REGIONAL DISTRICT OF CENTRAL KOOTENAY

AREA C ADVISORY PLANNING AND HERITAGE COMMISSION
OPEN MEETING MINUTES

7:00PM
Monday, October 26, 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/91561897070?pwd=Rydjuj8adQa44BmPzLGDSA6ZRPPGH5.1

Join by Phone:
+1 778 907 2071 Canada Toll-free

Meeting ID: 915 6189 7070
Meeting Password: 751950

In-Person Location: West Creston Hall – 1350 W Creston Road, Creston, BC, V0B1G7

COMMISSIONERS

Commissioner Allen McLaren	Electoral Area C, Chair
Commissioner Lori Kepke	Electoral Area C
Commissioner Joan McKenzie	Electoral Area C
Commissioner Roger Chadwick	Electoral Area C

COMMISSIONERS ABSENT

Commissioner Ted Yarema	Electoral Area C
Commissioner Larry Rast	Electoral Area C
Commissioner Brian Churchill	Electoral Area C

STAFF

R. Gaba	Planner 2
R. Baril	Meeting Coordinator

PUBLIC
M. Martell

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

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair McLaren called the meeting to order at 7:26 p.m.

2. ELECTION OF CHAIR

Commissioner McKenzie called for nominations for Chair 3 times.
Commissioner Kepke nominated Commissioner McLaren.
Commissioner McKenzie ratifies the appointed Member McLaren as Chair of the Area C Advisory Planning and Heritage Commission for 2026.

3. COMMENCEMENT OF APHC MEETING

Chair McLaren assumed the Chair and called the meeting to order.

4. TRADITIONAL LANDS ACKNOWLEDGEMENT STATEMENT

We acknowledge and respect both the Indigenous peoples within whose traditional lands we are meeting today and the settlers who developed the society that we represent.

5. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

MOVED and seconded,
AND Resolved:

The Agenda for the October 26, 2026 Electoral Area C Advisory Planning and Heritage Commission meeting, be adopted as circulated.

Carried

6. RECEIPT OF MINUTES

The August 14, 2025 Electoral Area C Advisory Planning and Heritage Commission minutes, have been received.

7. STAFF REPORTS

7.1 Bylaw Amendment Application

The Referral Package dated August 24, 2026 from Planner Rishab Gaba, has been received.

- Official Community Plan (OCP) terminology changes are being proposed.
- Schedule B was updated due to Bill 44 changes in 2024 and 2026.
- Zoning Bylaw is different from OCP, regulations have been set by the Board already.
- Public meetings are not required for Bylaw changes; these discussions have been had at the APHC level.
- Staff clarified that updating terminology in the OCP is not increasing density in Area C.
- The Commission feels that the infrastructure in Area C is not sufficient for increased density.

MOVED and seconded,
AND Resolved:

That the Area C Advisory Planning Commission NOT SUPPORT the Bylaw Amendment Application.

Carried

The Commission voted in support of revisiting the Zoning Bylaw that allows for greater density.

Carried

8. PUBLIC TIME

The Chair called for questions from the public at 7:45 p.m.

A member of the public asked why the zoning for Rural Residential (R2)/Country Residential – Official Community Plan designation (RC) has left the zoning option open for greater density according to Bill 44 mandated from the province.

Staff had left the meeting.

9. NEXT MEETING

The next Electoral Area C Advisory Planning and Heritage Commission Meeting is scheduled for November 9, 2026 at 7:00 p.m.

10. ADJOURNMENT

MOVED and seconded,
AND Resolved:

The Electoral Area C Advisory Planning and Heritage Commission meeting be adjourned at 7:56 p.m.

Carried

Digitally approved by:

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Allen McLaren, Chair