model, intended users and geographic coverage. Siting would need to account for representative conditions, continuous power and Wi-Fi, and staff access. Responsibilities would also need to be assigned for account management, routine checks and inspections, component replacement, outages, website content and public inquiries. Public messaging would need to make clear that the readings are informational, may be affected by local conditions or equipment interruptions, and should not be treated as regulatory data or complete health advice. A single location may not represent conditions throughout Kaslo or the wider region.

The Comox Valley examples show that municipalities can host sensors and provide public access while regional bodies and external partners support funding, network design or technical coordination. This model may be more appropriate than separate stand-alone municipal installations because air quality crosses municipal boundaries and a coordinated network may provide more representative information. Referral to the RDCK would allow it to assess the regional information gap, intended users, expected public or operational benefit, relationship to existing monitoring, geographic coverage, potential partners, lifecycle costs and responsibilities, including whether the matter could fit within an existing service, program, study or partnership. The RDCK could determine that no further action is warranted or identify an appropriate regional response. The referral would not commit the Village or the RDCK to a particular outcome, and any future Village participation would return to Council for separate consideration. Pending that review, the Village would continue directing residents to federal and provincial AQHI, WeatherCAN, smoke-forecast, warning and health-advice services and would not establish a municipal monitoring service.

**5.0 OPTIONS:**

[Recommendation is indicated in **bold**. Implications are in *italics*.]

1. **THAT the issue of community air-quality monitoring be referred to the Regional District of Central Kootenay to assess the regional information need, potential public value, geographic coverage,**

**partnership opportunities and whether the matter could be addressed through an existing service or program, with a report back to Council.**

*This option obtains a regional assessment and allows consideration of existing programs, regional coordination and partnerships before the Village commits resources or creates a new service.*

2. THAT staff develop a detailed proposal for a two-year Village pilot using one outdoor PM2.5 sensor, including location, cost, funding source, staff responsibilities, maintenance plan, public communications, evaluation criteria and proposed termination or renewal process, for Council's consideration before purchase.

   *This option would preserve the possibility of a limited Village initiative but would require further work before Council commits funds. It would add staff workload and require Council to define a municipal service framework, while one sensor would still provide incomplete and potentially non-representative information.*

3. This report be received as information only and no further action be taken.

   *This option would avoid new costs and responsibilities and rely on existing federal and provincial monitoring, forecasts, warnings and health advice. It would not obtain a regional assessment or determine whether a partnership or existing RDCK program could address the request.*

## 6.0 FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS:

The recommended referral to the RDCK does not authorize any Village expenditure or commit the Village to participate in a future initiative. Any costs arising from the RDCK's review or from a possible response through an existing service, program or partnership would need to be identified through that process and brought back to Council before the Village commits funding.

For context, the proposed PurpleAir Classic Plus is listed at US$239, with an outdoor power supply listed at US$45. The resulting minimum equipment subtotal is US$284 before exchange-rate impacts, shipping, duties, taxes, mounting materials, electrical or network work, installation and staff time. Replacement laser counters are listed at US$55 per pair and have an expected life of approximately two years.

If the Village is asked to participate in a regional program, the financial assessment should address the number and location of sensors, delivered equipment and installation costs, power and connectivity, staff monitoring and inspections, component replacement, public communications, technical support and long-term funding.

## 7.0 LEGISLATION, POLICY, BYLAW CONSIDERATIONS:

Legislation

Council may refer the matter to the RDCK by resolution under section 122 of the *Community Charter*. The referral would request information and regional consideration only. If the RDCK later identifies an approach through an existing service, program or partnership, or proposes a new initiative involving the Village, the applicable statutory authority, approvals, costs and participation requirements would be assessed at that time and brought back to Council. Sections 8(2) and 23(1) of the *Community Charter*, relating to municipal services and agreements with public authorities, would become relevant only if the Village later proposes to provide, fund or formally participate in monitoring.

Bylaw

No Village bylaw has been identified that directly governs whether the Village should acquire, host, operate, or publicly report from community air-quality monitoring equipment.

Policy

No Village policy has been identified that directly governs environmental monitoring requests of this kind. The Village currently lacks an environmental policy framework, meaning Council decisions on these requests are being made case-by-case.

**8.0 STRATEGIC PRIORITIES:**

Council's 2026 Strategic Priorities identify Environmental Stewardship as a partnership area involving Ktunaxa, the RDCK and the Province, with a focus on Kootenay Lake and Kaslo Bay. Community air-quality monitoring is not identified as a current Council priority, staff assignment or future project. Referring the matter to the RDCK is consistent with Council's partnership approach to environmental stewardship and allows the issue to be considered regionally without adding an unplanned Village service or staff assignment.

**9.0 EXTERNAL COMMUNICATIONS:**

If Council supports the recommendation, staff will forward the correspondence and this report to the RDCK and request that its findings be reported back to Council.

**10.0 PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

The correspondence for action is attached for Council's reference.

**11.0 OTHER CONSIDERATIONS:**

None to report.

**RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED:**
Robert Baker
Chief Administrative Officer

Attachments:

1. Correspondence for Action - Air Quality Monitoring

Village of Kaslo

# CORRESPONDENCE FOR ACTION

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| MEETING DATE: | September 8, 2026 | FILE No: | 0550-20 |
| SUBJECT: | Air Quality Monitoring | | |
| SUBMITTED BY | Councillor Brown | | |

## 1.0 RECCOMENDATION

THAT the Village purchase an air quality sensor to better measure air quality in our community for the information of our citizens and to help protect their health.

## 2.0 SUMMARY:

There is a citizens science web site called Purple Air that presents air quality readings detected by sensors that can be purchased at a relatively low price via the site. The site has an app that is free.

At the moment there are numerous sensors located in many locations around the world that are shown when viewed on the site's interactive map. However, there are few on Kootenay Lake north of Nelson, and currently the one someone in Fletcher Creek has is the furthest north in our valley.

I would like the Village of Kaslo to consider purchasing one; it would benefit all of our citizens by providing accurate local air quality data plus adding to the larger accumulation and presentation of air quality data that provides the "bigger picture". The price of a sensor unit is approximately US$300.

## 3.0 REQUESTED TIMELINE

Particularly if your recommendation requires a staff report or project proposal, please indicate your requested turnaround time based on the criteria below:

| Level | Criteria | Staff Turnaround Time |
|---|---|---|
| ☒ Non-urgent | ▪ All other work | 6-12 months |

## 4.0 STRATEGIC PRIORITIES

If applicable, check one or more topic that aligns with this motion, and indicate the Strategic Priority from the dropdown list:

| Advocacy/Partnerships |
|---|
| ☒ Environmental Stewardship |

## 5.0 ALTERNATIVES:

1. Receive as information only.
2. THAT the memo titled Air Quality Monitoring and dated September 8, 2026, be referred to staff for further review and report.

   *Staff will determine if the nature of the work warrants a project proposal or a staff report, and will consider feasibility, resources, timeline, strategic priority alignment, and legislative analysis.*

Attachments:

1. Letter from Bill Wells regarding Air Quality Monitoring, dated August 18, 2026.

**From:** Wells Thomson
**Sent:** August 17, 2026 10:40 AM
**To:** Admin Mailbox
**Subject:** Purple Air?

**Follow Up Flag:** Follow up
**Flag Status:** Completed

Good morning,

There is a citizens science web site called Purple Air that presents air quality readings detected by sensors that can be purchased at a relatively low price via the site. The site has an app that is free.

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Yours truly,
Bill Wells,
[redacted]

# Committee Report – For Information

*October 26, 2026*

## Glacier Creek Regional Park Tenure

| | |
|---|---|
| **Author:** | Mark Crowe, Regional Park Planner |
| **File Reference:** | 7015-20-GCRP |
| **Electoral Area/Municipality:** | Electoral Area D |
| **Services Impacted** | S221 - Community Facility Recreation & Parks-Kaslo and Area |

## 1.0 PURPOSE OF REPORT

The purpose of this report is to update the Committee on staff's work to inform options for resolving the expired tenure agreement at Glacier Creek Regional Park.

## 2.0 BACKGROUND AND UDPATE

In the staff report titled "Glacier Creek Regional Park Tenure," presented to the North Kootenay Lake Services Committee on August 17, 2026, the Committee was advised that staff were conducting background work to address the expired tenure agreement for Glacier Creek Regional Park. Until a long-term solution is identified and secured, RDCK park activities should remain limited to routine maintenance activities, and certain capital improvement projects may need to be deferred.

Since the last meeting, staff have compiled and reviewed information to develop a more comprehensive understanding of the park's history, assets, and tenure arrangements. Additional work to be pursued includes:

1. An RDCK GIS photogrammetry flight.
2. A review of key park events and asset development.
3. Researching options for Crown land tenure.
4. A review of the Duncan Reservoir Water Order.
5. Initial discussions with BC Hydro staff.

This work will help clarify the park's history, tenure considerations, operational constraints, and future opportunities. The photogrammetry flight will produce detailed mapping to support future tenure discussions and park management decisions.

## 3.0 NEXT STEPS AND TIMELINE

The photogrammetry flight is anticipated to be completed in fall 2026 when leaf-off conditions provide improved visibility, and before winter snow accumulation. Staff will also continue background research and meet with BC Hydro representatives over the coming weeks.

Staff will present a summary of findings to the Committee at a future meeting to support informed discussion regarding future budget and capital planning priorities. At this time, staff are seeking Committee input on

whether there are additional information sources, historical context, stakeholders, or research areas that should be considered as part of this initial review.

Respectfully submitted,

Mark Crowe, Regional Park Planner

## CONCURRENCE

Chief Administrative Officer – Stuart Horn Approved
General Manager Community Services – Trisha Davison Approved
Regional Manager - Recreation & Client Services – Kristi Calder Approved
Regional Manager - Operations and Asset Management – Craig Stanley Approved