Regional District of Central Kootenay

INAUGURAL BOARD MEETING

Open Meeting Agenda

Date: Thursday, November 19, 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**

   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 PDT

   Join by Video:

   https://rdck-bc-ca.zoom.us/j/95573345491?pwd=k4eCLxEF2ggHCiAbpTcQis1tMHnt5b.1

   Join by Phone:

   855 703 8985 Canada Toll-free

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   Meeting ID: 955 7334 5491
   Meeting Password: 142530

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

2. **WELCOME**

Chief Administrative Officer Horn assumes the chart at _____ a.m.

3. SWEARING-IN CEREMONY

Mike Morrison, RDCK Corporate Officer, will preside.

3.1 Oath of Office: Electoral Area Directors

Electoral Area A	Forrest Demman
Electoral Area B	Danny Turner
Electoral Area C	Mike Martell
Electoral Area D	Aimee Watson
Electoral Area E	Landon Veregin
Electoral Area F	Tom Newell
Electoral Area G	Anna Bundschuh
Electoral Area H	Will Parker
Electoral Area I	Chris Popoff
Electoral Area J	Gordon Zaitsoff
Electoral Area K	Teresa Weatherhead

3.2 Oath of Office: Municipal Directors

City of Castlegar	Brian Bogle
Town of Creston	Denise Dumas
Village of Kaslo	Erika Bird
Village of Nakusp	Tom Zeleznik
City of Nelson	Keith Page
Village of New Denver	Leonard Casley
Village of Salmo	Payton McKellar
Village of Silverton	Tanya Gordon
Village of Slocan	Jamie Ingram

4. ELECTIONS

4.1 Election of the RDCK Board Chair

- **Call for Nominations (3 Times)**
- **Opportunity for Candidates to Address the Board (Two minutes per address)**
- **Vote by Secret Ballot (Electronic voting in accordance of RDCK Procedure Bylaw No. 2898, 2024)**
- **Declaration of Elected or Acclaimed RDCK Board Chair**
- **Destroy Ballots**

RECOMMENDATION:
(ALL VOTE)

That the ballots used in the election of the RDCK Board Chair be destroyed.

4.2 Election of the RDCK Board Vice-Chair

- **Call for Nominations (3 Times)**
- **Opportunity for Candidates to Address the Board (Two minutes per address)**
- **Vote by Secret Ballot (Electronic voting in accordance of RDCK Procedure Bylaw No. 2898, 2024)**
- **Declaration of Elected or Acclaimed RDCK Board Vice-Chair**
- **Destroy Ballots**

RECOMMENDATION:
(ALL VOTE)

That the ballots used in the election of the RDCK Board Vice-Chair be destroyed.

5. CHAIR'S ADDRESS

6. VICE-CHAIR'S ADDRESS

7. INTERMISSION: OFFICIAL BOARD PHOTOGRAPH

8. COMMENCEMENT OF REGULAR BOARD MEETING

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The RDCK Board Chair assumes the chair.

8.1 Traditional Lands Acknowledgement Statement

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

8.2 Adoption of the Agenda

RECOMMENDATION:
(ALL VOTE)

The agenda for the November 19, 2026 Regular Open Board meeting be adopted as circulated with the addition of the addendum.

8.3 Adoption of the Minutes

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RECOMMENDATION:
(ALL VOTE)

The minutes from the October 22, 2026 Regular Open Board meeting be adopted as circulated.

8.4 Introductions

CAO Horn will introduce the following staff:

Dan Séguin, General Manager of Fire and Emergency Services/Regional Fire Chief;

Andrew Whittington, Building Official, replacing Dan Siminoff; and

Lee Famelos, Plan Checker, replacing Andrew Whittington.

9. COMMITTEES & COMMISSIONS

9.1 With Recommendations

9.1.1 All Recreation Committee: minutes October 28, 2026 32 - 43

RECOMMENDATION:
(ALL VOTE)

1. That the Board approve the establishment of a Recreation Allocation Policy Review Working Group comprised of RDCK Community Services staff, the All Recreation Committee Chair, and one (1) representative from each of the following: the Castlegar & District Recreation Commission, the Nelson & District Recreation Commission, and the Creston Valley Shared Services Committee, for the purpose of reviewing Recreation Allocation Policy No. 500-01-09 and bringing forward recommendations to the All Recreation Committee in spring 2027.

RECOMMENDATION:
(ALL VOTE)

That the Board adopt Policy Number 500-02-12 Operation of Unstaffed Indoor Fitness Oriented Recreation Facilities effective immediately.

9.2 Membership/Appointments

9.2.1 Municipal Appointments: RDCK Board of Directors 44 - 58

RECOMMENDATION:
(ALL VOTE)

That the appointments from the following municipalities be ratified:

City of Castlegar - term to end November 30, 2030

Brian Bogle

- RDCK Director
- Joint Resource Recovery Committee
- West Resource Recovery Committee

- West Transit Service
- Castlegar and District Recreation Commission

Cherryl MacLeod

- RDCK Alternate Director

Darcy Bell

- Castlegar and District Recreation Commission (Councillor)

Merrick Zemp

- Castlegar and District Recreation Commission (Councillor)

Town of Creston

Denise Dumas

- RDCK Director
- Arrow Creek Water Treatment and Supply Commission
- Creston Valley Service Committee
- East Resource Recovery Committee
- Joint Resource Recovery Committee
- RDCK Water Services Committee

Tanya Wall

- RDCK Alternate Director
- Creston Valley Services Committee (Alternate)

Ferd Schmidt

- Arrow Creek Water Treatment and Supply Commission (Alternate)
- RDCK Water Services Committee (Alternate)

Carolyn Hawton

- East Resource Recovery Committee (Alternate)
- Joint Resource Recovery Committee (Alterate)

Village of Kaslo

Erika Bird

- RDCK Director

Matthew Brown

- RDCK Alternate Director

Village of Nakusp - term expiring November 2027

Tom Zeleznik

- RDCK Director

Joseph Hughes

- RDCK Alternate Director

Village of New Denver

Leonard Casley

- RDCK Director

Daphne Budding

- RDCK Alternate Director
- Rosebery Trails & Parklands Commission (Alternate)

Vernon Gustafson

- Recreation Commission No. 6 - Area H, New Denver & Silverton
- Rosebery Trails & Parklands Commission

Mary Hartman

- Recreation Commission No. 6 - Area H, New Denver & Silverton (Alternate)

City of Nelson

Keith Page

- RDCK Director

Janice Morrison

- RDCK Alternate Director

Village of Salmo

Payton McKellar

- RDCK Director

Suzy Gallie

- RDCK Alternate Director

Village of Silverton

Tanya Gordon

- RDCK Director

Don Broughton

- Recreation Commission No. 6 - Area H, New Denver & Silverton

Village of Slocan

Jamie Ingram

- RDCK Director

Katie Strong

- RDCK Alternate Director

9.2.2 Commission/Committee Appointments

RECOMMENDATION:
(ALL VOTE)

That the Board send letters to outgoing members from the following commission/committees thanking them for their service:

Area B Advisory Planning and Heritage Commission

Adam Mjolsness

Recreation Commission No. 10 - Portion of Area E (Procter/Harrop/Balfour/Queens Bay)

Erin Fitchett

10. CORRESPONDENCE

10.1 The email dated November 6, 2026 from Brianna Thompson, Elk Root Conservation, requesting a letter of support from the RDCK for the BC Rural Economic Diversification and Infrastructure Program. 59 - 61

10.2 The letter from Rafaela Erban, Imagine Kootenay Coordinator, requesting a funding contribution to the Imagine Kootenay and Kootenay Employment Services project. 62

11. NEW BUSINESS

11.1 Community Services

11.1.1 For Information: Castlegar and District Arena and Walking Track Project - History and Next Steps 63 - 66

The Board report from Trisha Davison, General Manager of Community Services, providing the Board with the background information and summary of the Castlegar and District Arena and Walking Track Project, has been received.

11.2 Development and Community Sustainability

11.2.1 Award of Contract: Sensitive Ecosystems Inventory Mapping of the Slocan River and Little Slocan River

67 - 88

The Board Report from Paris Marshall Smith, Sustainability and Resilience Supervisor, seeking Board approval for the RDCK to enter into a consulting agreement for Sensitive Ecosystems Inventory mapping of the Slocan River and Little Slocan River, has been received.

RECOMMENDATION:
(ALL VOTE)

That the Board approve the RDCK enter into a consulting services agreement with Ecologic Consultants for Sensitive Ecosystems Inventory mapping of the Slocan River and Little Slocan River to a maximum value of $89,940 plus GST for the period November 25, 2026 to November 30, 2027, and that the Chair and Corporate Officer be authorized to sign the necessary documents; AND FURTHER, that the costs be paid from Community Sustainable Living Service 105 funded through the approved Electoral Area H Community Works Fund allocation.

11.2.2 Cancellation of Notice on Title - Darnell (Area H)

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The Memorandum from Erik Stout, Manager of Building and Bylaw, seeking Board approval for the cancellation of the Notice on Title (Darnell - Area H), has been received.

RECOMMENDATION:
(ALL VOTE)

That the Corporate Officer be authorized to remove the Notice on Title relating to 3107 Slocan Valley West Rd, Electoral Area H, currently owned by Karen Darnell and Randy Darnell, property legally described as LOT 36 PLAN NEP1516 DISTRICT LOT 9265 KOOTENAY LAND DISTRICT PID 015-754-758, the RDCK Building Department has confirmed that bylaw contravention has been rectified through demolition of the structure.

11.3 Environmental Services

11.3.1 Contract Award: Ootischenia Landfill Septage Pond Upgrades

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The Board Report from AJ Evenson, Senior Project Manager, seeking Board approval to award the contract for the Ootischenia Landfill Septage Upgrades, has been received.

RECOMMENDATION:
(ALL VOTE WGT)

That the Board direct staff to award the contract for the Ootischenia Landfill Septage Upgrades to Kootenay Earth & Road Ltd o/a KER; and that the Chair and Corporate Officer be authorized to sign the necessary documents to a maximum value of $576,947.50 plus GST;
AND FURTHER, that the funds be drawn from Refuse Disposal – Central Subregion Service S187 and Refuse Disposal – West Subregion Service S188;
AND FURTHER, that the following changes to the 2027 fiscal year of the 2026 – 2030 Financial Plan be approved:

- Service S190 Septage Disposal-New Denver, Silverton, Slocan and Areas H, I, J and Area K.:

  o Transfer to other Services – Increase by $707,339

  o Contracted Services – Reduce by $707,399

- Service S188 Refuse Disposal (West Subregion):
  o Transfer from Other Services – Increase by 707,399
  o Capital Expenditures – Increase by $507,399

11.4 Administration & Finance

11.4.1 Fields Forward

RECOMMENDATION:
(ALL VOTE)

Thar the Board approve the payment of $5,936.87 to the Fields Forward Society be made in support of the 2026 Taste of Creston event; AND FURTHER, that the payment be made from the Service S108 – Economic Development for Areas B, C, and the Town of Creston 2026 budget.

11.5 Fire and Emergency Services

11.5.1 UBCM Community Emergency Preparedness Fund, Emergency Support Services Regional Grant Application

99 - 103

The Board Report from Tanya Pauls, Emergency Program Coordinator, seeking Board approval to apply for the 2027 Community Emergency Preparedness Fund – Emergency Support Services grant, has been received.

RECOMMENDATION:
(ALL VOTE)

That the Board authorize staff to regionally apply for the 2027 Community Emergency Preparedness Fund – Emergency Support

Services grant from Union of BC Municipalities in the amount of $300,000 to support and improve ESS service delivery across the regional district; AND FURTHER, that if successful, the Board direct staff to include the grant funding be allocated to A101 - Emergency Consolidated Services and that staff complete the current proposed activities and provide overall grant management.

11.5.2 Regional UBCM Foundations of Disaster Risk Reduction Grant Application 104 - 110

The Board Report from Lynsey Thompson, Emergency Program Coordinator, seeking Board approval to apply for the 2026 Community Emergency Preparedness Fund - Foundations of Disaster Risk Reduction grant, has been received.

RECOMMENDATION:
(ALL VOTE)

That the Board authorize staff to regionally apply for the 2026 Community Emergency Preparedness Fund - Foundations of Disaster Risk Reduction grant from the Union of BC Municipalities in the amount of $500,000 to enhance understanding of hazard risk across the regional district; AND FURTHER, that if successful the grant funding be allocated to A101 - Emergency Consolidated Services, and that staff complete the current proposed activities and provide overall grant management.

11.5.3 For Information: Indigenous Engagement Project: Phase 1 Complete 111 - 185

The Board Report from Tanya Pauls, Emergency Program Coordinator, providing an overview to the Board regarding Phase 1 of the Indigenous Engagement Project, has been received.

11.6 Grants

11.6.1 Discretionary 186 - 188

RECOMMENDATION:
(ALL VOTE)

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

AREA F

Corazon Vocal Ensemble	Annual retreat	$800
Polka Dot Dragon	Remember	$1,000

Arts Society	the Dead	
Ridgewood Improvement District	Engineering Study Extension	$1,500

11.6.2 Community Development 189 - 197

RECOMMENDATION:
(ALL VOTE)

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

AREA D		
Jewett Elementary PAC	Jewett hot lunch/ Breakfast program	$1,500
Kaslo Youth Soccer Club	Soccer Goal	$1,400
Kaslo Emergency Support Services	Volunteer Team Support	$1,000
AREA K		
Arrow Lakes Ridge Riders' Snowmobile Association	Calgary Outdoor Show -Tourism Promo	$800
Burton Volunteer Fire Brigade Society	Burton Volunteer Fire Brigade Society Calendar Fundraiser	$1,000
Inonoaklin Recreation Commission	Halloween costume party and dance	$700
KASLO		
Kaslo & Area Chamber of Commerce	Kaslo Year-Round Tourism Development Project	$2,500
SLOCAN		
Village of Slocan	Grad Donation	$500
Village of Slocan	Slocan's 125th Birthday Celebration	$5,000

11.6.3 Community Works Funds: Nelson Cycling Club Project

RECOMMENDATION:
(ALL VOTE)

The the resolution No. 458/26 being:

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;

be amended to read:

That 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 $14,298.00 and increase transfer from reserves by $14,298.00 to repay Community Works Funds for the Nelson Cycling Club project.

11.7 Chair/CAO Reports

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

12. CONSENT AGENDA

12.1 For Information: Committees & Commissions

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

12.1.1	**Sunshine Bay Regional Park: minutes September 17, 2026**	198 - 200
12.1.2	**Riondel Commission: minutes October 6, 2026**	201 - 205
12.1.3	**Area J Advisory Planning and Heritage Commission: minutes October 14, 2026** Staff received direction regarding the Development Variance Permit and Bylaw Amendment applications.	206 - 208
12.1.4	**Area A Advisory Planning and Heritage Commission: minutes October 19, 2026** Staff received direction regarding the Land Use Bylaw Amendment.	209 - 211
12.1.5	**Area C Advisory Planning and Heritage Commission: minutes October 26, 2026** Staff received direction regarding the Bylaw Amendment application.	212 - 214

12.1.6 **North Kootenay Lake Services Committee: minutes October 26, 2026** 215 - 218

12.1.7 **Creston Valley Agricultural Advisory Commission: minutes October 29, 2026** 219 - 221
Staff received direction regarding the Agricultural Land Reserve Referral.

12.2 **For Information: Communication**

12.2.1 **The email dated October 22, 2026 from Cory Heavener, Assistant Deputy Minister - Provincial Director of Child Welfare, celebrating November as Adoption and Permanency Awareness Month.** 222 - 223

12.3 **For Information: Accounts Payable** 224 - 246
The Accounts Payable Summary for October, 2026 in the amount of $4,003,639 has been received for information.

12.4 **For Information: Directors' Reports**
Each Director will be given the opportunity to introduce themselves.

12.4.1 **Director Jackman: Letter of Support - Lower Wynndel Waterworks Project** 247

12.4.2 **Director Weatherhead: Letter of Support - Dog Creek Water System Power and Remote Monitoring** 248

13. PUBLIC TIME

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

14. CLOSED

14.1 **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:

(c) labour relations or other employee relations;
(n) the consideration of whether a council meeting should be closed under a provision of this subsection or subsection (2);

14.2 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.

15. MATTERS ARISING FROM CLOSED MEETING

16. ADJOURNMENT

RECOMMENDATION:
(ALL VOTE)

That the meeting adjourn at ___ p.m.

Regional District of Central Kootenay

REGULAR BOARD MEETING

Open Meeting Minutes

The **tenth** meeting of the Board of the Regional District of Central Kootenay in 2026 was held on Thursday, October 22, 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	
	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 B. Bogle	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 J. Fyke	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	In-Person

ELECTED OFFICIAL ABSENT	Director A. Davidoff	Electoral Area I
	Director M. McFaddin	City of Castlegar
	Director L. Casley	Village of New Denver

STAFF PRESENT	S. Horn	Chief Administrative Officer
	A. Wilson	General Manager of Community Sustainability and Development Services
	M. Morrison	Manager of Corporate Administration
	T. Davison	General Manager of Community Services
	Y. Malloff	General Manager of Finance, Information Technology and Economic Development
	C. Stanley	Regional Manager Operations & Asset Management
	M. West	GIS Manager
	K. Calder	Regional Manager of Recreation and Client Services
	A. Lund	Deputy Corporate Officer/Deputy Chief Elections Officer
	C. Feeney	Corporate Administration Assistant
	C. Scott	Planner
	C. Hogan	Project Manager
	C. Gaynor	Regional Parks Manager
	S. Fuhr	Community Services Communications Coordinator

T. Dool	Research Analyst/Chief Elections Officer
C.Hopkyns	Corporate Administration Coordinator/Meeting Coordinator

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

2. CALL TO ORDER & WELCOME

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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

Moved and seconded,
And Resolved:

500/26 The agenda for the October 22, 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:

501/26 The minutes from the September 24, 2026 Regular Open Board meeting be adopted as circulated.

Carried

2.4 Introductions

CAO Horn introduced 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

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

Rafaela Erban presented on Imagine Kootenay, sharing that the organization provides a free regional platform that promotes local communities, businesses, jobs and investment opportunities.

She shared the initiative focuses on three main priorities:

- Business succession: Help keep businesses open when owners retire by connecting them with potential buyers.
- Workforce and population attraction: Attract new residents and workers to support local businesses and community services.
- Regional collaboration: Help Kootenay communities work together, reduce duplication and compete with other regions.

Ms. Rafeaela shared their funding request to extend the project's three-year funding through ETSI-BC and seek support from the RDCK to strengthen the initiative and ensure its long-term sustainability.

Rafaela Erban and Ben Sargent answered the Boards questions.

Chair Watson thanked Rafaela and Ben for their presentation.

3. COMMITTEES & COMMISSIONS

3.1 With Recommendations

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

Moved and seconded,
And Resolved:

502/26 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

Carried

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

Moved and seconded,
And Resolved:

503/26 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

Moved and seconded,
And Resolved:

504/26 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

3.1.3 Recreation Commission No. 6: minutes October 6, 2026

Moved and seconded,
And Resolved:

505/26 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
- Slocan Lake Golf Club $1,860
- Silverton Community Club $800
- Nakusp Ski Club Association $3,542

Carried

3.1.4 Recreation Commission No. 10: October 7, 2026

Moved and seconded,
And Resolved:

506/26 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

Carried

3.1.5 Water Services Committee: minutes October 8, 2026

Moved and seconded,
And Resolved:

507/26 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

Moved and seconded,
And Resolved:

508/26 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

3.1.6 Riondel Commission: minutes October 13, 2026

Moved and seconded,
And Resolved:

509/26 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.

Carried

3.1.7 Joint Resource Recovery Committee: minutes October 21, 2026

Moved and seconded,
And Resolved:

510/26 That the Board approve the RDCK extend the Consulting Services Agreement with SRK Consulting (Canada) Inc. for HB Tailings Facility Engineering Services for the period of November 17, 2026, to November 16, 2027, with the expanded scope of work not to exceed an additional $85,475 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 S187 Refuse Disposal Central Sub-Region.

Carried

4. BYLAWS

4.1 Bylaw 3098: Geospatial Information Service Establishment Bylaw Amendment

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.

Moved and seconded,
And Resolved:

511/26 That the Geospatial Information Service Establishment Amendment Bylaw No. 3098, 2026 be read a FIRST, SECOND, and THIRD time by content.

Carried

Director's Vandenberghe, Lockwood and Graham recorded opposed.

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

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.

Moved and seconded,
And Resolved:

512/26 That the Elected Officials' Oath of Office Repeal Bylaw No. 3096, 2026, be read a FIRST, SECOND and THIRD time by content to repeal the Elected Officials' Oath of Office Bylaw No. 2413, 2014.

Carried

Moved and seconded,
And Resolved:

513/26 That the Elected Officials' Oath of Office Repeal Bylaw No. 3096, 2026, to repeal the Elected Officials' Oath of Office Bylaw No. 2413, 2014 be ADOPTED and the Chair and Corporate Officer be authorized to sign the same.

Carried

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 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.

DIRECTOR ABSENT: Director Lunn left the meeting at 10:00 a.m.

Moved and seconded,
And Resolved:

514/26 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.

Carried

Director Lockwood recorded opposed.

Moved and seconded,
And Resolved:

515/26 That Regional District of Central Kootenay Electoral Area 'G' Land Use Bylaw No. Amendment Bylaw No. 3025, 2026 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.

Carried

Director Lockwood recorded opposed.

Moved and seconded,
And Resolved:

516/26 That Bylaw Enforcement Notice and Dispute Adjudication System Bylaw Amendment Bylaw No. 3097, 2026 be read a FIRST, SECOND and THIRD time by content.

Carried

Director Lockwood recorded opposed.

Moved and seconded,
And Resolved:

517/26 That Bylaw Enforcement Notice and Dispute Adjudication System Bylaw Amendment Bylaw No. 3097, 2026 be ADOPTED and the Chair and Corporate Officer be authorized to sign the same.

Carried

Director Lockwood recorded opposed.

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

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

Moved and seconded,
And Resolved:

518/26 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 ADOPTED; AND FURTHER, that the Chair and Corporate Officer be authorized to sign the same.

Carried

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

Moved and seconded,
And Resolved:

519/26 That Regional District of Central Kootenay Dangerous and Aggressive Dog Regulatory Bylaw No. 3009, 2025 be read a THIRD time by content.

Carried

Moved and seconded,
And Resolved:

520/26 That 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.

Carried

5. NEW BUSINESS

5.1 Community Services

5.1.1 Columbia Basin Trust Grant Submission Application

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

Moved and seconded,
And Resolved:

521/26 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.

Carried

5.1.2 Regional Parks, Trails & Water Access Strategy Adoption

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.

DIRECTOR ABSENT: Director Hewat left meeting at 10:30 a.m.

Moved and seconded,
And Resolved:

522/26 That the Board adopt the Parks, Trails and Water Access Strategy for the Regional District of Central Kootenay, dated October 2026.

Carried

RECESS/ RECONVENE The meeting recessed at 10:35 a.m. for break and reconvened at 10:49 a.m.

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

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.

Moved and seconded,
And Resolved:

523/26 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.

Carried

5.2 Development and Community Sustainability

5.2.1 Temporary Use Permit -Doucet (Area F)

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

Moved and seconded,
And Resolved:

524/26 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).

Carried

5.2.2 Watershed Security Fund Application: Goat River Watershed Water Sustainability Planning

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.

DIRECTOR PRESENT: Director Hewat joined the meeting at 11:08 a.m.

Moved and seconded,
And Resolved:

525/26 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 as amended with direction to staff at the October 22, 2026 Board meeting to prioritize funding for the agriculture economic analysis component, 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.

Carried

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

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.

Moved and seconded,
And Resolved:

526/26 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 adjustments to public engagement, as appropriate, to include the agricultural and economic analysis results, 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.

Carried

5.2.4 For Information: RDCK Climate Action Work Overview
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
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 RDCK Results
The 2026 General Local Election Results (Official) dated October 17, 2026 from Tom Dool, Chief Election Officer, has been received.

New Elected Rural Directors
Electoral Area A: Forrest Demman
Electoral Area B: Danny Turner
Electoral Area C: Mike Martell
Electoral Area D: Aimee Watson
Electoral Area E: Landon Veregin
Electoral Area F: Tom Newell
Electoral Area G: Anna Bundschuh
Electoral Area H: Will Parker
Electoral Area I: Chris Popoff
Electoral Area J: Gordon Zaitsoff
Electoral Area K: Teresa Weatherhead

The Chair recognized Tom Dool, Chief Elections Officer and Angela Lund, Deputy Chief Election Officer for their hard work.

5.3.3 For Information: 2026 RDCK Quarterly Report (Q3)
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
Moved and seconded,
And Resolved:

527/26 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

Carried

5.4.1.2 Community Development (RES 418/26) Amendment
Moved and seconded,
And Resolved:

528/26 That Resolution 418/26, being the allocation of Community Development funds, be amended by changing:

AREA E
Nelson Cycling Club $7,149

AREA F
Nelson Cycling Club $7,149

to

AREA E
Regional District of Central Kootenay $7,149

AREA F
Regional District of Central Kootenay $7,149

Carried

5.4.2 2026 Financial Service Grants (RES 489/26) Amendment
Moved and seconded,
And Resolved:

529/26 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.

Carried

5.5 Chair/CAO Reports
Chair Watson thanked the Board for their hard work and commitment during the 2022 – 2026 term.

CAO Horn acknowledged how well this Board worked together and thanked them for their hard work.

6. RURAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE
Moved and seconded,
And Resolved:

530/26 That the Board APPROVE the issuance of Development Variance Permit V2613J to Wesley Greep for the property located at 3747 Broadwater Road, Electoral Area J and legally described as LOT A DISTRICT LOT 301A KOOTENAY DISTRICT PLAN 17267 (PID: 005-459-818) to vary Sections 707.7, 701.8 and 701.9 of Regional District of Central Kootenay Zoning Bylaw No. 1675 in order to allow that the maximum gross floor area of any accessory building or structure shall not

exceed 135 square metres and to allow that the cumulative gross floor area of all accessory buildings or structures shall no exceed 250 square metres and to allow a maximum height of 7.5 meters;

SUBJECT TO

a) The receipt of payment of the $2,000 surcharge for development applications arising from bylaw enforcement action pursuant to the Planning Procedures and Fees Bylaw No. 2457, 2015.

Carried

Moved and seconded,
And Resolved:

531/26 That the Board direct staff to provide notification of the Board's intention to consider Temporary Use Permit application T2603A by Shaun Thankachen and Kristin Thankachen for the property located at 12541 Lewis Bay Road, Electoral Area A and legally described as STRATA LOT 22, DISTRICT LOT 5027, KOOTENAY 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

Moved and seconded,
And Resolved:

532/26 That the Board APPROVE the issuance of a Site-Specific Exemption to RDCK Floodplain Management Bylaw No. 2080, 2009, for the existing unlawfully constructed development (primary residence) on LOT B, DISTRICT LOT 4877, KOOTENAY DISTRICT PLAN EPP30385, as described in the Staff Report "Site Specific Floodplain Exemption F2603HN", dated October 7, 2026;

AND THAT As a condition of the Board's approval of the site-specific exemption to RDCK Floodplain Management Bylaw 2080, 2009 for the existing unlawfully constructed development (primary residence) on LOT B, DISTRICT LOT 4877, KOOTENAY DISTRICT PLAN EPP30385, as described in the Staff Report "Site Specific Floodplain Exemption F2603HN", dated October 7, 2026, and subject to His Majesty the King in Right of the Province of British Columbia's approval and execution, the property owners, at their own expense, prepare and register a modification of the Flood Covenant registered on February 14, 2002 under land title instrument KT16479 – Section 219 flood covenant, and in priority of charges of a financial nature, under section 219 of the Land Title Act, in favour of RDCK, with terms satisfactory to RDCK that will include but not be limited to:

1. a comprehensive waiver of liability, release and indemnification of RDCK;
2. an acknowledgement by the property owners of the dangers in building and occupying lands subject to flooding;
3. an acknowledgment and agreement by the property owners that disaster financial assistance funding is not available for the existing unlawfully constructed development (primary residence) or any other buildings or structures or the contents of such primary residence and any other buildings and structures constructed or erected in contravention of the requirements of RDCK Floodplain Management Bylaw 2080, 2009, as may be amended or replaced from time to time;
4. reference to, attachment of and conditions of the Apex Geoscience Consultants Ltd.'s April 2, 2026 Flood Hazard Assessment and, if possible, Crowsnest Engineering's February 14, 2025 Technical Memorandum - Post-Construction Hazard Assessment Report that includes certification that the subject lands, and the existing unlawfully constructed development (primary residence) on the subject lands, may be used safely for the intended purpose; and

5. with respect to any redevelopment at the end of the building lifespan, any future reconstruction of the existing unlawfully constructed development (primary residence) must meet the flood construction
levels and setback requirements in force at the time of redevelopment; and
6. the property owners:
    a. preparing an emergency plan to account for scenarios such as the loss of access via East Wilson Creek Road due to embankment erosion or structural failure of the existing unlawfully
    constructed development (primary residence)'s patio area spread foundations and roof of the patio area; and, in an effort to possibly mitigate risks in the event of severe hydrogeomorphic events, including debris flooding, avulsion, or deep inundation, occurring within a 200-year period; and
    b. continually monitoring the primary residence's structural integrity, which includes:
        i. annual inspections of the foundation system, slabs, and other structural elements of the primary residence annually, preferably during late summer when water levels are lower;
        ii. using measurement tools such as laser level and tape measures to assess the primary residence's performance under actual service loading; and
        iii. engagement of a qualified professional engineer for detailed assessments if significant changes are identified during routine inspections in an effort to ensure that risk evaluations remain accurate and relevant.

Carried

Moved and seconded,
And Resolved:

533/26 That Electoral Area 'B' Comprehensive Land Use Amendment Bylaw No. 3092, 2026 being a bylaw to amend Electoral Area 'B' Comprehensive Land Use Bylaw No. 2316, 2013 is hereby given FIRST and SECOND reading by content and referred to a public hearing;

AND THAT, the Board of Directors considers the process for minor OCP Amendments, as outlined in RDCK Policy No. 400-02-19 (OCP Consultation Policy), to be appropriate consultation for the purpose of Section 475 of the Local Government Act;

AND THAT, in accordance with Section 477 of the Local Government Act, the Board of Directors has considered Amendment Bylaw No. 3092, 2026, in conjunction with its Financial and Resource Recovery Plans;

AND FURTHER; that in accordance with Regional District of Central Kootenay Planning Procedures and Fees Bylaw No. 2457, 2015, the Director of Electoral Area 'B' is hereby delegated the authority to chair the Public Hearing on behalf of the Regional District Board.

Carried

Moved and seconded,
And Resolved:

534/26 That Regional District of Central Kootenay Zoning Amendment Bylaw No. 3080, 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. 3080, 2026 until the following items have been obtained:

- Approval from the Ministry of Transportation and Transit pursuant to Section 52(3)(a) of the Transportation Act (Controlled Access);
- Proof of sufficient volume of potable water for the proposed third residence that is intended to be built on the property.

Carried

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

8. PUBLIC TIME

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

Members of the public discussed the following:

- City of Nelson stepping out of the RDCK GIS service; and
- Public thanked directors for dedication and service.

The Chair recognized the outgoing Directors.

DIRECTOR ABSENT: Director Graham left meeting at 11:50 a.m.

Moved and seconded,
And Resolved:

535/26 The Open Meeting take an early recess at 11:50 a.m.

Carried

RECESS/ RECONVENE The meeting recessed at 11:50 a.m. for lunch and reconvened at 1:30 p.m.

DIRECTOR PRESENT: Director Lunn and Hewat joined the meeting at 1:30 p.m.

ORDER OF AGENDA RESUME Item 7 Consent Agenda was considered at this time.

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

7.1.2 Electoral Area D Advisory Planning and Heritage Commission: minutes September 17, 2026

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.

7.1.4 Recreation Commission No. 7: minutes September 21, 2026

Staff has received direction regarding grant funding.

7.1.5 Creston Valley Agricultural Advisory Commission: minutes September 28, 2026

Staff has received direction regarding Land Use Bylaw Amendment application.

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.

7.1.7 Creston Valley Services Committee: minutes October 1, 2026

7.1.8 Riondel Commission: minutes October 6, 2026

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

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.
Board Meeting - July 16, 2026
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.

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.

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.
Board Meeting - September 24, 2026
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

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 gave 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

7.4.1.2 Letter of Support - Creston Valley Community Forest

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

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

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

7.4.4 Director Watson: October Report

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

7.4.6 Director Weatherhead:

7.4.6.1 Letter of Support: Arrow Lakes Caribou Society

7.4.6.2 Letter of Support: Historical Saddle Mountain Fire Lookout Renovation

7.4.6.3 Report: CBRAC/SROCP/UBCM

7.4.7 Director DeBoon: UBCM

7.4.8 Director Hewat: CBT/FCM/UBCM

7.4.9 Director McLaren-Caux: Activities

7.4.10 Director Lockwood: ESTI-BC/UBCM

7.4.11 Director Gordon: UBCM

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.

Moved and seconded,
And Resolved:

536/26 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;
(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);

Carried

9.2 Recess of Open Meeting

Moved and seconded,
And Resolved:

537/26 The Open meeting be recessed at 2:14 p.m. in order to conduct the Closed Board meeting and reconvened at 2:28 p.m.

Carried

10. MATTERS ARISING FROM CLOSED MEETING
No items.

11. ADJOURNMENT
Moved and seconded,
And Resolved:

538/26 That the meeting adjourn at 2:28 p.m.

Carried

_____
Aimee Watson, RDCK Board Chair

_____
Christine Hopkyns,
Corporate Administration Coordinator

REGIONAL DISTRICT OF CENTRAL KOOTENAY

ALL RECREATION COMMITTEE
OPEN MEETING MINUTES

9:00 A.M.
October 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).

COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Committee Member G. Jackman	Electoral Area A	Online
Committee Member R. Tierney	Electoral Area B	Online
Committee Member K. Vandenberghe	Electoral Area C	Online
Committee Member A. Watson	Electoral Area D	Online
Committee Member C. Graham	Electoral Area E	Online
Committee Member T. Newell	Electoral Area F	Online
Committee Member W. Popoff	Electoral Area H	Online
Committee Member H. Hanegraaf	Electoral Area J	In-Person
Committee Member T. Weatherhead	Electoral Area K	Online
Committee Member M. McFaddin	Castlegar	In-Person
Committee Member A. DeBoon	Creston	Online
Committee Member S. Hewat	Village of Kaslo	In-Person
Committee Member A. McLaren-Caux	Nakusp	Online
Committee Member K. Page	City of Nelson	In-Person
Committee Member J. Fyke	New Denver	Online
Committee Member D. Lockwood	Village of Salmo	In-Person
Committee Member T. Gordon	Village of Silverton	Online
Committee Member J. Lunn	Slocan	Online

MEMBERS ABSENT

Committee Member H. Cunningham	Electoral Area G
Committee Member A. Davidoff	Electoral Area I

STAFF

Trisha Davison	General Manager of Community Services
Craig Stanley	Regional Manager – Operations & Asset Management
Sarah Fuhr	Communications and Community Engagement Lead
Mark Crowe	Regional Park and Trails Planner
Tia Wayling	Regional Programming Manager
Stuart Horn	Chief Administrative Officer

Cary Gaynor	Regional Parks and Trails Manager
Alana Jenkins	Meeting Coordinator

18 out of 20 voting Commission/Committee members were present – quorum was met.

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair McFaddin called the meeting to order at 9:00 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 October 28, 2026, All Recreation Committee meeting, be adopted as circulated.

Carried

MOVED and seconded,
AND Resolved:

That Mayor Morrison, City of Nelson be granted freedom of the floor.

Carried

4. RECEIPT OF MINUTES

The June 24, 2026, All Recreation Committee minutes, have been received.

5. DELEGATE

There are no Delegates scheduled for this Committee meeting.

6. STAFF REPORTS

6.1 Community Services Recreation Allocation

The Committee Report dated October 28, 2026 from Trisha Davison, General Manager of Community Services, re: Community Services Recreation Allocation, has been received.

Key notable discussion points included:

- Areas where staff have identified a need for greater clarity in the policy.
- The ability for newly elected members to be fully informed for the working group within the suggested timeline.
- The request to include the All Recreation Committee Chair to be included in the working group.

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

That the Board approve the establishment of a Recreation Allocation Policy Review

Working Group comprised of RDCK Community Services staff, the All Recreation Committee Chair, and one (1) representative from each of the following: the Castlegar & District Recreation Commission, the Nelson & District Recreation Commission, and the Creston Valley Shared Services Committee, for the purpose of reviewing Recreation Allocation Policy No. 500-01-09 and bringing forward recommendations to the All Recreation Committee in spring 2027.

Carried

6.2 Operation of Unstaffed Indoor Fitness Oriented Recreations Facilities Policy

The Committee Report dated October 28, 2026 from Trisha Davison, General Manager of Community Services, re: Operation of Unstaffed Indoor Fitness Oriented Recreations Facilities Policy, has been received.

Key notable discussion points included:

- An overview of the policy and addendums, and the reasons for establishing it.
- The committee noted minor corrections for staff and appreciation for the comprehensive policy.
- The potential for applying a similar policy for facilities with limited staff instead of no staff.
- Security technology at the facilities.
- Noted benefits to the community and success of the facilities.

MEMBER ABSENT: Committee Member Popoff left the meeting at 9:30 am.

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

That the Board adopt Policy Number 500-02-12 Operation of Unstaffed Indoor Fitness Oriented Recreation Facilities effective immediately.

Carried

6.3 Programming Projects Overview

The Committee Report dated October 28, 2026 from Tia Wayling, Regional Programming Manager, re: Programming Projects Overview has been received.

Key notable discussion points included:

- An overview of the Program Costing Analysis Project, progress to date and timeline for completion.
- The Recreation Program Management Plan, project goals and next steps.
    - Creating a framework for how to evaluate recreation opportunities across communities to inform future programming decisions.
    - Re-establishing or strengthening contacts with local Community Groups and how best to do that.
    - The need to be able to shift priorities as communities change and grow.
- Fitness instructor recruitment and certification/training updates.
- Programming registration standards.
- An overview of the online ice time availability tool.

6.4 Regional Parks Enhancement Program Update

The Committee Report dated October 28, 2026 from Craig Stanley, Regional Manager of Operations & Asset Management, re: Regional Parks Enhancement Program Update has been received.

Key notable discussion points included:

- An overview of the report and definitions for the statuses listed.
- When a project would require future Board approval.
- Local commission involvement with playground design.

MEMBER ABSENT: Committee Member Lunn left the meeting at 10:20 a.m.

- Lardeau Regional Park Emergency Communication project – potential duplication of efforts with local community group, staff to reach out.

7. NEW BUSINESS

7.1 2027 All Recreation Committee Meeting Dates

The Committee to discuss the 2027 All Recreation Committee Meeting Schedule with the proposed dates of:

- Wednesday, April 7, 2027
- Wednesday, June 23, 2027
- Wednesday, October 27, 2027

With the proposed meeting time being held at 9:00a.m.

The Committee had no objections to the schedule as listed.

8. PUBLIC TIME

The Chair called for questions from the public at 10:28 a.m.

An Area J resident requested more information on the March 2024 Committee decision to purchase services from the company Propulso including the amount spent and utilization of the data. Staff provided a high-level overview on the use of the data and offered to provide a more detailed explanation in writing.

9. NEXT MEETING

The next All Recreation Committee meeting is to be determined.

10. ADJOURNMENT

MOVED and seconded,
AND Resolved:

The All Recreation Committee meeting be adjourned at 10:33 a.m.

Carried

Digitally Approved

M. McFaddin Chair

RECOMMENDATION(S) TO THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

1. *That the Board approve the establishment of a Recreation Allocation Policy Review Working Group comprised of RDCK Community Services staff, the All Recreation Committee Chair, and one (1) representative from each of the following: the Castlegar & District Recreation Commission, the Nelson & District Recreation Commission, and the Creston Valley Shared Services Committee, for the purpose of reviewing Recreation Allocation Policy No. 500-01-09 and bringing forward recommendations to the All Recreation Committee in spring 2027.*
2. *That the Board adopt Policy Number 500-02-12 Operation of Unstaffed Indoor Fitness Oriented Recreation Facilities effective immediately.*

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

Future All Recreation Committee Meetings

1. *The Commission had no objections to the proposed 2027 meeting dates of April 7, June 23, and October 27 at 9:00 a.m.*

Chapter:	Community Services
Section:	Parks & Recreation
Subject:	Operation of Unstaffed Indoor Fitness Oriented Recreation Facilities

Board Resolution	[pending]	**Established Date:**	[pending]	**Revised Date:**	

POLICY:

PURPOSE:

The purpose of this Policy is to establish a framework for the operation of certain RDCK indoor fitness-oriented recreation facilities on an unstaffed basis, while balancing the competing priorities of community access, user safety, risk management, and responsible allocation of public resources.

The RDCK recognizes that operating recreation facilities without on-site staff introduces risks that cannot be eliminated entirely. Through a combination of access controls, user agreements, facility inspections, maintenance practices, emergency procedures, and user responsibilities, the RDCK seeks to mitigate those risks to a level deemed reasonable and appropriate for the service provided.

This Policy establishes the principles, service levels, and risk management considerations that guide decisions regarding the operation of eligible unstaffed indoor fitness facilities.

SCOPE:

This Policy applies only to RDCK-operated indoor fitness facilities identified in Addendum A that:

- provide access through Active Passes or credentialed entry;
- are intended for independent fitness use by authorized users;
- serve rural service areas where staffing is not financially sustainable;
- do not require ongoing staff supervision for facility operations;
- do not contain operational hazards requiring routine staff oversight, including but not limited to facilities utilizing chlorine, ammonia, or similar hazardous substances;
- are not operated as multi-amenity recreation complexes with staffing requirements driven by facility size, usage volumes, programming, or public safety considerations.

This Policy does not apply to:

- staffed recreation facilities;
- aquatic facilities;
- arenas;
- community halls or facilities accessed primarily through rentals or bookings;
- facilities used by organized user groups under separate rental or occupancy agreements;
- drop-in users paying one-time admission fees.

Access under this Policy is limited to registered authorized users holding active Active Passes and valid access credentials.

DEFINITIONS:

For the purposes of this Policy:

Authorized User: An individual who holds a current RDCK Active Pass or other authorization to use the facility, has completed required waiver and agreement documentation, and is using an Access Credential issued in their own name.

Access Credential: A device or method issued to an Authorized User that grants entry to an Unstaffed Indoor Fitness Facility, such as an access fob.

Supporting Organization: Another public body or organization that supports the operation of a facility within the scope of this Policy, such as a municipality or school district.

Unstaffed Indoor Fitness Facility: An indoor recreation facility owned or operated by the RDCK Community Services Department that operates without on-site RDCK staff during its operating hours.

POLICY STATEMENT:

The RDCK's standard recreation service model is the operation of staffed recreation facilities.

Unstaffed operation may be authorized by Board approval only where the Board determines that:

1. risks have been assessed and reasonable mitigation measures are in place;
2. the facility serves a rural population that would otherwise have limited access to fitness opportunities;
3. the cost of continuous staffing is not sustainable within available service area funding;
4. the facility can reasonably operate through a controlled-access Active Pass model; and
5. unstaffed operation represents the most appropriate balance between access, risk management, and financial sustainability.

1. RISK MANAGEMENT AND SERVICE LEVEL PRINCIPLE:

1.1 Risk Management Framework

The RDCK recognizes that unstaffed indoor fitness facilities present different risks than staffed recreation facilities. The Board accepts that these risks cannot be entirely eliminated and determines that they may be reasonably managed through:

- controlled Active Pass-based access;
- user agreements;
- signed waivers;
- signed codes of conduct;
- access credential tracking;
- regular inspections and maintenance;
- user incident reporting;
- emergency instructions and signage;
- facility monitoring systems where appropriate.

1.2 Service Context

The rural service areas served by facilities operating under this Policy present distinct challenges not present in urban recreation service delivery. Low population density, geographic isolation, and dispersed settlement patterns limit the tax base available to fund recreation services.

The Board has determined that access to fitness facilities constitutes an important component of community health, social connection, and quality of life for rural residents who may not have access to private fitness services or larger recreation facilities available in urban centres.

1.3 Board Determination

Following deliberation and consideration of the factors set out in this Policy, the Board determines that operation of designated facilities on an unstaffed basis represents the appropriate balance among:

(a) Affordability and Fiscal Responsibility

The ongoing costs of staffing eligible rural fitness facilities would render the facilities financially unsustainable within the funding provided through approved local service requisitions. Staffed operation cannot be reasonably supported by the available rural tax base without creating disproportionate costs to residents.

(b) Community Access and Health Equity

The Board has weighed the value of providing some access to fitness opportunities against the alternative of providing no local facility. It is determined that unstaffed, self-directed fitness facilities provide meaningful health and wellness benefits and support equitable access to recreation services.

(c) Competing Service Priorities

The local area recreation, parks and leisure service budgets must accommodate a range of

services provided across these specific rural service areas. The allocation of funding to staffed operations at any single facility would reduce the RDCK's capacity to maintain or expand other local area services. The Board has determined that distributing community amenity benefits more broadly across different services is a higher-order priority than concentrating resources in a staffed model at a single location.

(d) User Responsibility and Community Self-Reliance

Rural recreation services have historically relied on a greater degree of individual responsibility and community participation than is typical in larger urban centres. The Board has determined that an adult user-responsibility model is consistent with community expectations and an appropriate component of risk mitigation in eligible facilities.

2. ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES:

2.1 General Manager

The General Manager of Community Services, or designate, is responsible for implementing this Policy and recommending updates regarding the operation of unstaffed fitness facilities.

2.2 RDCK Board

The Board is responsible for decisions respecting:

- establishment of facilities operating under this Policy;
- continuation or discontinuation of service;
- significant service level changes; and
- associated funding allocations.

3. POLICY REVIEW:

This Policy shall be reviewed at least every three (3) years or sooner if:

- a significant incident occurs;
- facility operations materially change;
- eligible facilities are added or removed; or
- emerging risks indicate review is warranted.

RELATED LEGISLATION:

- Local Government Act (RSBC 2015, c. 1)
- Community Charter (SBC 2003, c. 26)
- Occupiers Liability Act (RSBC 1996, c. 337)
- Workers Compensation Act (RSBC 2019, c. 1)
- Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act (RSBC 1996, c. 165)

ADDENDUM A

USER ACCESS AND RESPONSIBILITIES:

1 Authorized Users

Access shall be limited to Authorized Users holding:

- an active Active Pass;
- a signed waiver and assumption of risk agreement;
- a signed user code of conduct;
- a valid access credential issued in their own name.

2 Assumption of Risk

Users acknowledge, through a signed agreement, that they are accessing and using an unstaffed facility without on-site supervision and do so at their own risk.

3 Duty to Report

Authorized Users have an obligation to report to the RDCK:

- equipment failures;
- injuries;
- unsafe conditions;
- security concerns;
- maintenance issues; and
- any circumstance that may create a risk to other users.

Where reasonable and safe to do so, users are encouraged to temporarily identify unsafe equipment through the placement of clearly visible warning notices until RDCK staff are able to assess the issue.

4 Emergency Response

Users are responsible for contacting emergency services when required. Emergency contact information and reporting procedures shall be posted within the facility.

5 Minors

Ages 16-18: Youth 16-18 years old with active Active Pass may be permitted access to the facility without supervision with parental consent provided at the time of Active Pass purchase.

Ages 12-15: Children between 12 and 15 years old with an active Active Pass are allowed to use fitness facilities under the supervision of a responsible adult (19+).

Under 12 years old: Children under 13 years old are allowed in the gymnasium under the supervision of a responsible adult (19+) but are not permitted in fitness facilities.

ADDENDUM B

SERVICE LEVELS:

1 General Service Level

Facilities operating under this Policy are provided at a service level consistent with an unstaffed recreation model and available resources. Users acknowledge that staff are not continuously available to respond to operational issues.

2 Inspections

The RDCK shall conduct facility inspections, maintenance activities, and operational reviews at intervals determined by the General Manager or designate based on:

- facility use;
- operational requirements;
- identified risks; and
- available resources.

3 Response Times

The RDCK will make reasonable efforts to investigate reported safety concerns and equipment issues as operationally feasible.

Response times may vary due to:

- travel distances;
- staff availability;
- contractor availability;
- weather conditions; and
- the rural nature of the service area.

The RDCK does not guarantee immediate attendance at facilities.

4 Equipment Closures

When equipment is suspected to be unsafe or inoperable, access to the equipment may be restricted until inspection, repair, or replacement can occur. The RDCK does not guarantee repair or replacement timelines for equipment within unstaffed facilities.

ADDENDUM C

FACILITIES SUBJECT TO THIS POLICY:

The following facilities are designated by the Board as Unstaffed Indoor Fitness Facilities for the purposes of this Policy:

1. Crawford Bay Fitness Centre
2. New Denver Fitness Centre

This Addendum may be amended by Board resolution without requiring a substantive review of the Policy.

Angela Lund

To: Nicole Brown
Subject: RE: RDCK Municipal Appointments: Inaugural Meeting

From: Nicole Brown <nbrown@castlegar.ca>
Sent: November 3, 2026 9:45 AM
To: Angela Lund <ALund@rdck.bc.ca>
Cc: Bree Seabrook <bseabrook@castlegar.ca>; Jennifer Chamberlain <jchamberlain@castlegar.ca>
Subject: RE: RDCK Municipal Appointments: Inaugural Meeting

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Hi Angela,

Below are the resolutions from last nights meeting.

1. THAT Mayor Bogle be appointed as Director to the Board of the Regional District of Central Kootenay, including Joint Resource Recovery Committee, West Resource Recovery Committee, and West Transit Services Committee for the four-year term ending November 30, 2030.

2. THAT Councillor Cherryl MacLeod be appointed as Alternate Director to the Regional District of Central Kootenay for the four-year term ending November 30, 2030.

3. THAT in addition to Mayor Bogle, as the City of Castlegar's Regional District appointee, Councillor Darcy Bell and Councillor Merrick Zemp be appointed to the Castlegar and District Recreation Commission for the four-year term ending November 30, 2030.

4. THAT Councillor Cherryl MacLeod be appointed as the City of Castlegar representative to the West Kootenay Boundary Regional Hospital District Board for the four-year term ending November 30, 2030.

Nicole Brown
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CRESTON VALLEY

TOWN of CRESTON

November 12, 2026

Sent via email

Angela Lund, Deputy Corporate Officer
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Email: alund@rdck.bc.ca

Dear Angela:

Subject: Town of Creston Regional District of Central Kootenay Board and Committee Appointments

At Council's Inaugural Meeting of November 10, 2026 the following appointments were made to the Regional District of Central Kootenay Board and Committee positions:

Arrow Creek Water Treatment & Supply Commission

Representative ..... Mayor Dumas

Alternate ..... Councillor Schmidt

Creston Valley Services Committee

Representative ..... Mayor Dumas

Alternate ..... Councillor Wall

East and Joint Resource Recovery Commission (RDCK)

Representative ..... Mayor Dumas

Alternate ..... Councillor Hawton

Regional District of Central Kootenay Board

Director ..... Mayor Dumas

Alternate Director ..... Councillor Wall

Regional District of Central Kootenay Water Services Committee

Representative ..... Mayor Dumas

Alternate Representative ..... Councillor Schmidt

Contact information for the above representatives follows:

Mayor Denise Dumas: Denise.Dumas@creston.ca
Councillor Carolyn Hawton: Carolyn.Hawton@creston.ca
Councillor Ferd Schmidt: Ferd.Schmidt@creston.ca
Councillor Tanya Wall: Tanya.Wall@creston.ca

A copy of the certified resolution is enclosed with this letter for your records. If you have any questions with respect to these appointments, please do not hesitate to be in touch by email at Kirsten.Dunbar@creston.ca or by phone at 250 428-2214.

Regards,



Kirsten Dunbar
Director of Corporate Services

Enclosed: Certified Resolution "Town of Creston 2026-2027 Council, Board, Committee and Commission Appointments

Village of Kaslo

File #: 0530-04

November 4, 2026

Certified to be a true resolution adopted by the Council of the Village of Kaslo on November 3, 2026.

Appointment of RDCK Director and Alternate

R-260-2026

THAT Mayor Bird be appointed as the Village of Kaslo Municipal Director to the Regional District of Central Kootenay Board.

Carried

R-261-2026

THAT Councillor Brown be appointed as the Village of Kaslo Alternate Director to the Regional District of Central Kootenay Board.

Carried

Appointments to the West Kootenay-Boundary Regional Hospital District Board

R-263-2026

THAT Councillor Brown be appointed as the Village of Kaslo's Director on the West Kootenay-Boundary Regional Hospital District Board, and Mayor Bird as Alternate Director, for a term ending the first Monday after January 1, 2028, or until their successors are appointed.

Carried

Robert Baker
Chief Administrative Officer

THE VILLAGE OF
NAKUSP

Village of Nakusp

RESOLUTION NO. R189/26

Recommendation(s):

THAT Mayor Tom Zeleznik be appointed as the RDCK Municipal Director, and Councillor Joseph Hughes be appointed as the Alternate RDCK Municipal Director from November 2026 to November 2027.

Carried



Signature

New Denver Village

Meeting Minutes

November 2, 2026 - Inaugural Meeting - 07:00 PM

1. Oaths of Office

CAO/Corporate Officer Gawletz administered the Oath of Office for Mayor Casley, Councillor Budding, Councillor Hartman, and Councillor Moss.

2. Meeting Called To Order

Mayor Casley called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

Carried

3. Introduction of Late Items

4. Adoption of Agenda

Resolution # 2026-0241

Moved By: Colin Moss
Seconded By: Daphne Budding

That the agenda for the November 2, 2026 Inaugural Meeting be adopted as presented.

Carried

4.1 Amended motion

Moved By: Kathy Hartman

To postpone the appointment of all liaison roles and committees until the 10 November 2026 meeting.

(not seconded)

5. Council Appointments

5.1 Regional District of Central Kootenay Director

Resolution # 2026-0242

Moved By: Colin Moss
Seconded By: Daphne Budding

That Mayor Casley be appointed as the Regional District of Central Kootenay Director for the Village of New Denver.

Name	Yes	No	Abstained	Absent
Daphne Budding	✓			
Leonard Casley	✓			
Vern Gustafson				✓
Kathy Hartman		✓		
Colin Moss	✓			

Carried

5.2 Regional District of Central Kootenay Alternate Director

Resolution # 2026-0243

Moved By: Colin Moss
Seconded By: Kathy Hartman

That Councillor Budding be appointed as the Regional District of Central Kootenay Alternate Director or the Village of New Denver.

Carried

5.3 West Kootenay Boundary Regional Hospital District Representative

Resolution # 2026-0244

Moved By: Colin Moss
Seconded By: Daphne Budding

That Mayor Casley be appointed as the West Kootenay Boundary Regional Hospital District Representative for the Village of New Denver.

Name	Yes	No	Abstained	Absent
Daphne Budding	✓			
Leonard Casley	✓			
Vern Gustafson				✓
Kathy Hartman		✓		
Colin Moss	✓			

Carried

5.4 West Kootenay Boundary Regional Hospital District Alternative Representative

Resolution # 2026-0245

Moved By: Colin Moss
Seconded By: Kathy Hartman

That Councillor Budding be appointed as the West Kootenay Boundary Regional Hospital District Alternate Representative for the Village of New Denver.

Carried

5.5 Recreation Commission #6 Council Representative

Resolution # 2026-0246

Moved By: Colin Moss
Seconded By: Daphne Budding

That Councillor Gustafson be appointed as the Recreation Commission #6 representative for the Village of New Denver.

Carried

5.6 Recreation Commission #6 Alternate Representative

Resolution # 2026-0247

Moved By: Colin Moss
Seconded By: Daphne Budding

That Councillor Hartman be appointed as the Recreation Commission #6 alternate representative for the Village of New Denver.

Carried

5.7 Rosebery Trails & Parklands Commission Council Representative

Resolution # 2026-0248

Moved By: Colin Moss
Seconded By: Kathy Hartman

That Councillor Gustafson be appointed as the Rosebery Trails & Parklands Commission representative for the Village of New Denver.

Carried

5.8 Rosebery Trails & Parklands Commission Alternate Representative

Resolution # 2026-0249

Moved By: Kathy Hartman
Seconded By: Colin Moss

That Councillor Budding be appointed as the Rosebery Trails & Parklands Commission alternate representative for the Village of New Denver.

Carried

5.9 Fire Department Committee Council Representative

Resolution # 2026-0250

Moved By: Kathy Hartman
Seconded By: Colin Moss

That Mayor Casley be appointed as the Fire Department Committee representative for the Village of New Denver.

Carried

5.10 Health Advisory Committee Council Representative

Resolution # 2026-0251

Moved By: Daphne Budding
Seconded By: Colin Moss

That Councillor Moss be appointed as the Health Advisory Committee representative for the Village of New Denver.

Carried

5.10.1 Motion

Resolution # 2026-0252

Moved By: Colin Moss
Seconded By: Kathy Hartman

THAT staff be directed to contact the other local governments named in New Denvern's Health Advisory Committee Terms of Reference to request appointments to the committee.

Carried

5.11 Sustainability Committee Council Representative

Resolution # 2026-0253

Moved By: Colin Moss
Seconded By: Daphne Budding

That Councillor Hartman be appointed as the Sustainability Committee representative for the Village of New Denver.

Carried

5.12 Accessibility Advisory Committee Council Appointment

Resolution # 2026-0254

Moved By: Colin Moss
Seconded By: Daphne Budding

That Councillor Hartman be appointed as the New Denver Accessibility Advisory Committee Council liaison.

Carried

5.13 Columbia Basin Alliance for Literacy Council Liaison

Resolution # 2026-0255

Moved By: Daphne Budding
Seconded By: Kathy Hartman

That Councillor Moss be appointed as the Council liaison to the Columbia Basin Alliance for Literacy.

Carried

5.14 Slocan Lake Community Library Society Council Liaison

Resolution # 2026-0256

Moved By: Daphne Budding
Seconded By: Kathy Hartman

That Councillor Moss be appointed as the Slocan Lake Community Library Society Council Liaison

Carried

6. Appointment of Acting Mayor

Resolution # 2026-0257

Moved By: Daphne Budding
Seconded By: Colin Moss

That the position of Acting Mayor be appointed as follows:
November 2 - December 31, 2026 - Councillor Moss
January 1 - March 31, 2027 - Councillor Hartman
April 1 - June 30, 2027 - Councillor Gustafson
July 1 - September 30, 2027 - Councillor Budding
October 1 - December 31, 2027 - Councillor Moss

Carried

6.1 Signing Authorities

Resolution # 2026-0258

Moved By: Colin Moss
Seconded By: Daphne Budding

That Mayor Casley, Councillor Moss, and Councillor Hartman, be added as signing authorities for the Village of New Denver;

And further, that former Councillor Fyke be removed as a signing authority;

And further, that all cheques require two signatures, one from a member of Council and one from a designated staff member.

Carried

7. Adjournment

Resolution # 2026-0259

Moved By: Colin Moss

That the meeting be adjourned at 7:54 p.m.

Carried

CITY OF NELSON

THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF NELSON

CERTIFIED RESOLUTION OF COUNCIL

That Council passes the following resolution:

THAT Council appoints Keith Page as the City of Nelson Municipal Director to the Regional District of Central Kootenay Board of Directors;

AND FURTHER THAT Council appoints Janice Morrison as the City of Nelson Alternate Director to the Regional District of Central Kootenay Board of Directors.

I HEREBY CERTIFY the above to be a true and correct copy of a resolution adopted by the Municipal Council of the Corporation of the City of Nelson on the 3rd day of November 2026.

Sarah Winton
Corporate Officer

Dated at Nelson, BC this
4th day of November, 2026

Angela Lund

To: Derek Kwiatkowski
Subject: RE: RDCK Appointments

From: Derek Kwiatkowski <cao@salmo.ca>
Sent: November 12, 2026 9:10 AM
To: Angela Lund <ALund@rdck.bc.ca>
Cc: Brandy Jessup <brandy.jessup@salmo.ca>
Subject: RE: RDCK Appointments

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Hi Angela,

Here are the motions for appointing the Directors, if you need anything else, please let me know. Thanks.

Regards,

Derek Kwiatkowski | Chief Administrative Officer
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R18-11-26 RDCK Director	Moved and seconded, that Council appoint Mayor McKellar as the Regional District of Central Kootenay Director. Carried.
R19-11-26 RDCK Alternate Director	Moved and seconded, that Council appoint Councillor Gallie as the Regional District of Central Kootenay Alternate Director. Carried.

Village of Silverton
Inaugural Council Meeting
Council Chambers, 421 Lake Avenue, Silverton, BC
Monday, November 2, 2026 5:15 PM

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-159

THAT Mayor Tanya Gordon be appointed as the Village of Silverton Director for the Regional District of Central Kootenay.

Carried Unanimously

Catherine Allaway
Corporate Officer

Village of Silverton
Inaugural Council Meeting
Council Chambers, 421 Lake Avenue, Silverton, BC
Monday, November 2, 2026 5:15 PM

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-161

THAT Councillor Don Broughton be appointed as the Village of Silverton's Council representative for the Regional District of Central Kootenay's Recreation Commission No. 6.

Carried Unanimously

Catherine Allaway
Corporate Officer

Angela Lund

To: Michelle Gordon
Subject: RE: TIME SENSITIVE: RDCK Director and Alternate

From: Michelle Gordon <cao@villageofslocan.ca>
Sent: November 10, 2026 9:58 AM
To: Angela Lund <ALund@rdck.bc.ca>
Subject: RE: TIME SENSITIVE: RDCK Director and Alternate
Importance: High

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Moved by Councillor Strong, seconded by Councillor Hird,
And Resolved:

"That Mayor Jamie Ingram be appointed as the Village of Slocan Municipal Director to the Board of the RDCK; and that Councillor Katie Strong be appointed as Alternate Director."

Moved by Councillor Strong, seconded by Councillor Hird,
And Resolved:

"That Mayor Jamie Ingram be appointed as the Village of Slocan Director to the West Kootenay Boundary Regional
Hospital District Board; and that Councillor Brendan Murray-Nellis be appointed as Alternate."

Thank you!

Michelle Gordon
Chief Administrative Officer, Village of Slocan
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Angela Lund

From: Brianna Thompson <brianna.thompson@elkrootconservation.ca>
Sent: November 6, 2026 3:06 PM
To: Angela Lund
Cc: Kate Mizenka
Subject: Request for Letter Support as an Agenda Item for the November 20th Board Meeting
Attachments: Summary Document for Aggregation and Food Processing Document.pdf

Categories: BOARD

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Hello Angela,

My name is Brianna Thompson and I am writing on behalf of the organization I work for Elk Root Conservation.

Elk Root Conservation (ERC), located in Vallican in the Slocan Valley, is applying to the Province of B.C.'s Rural Economic Diversification and Infrastructure Program (REDIP) 2026-27 Development stream. We respectfully request that the Regional District of Central Kootenay Board add a letter of support for this application to its November 19, 2026 meeting agenda.The application is due November 20, 2026, we respect this is incredibly tight turnaround but would greatly strengthen our application.

The project will fund the drawings, assessments, business case and permit-readiness work needed to make ERC's future Food Aggregation and Processing Facility in Vallican, shovel-ready. Once built, the facility will provide year-round cold storage, a root cellar and a food-safe processing area for ERC and other local farmers, processors and artisans in the Slocan Valley. A Board letter would show REDIP that the region stands behind this investment in local food production.

I have attached a one page summary for more information.

Thanks for your consideration.
Warmly,

Elk Root conservation

Brianna Thompson (she/her)
Farm, Field & Forest Manager
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Feeding body, mind and spirit

Elk Root Conservation Food Aggregation and Processing Facility: Development Phase.

Elk Root Conservation (ERC) plans to build a Food Aggregation and Processing Facility in Vallican, in the Slocan Valley: a building with cold storage, a basement root cellar, a food processing and manufacturing area, and an agritourism storefront, serving both ERC and other local farmers and processors. ERC has outgrown its current space and expects its harvest to triple as its fruit trees come into production. It also plans to expand its growing area but cannot do so until it has more storage. Most local produce is available only in a short growing season, so storage and food processing are what turn a summer harvest into year-round sales. The first step is an application to the REDIP 2026-27 Development stream, so that when this work is complete the facility is truly shovel-ready: drawings and permit applications in hand, a network of customers and suppliers in place, and a validated business case.

Development project deliverables: assessments, drawings and permits, a business case with market analysis, and business partnership development.

Current and expected customer base: ERC runs a CSA, community bulk orders, and sells honey at the Kootenay Co-op and Home Grown Market in Nakusp, with room to add produce and value-added products at both as production expands. In spring 2027, ERC will launch a school snack pilot with School District 8, supplying fresh produce and fruit to Brent Kennedy Elementary and Mount Sentinel Secondary, with potential to expand to more of SD8's 11 schools across the Slocan Valley, Nelson and Salmo. ERC's agritourism program, also launching in spring 2027, will bring visitors to the farm as new customers, and the planned storefront will feature products from regional suppliers and artisans alongside ERC's own. Visitor purchases will help inform the business case.

Phased Facility Development: Phase 1 is the construction of the building including a basement root cellar and storage area. Upon completion ERC will install its two walk-in coolers into the building creating a large amount of cold storage between the coolers and root cellar. The storefront will also immediately be put into use for tourists attending ERC's Agri tours. Later phases, in an order set by available funding, will add plumbing, food processing equipment, honey processing equipment, additional storage infrastructure on a pre-existing building, and a four-season greenhouse.

Processing is built in from the start: The building design includes a dedicated processing and manufacturing area, built to adhere to food safety standards. Its plumbing, electrical and layout will be plannedin this development phase so high efficiency processing equipment (canning, dehydrating, jar filling, honey processing) can be added later without rebuilding.

Benefit to Local Producers, Processors and Artisans

The facility is designed to benefit the larger agricultural community. Local farmers, food processors and artisans will be able to:

- Rent the processing and manufacturing area and equipment. Allowing processors to be in a space designed to meet food safety requirements and save time on their processing, supporting their ability to scale-up.
- Sell their products to visitors through the agritourism storefront.
- Benefit from market information and buyer connections ERC builds through its business case.

Kootenay Employment Services
Let's get to work.

Regional District of Central Kootenay
Board of Directors
Re: Imagine Kootenay Funding Request (2027–2029)

Dear Chair and Board of Directors,

On behalf of Imagine Kootenay and Kootenay Employment Services, I would like to thank the Regional District of Central Kootenay Board of Directors for the opportunity to present at the October 22, 2026 Board meeting. Following our delegation, we are formally requesting $20,000 annually for three years (2027, 2028, 2029) to support the continued operation and further development of Imagine Kootenay.

Imagine Kootenay is a regional initiative dedicated to attracting people, businesses and investment to the Kootenays. Through business succession support, investment promotion and workforce attraction, the project contributes to the long-term economic vitality of communities throughout the region. Our regional approach allows participating communities to benefit from coordinated marketing, shared resources and broader exposure than they could achieve individually. By helping existing business owners find buyers, attracting new entrepreneurs and encouraging people to live and work in the Kootenays, Imagine Kootenay supports business continuity, employment opportunities and the sustainability of local services.

The requested funding would contribute to the project's ongoing operations, marketing initiatives, business listing development and investment attraction efforts. Contributions from the regional districts would also support a collaborative funding model alongside other regional partners, maximizing the impact of each participating organization's investment.

We appreciate the Board's consideration of this request, and we look forward to the opportunity to continue working together to strengthen communities throughout the Kootenays.

Sincerely,

Rafaela Erban, Imagine Kootenay Coordinator
Ben Sargent, Executive Director, Kootenay Employment Services

Board Report – For Information

November 19, 2026

Castlegar & District Arena and Walking Track Project: History & Next Steps

Author:	Trisha Davison, General Manager of Community Services
File Reference:	[File no.]
Electoral Area/Municipality:	City of Castlegar, Area I and Area J
Services Impacted	S222 & New Service to be determined

1.0 PURPOSE OF REPORT

The purpose of this report is to orient the newly elected Board to the Castlegar & District Arena and Walking Track Project, provide key background information, summarize the project's current status, and identify upcoming Board decision points.

2.0 BACKGROUND AND UDPATE

What is the project?

The Castlegar & District Arena and Walking Track Project is an RDCK initiative stemming from the *Reimagining Recreation* community engagement process conducted between April 2024 and March 2025. Through that process, residents of the City of Castlegar and Electoral Area J identified support for a tax increase to fund a new secondary indoor arena and walking track. In June 2025, the Castlegar & District Recreation Commission directed staff to advance planning for the potential facility, including the development of a new service bylaw encompassing City of Castlegar and Electoral Area J residents that would fund construction, long-term borrowing, and asset renewal of the new amenities at the Castlegar & District Community Complex.

This is a highly complex project involving staff from Community Services, Finance, Procurement, Project Management and Corporate Services. Many processes have had to run in parallel to each other based on the targeted project timeline which has caused some project delays, challenges and

Milestones

A high level summary of the major milestones in this project are as follows:

Date	Milestone
April 2024 – March 2025	Reimagining Recreation Community Engagement, public identify the project as the lead priority.
June 2025	Commission directed staff to review bylaws, develop funding models, and advance planning for a secondary arena and walking track
September 2025	Strategic Priorities Fund grant application submitted
Sept 2025 – May 2026	Project framework and requirements development
May 2026	Request for Pre-Qualification issued

June 2026	Request for Pre-Qualification closed
Late July 2026	RFP is issued to shortlisted proponents
August 2026	Participation agreements signed by two proponents, one proponent withdrew
October 2026	RFP Question period
November 18, 2026	Request For Proposal process closes (extended from November 4 at the proponents request)
November 19-26, 2026	Proposal evaluation period
December 1, 2026	Commission reviews recommended proposal
December 2, 2026	Board approves preferred proposal at a special meeting (TBD)
December 2 – January 1	Conditional Design-Build Contract Finalization
Jan 5 or Jan 12, 2027	Commission reviews Conditional Design-Build Contract (timing TBD)
January 2026	Board approves Conditional Design-Build Contract (timing TBD)
January 4 to Feb 19	Public engagement sessions (some engagement also planned over the holiday break)
February 20, 2027	Targeted referendum date
March 2027	Notice to proceed issued to successful proponent
Summer/Fall 2027	Construction Start with a favourable referendum outcome
September 2029	Substantial Completion

Financial Details

Several important financial considerations should be noted with respect to this project:

- The construction budget has been established at $15 million, which is proposed to be funded through borrowing.
- Annual debt servicing costs associated with the borrowing are estimated at approximately $150,000.
- As part of the Design-Build procurement process, proponents are required to submit a proposal demonstrating how a secondary arena and walking track can be delivered within the $15 million construction budget and in accordance with the Owner's Statement of Requirements (OSR).
- A 10-year financial plan has been developed as part of the process of establishing a new recreation service and assessing the long-term financial sustainability of the facility.
- In addition to the $15 million construction budget, approximately $2.79 million would be funded through taxation under the proposed new service to address project-related costs that are not included in the Design-Build contract.

Item	**Budget**	**Comments**
City of Castlegar Building Permit (on $18M)	144,000	
FF&E (Furniture, Fixtures & Equipment)	100,000	
Watermain & Hydrant Relocation	300,000	
New 600v Electrical Service	175,000	
Geotech & Environmental Testing	90,000	Funded by Castlegar & Area J
Traffic Flow Study	25,000	
Asbestos Remediation	50,000	
Quality Control Testing & Inspections	125,000	
Commissioning Agent	150,000	
Owner's Contingency (10% of construction)	1,350,000	
Subtotal	**2,509,000**	

2026 Procurement (including OSR)	280,000	Funded through S222
Total	**2,789,000**	

In total, the project currently contemplates approximately $17.8 million in capital costs, of which $15 million is associated with construction and approximately $2.8 million relates to project contingencies, permits, professional services, utility works, procurement, and other owner-incurred costs.

In October 2025, a Class D cost estimate was undertaken to better understand the anticipated cost of constructing a new arena and walking track. Based on the conceptual scope developed at that time, the total project cost was estimated at between $24 million $33 million. As this estimate exceeded the funding available, the RDCK initiated a Design-Build procurement process aimed at achieving the project's core service and facility objectives within an established budget framework. The project funding strategy also includes consideration of naming rights and other value-capture opportunities to generate additional revenue and reduce reliance on taxpayer funding.

Given the significant difference between earlier conceptual estimates and available funding, the RDCK elected to pursue a Design-Build procurement model. This approach allows proponents to develop innovative design solutions that meet the Owner's Statement of Requirements while working within a defined budget envelope.

Project Governance

The Castlegar & District Arena and Walking Track Project is being managed by RDCK staff, with the support of a consulting team from HCMA, under the direction of the Castlegar & District Recreation Commission. Staff are responsible for project administration, procurement, evaluation, and reporting, while the Commission provides oversight and strategic guidance throughout the process. The Regional District Board is responsible for considering and approving major project decisions as they arise, including those related to procurement, borrowing, service establishment, and elector approval. Any decision to proceed with construction will be subject to approval by electors through the proposed referendum process.

Current Status

The project is currently in the procurement evaluation stage. Two proponents are expected to submit Design-Build proposals. Following evaluation, staff will provide a recommendation to the Castlegar & District Recreation Commission. If supported by the Commission and subsequently approved by the Board, the recommended concept will be used during public engagement and referendum discussions scheduled for early 2027.

Risks & Other Considerations

Key risks currently being monitored include:

- Construction costs exceeding available funding resulting in proponents not proceeding.
- Limited competition through the Design-Build procurement process.
- Submissions deviating from the Owner’s Statement of Requirements that does not support the overall objectives of the project.
- Schedule impacts that could affect the referendum timeline.
- Public support for establishment of the new service and associated taxation requirements.
- Potential escalation of costs prior to construction commencement.

Key Resources

Additional information regarding the project is available on the RDCK's public engagement website at **www.engage.rdck.ca**. The project page serves as a central information hub and includes a variety of background materials and project documentation, including:

- Reimagining Recreation engagement reports;
- Project updates and milestones;
- Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ); and
- Additional information related to the planning, procurement, and financial considerations of the project.

3.0 NEXT STEPS AND TIMELINE

There are several key next steps in the process some of which will involve decision making by the Board. The following table highlights the item and anticipated timeline:

Item	Involvement	Timeline
Evaluate proposal submissions	Staff Evaluation Team	November 19-26
Staff recommendation to the Castlegar & District Recreation Commission	Staff Evaluation Team	December 1
Commission reviews the recommendation and recommends Board approval	Recreation Commission	December 1
Board approves the recommendation	Board	TBD: Dec 2-4
Board approves referendum question	Board	December Board meeting
Board approves referendum results	Board	February 25, 2027

Respectfully submitted,
Trisha Davison, General Manager of Community Services

CONCURRENCE

General Manager of IT, Procurement and Finance – Yev Malloff	Approved
Regional Manager of Operations and Asset Management – Craig Stanley	Approved
Senior Project Manager - AJ Evenson	Approved

Board Report - Recommendation

November 19, 2026

Award of Contract: Sensitive Ecosystems Inventory Mapping of the Slocan River and Little Slocan River

Author: Paris Marshall Smith, Sustainability & Resilience Supervisor
File Reference: 10-5200-20-SLRP
Electoral Area/Municipality: Area H
Services Impacted Community Sustainable Living Service 105

1.0 STAFF RECOMMENDATION

That the Board approve the RDCK enter into a consulting services agreement with Ecologic Consultants for Sensitive Ecosystems Inventory mapping of the Slocan River and Little Slocan River to a maximum value of $89,940 plus GST for the period November 25, 2026 to November 30, 2027, and that the Chair and Corporate Officer be authorized to sign the necessary documents;

AND FURTHER, that the costs be paid from Community Sustainable Living Service 105 funded through the Electoral Area H Community Works Fund allocation.

2.0 BACKGROUND/HISTORY

The Slocan Lake and River Partnership (SLRP) brings together the Sinixt Confederacy, the Syilx Okanagan Nation, the Regional District of Central Kootenay (RDCK), the Villages of New Denver, Silverton and Slocan, the Province of British Columbia and the Government of Canada to care for the health of the Slocan Lake and River watershed. The Partnership grew out of a January 2022 discussion among RDCK Directors and staff, held an initial gathering of partners in June 2022, and formed its Steering Committee in November 2022. A Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) of Indigenous and local stewardship representatives advises the Steering Committee.

The Partnership's shared purpose is to guide development and protect the ecosystem. Because mapping work has been done in with Slocan Lake, which has Foreshore Inventory Mapping (2021) and a 30 metre riparian DPA, the Slocan River is the next priority.

The Slocan River is one of the last undammed rivers of its size in the Columbia Basin. Its valley bottom holds floodplain, wetland and riparian ecosystems of high value, including the red-listed Black Cottonwood / Snowberry - Roses middle bench floodplain community and habitat for several species at risk. Most of this land is privately held, and change tends to arrive gradually, one property decision at a time. Without current, standards-based mapping, it is difficult to see these cumulative changes.

The Sensitive Ecosystems Inventory mapping project will:

- Map the valley-bottom floodplain and riparian ecosystems of the Slocan River and Little Slocan River to provincial standards.

- Identify environmentally sensitive areas and provide area-based planning recommendations to inform possible future Development Permit Areas (DPA) and policy tools.
- Produce geospatial products compatible with the Slocan Lake mapping, so information can be read across the watershed.
- Provide plain language and public-facing products that support community education and landowner stewardship.

RDCK staff issued a Request for Proposals (RFP) on October 2, 2026 on behalf of the Partnership. The RFP closed on October 28, 2026 with seven proposals received.

The evaluation committee, made up of SLRP Steering Committee and Technical Advisory Committee members, assessed proposals on best overall value rather than price alone. The five published criteria were:

- firm and team qualifications (25%)
- understanding, methodology and work plan (25%)
- relevant project experience and references (10%)
- schedule and capacity (5%)
- price (35%)

To ensure fairness and consistency, the evaluation matrix (ATTACH01) was finalized before proposals were opened. Committee members scored each proposal independently, then met to agree on consensus scores. TAC members who had declared an intention to submit a proposal did not take part in scoping, drafting or evaluation.

Ecologic Consultants is the recommended proponent as a result of this process.

EcoLogic Consultants Ltd. received the highest overall score under the RFP's best-value evaluation, in which price was weighted at 35 percent. It scored nearly nine points higher than the lowest-priced proposal on qualifications, methodology and comparable experience. Its price of $89,940 is within budget, and the committee unanimously judged the stronger technical proposal to be the better long-term value for this foundational mapping.

This work is funded through a $100,000 Community Works Fund (CWF) allocation for Electoral Area H. Of this, $90,000 is available for the consultant contract and $10,000 is set aside for mapping led by Sinixt and Syilx partners. Further details are in section 4.1.

3.0 PROBLEM OR OPPORTUNITY DESCRIPTION

There is no current, standards-based mapping of the floodplain and riparian ecosystems of the Slocan River and Little Slocan River. The 2012 baseline provides a strong starting point, but it does not yet meet the provincial mapping standard needed to support DPA designation and development review. This limits the ability of the RDCK, partner Nations and the Villages to make informed land use decisions along the river. Awarding this contract allows the mapping to proceed in time for the 2027 field season and to be completed within the CWF timeline.

3.1 Alignment to Board Strategic Plan

This project supports the Board's Strategic Priority of Energy Efficiency and Environmental Responsibility, specifically ensuring our watersheds are protected and well governed, and the Strategic Priority of Develop Relationships and Partnerships, specifically forming long lasting, strong partnerships with Indigenous

communities in support of their continued success. The project is shaped by a partnership in which Sinixt and Syilx representatives sit at the governance table, and in which Indigenous knowledge and cultural information remain under the authority of the Nations.

3.2 Legislative Considerations

Under section 488 of the Local Government Act, an Official Community Plan may designate development permit areas for the protection of the natural environment, its ecosystems and biological diversity. Mapping of this kind provides the technical foundation for any future riparian or ecosystem DPA on the river. The work also aligns with the Water Sustainability Act. Any archaeological or cultural information encountered is handled in accordance with the Heritage Conservation Act and partner Nation protocols.

Funding is provided under the Canada Community-Building Fund Agreement, and this project falls within eligible CWF categories.

3.3 What Are the Risks

- **Planning Risk:** Floodplain and riparian ecosystems along the river remain unmapped to current standards, limiting the RDCK's ability to guide development and protect sensitive areas.
- **Funding Risk:** Delaying award risks missing the CWF project timeline.
- **Seasonal Risk:** Field verification depends on the growing season. A delay past winter 2026 to 2027 would push field work to 2028.
- **Relational Risk:** Not proceeding may be seen as a step back from shared commitments made with Sinixt and Syilx partners, the Villages and the community through the Partnership.

4.0 PROPOSED SOLUTION

Staff propose to award the agreement to Ecologic Consultants to complete Sensitive Ecosystems Inventory mapping of the Slocan River and Little Slocan River.

Key Components -

- Project start-up, review of baseline data and confirmation of the study area
- Desktop SEI mapping of valley-bottom floodplain and riparian ecosystems over winter 2026 to 2027
- Field verification during the 2027 growing season, on Crown land and on private land where landowners grant permission
- Environmentally sensitive area mapping and area-based planning recommendations
- Geospatial deliverables to provincial and Community Mapping Network standards, with sensitive information delivered as separate confidential layers
- Development of a web based tool such as a Story Map (eg. Watershed Governance Initiative Story Map) or the equivalent for public engagement
- Draft and final reports, including a plain language summary
- Presentation of findings to the SLRP Steering Committee and Technical Advisory Committee

The consultant will report to the SLRP Coordinator, with guidance from the Technical Advisory Committee, and final deliverables are due by November 30, 2027 with possible extension by mutual agreement. Cultural and archaeological information remains under the authority of the Sinixt and Syilx Nations and is shared only on terms they set. Community engagement is delivered by the Partnership and sits outside this contract.

Once this project is underway, staff will work with Slocan River StreamKeepers to develop a community engagement strategy. To date, an engage page has been created and a media release was issued on October 26.

4.1 Financial Considerations of the Proposed Solution

These costs will reside in Community Sustainable Living Service 105 and are funded through the Electoral Area H Community Works Fund allocation.

Budget, funded through the Community Works Fund:

- Up to $90,000 for consultant deliverables (2026 and 2027), including field work, travel and other costs per the detailed cost breakdown in the proposal
- $10,000 for mapping led by Sinixt and Syilx partners

Total: $100,000. RDCK staff time for coordination and administration is not charged to the CWF allocation, as CWF funds external technical services only. Payments will be invoiced monthly, with the first happening in 2026 (at roughly $7,495) and the remainder in 2027 ($82,445). Expenses will be included in the draft 2027 financial plan.

Total Agreement Price Per Proponent, excluding GST (ATTACH01)

Proponent	Proposed Price
Cirque Ecological	$72,193
EcoLogic Consultants / Masse Environmental	$89,940
Keefer Ecological Services / EcoPlan	$92,410
Cabin Resource Management	$99,855
Above Sensing / Kettle Ecological	$126,100 (Option 1); $172,360 (Option 2)
EDI Environmental Dynamics	$163,151
Keystone Environmental / SPARC	$208,757

4.2 Risks with the Proposed Solution

All known procurement and evaluation risks have been factored into the RFP process, evaluation matrix and contract terms, and will be managed by RDCK staff through contract execution. Access to private land for field verification depends on landowner permission. The scope allows field work to focus on accessible Crown land, supported by desktop mapping, where access is not granted. Confidential data, including parcel-level, cultural and archaeological information, is protected through contract terms and delivered as separate layers.

4.3 Resource Allocation and Workplan Impact

This work is included in the workplans of the Sustainability and Resilience Supervisor who will provide contract management and Partnership coordination.

4.4 Public Benefit and Stakeholder Engagement of Proposed Solution

The project builds a shared understanding of the river that all partner governments can use to make better decisions, that partner Nations can recognize as respecting their knowledge and rights, and that riverside landowners can see themselves in as stewards rather than as subjects of regulation. Public products will include

a plain language summary and accessible mapping. Sinixt and Syilx partners lead their own mapping, and community engagement is delivered by the Partnership alongside the technical work.

4.5 Leveraging Technology

The project will produce GIS datasets to the BC Conservation Data Centre mapping standard and Community Mapping Network data standards, compatible with RDCK GIS and with the existing Slocan Lake mapping. A story map will also be created.

4.6 Measuring Success

- Final mapping, report and plain language summary
- Findings presented to the SLRP Steering Committee and Technical Advisory Committee
- Mapping available to inform future DPA and policy work for the Slocan River

5.0 ALTERNATIVE SOLUTION(S)

Do not award at this time

5.1 Financial Considerations of the Alternative Solution(s)

Not awarding the contract at this time would delay the mapping, likely past the 2027 field season, and put the CWF project timeline at risk.

5.2 Risks with the Alternative Solution(s)

The floodplain and riparian ecosystems of the Slocan River would remain unmapped to current standards, leaving a gap in the information needed to guide development along the river. The project is funded through the Community Works Fund, with no tax requisition impact to proceed.

5.3 Resource Allocation and Workplan Impact

Staff time can be used elsewhere.

5.4 Public Benefit and Stakeholder Engagement of Alternative Solution

Staff do not see any public benefit with delaying this project.

5.5 Measuring Success

Not applicable

6.0 OPTIONS CONSIDERED BUT NOT PRESENTED

Awarding to the second highest ranked proponent is Cirque Consultants.

7.0 OPTIONS SUMMARY

Option 1: Staff Recommendation

That the Board approve the RDCK enter into a consulting services agreement with Ecologic Consultants for Sensitive Ecosystems Inventory mapping of the Slocan River and Little Slocan River to a maximum value of $89,940 plus GST for the period November 25, 2026 to November 30, 2027, and that the Chair and Corporate Officer be authorized to sign the necessary documents;

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Option 2:

That the Board recommends not awarding the contract for Sensitive Ecosystems Inventory mapping of the Slocan River and Little Slocan River at this time.

8.0 RECOMMENDATION

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Respectfully submitted,
Paris Marshall Smith, Sustainability & Resilience Supervisor

CONCURRENCE

Corporate Administration Officer: Stuart Horn Approved
Chief Financial Officer: Yev Malloff Approved
General Manager, Development Services and Community Sustainability: Amy Wilson Approved

ATTACHMENTS:

1. ATTACH01 - BRD_SLRP SEI Mapping RFP Evaluation Matrix
2. ATTACH02 - BRD_DRAFT AGREEMENT for Sensitive Ecosystems Inventory Mapping of the Slocan River and Little Slocan River

SLRP SEI Riparian Mapping RFP: Consolidated Evaluation Summary	SUMMARY, PRICE AND OVERALL SCORES							
EVALUATION CRITERIA	**Weighting Factors**	**Above Sensing / Kettle**	**Cabin**	**Cirque**	**EcoLogic**	**EDI**	**Keefer (KES)**	**Keystone**
FIRM AND TEAM QUALIFICATIONS	**25.00%**	11.45	19.77	18.70	22.12	17.13	20.48	17.52
METHODOLOGY AND WORK PLAN	**25.00%**	13.38	20.77	18.88	21.97	16.10	21.70	17.53
PROJECT EXPERIENCE AND REFERENCES	**10.00%**	5.00	8.27	7.23	9.00	7.20	8.40	8.10
SCHEDULE AND CAPACITY	**5.00%**	2.50	3.80	3.63	4.23	3.35	3.90	3.70
TOTAL EVALUATED SCORE	**65.00%**	**32.33**	**52.60**	**48.44**	**57.31**	**43.78**	**54.48**	**46.85**
VENDOR PRICE (FINANCIAL)		$ 126,100.00	$ 99,855.00	$ 69,565.00	$ 89,940.00	$ 163,151.00	$ 92,410.00	$ 208,757.00
NORMALIZED PRICE SCORE	**35.00%**	**55.17%**	**69.67%**	**100.00%**	**77.35%**	**42.64%**	**75.28%**	**33.32%**
TOTAL EVALUATED SCORE	**65.00%**	**32.33**	**52.60**	**48.44**	**57.31**	**43.78**	**54.48**	**46.85**
TOTAL PRICE SCORE	**35.00%**	**19.31**	**24.38**	**35.00**	**27.07**	**14.92**	**26.35**	**11.66**
OVERALL SCORE	**100.00%**	**51.63**	**76.98**	**83.44**	**84.38**	**58.71**	**80.83**	**58.51**
OVERALL RANKING		7	4	2	1	5	3	6

Price score: lowest price receives the full 35 points; others are scored as (lowest price / proponent price) x 35.

Consulting Services

Agreement

Contract #:2026-382-CS_SLRP_ECOLOGIC
Project: Slocan River and Little Slocan River Sensitive Ecosystem Inventory Mapping
GL Code: 54030 / OVR113 -111

THIS AGREEMENT executed and dated for reference the:

day day of month, year
(Day) (Month) (Year)

BETWEEN

REGIONAL DISTRICT OF CENTRAL KOOTENAY (hereinafter called the "RDCK") at the following address: Box 590, 202 Lakeside Drive Nelson, BC V1L 5R4	**AND**	**ECOLOGIC CONSULTANTS LTD** (hereinafter called the "Consultant") at the following address: 113-8331 EASTLAKE DRIVE BURNABY BC V5A 4W2
Agreement Administrator: Paris Marshall Smith Telephone #: 250.254.6084 Email: pmarshallsmith@rdck.bc.ca		Agreement Administrator: Ryan Durand Telephone: 604.803.7146 Email: rdurand@ecologicconsultants.com

FOR GOOD AND VALUABLE CONSIDERATION, THE RECEIPT OF WHICH IS CONFIRMED, THE REGIONAL DISTRICT OF CENTRAL KOOTENAY AND THE CONSULTANT AGREE AS FOLLOWS:

(a) **SERVICES:** The Consultant shall provide the services which are set out in the Consultant's proposal dated October 28, 2026 (the "Proposal") which forms part of this Agreement and as detailed in Schedule "A" of this Agreement (the "Services"). It is agreed that Services may also include any additional services authorized and agreed to by the Consultant and the RDCK by written agreement after the Agreement has commenced ("Additional Services").

(b) **CHANGES TO SERVICES:** The RDCK and the Consultant acknowledge that it may be necessary to modify the Services, the Project schedule and/or the Budget in order to complete the Project. In the event that the RDCK or the Consultant wishes to make a change or changes to the Services, the Project schedule and/or the Budget it shall notify the other of the proposed change and reason(s) therefore. The party receiving the notification shall review and consider the proposal for change and shall as soon as is reasonably possible and no longer than within five (5) working days, advise in writing the party proposing the change whether it agrees to the change. Where the parties agree to the change, such agreement will form part of this Agreement and be formalized by means of an Agreement Amendment.

Any RDCK authorized services required of the Consultant beyond those Services set out in the Proposal shall be considered Additional Services. The Consultant shall be compensated for all Additional Services on an

hourly or per diem basis, as agreed upon by the RDCK and the Consultant in writing by means of an Agreement Amendment prior to the Consultant performing the Additional Services.

(c) **TERM:** Notwithstanding the date of execution of this Agreement the Consultant shall provide the Services described in Schedule A hereof commencing on **November 23, 2026** (Start Date) and ending on **December 31, 2027** (End Date) (the "Term").

(d) **LOCATION:** The location for delivery of the Services shall be Little Slocan and Slocan Rivers, Slocan Valley BC.

(e) **PAYMENT:** The total budget for the Services, as specified in the Proposal is **$89,940** (excluding GST) and on the terms set out in Schedule B. The budget for the Services is broken into tasks in the Proposal. The Consultant agrees to complete all of the tasks specified in the Proposal at a cost that will not exceed the budget amount for each task. The Consultant shall submit an invoice to the RDCK for payment, together with supporting documents, in respect of the hours worked and disbursements made on or before the last day of each month, for the RDCK's approval and due processing.

(f) Schedules A and B are incorporated into, and form part of this Agreement.

(g) The following terms and conditions are incorporated into, and form part of this Agreement.

THE CONSULTANT' OBLIGATIONS

1 The Consultant shall:

(a) Undertake all work and supply all materials necessary to perform the Services, unless stipulated otherwise in Schedule A.

(b) In performing the Services, at all times, act in the best interests of the Regional District of Central Kootenay (herein after called the **"RDCK"**). Also, the Consultant shall exercise that degree of professional care, skill and diligence required according to generally accepted professional standards current as of the date that the Services are rendered.

(c) Engage the services of staff, sub-consultants and sub-contractors who have the education, training, skill and experience necessary to perform the Services, and shall cause them to perform the Services on behalf of the Consultant.

(d) Employ only those sub-consultants and sub-contractors identified in the Proposal to supply the Services. The Consultant agrees that it has the responsibility for the coordination of all professional Services rendered to the RDCK by the Consultant or by its sub-consultants or sub-contractors on the Project. The Consultant may, with the written approval of the RDCK, such approval not to be unreasonably withheld, replace any of the identified project team members described in the Proposal with other professional staff possessing equivalent knowledge, ability and skills.

(e) Ensure that all personnel hired by the Consultant to perform the Services will be the employees of the Consultant and not to the RDCK with the Consultant being solely responsible for the arrangement of reliefs and substitutions pay supervision, discipline, employment insurance, workers compensation, leave and all other matters arising out of the relationship of employer and employee.

(f) Upon the request of the RDCK fully inform the RDCK of the work done by the Consultant in connection with the provision of the Services and permit the RDCK at all reasonable times to inspect, review and copy all

works, productions, buildings, accounting records, findings, data, specifications, drawings, working papers, reports, documents and materials, whether complete or otherwise, that have been produced, received or acquired by the Consultant as a result of this Agreement.

(g) Comply with all applicable municipal, provincial and federal legislation and regulations.

(h) At its own expense, obtain all permits and licenses necessary for the performance of the Services, and on request provide the RDCK with proof of having obtained such licenses or permits.

(i) Promptly pay all persons employed by it.

(j) Not assign this Agreement, not subcontract any of its obligations under this Agreement, to any person, firm or corporation without the prior written consent of the RDCK.

(k) At all times, exercise the standard of care, skill and diligence normally exercised and observed by persons engaged in the performance of services similar to the Services.

(l) Not perform any service for any other person, firm or corporation which, in the reasonable opinion of the RDCK, may give rise to a conflict of interest.

(m) Be an independent Consultant and not the servant, employee or agent of the RDCK. The Consultant and the RDCK acknowledge and agree that this Agreement does not create a partnership or joint venture between them.

(n) Accept instructions from the RDCK, provided that the Consultant shall not be subject to the control of the RDCK in respect of the manner in which such instructions are carried out.

(o) At its own expense, obtain Workers Compensation Board coverage for itself, all workers and any shareholders, directors, partners or other individuals employed or engaged in the execution of the Work. Upon request, the Consultant shall provide the RDCK with proof of such compliance.

(p) Be responsible for all fines, levies, penalties and assessments made or imposed under the *Worker's Compensation Act* and regulations relating in any way to the Services, and indemnify and save harmless fines, levies, penalties and assessments.

(q) Not in any manner whatsoever commit or purport to commit the RDCK to the payment of any money.

(r) Establish and maintain time records and books of account, invoices, receipts, and vouchers of all expenses incurred.

(s) Notwithstanding the provision of any insurance coverage by the RDCK, indemnify and save harmless the RDCK, its successor(s), assign(s) and authorized representative(s) and each of them from and against losses, claims, damages, actions, and causes of action (collectively referred to as "Claims"), that the RDCK may sustain, incur, suffer or be put to at any time either before or after the expiration or termination of this Agreement, that arise out of errors, omissions or negligent acts of the Consultant or its subconsultant(s), subcontractor(s), servant(s), agent(s) or employee(s) under this Agreement, excepting always that this indemnity does not apply to the extent, if any, to which the Claims are caused by errors, omissions or the negligent acts of the RDCK its other consultant(s), contractor(s), assign(s) and authorized representative(s) or any other persons.

(t) Use due care that no person or property is injured and no rights infringed in the performance of the Services, and shall be solely responsible for all losses, damages, costs and expenses in respect to any damage or injury,

including death, to persons or property incurred in providing the Services or in any other respect whatsoever.

(u) The Consultant must provide the RDCK with a certificate of insurance upon execution of this Agreement in a form acceptable to the Chief Financial Officer of the Regional District and shall, during the Term of this Agreement, take out and maintain the following insurance coverage:

(i) Automobile Liability (third party) insurance with a minimum limit of $2,000,000.

(ii) comprehensive commercial general liability insurance against claims for bodily injury, death or property damage arising out of this Agreement or the provision of the Services in the amount of **$ 2,000,000 dollars per occurrence** with a **maximum deductible of $5,000**;

Such insurance will:

(A) name the Regional District, its elected officials, employees, officers, agents and others as an additional insured;

(B) include the Consultant's Blanket contractual liability;

(C) include a Cross Liability clause;

(D) include occurrence property damage;

(E) include personal injury;

(F) include a Waiver of Subrogation clause in favor of the RDCK whereby the insurer, upon payment of any claim(s), waives its right to subrogate against the RDCK for any property loss or damage claim(s);

(G) be primary in respect to the operation of the named insured pursuant to the contract with the RDCK. Any insurance or self-insurance maintained by the RDCK will be in excess of such insurance policy (policies) and will not contribute to it;

(H) require the insurer not cancel or materially change the insurance without first giving the RDCK thirty days' prior written notice; provided that if the Consultant does not provide or maintain in force the insurance required by this Agreement, the Consultant agrees that the RDCK may take out the necessary insurance and the Consultant shall pay to the RDCK the amount of the premium immediately on demand.

(iii) professional liability coverage in the amount of **$ 2,000,000 dollars per claim** and **$ 5,000,000 dollars aggregate,** with a **maximum deductible of $50,000;**

(v) Keep confidential for an unlimited period of time all communications, plans, specifications, reports or other information used in connection with the Project except:

(i) those requiring disclosure by operation of law; and
(ii) any disclosure authorized in writing by the RDCK.

~~**CONSTRUCTION SUPERVISION**~~

~~(w) Inspect the site where the Services are to be performed (the **"Site"**) and become familiar with all conditions~~

~~pertaining thereto prior to commencement of the Services.~~

~~(x) Where materials and supplies are to be provided by the Consultant, use only the best quality available.~~

~~(y) Where samples of materials or supplies are requested by the RDCK, submit them to the RDCK for the RDCK's approval prior to their use.~~

~~(z) Not cover up any works without the prior approval or consent of the RDCK and, if so required by the RDCK, uncover such works at the Consultant's expense.~~

~~(aa) Keep the Site free of accumulated waste material and rubbish caused by it or the Services and, on the completion of the Services, leave the Site in a safe, clean and sanitary condition.~~

(bb) At all times, treat as confidential all information and material supplied to or obtained by the Consultant or subconsultant as a result of this Agreement and not permit the publication, release or disclosure of the same without the prior written consent of the RDCK.

~~STANDARD OF CARE~~

~~(cc) The RDCK recognizes that sub-surface conditions may vary from those encountered where samplings, borings, surveys or explorations are located by the Consultant and that the data, interpretations and recommendations of the Consultant are based solely on the information available to it.~~

~~UNDERGROUND UTILITIES~~

~~(dd) The Consultant shall be responsible for locating all underground utilities prior to commencing subterranean work and provide proof of such to the RDCK.~~

SAFETY

(ee) The Consultant shall be responsible for its activity and that of its employees on the job site. This shall not be construed to relieve the RDCK or any other contractor of their obligation to maintain a safe job site. Neither the presence of the Consultant nor of its employees, sub-consultants, sub-contractors and agents shall be understood to imply control of the operations of others, nor shall it be construed to be an acceptance of responsibility for job site safety.

THE REGIONAL DISTRICT OF CENTRAL KOOTENAY'S OBLIGATIONS

2 The RDCK shall:

(a) Retain the Consultant to provide the Services as set out in this Agreement.

(b) Subject to the provisions of this Agreement, pay the Consultant, in full payment for the Services which in the opinion of the RDCK at the times set out is Schedule "B" of this Agreement (herein called **"Agreement Price"**), and the Consultant shall accept such payment as full payment for the Services.

~~(i) Notwithstanding Subsection 2(b), not be under any obligation to advance to the Consultant more than 90% of the Agreement Price for Services rendered in accordance with Schedule "A" to the satisfaction of the RDCK. The 10% holdback shall be retained and paid back in accordance with the *Builder Lien Act*.~~

~~(ii) providing that it is not in breach of any of its obligations under this Agreement, holdback from the Agreement Price in addition to the 10% holdback contemplated in Subsection 2(b)(i), sufficient~~

~~monies to indemnify the RDCK completely against any lien or claim of lien arising in connection with the provision of the Services.~~

(c) Provide the Consultant with all reports, data, studies, plans, specifications, documents and information available to the RDCK and relevant to the Project. The Consultant shall be entitled to rely on the reports, data studies, plans, specifications, documents and other information provided by the RDCK.

(d) Provide access to any site or adjacent properties as required to complete the Project. The Consultant shall be liable for any and all injury or damage which may occur to persons or to property due to any act, omission, neglect or default of the Consultant, or of his employees, sub-consultants, sub-contractors or agents.

(e) Give the Consultant reasonable notice of anything the RDCK considers likely to materially affect the provision of the Services.

(f) Examine all studies, reports, sketches, proposals and documents provided by the Consultant under this Agreement, and render decisions pertaining thereto within a reasonable time.

TERMINATION OF AGREEMENT

3 Should the Consultant neglect to complete the Services properly or fail to perform any of its obligations under this Agreement, the RDCK may notify the Consultant in writing that it is in default of its contractual obligations and instruct it to correct the default within fourteen (14) working days of receiving the notice. Failure to comply with the default request extends to the RDCK the option, without any other right or remedy, of suspending the Consultant's performance of the Services or immediately terminating this Agreement. The RDCK shall pay the Consultant for all Services performed and all disbursements incurred pursuant to this Agreement and remaining unpaid as of the effective date of such suspension or termination.

4 Other than for reasons set forth in section 3 the RDCK may suspend or terminate this Agreement for any reason by giving thirty (30) calendar days' prior written notice to the Consultant. Upon receipt of such written notice, the Consultant shall perform no further Services other than those reasonably necessary to close out the Project. In such an event, the Consultant will be paid by the RDCK pursuant to this Agreement, for the completed tasks according to the Project schedule of tasks remaining unpaid as of the effective date of such suspension or termination.

5 Should the RDCK fail to perform any of its obligations under this Agreement, the Consultant may notify the RDCK in writing that it is in default of its contractual obligations and instruct it to correct the default within fourteen (14) working days of receiving the notice. Failure to comply with the default request extends to the Consultant the option, without limiting any other right or remedy the Consultant may have, of immediately terminating this Agreement and requesting settlement for all Services performed and for all disbursements incurred pursuant to this Agreement and remaining unpaid as of the effective date of such termination.

6 Should the Consultant's Services be suspended by the RDCK at any time for more than thirty (30) calendar days in any calendar year through no fault of the Consultant, the Consultant shall have the right until such suspension is lifted by the RDCK, to terminate this Agreement upon giving seven (7) working days' written notice to the RDCK. In such an event, the Consultant will be paid by the RDCK pursuant to this Agreement, for the completed tasks as per the Schedule of Tasks that remain unpaid as of the effective date of such termination.

GENERAL TERMS

7 The RDCK shall be the sole judge of the work, material and the standards of workmanship in respect of both quality and quantity of the Services, and their decision on all questions in dispute with regard thereto, or as to the meaning and intentions of this Agreement, and as to the meaning or interpretation of the plans, drawings and specifications, shall be final, and no Services shall be deemed to have been performed as to entitle the Consultant to payment therefrom, until the RDCK is satisfied therewith.

8 The RDCK certifies that the Service purchased pursuant to this Agreement are for the use of and are being purchased by the RDCK and are therefore SUBJECT TO THE FEDERAL GOODS AND SERVICES TAX.

9 This Agreement shall be governed by and construed in accordance with the laws of the Province of British Columbia.

10 Time shall be of the essence of this Agreement.

11 Any notice required to be given hereunder shall be delivered or mailed by prepaid certified or registered mail to the addresses above (or at such other address as either party may from time to time designate by notice in writing to the other), and any such notice shall be deemed to be received 72 hours after mailing.

12 This Agreement shall be binding upon the parties and their respective successors, heirs and permitted assigns.

13 A waiver of any provision or breach by the Consultant of any provision of this Agreement shall be effective only if it is in writing and signed by the RDCK.

14 A waiver under Section 13 shall not be deemed to be a waiver of any subsequent breach of the same or any other provision of this Agreement.

15 Everything produced, received or acquired (the **"Material"**) by the Consultant or subcontractor as a result of this Agreement, including any property provided by the RDCK to the Consultant or sub-consultant, shall:

(a) be the exclusive property of the RDCK; and
(b) be delivered by the Consultant to the RDCK immediately upon the RDCK giving notice of such request to the Consultant.

16 The copyright in the Material belongs to the RDCK.

17 The RDCK may, at its discretion, notify the Consultant that the terms, amounts and types of insurance required to be obtained by the Consultant hereunder be changed.

18 Where the Consultant is a corporation, it does hereby covenant that the signatory hereto has been duly authorized by the requisite proceedings to enter into and execute this Agreement on behalf of the Consultant.

19 Where the Consultant is a partnership, all partners are to execute this Agreement.

20 Sections 1 f), l), m), s), and 18 of this Agreement will, notwithstanding the expiration or earlier termination of the Term, remain and continue in full force and effect.

21 The ideas, processes, or other information contained in the Consultant's Proposal is proprietary and, until the Consultant's Proposal is accepted, shall not be disclosed to any parties outside of the RDCK's staff or be

duplicated by any means or used in whole or in part for any purpose. Should the Consultant's Proposal be accepted, the RDCK shall have the right to duplicate, use or disclose the information contained therein.

22 Neither the RDCK nor the Consultant will be considered in default of this Agreement for non-performance due to strikes, labour disputes, riots, civil insurrection, mechanical breakdowns, war, floods, or acts of God or for other reasons beyond the reasonable control of the RDCK or the Consultant.

23 Unbudgeted disbursements incurred by the Consultant due to delays caused by weather conditions and/or poor site access shall be for the RDCK's account.

24 The parties shall make all reasonable efforts to resolve a dispute by amicable negotiations and agree to provide, on a without prejudice basis, frank, candid and timely disclosure of relevant facts, information and documents to facilitate these negotiations.

25 All matters in dispute, which cannot be settled by the RDCK and the Consultant, may, with the concurrence of both the RDCK and the Consultant, be submitted to final and binding arbitration to a single arbitrator appointed jointly by them.

26 No person shall be nominated to act as arbitrator who is in any way financially interested in the Project or in the affairs of either the RDCK or the Consultant.

27 In the event that the RDCK and the Consultant cannot agree to an arbitrator, such arbitrator shall be chosen by reference to a Judge of the Supreme Court of British Columbia.

28 If any portion of this Agreement is held to be illegal or invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, the illegal or invalid portion shall be severed and the decision that it is illegal or invalid does not affect the validity of this Agreement.

29 This Agreement constitutes the sole and entire Agreement between the RDCK and the Consultant relating to the Project and completely supersedes and abrogates any prior agreements existing between the RDCK and the Consultant, whether written or oral.

30 The headings in this Agreement are for convenience of reference only and shall not affect the interpretation or construction of this Agreement.

31 Part 2 of the RDCK's Request for Proposals dated October 2, 2026 is hereby incorporated into and forms part of this Agreement.

32 The Consultant's Proposal dated October 28, 2026 is provided is hereby incorporated into and forms part of this Agreement.

33 Except as expressly set out in this Agreement, nothing herein shall prejudice or affect the rights and powers of the RDCK in the exercise of its powers, duties or functions under the *Community Charter* or the *Local Government Act* or any of its bylaws, all of which may be fully and effectively exercised as if this Agreement had not been executed or delivered.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF the parties hereto have duly executed this Agreement as of the day and year first above written.

REGIONAL DISTRICT OF CENTRAL KOOTENAY	**ECOLOGIC CONSULTANTS**
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2.0 DETAILED SCOPE OF WORK

2.1 TASK 1 - PROJECT INCEPTION AND DATA ASSEMBLY

We will attend a project kick off meeting with the SLRP Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) as soon as a contract is signed. As the majority of the existing data were created or compiled by our project team, we expect that the gap analysis and data compilation portion of the project will be straight forward. We will work with the project Coordinator to reach out to the First Nation partners and other local contacts and organizations to ensure all existing relevant data are available. A detailed project workplan and mapping methodology will be created after the kickoff meeting and submitted to the TAC.

2.2 TASK 2 - SENSITIVE ECOSYSTEMS INVENTORY MAPPING

In 2012, Ryan Durand mapped the entire Slocan River and much of the valley bottom following the SEI methodology using custom flown orthoimagery provided by the RDCK. Since then, we have revised portions of the mapping to better map and classify wetlands and riparian areas in 2018 and 2025, and added portions of the riparian area along Little Slocan River and Lakes in 2025-26. We propose using this existing data and updating it to ensure it captures changes since the original mapping was completed, especially in floodplain areas and smaller watercourses. The update will follow the provincial SEI Resources Information Standards Committee (RISC) standard, including fully attributed spatial layers that focus on sensitive ecosystems (mainly mid and low bench floodplains, wetlands, mature and old forests) and other important ecosystems (predominantly modified wetlands and floodplains that are high value restoration areas).

As we do not have access to digital stereo imagery of the watershed, we are not proposing to complete a full Terrestrial Ecosystem Mapping (TEM) product, as this would require full bioterrain and ecosystem mapping using 3D imagery to meet provincial standards, and it is outside of the project scope and budget. The SEI mapping will be completed using readily available orthoimagery (ESRI and Google imagery plugins) and LiDAR, where available. While these products allow for the identification and mapping of sensitive ecosystems, they do have several limitations:

- Reduction in the detail at which the polygons can be accurately mapped (limited by the resolution and quality of the imagery plugins);
- Some classification attributes cannot be reliably described without stereo imagery (mainly the structural stage of ecosystem types and the boundaries of forested swamps and floodplains);
- Cloud and shadows may limit polygon delineation and classification accuracy; and
- The age of the imagery may be inconsistent across the study area, so some newer changes (such as migrating floodplain communities) and disturbance may not be fully captured.

Field verification will occur in 2027 during appropriate times of the growing season and focus on:

- ground truthing areas that were mapped as sensitive ecosystems to confirm ecosystem classification and polygon delineation;
- checking areas where we have limited field data or limited recent data and areas with high potential for species at risk (SAR) or SAR habitat; and
- assessing areas with high restoration potential.

Field studies will include a combination of private and crown land, with all communication with private landowners routed through the project Coordinator.

2.3 Task 3 - Species at Risk and Rare Ecosystem Attribution

The SEI mapping will incorporate ecosystems-at-risk and SAR habitat to ensure they are as comprehensive as possible. There are provincially ranked at-risk ecosystems known to occur in low elevation portions (ICHdw1, ICHmw2 and ICHxw biogeoclimatic zones) of the Slocan Valley, along with several regionally uncommon and novel communities. All known at-risk ecological communities will be classified and attributed within the SEI spatial data as per provincial methodologies. SAR habitat in the watershed is generally linked to specific ecosystem types (e.g., mature cottonwood floodplain forests that support Western Screech Owls) or physical features (e.g. sections of the river for at-risk fish species, river cutbanks that support nesting bank swallows, and a single cliff where White-throated Swifts nest). SAR habitat will be mapped where possible as point or polygon features, and any data that are currently not public will remain obscured in public facing material. SAR habitats will be described using maps, written material and photographs when possible (limited data exist for some species such as Black Swifts and Common Nighthawks, so only general habitat requirements can be included) and linked to specific ecosystem types (e.g. the known and potential SAR that utilize cottonwood floodplains).

2.4 Task 4 - Environmentally Sensitive Areas and Area-Based Planning Recommendations

Environmentally Sensitive Areas (ESA) will be delineated using the SEI mapping. A clear process will be used to show which SEI units are appropriate to be included in the ESA mapping. We propose three ESA categories: high, medium and low. High ranked areas are the most sensitive, contain SAR and/or SAR habitat, are critical to the aquatic river ecosystem, and/or are sensitive to disturbance. Medium ranked areas will include SEI categories that could be sensitive in the future, but are currently degraded, are important areas for connectivity and provide buffers to the river and high ranked ESA polygons, or in the case of forested areas, are future old growth recruitment areas. The low value ESA polygons will comprise the remainder of the SEI mapping.

The ESA mapping will then be used to develop spatial layers that can be used to guide future development permit areas and other planning processes. Specific areas that are of high value for conservation and restoration will be identified (building on internal mapping and assessment work completed for Kootenay Connect and SLSS in the spring of 2026 that has not been publicly released). We recommend that the restoration and conservation layers are not a public facing layer since they will include private land where the landowners may not expect to be involved in the mapping exercise.

2.5 Task 5 - Geospatial Tools and Community Education

We will provide presentation-ready digital maps and spatial files, photos and plain language summaries of the project that will be suitable for public presentation. We have included a budget to build an ESRI story map for this project; however, it is technically complicated to build the map on our ESRI online account and transfer ownership; rather the account owner (RDCK or other) needs to either provide access or create the story map in-house. We will provide the data and material that is needed to easily build an ESRI story map or discuss what permissions are required to access the RDCK accounts and build it in their account.

For species at risk, the existing Slocan Valley Biodiversity iNaturalist Project created by the proponents in 2020 contains precise locations of many of the 145 known species of SAR that occur in the watershed. We propose to continue using this community science platform in public facing presentations and material to highlight SAR and biodiversity in general (any new SAR observations that are collected for this project on private property will not be shared publicly without the landowner's consent).

2.6 Task 6 - Cultural and Archaeological Values

We have experience working with Indigenous partners that includes conducting large, multi-year land use planning projects, organizing referrals programs for development on First Nation territory, and working with Nation councils and members on large environmental assessments, monitoring and training programs. We have also worked with local Indigenous partners and gained local knowledge of some culturally important sites; however, we will respect the confidentially and sensitivity of this information and not engage directly with Indigenous partners, nor include this information in any public products. We will support and work with the Coordinator and follow their direction regarding handling of any information on cultural or archaeological values that are contained under the authority of the respective Nations. EcoLogic is also the co-owner of Campfire Archaeology and Heritage Ltd.[1] and has access to a full archaeology team.

2.7 Task 7 - Reporting, Mapping and Data Delivery

We will complete project reports as requested in Task 7 of the RFP. The reporting will be provided as MS Word and PDF files, and will include methods, results and recommendations as requested. Project updates will be provided upon request, and draft reports will be provided to the Coordinator for review with the technical committee.

2.8 Technical Assumptions and Limitations

As described in Section 2.2, mapping will generally follow provincial protocols, but we are not proposing to complete a full TEM as that requires stereo imagery with 3D models for interpretation software, digital elevation models, and terrain mapping. A full TEM project (including imagery and data acquisition) would exceed the total project budget.

The proposed field work will include accessing private land. As long-term residents and landowners in the Slocan Valley, we may know many of the landowners and will likely be granted access for most target field sites; however, we recognize that all communications will need to be facilitated by the Coordinator. It is expected that some private property access may be limited and we will not be able to access all the target properties.

2.9 DELIVERABLES

We will provide all the deliverables as requested in Section 4 of the RFP with some limitations:

- **SEI spatial dataset**. Full TEM attributes will not be included in the spatial file (as mentioned in the previous section). Attributes will contain the SEI classes and subclasses, site series and structural stage where known (not applied to all polygons as this would require stereo interpretation), CDC conservation status (red and blue list), and disturbance.
- **Map Set**. We provide georeferenced PDF maps at a scale of 1:20,000 for the entire mapped areas. We propose to limit the maps to generalized SEI classes and the ESA mapping. The 2012 SEI mapping has over 3,000 polygons and more will be mapped in the Little Slocan River area, with many more than 2,000 currently under one hectare in size. Producing PDF maps of the entire watershed with all polygons fully attributed, would require a very large map set to enable legible labels and is outside the budget of this project.
- **Story Map**. As mentioned in Section 2.5, we have budgeted for the creation of a story map, however it is unknown if we can gain access to the RDCK ESRI online account to build the story map. If access cannot be obtained, then we will provide the spatial data, text and photographs to enable the easy creation of a story map by RDCK staff.

2.10 SCHEDULE

We propose the following schedule for this project (Table 2-1). All activities are in line with Part 1.1 of the RFP.

Table 2-1. Proposed Project Schedule

Activity	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov
Workplan	■											
Kick Off Meeting		■										
Mapping			■	■	■							
Mid-term Report					■							
Field Studies						■	■	■	■	■		
Draft Report											■	
Final Report												■

SCHEDULE B – CONTRACT PAYMENT TERMS

1 Total budget shall not exceed $89,940 (excluding GST).

2 Invoices to be submitted monthly.

The following contract number and GL code(s) **must** be quoted on the invoice(s):

Contract Number: **2026-382-CS_SLRP_ECOLOGIC**

GL Code: **54030 / OVR113 -111**

Invoices should be emailed to ap@rdck.bc.ca, with the contract administrator identified on the first page of this contract in cc.

3 Invoices to be paid on net 30 day term.

4 GST (if applicable) shall be listed as a separate line item on all invoices.

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MEMORANDUM

File 3130-20-H-707.09440.000-BP029510

November 10, 2026

TO: RDCK Board

FROM: Erik Stout, Manager Building and Bylaw

SUBJECT: Cancellation of Notice on Title – Darnell, Karen and Darnell, Randy – 3107 Slocan Valley West Rd

Please be advised that the condition that gave rise to adopting the following resolution on April 16, 2015, has been rectified by Building Permit BP029510. We can now file for a Cancellation Notice to cancel bylaw offence CA4346995.

248/15 The Secretary of the Regional District of Central Kootenay be directed to file a Notice at the Land Title Office in Kamloops, 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 3107 Slocan Valley West Road, Electoral Area H, currently owned by Randy Darnell and Karen Darnell, legally described as Lot 36, District Lot 9265, Kootenay District, Plan 1516, and that further 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.

The owner, Randy Darnell, has requested removal of the Notice on Title in writing and has paid the administration fee of $750.00.

RECOMMENDATION
That the Corporate Officer be authorized to remove the Notice on Title relating to 3107 Slocan Valley West Rd, Electoral Area H, currently owned by Karen Darnell and Randy Darnell, property legally described as LOT 36 PLAN NEP1516 DISTRICT LOT 9265 KOOTENAY LAND DISTRICT PID 015-754-758, the RDCK Building Department has confirmed that bylaw contravention has been rectified through demolition of the structure.

ALTERNATE RECOMMENDATION
That the Rural Affairs Committee REFER the consideration of a cancelation of the Notice with the Land Title and Survey Authority of British Columbia for land at 3107 Slocan Valley West Rd, Electoral Area H, legally described as LOT 36 PLAN NEP1516 DISTRICT LOT 9265 KOOTENAY LAND DISTRICT PID 015-754-758 to the December 2026 Open Rural Affairs Committee meeting.

Erik Stout, Manager Building and Bylaw

Board Report

November 19, 2026

Ootischenia Landfill Septage Pond Upgrades – Contract Award

Author:	AJ Evenson, Senior Project Manager
File Reference:	\\files\RDCK\01\0600\20\Projects\2026 Projects\26014_Ootischenia LF Septage Facility\04-Procurement\Tender\Submissions
Electoral Area/Municipality:	West Subregion and Central Subregion
Services Impacted	Refuse Disposal – Central Subregion Service S187 Refuse Disposal – West Subregion Service S188

1.0 STAFF RECOMMENDATION

That the Board direct staff to award the contract for the Ootischenia Landfill Septage Upgrades to Kootenay Earth & Road Ltd o/a KER; and that the Chair and Corporate Officer be authorized to sign the necessary documents to a maximum value of **$576,947.50 plus GST**;

AND FURTHER, that the funds be drawn from Refuse Disposal – Central Subregion Service S187 and Refuse Disposal – West Subregion Service S188;

AND FURTHER, that the following changes to the 2027 fiscal year of the 2026 – 2030 Financial Plan be approved:

- Service S190 Septage Disposal-New Denver, Silverton, Slocan and Areas H, I, J and Area K.:
  - Transfer to other Services – Increase by $707,339
  - Contracted Services – Reduce by $707,399
- Service S188 Refuse Disposal (West Subregion):
  - Transfer from Other Services – Increase by 707,399
  - Capital Expenditures – Increase by $507,399

2.0 BACKGROUND/HISTORY

Septage Services in the RDCK have historically been fully embedded in the Resource Recovery (Waste) Services. Traditionally as lagoons at landfill sites. In the Eastern Subregion a lagoon at the Town of Creston Wastewater Treatment Plant is the alternative location. Septage Services were established in the Central (2) and West Resource Recovery (RR) Subregions in 1997 using the Resource Recovery Plan (RRP) approval process as public communication process eliminating the need for a formal assent process. No septage service was established in the Eastern Subregion.

In the last RRP plan septage components including a larger project in Creston were included and initially approved by the Ministry. The approval included wording about septage not being Solid Waste. At a later stage the Ministry refused to approve borrowing identified in the approved RRP based on the wording about septage being a liquid waste and commented that any borrowing for septage may require a Liquid Waste Management Plan for the entire RDCK – a process that typically takes at least 3 years to complete.

Further in the last years septage volumes have significantly increased, putting further pressure on existing facilities and requiring at times volume restrictions for septage haulers at our facilities (particularly in Ootischenia).

The Regional District engaged with various municipalities in our region to explore options for incorporating septage acceptance and treatment within the municipal wastewater facilities. Part of that engagement included RDCK staff participating in the Liquid Waste Management Plan (LWMP) establishment process for the City of Castlegar and the City of Nelson.

Initial hopes that the LWMP process for the City of Castlegar would provide potential solutions within a 5 year timeframe did not materialize when this summer the RDCK was notified as part of this process that facility upgrades in Castlegar are at least 10 years away before completion.

Therefore upgrades to the Ootischenia Landfill Septage Receiving Area are required to improve septage receiving capacity and infiltration, and provide additional landfill disposal capacity until the landfill footprint expansion and basal liner project is completed. To facilitate these improvements, the RDCK issued an invitation to tender (ITT) on October 1, 2026 to undertake civil work necessary to complete upgrade works to the Septage Receiving Area at the Ootischenia Landfill.

The scope of work at the septage receiving pits include the following:

- Clear, grub, and prepare the site for the works
- Excavate and remove organic / septage residuals from existing ponds, haul and stockpile onsite
- Excavate, Load, Haul, Place, Shape, and Compact
- Clean Fill to Design Contours (Clean Fill to be sourced on Site)
- Construct septage ponds, effluent drainage ditching, and conveyance piping
- Construct unarmoured surface water ditching
- Supply and install 19 mm minus crushed gravel
- Supply and install 25 to 75 mm crushed gravel
- Supply and install high-strength woven geotextile
- Remove existing fencing to the south
- Supply and install new electrical fencing to the south
- Supply and Install Concrete Barriers

The tender closed on October 29, 2026, with the following bids received:

Bidder	Base Bid	Provisional Items	Total Bid Price (excl GST)
Simm Excavating	$420,563.02	$34,800.00	$455,363.02
Kootenay Earthworks	$525,947.50	$51,000.00	$576,947.50
Bad Ventures	$544,866.45	$52,875.00	$597,741.45
Sparq Industries	$581,517.50	$51,300.00	$632,817.50
Landmark Solutions	$594,830.00	$60,000.00	$654,830.00
Marwest Industries	$627,966.00	$68,190.00	$696,156.00
Hil-Tech Contracting	$676,471.84	$39,420.00	$715,891.84
Valhalla Hydrovac	$680,000.20	$59,250.00	$739,250.20
OK Excavating	$714,068.08	$59,700.00	$773,768.08
Timbro Contracting	$774,933.00	$106,500.00	$881,433.00
Speers Construction	$797,836.00	$100,800.00	$898,636.00
BC Eco	$805,855.00	$39,000.00	$844,855.00
Brenton Industries	$822,043.72	$83,685.00	$905,728.72
Forte Constructors	$1,181,946.25	$76,950.00	$1,258,896.25

The Total Bid Prices above include Optional Work. These figures reflect the total prices presented in the tender submissions and have not been validated against the submitted unit rates unless otherwise specified.

Sperling Hansen Associates (SHA) reviewed and analyzed the four (4) lowest bids for completeness and compliance including Simm Excavating & Snow Removal, Kootenay Earth & Road Ltd, Bad Ventures Ltd, and SPARQ Industries & Automation.

Non-Compliant Bids:
Simms Excavating was the low bid upon tender close, with a tender value of $455,363.02, however they did not include a bid bond within their submission and as such their bid was deemed non-compliant.

The next lowest compliant bid was **Kootenay Earth & Road Ltd** including a total bid price of **$576,947.50**, excluding taxes.

The proposed schedule is for construction to start following contract award with completion by spring 2027.

The RDCK constructed a new temporary septage pit in late October 2026 to allow existing septage haulers to continue dumping at the site while construction is in progress to minimize conflicts.

3.0 PROBLEM OR OPPORTUNITY DESCRIPTION

The Regional District of Central Kootenay (RDCK) has ownership and control of five septage ponds at the Ootischenia Landfill. These pits have been in operation for several decades and are no longer functioning as originally designed. The ponds are above the main transfer station and recycling area and are in danger of breaching due to overuse combined with the infiltration and overflow systems not functioning properly.

The RDCK hired Sperling Hansen Associates (SHA) to come up with a design to enable the ponds to be upgraded to handle the additional traffic and volumes that the site is experiencing.

In recent years, the septage receiving facility at Ootischenia Landfill have experienced increase disposal traffic and significant increase in septage volume. Based on scale data exported from the Ootischenia scale facility, the following annual volumes of septage were received and managed:

- 2024 4,900 m^3
- 2025 6,032 m^3
- 2026 6,400 m^3 (prorated)

Based on the above increasing annual trends, SHA was able to provide analysis that showed the existing footprint of the septage receiving area could be optimized to accept and manage additional volumes. The updated design provides capacity for up to 8,000 m^3 / year over a same operational footprint.

It is important to understand that annual operational and maintenance efforts will remain, and ponds should be maintained and cleaned out annually to ensure design capacities are realized moving forward.

3.1 Alignment to Board Strategic Plan

Energy Efficiency and Environmental Responsibility:
This priority emphasizes protecting the natural environment, reducing environmental impacts, and promoting sustainable practices. The upgrades will enable a sustainable long-term environmental footprint, incorporate better stormwater management to protect local water resources, and enable proper treatment of septic waste – all of which contribute to responsible resource use.

3.2 Legislative Considerations

- Environmental Management Act and Landfill Criteria: Require compliance (e.g. buffers, stormwater management).
- The sites Operational Certificate allows for ongoing septage receipt, infiltration and management and the updated design falls in line with long-term planning at the landfill site including transfer station & front-end operations, landfill phasing and development and future progressive closure works.

3.3 What Are the Risks

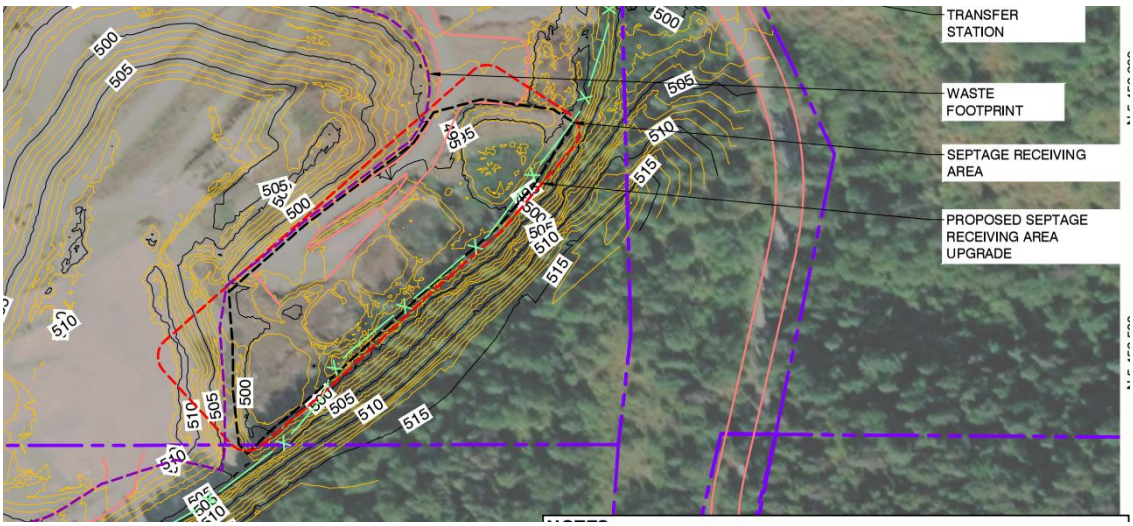
The current risks that face the Ootischenia septage pond site if capacity and upgrades are not completed include:

- Breach of septage ponds
- Incomplete treatment of septage
- Environmental impacts (e.g. sewage runoff during precipitation events)
- Erosion/sedimentation
- Settling pond overflow requiring turning off electric fence – which enables wildlife to enter the landfill
- Directing generators and haulers to different disposal sites, which would inevitably increase costs for the private and public sector.

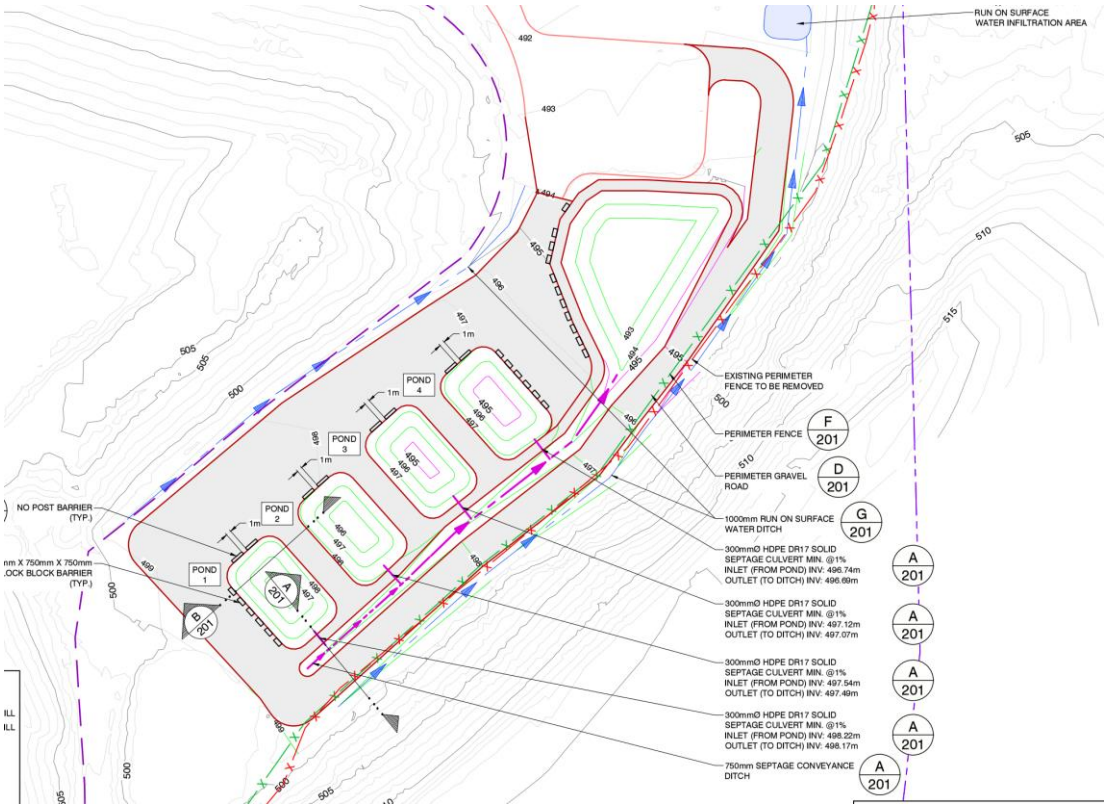
4.0 PROPOSED SOLUTION

The proposed solution is to undertake the following:

- Clear, grub, and prepare the site for the works
- Excavate and remove organic / septage residuals from existing ponds, haul and stockpile onsite
- Excavate, Load, Haul, Place, Shape, and Compact
- Clean Fill to Design Contours (Clean Fill to be sourced on Site)
- Construct septage ponds, effluent drainage ditching, and conveyance piping
- Construct unarmoured surface water ditching
- Supply and install 19 mm minus crushed gravel
- Supply and install 25 to 75 mm crushed gravel
- Supply and install high-strength woven geotextile
- Remove existing fencing to the south
- Supply and install new electrical fencing to the south
- Supply and Install Concrete Barriers



Existing Septage Ponds



Proposed Septage Upgrades

All work to be completed by spring 2027.

4.1 Financial Considerations of the Proposed Solution

The project budget is estimated as follows:

Sperling Hansen Design Fees	$35,452.00
Sperling Hansen Construction Administration	$20,000.00
Project Management and Site Inspection Fees	$20,000.00
Construction Contract	$576,947.50
Project Contingency for quantity variation in unit price contract	$55,000.00
TOTAL	**$707,399.50**

Sperling Hansen's engineers estimate for the Septage Facility Upgrades at design commencement was approximately $500,000. Given there were some additional design considerations and a few additions to the works, such as fencing, and additional '5th pond clean-out', we feel the preferred proponents' costs are in line. It should also be noted that most of the work will be completed by equipment and machinery, where the cost for diesel has risen considerably through 2026.

Within the 2026 Financial Plan in Account 60000 Capital Expenditures (CAP1319-100), there is $500,000 for the Ootischenia Landfill development project, which was to include $100,000 for the detailed design for the landfill expansion project, $200,000 for fence relocation, and $200,000 for septage area upgrades. It is expected that work on this project will commence in November, after the contract is awarded and that work will continue into early 2027. The $200,000 allocated in the 2026 Financial Plan for this project will be sufficient to fund the portions of the project that will be completed this year. Remaining project expenditures in 2027 are expected to be $507,399 (including a $55,000 contingency). There is an additional $4,400,000 in Account 60000 Capital Expenditures for the Ootischenia Landfill development project in the 2026 Financial Plan for year 2027. Staff are proposing that any remaining project expenditures for the Septage Ponds Upgrades for 2027 be included in the draft 2027 Financial Plan, and that Account 60000 Capital Expenditures (CAP1319-100) be increased by $507,399.

4.2 Risks with the Proposed Solution

Risks associated with the construction of the project and proposed solutions are outlined below:

- Work is proposed to commence in the winter, which can at times create challenges with earthwork construction.
    - Solution: Construction timelines were considered during design of the septage upgrades to minimize construction of engineered berms and fill. Rather than construction individual infiltration beds, delineated with berms, we took the approach of excavating into the existing ground and subgrade elevations to minimize the quality requirements for compaction and freeze-thaw issues.
- Septage will continue to be generated and received at the Ootischenia Landfill through the winter of 2026/2027 and throughout facility upgrade construction. To minimize impacts on haulers, we have qualified in the contract that the successful proponent must allow for continual and ongoing usage of the facility. An alternate tipping pad location (within the main disposal location) has been identified and will be ready for use prior to construction commencement.
- Cost controls on how to best manage the septage residuals that will be excavated and removed from the existing infiltration beds. The organic residuals will be stockpiled onsite and blended with chipped yard and garden material and used as intermediate cover and as a fertile vegetation material that should be applied to the landfill's intermediate slopes to further 'green' up the landfill footprint and should act as a passive biocover, destructing fugitive landfill gas emissions from that are being emitted through the existing cover soils.

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

Significant consultation with existing sewage haulers has occurred and been used as the basis for the designed solution.

4.5 Leveraging Technology

Not applicable.

4.5 Measuring Success

Success will be measured by delivering the project on time and within the identified budget.

5.0 ALTERNATIVE SOLUTION(S)

Not undertaking septage upgrades. This option would create potential environmental concerns for the regional district and the local community as the existing infiltration capacity at the facility is under performing and is currently over capacity. Not completing the upgrades would result in potential odor issues, contaminated run-off and a nuisance for site users and staff. It will further create additional operational constraints at the landfill and increase the pressure to accelerate the completion of the lined landfill portion.

5.1 Financial Considerations of the Alternative Solution(s)

Will continue to require regular mucking out of the ponds by GFL including regularly hauling of chips which is very expensive and time consuming. The District is working on a plan to ensure sufficient wood chips are available when they are needed to support GFL's operations at the facility.

5.2 Risks with the Alternative Solution(s)

Imminent breaching of the septage ponds, causing potential negative environmental impacts to receptors and site operations.

5.3 Resource Allocation and Workplan Impact

Would result in additional staff resources being required and potentially affect landfill operations as resources would be required to manage emergency work rather than regular landfill operations.

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 direct staff to award the contract for the Ootischenia Landfill Septage Upgrades to Kootenay Earth & Road Ltd o/a KER; and that the Chair and Corporate Officer be authorized to sign the necessary documents to a maximum value of **$576,947.50 plus GST**;

AND FURTHER, that the funds be drawn from Refuse Disposal – Central Subregion Service S187 and Refuse Disposal – West Subregion Service S188;

AND FURTHER, that the following changes to the 2027 fiscal year of the 2026 – 2030 Financial Plan be approved:

- Service S190 Septage Disposal-New Denver, Silverton, Slocan and Areas H, I, J and Area K.:
  - Transfer to other Services – Increase by $707,339
  - Contracted Services – Reduce by $707,399
- Service S188 Refuse Disposal (West Subregion):
  - Transfer from Other Services – Increase by 707,399
  - Capital Expenditures – Increase by $507,399.

Option 2:

Recommendation:

That the Board direct staff to defer the septage upgrades to a later date.

8.0 RECOMMENDATION

That the Board direct staff to award the contract for the Ootischenia Landfill Septage Upgrades to Kootenay Earth & Road Ltd o/a KER; and that the Chair and Corporate Officer be authorized to sign the necessary documents to a maximum value of **$576,947.50 plus GST**;

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    - Capital Expenditures – Increase by $507,399

Respectfully submitted,
AJ Evenson, Senior Project Manager

CONCURRENCE

Acting Resource Recovery Manager – Alayne Hamilton	Approved
General Manager of Environmental Services – Uli Wolf	Approved
General Manager of Finance – Yev Malloff	Approved
Chief Administrative Officer – Stuart Horn	Approved

Board Report

November 19, 2026

UBCM Community Emergency Preparedness Fund, ESS Regional Grant Application

Author: Tanya Pauls, Emergency Program Coordinator
File Reference: 14/7625
Electoral Area/Municipality: All RDCK Electoral Areas and Municipalities
Services Impacted A101 – Emergency Consolidated Services

1.0 STAFF RECOMMENDATION

That the Board authorize staff to regionally apply for the 2027 Community Emergency Preparedness Fund – Emergency Support Services grant from Union of BC Municipalities in the amount of $300,000 to support and improve ESS service delivery across the regional district;

AND FURTHER, that if successful, the Board direct staff to include the grant funding be allocated to A101 - Emergency Consolidated Services and that staff complete the current proposed activities and provide overall grant management.

2.0 BACKGROUND/HISTORY

Emergency Support Services (ESS) is a provincial program delivered by local governments to provide short-term support to residents displaced by emergencies or disasters. The RDCK coordinates and administers a regional ESS program which is then delivered locally by trained volunteers to all electoral areas and municipalities in the RDCK, with the exception of Castlegar, who administers their own ESS program, but is supporting and participating in this regional grant application.

RDCK Staff have collaborated with our municipal partners (all municipalities in the RDCK,) to prepare a regional project application submission to the 2027 UBCM Community Emergency Preparedness Fund (CEPF) – Emergency Support Services (ESS) stream. At the time of this report, staff expressions of support have already been received from all member municipalities, and council resolutions endorsing participation have been received from several with the others to come before the end of November.

Regional Project Details:

The 2027 UBCM CEPF ESS Grant provides 100% grant funding to approved projects.

Grant deliverables include:

Mobile Reception Center:

The RDCK anticipates purchasing and equipping a mobile trailer to use as an ESS Mobile Reception Centre (MRC). This trailer will enable the regional ESS team to respond to precisely where they are needed in real time, either in replacement of a reception center building for small events or while a building space is being prepared as a large reception center. Reception Centers are stood up to support evacuation orders by registering evacuees for Emergency Support Services. A mobile reception center can also bring services closer to where they are needed, rather than requiring residents already experiencing displacement to drive large distances.

ESS Coordinator:
Funding for a part time, term ESS Coordinator position to coordinate and administer the delivery of grant projects and provide support to regional ESS Teams.

ESS Volunteer Personal Protective Equipment:
Cool weather jackets for regional ESS volunteers

Training:
ESS Coordinator, ESS Directors, and ESS Volunteers (NESST conference, regional events, in-person workshops)

ESS Storage:
1 – 40' seacan or 2-20' seacans for strategic regional storage of ESS group lodging supplies.

Approving this recommendation means: Staff will apply for the regional grant and if successful deliver on the activities listed above.

3.0 PROBLEM OR OPPORTUNITY DESCRIPTION

The regional ESS program in the RDCK has benefited from the dedication of local volunteers who deliver support to residents during emergencies. Funding for this service comes from taxation. CEPF grants allow the RDCK ESS program to increase service delivery and functionality without increasing taxes.

Further, by collaborating with member municipalities, the RDCK can access greater combined funding to deliver standardized training and implement processes to improve efficiency and readiness, strengthening ESS capacity across the region.

3.1 Alignment to Board Strategic Plan

This initiative aligns with the RDCK's 2024–2026 Strategic Plan by strengthening community preparedness and resilience to natural hazards, fostering collaboration among member municipalities, and supporting effective, efficient delivery of services. It also promotes volunteer engagement and the use of technology to improve consistency and readiness in emergency support services.

3.2 Legislative Considerations

Emergency Support Services are delivered under the authority of the Emergency Disaster Management Act, which assigns responsibility for providing emergency support to local governments. The RDCK fulfills this responsibility by coordinating ESS through its regional emergency management program and supporting volunteer teams within member municipalities.

3.3 What Are the Risks

Not pursuing a regional application to the UBCM Community Emergency Preparedness Fund would mean leaving available funding unclaimed by the region, reducing opportunities to enhance training and coordination, and may mean additional barriers to residents for support during an evacuation if they need to travel further distances to a reception centre.

4.0 PROPOSED SOLUTION

RDCK staff propose to submit a regional application to the 2027 UBCM Community Emergency Preparedness Fund – Emergency Support Services stream on behalf of all municipal partners in the ESS program and the City of Castlegar. The regional approach will strengthen the delivery of ESS across the region by building shared capacity, improving consistency, and expanding access to training and resources.

Funding will be used to purchase and equip an ESS Mobile Reception Centre, offer additional standardized ESS training across all communities, provide strategic storage for existing supplies, and support a dedicated term ESS support position to coordinate training and support local volunteer teams.

This initiative will provide equitable support to all participating communities, ensuring that residents across the RDCK have access to well-trained ESS teams capable of responding to emergencies of varying size and complexity.

4.1 Financial Considerations of the Proposed Solution

The 2027 UBCM Community Emergency Preparedness Fund – Emergency Support Services stream allows for regional applications. With this approach the RDCK, and its member municipalities, could apply for up to a maximum of $300,000. RDCK Staff will be submitting a request for $300,000.

Funding will be used primarily purchase and equip an ESS Mobile Reception Centre, provide strategic storage, continue to facilitate training and networking opportunities for local ESS volunteers, and to have a term ESS Coordinator staff position.

Key budget areas include:

Term, part time ESS support staff position.	$30,000
Purchase and outfit of 28-30’ ESS Mobile Reception Centre Trailer.	$200,000
Equipment – Cool weather protection gear for ESS volunteers.	$7000
Training – ESS Coordinator, ESS Directors, and ESS Volunteers (NESST conference, regional events, in-person workshops)	$55,000
1 – 40’ seacan or 2-20’ seacans for strategic regional storage of ESS supplies.	$8000
Total	$300,000

If successful, grant proceeds will be administered under A101 Emergency Consolidated Services.
The UBCM ESS CEPF grant will fully fund eligible costs.

If successful, project activities will be coordinate by the funded ESS Coordinator. The project also requires additional support from an RDCK Emergency Program Coordinator at approximately 1 hour a week, for a salary and benefits cost of approximately $3,380.

4.2 Risks with the Proposed Solution

The primary risks associated with the proposed solution relate to grant approval, staff capacity, and volunteer availability. As this project is dependent on external funding through the UBCM Community Emergency Preparedness Fund, approval of the grant application is not guaranteed.

Implementation will also require ongoing coordination with volunteer teams to ensure consistent engagement and communication throughout the project.

4.3 Resource Allocation and Workplan Impact

If approved for funding, the regional ESS project will be led by one RDCK Emergency Program Coordinator, with support from a dedicated grant-funded, term, part-time ESS Coordinator once hired. The ESS Coordinator will then oversee project implementation, training coordination, and volunteer engagement across participating municipalities.

This initiative complements existing emergency management priorities and enhances overall ESS program capacity without impacting other planned activities.

4.4 Public Benefit and Stakeholder Engagement of Proposed Solution

This project directly benefits residents across the RDCK by strengthening the capacity of local Emergency Support Services teams to provide timely and effective assistance during emergencies and disasters. Improved coordination and consistent training will ensure equitable service delivery across all participating communities.

The RDCK has engaged with all member municipalities to discuss the regional application and have received expressions of support from each.

Broader public benefit will be realized through increased readiness, stronger volunteer networks, and improved support for evacuees during local or regional emergency events.

4.5 Leveraging Technology

This regional ESS initiative will utilize technology to support program administration, communication, and service delivery. The ESS Mobile Reception Centre will utilize technology, including remote internet opportunities, to deliver immediate service to displaced residents.

4.6 Measuring Success

Success will be measured through improved volunteer engagement, consistent and efficient delivery of ESS services across participating communities, and timely completion of planned training and program activities.

Project progress and outcomes will be tracked through regular updates to participating municipalities and will be reported to the UBCM in accordance with CEPF grant requirements.

5.0 OPTIONS CONSIDERED BUT NOT PRESENTED

An RDCK-only application was considered but not proposed, as ESS is delivered regionally in partnership with our municipalities. A joint application better reflects this service delivery model and provides access to additional grant funding with minimal additional administrative burden.

6.0 OPTIONS SUMMARY

Option 1 (recommended): That the Board authorize staff to regionally apply for the 2027 *Community Emergency Preparedness Fund – Emergency Support Services* grant from Union of BC Municipalities in the amount of $300,000 to support and improve ESS service delivery across the regional district;

AND FURTHER, that if successful, the Board direct staff to include the grant funding be allocated to A101 - Emergency Consolidated Services and that staff complete the current proposed activities and provide overall grant management.

Option 2: That the Board of Directors not approve an application to the 2027 UBCM Community Emergency Preparedness Fund – Emergency Support Services stream.

7.0 RECOMMENDATION

That the Board authorize staff to regionally apply for the 2027 *Community Emergency Preparedness Fund – Emergency Support Services* grant from Union of BC Municipalities in the amount of $300,000 to support and improve ESS service delivery across the regional district;

AND FURTHER, that if successful, the Board direct staff to include the grant funding be allocated to A101 - Emergency Consolidated Services and that staff complete the current proposed activities and provide overall grant management.

Respectfully Submitted,
Tanya Pauls, Emergency Program Coordinator

CONCURRENCE

Chief Administrative Officer – Stuart Horn Approved
Acting Regional Fire Chief / General Manager, Fire & Emergency Management Services – Dan Séguin Approved
Acting Emergency Program Manager – Nora Hannon Approved

Board Report

November 19, 2026

Regional UBCM Foundations of Disaster Risk Reduction Grant Application

Author:	Lynsey Thompson, Emergency Program Coordinator
File Reference:	14/7625
Electoral Area/Municipality:	All RDCK Electoral Areas (A to K), the municipalities of Slocan, New Denver and Kaslo
Services Impacted	A101 - Emergency Consolidated Services

1.0 STAFF RECOMMENDATION

That the Board authorize staff to regionally apply for the 2026 Community Emergency Preparedness Fund - Foundations of Disaster Risk Reduction grant from the Union of BC Municipalities in the amount of $500,000 to enhance understanding of hazard risk across the regional district;

AND FURTHER, that if successful the grant funding be allocated to A101 - Emergency Consolidated Services, and that staff complete the current proposed activities and provide overall grant management.

2.0 BACKGROUND/HISTORY

The *Emergency and Disaster Management Act* (EDMA), enacted in 2023, requires local authorities to develop and maintain comprehensive hazard risk assessments. A Hazard, Risk and Vulnerability Analysis (HRVA) is a type of risk assessment that provides a structured approach for identifying hazards and vulnerabilities, and supports risk-based decision-making across mitigation, preparedness, response, and recovery.

The RDCK's existing HRVA meets the legislative requirements of the previously enacted *Emergency Program Act* and reflects the RDCK's risk profile at the time of its development. Since then, the RDCK has experienced cascading and compounding hazard events, including the 2024 wildfire season, which have changed the nature, likelihood, and potential consequences of hazards affecting the region. The changing risk conditions and new legislative landscape demonstrate the need for an updated HRVA that supports future emergency management planning.

Staff have previously sought funding to support the development of an updated HRVA. On the direction of the Board, Staff submitted an application to the provincial Disaster Resilience and Innovation Funding (DRIF) program in 2025 for $995,000 for a regional HRVA. The scope of this proposed project included all RDCK electoral areas, the Villages of Salmo, Slocan, Silverton, New Denver, Nakusp, and Kaslo, and yaqan nukiy First Nation. The proposed deliverables for this project included a locally specific HRVA for each participating jurisdiction that fed into a shared regional synthesis. This application is still in pool, however the Province has confirmed that no funding is currently available through this program and the Province has encouraged Staff to seek funding through alternative sources.

To ensure continued legislative compliance, and to reflect the RDCK's altered risk profile, Staff seek direction to prepare applications to the 2026 Community Emergency Preparedness Fund (CEPF) - Foundations of Disaster Risk Reduction (FDRR) funding stream. For the 2026 intake, UBCM has capped FDRR funding for regional projects at $500,000. To pursue funding comparable to the amount requested through DRIF ($995,000), the RDCK is developing a regional application approach inclusive of the Villages of Kaslo, Slocan and New Denver. Staff are seeking Board approval for this regional grant application. At the time of this report, expressions of interest and supporting council resolutions have been received from all project partners.

Broader Regional Approach:
The RDCK is separately supporting the Villages of Silverton and Salmo, and yaqan nukiy to submit individual FDRR applications. Nakusp and Town of Creston have completed a standalone HRVAs in the last two years and are not part of this project, although their HRVAs would be reviewed as part of this work.

Should these grant applications also be successful, the regional HRVA project will be delivered as one coordinated regional project for all RDCK Electoral Areas, Slocan, Kaslo, New Denver, Salmo, Silverton and yaqan nukiy, with the RDCK Emergency Management program responsible for overall project management and administration of the grant funding on behalf of participating jurisdictions.

This approach will provide the benefits of a regional HRVA, including improved comparability of risk information, reduced duplication, and a stronger understanding of risks that affect multiple communities. Each jurisdiction will receive a tailored HRVA aligned with the *Emergency and Disaster Management Act* regulations, integrated into a regional synthesis.

Summary
- New provincial legislation requires the RDCK to develop and maintain comprehensive hazard risk assessments.
- Staff are seeking Board approval to submit a grant application to UBCM's Community Emergency Preparedness Fund - Foundations of Disaster Risk Reduction funding stream for the development of an updated regional Hazard, Risk and Vulnerability Analysis.
- The proposed project will be fully funded through grant funding.
- The proposed grant application that staff are seeking Board approval for includes all RDCK Electoral Areas, and the Villages of Slocan, New Denver, and Kaslo.

Approving this recommendation means:
Staff will apply for the regional grant and if successful deliver on the activities listed above.

3.0 PROBLEM OR OPPORTUNITY DESCRIPTION

The RDCK's existing HRVA reflects the regional risk profile and legislative framework in place at the time it was developed. Since then, the RDCK has experienced numerous hazard events, which, along with changes in the climate, community composition, land use, and infrastructure, have altered the region's risk profile.

Updating the RDCK's HRVA presents an opportunity to establish a current, evidence-based understanding of natural and non-natural hazards and risks across the region. The updated assessment will consider cascading and compounding events, community and infrastructure vulnerabilities, climate change, and the potential social, economic, environmental, and cultural consequences of hazard events. This work will help identify priority risks and provide a stronger foundation for emergency planning, mitigation initiatives, resource allocation, and future

funding applications. Additionally, the completion of this initiative will bring the RDCK into legislative compliance with the *Emergency and Disaster Management Act.*

3.1 Alignment to Board Strategic Plan

This initiative aligns with the RDCK's 2024-2026 Strategic Plan by strengthening community preparedness and resilience to natural hazards, fostering collaboration among member municipalities and Indigenous communities, and supporting effective, efficient delivery of services.

3.2 Legislative Considerations

In 2023, the *Emergency and Disaster Management Act* replaced the *Emergency Program Act* as the legislative framework for emergency management with the Province. Under EDMA regulations effective January 1, 2027, local authorities are required to prepare, maintain, and implement risk assessments for hazards within their jurisdiction.

The RDCK is seeking to fulfill this responsibility by undertaking a regional HRVA initiative in collaboration with the participating Emergency Program Service partner municipalities.

3.3 What Are the Risks

The RDCK risks non-compliance with the *Emergency and Disaster Management Act* if it does not develop a revised HRVA that meets the new EDMA regulations. Additionally, up-to-date risk information is necessary for effective emergency planning and informed decision-making. Not pursuing this grant funding would leave available external funding unclaimed by the RDCK and would reduce the opportunity to complete this work without relying on taxation or reserve funds.

4.0 PROPOSED SOLUTION

RDCK Staff propose to submit a regional application to the 2026 CEPF - FDRR funding stream from UBCM on behalf of the RDCK and the Villages New Denver, Slocan, and Kaslo. The RDCK will retain a qualified consultant to lead the technical assessment, engagement, analysis, and preparation of the HRVAs.

This project will complete locally specific HRVAs for all project partners. Each jurisdiction will receive a tailored HRVA aligned with the *Emergency and Disaster Management Act* regulations, integrated into a regional synthesis. A regional project will reduce duplication, support efficient procurement and engagement, and provide the benefits of a regional assessment. By developing locally specific HRVAs that feed into a shared regional synthesis, the initiative supports coordinated emergency planning across the region. This collaborative approach ensures that jurisdictions are not assessed in silos, but rather as interconnected communities facing shared hazard risks.

4.1 Financial Considerations of the Proposed Solution

The 2026 CEPF - FDRR funding stream allows regional applications up to a maximum of $500,000. RDCK staff will submit a regional application for the full $500,000 with grant proceeds going to A101 Emergency Consolidated Services.

Staff time-investment required for this initiative will be, on average, 0.2 FTE of the Emergency Program Coordinator's time for roughly 8 months at a cost of approximately $15,900.

4.2 Risks with the Proposed Solution

Internal staff capacity may be affected by competing priorities and the need to respond to emergency events during the project period. This risk will be managed through clear assignment of project responsibilities, realistic scheduling, and regular monitoring of staff workloads.
Project delivery risks will be further mitigated through a clearly defined scope of work, competitive procurement consistent with RDCK policy, defined deliverables and milestones, and regular monitoring of the project schedule and budget.

Early engagement with municipal and First Nation partners, a structured process for gathering information, and regular progress updates will help reduce the risk of delays or incomplete stakeholder input. Emergency Management staff will maintain project oversight to support the completion of the deliverables within the grant timeline and approved budget.

4.3 Resource Allocation and Workplan Impact

If approved for funding, the project will be led by one RDCK Emergency Program Coordinator who will oversee the qualified consultant and will manage the project delivery, schedule and budget. The time-investment required for this initiative will be, on average, 0.2 FTE of the Emergency Program Coordinator's time for roughly 8 months. As a key requirement under EDMA, this initiative has been planned for within the Emergency Management workplan.

4.4 Public Benefit and Stakeholder Engagement of Proposed Solution

The RDCK has engaged with all Emergency Program Service participating municipalities and yaqan nukiy to discuss the proposed approach.

An updated HRVA will provide a broad public benefit by improving the RDCK's understanding of the hazards and risk that may affect the region. It will help prioritize preparedness and mitigation activities, support informed investment decisions, and improve the alignment of emergency plans and public education with identified risks.

Engagement will be scaled to the project and is expected to include RDCK departments, member municipalities, Indigenous communities, neighbouring jurisdictions, critical infrastructure owners, emergency response organizations, provincial agencies, community service providers, and representatives of sectors or populations that may experience disproportionate impacts during emergencies.

The engagement process will be designed to gather local knowledge, identify vulnerabilities and interdependencies, and support a shared understanding of regional risks. Public communication may include project information on the RDCK website and publication of an appropriate public-facing version of the final HRVA, subject to information-governance considerations.

4.5 Leveraging Technology

Where appropriate, the project will use geospatial technology and digital information-management tools to display and analyze hazard and risk data. Where possible, risk assessment spatial data will be developed and incorporated into the RDCK's EOC digital mapping products to support more efficient and effective future emergency planning and decision-making.

4.6 Measuring Success

Project success will be measured by the completion of an updated, evidence-based HRVA that reflects current and potential future hazards and risks across the RDCK.

Specific measures of success will include:

- completion of the project within the approved scope, budget, and funding timeline;
- participation by relevant internal departments, member municipalities, Indigenous communities, neighbouring jurisdictions, and other affected organizations;
- delivery of updated risk rankings, maps, technical documentation, and prioritized recommendations;
- acceptance of the final grant reports by UBCM;
- presentation of the completed HRVA and key findings to the Board; and
- demonstrated use of the updated HRVA to inform subsequent emergency plans, mitigation priorities, funding applications, public education, and organizational work planning.

Staff will monitor progress through defined project milestones and provide the Board with an update upon completion of the HRVA.

5.0 ALTERNATIVE SOLUTION(S)

The following alternative solutions were considered:

Option 2: Submit separate applications and undertake individual projects
The RDCK and participating municipalities could each apply separately to the CEPF - FDRR funding stream and undertake individual HRVA projects. Individual applicants can apply for a maximum of $200,000.

This approach would increase the administrative workload and reduce opportunities to share technical resources or achieve economies of scale. It would increase pressures on RDCK staff time, as Emergency Management staff would likely be engaged as stakeholders for each municipal and First Nation project. Completing separate projects may also result in different methodologies and project outputs. This would make it more difficult to compare risk information across jurisdictions and make future interoperability more challenging.

5.1 Financial Considerations of the Alternative Solution(s)

Option 2: Separate applications and individual projects would likely increase aggregate administrative and consulting costs. Each participating organization could incur separate procurement, project management, and engagement expenses.

5.2 Risks with the Alternative Solution(s)

Option 2: Separate projects create risks related to coordination, consistency and timing. Funding decisions, procurement processes and project schedules may differ among participating jurisdictions. Individual projects could apply different methodologies, limiting the comparability of results and making regional synthesis more complex. There is also a risk that some partners may be unsuccessful in obtaining funding, resulting in gaps in regional coverage.

5.3 Resource Allocation and Workplan Impact

Option 2: This would increase pressures on RDCK staff time, as Emergency Management staff would likely be engaged as stakeholders for each municipal and First Nation project.

5.4 Public Benefit and Stakeholder Engagement of Alternative Solution

There would be no material difference in public benefit and stakeholder engagement for option 2 when compared to the recommended option.

5.5 Measuring Success

Success would be measured using the same metrics as those outlined for the recommended option.

6.0 OPTIONS CONSIDERED BUT NOT PRESENTED

The option of not completing an updated HRVA was considered but is not presented. As outlined, the Emergency and Disaster Management Act establishes emergency management planning obligations for local authorities. From January 1, 2027, EDMA regulations bring the legislated requirement for risk assessments into effect. Additionally, not proceeding with an updated HRVA would reduce the RDCK's ability to develop comprehensive understanding of all the current and potential future hazards and risks facing the region. It would leave the RDCK reliant on risk information that may no longer adequately reflect changes in the region's hazards, climate conditions, development, and population.

Completing the HRVA entirely in-house was also considered but is not proposed. The scope and complexity of the assessment require specialized subject matter expertise beyond existing staff capacity. Furthermore, current workloads and the need to maintain operational readiness, including the potential diversion of staff to emergency response activities, would make it difficult to complete the assessment within the required timelines. Engaging external expertise will provide the necessary technical capacity while allowing RDCK staff to contribute local knowledge and maintain core emergency management responsibilities.

7.0 OPTIONS SUMMARY

Option 1 (recommended):

That the Board authorize staff to regionally apply for the 2026 Community Emergency Preparedness Fund - Foundations of Disaster Risk Reduction grant from the Union of BC Municipalities in the amount of $500,000 to enhance understanding of hazard risk across the regional district;

AND FURTHER, that if successful the grant funding be allocated to A101 - Emergency Consolidated Services, and that staff complete the current proposed activities and provide overall grant management.

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8.0 RECOMMENDATION

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Respectfully submitted,
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Board Report – For Information

November 19, 2026

Indigenous Engagement Project – Phase 1 Complete

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1.0 PURPOSE OF REPORT

The purpose of this report is to inform the Board of the completion of Phase 1 of the Indigenous Engagement Project and provide the resulting report for review. Given the substantial nature of the report, it is being presented for information at this time, with no decision required. Staff will return to the Board in early 2027 with a review of the findings, legislative requirements, and recommendations for proceeding with Phase 2.

2.0 BACKGROUND AND UDPATE

In 2023, the Province of British Columbia introduced new emergency management legislation, the Emergency and Disaster Management Act (EDMA). This legislation requires that consultation and cooperation with Indigenous Governing Bodies (IGBs) is undertaken by all municipalities and regional districts in a culturally safe manner, across all phases of emergency management.

The Province provided $40,000 of funding to each Local Authority to meet these new requirements, with the option to pool that $40,000 with neighbouring Local Authorities under a regional project to reduce engagement fatigue on all parties.

The RDCK is administering and coordinating a $320,000 ($40,000 x 8 local authorities) regional project with the City of Castlegar, Village of Nakusp, Village of Silverton, Village of Slocan, Village of Kaslo, Village of Salmo, and City of Nelson to support the completion of EDMA indigenous engagement requirements.

This project has been divided into two phases - Phase 1 was valued at $100,000 and Phase 2 will be $220,000. Phase 1, now complete, was the information-gathering and fact-finding stage. A consultant, Ember Leaf Consulting, was hired to do the following:

- Facilitate an in-person workshops with all parties to map out how to engage and communicate across jurisdictions, including how and when each would like to be communicated with during an emergency event.
- Strengthen and enhance stress-resilient relationships through the engagement process

- Provide a detailed report with recommendations for actions to undertake in Phase 2

Phase 1 is now complete. Ember Leaf Consulting has presented their Final Report to all project participants, along with individual "Needs Assessments" to each partnering Local Authority.

Both the Final Report and the RDCK Needs Assessment are provided with this Board Report for Information.

3.0 NEXT STEPS AND TIMELINE

No action is needed from the Board at this time. RDCK Emergency Management staff will come back to the Board in early 2027 with a more fulsome Board Report on the indigenous engagement requirements for local authorities under EDMA, a review of Phase 1 findings , an overview and road map for Phase 2, and recommendations for next steps..

Respectfully submitted,
Tanya Pauls, Emergency Program Coordinator

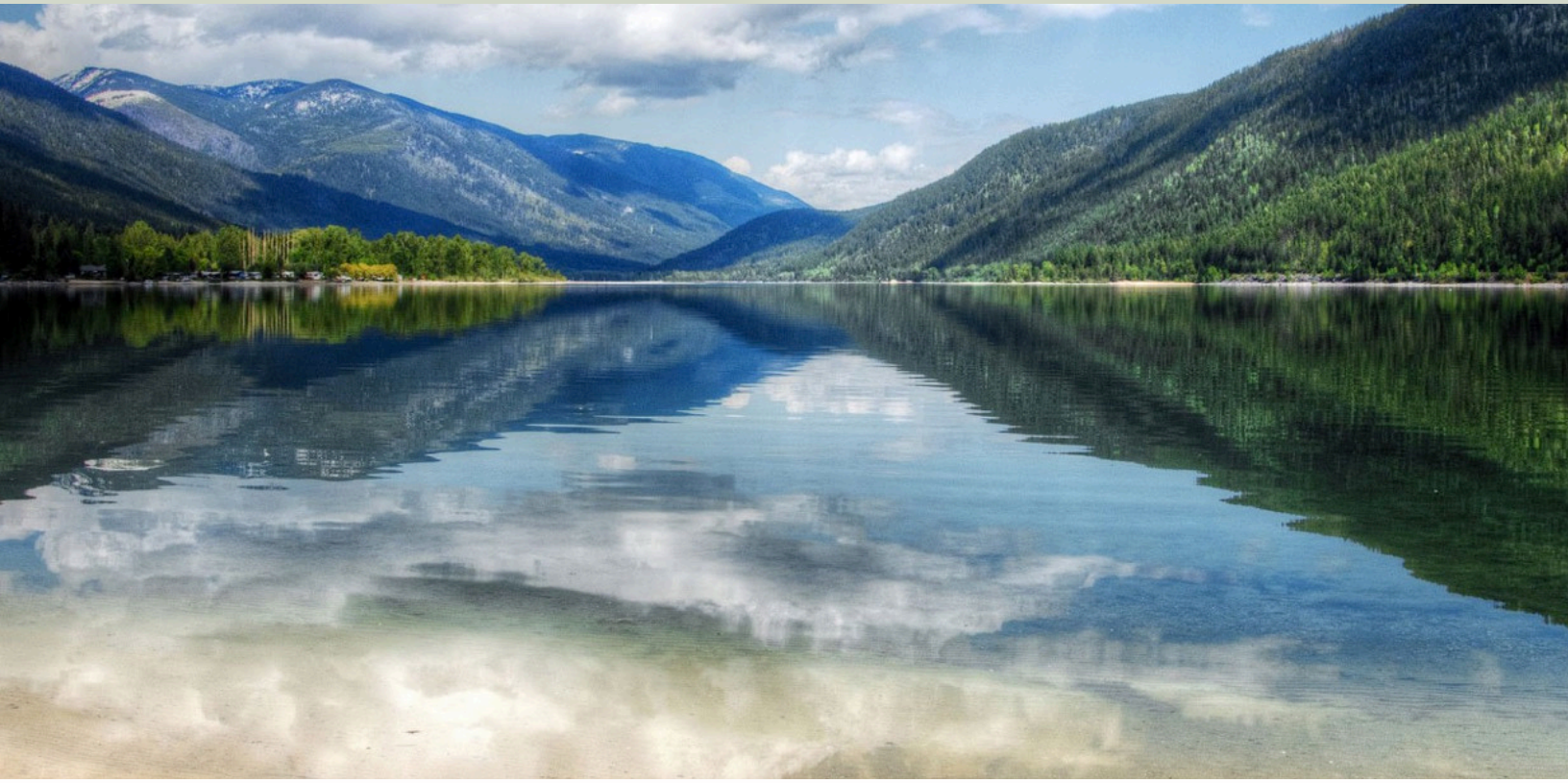
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ATTACHMENTS:
Attachment A – IER Final Report
Attachment B – RDCK Needs Assessment

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CURRENT STATE & READINESS ASSESSMENT OF INDIGENOUS ENGAGEMENT REQUIREMENTS IN EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT



Drafted for:

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Hub of the Kootenays – Salmo

Silverton, British Columbia

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DISCLAIMER

This report was prepared by Ember Leaf Consulting and Clear Sky Consulting for the Regional District of Central Kootenay (RDCK) to support understanding of current readiness related to the Emergency and Disaster Management Act (EDMA) and the Province's Interim Indigenous Engagement Requirements (IER). The findings and observations in this document are based on a review of guidance documents and interviews conducted during the assessment. As such, the report reflects conditions, practices, and interpretations as they existed during the review period and may not capture subsequent developments.

This report does not constitute legal advice and should not be relied upon as such. Interpretations of legislative or policy requirements may vary, and anyone referencing this document is encouraged to seek legal or regulatory guidance as appropriate. Nothing in this report is intended to replace, override, or substitute for government-to-government engagement, Indigenous-led decision-making, or direction provided by Indigenous Nations. The authority to define Indigenous priorities, knowledge, and governance rests with Indigenous Governments themselves. This document is provided to support informed discussion, co-development, and continuous improvement in emergency management practice.

The findings, observations, and recommendations contained in this review are intended solely to inform the emergency planning and operational practices of the Regional District of Central Kootenay and its member municipalities and should not be interpreted as an assessment of all municipal emergency authorities or Indigenous Governments.

EDMA Transition Note from EMCR

At the time of this report, EMCR guidance notes that local authorities are required to make reasonable efforts to reach agreement with Indigenous Governing Bodies regarding the areas to be described in emergency management plans for the purposes of Indigenous engagement during response and recovery. Where agreements have not yet been reached, local authorities are encouraged to contact their local EMCR regional office for official guidance.

The source document is included in Appendix D: Resources.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

The Regional District of Central Kootenay (RDCK) respectfully acknowledges the Ktunaxa, Secwépemc, and Syilx Peoples, whose territories and stewardship have shaped this region since time immemorial.

RDCK also honours the many Indigenous peoples from other Nations who now call this area home, and recognizes that diverse Indigenous knowledge systems, experiences, and perspectives are vital to strengthening emergency management, public safety, and community resilience for all. Emergency management systems must be safe, respectful, and responsive for all Indigenous people who live in, travel through, or are displaced into the region.

POSITIONALITY

The primary author (Kayla Pepper) acknowledges that this report was written while working on the traditional territory of the Secwépemc people. Kayla is of mixed European descent, with Ukrainian ancestry, and has Ktunaxa family connections. This positionality shapes how the author approaches this work.

Ember Leaf Consulting Inc. recognizes that responsibility for defining Indigenous priorities, knowledge, and governance rests with Indigenous Nations themselves, and that this work is undertaken in support of Indigenous-led and community-informed emergency management practice.



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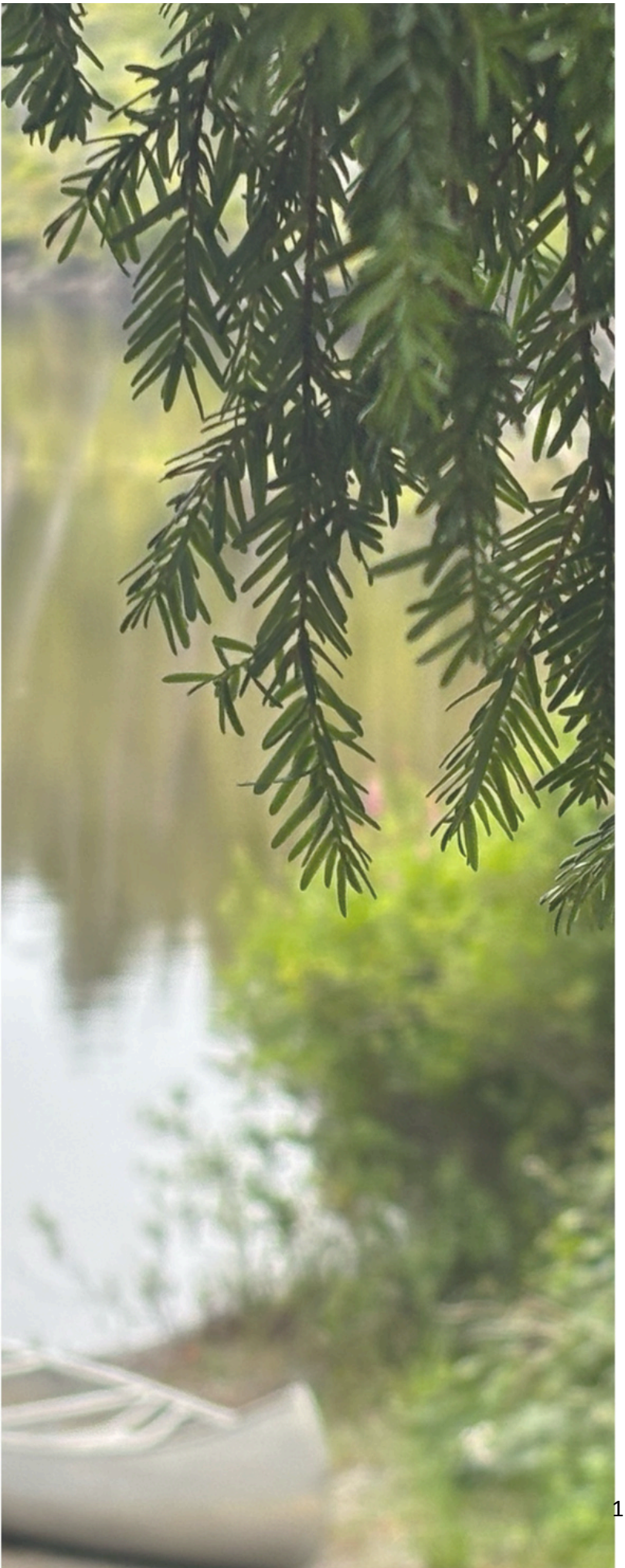


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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Working Together, When It Matters Most presents a current-state and readiness assessment of the Regional District of Central Kootenay's (RDCK) alignment with the Indigenous engagement requirements under the Emergency and Disaster Management Act (EDMA, 2023). The RDCK, in collaboration with its member municipalities, initiated this project to understand and advance its responsibilities under the Emergency and Disaster Management Act (EDMA), with a particular focus on Indigenous Engagement Requirements (IER).

Phase 1 of this work was intentionally designed as a listening and learning phase, grounded in relationship-building, humility, and practical understanding of current realities across the region.

Through conversations with municipal staff and review of Indigenous engagement materials and feedback, several consistent findings emerged.

First, there is a high level of willingness across municipalities to engage meaningfully with Indigenous Governing Bodies (IGBs). Local governments also consistently expressed a strong desire to engage respectfully, avoid causing harm or offence in outreach, and be mindful of the capacity pressures and referral fatigue experienced by Indigenous Governing Bodies.

Second, there is limited clarity and consistency in how engagement should occur in practice, particularly as EDMA regulations have not yet been released. In the absence of clear regulatory direction from EMCR, RDCK and its member local governments are working to balance emerging legislative expectations with existing local relationships, community protocols, and a desire to engage Indigenous Governing Bodies respectfully. This includes uncertainty around:

- Roles and responsibilities
- EDMA requirements
- When and how to engage

Third, Indigenous partners emphasized that effective emergency management must be grounded in relationships, supported by clear coordination, and enabled by practical tools. They noted that respectful relationships need to be built before emergencies occur, and that coordination with Indigenous Governing Bodies must recognize each Nation's distinct governance structures, protocols, capacity, and priorities. Practical tools, such as clear contact pathways, shared protocols, and coordinated communication processes, can help reduce duplication, support timely decision-making, and strengthen emergency management outcomes across the region.

Across all perspectives, one core insight stands out:

Emergency management in RDCK must evolve from informal, relationship-aware practice to coordinated, system-supported, relationship-based practice.

This report outlines:

- What was learned from municipalities
- What was learned from Indigenous Governing Bodies
- A shared pathway forward
- A Phase 2 development and implementation direction



“THIS IS SOMETHING WE GET TO DO; NOT HAVE TO DO” – TANYA PAULS, RDCK

INTRODUCTION

The purpose of this project was to support the Regional District of Central Kootenay (RDCK) and some participating municipalities in understanding and advancing their responsibilities under the Emergency and Disaster Management Act (EDMA), with a focus on Indigenous Engagement Requirements (IER). Phase 1 was designed as a listening and learning process to identify current strengths, gaps, and opportunities, and to lay the foundation for a coordinated, relationship-based approach to emergency management with Indigenous Governing Bodies across the region.

This work was led by a project team from Ember Leaf Consulting and Clear Sky Consulting, with advisory support provided by Jaime Vienneau (Ktunaxa Nation), ensuring the approach was grounded in Indigenous perspectives, regional context, and culturally informed practices.

Project Purpose

The purpose of this project is to support the Regional District of Central Kootenay (RDCK) in understanding its current level of readiness to meet the Indigenous engagement requirements set out in EDMA and the Province’s Interim Indigenous Engagement Requirements (IER).

The project aims to lay the groundwork for collaborative emergency management between RDCK, its member municipalities, and Indigenous Governing Bodies (IGBs), grounded in respect for Indigenous governance, knowledge, and territorial relationships.

It focuses on:

- Building relationships
- Clarifying roles and responsibilities
- Co-developing culturally safe approaches
- Preparing for a long-term, multi-year partnership model
- Determining needs, existing best practices, gaps, and intentions across local governments

This work is not intended to assess Indigenous Governments or define Indigenous priorities. Rather, it is designed to support RDCK and its partner municipalities in aligning their own policies, procedures, and emergency operations with EDMA requirements, in partnership with Indigenous Nations.

Project Approach

Approach (Phase 1)

Phase 1 was intentionally designed as a "listen first" process, which included:

- The RDCK Board sent project invitation letters to all identified IGBs whose territory overlaps RDCK boundaries. This established initial government-to-government relations.
- Then, the project team conducted a series of in-person and virtual municipal needs assessments (the RDCK and eight local governments) to better understand the current state and opportunities



Simultaneously, the project team engaged Indigenous partners to identify:

- Introduce key emergency management contacts
- Begin to explore shared priorities and challenges
- Surface and understand preferred emergency processes



Emergency Program staff also visited a few First Nation communities and took the time to educate themselves on the history of the territories (as further described later in the report)

In the spirit of "going slow to go fast," this project's intention was to conduct phase 1 through a foundation-building lens to set up an enduring relationship and thoughtful collaborative actions for years to come.

Guiding Principles

The project is grounded in:

- Moving at the speed of trust
- Cultural safety and humility
- Distinctions-based engagement
- Capacity building for long-term collaboration
- Indigenous knowledge and wise practices



PART 1: CONTEXT & OVERALL READINESS

Working Together, When It Matters Most

1 CONTEXT & OVERALL READINESS

LEGISLATIVE AND POLICY CONTEXT

The Emergency and Disaster Management Act (EDMA, 2023) modernizes emergency management in British Columbia by:

- Recognizing Indigenous Peoples' inherent right of self-government, including authority related to emergency management
- Requiring local authorities to consult, cooperate, coordinate, and engage with Indigenous Governing Bodies (IGBs)
- Promoting cultural safety in all emergency management plans, programs, and operations
- Requiring the consideration of Indigenous knowledge where available
- Establishing consent requirements in defined circumstances, particularly for Modern Treaty Nations

Under EDMA, RDCK is a "regulated entity". A "regulated entity" means

- (a) a government minister,
- (b) a public sector agency,
- (c) a local authority (municipalities and regional districts), and
- (d) a critical infrastructure owner.

Municipalities and regional districts are required to work with IGBs to identify the areas of an IGB's traditional territory or treaty areas that fall within the municipalities and regional districts' emergency management authority. Traditional territory can include lands outside of reserve boundaries.

While not all EDMA regulations have been released, one transitional provision currently in effect is section 179(7), which requires local authorities to begin working toward agreement with Indigenous Governing Bodies on the areas to be described in local authority emergency management plans for the purposes of consultation and cooperation during the response and recovery phases. Many requirements described in the EDMA, including Section 55, become effective after regulations are issued.

1. Legislative Context: Emergency and Disaster Management Act (EDMA)

The Emergency and Disaster Management Act (EDMA) represents a foundational shift in how emergency management is governed in British Columbia. It modernizes the previous Emergency Program Act by:

- Recognizing Indigenous Peoples' inherent rights and governance roles
- Embedding requirements for consultation, cooperation, and coordination with Indigenous Governing Bodies (IGBs)
- Advancing alignment with the Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples Act (DRIPA) and UNDRIP
- Expanding focus across all four pillars: mitigation, preparedness, response, and recovery

Under EDMA, local authorities — including regional districts and municipalities — are no longer operating solely within their own jurisdictional boundaries. Instead, they are required to work collaboratively with Indigenous Nations whose territories overlap or intersect their areas of responsibility.

This represents a shift from jurisdiction-based emergency management to relationship-based emergency management

1 CONTEXT & OVERALL READINESS

2. Indigenous Engagement Requirements (IER)

The Province has introduced the following Interim Indigenous Engagement Requirements (IER) to guide local authorities in beginning to implement EDMA expectations:

2.1 Consultation

Engage Indigenous Governing Bodies early and meaningfully in the development of:

- Emergency management plans
- Hazard, risk, and vulnerability assessments
- Policies and procedures that may impact Indigenous communities

2.2 Cooperation

Work collaboratively with Indigenous partners to:

- Align emergency management approaches
- Share information and planning assumptions
- Identify areas of mutual interest and support

2.3 Coordination

Ensure mechanisms are in place to:

- Communicate effectively before and during emergencies
- Align response efforts where jurisdictions intersect
- Support coordinated recovery efforts

2.4 Cultural Safety & Indigenous Knowledge

Local authorities must:

- Promote culturally safe practices across all emergency management activities
- Respect and appropriately incorporate Indigenous knowledge, where offered
- Recognize that Indigenous knowledge is governed by Nation-specific protocols and is not automatically accessible

1 CONTEXT & OVERALL READINESS

3. What This Means for Municipalities and Regional Districts

Under EDMA and IER, municipalities and regional districts are expected to move beyond ad hoc engagement toward structured, consistent, and relationship-based approaches.

Core Responsibilities Include:

A. Relationship Development

- Identify and connect with Indigenous Governing Bodies whose territories overlap the jurisdiction
- Build ongoing, trust-based relationships outside of emergency events

B. Planning Integration

- Include Indigenous engagement in:
  - Emergency management and response plans
  - Hazard, risk, vulnerability and climate assessments
  - Business continuity planning

C. Operational Readiness

- Establish clear contact and notification protocols
- Ensure staff know who to contact, when, and how
  - Prevent engagement fatigue by taking a coordinated, territory-wide approach to engagement with Indigenous Governing Bodies, ensuring outreach is purposeful, respectful of capacity, and aligned across local governments wherever possible.
- Integrate engagement into Emergency Operations Centre (EOC) procedures

D. Documentation and Accountability

- Demonstrate “reasonable efforts” toward consultation, cooperation, and coordination
- Maintain records of engagement activities

E. Continuous Improvement

- Update plans and practices based on feedback and experience
- Participate in collaborative training, joint exercises and after-action reviews

1 CONTEXT & OVERALL READINESS

4. Key Implementation Challenges (Province-Wide Context)

Across British Columbia, local governments are navigating several common challenges:

- Limited clarity on how to operationalize IERs
- Capacity constraints (staffing, time, funding)
- Complexity of multiple overlapping Indigenous territories
- Uncertainty around roles, expectations, and legal thresholds
- Need for practical tools and guidance
- These challenges reinforce the importance of regional approaches, shared resources, and co-development with Indigenous partners.

5. RDCK-Specific EDMA Context

The Regional District of Central Kootenay (RDCK), in partnership with its member municipalities, initiated this project to respond proactively to EDMA requirements.

The RDCK context is defined by:

- Multiple Indigenous Nations with overlapping and shared territories
- Diverse municipal capacities and levels of existing relationships
- Strong regional interest in coordination and collaboration across the regional emergency management program

This creates both complexity and opportunity.

1 CONTEXT & OVERALL READINESS

LOCAL AND REGIONAL CONTEXT

The Regional District of Central Kootenay (RDCK) is a local government authority in British Columbia serving a diverse population of approximately 60,000 residents across a mix of rural and urban communities. The RDCK is composed of 11 electoral areas and 9 member municipalities, including the Cities of Nelson and Castlegar, who operate their own emergency programs.



The Central Kootenay region is characterized by mountainous terrain, large lake systems, and dispersed rural communities, creating a complex operating environment for emergency management. Hazards such as wildfires, flooding, extreme weather, and transportation disruptions routinely cross jurisdictional boundaries. As a result, effective emergency management in this region requires shared situational awareness, coordinated decision-making, and strong inter-jurisdictional relationships.

While RDCK provides regional coordination and support, including for Emergency Support Services, two of the municipalities that participated in this project maintain independent emergency management programs.

Within this context:

- **City of Nelson:** Operates an independent emergency management program and has established relationships with Indigenous Nations in its area, including the Ktunaxa Nation, Syilx/Okanagan Nation, and the Sinixt people. Nelson plays an important role in local coordination and preparedness, while also participating in broader regional collaboration.

- **City of Castlegar:** Also maintains an independent emergency management program and is situated within the territories of the Ktunaxa Nation and Syilx/Okanagan Nation. As a key transportation and service hub, Castlegar's emergency management approach requires coordination both locally and regionally, including engagement with Indigenous partners whose territories and interests intersect the area.

1 CONTEXT & OVERALL READINESS

WORKING WITH INDIGENOUS ORGANIZATIONS

Project Approach

This project is grounded in the understanding that Indigenous Governing Bodies (IGBs) are rights holders with constitutionally protected rights, title, and governance authority. The project was intentionally scoped around engagement with syilx/Okanagan, Secwépemc, and Ktunaxa communities based on provincial consultation advice provided to the RDCK. Consistent with EDMA, engagement in this project has focused primarily on those Nations whose territories, rights, and citizens are directly connected to the RDCK region, including the Ktunaxa, Secwépemc, and syilx/Okanagan Nations.

At the same time, this work recognizes that emergency management operates within a broader context of shared public safety, where relationships, mobility, and impacts extend beyond administrative and jurisdictional boundaries.

This includes acknowledging the Sinixt (Lakes) peoples, whose presence, history, and connection to the land remain integral to the region, and whose perspectives are important in shaping a more inclusive and respectful approach to emergency management.

Within this context, the project explored not only how to engage appropriately with rights holders, but also where broader collaboration with Indigenous organizations, service providers, and neighbouring Nations may strengthen collective preparedness, response, and recovery.

Emergency management in the Central Kootenay is inherently multi-jurisdictional and multi-Nation, requiring coordinated, relationship-based approaches that reflect both operational realities and Indigenous governance.

Emergency management leading practice in the Central Kootenay context requires:

- Early and ongoing consideration of all relevant Indigenous Governing Bodies
- A distinctions-based approach that reflects Nation-specific protocols and priorities
- Recognition that engagement extends beyond existing or frequent relationships
- Coordination that reflects the reality that emergency impacts do not follow jurisdictional boundaries
- Supporting relationship continuity by ensuring relationships with Indigenous Governing Bodies are maintained at the organizational level, rather than relying on a single staff person, so that trust, knowledge, and communication pathways are not lost when staff turnover occurs.

Engagement is therefore not limited to Nations with whom RDCK or its member municipalities work most regularly. It must include all Nations whose:

- territories may be impacted
- citizens may be affected
- governance authority intersects with emergency activities

This approach supports both legal obligations under EDMA and the broader goal of building respectful, relationship-based emergency management systems across the region.

1 CONTEXT & OVERALL READINESS

EVACUEE CARE AND EMERGENCY SUPPORT SERVICES (ESS) CONTEXT

Emergency Support Services (ESS) are a critical component of emergency management in British Columbia, providing short-term assistance to individuals and families who have been evacuated or displaced by emergencies. ESS supports may include shelter, food, clothing, emotional support, and assistance with reuniting families.

In the RDCK context, ESS plays an important role in supporting shared public safety across jurisdictions, including Indigenous communities. RDCK plays a central role in coordinating evacuee care across the region.

ESS is a provincial program, and provincial policy / program guides now include cultural safety considerations. Under EDMA, there is an increasing expectation that ESS delivery is culturally safe, coordinated, and inclusive, recognizing the unique needs, preferences, and governance structures of Indigenous Peoples.

This includes:

- Early engagement with Indigenous Governing Bodies during evacuations
- Consideration of culturally appropriate supports and spaces
- Coordination to ensure services are accessible and respectful
- Understanding that cultural safety must be present for Indigenous individuals and families who may live outside of Indigenous communities

Strengthening ESS in this context requires moving beyond a one-size-fits-all approach toward co-developed, relationship-based service delivery models that reflect the realities of the region and the communities being served. The emergency management system should create the conditions for culturally safe evacuee care so that both evacuees and volunteers are supported.

ESS volunteers bring care, commitment, and community knowledge to some of the most difficult moments in emergency response. Recommendations related to cultural safety in evacuee care should be implemented in a way that supports, rather than burdens, volunteers and should be enabled through training, tools, EOC-level coordination, and provincial program alignment.



PART 2: EDMA IER AND LOCAL AUTHORITIES

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2 EDMA IER AND LOCAL AUTHORITIES

These six topics reflect the core, EDMA-aligned building blocks of Indigenous engagement in emergency management. Reviewing them individually allows for a clear, structured assessment of readiness, gaps, and risk in each area. Each topic addresses a distinct legal, operational, or relational requirement under EDMA. Moving through them one by one creates transparency, supports defensible decision-making, and helps identify where actions, co-development with Indigenous Governing Bodies, or formal agreements are most needed.

The Six Focus Areas are:

- Recognition of Indigenous Rights, Jurisdiction, and Governance
- Consultation, Cooperation, and Consent
- Cultural Safety in Emergency Management
- Indigenous Knowledge Inclusion
- Emergency Response Governance and Agreements
- Response & Recovery Documentation and Reporting

1. Recognition of Indigenous Rights, Jurisdiction, and Governance

Referenced EDMA Guidance Documents:

- *Agreements with Indigenous Governing Bodies Enabled by the Emergency and Disaster Management Act (EMCR, Dec 2, 2025)*
- *Indigenous Engagement Requirements Interim Guidance*

EDMA Alignment Rationale: This topic is grounded in EDMA's recognition of Indigenous Governing Bodies (IGBs) as rights-holding governments with decision-making authority. The agreements factsheet explicitly frames emergency management as a government-to-government space, enabled through collaborative, coordination, and consent-based agreements, and rooted in section 35 constitutional rights and the Declaration Act. Recognition of jurisdiction is the legal foundation upon which all other engagement requirements rest.

What EDMA Expects: Local authorities must recognize Indigenous governing bodies (IGBs) as governments and respect Indigenous jurisdiction and decision-making authority in emergency management.

2 EDMA IER AND LOCAL AUTHORITIES

2. Consultation, Cooperation, and Consent

Referenced EDMA Guidance Documents:

- *Agreements with Indigenous Governing Bodies Enabled by the Emergency and Disaster Management Act*
- *Indigenous Engagement Requirements Interim Guidance*

EDMA Alignment Rationale: EDMA introduces new, phased-in obligations to reach agreement with IGBs regarding consultation and cooperation, starting with present-day requirements during the response and recovery phases for activities as outlined in Appendix A. The agreements fact sheet details how coordination agreements and joint or consent-based decision-making agreements operationalize these duties, including when Indigenous consent is required before exercising statutory emergency powers. This directly supports the need for documented decision pathways and consent triggers.

> "In implementing the Act, free, prior and informed consent is the objective, and the Province and regulated entities are expected to make reasonable efforts to achieve it, and reflect it in their approach when consulting and cooperating."
>
> EMCR IER Interim Guidance

What EDMA Expects: Clear, documented pathways for consultation, cooperation, and (where applicable) consent across **response and recovery activities**. For the RDCK, this includes identifying which Indigenous Governing Bodies must be engaged; which response and recovery actions trigger engagement (e.g., evacuation orders, extending a state of local emergency, prohibiting travel, use/control of land, re-entry, authorize or require the construction, alteration, removal, or demolition of works); the geographic areas where these obligations apply (including treaty lands, shared territories, and areas of cultural significance); and how and when engagement will occur, including during urgent life-safety situations and in post-event recovery and reporting. These pathways must be established in advance and reflected in emergency management plans, EOC procedures, and recovery frameworks to ensure lawful, culturally safe, and coordinated decision-making.

3. Cultural Safety in Emergency Management

Referenced EDMA Guidance Documents:

- *Cultural Safety and the Emergency and Disaster Management Act (EMCR, Dec 2, 2025)*

EDMA Alignment Rationale: Cultural safety is identified as a core principle of EDMA, applicable across all phases of emergency management. This guidance document clarifies that regulated entities must include measures to promote cultural safety in emergency management plans, training, ESS delivery, and exercises. It also links cultural safety to consultation and cooperation with IGBs and highlights risks of retraumatization during evacuations and recovery if not properly addressed. Clear articulation of roles, expectations, and culturally safe practices across ESS partners (including contracted service providers) is needed to reduce risk and ensure respectful, trauma-aware service delivery.

What EDMA Expects: Emergency management must promote cultural safety and avoid causing harm or retraumatizing individuals.

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4. Indigenous Knowledge Inclusion

Referenced EDMA Guidance Documents:

- *Indigenous Knowledge and the Emergency and Disaster Management Act (EMCR, Dec 2, 2025)*
- *Indigenous Engagement Requirements Interim Guidance*

EDMA Alignment Rationale: EDMA requires Indigenous knowledge to be incorporated where available into risk assessments, hazard mapping, and emergency management plans. Indigenous knowledge is land-based, tied to First Nations with traditional territory, and must be integrated through consultation and cooperation. It also establishes expectations around confidentiality, stewardship, and appropriate use, making this a distinct and necessary focus area.

What EDMA Expects: Indigenous knowledge should inform planning, preparedness, response, and recovery where available.

5. Emergency Response Governance and Agreements

Referenced EDMA Guidance Documents:

- Agreements with Indigenous Governing Bodies Enabled by the Emergency and Disaster Management Act

EDMA Alignment Rationale: EDMA enables new governance and coordination models, including collaborative emergency management agreements (CEMAs), coordination agreements, and multijurisdictional emergency management organizations (MJEMOs). Existing governance structures, mutual aid agreements, and operational assumptions need to be updated to reflect EDMA's rights-based, co-managed emergency governance framework over time.

What EDMA Expects: Clear shared governance and operational coordination mechanisms.

"The EDMA enables opportunities for local authorities (municipalities and regional districts) and the Ministry of Emergency Management and Climate Readiness (EMCR) to reach agreement with IGBs, and to develop agreements with IGBs for a variety of purposes including working to implement Indigenous engagement requirements such as consultation and cooperation, and to further support collaboration and coordinated decision making across all phases of emergency management. The obligation for regulated entities to reach agreement with IGBs under the EDMA is new and is a requirement that will be phased in over time."

– Agreements with IGBs Fact Sheet, Ministry of Emergency Management and Climate Readiness

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6. Response & Recovery Documentation & Reporting

Referenced EDMA Guidance Documents:

- *Post-Event Reporting by Local Authorities: Emergency and Disaster Management Act*
- Template: *Local Authority Post-Event Report (DOCX, 70KB)*

EDMA Alignment Rationale: A local authority that has declared a state of local emergency or a local recovery period is required to prepare and submit a report to the provincial administrator within 120 days from the end of the expiry or cancellation of that declaration, whichever is later. EDMA establishes clear accountability and transparency requirements for documentation and reporting following response and recovery activities, including how Indigenous engagement obligations were met. The Post-Event Reporting Guide clarifies that local authorities must document the use of response and recovery powers, the decision-making processes applied, and the consultation, cooperation, coordination, and consent efforts undertaken with Indigenous Governing Bodies (IGBs).

What EDMA Expects: Local authorities are expected to maintain clear records and develop post-event reports to be submitted to EMCR that demonstrate:

- Which Indigenous Governing Bodies were engaged during response and recovery, and in what capacity.
- How consultation, cooperation, coordination, or consent requirements were identified and fulfilled, including where engagement occurred before, during, or after the exercise of emergency powers.
- What response or recovery powers were exercised, where they were applied geographically, and how Indigenous rights, treaty lands, cultural heritage, or areas of interest were considered.
- How cultural safety and Indigenous knowledge informed decisions, including evacuation, re-entry, recovery planning, and community support measures.
- What follow-up actions, commitments, or improvements are required to strengthen Indigenous engagement in future events.

Post-event reports are intended to support transparency, learning, and continuous improvement, and to provide a defensible record of EDMA compliance in the event of review or inquiry.

If Engagement Is Not Possible:

If RDCK exercised a response or recovery power without meeting requirements, RDCK must take immediate corrective action consistent with EDMA:

- **Document the decision:** Record which response or recovery power was exercised, the emergency instrument used, and the rationale for why engagement was not practicable due to imminent risk to life, safety, animals, or property.
- **Notify affected IGB as soon as reasonably practicable:** Provide clear information on what action was taken, where, when, under what authority, and the impacts or implications for Indigenous rights, lands, or interests.
- **Engage promptly and meaningfully after the fact:** Consult and cooperate with the affected IGB on next steps, including ongoing response actions, recovery decisions, mitigation of impacts, and any corrective or restorative measures.
- **Incorporate Indigenous input into recovery and follow-up decisions:** Ensure Indigenous knowledge, cultural safety considerations, and governance roles inform re-entry, recovery planning, etc.
- **Report transparently:** Clearly describe the missed engagement, rationale, and engagement undertaken afterward in the EDMA Post-Event Report (template, section 5).



PART 3: WHAT WE LEARNED: LOCAL AUTHORITIES

Working Together, When It Matters Most

3 WHAT WE LEARNED: LOCAL AUTHORITIES

HOW TO USE THIS SECTION

From December 2025 to April 2026, Municipal Needs Assessments were held with local government partners (municipalities and the RDCK) that have chosen to collaborate in this project. The intent of these sessions was to identify themes, concerns, and gaps regarding Indigenous engagement in emergency management (and more generally) that could then be translated into action items and recommendations. The sessions were up to two hours in length, and included a variety of representatives from local government, including Chief Administrative Officers, emergency program staff, fire department representatives, and others. The conversations were preceded by a short presentation on the project itself, and then an informal discussion about relationships and engagement with Indigenous partners. For a full list of questions asked, see Appendix D.

This section reflects the main themes across all conversations without attributing comments to any single community or person. It translates Phase 1 findings into a clear direction and an implementation pathway. The section begins with a thematic SWOT (strengths, weaknesses, opportunities and threats) analysis, then a series of themes that follow a consistent structure:

- **What We Heard** (evidence from conversations and project discoveries)
- **What It Means** (strategic interpretation)
- **Risk if Unaddressed** (potential roadblocks or challenges)
- **Where We Go From Here** (suggested actions across Short-, Medium-, Long-Term Objectives)

The visual tables that follow summarize actions, ownership, and timelines for reference.

OVERVIEW

This SWOT analysis synthesizes findings from the municipal needs assessments undertaken across the Central Kootenay region. It reflects current conditions regarding Indigenous engagement under EDMA, the overall status of connections and relationships with Indigenous Governing Bodies, and highlights both internal and external factors that influence implementation.

Each local authority retains its own statutory responsibilities and decision-making authority under EDMA. Where appropriate, municipalities that participate in the RDCK Emergency Program may choose to adopt, align with, or participate in regional policies, procedures, or agreements developed through the RDCK Emergency Program.

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STRENGTHS

STRENGTH	DESCRIPTION
Strong willingness and commitment	Municipal staff consistently expressed a genuine desire to build respectful relationships with Indigenous Nations, to find solutions to uncertainty about protocols and procedures, to generally advance reconciliation where possible, and to meet EDMA requirements.
Existing relationship foundations (in some areas)	Several municipalities have informal or historical relationships with nearby Nations, providing a starting point for deeper engagement. In some cases, significant effort has been applied to trying to navigate relationship building with varying results.
Regional collaboration mindset	Strong support for a coordinated RDCK-led approach to reduce duplication and improve consistency. Several communities noted that a coordinated, standardized approach would lessen “referral fatigue” for Indigenous partners.
Growing awareness of cultural safety	Increasing recognition of the importance of culturally safe practices and Indigenous perspectives in emergency management. A desire to facilitate education and awareness building within non-Indigenous communities was noted frequently.
Experience with emergency response	Municipalities have practical experience managing emergencies (e.g., wildfire, flooding), which provides a foundation for integrating engagement practices. Many noted they would benefit from additional Indigenous Traditional Knowledge in response operations and elsewhere within their operations.

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CHALLENGES

CHALLENGES	DESCRIPTION
Lack of clarity on EDMA requirements	Uncertainty about what consultation, cooperation, and coordination mean in practice. Lack of Local Government Regulations to support EDMA leads to confusion and uncertainty about process, requirements, expectations.
Unclear roles and responsibilities	Uncertainty regarding RDCK vs municipal roles, especially during response and EOC activation, on who reaches out to IGBs. This was most prevalent in small communities, where, as an example, the CAO and local Fire Chief may be the only resources available to support an emergency response.
Limited and outdated contact information	Inconsistent access to current Indigenous contacts; uncertainty about who to engage, about what, when. Uncertainty about how and when Indigenous partners want to be included or consulted, and concerns about Indigenous partners requesting funding to consider referrals.
Reliance on informal relationships	Engagement often depends on individual staff rather than formal systems. Staff turnover, in both Indigenous organizations and non-Indigenous local governments leads to broken connections or relationships.
Capacity constraints	Limited staff time (both within Indigenous and non-Indigenous organizations), competing priorities, and lack of dedicated resources for engagement (including funding and access to knowledge).
Lack of practical tools and guidance	Absence of simple operational tools (checklists, templates, contact lists, protocols) for emergency operations under EDMA, or general government activities.
Fear of missteps	Hesitation due to concern about engaging incorrectly or causing harm. Several communities noted that they were concerned about causing offense if they worked with one Indigenous partner and not others, and in some cases, this was vocalized very acutely by First Nations partners (with some Central Kootenay local governments being told, “If you work with that other Nation, we will not engage with you.”)

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OPPORTUNITIES

OPPORTUNITY	DESCRIPTION
Regional coordination through RDCK	Opportunity to centralize tools, contacts, and engagement approaches to reduce effort required by municipalities and Indigenous partners.
Development of practical toolkits	Creation of workbooks / handbooks, checklists, and emergency operations tools to translate policy into action.
Co-development with Indigenous partners	Opportunity to build stronger, trust-based relationships and co-create culturally grounded practices.
Training and capacity building	High interest in cultural safety training, EDMA guidance, and scenario-based exercises. Could share Justice Institute of BC course seats. Training would include: • RDCK Board • Municipal councils • Elected officials from participating local authorities • Senior staff where appropriate
Alignment with EDMA and DRIPA	Ability to proactively align with provincial direction and demonstrate leadership.
Strengthening ESS and response practices	Opportunity to embed culturally safe approaches into evacuations, ESS, and recovery.
Building long-term regional model	Potential for Central Kootenay non-Indigenous local governments to become a leading example of coordinated, relationship-based emergency management.

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THREATS (RISKS)

THREAT	DESCRIPTION
Engagement fatigue among Indigenous partners	Uncoordinated outreach from multiple local governments may strain relationships and reduce Indigenous partner participation.
Inconsistent approaches across local governments	Lack of alignment may create confusion and weaken regional effectiveness and reduce Indigenous partner participation.
Staff turnover	Loss of institutional knowledge and relationships when staff change roles, both within Central Kootenay local governments, and Indigenous partner organizations.
Delayed implementation due to uncertainty	Lack of clarity may lead to inaction or slow progress.
Reputational risk	Poorly executed engagement could damage trust with Indigenous partners.
Capacity limitations (all sides)	Limited resources within both municipalities and Indigenous communities.
Emergency events occurring before systems are in place	Real-world incidents may expose gaps in coordination and engagement readiness. This was experienced by the RDCK EOC in 2024, as even provincial partners had not experienced the requirements that had been written into their own legislation.

3 WHAT WE LEARNED: LOCAL AUTHORITIES

THEME 1: RELATIONSHIPS ARE FOUNDATIONAL — BUT NOT YET SYSTEMATIZED

What We Heard

- Relationships are widely understood as essential to emergency management.
- Existing relationships are often informal, staff-to-staff, inconsistent, and at risk of dissolution if there is staff turnover.
- Contact information is incomplete, outdated, or non-existent in several jurisdictions.
- Engagement during emergencies is difficult without pre-existing relationships or having a process or procedure to follow.

What It Means

RDCK operates in a relationship-aware but system-light environment. Relationship intent is strong; institutional supports are not yet embedded. Continuity is vulnerable to staff turnover, capacity constraints, and competing priorities.

Risks if Unaddressed

- Delayed or incomplete coordination during incidents
- Reactive engagement that undermines trust
- Inconsistent practices across municipalities
- Failure to meet current legislative requirements
- A general “backwards step” in reconciliation with regional Indigenous partners

Where We Go From Here

Short Term

- Establish a **Regional Indigenous Contact Directory** (validated, Nation-specific, with preferred pathways)
    - Including a protocol for maintenance, upkeep, and keeping the directory current
- Adopt **Minimum Relationship Standards** (e.g., annual check-ins, pre-season engagement, defined notification protocols during emergency events)

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Medium Term

- Formalize relationship pathways (via MOUs/bylaws/agreements other appropriate governance instruments or coordination and communication protocols where appropriate)
- Implement **Relationship Continuity Practices** (handover notes, shared logs)
- Formal Central Kootenay local government commitments to building relationships with regional Indigenous partners

Long Term

- Transition toward **government-to-government structures** aligned with EDMA agreement options

Action Theme 1: Foundational Relationships

ITEM	ACTION	SUGGESTED LEAD	PARTNERS	TIMELINE	OUTPUT
3.1.1	**Establish a Regional Indigenous Contact Directory.**	RDCK EM Program; City of Castlegar; City of Nelson.	Indigenous Governing Bodies (IGBs), Local Governments.	Short-Term.	Verified contact list and protocol shared with Local Governments and IGBs that will hopefully lead to a Community of Practice. Will require consistent maintenance to remain relevant.
3.1.2	**Co-Develop a Regional Local Government Contact Directory.**	RDCK EM Program; City of Castlegar; City of Nelson.	Local Governments.	Short-Term.	Verified contact list and protocol shared with IGBs.
3.1.3	**Adopt Minimum Relationship Standards.**	RDCK EM Program; City of Castlegar; City of Nelson.	Indigenous Governing Bodies (IGBs).	Short-Term / Medium-Term.	Adopted guideline.
3.1.4	**Implement Relationship Continuity Practices and explore the possibility of Community-to-Community Agreements where relationship and readiness conditions are in place.**	RDCK EM Program; City of Castlegar; City of Nelson.	Indigenous Governing Bodies (IGBs) Local Governments, Province (as needed).	Medium-Term / Long Term.	Handover template(s), shared logs, MOUs, agreements, bylaws, council / board resolutions, agency agreements, other mutually acceptable governance mechanisms. Terms of Reference?

THEME 2: WILLINGNESS IS HIGH - CONFIDENCE AND CLARITY ARE LOW

What We Heard

- Strong willingness among Central Kootenay local governments to engage respectfully – if they have a defined process approved by Indigenous partners
- Uncertainty about EDMA requirements and practical steps (including the expectations within the not-yet-implemented Local Government Regulations)
- Fear of missteps, creating offense, or slow action

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What It Means

This is a confidence and clarity gap driven largely by missing relationships and a lack of information and is not a willingness gap on the part of Central Kootenay local governments. Local government staff need simple, practical guidance, tools, procedures, and shared standards that have been co-developed with regional Indigenous partners.

Risks if Unaddressed

- Inaction or overly cautious engagement, especially during emergency events
- Inconsistent EDMA interpretation or activity which may or may not meet legislative requirements

Where We Go From Here

Short Term

- Develop a Plain-Language EDMA/IER Guide (Central Kootenay-specific)
- Define Engagement Triggers (when to engage across mitigation, preparedness, response, recovery phases of emergency management)

Medium Term

- Deliver scenario-based training (wildfire, evacuation, ESS) which would be conducted either in collaboration with Indigenous partners, or would include Indigenous representatives with subject matter expertise
- Develop and provide EOC quick-reference cards, and train staff to utilize these during emergency events

Long Term

- Embed into emergency, support, and hazard-specific plans, risk assessments, SOPs, and staff and EOC onboarding and orientation processes

Action Theme 2: Increasing Confidence and Clarity

ITEM	ACTION	SUGGESTED LEAD	PARTNERS	TIMELINE	OUTPUT
3.2.1	**Co-Develop a Central Kootenay Specific Plain-Language EDMA-IER Guide.**	RDCK EM Program; City of Castlegar; City of Nelson.	Indigenous Governing Bodies (IGBs), Local Governments.	Short-Term.	EDMA/IER Guide for ESS and EOCs. How will these be accessed by IGB? Possible establishment of an RDCK-facilitated "communal digital library" or similar with shared access.
3.2.2	**Implement Scenario Training.**	RDCK EM Program; City of Castlegar; City of Nelson.	Indigenous Governing Bodies (IGBs), Local Governments.	Medium-Term.	Training package.
3.2.3	**Develop EOC Quick-Reference Tools.**	RDCK EM Program; City of Castlegar; City of Nelson.	Indigenous Governing Bodies (IGBs), Local Governments.	Medium-Term.	Quick-reference cards.

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THEME 3: ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES ARE UNCLEAR

What We Heard

- Uncertainty exists within Central Kootenay local governments around RDCK and municipal roles in emergency management and legislative compliance
- Local government representatives expressed concern about duplication of effort in EDMA requirements and the possibility of mixed messaging during emergencies

What It Means

The RDCK has long had a functional, battle-tested multijurisdictional emergency management organization. A shared regional model that includes EDMA requirements and a structured approach to working with regional Indigenous partners is not yet defined, which creates the risk of inefficiency, confusion, engagement fatigue for Indigenous partners.

Risks if Unaddressed

- Conflicting or duplicative outreach by Central Kootenay local governments
- Delays in sharing or accessing critical information during incidents, or developing shared response plans

Where We Go From Here

Short Term

- Defining RDCK coordination role vs municipal responsibilities and documenting this in a quick access format (for use during emergencies) is critical
- Adopting Principles for Shared Engagement across Central Kootenay local governments is an important early step

Medium Term

- Developing a Regional Engagement Framework, with input from all Indigenous and non-Indigenous partners is an excellent tool for future respectful and effective collaboration
- Establishing Coordinated Communication Protocols would reduce confusion, uncertainty, and raise levels of comfort for all partners

3 WHAT WE LEARNED: LOCAL AUTHORITIES

Long Term

- Explore the feasibility, benefits, risks, and appropriate structure for a multi-jurisdictional emergency management organization or other formalized partnership mechanism that could support coordinated EDMA implementation, reduce engagement fatigue, and strengthen relationship continuity among local authorities and Indigenous partners.
- Develop EDMA coordination pathways which support legislative compliance, relationship building, and better outcomes for all during and after emergency events

Action Theme 3: Roles and Responsibilities

ITEM	ACTION	SUGGESTED LEAD	PARTNERS	TIMELINE	OUTPUT
3.3.1	**Develop a Regional Emergency Management Engagement Framework.**	RDCK EM Program; City of Castlegar; City of Nelson; Local Governments, Indigenous Governing Bodies (IGBs).	Indigenous support organizations (e.g. COINS.)	Medium-Term.	Regional Emergency Management Engagement Framework Guide.
3.3.2	**Co-Develop MJEMO / Governance Structure Mechanisms.**	RDCK EM Program; City of Castlegar; City of Nelson; Local Governments; Province; Indigenous Governing Bodies (IGBs).	Indigenous Governing Bodies (IGBs), Local Governments.	Long-term.	Consider a formalized agreement which could include a Multi-Jurisdictional Emergency Management Organization (MJEMO) or other formalized partnership mechanism.

THEME 4: CAPACITY IS A SHARED CONSTRAINT

What We Heard

- Many Central Kootenay local governments have limited municipal staffing and time
  - Particularly in communities with less than 2000 people
  - Particularly in communities that do not have a defined emergency management lead
- All Central Kootenay local governments recognized that there are capacity constraints within Indigenous Nations

What It Means

Capacity is an engagement constraint. Approaches must be efficient and coordinated to avoid burden. At times, efforts may be necessary to help augment or increase the capacity of regional Indigenous partners.

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Risk if Unaddressed

- Engagement fatigue, both at the regional Indigenous partner level, and within smaller Central Kootenay governments
- Incomplete or rushed processes, or missed consultation or communications with Indigenous partners, which may be a legislative shortcoming under EDMA

Where We Go From Here

Short Term

- Coordinate local government outreach to Indigenous partners regionally where possible
- Bundle communications and outreach from multiple Central Kootenay local governments where it makes sense to do so

Medium Term

- Resource Indigenous participation (honoraria or capacity support where appropriate)
- Share tools and templates regionally, to support a standardized and familiar approach for regional Indigenous partners

Long Term

- Pursue sustained funding (UBCM, provincial programs) for internal Central Kootenay programs and support for Indigenous partners
    - As an example, an Indigenous Communications and Engagement Coordinator position within the RDCK could support these initiatives (and support emergency management activities as part of their role)
- Build shared regional capacity, both within Central Kootenay local governments and Indigenous partner organizations

Action Theme 4: Capacity

ITEM	ACTION	SUGGESTED LEAD	PARTNERS	TIMELINE	OUTPUT
3.4.1	**Coordinate Local Government Outreach to Indigenous Partners.**	RDCK EM Program; City of Castlegar; City of Nelson.	Local Governments, Indigenous Governing Bodies (IGBs).	Short-Term.	Templates, annual engagement calendar.
3.4.2	**Establish Resource Augmentation and Capacity Building to Support Participation and Pursue Sustained Funding Strategy.**	RDCK EM Program; City of Castlegar; City of Nelson.	Local Governments, Indigenous Governing Bodies (IGBs).	Long-term.	Dedicate staff and financial capacity to sustain and advance this work through budget alignment, grants, and regional partnerships. Example: Indigenous Communications & Engagement Coordinator
3.4.3	**Develop and Implement Shared Toolkit.**	RDCK EM Program; City of Castlegar; City of Nelson.	Local Governments, Indigenous Governing Bodies (IGBs).	Medium-Term.	Templates and Guides.

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THEME 5: CULTURAL SAFETY IS UNDERSTOOD - NOT YET OPERATIONALIZED

What We Heard

- Participants in the municipal needs assessments demonstrated awareness of the complex history of Indigenous presence, displacement, governance, and relationships to land in the Central Kootenay and how this history reinforces the need for respectful engagement, ongoing education, and relationship-building.
- There is limited operational guidance for EOCs and ESS teams to support culturally safe interactions with Indigenous partners, Indigenous evacuees, and Indigenous community members.

What It Means

Cultural safety is a stated value, but not yet a consistent operational practice within Central Kootenay emergency operations or management.

It was widely shared that this statement is true not just for emergency management, but for local government operations in general in the Central Kootenay.

Risks if Unaddressed

- Inequitable service delivery – there are risks of Indigenous evacuees and community members not being supported in culturally safe ways
- There is the potential for harm, miscommunication, and lack of support during emergency evacuations, response, or recovery

Where We Go From Here

Short Term

Foundational Training

- Not only for local government staff – but for elected officials as well
- Opportunity for two types of training:
  - Cultural Safety / Cultivating Safe Spaces Training focused on trust, relationship, self-awareness, trauma-informed practice, and values-based leadership.
    - Important to recognize that different First Nations will offer different culturally safe perspectives, so a variety of training and education opportunities are required. This is not a “one and done” scenario, effective cultural safety training requires ongoing learning
  - Place-based history, protocol, and relationship training connected to Syilx Okanagan, Secwépemc, and Ktunaxa territories.
- Introduce ESS considerations and protocols into response practices (these may include support for family unity, cultural practice, culturally safe food, space, and communications)
    - For example – awareness of the potential triggers for Indigenous Elders related to bus transportation and group lodging are important

3 WHAT WE LEARNED: LOCAL AUTHORITIES

Medium Term

- Integrate agreed-upon cultural safety training requirements and culturally safe practice recommendations into plans, programs, exercises, and SOPs

Long Term

- Co-develop culturally grounded practices, frameworks and tools with Nations; implement continuous learning programs within all Central Kootenay local governments

Action Theme 5: Cultural Safety

ITEM	ACTION	SUGGESTED LEAD	PARTNERS	TIMELINE	OUTPUT
3.5.1	**Implement Cultural Safety and Awareness Training and Exercises.**	RDCK EM Program; City of Castlegar; City of Nelson.	Local Governments, Indigenous Governing Bodies (IGBs).	Short-Term / Medium-Term.	Training package and reference tools for participants. Staff experience a shift in deeper understanding of including multiple perspectives in emergency management.
3.5.2	**Emergency Program Co-Development.**	RDCK EM Program; City of Castlegar; City of Nelson.	RDCK EM Program ESS; Indigenous Governing Bodies (IGBs).	Medium / Long-Term.	Frameworks, protocols, tools that include and respect Indigenous knowledge and cultural safety.

THEME 6: REGIONAL COORDINATION IS THE HIGHEST-LEVERAGE OPPORTUNITY

What We Heard

- Municipal partners indicated strong support for RDCK-led coordination regarding EDMA IER requirements and overall relationship development
- Strong desire was noted around reducing duplication, reducing the risk of outreach fatigue for IGBs, and aligning approaches among Central Kootenay local governments

What It Means

Regional coordination is the primary lever to improve outcomes while reducing burden. Addressing capacity constraints both within Central Kootenay local governments and acknowledging capacity constraints among regional First Nations partners helps to manage expectations and reduce overload.

Risks if Unaddressed

- Fragmented, incomplete or improper engagement with IGBs is possible
- Missed opportunity for regional leadership and to develop simplified, standardized approaches that work for all involved

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Where We Go From Here

Short Term

- Confirm RDCK as a regional coordinator (define what that means to all other communities, including something akin to a "Terms of Reference" and a handbook to guide activities – with approved roles and responsibilities)
- Centralize and standardize tools, information management, lead responsibilities (contacts, templates, other support tools)

Medium Term

- Establish regional protocols and shared messaging – co-developed with IGBs and confirmed by all participating Central Kootenay local governments

Long Term

- Develop a regional partnership model and position RDCK as a provincial leader
    - Implement as part of the Central Kootenay emergency management Multi-Jurisdictional Emergency Management Organization (built from the current regional Central Kootenay emergency management practices)

Action Theme 6: Regional Coordination. Recommendation for the RDCK Emergency Program and the local government program partners within

ITEM	ACTION	SUGGESTED LEAD	PARTNERS	TIMELINE	OUTPUT
3.6.1	**Confirm RDCK's role as a Regional Indigenous Engagement in Emergency Management Coordinator**	RDCK EM Program; City of Castlegar; City of Nelson.	RDCK Board, Local Governments, Indigenous Governing Bodies (IGBs).	Long-Term.	Coordination Roles and Responsibilities guide. Defined and approved decision. Reduce engagement fatigue for IGBs.
3.6.2	**Centralize and Standardize IER Tools, Regional Protocols, and Shared Messaging.**	RDCK EM Program; City of Castlegar; City of Nelson.	Local Governments, Indigenous Governing Bodies (IGBs).	Short-Term.	Frameworks, protocols, tools.



PART 4: WHAT WE LEARNED: INDIGENOUS GOVERNING BODIES

Working Together, When It Matters Most

4 WHAT WE LEARNED: INDIGENOUS GOVERNING BODIES

This engagement reflects the beginning of an intentional, respectful process to strengthen emergency management relationships between the Regional District of Central Kootenay (RDCK) and Indigenous communities and organizations across Syilx, Secwépemc, and Ktunaxa territories. The work began in December 2025 with several pre-engagement conversations with key Indigenous emergency management staff, who provided early advice on how RDCK could approach the work in a way that respected government-to-government relationships, Indigenous governance, and each Nation's right to determine whether, how, and with whom they wished to engage. These early conversations helped shape the outreach process and reinforced the importance of beginning with humility, seeking direction, and avoiding assumptions about a single or prescribed pathway for collaboration.



On January 26, 2026, letters were sent on behalf of the RDCK Board of Directors, directly to the leadership of each identified Indigenous Governing Body. The letters introduced the intent of the project, invited direction from each Nation, and acknowledged that emergency management collaboration may look different for each community depending on priorities, capacity, governance structures, and preferred processes for follow-up. Letters were sent to the Ktunaxa Nation Council,ʔAkisq̓nuk First Nation, ʔaq̓am First Nation, Yaqan Nuʔkiy / Lower Kootenay Band, Yaq̓it Yaq̓it ʔa·knuqǂi'it First Nation / Tobacco Plains Indian Band, Neskonlith Indian Band, Adams Lake Indian Band / Sexqeltqin, Splatsin, Shuswap Band, Skwlāx te Secwepemcúl̓ecw / Little Shuswap Lake Band, the Syilx / Okanagan Nation Alliance, Okanagan Indian Band, Upper Nicola Band, Westbank First Nation, Penticton Indian Band, Osoyoos Indian Band, Lower Similkameen Indian Band, and Upper Similkameen Indian Band. The letters emphasized that RDCK was seeking direction, welcomed guidance on appropriate representatives and follow-up, and expressed interest in strengthening collective readiness and response in ways that honour Indigenous leadership and expertise.





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Following the January letters, RDCK heard back from several Nations and partner organizations, and a series of in-person and virtual conversations were arranged. Engagement included conversations or follow-up with the Ktunaxa Nation Council, Le7 te Melámen Health Society, Upper Similkameen Indian Band, Okanagan Indian Band, Splatsin, Skwlāx te Secwépemcúlecw, yaqan nuʔkiy, Westbank First Nation, and Shuswap Band. Le7 te Melámen Health Society is an independent Secwépemc health society dedicated to supporting safe, culturally appropriate health services and emergency management for the Secwépemc Nation; its work includes supporting the 17 communities that make up the Secwépemc Nation and advancing wellness through culturally grounded collaboration, advocacy, and coordination. Its participation provided important regional insight into emergency management coordination, health, wellness, and community priorities across Secwépemc communities.



Shuswap Band responded by sharing its Emergency Contact / Emergency Management document and noting that its capacity to participate further was very low at the time. The response provided appropriate points of contact for emergency situations and clarified that non-emergency matters, including referrals, notifications, and standard engagement, should continue through Shuswap Band's established referral process. This direction was important because it showed that even where immediate engagement capacity may be limited, communities may still be able to provide practical guidance on how to connect appropriately in both emergency and non-emergency contexts.

On February 10, 2026, RDCK staff attended the Ktunaxa Nation Council Open House at the Ktunaxa Nation Government Building in Cranbrook. The open house invited participants to learn about the many sectors within the Ktunaxa Nation Council, speak with staff, and participate in an open and welcoming setting. For RDCK staff, attending the open house was an important opportunity to show up with openness and humility outside of a formal emergency management meeting. It created space to build familiarity with Ktunaxa Nation Council, learn more about its programs and staff roles, and better understand the broader organizational context in which future emergency management relationships may continue to grow.

In mid-March, RDCK staff travelled into the BC Interior and Okanagan to continue relationship-building and learning in place. Tanya Pauls from the RDCK emergency program met with emergency managers Andrea Stelter at Skwlāx te Secwépemcúlecw and Shawn Tronson in Splatsin. These in-community visits included tours of fire department and Emergency Operations Centre equipment, along with time spent building community and area familiarity to better understand local geography, access routes, response considerations, and the relationship between land, culture, and emergency management. These visits helped move the engagement beyond correspondence and formal meetings, creating space for practical learning, relationship-building, and a deeper appreciation of each community's strengths, priorities, and lived emergency management realities.

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As part of the same mid-March trip, RDCK staff visited the Secwépemc Museum in Tk'emlúps before continuing to community meetings. The museum is described as a place where the cultural heritage, traditions, stories, and history of the Secwépemc Nation are shared, connecting past, present, and future. This visit was an important part of the engagement process because it demonstrated RDCK staff's willingness to do some of their own learning before entering community conversations. Rather than relying only on communities to educate them, staff took time to deepen their understanding of Secwépemc culture, history, and place-based knowledge. This reflected a more respectful and prepared approach to relationship-building and aligned with the broader intent of approaching engagement with humility, curiosity, and care.

RDCK staff also travelled to Westbank First Nation in mid-March for a planned in-person gathering and emergency management conversation. Due to a funeral in the community, the in-person gathering was respectfully postponed. Westbank First Nation has since indicated that RDCK will be invited back in the future, creating an important opportunity to continue relationship-building at a more appropriate time. This experience reinforced the importance of patience, respect for community circumstances, and understanding that meaningful engagement cannot be rushed or treated as a one-time project task.

RDCK also met virtually with the Upper Similkameen Indian Band emergency manager to discuss relationship-building, mutual support, and the value of doing this work together. RDCK was also introduced to Okanagan Indian Band staff at the Network of Emergency Support Services Teams conference on April 18th, with the intention of following up to continue the conversation.

By April and May, RDCK continued follow-up with the Nations and organizations that had responded and was preparing a few final attempts to connect with key Nations at the time of reporting. This included recognizing that some communities may not have had the capacity to respond during the project window, that follow-up may need to happen through different pathways, and that relationship-building will require continued time, consistency, and respect beyond the life of this report. This engagement was therefore understood as an early step, not a completed process. Important relationships were initiated, valuable learning took place, and RDCK staff demonstrated openness to getting out into communities, listening directly, and learning before assuming.



In July, RDCK was able to set up a virtual meeting with Curtis Wullum, the Emergency Plan Coordinator and Director of Development Services for yaqan nuʔkiy / Lower Kootenay. There is still much more for local authority partners to learn from Indigenous communities, organizations, and partners across the region. Future engagement may include continued follow-up with Nations that have already expressed interest, renewed outreach to communities that were unable to participate in this phase, and opportunities to connect with urban Indigenous organizations and other Indigenous service providers, as time and capacity permit. With humility, openness, and utmost respect, local authority partners have an opportunity to continue building relationships over time in a way that honours Indigenous leadership, recognizes distinct governance and community contexts, and supports more coordinated, relationship-based systems for shared public safety.

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To the Leadership of the Indigenous Governing Bodies within the Ktunaxa Nations

Dear Ktunaxa Nation Council,

On behalf of the Board of Directors of the Regional District of Central Kootenay (RDCK), we extend our warm regards to the Ktunaxa Nation and Council. The RDCK is continuing efforts guided by the Emergency and Disaster Management Act (EDMA) and the Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples Act (DRIPA) to deepen collaboration with Indigenous Governing Bodies in emergency management.

Rather than beginning with specific project details in mind, Phase 1 (now through March 2026) is about listening first. This initiative aims to facilitate joint emergency planning sessions, resource sharing, and coordinated responses to natural disasters, all while respecting the diverse approaches and strengths of each Nation. Although we already collaborate in some subregions around emergency planning, such as in the Creston Valley, we hope to learn more about your emergency management priorities, capacities, and preferred ways of working together. From these conversations, our goal is to co-design a multi-year initiative to build relationships and plan emergencies that will sustain multi-generational community safety partnerships.

We also welcome your guidance on who should be included in this process. Please feel free to share any names, recommendations or feedback directly with Kayla Pepper from Ember Leaf Consulting Inc. (kayla@emberleafconsulting.ca). This process will move at the pace of trust, following Nation-specific protocols and centering on cultural safety, respect, and reciprocity. Together, we can build mutual capacity in emergency management, recognizing that emergency events do not know boundaries.

The strength of our shared readiness and response depends on our relationships, coordination, and collective commitment to safeguarding our lands and communities before, during, and after emergencies.

With appreciation,

Aimee Watson, RDCK Board Chair

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Sample outreach letter sent to Indigenous Governing Bodies

The following integrated themes reflect what was heard across conversations with Indigenous Governing Bodies and practical, potential steps forward.

4 WHAT WE LEARNED: INDIGENOUS GOVERNING BODIES

1. RELATIONSHIP-CENTRED ENGAGEMENT: TRUST BEFORE PROCESS

What We Heard

- Effective collaboration could be built through ongoing, informal and formal relationship spaces, not one-time outreach. Value placed on in-person meetings for relationship-building and knowledge exchange.
- Informal, trust-based forums (with open dialogue and shared facilitation) are highly effective.
- Relationships built before emergencies enable faster, safer coordination during incidents.
- Overly formal or rigid structures can feel transactional or unproductive.
- Strong intentions to do the work in a good way. Some participants shared they would rather "do nothing as to not cause offence."

What It Means

IGBs are prioritizing relationship continuity over transactional engagement. Trust is built through consistency, shared time, and practical collaboration, and a willingness to engage, communicate, trust, and support from all sides—not solely through formal agreements.

Risks if Unaddressed

- Engagement perceived as reactive or extractive.
- Slower coordination during incidents.
- Missed opportunities for shared learning and trust-building.

Where We Go From Here

Short Term

- Establish regular cross-jurisdictional forums (quarterly or seasonal).
- Plan pre-season coordination sessions focused on contacts, expectations, and priorities.

Medium Term

- Support co-facilitated preparedness forums (IGB + RDCK/municipal)
- Cultural Awareness and Safety training for local governments, and, where possible, this training should be specific to local Indigenous cultures.

Long Term

- Evolve toward standing partnership tables aligned with EDMA cooperation and coordination pathways

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Action Theme 1: Relationship-Centred Engagement

ITEM	ACTION	SUGGESTED LEAD	PARTNERS	TIMELINE	OUTPUT
4.1.1	**Establish Regular Cross-Jurisdictional and Co-Facilitated Forums.**	RDCK EM Program; City of Castlegar; City of Nelson; Indigenous Governing Bodies (IGBs).	Local Governments.	Short-Term into Long-Term.	Shared protocols, standing partnership tables, meeting calendars.

2. COORDINATION OVER DUPLICATION: REDUCING ENGAGEMENT BURDEN

What We Heard

- Multiple agencies and municipalities reaching out independently creates duplication and strain.
- Preference for coordinated, streamlined engagement.
- Desire to “slim down” processes and reduce administrative burden
- IGB Engagement varies across municipalities. Interest in invitations to planning, response, and mitigation events on the territory.

What It Means

- Engagement design must minimize burden and recognize limited capacity within Indigenous communities. Regional coordination is essential to reduce engagement fatigue.
- Must also still address needs for regional partners at RDCK and ensure all parties associated with IGBs have their needs met as well.

Risks if Unaddressed

- Engagement fatigue and reduced participation
- Strained relationships
- Inefficient use of time and resources

Where We Go From Here

Short Term

- Implement a regional outreach calendar and coordinated approach (RDCK as lead where appropriate)
- Bundle communications and requests

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Medium Term

- Develop regional engagement protocols (who contacts, when, and how, including 24/7 emergency response coordination so all partners feel supported)
- Ensure consistent information-sharing across partners

Long Term

- Formalize coordinated engagement models across the region

Action Theme 2: Coordination

ITEM	ACTION	SUGGESTED LEAD	PARTNERS	TIMELINE	OUTPUT
4.2.1	**Implement a Regional Outreach and Indigenous Engagement Calendar.**	RDCK EM Program; City of Castlegar; City of Nelson.	Local Governments.	Short-Term.	Regional outreach calendar.
4.2.2	**Develop Regional LG-IGB Emergency Notification and Engagement Protocols.**	RDCK EM Program; City of Castlegar; City of Nelson.	Indigenous Governing Bodies (IGBs), Local Governments.	Medium-Term.	Protocols.

3. CLEAR COMMUNICATION, CONTACTS, AND NOTIFICATION PATHWAYS

What We Heard

- Strong need for clear, validated points of contact, including after-hours.
- Importance of knowing who to call during emergencies (“2 am problem”).
- Interest in shared notification systems and real-time information.
- Desire for more coordinated, consistent information flow across all partners.

What It Means

- Operational readiness depends on pre-defined communication pathways, trusted relationships, and shared situational awareness.
- Pre-defined practices and protocols so everyone knows what to expect.
- This includes moving toward coordinated, group-based notification approaches that reduce reliance on one-to-one communication and support real-time alignment across jurisdictions.

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Risks if Unaddressed

- Delays in notification and response.
- Confusion during incidents.
- Increased safety risks.
- Inconsistent information being shared across partners.
- Missed opportunities for shared knowledge, and in particular, access to Indigenous knowledge where appropriate and where able to be shared.

Where We Go From Here

Short Term

- Co-develop a regional contact directory and notification protocol.
- Validate contacts with each Nation and confirm preferred communication channels.

Medium Term

- Establish shared notification groups and incident update practices.
- Explore and pilot a shared, group-based notification system (e.g., multi-partner alert groups or coordinated distribution lists) to ensure consistent, real-time information flow between RDCK, municipalities, and Indigenous Governing Bodies during incidents.
- Integrate communication pathways into EOC procedures.

Long Term

- Align with broader alerting systems and shared situational awareness tools.
- Evolve toward integrated, region-wide notification systems that support coordinated response dashboards and shared situational awareness.

Action Theme 3: Clear Communication and Notification Pathways

ITEM	ACTION	SUGGESTED LEAD	PARTNERS	TIMELINE	OUTPUT
4.3.1	**Propose Options for Emergency Notification Update Practices.**	RDCK EM Program; City of Castlegar; City of Nelson.	Indigenous Governing Bodies (IGBs), Local Governments.	Medium-Term.	Shared notification group protocol as approved by IGBs to determine if acceptable form of notification / engagement.
4.3.2	**Evolve Toward Integrated, Region-Wide Mass Notification Systems.**	RDCK EM Program; City of Castlegar; City of Nelson; Indigenous Governing Bodies (IGBs), Local Governments.		Long-Term.	Region-wide notification system

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4. PRACTICAL TOOLS AND ACTION-ORIENTED APPROACHES

What We Heard

- Preference for simple, actionable tools (checklists, current contact lists, quick guides).
- Interest in concise recovery and response guidance.
- Frustration with overly complex plans and slow processes, or desire for perfection over action.

What It Means

- Emergency management tools must be practical, accessible, and usable in real-time.
- Content must be simple enough for all users to access, not only experts and emergency managers.

Risks if Unaddressed

- Plans not used during incidents.
- Inconsistent response and recovery practices.
- Reduced effectiveness under pressure.

Where We Go From Here

Short Term

- Develop checklist-style guides (communication, coordination, engagement steps).

Medium Term

- Co-create hazard-specific quick guides (wildfire, flood, evacuation)
- Notification of actions related to undertaking risk assessment and disaster planning (pre-event)

Long Term

- Maintain and refine tools through after-action reviews and shared learning

Action Theme 3: Clear Communication and Notification Pathways

ITEM	ACTION	SUGGESTED LEAD	PARTNERS	TIMELINE	OUTPUT
4.4.1	**Develop Checklist-Style Guides.**	RDCK EM Program; City of Castlegar; City of Nelson.	Indigenous Governing Bodies (IGBs), Local Governments.	Short-Term.	Guides.
4.4.2	**Establish Protocol for Notification of Actions Related to Undertaking Risk Assessment and Disaster Planning.**	Local Governments, Indigenous Governing Bodies (IGBs)		Medium-Term.	Regular gathering. Could include on the land components for enhanced learning.

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5. CULTURAL SAFETY, TERRITORY AWARENESS, AND RESPECT

What We Heard

- Need for local authorities to better understand:
  - territories
  - cultural protocols
  - who to engage, when and how
- Emphasis on protecting relationships, cultural heritage and environmental values
- A need to inform communities when there are inquiries about nearby emergencies to identify impacts to culturally significant areas or land users

What It Means

- Emergency management must incorporate place-based knowledge, cultural priorities, and respect for Indigenous governance.

Risks if Unaddressed

- Damage to culturally significant areas
- Damage or setbacks related to relationships (staff and government-to-government)
- Loss of trust
- Incomplete situational awareness

Where We Go From Here

Short Term

- Develop territory awareness tools that honour Indigenous data governance protocols
- Develop clear communications and emergency notifications protocols
- Include cultural considerations in incident briefings

Medium Term

- Integrate cultural considerations into planning and exercises
- Deliver cultural safety training

Long Term

- Co-develop approaches for protecting cultural sites and values

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Action Theme 5: Cultural Safety, Territory Awareness, and Respect

ITEM	ACTION	SUGGESTED LEAD	PARTNERS	TIMELINE	OUTPUT
4.5.1	**Develop Territory Awareness Tools.**	RDCK EM Program; City of Castlegar; City of Nelson; Indigenous. Governing Bodies (IGBs).	Local Governments.	Short-Term.	Tools / guides.
4.5.2	**Integrate Cultural Considerations into Full Lifecycle of Emergency Management (Mitigation, Preparedness, Response, Recovery) and Exercises Accordingly.**	RDCK EM Program; City of Castlegar; City of Nelson; Indigenous Governing Bodies (IGBs), Local Governments.		Medium-Term.	Cultural Safety in Emergency Management Review of Local Government Programs.
4.5.3	**Develop EOC Mapping Tools that Outline Territory Areas and Show Where it is Shared with Local Government Boundaries**	RDCK EM Program; City of Castlegar; City of Nelson; Indigenous. Governing Bodies (IGBs).		Long-Term.	GIS mapping tools.

6. CAPACITY, LEADERSHIP, AND SHARED LEARNING

What We Heard

- Need to build local emergency management capacity.
- ESS as an area where capacity and understanding can be built, community members prefer familiar faces at reception centres.
- High interest in sharing emergency management / JIBC course seats with one another.
- Co-deliver exercises together.

Interest in:

- Informal and formal training.
- Mentorship and training.
- Joint exercises.
- Strong interest in land-based mitigation work (e.g., prescribed burning, stewardship).

What It Means

- Long-term resilience depends on investing in Indigenous leadership, workforce development, and land-based approaches.

Risks if Unaddressed

- Continued reliance on external resources.
- Missed opportunities for local economic and leadership development.
- Reduced long-term resilience.

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Where We Go From Here

Short Term

- Identify opportunities to engage Indigenous resources and services during incidents.

Medium Term

- Support training, mentorship, and joint exercises
- Develop shared learning pathways

Long Term

- Collaborate on regional capacity-building initiatives and land-based mitigation strategies for both IGBs and local governments.

Action Theme 6: Capacity, Leadership, and Shared Learning

ITEM	ACTION	SUGGESTED LEAD	PARTNERS	TIMELINE	OUTPUT
4.6.1	**Identify Opportunities to Engage Indigenous Resources and Services Organizations during Incidents.**	RDCK EM Program.	City of Castlegar; City of Nelson; Local Governments; Indigenous Governing Bodies (IGBs).	Short-Term.	ESS Quick Reference Guide and strengthened contacts with Indigenous Support Organizations.
4.6.2	**Support Cross-Cultural Training, Mentorship, Joint Exercises, and Develop Shared Learning Pathways.**	RDCK EM Program; Indigenous Governing Bodies (IGBs).	City of Castlegar; City of Nelson; Local Governments.	Medium-Term.	Community-to-Community Deployment Protocol.

SYNTHESIS: WHAT THIS MEANS FOR RDCK

Across all Indigenous Governing Body insights, a clear direction emerges:

- Relationships must be continuous, not solely staff-based or event-based
- Coordination must replace duplication
- Clarity must replace uncertainty
- Tools must be practical and usable
- Cultural safety must be operationalized
- Capacity and leadership must be supported and shared

These insights align strongly with municipal findings and reinforce the need for a coordinated, relationship-centred regional approach to emergency management.



PART 5: PATHWAY FORWARD, TOGETHER

Working Together, When It Matters Most

5 PATHWAY FORWARD, TOGETHER

Phase 1 confirms that the Central Kootenay region is at a critical and promising moment. Across municipalities and Indigenous Governing Bodies, there is a shared recognition that emergency management must be grounded in relationships, coordination, and respect for Indigenous governance, knowledge, and priorities.

This work has demonstrated that:

- The willingness to work together is strong
- The need for clarity, coordination, and tools is immediate
- The opportunity to build a leading regional model is real

RDCK is not starting from zero. It is built on a foundation of intent, emerging relationships, and a clear mandate under EDMA. The next step is to translate this foundation into practical, coordinated, and culturally grounded systems.

1. POSSIBLE TIMELINE (MEDIUM-TERM)

The following priorities represent a collective pathway forward, co-owned by RDCK, municipalities, and Indigenous partners.

Priority 1: Establish Relationship Infrastructure

- Maintain regular forums (quarterly or seasonal)
- Prioritize information opportunities to build relationships (meals together, cultural activities)
- Host pre-season (spring) coordination sessions
- Train together
- Support in-person connection where appropriate

ITEM	ACTION	SUGGESTED LEAD	PARTNERS	TIMELINE	OUTPUT
5.1.1	**Prioritize Social Opportunities to Build Relationships.**	RDCK EM Program; City of Castlegar; City of Nelson.	Indigenous Governing Bodies (IGBs), Local Governments.	Short-Term.	Relationship forums, joint training, annual engagement calendar.

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Priority 2: Build Clarity and Consistency

- Finalize roles (RDCK vs municipalities)
- Adopt shared engagement principles
- Implement engagement triggers and protocols

ITEM	ACTION	SUGGESTED LEAD	PARTNERS	TIMELINE	OUTPUT
5.2.1	**Adopt Shared Engagement Principles.**	RDCK EM Program; City of Castlegar; City of Nelson; Indigenous Governing Bodies (IGBs), Local Governments.		Medium-Term.	One page vision, mission, values page to capture regional collaboration intent. Could include a graphic facilitator.

Priority 3: Operationalize Communication and Coordination

- Implement regional contact and notification system
- Establish shared communication protocols
- Integrate into EOC procedures

ITEM	ACTION	SUGGESTED LEAD	PARTNERS	TIMELINE	OUTPUT
5.3.1	**Implement Regional Contact and Notification System.**	RDCK EM Program; City of Castlegar; City of Nelson.	Indigenous Governing Bodies (IGBs), Local Governments.	Medium-Term.	Regional 24/7 Contact Directory and Notification Protocol Guide.

Priority 4: Develop Practical Tools

- Checklist-style response and recovery guides
- EOC quick-reference materials
- Cultural safety considerations embedded in tools

ITEM	ACTION	SUGGESTED LEAD	PARTNERS	TIMELINE	OUTPUT
5.4.1	**Checklist-Style Response and Recovery Guides.**	RDCK EM Program; City of Castlegar; City of Nelson.	Indigenous Governing Bodies (IGBs), Local Governments.	Medium-Term.	Guide, tools, checklists.

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Priority 5: Advance Cultural Safety in Practice

- Deliver training across RDCK and municipalities for staff and elected officials
- Embed cultural safety into plans, exercises, and operations
- Co-develop approaches with Indigenous partners

ITEM	ACTION	SUGGESTED LEAD	PARTNERS	TIMELINE	OUTPUT
5.5.1	**Embed Cultural Safety into Plans, Exercises, Operations.**	RDCK EM Program; City of Castlegar; City of Nelson; Indigenous Governing Bodies (IGBs).	Local Governments.	Medium-Term.	Embedded considerations in Plans, Exercises, Operations.

Priority 6: Strengthen Shared Capacity

- Coordinate engagement to reduce duplication
- Support Indigenous participation (where appropriate)
- Pursue joint funding opportunities

ITEM	ACTION	SUGGESTED LEAD	PARTNERS	TIMELINE	OUTPUT
5.6.1	**Support Indigenous Participation and Capacity in Emergency Management.**	RDCK EM Program; City of Castlegar; City of Nelson.	Indigenous Governing Bodies (IGBs), Local Governments.	Medium-Term.	Strenghtened relationships and operational capacity.
5.6.2	**Complete the Community-to-Community (C2C) Emergency Management Collaboration Tool.**	RDCK EM Program; City of Castlegar; City of Nelson; Local Governments.	Indigenous Governing Bodies (IGBs).	Medium-Term.	Strenghtened relationships and operational capacity.

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2. WHAT SUCCESS COULD LOOK LIKE (MEDIUM-TERM)

By the end of the next phase, RDCK and partners could achieve:

- A functioning regional contact and notification system
- Clear, shared engagement protocols and roles
- Staff confidence in when and how to engage IGBs and local partners
- Cultural safety embedded in operations, not just policy
- Regular, trusted relationship forums across jurisdictions
- Initial co-developed tools and guidance in use during incidents

This would represent a shift from foundational readiness to operational integration.

3. PHASE 2 OPPORTUNITY: FROM FOUNDATION TO IMPLEMENTATION

Phase 2 presents an opportunity to move from listening and planning into implementation, integration, and co-development.

SUGGESTED SCOPE FOR PHASE 2

1. Co-Develop A Community-to-Community (C2C) Emergency Management Collaboration Tool

Could develop a Community-to-Community (C2C) EM Collaboration tool or workbook as a practical, government-to-government framework for Indigenous Governing Bodies whose territories, rights, or citizens may be affected by RDCK, municipalities, and Indigenous emergency managers.

Work through the Community-to-Community (C2C) EM Collaboration Workbook to:

- Confirm preferred communication pathways (who contacts whom, how, and when)
- Identify decision-making authorities and escalation points
- Clarify expectations for consultation, cooperation, coordination, and consent
- Map Nation-specific considerations for evacuation, ESS, communications, and recovery
- Identify who might be a Community Navigator ESS on behalf of an IGB (see EMCR Policy 2.14)
- Identify Cultural Activity Locations Supports (see EMCR Policy 2.15)

This process supports Indigenous self-determination by allowing each Nation to define how engagement occurs, while giving RDCK a clear, documented operational reference.

The completed workbook sections then become Nation-approved inserts that inform EOC practice, without requiring Nations to conform to a single model. This information could also feed into a co-developed Regional Crisis Communication Plan.

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2. Embed Indigenous Engagement "Pause Points" into EOC Operations

To operationalize EDMA requirements during fast-moving events, RDCK and its partner municipalities could update their EOC operational documents to include clear, mandatory pause points for Indigenous engagement.

These pause points could be embedded:

- Before issuing Evacuation Alerts or Orders
- Before exercising emergency powers during response or recovery
- Before releasing public communications that affect Indigenous lands or citizens
- When opening a reception centre or activating group lodging
- When hosting evacuees from a First Nation community
- When considering culturally appropriate supports, connecting with Indigenous community navigators or cultural support people
- When an ESS site may need smudging, quiet space, food considerations, or family/community gathering space

At each pause point, EOC staff could be prompted to ask:

- Which Indigenous Governing Bodies may be affected?
- What level of engagement is required (consult, cooperate, coordinate, consent)?
- Has the Nation been contacted in the agreed-upon way?
- Has Indigenous knowledge or place-based context been considered?
- Is consent required under EDMA (particularly for treaty lands)?

Embedding these prompts into checklists, decision logs, and briefing templates reduces reliance on individual memory and ensures compliance under pressure. Then, ensure all activities are documented to ease required post-event reporting to EMCR.

3. Update EOC Forms, Checklists, and Decision Logs

To support consistency and accountability, RDCK and partners could update core EOC tools to reflect EDMA requirements, including:

- Decision logs that record Indigenous engagement actions and outcomes that would also facilitate easier post-event reporting.
- Evacuation and emergency power checklists that flag communications considerations
- Situation report templates that note IGB coordination.
- Documentation Unit processes that track Indigenous engagement activities for post-event reporting requirements

This creates a clear record demonstrating that Indigenous engagement was considered, initiated, and documented, even when timelines are compressed. Under EDMA, EMCR requires documentation; therefore, including these steps in the daily EOC rhythm could streamline provincial reporting requirements.

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4. Establish an Indigenous Liaison Role within the EOC or Recovery Structure

To support consistent, culturally safe, and EDMA-aligned Indigenous engagement during emergencies, RDCK could formally establish and activate an Indigenous Liaison role within the Emergency Operations Centre (EOC) to also support recovery efforts, if needed.

The Indigenous Liaison would support emergency management leadership by:

- Identifying when Indigenous engagement is required
- Advising on the appropriate engagement pathway (coordinate, consult, cooperate, consent)
- Supporting engagement with Indigenous Governments through agreed Nation-specific pathways
- Assisting with documentation and post-event reporting related to Indigenous engagement

The role would support, but not replace, EOC decision-making authority and would be activated during EOC responses or recovery events in which Indigenous lands, rights, citizens, or governance interests may be affected. Establishing this role will help RDCK operationalize EDMA requirements, reduce risk during fast-moving events, and strengthen trust-based, government-to-government relationships. This role could be staffed by personnel from RDCK, an IGB, or a trusted external partner whose time is reimbursed to RDCK via an approved EMCR Expenditure Authorization Form (EAF) to the PREOC.

5. Validate and Train

Once Nation-specific pathways and EOC updates are complete, RDCK could:

- Validate the updated processes with partner Nations
- Conduct joint tabletop or functional exercises that test:
    - Engagement pause points
    - Communication pathways
    - Consent decision-making
- Provide training for EOC staff so expectations are clear before an emergency occurs

PATHWAY FORWARD REFLECTION

This work is not about a single project or report. It is about building the conditions for long-term collaboration, shared responsibility, and collective safety. Emergency management is the first legislation with clear expectations for Indigenous engagement, but it will not be the last, and getting this right substantially reduces the workload needed across other government departments to improve working and strategic relationships with Indigenous Governing Bodies. Emergency events do not recognize jurisdictional boundaries. The strength of response and recovery depends on the strength of relationships.

By continuing this work together — with clarity, coordination, and respect — RDCK and its partners have the opportunity to build a model of emergency management that reflects the realities of this region and the values of the communities it serves.



CONCLUSION

Working Together, When It Matters Most

6 CONCLUSION

This assessment affirms that the Regional District of Central Kootenay (RDCK) is entering this work from a place of strength, grounded in relationships, thoughtful leadership, and a clear commitment to the well-being of all communities in the region. The core foundations required for EDMA-aligned Indigenous engagement (trust, humility, and a willingness to listen and learn) are already present. The work ahead is not about drastically changing direction, but about continuing outreach with Indigenous Governing Bodies and building greater clarity, consistency, and coordination through practical tools and relationship-based processes. By establishing clear pathways, shared understanding, and practical systems, RDCK and its partners can move from reacting under pressure to acting with confidence, alignment, and care.



Emergency management is one of the most tangible expressions of leadership and values. In times of disruption, how decisions are made, how communication flows, and how relationships are honoured become a lived demonstration of trust, respect, and accountability. This work creates an opportunity for RDCK to align its emergency management practices with its broader commitments to reconciliation, collaboration, and community resilience.

Equally important, this work must be understood as inseparable from the well-being of those carrying it forward. Emergency managers and responders cannot be expected to navigate complex, high-stakes decisions alone or without clarity. Well-designed systems grounded in shared roles, clear expectations, and practical tools reduce cognitive load and create the conditions for people to show up with presence, care, and good judgment. These are essential elements of culturally safe, rights-respecting emergency management.

Through continued progress across the EDMA-aligned focus areas, RDCK has the opportunity to strengthen government-to-government relationships in ways that are both meaningful and operational. In this way, EDMA alignment becomes more than a legislative requirement. It becomes a reflection of community-to-community relationships. After all, this work is ultimately about how we show up for one another when it matters most.

By continuing forward together (with clarity, coordination, and curiosity) RDCK and its partners can build an emergency management system that is not only effective, but also grounded in relationship, shared responsibility, and a collective commitment to public safety for this generation and those that follow.



APPENDICES

Working Together, When It Matters Most

APPENDIX A: EMERGENCY POWERS REQUIRING CONSULTATION AND COOPERATION

Powers Available During Declared State of Emergency or Declared Recovery Period (1/8)

	Description of Power	Power Available To	Power Available During: *Declared State of Emergency*	Power Available During: *Declared Recovery Period*	Consultation and Cooperation Required Before Making Order, Regulation, or Emergency Instrument
1	Do all acts and implement all procedures necessary to respond to an emergency	Minister	✓		
		Modern Treaty Nations	✓		
2	Require a person to provide information	Minister	✓		
3	Identify essential goods, services, property, or facilities and, in relation to those things, do any of the following: ▪ establish price controls ▪ ration or provide for their distribution or use ▪ provide for their restoration **Example:** Preventing increases in prices for food and bottled water in situations where supply chains have been interrupted.	Minister	✓		
		Lieutenant Governor in Council		✓	
		Municipalities and Regional Districts	✓	✓	
		Modern Treaty Nations	✓	✓	
4	Identify essential goods, services, property, or facilities and, in relation to those things, prohibit or limit seizures or evictions	Minister	✓		
		Lieutenant Governor in Council		✓	
		Modern Treaty Nations	✓		
5	Authorize a qualified person to provide a service or give assistance **Example:** Authorizing tow truck drivers to clear vehicles that may be legally parked, but that are impeding access to areas where emergency measures need to be taken.	Minister	✓		
		Lieutenant Governor in Council		✓	
		Municipalities and Regional Districts	✓	✓	
		Modern Treaty Nations	✓	✓	

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APPENDIX A: EMERGENCY POWERS REQUIRING CONSULTATION AND COOPERATION

Powers Available During Declared State of Emergency or Declared Recovery Period (2/8)

	Description of Power	Power Available To	Power Available During: *Declared State of Emergency*	Power Available During: *Declared Recovery Period*	Consultation and Cooperation Required Before Making Order, Regulation, or Emergency Instrument
6	Require a qualified person to provide a service or give assistance **Example:** Requiring construction crews to remove debris after an earthquake.	Minister	✓		
		Municipalities and Regional Districts	✓		
		Modern Treaty Nations	✓		
7	Provide for the provision and maintenance of necessities	Minister	✓		
		Lieutenant Governor in Council		✓	
		Municipalities and Regional Districts	✓	✓	
		Modern Treaty Nations	✓	✓	
8	Appropriate, use, or control the use of goods	Minister	✓		✓
		Lieutenant Governor in Council		✓	✓
		Municipalities and Regional Districts	✓	✓	✓
		Modern Treaty Nations	✓	✓	
9	Use or control the use of land **Example:** Requiring a landowner to allow access to their land for the purposes of emergency response, such as hosting a staging area for response personnel or equipment.	Minister	✓		✓
		Lieutenant Governor in Council		✓	✓
		Municipalities and Regional Districts	✓	✓	✓
		Modern Treaty Nations	✓	✓	

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Powers Available During Declared State of Emergency or Declared Recovery Period (3/8)

	Description of Power	Power Available To	Power Available During: *Declared State of Emergency*	Power Available During: *Declared Recovery Period*	Consultation and Cooperation Required Before Making Order, Regulation, or Emergency Instrument
10	Authorize entry into structures or onto land to take emergency measures	Minister	✓		✓
		Lieutenant Governor in Council		✓	✓
		Municipalities and Regional Districts	✓	✓	✓
		Modern Treaty Nations	✓	✓	
11	Prohibit entry into structures or onto land by any person **Example:** During a declared recovery period, preventing re-entry by evacuees into an area that is not yet safe for habitation.	Minister	✓		✓
		Lieutenant Governor in Council		✓	✓
		Municipalities and Regional Districts	✓	✓	✓
		Modern Treaty Nations	✓	✓	
12	Authorize or require alterations, removal, or demolition of trees, crops, structures, or landscapes	Minister	✓		✓
		Lieutenant Governor in Council		✓	✓
		Municipalities and Regional Districts	✓	✓	✓
		Modern Treaty Nations	✓	✓	

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Powers Available During Declared State of Emergency or Declared Recovery Period (4/8)

	Description of Power	Power Available To	Power Available During: *Declared State of Emergency*	Power Available During: *Declared Recovery Period*	Consultation and Cooperation Required Before Making Order, Regulation, or Emergency Instrument
13	Authorize or require the construction, alteration, removal, or demolition of works	Minister	✓		✓
		Lieutenant Governor in Council		✓	✓
		Municipalities and Regional Districts	✓	✓	✓
		Modern Treaty Nations	✓	✓	
14	Require structures to be assessed for damage **Example:** Requiring an inspection for potential earthquake damage to the foundation of a residential apartment building.	Minister	✓		
		Lieutenant Governor in Council		✓	
		Municipalities and Regional Districts	✓	✓	
		Modern Treaty Nations	✓	✓	
15	Require the evacuation of persons or authorize the evacuation of persons or animals	Minister[1]	✓		✓
		Provincial administrator (with respect to areas not in the jurisdiction of a local authority)	✓		✓
		Municipalities and Regional Districts	✓		✓
		Modern Treaty Nations	✓		

[1] Unless the minister directs otherwise, powers 15 and 16 can also be exercised by the provincial administrator for areas not within the jurisdiction of a local authority.

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Powers Available During Declared State of Emergency or Declared Recovery Period (5/8)

	Description of Power	Power Available To	Power Available During: *Declared State of Emergency*	Power Available During: *Declared Recovery Period*	Consultation and Cooperation Required Before Making Order, Regulation, or Emergency Instrument
16	Authorize the removal of goods **Example:** Authorizing the removal of abandoned vehicles from a highway or road to allow emergency vehicle access.	Minister[1]	✓		✓
		Provincial administrator (with respect to areas not in the jurisdiction of a local authority)	✓		✓
		Municipalities and Regional Districts	✓		✓
		Modern Treaty Nations	✓		
17	Control or prohibit travel **Example:** Restricting travel on certain roads for specific purposes or times of day.	Minister	✓		✓
		Lieutenant Governor in Council		✓	✓
		Municipalities and Regional Districts	✓	✓	✓
		Modern Treaty Nations	✓	✓	
18	Control or prohibit business activities	Minister	✓		
		Lieutenant Governor in Council		✓	
		Municipalities and Regional Districts	✓	✓	
		Modern Treaty Nations	✓	✓	

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APPENDIX B: ACRONYM LIST & GLOSSARY

C2C	Community-to-Community
CEMA	Collaborative Emergency Management Agreement
DRIPA	Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples Act
EDMA	Emergency and Disaster Management Act
EMCR	Ministry of Emergency Management and Climate Readiness
EOC	Emergency Operations Centre
ESS	Emergency Support Services
FPIC	Free, Prior, and Informed Consent
HRVA	Hazard, Risk and Vulnerability Assessment
IER	Indigenous Engagement Requirements
IGB	Indigenous Governing Body
JIBC	Justice Institute of British Columbia
MJEMO	Multi-Jurisdictional Emergency Management Organization
RDCK	Regional District of Central Kootenay
SOLE	State of Local Emergency
UNDRIP	United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples

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EDMA ENGAGEMENT TERMINOLOGY – SUMMARY TABLE

ENGAGEMENT TERM	WHO IS ENGAGING	WHAT IT MEANS	WHEN IT APPLIES	KEY DISTINCTION
Consultation and Cooperation	Regulated entities (Province, local authorities, public sector agencies) and Indigenous Governing Bodies (IGBs)	A rights-based, government-to-government process involving early, meaningful, two-way dialogue intended to inform and influence decisions. Requires recognition of Indigenous jurisdiction, laws, and decision-making processes, and reasonable efforts to achieve free, prior, and informed consent. Consent is required in defined circumstances (e.g., actions affecting Modern Treaty lands or sharing confidential Indigenous knowledge).	Mitigation, preparedness, response, and recovery. Required before exercising certain statutory powers unless not practicable due to imminent risk.	This is the primary and preferred engagement standard under EDMA and forms the foundation for legally defensible and culturally safe emergency management.
Engage and Cooperate	Regulated entities and Indigenous Governing Bodies (IGBs)	An exceptional, time-limited form of engagement used when urgent action is required and prior consultation and cooperation is not practicable. Requires informing the IGB of actions taken, cooperating on next steps, and documenting why prior consultation was not possible.	Response phase only, and only in circumstances of imminent risk to life, safety, or significant property loss. Must occur as soon as reasonably practicable after action is taken.	This is not a lower standard, but a deferred obligation used only in urgent circumstances.
Consultation and Coordination	The Province and local authorities, or local authorities with other local authorities	An inter-governmental process focused on aligning plans, actions, and responsibilities to ensure effective and coordinated emergency management across jurisdictions.	Planning, preparedness, evacuation, re-entry, and coordination across adjacent or overlapping jurisdictions.	This applies between governments**,** not with IGBs as rights-holders, and does not replace consultation and cooperation obligations.

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TERM	MEANING IN EDMA / PROVINCIAL CONTEXT	HOW IT APPLIES TO RDCK
Emergency and Disaster Management Act (EDMA)	British Columbia's modernized emergency management legislation governing mitigation, preparedness, response, and recovery, and embedding Indigenous rights, cultural safety, and Indigenous knowledge into emergency management practice.	EDMA provides the legal framework within which RDCK plans for, responds to, and recovers from emergencies, including how RDCK engages with Indigenous Governments.
Indigenous Engagement Requirements (IER)	EDMA obligations requiring regulated entities to consult, cooperate, coordinate, and in some cases obtain consent from Indigenous Governing Bodies across all phases of emergency management.	RDCK must embed IER into emergency plans, EOC operations, evacuation decision-making, and recovery processes, rather than relying on informal or ad hoc engagement.
Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples Act (DRIPA)	Provincial legislation affirming the application of UNDRIP to B.C. law and requiring alignment of provincial legislation, policies, and practices with UNDRIP. DRIPA is the legal foundation for EDMA's Indigenous engagement requirements.	EDMA operationalizes DRIPA in emergency management. RDCK emergency practices are a key place where reconciliation commitments are realized in day-to-day decision-making.
United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples (UNDRIP)	An international human rights instrument affirming Indigenous Peoples' rights to self-determination, governance, lands, resources, culture, and free, prior, and informed consent.	RDCK emergency decisions—particularly those affecting land, people, or governance—must reflect UNDRIP principles through respectful, early, and meaningful engagement with Indigenous Governments.
Distinctions-Based Approach	A legal and policy approach recognizing the distinct rights, laws, cultures, and governance of First Nations, Inuit, and Métis Peoples, including the unique status of Modern Treaty Nations.	RDCK must engage First Nations as land- and rights-holders where jurisdiction is involved, while considering Inuit and Métis Peoples appropriately in relation to cultural safety and intersectional vulnerability.
Indigenous Governing Body (IGB)	An entity authorized by Indigenous Peoples to act on their behalf in exercising rights recognized under section 35 of the Constitution Act, 1982. Determination of an IGB rests with Indigenous Peoples themselves.	RDCK must engage IGBs as governments and rights-holders, not stakeholders, including Nations with shared traditional territory.

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Modern Treaty Nation	A First Nation that has entered into a modern treaty with Canada and B.C., exercising self-government authority and functioning as a local authority on treaty lands.	RDCK does not have any Modern Treaty Nations in the area.
Traditional Territory	Lands traditionally used and occupied by a First Nation, regardless of reserve or treaty status.	Once agreements are made, RDCK must consult and cooperate with IGBs whose traditional territories overlap the regional district, particularly in planning, evacuation, response, and recovery.
Consent (Free, Prior, and Informed Consent)	Agreement of an Indigenous Governing Body to a proposed action, sought without coercion, in advance of decisions, and with full and accessible information. Required in defined EDMA circumstances.	RDCK must understand when consent is legally required (e.g., actions on treaty lands, sharing confidential Indigenous knowledge) and have clear decision pathways to support this.
Cultural Safety	An outcome based on respectful engagement that recognizes and addresses power imbalances and avoids harm, racism, or retraumatization.	RDCK must embed cultural safety into ESS, evacuation supports, communications, training, exercises, and recovery —not treat it as a standalone policy.
Indigenous Knowledge	Land-based knowledge, values, laws, and practices held by First Nations with traditional territory in B.C., owned by the knowledge holder and shared at their discretion.	RDCK must create processes to respectfully incorporate Indigenous knowledge into HRVAs, planning, and recovery where it is offered, with consent and confidentiality protections.
Local Authority	A municipality, regional district, the Nisga'a Nation, or a Modern Treaty Nation (for treaty lands).	RDCK acts as a local authority under EDMA and carries statutory responsibilities for emergency planning, response, and recovery.
Regulated Entity	Organizations subject to EDMA requirements, including local authorities, provincial ministries, public sector agencies, and critical infrastructure owners.	RDCK is a regulated entity and must meet EDMA and IER requirements across all emergency management functions.

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Emergency Operations Centre (EOC)	**A centralized location for coordinating emergency response, decision-making, and information sharing.**	**RDCK's EOC must operationalize EDMA requirements, including Indigenous engagement pause points, liaison roles, and documentation of engagement decisions.**
Emergency Support Services (ESS)	Services provided to evacuees, including food, lodging, clothing, emotional support, and information.	RDCK ESS operations must be culturally safe and responsive to Indigenous evacuees, including family, community, and cultural considerations.
Mitigation	Actions taken to prevent emergencies or reduce their severity and impacts.	RDCK mitigation planning should include Indigenous knowledge and consultation to better understand land-based risk and long-term resilience.
Preparedness	Activities that build readiness for emergency response, including planning, training, and exercises.	RDCK preparedness should include joint training, exercises, and co-developed engagement pathways with Indigenous Governments.
Response	Immediate actions taken during an emergency to protect life, property, and the environment.	RDCK must understand when consultation and cooperation is required during response and when engage and cooperate may apply due to urgency.
Recovery	Short- and long-term actions to restore, rebuild, and heal communities following an emergency.	RDCK must develop recovery governance approaches that meaningfully involve Indigenous Governments and support cultural healing and long-term resilience.
Shared Governance	Collaborative decision-making structures between governments or authorities.	EDMA enables RDCK to explore shared or coordinated governance arrangements with Indigenous Governments through agreements.
Coordination Agreement	An EDMA-enabled agreement clarifying how jurisdictions align actions, roles, and responsibilities.	RDCK may use coordination agreements to clarify engagement triggers, communication pathways, and operational alignment with Indigenous Governments.

APPENDIX C: RESOURCES

EMCR Local Emergency Response Operations
(Declaring a SOLE; Evacuation Resources; Post-Event Reporting):

https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/safety/emergency-management/local-emergency-programs/local-gov-operations#post

EMCR Indigenous Engagement Requirement Guidance
(Fact Sheets, Interim Guidance, Response and Emergency Powers)

https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/safety/emergency-management/local-emergency-programs/financial/ierfp

EMCR Community Navigator Policy 2.14

https://www2.gov.bc.ca/assets/gov/public-safety-and-emergency-services/emergency-preparedness-response-recovery/embc/policies/214_community_navigator_for_ess_policy.pdf

EMCR Cultural Activity Locations Supports Policy 2.15

https://www2.gov.bc.ca/assets/gov/public-safety-and-emergency-services/emergency-preparedness-response-recovery/embc/policies/215_embc_cultural_activites_location_support_cals_policy.pdf

APPENDIX D: LOCAL GOVERNMENT NEEDS ASSESSMENT QUESTIONS

RDCK EDMA INDIGENOUS ENGAGEMENT REQUIREMENTS – MUNICIPAL PARTNER NEEDS ASSESSMENTS

Core Interview Questions for Local Governments

(Short-form Conversations)

As part of the Regional District of Central Kootenay's Indigenous Engagement Requirements (IER) Project, we're meeting with local governments to better understand their current readiness, activities, and needs related to Indigenous engagement under the Emergency and Disaster Management Act. These discussions will help identify strengths, gaps, and opportunities to build practical tools, training, and support needed – which help us build out Needs Assessments for this part of the project. The questions below are meant to guide an open conversation and can be answered in any order or depth that feels appropriate.

1. Awareness and Comfort

- Which Indigenous Governing Bodies or Nations have traditional territory or interests within or near your jurisdiction?
- How comfortable and confident do you feel engaging with Indigenous partners on emergency management topics?
- Where do you feel least clear about your responsibilities under the new legislation?

2. Current Practices

- What activities or relationships currently exist between your organization and Indigenous partners (formal or informal)?
- How are Indigenous perspectives or partnerships reflected in your emergency management or planning documents?
- Have you seen examples of collaboration—locally or elsewhere—that you feel work well?

3. Gaps and Barriers

- What are the biggest challenges to building or maintaining stronger relationships with Indigenous partners?
- Are there any internal or structural barriers (e.g., staff capacity, time, or uncertainty about process) that limit your ability to engage effectively?
- What would make engagement easier or more meaningful for your community?

4. Training and Support Needs

- What kinds of training or facilitation would most help your team or elected officials strengthen confidence and capacity in this area?
- What opportunities for collaboration or shared learning (regional workshops, templates, or facilitated sessions) would be most useful?
- How can this project best support you in preparing for future engagement under the EDMA?

WORKING TOGETHER, WHEN IT MATTERS MOST

MUNICIPAL NEEDS ASSESSMENT SUMMARY - REGIONAL DISTRICT OF CENTRAL KOOTENAY

Purpose

As part of the Current State & Readiness Assessment of Indigenous Engagement Requirements in Emergency Management project, conversations were held with RDCK staff and representatives from participating Central Kootenay municipalities to better understand current strengths, challenges, relationships, and opportunities related to Indigenous engagement in emergency management.

This summary reflects key themes heard during the discussion and is intended to support ongoing relationship-building, coordination, and implementation planning under EDMA.

What We Heard

Existing Relationships Matter

Staff identified that existing relationships and informal connections are valuable and often form the foundation for coordination during emergencies.

Strong Willingness to Engage

There was clear interest in building respectful, meaningful relationships and frameworks with Indigenous partners and improving understanding of EDMA requirements.

Need for Clarity and Practical Tools

Questions were raised about:

- roles and responsibilities occur in practice
- who to contact, how and when
- operational expectations during emergencies
- how communication and consultation should occur in practice

Capacity and Coordination Challenges

Limited staff capacity and competing priorities can make sustained relationship-building difficult, particularly in smaller communities.

There was also strong support for a coordinated RDCK-led regional approach to help reduce duplication and improve consistency.

What We Heard

- Continue building relationships with Indigenous partners through direct and ongoing engagement.
- Develop practical tools, procedures, and contact pathways to support emergency management activities.
- Support regional training opportunities focused on emergency management, EDMA, and cultural safety.
- Encourage opportunities for formal and informal in-person dialogue, collaboration, and shared learning.
- Strengthen regional coordination to support consistency and reduce duplication across local governments.

What We Heard

Input gathered through these conversations will help inform the broader RDCK regional assessment and future phases of this work.

Phase 2 of the project is anticipated to focus on developing practical tools, shared processes, training opportunities, and collaborative approaches to support long-term relationship-based emergency management across the region.

The project team recognizes that this work is relationship-based and long-term in nature, and that continued collaboration will be essential moving forward.

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Jaime Vienneau – Indigenous Advisor

WHAT WE HEARD – REGIONAL DISTRICT OF CENTRAL KOOTENAY

Regional Coordination Is Widely Supported

Participants consistently emphasized that emergency management responsibilities, communication pathways, and Indigenous engagement expectations are deeply interconnected across jurisdictions throughout the region. There was strong support for RDCK playing a coordination and facilitation role that helps:

- reduce duplication
- improve consistency
- support smaller communities
- strengthen communication pathways
- maintain relationship continuity across the region

Participants noted that emergency events routinely cross jurisdictional boundaries and often involve multiple municipalities, electoral areas, Indigenous communities, agencies, and service providers simultaneously. Within this context, municipalities emphasized that a coordinated regional approach would improve shared situational awareness, communication consistency, and operational coordination during emergencies.

There was also recognition that a regional approach must still respect:

- distinctions-based engagement
- Nation-specific protocols
- local government responsibilities
- community-level relationships

Participants repeatedly emphasized that coordination should support—not replace—direct relationship-building between municipalities and Indigenous partners.

Relationships Are Viewed as Essential

Discussions reinforced that relationship-building is foundational to effective emergency management and Indigenous engagement. Existing relationships were often described as informal, staff-driven, and vulnerable to turnover or changing organizational capacity. Participants emphasized the importance of building trust and maintaining connections outside emergency situations. Participants reflected that emergency management decisions are often made quickly and under pressure, making pre-existing trust and familiarity critically important. Staff emphasized that they do not want first contact with Indigenous partners to occur during active emergency situations.

Discussions also highlighted the emotional and relational dimensions of this work. Participants consistently emphasized that concerns about making missteps were rooted in a desire to engage respectfully and avoid causing harm rather than resistance to Indigenous engagement itself.

Practical Guidance and Shared Tools Are Needed

There was strong interest in simple, practical tools and processes that can support real-time emergency management activities. Participants expressed strong interest in practical tools and operational systems that support emergency management decision-making during real incidents, including:

- communication pathways
- contact directories
- engagement triggers
- operational checklists
- interoperable templates
- EOC guidance

Discussions emphasized the importance of practical, easy-to-use tools that can support staff during time-sensitive emergency situations.

WHAT WE HEARD – REGIONAL DISTRICT OF CENTRAL KOOTENAY

Capacity and Confidence Remain Ongoing Challenges

Participants identified capacity limitations, uncertainty around EDMA requirements, and concern about making missteps as common challenges across RDCK and local authority communities. Discussions highlighted the need for shared learning, regional support, and culturally informed approaches that help build confidence over time. Participants also noted that Indigenous Governing Bodies and Indigenous organizations are similarly managing significant capacity pressures and that engagement approaches must recognize and respect these realities.

Community Context

Conversations reflected a region working collaboratively to navigate significant legislative and operational change while building stronger, more coordinated approaches to Indigenous consultation in emergency management. Participants consistently described the RDCK region as geographically, operationally, and relationally complex.

Conversations highlighted:

- overlapping Indigenous territories and perspectives
- multiple municipal and regional jurisdictions
- dispersed rural communities
- significant travel distances
- varying local government capacities
- differing emergency management structures across communities

Participants noted that municipalities are navigating:

- evolving provincial expectations under EDMA
- uncertainty around engagement pathways
- overlapping communication expectations
- operational pressures associated with increasingly complex emergency events

There was also recognition that Indigenous engagement in emergency management cannot be separated from broader regional relationships, historical context, and existing community dynamics.

Several participants emphasized that the region requires approaches that acknowledge complexity rather than attempting to simplify it. Discussions highlighted both the complexity of the Central Kootenay context and the strong willingness among local governments to move toward more relationship-based and culturally informed practices.

Local Priorities & Areas of Interest

- Supporting coordinated regional approaches to Indigenous engagement and emergency management
- Developing practical tools, protocols, and communication pathways
- Strengthening relationship continuity across jurisdictions and organizations
- Improving clarity around EDMA roles, responsibilities, and operational expectations
- Supporting culturally safe practices, training, and shared learning opportunities

Notable Discussion Themes

1. Strong support for RDCK-led coordination and shared regional approaches
2. Need for practical operational tools and real-time guidance
3. Recognition that relationship-building must extend beyond emergency event.

Discretionary Fund Grant Program
Application Form

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FILE NO. 1860-20-___

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: Corazon Vocal Ensemble	**Date of Application:** 11/06/2026
Contact Name: Bill Metcalfe, Manager	**RDCK Electoral Area/Member Municipality:** ☐ RDCK Electoral Area: F ☐ Municipality:
Mailing Address: 895 Nelson Ave. #403 Nelson BC V1L 0C5	**Payment Type:** ☐ Electronic Fund Transfer ◉ Mailed cheque
Phone #: (250) 352-7670	**Email:** choir.billmetcalfe@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.*

This choir of young people age 15-20, since it began more than 25 years ago, has held an annual two-day fall retreat to integrate new members and to work on new music. This event builds community, which is an crucial part of the group's performances under The budget of $1200 will cover venue rental, catering, supplies, insurance, and a small honorarium for a workshop instructor. We are asking the RDCK for $800 toward this goal.

Grant Application:

Total Grant Requested: $ $800	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 rest of the budget will be covered by the singers' annual registration fees.

Previous Discretionary Grants Received – Year and Amount: $300 2018, $900 2019, $300 2020, $400 2022, $600 2023, $1190 ...

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: 2026-11-06 07:43:21 — Signature

Bill Metcalfe — Print Name

Authorization

Signature of Area Director Signed by Director	Total Grant Approved $ $800
Board Approved Date:	Resolution #

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FILE NO. 1860-20-___

Contact Information:

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Organization/Society Name: Polka Dot Dragon Arts Society	**Date of Application:** 11/02/2026
Contact Name: Myra Rasmussen	**RDCK Electoral Area/Member Municipality:** ☐ RDCK Electoral Area: F ☐ Municipality:
Mailing Address: 305 4th st Nelson BC V1L 2S1	**Payment Type:** ☐ Electronic Fund Transfer ☐ Mailed cheque
Phone #: (250) 777-8925	**Email:** polkadotdragonarts@gmail.com

Project/Service Description

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Remember the Dead is a collaboration between Polka Dot Dragon Arts Society and Nelson and District Hospice Society, and is curated by Rocio Graham. The intention is to create an opportunity for remembrance and connection to the departed loved ones in our lives and a safe container for experiencing and creatively expressing our grief. On Sunday, November 8th, we invite the public to gather in the Nelson cemetery from 4-6 pm to experience performances, installations, and interactive activities on this theme. Funds will be used to pay artist and performer honorariums.

Grant Application:

Total Grant Requested: $ 1000	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: donations 300...	
Previous Discretionary Grants Received – Year and Amount: 2025, 2024, 2023 for $1000	

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Myra Rasmussen — Print Name

Authorization

Signature of Area Director Signed by Director	Total Grant Approved $ $1,000
Board Approved Date:	Resolution #

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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: Ridgewood Improvement District	**Date of Application:** 08/07/2026
Contact Name: Danielle Corbin	**RDCK Electoral Area/Member Municipality:** ☐ RDCK Electoral Area: F ☐ Municipality:
Mailing Address: 1878 Ridgewood Road Nelson BC V1L6K1	**Payment Type:** ☐ Electronic Fund Transfer ◉ Mailed cheque
Phone #: (250) 551-1975	**Email:** ridgewoodwater@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.*

We have been conducting an engineering study over the past 8 months. We previously spoke with Tom Newell who said the RDCK would aim to cover 50% of the cost. We applied for a grant for this, which was approved. When we began this project, the financial estimate was $16,000. We just completed this project and due to additional expenses with the engineers, extensive water testing, and administrative costs, the final cost of the project is close to $19,000. We spoke with Tom again who suggested applying for 50% of the additional expense.

Grant Application:

Total Grant Requested: $ 1500	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:
$8000 from the RDCK ($7200 received to date).

Previous Discretionary Grants Received – Year and Amount: $8000 - same project - 2025

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Signature

Danielle Corbin

Print Name

Authorization

Signature of Area Director Signed by Director	Total Grant Approved $ $1,500
Board Approved Date:	Resolution #

Community Development Grant Program Application Form

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Contact Information:

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Organization/Society Name: Jewett PAC	**Date of Application:** 10/08/2026
Contact Name: Breanne Hope	**RDCK Electoral Area/Member Municipality:** ☐ RDCK Electoral Area: D ☐ Municipality:
Mailing Address: GD argenta BC v0g1b0	**Payment Type:** ☐ Electronic Fund Transfer ◉ Mailed cheque
Phone #: (250) 551-3985	**Email:** jewettpac@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.*

We will use the funds to continue providing the Jewett Elementary school students with their breakfast program and weekly hot lunch. It is important for all students to be properly nourished to thrive in both the social and educational aspects of the school environment. And cooking together or having a special lunch brought in is exciting and promotes community.

Grant Application:

Total Grant Requested: $ $1500	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:	
Previous Community Development Grants Received – Year and Amount: 2025. $1500 + $500 top up	

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Signed at: 2026-10-08 15:26:48 — Signature

breanne hope — Print Name

Authorization

Signature of Area Director Signed by Director	Total Grant Approved $ $1,500
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: Kaslo Youth Soccer Club	**Date of Application:** 11/02/2026
Contact Name: Steven Willott	**RDCK Electoral Area/Member Municipality:** ☐ RDCK Electoral Area: D ☐ Municipality:
Mailing Address: 506 Becker St P.O Box 1276 Kaslo BC VOG 1M0	**Payment Type:** ☐ Electronic Fund Transfer ◉ Mailed cheque
Phone #: (250) 353-7639	**Email:** willy_steve@hotmail.com

Project/Service Description

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Kaslo Youth Soccer is looking to purchase a full size moveable soccer goal. This is to allow for variation in field size. This will allow KYSC to be more versatile in practices and games by being able to adjust to players numbers and age groups. for example U15 play 11v11 and U10 play 8v8.
The costs of the soccer goal is $5794.81

Grant Application:

Total Grant Requested: $ $1400

Which funding criterial objective does this project meet?
☑ Social ☐ Economic ☐ Cultural

KYSC have received $2500 from Protective Cup donation

KYSC Funding Sources: Identify all sources of project funding and amounts. Both funds requested and received:
KYSC received Recreation grants from Village of Kaslo for $1000

Previous Community Development Grants Received – Year and Amount:

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Signed at: 2026-11-02 08:50:41 — Steven Willott

Signature — Print Name

Authorization

Signature of Area Director Signed by Director	Total Grant Approved $ $1,400
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: Kaslo Emergency Support Services	**Date of Application:** 11/03/2026
Contact Name: Wendy Stankevich	**RDCK Electoral Area/Member Municipality:** ☐ RDCK Electoral Area: D ☐ Municipality:
Mailing Address: 108 McLauchlin Rd Kaslo BC V0G 1M0	**Payment Type:** ◉ Electronic Fund Transfer ☐ Mailed cheque
Phone #: (250) 366-4267	**Email:** kasloess@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.*

11 trained volunteer responders meet regularly for training/practice sessions. Funds needed for: Coffee break refreshments, 2-3 times a year lunch for extended practices including mock Reception Centre planned 2027. Office stationary supplies, development of standardized binder of forms, instructions, notebook needed by each responder during activations. Purchase laptop bags to transport IT equipment during activations, to replace supplied giant Pelican case that is unsafe for us to carry down the stairs from our office in Kaslo Emergency Services Building.

Grant Application:

Total Grant Requested: $ $1000	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:
None

Previous Community Development Grants Received – Year and Amount:
2025-$1000, 2024-$400, 2023-$300

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Signed at: 2026-11-03 12:33:26	Wendy Stankevich
Signature	Print Name

Authorization

Signature of Area Director Signed by Director	Total Grant Approved $ $1,000
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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: Arrow Lakes Ridge Riders Snowmobile Association (ALRR)	**Date of Application:** 08/13/2026
Contact Name: Shawn Keats	**RDCK Electoral Area/Member Municipality:** ☐ RDCK Electoral Area: K ☐ Municipality:
Mailing Address: 225 Cotswold Road Nakusp British Columbia V0G 1R1	**Payment Type:** ☐ Electronic Fund Transfer ◉ Mailed cheque
Phone #: (250) 613-3236	**Email:** alrrnakusp@gmail.com

Project/Service Description

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We are attending the 2027 Calgary Outdoor Show with 8 other societies/businessess from Nakusp to promote snowmobiling in our area. We have an agreement with RSTBC to use and maintain 2 areas within our region; Ingersol Mtn and Harlow Creek. We want to attract more riders, promote the area, promote the village and bring more tourism dollars to the region.
All 8 groups are splitting the costs for 4 booths (2 per booth). These funds would pay for our share of the show expenses and our club would pay for transportation, accomodation and meals.

Grant Application:

Total Grant Requested: $ $800.00

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:
Partner Powwows - $0
Village of Nakusp - $0
Chamber of Commerce - $0...

Previous Community Development Grants Received – Year and Amount:
$1100 in 2025 for website development

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Signed at: 2026-08-13 10:33:38 — Signature

Shawn Keats — Print Name

Authorization

Signature of Area Director Signed by Director	Total Grant Approved $ $800
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: Burton Volunteer Fire Brigade Society	**Date of Application:** 11/03/2026
Contact Name: Chris Jackins	**RDCK Electoral Area/Member Municipality:** ☐ RDCK Electoral Area: K ☐ Municipality:
Mailing Address: 161 Burton Cross Rd Burton BC V0g1r0	**Payment Type:** ☐ Electronic Fund Transfer ◉ Mailed cheque
Phone #: (250) 265-8161	**Email:** chris.jackins@icloud.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 Burton volunteer fire brigade Society is solely operational on fundraisers money and money found through grants and other funding sources. One of the fundraisers we have created is a calendar. This is the second year where we have created a calendar through the fire department. The first year showed that this could be successful, however to ensure success in regards to fundraising towards operational costs, we are asking the RDCK to assist with the cost for printing of the calendars this year to go towards our operational cost for 2027.

Grant Application:

Total Grant Requested: $ 1000	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):
an investment by the Burton volunteer fire brigade

Previous Community Development Grants Received – Year and Amount:
2025 - $1000

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Signed at: 2026-11-03 21:59:49 — Signature

Chris Jackins — Print Name

Authorization

Signature of Area Director Signed by Director	Total Grant Approved $ $1,000
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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: INONOAKLIN recreation commission	**Date of Application:** 11/03/2026
Contact Name: Tawny Smith	**RDCK Electoral Area/Member Municipality:** ☐ RDCK Electoral Area: K ☐ Municipality:
Mailing Address: 431 Kilarney crescent Edgewood British Columbia V0G 1J0	**Payment Type:** ☐ Electronic Fund Transfer ◉ Mailed cheque
Phone #: (250) 309-0143	**Email:** zacharytawny@yahoo.com

Project/Service Description

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This is an annual fundraiser for a Halloween costume party and Dance with a band. Open to the public.

Grant Application:

Total Grant Requested: $ 700.00	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:

Previous Community Development Grants Received – Year and Amount:

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Signed at: 2026-11-03 14:17:10 — Signature

Tawny Smith — Print Name

Authorization

Signature of Area Director Signed by Director	Total Grant Approved $ $700
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: Kaslo & Area Chamber of Commerce	**Date of Application:** 10/30/2026
Contact Name: Jeff Davie	**RDCK Electoral Area/Member Municipality:** ☐ RDCK Electoral Area: ☐ Municipality: Kaslo
Mailing Address: PO Box 329 Kaslo BC V0G 1M0	**Payment Type:** ☐ Electronic Fund Transfer ☐ Mailed cheque
Phone #: (250) 354-9207	**Email:** thekaslochamber@gmail.com

Project/Service Description

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This project will develop a professional, yearround promotional video, and targeted marketing campaign showcasing Kaslo as a destination. Written, performed and recorded by local artists, the video will highlight local businesses, events and local landscapes across all seasons. Grant funds will support video production, editing and digital advertising,...

Grant Application:

Total Grant Requested: $ 5000

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:

NKLF-$3000.00-Confirmed
Chamber=$2,000-Confirmed
ETSI-BC=$20,000-Requestes

Previous Community Development Grants Received – Year and Amount:

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J Davie Signed at: 2026-10-30 11:13:50 — Jeff Davie

Signature — Print Name

Authorization

Signature of Area Director	Signed by Director - Amt changed by org to $2,500.00 as Area D contributed $2,500 in May 2026. Funding was approved by Kaslo council in May 2026. Application submitted later.	Total Grant Approved $	$2,500
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: VOS - Grad Donation	**Date of Application:** June 11, 2026
Contact Name: Michelle Gordon, CAO	**RDCK Electoral Area/Member Municipality:** ☐ RDCK Electoral Area: ☑ Municipality: SLOCAN
Mailing Address: Village of Slocan PO Box 50 503 Slocan Street Slocan, BC V0G 2C0	**Payment Type:** ☐ Electronic Fund Transfer ☑ Mailed cheque (To the Village of Slocan, Box 50)
Phone #: 250-355-2277	**Email:** cao@villageofslocan.ca

Project/Service Description

Please provide an overview of the project and/or service and how the funds will be used. (600 characters max.)
Attach any supporting documentation such as engineering reports, feasibility studies, and budget documents. All applicants must submit their organization's list of directors showing their respective executive positions, plus overall number of members. Grant requests exceeding $5,000 must be accompanied by your organization's most recently approved financial statements..)

Contribution requested from WE Graham School PAC, for Grade 10 Valhalla Wilderness Program graduates (congratulatory gift baskets).

Grant Application:

Total Grant Requested: $ 500	Which funding criterial objective does this project meet? ☑ Social ☑ Economic ☑ Environmental
Other Funding Sources - Identify all sources of project funding and amounts. Both funds requested and received:	
Previous Community Development Grants Received – Year and Amount:	

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Signature

Michelle Gordon, CAO
Print Name

Authorization Jessica Lunn, MAYOR

Signature of Area Director	Total Grant Approved $ 500.00
Board Approved Date:	Resolution #

This application was approved by Slocan council in June 2026. Application was not submitted until later. - Monique St Louis, Grants Coordinator

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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: VOS - Slocan 125 Birthday	Date of Application: Nov. 3, 2026
Contact Name: Michelle Gordon, CAO	RDCK Electoral Area/Member Municipality: ☐ RDCK Electoral Area: ☑ Municipality: SLOCAN
Mailing Address: Village of Slocan PO Box 50 503 Slocan Street Slocan, BC V0G 2C0	Payment Type: ☐ Electronic Fund Transfer ☑ Mailed cheque (To the Village Of Slocan, Box 50)
Phone #: 250-355-2277	Email: cao@villageofslocan.ca

Project/Service Description

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Slocan's 125th Birthday Celebration - Village Contribution to Event Expenses

Grant Application:

Total Grant Requested: $ 5,000	Which funding criterial objective does this project meet? ☑ Social ☑ Economic ☑ Environmental
Other Funding Sources - Identify all sources of project funding and amounts. Both funds requested and received:	
Previous Community Development Grants Received – Year and Amount:	

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Signature

Michelle Gordon, CAO
Print Name

Authorization Jessica Lunn, MAYOR

Signature of Area Director	Total Grant Approved $ 5,000.00
Board Approved Date:	Resolution #

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This was approved at the April 2026 council meeting. application came later
Monique St Louis, Grants Coordinator

REGIONAL DISTRICT OF CENTRAL KOOTENAY

SUNSHINE BAY REGIONAL PARK
OPEN MEETING MINUTES

6:00 p.m.
September 17, 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/98334912210?pwd=JvwXQJaK7zfXkTOdoSY5HvmgsAUQbl.1
Join by Phone:
833 955 1088
Meeting ID: 983 3491 2210
Meeting Passcode: 413392
Virtual Meeting

COMMISSION/COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Commissioner Dosenbeger	Area E
Commissioner Beaulac	Area E
Commissioner Dehnel	Area E
Commissioner Prosser	Area E
Commissioner McCulloch	Area E
Commissioner Newton	Area E
Director Graham	Area E
Commissioner Foot	Area E

MEMBERS ABSENT

Commissioner Newton	Area E

STAFF

Jeff Phillips v	Regional Parks and Trails Operations Supervisor
Cary Gaynor	Regional Parks and Trails Manager
Evan Salmon	Meeting Coordinator

PUBLIC

Erin Fitchett	Area E Candidate

7 out of 8 voting Commission/Committee members were present – quorum was met.

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Dosenbeger called the meeting to order at 6:06p.m.

1. TRADITIONAL LANDS ACKNOWLEDGEMENT STATEMENT

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

2. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

MOVED and seconded,
AND Resolved:

The Agenda for the September 17, 2026 Sunshine Bay Regional Park Commission meeting, be adopted as circulated.

Carried

3. RECEIPT OF MINUTES

The June 11, 2026 Sunshine Bay Regional Park Commission minutes, have been received.

4. DELEGATE

4.1 There are no Delegates scheduled for this Commission meeting.

5. STAFF REPORTS

5.1 Sunshine Bay Regional Park Operation Update

Jeff Phillips, Regional Parks Operations Supervisor, provided the Commission with a verbal update, re: the Sunshine Bay Regional Park Operations.

Notable Discussion Pieces:

- The summer season was a success with no emergencies.
- Good progress was made with disposing wood, Styrofoam and metal from the dock.
- Repairs to picnic tables are completed.
- Drinking water inspected by Interior Health.
- Main Park and riding centre returned clean samples. No immediate treatment is needed. Sampling will be increased to twice per month.
- The riding centres well has high turbidity from low usage which would otherwise be clearer if flushed out, thus it has a boil water advisory.
- Many weddings, family reunions and the market through summer.
- Sept 19th weekend is last scheduled event.
- Four of five dead Lombardy poplars (*Populus nigra 'Italica'*) are to be removed and replaced. Tree work is planned for the Fall.
- Field is looking great and leveled off via repeated aeration and care of staff.
- Beach is cleaned up with no complaints received.
- A CBT grant is projected to fund a drinking water fountain with installation in Spring/Summer.
- Installation will proceed from the budget's reserve via a financial amendment with reimbursement planned through the coming grant.

- Float homeowner is cooperative with staff. He asked to be towed to Kaslo/Twin Bays area during October. WPM and the Marine branch of MOTI and its district and area managers are also aware of the situation.

Cary Gaynor, Regional Parks and Trails Manager offered an update that the children's playground wood perimeter will be replaced as it is aging.

5.2 Sunshine Bay Regional Park Budget Update

Jeff Phillips, Regional Park and Trails Operations Supervisor provided the Commission with a verbal update re: Budget.

Notable Discussion Pieces:

- Tracking to be 50% under budget.
- 60% of the salary allowance used due RDCK supplying personnel during Scott's absence.
- Operating supplies at 56%.
- RDCK staff assisted Scott to dismantle dock; cheaper in house as we had time and ability.
- CKISS looked at invasives and with RDCK helping, savings of 50% were realized.
- Burning window was used to good effect preceding fire season by two weeks.
- Surplus is carried over into S202 budget.
- Washroom pumping under consideration.
- Consideration of a swimming platform is ongoing via Corporate Services who is considering risk and liability.
- Revenues high at $2100.

6. PUBLIC TIME

The Chair will call for questions from the public at 6:29 p.m.

Erin Fitchett commended efforts in the park.
Cary and the other commissioners heartily thanked Cheryl Graham for all the hard work she has done during the prior four years as Director.

7. NEXT MEETING

The next Sunshine Bay Regional Park Commission meeting is scheduled for November 12, 2026 at 6:00p.m.

8. ADJOURNMENT

MOVED and seconded,
AND Resolved:

The Sunshine Bay Regional Park Commission meeting be adjourned at 6:30.

Carried

Digitally Approved

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Chair, E. Dosenbeger

REGIONAL DISTRICT OF CENTRAL KOOTENAY

RIONDEL COMMISSION
OPEN MEETING AGENDA

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, representing Creston RCMP, described current staffing challenges at the Creston office and listened to concerns of local residents. Reduced staffing means limited patrolling for the East Shore. Current high priorities for local RCMP are drugs and child trafficking. Enforcement of speeding and drunk driving violations on East Shore highways is challenging due to the delays in response time due to distance and to the winding nature of the highway which may not allow for safe pursuit.

Key topics of discussion included:

- Questions about insuring golf carts for use on highways. In years past, there was an option for licensing golf carts. This is currently not available in B.C.
- Concerns were expressed about young children driving golf carts through Riondel without adult supervision. Residents can parents with concerns, and may call into the RCMP with photos, video and descriptions.
- In response to a question about RCMP callouts for dangerous dog incidents, Director Jackman explained that a recent Dangerous Dog bylaw will assist in facilitating RCMP responses to complaints. A bylaw officer will be able to accompany RCMP officers and assist in the possible apprehension of dangerous animals.

5. PUBLIC TIME

The Chair called for questions from the public at 7:32 p.m.

6. OLD BUSINESS

6.1 Canada Post Office Update

Chair Panio provided the Commission with a verbal update regarding the post office follow-up in the Community Center. The Riondel community continues to be concerned about the possible permanent loss of the Riondel post office due to difficulties in finding a new location for the post office, a hurdle which in turn makes it impossible for a new postmaster to step into the position. A new postmaster is responsible for providing the site for the post office and for any necessary insurance and infrastructure. Options are being explored for

possible new post office locations, including inside the Riondel Community Centre. There is already a precedent in Balfour for an RDCK-owned building to provide a lease agreement for a post office. The Riondel Community Centre could provide a stable, long-term solution. Other suggestions included a structure attached to the fire hall, the former Latter-Day Saints' church, and a local business. Riondel mail is currently being routed to the Lakeview store & post office in Gray Creek, a round-trip distance of almost 50 km. Postal delivery is complicated by the fact that community mailboxes and parcel & letter delivery are handled by two independent branches of Canada Post. Residents are encouraged to write to Canada Post to express their concerns, and to contact elected government officials.

6.2 Fire alarm Update

Chair Panio provided the Commission with a verbal update regarding the fire alarm, including, through two recent power outages, the fire alarm continued working with no errors detected in the system. Tratech Mechanical technicians are capable of maintaining the panel in the event of problems. The panel is still not calling to an outside service, and this lack of callout needs to be addressed.

6.3 Rental Protocols

Due to the length of tonight's meeting, this item was tabled to the next regular Commission meeting in December.

6.3 Roof Leak Update

Chair Panio provided the Commission with a verbal update regarding the roof leak including, noting one leak caused by a roof drain being plugged with tree needles. Staff were resourceful in clearing the problem. This drainage line will be modified to make future maintenance easier.

6.5 Drainage Issues

Chair Panio provided the Commission with a verbal update regarding drainage issues including, drainage work is currently being done on Ainsworth Ave. No notification of this work was provided to the Commission, to the Commission maintenance person, or to residents in the affected area. This lack of communication is a concern. Director Jackman indicated he had correspondence regarding other drainage work and would relay this to the Commission. Chair Panio will contact RDCK staff member Chris Gainham to discuss drainage work.

6.6 Picnic Tables and Park Benches

Chair Panio provided the Commission with a verbal update regarding new tables and benches for the community centre grounds including the following key discussion items:

- Six rotting park tables and benches have been replaced by Kootenay Lake East Shore Men's Shed with winsome cedar builds.
- Members of the public present at tonight's meeting expressed their appreciation for the Shed's work.

7 NEW BUSINESS

7.1 Elections at Community Centre

The Commission reviewed the October 17th local election & October 24th provincial election including that there will be polling stations at the Riondel Community Centre for both those dates.

7.2 Volunteer Grounds Cleanup and Sign Removal

Chair Panio provided the Commission with a verbal update on the ground's cleanup by volunteers, including;

- Thanks to volunteers, the parking lot hillside was cleared to fallen branches and the old, concrete signposts were relocated.

7.3 Riondel Commission Account at Nelson District Credit Union

Chair Panio provided the Commission with a verbal update on Riondel Commission account at the Nelson & District Credit Union including;

- The Commission is still waiting for direction from RDCK staff to either apply the contents of this account to current projects or to transfer the funds into the S209 service account.

7.4 Youth Group Rental of Media Lab

Chair Panio provided the Commission with a verbal update on the rental of the Media Lab room including;

- The East Shore Youth Group is renting the Media Lab for one year, to use as their base of operations

7.5 Alternative for Garbage Ticket Sales

Chair Panio provided the Commission with a verbal update on the garbage ticket sales including;

- 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 p.m.

8 CORRESPONDENCE

There is no correspondence for this Commission meeting.

9 AREA A DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Director Jackman provided the Commission with a verbal report including;

- Director Jackman will review the RDCK-Balfour Post Office contract.

10 PUBLIC TIME

The Chair called for questions from the public at 8:45 p.m.

A member of the public provided a discussion pertaining to the condition of the road to Riondel, key discussion items included:

- A vehicle slid off the road on the excess gravel from the recent chip-coating.
- Director Jackman said repairing the highway with recycled pavement may be some 10 years in the future. He speculated whether sealcoating of the highway may be a temporary measure needed to keep the road from deteriorating further, especially given more frequent logging truck traffic.

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 p.m.

Carried

Digitally Approved

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Chair G. Panio

REGIONAL DISTRICT OF CENTRAL KOOTENAY

AREA J ADVISORY PLANNING AND HERITAGE COMMISSION
OPEN MEETING MINUTES

6:00 pm
Wednesday, October 14, 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/98971886415?pwd=ZnlzbD1iZb4Ah8kt1WAWb41yKZ5uMl.1

Join by Phone:
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855 703 8985 Canada Toll-free

Meeting ID: 989 7188 6415
Passcode: 152227

In-Person Location:
Castlegar & District Community Complex
Columbia Room

COMMISSION MEMBERS PRESENT

Chair Jeff Grant	Area J
Commissioner Dean McKinnon	Area J
Commissioner Ian Winsor	Area J
Commissioner Lesley Streloff	Area J

COMMISSION MEMBERS ABSENT

Commissioner Audrey Repin	Area J
Commissioner Wally Penner	Area J

DIRECTOR PRESENT

Director Hanegraaf	Area J

1. ELECTION OF CHAIR
CALL FOR NOMINATIONS (3 Times)

Director Hannegraff called for nominations.
Member Dean MacKinnon nominated Member Jeff Grant.

There were no more nominations.

Member Jeff Grant accepted the nomination.

Process Note: An election takes place if there is more than one person nominated for Chair.

DECLARATION OF ACCLAIMED CHAIR
RDCK Staff ratifies the appointed Member Jeff Grant as Chair of the Area J Planning and Heritage Advisory Commission for 2026.

2. CALL TO ORDER
Chair Grant called the meeting to order at 6:03 p.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 14, 2026 Area J Advisory Planning and Heritage Commission meeting was adopted as circulated.

Carried

5. RECEIPT OF MINUTES
The August 14, 2025 Area J Advisory Planning and Heritage Commission minutes were received.

6. DEVELOPMENT VARIANCE PERMIT APPLICATION (V2613J) – Wesley Greep
The Bylaw Amendment Referral Form dated August 31, 2026 from Sadie Chezenko, Planner 1, was received.

Planner Sadie Chezenko gave an overview of the above noted referral and answered questions from the Commission.

Moved and seconded
AND Resolved

That the Area J Advisory Planning and Heritage Commission **SUPPORT** the Development Variance Permit Application to Wesley Greep for the property located at 3437 Broadwater Road, RDCK Region, LOT A DISTRICT LOT 301A KOOTENAY DISTRICT PLAN 17267, Electoral Area 'J'.

Carried

7. BYLAW AMENDMENT APPLICATION – RDCK Planning Department

The Bylaw Amendment Referral Form dated August 24, 2026 from Rishab Gaba, Planner 2, was received.

Sadie Chezenko, Planner 1 provided a summary of the Kootenay-Columbia Rivers Official Community Plan Amendment Bylaw on behalf of Planner 2 Rishab Gaba.

Moved and seconded
AND Resolved

That the Area J Advisory Planning and Heritage Commission **SUPPORT** the Kootenay - Columbia Rivers Official Community Plan Amendment Bylaw No. 3047, 2025 to amend the Official Community Plan to implement the requirements of Provincial Bill 44 – Housing Statutes (Residential Development) Amendment Act.

Carried

8. PUBLIC TIME

There were no members of the public present.

9. NEXT MEETING

The next Area J Advisory Planning and Heritage Commission meeting is schedule for November 4, 2026.

10. ADJOURNMENT

Moved and seconded,
AND Resolved:

The Area J Advisory Planning and Heritage Commission meeting be adjourned at6:2 p.m.

Carried

Approved by
Jeff Grant, Chair

REGIONAL DISTRICT OF CENTRAL KOOTENAY

AREA A ADVISORY PLANNING AND HERITAGE COMMISSION
OPEN MEETING MINUTES

3:00PM
Monday, October 19, 2026
Hybrid Meeting

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Meeting ID: 915 5714 4774
Meeting Password: 290445

In-Person Location: Gray Creek Hall 15047 Highway 3A Gray Creek, BC

COMMISSIONERS

Commissioner Shawn Ryks	Electoral Area A, Chair
Commissioner Michella Moss	Electoral Area A
Commissioner Julie March	Electoral Area A

COMMISSIONERS ABSENT

Commissioner Branca Lewandowski	Electoral Area A

DIRECTORS

Gary Jackman	Electoral Area A, Director

STAFF

Zachari Giacomazzo	Planner
Robin Baril	Meeting Coordinator

PUBLIC
L. Shopa Applicant

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

1. CALL TO ORDER
Chair Ryks called the meeting to order at 3:00 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 19, 2026 Electoral Area A Advisory Planning and Heritage Commission meeting, be adopted as circulated.

Carried

4. RECEIPT OF MINUTES
The September 21, 2026 Electoral Area A Advisory Planning and Heritage Commission minutes, have been received.

5. STAFF REPORTS
5.1 Land Use Bylaw Amendment Application - Shopa
The Referral Package dated August 13, 2026 from Planner Zachari Giacomazzo, has been received.

- The application is to re-zone 4 land parcels that are zoned Quarry to instead be zoned Light to Medium Industrial
- Interior Health Authority (IHA) initially had some concerns with the Medium Industrial zoning and what is permitted for those uses.
- Overall intention is still do an Industrial zone, which is still going to be more restricted as the re-zoning moves through the process.
- Permitted uses that are going to impact ground water and air pollution concerns in the area are going to be restricted completely as to comply to IHA concerns of water and air quality being impacted.
- Properties are in good location, out of sight lines from neighbouring properties with good access points in and out of each parcel.
- Subdivision process will follow, discussions with Ministry of Transportation and Transit (MOTT) have already begun, applicant is following correct procedures.
- Covenant on land may be required by MOTT with a traffic study in the future.
- Applicant is doing due diligence to ensure that small businesses that would be positive for the community be allowed within the medium to light industrial zoning.

MOVED and seconded,
AND Resolved:

That the Area A Advisory Planning Commission SUPPORT the Land Use Bylaw Amendment Application subject to site specific restrictions as agreed between applicant and staff to Lloyd Shopa for the property located 5495 Elsie-Holmes Road, Wynndel and legally described as LOT 1 DISTRICT LOT 4595 KOOTENAY DISTRICT PLAN 3064 (PID: 015-035-867). LOT 8 DISTRICT LOT 4595 KOOTENAY DISTRICT PLAN 2185 LYING WEST OF THE PUBLIC ROAD THROUGH THE SAID LOT EXCEPT PLAN NEP79199 (PID: 015-497-607). LOT 7 DISTRICT LOT 4595 KOOTENAY DISTRICT PLAN 2185 LYING WEST OF THE PUBLIC ROAD THROUGH THE SAID LOT (PID: 015-497-551). THAT PART OF LOT 6 DISTRICT LOT 4595 KOOTENAY DISTRICT PLAN 2185, LYING WEST OF THE PUBLIC ROAD SHOWN OF THE SAID PLAN (PID: 015-466-698).

Carried

6. PUBLIC TIME

Chair Ryks called for questions from the public at 3:39 p.m.

There were no questions or comments from the public.

7. NEXT MEETING

The next Electoral Area A Advisory Planning and Heritage Commission Meeting is scheduled for November 16, 2026 at 3:00pm.

8. ADJOURNMENT

MOVED and seconded,
AND Resolved:

The Electoral Area A Advisory Planning and Heritage Commission meeting be adjourned at 3:42 p.m.

Carried

Digitally approved by:

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Shawn Ryks, Chair

REGIONAL DISTRICT OF CENTRAL KOOTENAY

AREA C ADVISORY PLANNING AND HERITAGE COMMISSION
OPEN MEETING MINUTES

7:00PM
Monday, October 26, 2026
Hybrid Meeting

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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

Regional District of Central Kootenay
NORTH KOOTENAY LAKE SERVICES COMMITTEE
Open Meeting Minutes

Monday, October 26, 2026
10:00 a.m.
Hybrid Model – In-person and Remote

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT

Director S. Hewat	Village of Kaslo
Director A. Watson	Electoral Area D

STAFF PRESENT

S. Horn	Chief Administrative Officer
T. Davison	General Manager of Community Services
K. Calder	Regional Manager – Programs & Business Services
D. Seguin	General Manager of Fire & Emergency Services
M. Crowe	Parks Planner
R. Baril	Meeting Coordinator

KASLO STAFF PRESENT

R. Baker	Village of Kaslo CAO

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1. ZOOM REMOTE MEETING INFO

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Meeting Time:
10:00 a.m. PDT

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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 10:00 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 26, 2026 North Kootenay Lake Services Committee meeting be adopted as circulated.

Carried

5. RECEIPT OF MINUTES

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

6. DELEGATE

6.1 Kaslo and Area Chamber of Commerce

Alana Jenkins, Kaslo and Area Chamber of Commerce Administration Manager, gave an overview of the work the Chamber has done in the community and presented the 2027 forecast budget to the Committee.

Alana answered the Committee's questions.

6.2 Kaslo Search & Rescue

Alana Jenkins, Kaslo Search and Rescue (KSAR) Administrator, gave an overview of the changes in the forecasted budget and discussed these changes with staff and the Committee.

Alana answered the Committee's questions.

Direction to Staff:

The Committee requests that this budget from KSAR be included in future meetings when the 2027 budget is discussed.

6.3 Lardeau Valley LINKS

LINKS Executive Director, Chelsey Jones presented the changes that have been made to accommodate the changing needs of the area.

Staff and the Committee discussed these proposed changes.

Chelsey to connect with staff to provide further details to determine what could be supported moving forward with the proposed changes.

The Committee requested that follow up be presented at the December NKLSC meeting.

6.4 Kaslo and District Library

Darlene Edwards, Library Director presented the draft budget for 2027-2031. The variable of unknown grant funding makes up 19% of the proposed budget for 2027, which may affect hours that the library can be open. The 5-Year budget has been made with the standard 5% increase each year. The library will also be applying for grant funding to replace aging technology.

Darlene answered the Committee's questions.

Direction to Staff:

The Committee requests that draft budgets from this agenda be included in future meetings when the 2027 budget is discussed.

7. OLD BUSINESS

7.1 Imagine Kootenay Membership - 2027

As this request is being discussed at the Board table, there is no interest to duplicate sub-regional membership for Imagine Kootenay in 2027.

8. STAFF REPORTS

8.1 Community Air-Quality Monitoring

Currently there is not a service to deliver a community air-quality monitor. The request will go back to Kaslo Village Council to see if they want to proceed with a service case analysis of the request.

8.2 For Information: Glacier Creek Regional Park Tenure

Staff gave an overview on the steps they are taking to gather all data and communications regarding the history of the Glacier Creek Regional Park Tenure. Staff will be bringing an extensive report for this tenure back to the Committee at a future date for review.

9. PUBLIC TIME

The Chair will call for questions from the public and members of the media at 11:30 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

Moved and seconded,
And resolved:

The North Kootenay Lake Services Committee meeting be adjourned at 11:31 a.m.

Carried

Digitally approved by:

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Suzanne Hewat, Chair

REGIONAL DISTRICT OF CENTRAL KOOTENAY

CRESTON VALLEY AGRICULTURAL ADVISORY COMMISSION
OPEN MEETING MINUTES

7:00PM
Thursday, October 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/97534145331?pwd=DuyTclwGKeM2lqFR7Zr267aYqtnTSI.1

Join by Phone:
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Meeting ID: 975 3414 5331
Meeting Password: 846516

In-Person Location: Creston & District Community Complex – Erickson Room
312 19 Avenue North, Creston, BC

COMMISSIONERS

Commissioner Randy Meyer	Electoral Area B, Chair
Commissioner David Mutch	Electoral Area B
Commissioner Owen Edwards	Electoral Area B
Commissioner Dean Eastman	Electoral Area C
Commissioner Dale McNamar	Electoral Area C
Commissioner Larry Rast	Electoral Area C

DIRECTORS

Garry Jackman	Electoral Area A, Director
Roger Tierney	Electoral Area B, Director

STAFF

Sadie Chezenko	Planner
Robin Baril	Meeting Coordinator

6 out of 6 voting Commission/Committee members were present – quorum was met.

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Meyer called the meeting to order at 7:01 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 October 29, 2026 Creston Valley Agricultural Advisory Commission meeting, be adopted as circulated.

Carried

4. RECEIPT OF MINUTES

The July 13, 2023 Creston Valley Agricultural Advisory Commission minutes, have been received.

5. STAFF REPORTS

5.1 Agricultural Land Reserve Referral – Ministry of Transportation and Transit (MoTT)

The Referral Package dated October 6, 2026 from Planner Sadie Chezenko, has been received.

- Used to have a notice of intent for the same land use, which has since expired since it was not being used as a gravel pit.
- Not a prime piece of property, reason its zoned Quarry
- It was noted that the commission should see a maintenance plan for weed control included in the application.
- Commission noted that Government sites tend to be polluted; this may be a chance to avoid an undesirable close to the project.

The Commission feels that the reclamation of the upper pit should be considered at the time of this application, as well as planned weed mitigation of the site before giving their approval.

MOVED and seconded,
AND Resolved:

That the Creston Valley Agricultural Advisory Commission WITHHOLD the Agricultural Land Reserve Referral to Ministry of Transportation and Transit (MoTT) for the property located in Kitchener, Electoral Area 'B' and legally described as 4TR12_KOOTENAY W2 DL 492 and 4TR12_KOOTENAY W2 DL 492 (PINs: 9812501 and 9812471) until more information is provided by MoTT to the Commission.

Carried

6. PUBLIC TIME

No public present

7. NEXT MEETING

The next Creston Valley Agricultural Advisory Commission Meeting has not been scheduled yet.

8. ADJOURNMENT

MOVED and seconded,
AND Resolved:

The Creston Valley Agricultural Advisory Commission meeting be adjourned at 7:38 p.m.

Carried

Digitally approved by:

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Randy Meyer, Chair

Angela Lund

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Regional District of Central Kootenay
E-mail: info@rdck.bc.ca

Dear Board of Directors:

As Assistant Deputy Minister and Provincial Director of Child Welfare, I am honoured to once again acknowledge November as Adoption and Permanency Awareness Month. This month of recognition encourages us to reflect on those families in our province who have opened their hearts and lives to children and youth as permanent members of their family, and I ask that you help promote awareness for children and youth who are still waiting for permanent homes.

Permanency is transformational for everyone involved. Adoption and Permanency Awareness Month is about celebrating the devoted families created when people open their hearts and commit to sharing their lives with a vulnerable child or youth. They offer a welcoming stability, ensuring children and youth have the foundation they need to build the lives they dream of. That is why Adoption and Permanency Awareness Month is also about recognizing the children and youth who are still waiting for permanent, stable, and nurturing homes.

I encourage you to share the following resources with your community members who are interested in becoming an adoptive or permanent family in British Columbia:

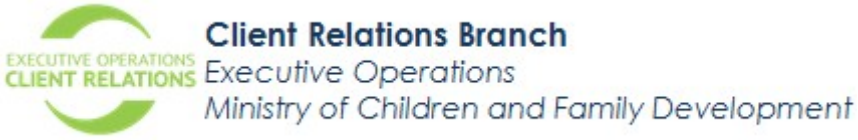
- Adopt BC Kids - Province of British Columbia - an online portal that provides British Columbians wishing to adopt children and youth from foster care with information and guidance throughout their adoption application.
- Ways to Adopt in BC - Province of British Columbia provides information on adoption in British Columbia, such as infant adoption, relative and step-parent adoption, and adopting a child or youth from another country.
- Belonging Network (formerly Adoptive Families Association of BC) provides information and support services for families who wish to adopt now or in the future.

Please join us in celebrating November as Adoption and Permanency Awareness Month to recognize all the families that have provided children and youth with the care, compassion, and lifelong commitment of a permanent home, and to honor those who may choose to do so in the future. On behalf of the Government of British Columbia, thank you for your continued leadership in supporting adoptive families in your community.

Sincerely,

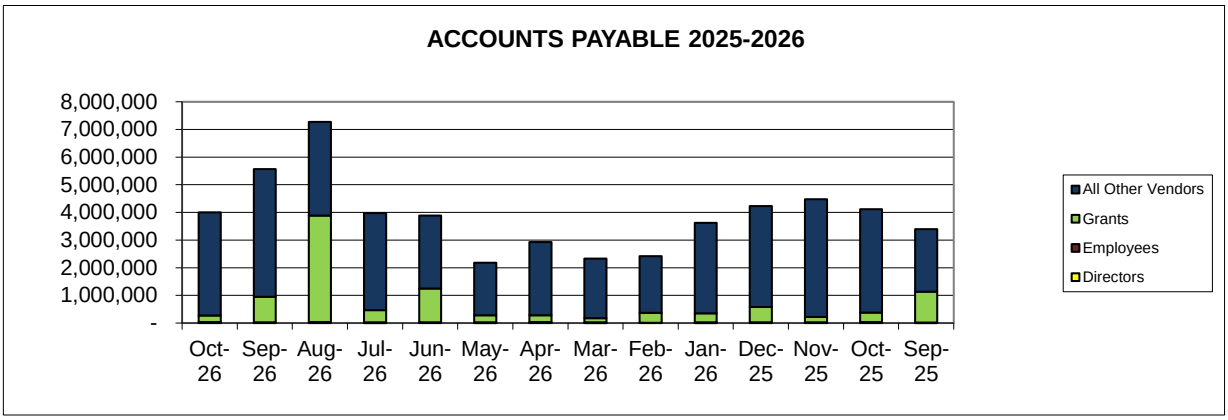
Cory Heavener
Assistant Deputy Minister
Provincial Director of Child Welfare

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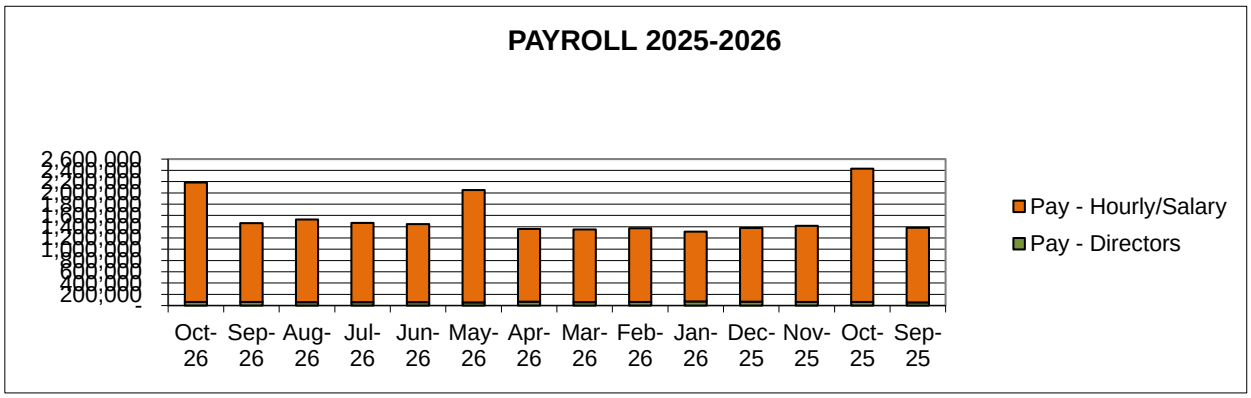
Financial Expenditure Report for October 2026



	Number of Payments	Value	% of Total
	1,382	$4,003,639	
Top 80% of payments by value	254	3,198,391	80%
Remaining 20% of payments by value	1,128	805,248	20%
	Total	**$4,003,639**	**100%**

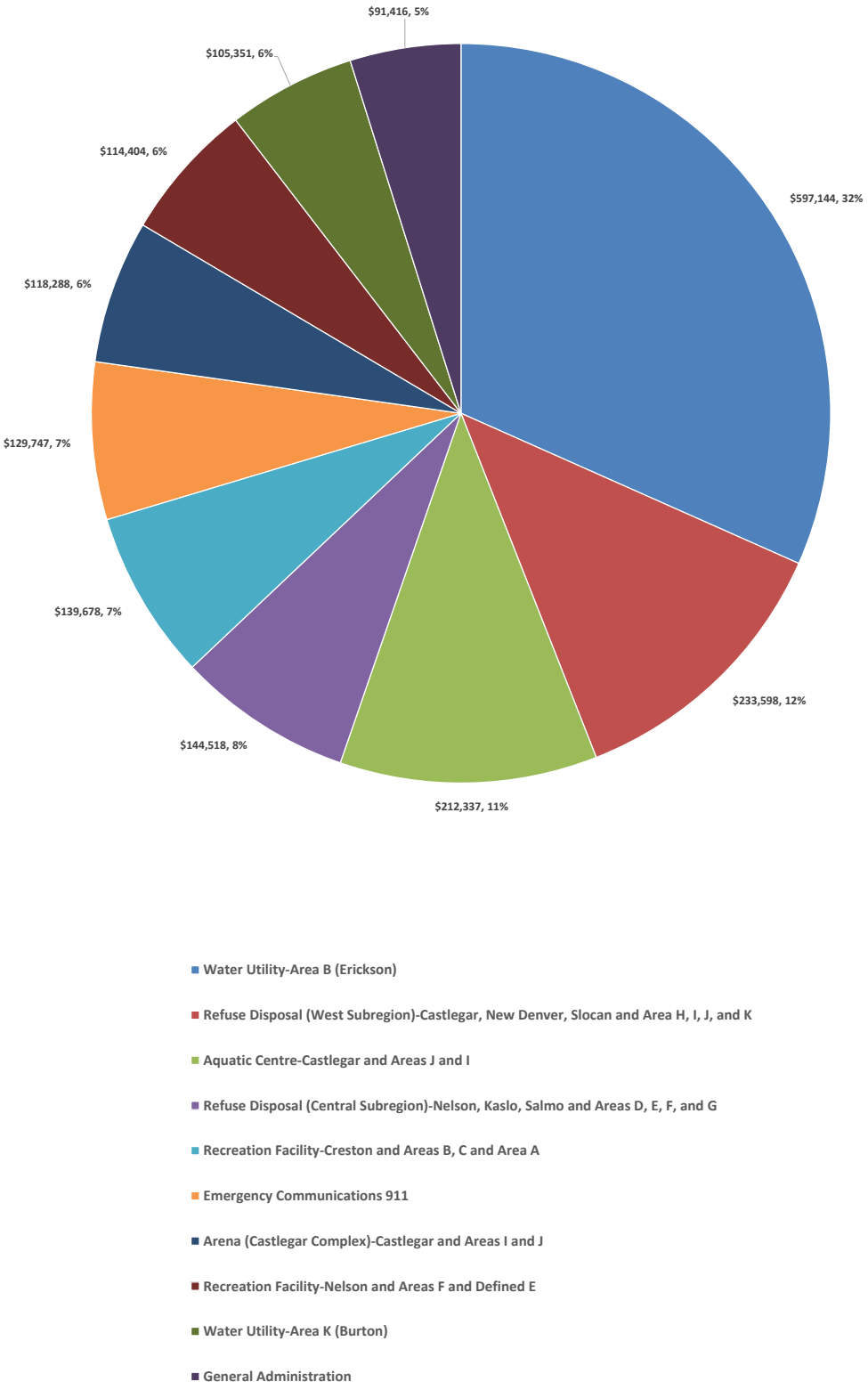
	Number of Payments	Value	% of Total
	1,382	$4,003,639	
Payments to Directors	32	7,303	0.2%
Payments to Employees	180	31,462	0.8%
	Subtotal	**38,765**	**1.0%**
Discretionary and Community Development Grants	46	232,142	5.8%
Other Vendors	1,124	3,732,732	93.2%
	Subtotal	**3,964,874**	**99.0%**
	Total	**$4,003,639**	**100%**

Payment Method	Direct Deposit	% of Total	Cheques	% of Total
	1279	93%	103	7%

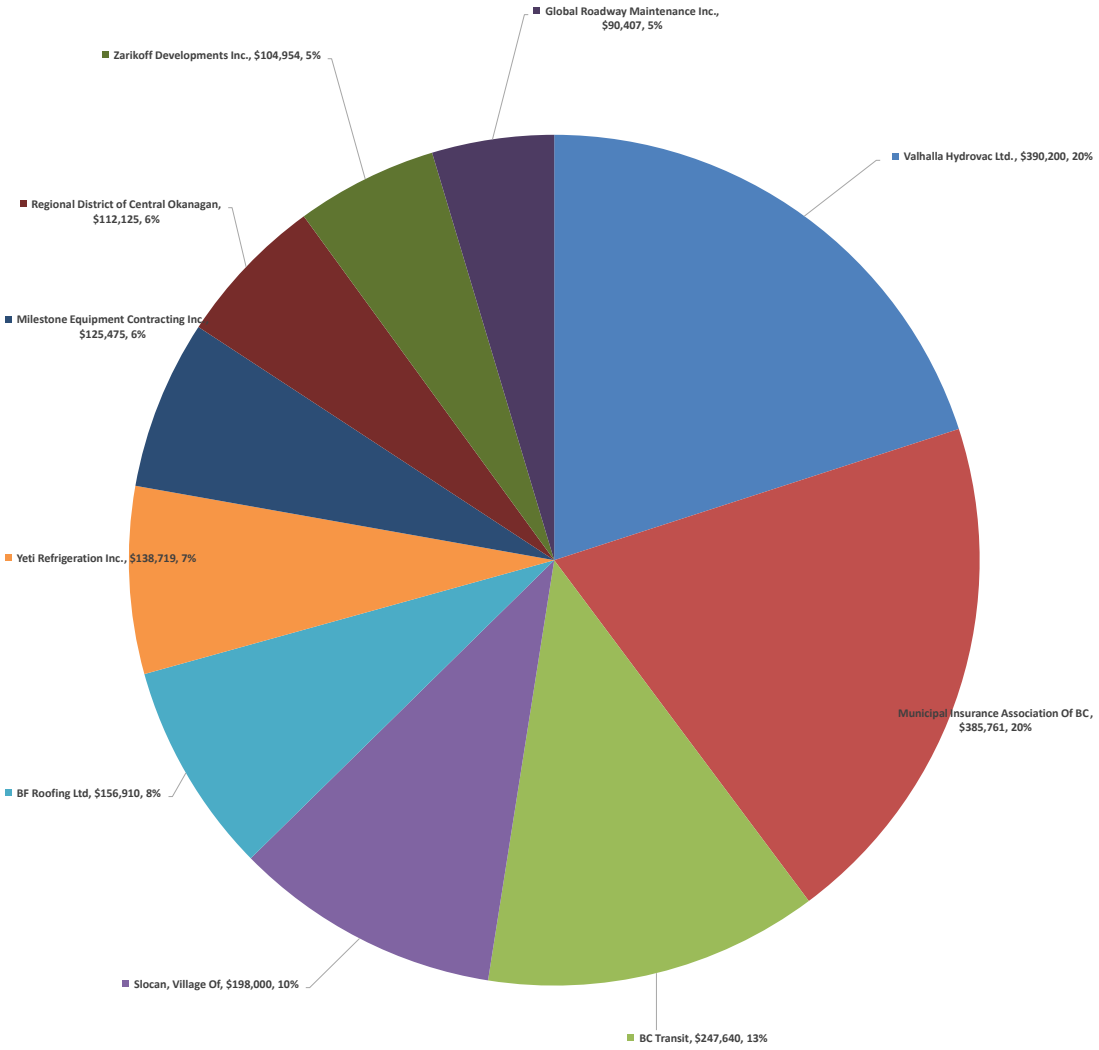


	Number of Payments	Value	% of Total
		$2,183,966	100%
Directors		66,238	3.0%
Hourly/Salary		2,117,728.06	97.0%

Top 10 Services by Amount Spent



Top 10 Vendors by Value



Accounts Payable Top 80% of Payments for October 2026

Top 80% of payments by value	Number of Payments		Value
	254	**$**	**3,198,391**
0954170 BC Ltd. dba: Dirty Diggers	1	$	35,083.14
Agilyx Solutions Limited	2	$	29,145.38
ASI-Asset Strategy Inc.	1	$	18,984.00
Associated Fire Safety Equipment	6	$	25,404.39
Backburn Mechanical Ltd.	3	$	67,085.71
BC Transit	5	$	247,640.46
BF Roofing Ltd	1	$	156,909.69
Bibby-Fox, Garry dba Radon Protect Nelson	1	$	15,800.00
Box Lake Lumber Products Ltd	1	$	18,282.52
Build Point Industries Inc.	1	$	15,298.50
Canoe - EMCO (Brantford ON)	6	$	54,960.79
Canoe - EMCO (Cranbrook)	4	$	65,055.48
Castlegar & District Community Services Society (CDCSS)	1	$	15,790.00
Central Kootenay Invasive Species Society	1	$	28,565.06
Crawford Bay & District Hall & Parks Association	2	$	44,667.00
Environmental 360 Solutions BC Ltd.	5	$	77,311.75
Evoke Buildings Engineering Inc.	3	$	19,240.64
FortisBC - Electricity	32	$	51,553.44
Fortisbc - Natural Gas	2	$	19,064.30
Friends of Kootenay Lake Stewardship Society	1	$	16,380.00
GFL Environmental Inc.	11	$	53,509.42
Global Roadway Maintenance Inc.	4	$	90,406.59
HCMA Architecture and Design	2	$	13,786.50
Horvath Contracting and Design LTD.	2	$	18,142.35
Hywood Truck & Equipment Ltd	17	$	17,513.60
I.T. Blueprint Solutions Consulting Inc.	2	$	28,875.86
Insight Canada Inc.	3	$	26,623.86
JY Contracting Ltd.	2	$	40,669.45
Kaslo Infonet Society	7	$	21,354.20
Korn Ferry Hay Group Ltd.	1	$	14,280.00
Metercor Inc.	1	$	19,133.69
Milestone Equipment Contracting Inc.	2	$	125,474.71
Municipal Insurance Association Of BC	5	$	385,761.11
Nakusp Ski Club Association	2	$	21,518.00
Nelson Cycling Club	2	$	40,866.50
Nelson, City Of	6	$	42,897.50
Owen´s Drilling Ltd.	1	$	35,580.30
Power Paving	1	$	13,755.00
Prepare4 Rescue Inc	1	$	14,101.50
Regional District of Central Okanagan	1	$	112,125.00
Rocky Mountain Agencies	3	$	13,160.96
Rocky Mountain Phoenix	4	$	14,716.31
Salmo Museum Society	1	$	21,457.00
Sk Electronics Ltd	13	$	18,090.75
Slocan, Village Of	1	$	198,000.00
Sperling Hansen Associates Inc	3	$	21,033.33
SRK Consulting (Canada) Inc.	2	$	29,803.41
Sundry Vendor	44	$	35,269.87
Union Of BC Municipalities	1	$	14,082.45
Valhalla Hydrovac Ltd.	10	$	390,199.63
Waste Management	15	$	40,306.83
Yeti Refrigeration Inc.	2	$	138,719.40
Zarikoff Developments Inc.	3	$	104,953.73

Accounts Payable Bottom 20% of Payments for October 2026

Remaining 20% of payments by value	Number of Payments		Value
	1,128	$	805,248
0885708 BC LTD dba Joseph Fritz	1	$	8,400.00
11 Alpha Training Inc.	1	$	7,350.00
1290062 BC Ltd	1	$	9,829.34
1426051 BC Ltd DBA: Simon's Garage Door Services	1	$	6,430.20
1494359 BC Ltd.	3	$	4,600.00
A&A Painting Ltd.	1	$	3,360.00
A&G Supply Ltd	1	$	3,120.95
Abracadabra Plumbing Services	1	$	1,071.00
ACE Courier Services	7	$	539.77
Acklands-Grainger Inc	1	$	171.20
Activity Base	2	$	128.03
Air Liquide Canada Inc	9	$	882.11
Alberta Fire Chiefs Association	3	$	5,586.99
All Elements Industries Ltd.	1	$	1,096.06
All Saints Anglican Cemetery	1	$	3,500.00
Allen, Megan D	1	$	93.44
Alligator Pie Catering	1	$	767.55
Allin, Cynthia A	1	$	61.95
Allstate Canada	1	$	1,177.05
Aluma Systems Inc.	2	$	1,849.82
Anderson, Georgina Lynn	2	$	250.00
Andex Equipment Rentals	9	$	6,268.92
Andre´s TV Sales & Service Ltd.	1	$	1,473.91
Andrew Sheret Ltd	6	$	4,026.65
Aquam Inc	1	$	153.66
Archibald, Katherine	1	$	92.71
Arete Safety and Protection Inc.	1	$	661.13
Argenta Community Association	1	$	12,450.00
Arrow Mountain Carwash & Mini Storage Ltd	1	$	3,675.00
Arrow Mountain Water	1	$	123.25
Authorized Security Ltd.	1	$	252.00
Aye 2 Zee Contracting Ltd.	1	$	448.00
B&L Security Patrol (1981) Ltd	1	$	1,787.10
B.A. Benson & Son Ltd.	2	$	554.19
Babiak, Audrey	1	$	75.00
Balanced Plumbing & Heating Ltd.	1	$	114.98
Balfour Recreation Commission	1	$	1,000.00
Balfour Senior Citizens Association Branch #120	1	$	910.00
Baril, Robin	1	$	56.21
Barnhouse, Gregory	1	$	316.89
BC Air Filter Ltd	2	$	1,897.20
BC Federation of Labour	2	$	488.25
Bc Fire Training Officers Association	1	$	157.50
BC Hydro & Power Authority	1	$	2,134.86
BC One Call Limited	1	$	623.28
Beasley Fire Department Social Committee	1	$	6,425.00
Beaudet, Philippe	1	$	189.80
Bellmond, Rhett	1	$	75.00
Benko, Kelly	1	$	100.00
Bennett, Wesley	2	$	222.00
Bergeron, Genevieve	2	$	1,871.57
Bernhardt, Hope	1	$	75.00
Bernier, Sandra	1	$	53.29
Bill´s Heavy Duty Enterprises (2004) Ltd.	4	$	1,151.62
Black Press Group Ltd	8	$	4,245.96
Bloomfield, Cory	2	$	416.26
Bodley, Peter	1	$	75.00
Bogle, Brian Douglas	1	$	72.18
Bosch Truck Group Inc.	1	$	5,306.00
Boswell & District Farmers Institute	2	$	3,055.00
Boswell Memorial Hall Society	1	$	1,378.00
Bourgeois, Jesse	1	$	182.50
Brogan Fire & Safety	8	$	11,033.87
Bronwen Wetter Clay	1	$	360.00

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	1,128	$	805,248
Brown, Aquila	1	$	130.67
Brown, Matthew	1	$	75.00
Bukowski, Morgan	1	$	170.82
Bumstead, Brian	1	$	75.00
Burton Community Association	1	$	236.25
C.A. Fischer Lumber Co. Ltd.	11	$	1,998.58
Canadian Centre for Occupational Health and Safety	11	$	219.45
Canadian Fitness Education Services Ltd	1	$	154.35
Canadian Linen & Uniform	5	$	691.15
Canadian Red Cross	1	$	180.00
Canadian Safety Council UTV Training (Justin Dexter)	1	$	2,400.00
Canco Petroleum Ltd.	1	$	1,156.96
CanGas Propane Inc.	5	$	992.05
Canoe - EECOL Electric Nelson	4	$	1,484.85
Canoe - Kal Tire Vernon	4	$	2,655.46
Carmichael, Donna	1	$	113.93
Caro Analytical Services	2	$	1,880.03
Carvello Law Corporation	1	$	5,510.40
Cascade Lock & Safe	1	$	168.00
Case Grypma Mechanical LTD	1	$	275.24
Castlegar Home Hardware	1	$	63.70
Castlegar, City Of	1	$	91.41
CDW Canada Corp	2	$	1,346.06
Chezenko, Sadie	1	$	35.00
Churches, Diana C	1	$	59.86
Cintas Canada Ltd Location 889	1	$	280.45
Citywest Cable & Telephone Corp.	2	$	9,106.16
CJ Industries Inc.	1	$	12,132.72
Clark, Gerald	1	$	50.00
Clarke, Angela	2	$	229.76
Clarke, Ryan	1	$	388.36
Colton Concrete Finishing	1	$	1,523.62
Columbia Basin Alliance for Literacy	1	$	1,000.00
Columbia Wireless Inc	5	$	421.40
Comfort Welding Ltd	10	$	753.49
Cowan´s Office Supplies	31	$	12,701.63
Crawford Bay & District Hall & Parks Association	2	$	351.75
Crawford Bay Store	2	$	234.40
Crawford Truck & Equipment	1	$	509.29
Crescent Bay Construction Ltd	1	$	1,186.07
Crescent Valley Community Hall Society	1	$	3,000.00
Creston Card & Stationery	6	$	406.45
Creston Electric Inc.	1	$	10,625.00
Creston, Town Of	3	$	10,219.96
Cunningham, Hans	2	$	94.90
Cupe Local 2262	3	$	11,234.25
Custom Dozing Ltd	1	$	5,003.60
CWMM Consulting Engineers Ltd.	1	$	3,320.63
Dave´s Plumbing Ltd	3	$	8,989.77
Davidson, Gregory	1	$	4,100.00
Davison, Trisha	1	$	493.48
DB Perks & Associates Ltd	7	$	5,585.11
DeBoon, Arnold Frank	1	$	215.38
Deer Park Recreation Society	1	$	791.20
deLaive, Johanna	1	$	36.75
Dewar, Janna	1	$	54.00
DHC Communications Inc	9	$	7,481.69
Dickieson, Nicole	1	$	293.46
Dodd, Janice	1	$	119.18
Doug´s Disposal Service	2	$	506.84
Doug´s Gas & Plumbing Service	1	$	1,354.00
Dreher, Marla	2	$	306.60
Duncan, Raymond J	1	$	75.00
Dunlop, Ian	1	$	74.15
E&A Tire Ltd. DBA: Integra Tire Castlegar	1	$	1,402.66
East Shore Express Courier	1	$	116.02
East Shore Internet Society	3	$	199.93
East Shore Trail & Bike Association	1	$	2,161.00
Eastshore Circle of Friends Society	1	$	568.00

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	1,128	$	805,248
Ecotainer Sales Inc.	1	$	3,057.27
Edgewood Community Club	2	$	1,178.00
Eichenauer, Cedra	1	$	75.00
Ember Leaf Consulting Inc.	1	$	4,735.50
Entandem	5	$	348.12
Environmental Operators Certification Program	1	$	210.00
Esri Canada Ltd	3	$	4,347.00
Evdokimoff, Steve	1	$	75.00
Expresslane Deliveries	1	$	378.00
Fastenal Canada, LTD	1	$	210.57
Federated Co-Operatives Ltd	4	$	3,040.35
Feldman, Ryan M	1	$	58.40
Fergie, Barbara	4	$	582.35
Fireground Apparel Company	1	$	213.14
Fishlock, Garrett	1	$	563.56
Fouquette, Sage	1	$	204.40
Fraser Valley Building Supplies Inc.	5	$	428.72
Friesen, Matthew	1	$	871.31
Garrigan, Patrick	1	$	75.00
Gekkelman Plumbing and Heating	1	$	315.00
Gelsinger, Tracy	1	$	75.00
Geo H Hewitt Co Ltd	2	$	228.17
Gerrard, Kelly	2	$	442.92
Gilbert Parts Depot	14	$	3,801.88
Gilbert, Ryan	2	$	734.45
Gillard, Cole	1	$	25.00
Glacier Valley Tree Care Ltd	4	$	5,407.50
Gordon, Tanya	2	$	743.27
Gray Creek Cemetery	1	$	1,500.00
Gray Creek Hall Society	1	$	50.00
Gray Creek Store	1	$	55.99
Gray´s Contracting	1	$	136.50
Greatrex, Sandee	1	$	42.00
Green Shield Health Inc.	2	$	2,178.23
Greep, Wesley D	1	$	352.80
Gresley-Jones, Melissa	1	$	422.19
Groenhuysen, Rene	1	$	467.76
Guille, Pam	1	$	1,365.00
Guillevin International Inc	1	$	9.40
Habljak, Julia	1	$	75.00
Hach Sales and Service Canada Ltd	2	$	5,043.48
Haire, Marjorie	1	$	149.10
Hall Printing	17	$	8,896.32
Hamill, Niall V	1	$	975.84
Hamilton, Alayne	1	$	75.00
Hanegraaf, Henny (Henrica)	1	$	63.60
Harrop-Procter Community Forest	1	$	1,164.25
Hart, Kathy	1	$	140.00
Heetebrij, Courtenay	1	$	189.98
Hewat, Suzan	3	$	1,678.20
Heyboer, Amber	1	$	75.00
Hicks, Ronald	1	$	75.00
Higgins, Stephen	1	$	281.78
Highland Consulting Ltd	1	$	2,562.00
Hipperson Hardware	4	$	83.21
Hi-Pro Sporting Goods Ltd	2	$	1,685.79
Hi-Way 9 Express Ltd	1	$	37.13
Hodder, Kelly	1	$	74.46
Hoodicoff, Eric	2	$	403.15
Hopkyns, John (Chris)	1	$	75.00
Hufty´s Leasing Ltd	1	$	547.66
Hull, Bradley	1	$	75.00
Hume Hotel	1	$	506.00
Huscroft HVAC	1	$	346.50
IDEXX Laboratories Canada LP	1	$	936.44
IMA Solutions	1	$	5,145.00
Impact Canopies Canada Inc.	1	$	7,224.00
Industrial Alliance Insurance and Financial Services Inc.	1	$	1,152.41
Inland Allcare	17	$	9,324.91

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	1,128	$	805,248
Inland Kenworth (Castlegar)	1	$	1,429.12
Inonoaklin Recreation Commission	1	$	2,134.00
Insurance Corporation of BC	4	$	7,220.00
Interior Health Authority - Environmental Health	1	$	147.00
Iron Mountain	1	$	85.70
Jackman, Garry	2	$	211.12
Jakubow Enterprises Ltd o/a Canadian Tire Castlegar (492)	18	$	1,706.78
Janz, Gabriel	1	$	100.00
Jennifer Wickwire	1	$	420.00
Johnstone, Rhyan M	2	$	177.64
Jones, Sierra	1	$	125.27
Kaslo & District Chamber of Commerce	1	$	450.00
Kaslo Building Maintenance	1	$	651.00
Kaslo Home Hardware	3	$	288.54
Kaslo, Village Of	1	$	52.63
Kemlee Equipment Ltd	2	$	2,878.45
Kendrick Equipment (2003) Ltd	1	$	78.40
Kennlyn Enterprises	3	$	288.74
Kenville Plumbing Ltd.	1	$	483.00
KGC Fire Rescue Inc	1	$	2,016.00
Kilburn, Jackie	1	$	2,160.00
Killen, Isabel	1	$	64.24
Kim, Jeanne DBA: Injeanneous Projects & Consulting	1	$	1,329.30
Kinch, Veronica	1	$	730.73
Kindred, Shelly	2	$	70.00
Klines Motors Ltd.	3	$	5,036.85
Kokanee Chalets	1	$	2,100.00
Kokanee Fire & Safety Ltd.	1	$	293.13
Kokanee Ford Sales Ltd.	1	$	370.25
Kone Inc	1	$	6,406.31
Kootenay Ground Maintenance Ltd.	2	$	1,360.00
Kootenay Industrial Supply Ltd	13	$	1,871.06
Kootenay Property Care Ltd.	1	$	2,544.90
Kootenay Technical Surveys Ltd.	1	$	551.25
Kootenay Valley Water & Spas	4	$	129.35
Kootnikoff, Amy (Aimee)	1	$	20.07
Korpack Cement Products Co. Ltd.	2	$	2,925.65
Kristian, Jeffrey	1	$	167.99
Lalonde, Chris	1	$	204.35
Landmark Equipment	1	$	7,280.00
Lardeau Valley Opportunity Links Society	1	$	6,800.00
Leavitt, Brian	3	$	851.39
Leblanc, Camille	1	$	245.00
Lee, Tobi L	1	$	25.00
Lesperance Mendes	2	$	271.04
Levine, Jesse	1	$	489.83
Lifesaving Society (Burnaby)	6	$	2,317.55
Linde Canada Inc.	1	$	82.12
Lineal Engineering Ltd.	2	$	5,075.18
Lister Community Cemetery	1	$	3,500.00
Little h Design Works	1	$	5,622.75
Local Government Management Association of BC	1	$	2,490.18
Lockwood, Diana LD	4	$	1,133.21
Lordco Parts Ltd	17	$	1,172.20
Lorencz, Cal	1	$	507.20
Lundquist, Blake	1	$	100.00
Lunn, Jessica	1	$	109.50
M.J Fabrication & Maintenance Welding	1	$	315.00
MacLeod Nine Consultants Ltd.	1	$	1,444.28
Magaw, Donna	1	$	75.00
Maglio, Benjamin	1	$	75.00
Main Jet Motorsports Inc	3	$	533.39
Malekow, Pamela	2	$	373.57
Many Bays Community Band	1	$	818.00
Marchant´s School Sport Limited	1	$	83.31
Marschdorf, Sydney	1	$	400.40
Marshall Smith, Paris	1	$	291.79
Martech Electrical Systems Ltd	2	$	2,243.12
Martech Motor Winding Ltd	4	$	4,034.63

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	1,128	$	805,248
Mayday Electric Ltd	1	$	1,374.57
McArthur, Em	1	$	69.55
McClelland, Annette	3	$	169.90
McCracken, Garett	1	$	175.00
McGovern, Zoe R	1	$	490.56
McLaren-Caux, Aiden(Kenneth)	1	$	213.89
McMaster, Brice	1	$	75.00
Mentz, Jake	2	$	365.80
Merideth, Nicole	1	$	75.00
Micah´s Plumbing & Heating Ltd.	3	$	5,908.29
Michaud, Shawn T	1	$	75.00
Mid Town Motors	2	$	408.13
Minister of Finance	3	$	8,005.30
Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure	1	$	73.68
Mitchell Supply Ltd	3	$	773.00
Moe Nadeau Consulting	1	$	3,410.40
Morrison, Michael	1	$	598.21
Mount Sentinel Secondary School	1	$	800.00
Munro, Michael R	2	$	275.02
MW Millwork Ltd	1	$	1,196.31
Nakusp, Village Of	1	$	367.50
Nanaimo, City of	14	$	5,569.73
Napa Auto Parts (Nelson)	1	$	68.19
Navigata Communications Ltd. dba ThinkTel	1	$	21.17
Nederman Canada Ltd	1	$	660.80
Nedham, Suzanne	1	$	1,582.00
Nelson Building Centre Ltd	57	$	6,867.64
Nelson Christian School Society	1	$	3,150.00
Nelson Farmers Supply Ltd	21	$	3,415.91
Nelson Ford Sales (2003) Inc.	1	$	252.27
Nelson Hydro	4	$	1,867.43
Nelson Toyota	5	$	1,386.29
Nelson, Calvin	1	$	75.00
Network Innovations Inc.	1	$	224.00
New Denver Hospice Society	1	$	600.00
Newell, Thomas	3	$	61.50
Nexgen Municipal Inc.	2	$	4,629.48
Norimatsu, Akane	1	$	218.56
North Shore Water Utility Nelson Ltd.	1	$	462.00
Northtown Rental & Sales	4	$	340.43
Nurndy-Forfire Emergency Graphics Ltd.	2	$	1,173.16
Oey, Stephanie	1	$	520.00
Okanagan Office Systems	11	$	8,358.06
Orion Fire Distribution Ltd.	1	$	708.68
Orkin Canada Corporation	4	$	2,327.55
Oso Negro	1	$	92.40
Overland West Freight Lines Ltd	2	$	3,096.33
P.R.C. Cab Co. Ltd. DBA: Glacier Cab Company	1	$	125.10
Pacific Sprinklers dba: DIG Garden Centre	2	$	282.25
Pare, Francois	1	$	113.88
Parent Advisory Committee, Crawford Bay School	1	$	2,799.00
Park, Jungjoon	1	$	175.00
Passmore Laboratory Ltd	5	$	1,320.00
Patz, Andrea	1	$	163.52
Pelmar Engineering Ltd.	2	$	727.91
Penticton Indian Band	1	$	500.00
Pereversoff Automotive Repair	1	$	1,929.25
Perreault, (Karen) Christie	1	$	53.29
Pipe, Nicolai	1	$	75.00
Pipeology Home Solutions	1	$	475.65
Plaza Laundromat	1	$	168.45
Polar Engineering Ltd.	2	$	2,472.27
Popoff, Walter A	3	$	135.78
Posgate, Evelyn	1	$	75.00
Potkins, Cathy	1	$	64.24
Prestige Lakeside Resort	6	$	2,242.50
Priore, Amy-Beth	1	$	100.00
Profire Emergency Equipment Inc	1	$	3,039.85
Purolator Inc	4	$	491.62

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	1,128	$	805,248
Pyramid Building Supplies	6	$	958.58
Quarry, Brad	2	$	121.73
Queens Bay Residents Association	1	$	1,000.00
Quin, Lauren	1	$	61.32
Radwell International Canada Automation ULC	1	$	623.56
Raugust, Shelley	1	$	75.00
RC Strategies Inc.	1	$	2,205.00
Redfish Elementary School PAC	1	$	1,000.00
Richardson, Allan K	1	$	67.16
Rideau Recognition Solutions Inc	1	$	2,056.01
Riondel & District Curling Club	1	$	1,665.00
Riondel Community Association	2	$	1,431.00
Riteway Holdings Ltd. dba Tremlock Properties Ltd	2	$	4,798.50
Riverside Farm	6	$	8,904.21
Roadpost Inc. T46274	2	$	267.45
Roblee Trucking	1	$	1,428.00
Roenspiess, Ethan (Kai)	3	$	372.11
Royal Canadian Legion #74 Kaslo	1	$	5,000.00
Sabir, Chris	3	$	280.86
Salmo Valley Youth & Community Centre	3	$	1,256.67
Salmons, Susanne	1	$	50.00
Samurai Hardwood Flooring	1	$	9,476.31
Schmidt, Julie	4	$	1,476.60
School District#8 (Kootenay Lake)	1	$	978.00
Scott, Corey	1	$	35.00
Selkirk Security Services Ltd	2	$	991.80
SFJ Inc.	1	$	2,944.90
Shaw Buisness A division of Shaw Telecom G.P.	2	$	1,858.33
Shaw Cable	19	$	3,691.58
Sheffield, Leonard	1	$	25.00
Shields, Matthew	1	$	690.65
Shoreside Electric Ltd. dba: Shoreline Electric	1	$	492.75
Silvectric Electric Ltd	1	$	205.80
Silverton Building Supplies Ltd	5	$	496.72
Silverton Community Club	1	$	800.00
Siminoff, Daniel	1	$	50.00
Siminoff, Steven	1	$	75.00
Simply Clean Kootenay	2	$	3,070.20
Skyway Hardware	2	$	122.05
Slocan Lake Golf Club	1	$	1,860.00
Slocan Park Community Hall Society	1	$	740.80
Slocan Valley Home Hardware	1	$	25.74
Smith, Chelsey	1	$	308.84
Smokey Creek Salvage	2	$	2,820.71
SOS 4 Kids Inc	1	$	52.50
SOS Emergency Response Technologies	1	$	1,783.18
Soukochoff, William	1	$	75.00
South Kootaney Lake Community Connection	1	$	737.00
South Kootenay Lake Community Service Society	3	$	3,569.00
Spady, Randal	1	$	75.00
Speedpro Signs	4	$	4,331.65
Speedpro Signs (Trail)	2	$	633.36
Sprogis, Russel	1	$	50.00
Stafford Welding	4	$	2,887.50
Stand Architecture Inc.	2	$	1,842.75
Steffler, Darren	1	$	293.01
Sterling Backcheck Canada Corp.	1	$	1,552.95
Stokes International	1	$	208.43
Strong Data Inc.	1	$	1,008.00
Suncor Energy Products Partnership	1	$	629.43
Sutco Contracting Ltd	3	$	4,478.25
Sutherland, Lisa	1	$	55.48
Sylvestre, Brandon	1	$	75.00
T´NT Work & Rescue	1	$	364.51
Taghum Shell (1997)	15	$	1,868.92
Technical Safety BC	4	$	1,880.60
Telus Communications Inc	20	$	11,178.75
Telus Communications Inc. Mascon by Telus	3	$	235.20
Telus Mobility	1	$	8,760.67

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	1,128	$	805,248
Temniuk, Christine	1	$	75.00
Tenaquip Industrial Distribution	3	$	555.20
Tetreault, Jackie	1	$	75.00
Tetz, Brenda	2	$	189.24
The Adventure Hotel	2	$	243.54
the marc boutin architectural collaborative inc.	4	$	5,811.75
Thiele, Dustin	3	$	934.50
ThinkTel	1	$	224.97
Thomson, Lisa	1	$	7.55
Thor Mechanical Ltd.	2	$	401.96
Thurber Engineering Ltd.	1	$	1,053.94
Tierney, Roger Bruce	1	$	196.52
Tilley, Colleen F	1	$	75.00
Tip-it Waste Solutions Kootenay	5	$	8,572.28
Tonnos, Chad	1	$	75.00
Trane Canada ULC	1	$	938.18
Tratech Mechanical Ltd	2	$	8,625.55
Trottier, Nadine	1	$	75.00
Trowelex Equipment Rentals And Sales	6	$	1,767.91
Troy Life & Fire Safety Ltd	2	$	2,814.00
Tsunami Solutions Ltd. dba: SafetyLine	1	$	1,469.11
Tu-Dor Lock & Safe Ltd	7	$	417.54
Twin Rivers Controls Ltd	2	$	2,419.47
Uline Canada Corporation	3	$	2,974.98
Ultra XPress Printing Inc.	1	$	3,049.00
United Rentals Of Canada	1	$	2,339.37
Univar Canada Ltd	1	$	4,411.22
Valkyr Machinery Services	1	$	2,629.06
Valley Voice Ltd	1	$	2,391.44
Valor Painting	2	$	8,354.69
Van Hellemond, Analise	1	$	123.20
Van Houtte Coffee Services ULC	4	$	1,233.50
Van Kam Freightways Ltd	1	$	251.32
Vandenberghe, Kelly	2	$	747.63
Veolia Water Technologies & Solutions Canada GP	4	$	1,142.40
W3 Heavy Duty	2	$	1,478.40
Ward, Crystal	4	$	913.76
Wasp Manufacturing Ltd.	1	$	4,752.94
Watson, Aimee	2	$	321.20
Weatherhead, Teresa A	2	$	1,294.94
Webster, Heather	4	$	267.14
Wells Fargo Equipment	2	$	2,605.20
Wells, Leif	1	$	75.00
Wesco Distribution-Canada Inc	1	$	3.70
West Creston Community Hall Society	1	$	175.00
West Kootenay Amateur Radio Club	1	$	806.90
West Kootenay Family Wellness Society	1	$	1,000.00
Western Water Associates Ltd.	1	$	5,901.08
WEX Canada Ltd.	1	$	4,687.42
WFR Wholesale Fire & Rescue Ltd	6	$	4,760.70
Wheeler, Tracy	1	$	75.00
Whittington, Andrew	1	$	50.00
Wight, Nelson	1	$	250.50
Winegarden, Joel	4	$	485.49
Winlaw Hall Society	1	$	500.00
Winter, Julie	1	$	137.38
Wishbone Industries Ltd.	1	$	2,169.13
Wolseley Waterworks Branch	4	$	5,213.08
Wood Wyant Inc	9	$	9,264.42
Wood, Derek	1	$	35.04
Wood, Roy	1	$	203.65
Woodward, Jesse	1	$	10.22
Xplore Inc.	1	$	129.36
Yahk-Kingsgate Recreation Society	2	$	2,942.60
Yellow Pages Group	2	$	6.30
Ymir Arts & Museum Society	1	$	7,800.00
Young Anderson Barristers & Solicitors	1	$	8,401.12
Zayden Creighton dba: Creightons Cuttings	2	$	354.00
Zdebiak, Rachel	1	$	50.00

Remaining 20% of payments by value	Number of Payments		Value
	1,128	**$**	**805,248**
Zone West Enterprises Ltd	3	$	1,481.76
Zoobkoff, Tami	1	$	75.00

Employees and Directors October 2026

Directors	Number of Payments		Value
	32		7,303
Bogle, Brian Douglas	1	$	72.18
Cunningham, Hans	2	$	94.90
DeBoon, Arnold Frank	1	$	215.38
Gordon, Tanya	2	$	743.27
Hanegraaf, Henny (Henrica)	1	$	63.60
Hewat, Suzan	3	$	1,678.20
Jackman, Garry	2	$	211.12
Lockwood, Diana LD	4	$	1,133.21
Lunn, Jessica	1	$	109.50
McLaren-Caux, Aiden(Kenneth)	1	$	213.89
Newell, Thomas	3	$	61.50
Popoff, Walter A	3	$	135.78
Tierney, Roger Bruce	1	$	196.52
Vandenberghe, Kelly	2	$	747.63
Watson, Aimee	2	$	321.20
Weatherhead, Teresa A	2	$	1,294.94
Woodward, Jesse	1	$	10.22

Employees	Number of Payments		Value
	180	$	31,462
Allen, Megan D	1	$	93.44
Allin, Cynthia A	1	$	61.95
Anderson, Georgina Lynn	2	$	250.00
Archibald, Katherine	1	$	92.71
Babiak, Audrey	1	$	75.00
Baril, Robin	1	$	56.21
Barnhouse, Gregory	1	$	316.89
Beaudet, Philippe	1	$	189.80
Bellmond, Rhett	1	$	75.00
Benko, Kelly	1	$	100.00
Bennett, Wesley	2	$	222.00
Bergeron, Genevieve	2	$	1,871.57
Bernhardt, Hope	1	$	75.00
Bernier, Sandra	1	$	53.29
Bloomfield, Cory	2	$	416.26
Bodley, Peter	1	$	75.00
Bourgeois, Jesse	1	$	182.50
Brown, Aquila	1	$	130.67
Brown, Matthew	1	$	75.00
Bumstead, Brian	1	$	75.00
Carmichael, Donna	1	$	113.93
Chezenko, Sadie	1	$	35.00
Churches, Diana C	1	$	59.86
Clark, Gerald	1	$	50.00
Clarke, Angela	2	$	229.76
Clarke, Ryan	1	$	388.36
Davison, Trisha	1	$	493.48
deLaive, Johanna	1	$	36.75
Dewar, Janna	1	$	54.00
Dickieson, Nicole	1	$	293.46
Dodd, Janice	1	$	119.18
Dreher, Marla	2	$	306.60
Duncan, Raymond J	1	$	75.00
Dunlop, Ian	1	$	74.15
Eichenauer, Cedra	1	$	75.00
Evdokimoff, Steve	1	$	75.00
Feldman, Ryan M	1	$	58.40
Fergie, Barbara	4	$	582.35
Fishlock, Garrett	1	$	563.56
Fouquette, Sage	1	$	204.40
Friesen, Matthew	1	$	871.31
Garrigan, Patrick	1	$	75.00
Gelsinger, Tracy	1	$	75.00
Gerrard, Kelly	2	$	442.92
Gilbert, Ryan	2	$	734.45
Gillard, Cole	1	$	25.00
Greatrex, Sandee	1	$	42.00
Greep, Wesley D	1	$	352.80
Groenhuysen, Rene	1	$	467.76
Habljak, Julia	1	$	75.00
Haire, Marjorie	1	$	149.10
Hamill, Niall V	1	$	975.84
Hamilton, Alayne	1	$	75.00
Heetebrij, Courtenay	1	$	189.98
Heyboer, Amber	1	$	75.00
Hicks, Ronald	1	$	75.00
Higgins, Stephen	1	$	281.78

Hodder, Kelly	1	$	74.46
Hoodicoff, Eric	2	$	403.15
Hopkyns, John (Chris)	1	$	75.00
Hull, Bradley	1	$	75.00
Janz, Gabriel	1	$	100.00
Johnstone, Rhyan M	2	$	177.64
Jones, Sierra	1	$	125.27
Killen, Isabel	1	$	64.24
Kinch, Veronica	1	$	730.73
Kindred, Shelly	2	$	70.00
Kootnikoff, Amy (Aimee)	1	$	20.07
Kristian, Jeffrey	1	$	167.99
Lalonde, Chris	1	$	204.35
Leavitt, Brian	3	$	851.39
Leblanc, Camille	1	$	245.00
Lee, Tobi L	1	$	25.00
Levine, Jesse	1	$	489.83
Lorencz, Cal	1	$	507.20
Lundquist, Blake	1	$	100.00
Magaw, Donna	1	$	75.00
Maglio, Benjamin	1	$	75.00
Malekow, Pamela	2	$	373.57
Marschdorf, Sydney	1	$	400.40
Marshall Smith, Paris	1	$	291.79
McArthur, Em	1	$	69.55
McClelland, Annette	3	$	169.90
McCracken, Garett	1	$	175.00
McGovern, Zoe R	1	$	490.56
McMaster, Brice	1	$	75.00
Mentz, Jake	2	$	365.80
Merideth, Nicole	1	$	75.00
Michaud, Shawn T	1	$	75.00
Morrison, Michael	1	$	598.21
Munro, Michael R	2	$	275.02
Nedham, Suzanne	1	$	1,582.00
Nelson, Calvin	1	$	75.00
Norimatsu, Akane	1	$	218.56
Pare, Francois	1	$	113.88
Park, Jungjoon	1	$	175.00
Patz, Andrea	1	$	163.52
Perreault, (Karen) Christie	1	$	53.29
Pipe, Nicolai	1	$	75.00
Posgate, Evelyn	1	$	75.00
Potkins, Cathy	1	$	64.24
Priore, Amy-Beth	1	$	100.00
Quarry, Brad	2	$	121.73
Quin, Lauren	1	$	61.32
Raugust, Shelley	1	$	75.00
Richardson, Allan K	1	$	67.16
Roenspiess, Ethan (Kai)	3	$	372.11
Sabir, Chris	3	$	280.86
Salmons, Susanne	1	$	50.00
Schmidt, Julie	4	$	1,476.60
Scott, Corey	1	$	35.00
Sheffield, Leonard	1	$	25.00
Shields, Matthew	1	$	690.65
Siminoff, Daniel	1	$	50.00
Siminoff, Steven	1	$	75.00
Soukochoff, William	1	$	75.00
Spady, Randal	1	$	75.00
Sprogis, Russel	1	$	50.00
Steffler, Darren	1	$	293.01
Sutherland, Lisa	1	$	55.48
Sylvestre, Brandon	1	$	75.00
Temniuk, Christine	1	$	75.00
Tetreault, Jackie	1	$	75.00
Tetz, Brenda	2	$	189.24
Thomson, Lisa	1	$	7.55
Tilley, Colleen F	1	$	75.00
Tonnos, Chad	1	$	75.00
Trottier, Nadine	1	$	75.00
Van Hellemond, Analise	1	$	123.20
Ward, Crystal	4	$	913.76
Webster, Heather	4	$	267.14
Wells, Leif	1	$	75.00
Wheeler, Tracy	1	$	75.00
Whittington, Andrew	1	$	50.00
Wight, Nelson	1	$	250.50
Winegarden, Joel	4	$	485.49
Winter, Julie	1	$	137.38
Wood, Derek	1	$	35.04
Wood, Roy	1	$	203.65
Zdebiak, Rachel	1	$	50.00
Zoobkoff, Tami	1	$	75.00

Accounts Payable for October 2026 Breakdown by Type of Payment

All Other Vendors	Number of Payments		Value
	1,124	$	3,732,732
0885708 BC LTD dba Joseph Fritz	1	$	8,400.00
0954170 BC Ltd. dba: Dirty Diggers	1	$	35,083.14
11 Alpha Training Inc.	1	$	7,350.00
1290062 BC Ltd	1	$	9,829.34
1426051 BC Ltd DBA: Simon's Garage Door Services	1	$	6,430.20
1494359 BC Ltd.	3	$	4,600.00
A&A Painting Ltd.	1	$	3,360.00
A&G Supply Ltd	1	$	3,120.95
Abracadabra Plumbing Services	1	$	1,071.00
ACE Courier Services	7	$	539.77
Acklands-Grainger Inc	1	$	171.20
Activity Base	2	$	128.03
Agilyx Solutions Limited	2	$	29,145.38
Air Liquide Canada Inc	9	$	882.11
Alberta Fire Chiefs Association	3	$	5,586.99
All Elements Industries Ltd.	1	$	1,096.06
Alligator Pie Catering	1	$	767.55
Allstate Canada	1	$	1,177.05
Aluma Systems Inc.	2	$	1,849.82
Andex Equipment Rentals	9	$	6,268.92
Andre´s TV Sales & Service Ltd.	1	$	1,473.91
Andrew Sheret Ltd	6	$	4,026.65
Aquam Inc	1	$	153.66
Arete Safety and Protection Inc.	1	$	661.13
Arrow Mountain Carwash & Mini Storage Ltd	1	$	3,675.00
Arrow Mountain Water	1	$	123.25
ASI-Asset Strategy Inc.	1	$	18,984.00
Associated Fire Safety Equipment	6	$	25,404.39
Authorized Security Ltd.	1	$	252.00
Aye 2 Zee Contracting Ltd.	1	$	448.00
B&L Security Patrol (1981) Ltd	1	$	1,787.10
B.A. Benson & Son Ltd.	2	$	554.19
Backburn Mechanical Ltd.	3	$	67,085.71
Balanced Plumbing & Heating Ltd.	1	$	114.98
BC Air Filter Ltd	2	$	1,897.20
BC Federation of Labour	2	$	488.25
Bc Fire Training Officers Association	1	$	157.50
BC Hydro & Power Authority	1	$	2,134.86
BC One Call Limited	1	$	623.28
BC Transit	5	$	247,640.46
Beasley Fire Department Social Committee	1	$	6,425.00
BF Roofing Ltd	1	$	156,909.69
Bibby-Fox, Garry dba Radon Protect Nelson	1	$	15,800.00
Bill´s Heavy Duty Enterprises (2004) Ltd.	4	$	1,151.62
Black Press Group Ltd	8	$	4,245.96
Bosch Truck Group Inc.	1	$	5,306.00
Box Lake Lumber Products Ltd	1	$	18,282.52
Brogan Fire & Safety	8	$	11,033.87
Bronwen Wetter Clay	1	$	360.00
Build Point Industries Inc.	1	$	15,298.50
Bukowski, Morgan	1	$	170.82
Burton Community Association	1	$	236.25
C.A. Fischer Lumber Co. Ltd.	11	$	1,998.58
Canadian Centre for Occupational Health and Safety	11	$	219.45
Canadian Fitness Education Services Ltd	1	$	154.35
Canadian Linen & Uniform	5	$	691.15
Canadian Red Cross	1	$	180.00
Canadian Safety Council UTV Training (Justin Dexter)	1	$	2,400.00
Canco Petroleum Ltd.	1	$	1,156.96
CanGas Propane Inc.	5	$	992.05
Canoe - EECOL Electric Nelson	4	$	1,484.85
Canoe - EMCO (Brantford ON)	6	$	54,960.79
Canoe - EMCO (Cranbrook)	4	$	65,055.48
Canoe - Kal Tire Vernon	4	$	2,655.46
Caro Analytical Services	2	$	1,880.03
Carvello Law Corporation	1	$	5,510.40
Cascade Lock & Safe	1	$	168.00
Case Grypma Mechanical LTD	1	$	275.24
Castlegar Home Hardware	1	$	63.70
Castlegar, City Of	1	$	91.41
CDW Canada Corp	2	$	1,346.06
Central Kootenay Invasive Species Society	1	$	28,565.06
Cintas Canada Ltd Location 889	1	$	280.45
Citywest Cable & Telephone Corp.	2	$	9,106.16
CJ Industries Inc.	1	$	12,132.72
Colton Concrete Finishing	1	$	1,523.62
Columbia Wireless Inc	5	$	421.40
Comfort Welding Ltd	10	$	753.49
Cowan´s Office Supplies	31	$	12,701.63
Crawford Bay & District Hall & Parks Association	2	$	351.75
Crawford Bay Store	2	$	234.40
Crawford Truck & Equipment	1	$	509.29
Crescent Bay Construction Ltd	1	$	1,186.07
Crescent Valley Community Hall Society	1	$	3,000.00
Creston Card & Stationery	6	$	406.45
Creston Electric Inc.	1	$	10,625.00
Creston, Town Of	3	$	10,219.96
Cupe Local 2262	3	$	11,234.25
Custom Dozing Ltd	1	$	5,003.60
CWMM Consulting Engineers Ltd.	1	$	3,320.63

All Other Vendors	Number of Payments		Value
	1,124	$	3,732,732
Dave´s Plumbing Ltd	3	$	8,989.77
Davidson, Gregory	1	$	4,100.00
DB Perks & Associates Ltd	7	$	5,585.11
DHC Communications Inc	9	$	7,481.69
Doug´s Disposal Service	2	$	506.84
Doug´s Gas & Plumbing Service	1	$	1,354.00
E&A Tire Ltd. DBA: Integra Tire Castlegar	1	$	1,402.66
East Shore Express Courier	1	$	116.02
East Shore Internet Society	3	$	199.93
Ecotainer Sales Inc.	1	$	3,057.27
Ember Leaf Consulting Inc.	1	$	4,735.50
Entandem	5	$	348.12
Environmental 360 Solutions BC Ltd.	5	$	77,311.75
Environmental Operators Certification Program	1	$	210.00
Esri Canada Ltd	3	$	4,347.00
Evoke Buildings Engineering Inc.	3	$	19,240.64
Expresslane Deliveries	1	$	378.00
Fastenal Canada, LTD	1	$	210.57
Federated Co-Operatives Ltd	4	$	3,040.35
Fireground Apparel Company	1	$	213.14
FortisBC - Electricity	32	$	51,553.44
Fortisbc - Natural Gas	2	$	19,064.30
Fraser Valley Building Supplies Inc.	5	$	428.72
Friends of Kootenay Lake Stewardship Society	1	$	16,380.00
Gekkelman Plumbing and Heating	1	$	315.00
Geo H Hewitt Co Ltd	2	$	228.17
GFL Environmental Inc.	11	$	53,509.42
Gilbert Parts Depot	14	$	3,801.88
Glacier Valley Tree Care Ltd	4	$	5,407.50
Global Roadway Maintenance Inc.	4	$	90,406.59
Gray Creek Hall Society	1	$	50.00
Gray Creek Store	1	$	55.99
Gray´s Contracting	1	$	136.50
Green Shield Health Inc.	2	$	2,178.23
Gresley-Jones, Melissa	1	$	422.19
Guille, Pam	1	$	1,365.00
Guillevin International Inc	1	$	9.40
Hach Sales and Service Canada Ltd	2	$	5,043.48
Hall Printing	17	$	8,896.32
Harrop-Procter Community Forest	1	$	1,164.25
Hart, Kathy	1	$	140.00
HCMA Architecture and Design	2	$	13,786.50
Highland Consulting Ltd	1	$	2,562.00
Hipperson Hardware	4	$	83.21
Hi-Pro Sporting Goods Ltd	2	$	1,685.79
Hi-Way 9 Express Ltd	1	$	37.13
Horvath Contracting and Design LTD.	2	$	18,142.35
Hufty´s Leasing Ltd	1	$	547.66
Hume Hotel	1	$	506.00
Huscroft HVAC	1	$	346.50
Hywood Truck & Equipment Ltd	17	$	17,513.60
I.T. Blueprint Solutions Consulting Inc.	2	$	28,875.86
IDEXX Laboratories Canada LP	1	$	936.44
IMA Solutions	1	$	5,145.00
Impact Canopies Canada Inc.	1	$	7,224.00
Industrial Alliance Insurance and Financial Services Inc.	1	$	1,152.41
Inland Allcare	17	$	9,324.91
Inland Kenworth (Castlegar)	1	$	1,429.12
Insight Canada Inc.	3	$	26,623.86
Insurance Corporation of BC	4	$	7,220.00
Interior Health Authority - Environmental Health	1	$	147.00
Iron Mountain	1	$	85.70
Jakubow Enterprises Ltd o/a Canadian Tire Castlegar (492)	18	$	1,706.78
Jennifer Wickwire	1	$	420.00
JY Contracting Ltd.	2	$	40,669.45
Kaslo Building Maintenance	1	$	651.00
Kaslo Home Hardware	3	$	288.54
Kaslo Infonet Society	7	$	21,354.20
Kaslo, Village Of	1	$	52.63
Kemlee Equipment Ltd	2	$	2,878.45
Kendrick Equipment (2003) Ltd	1	$	78.40
Kennlyn Enterprises	3	$	288.74
Kenville Plumbing Ltd.	1	$	483.00
KGC Fire Rescue Inc	1	$	2,016.00
Kilburn, Jackie	1	$	2,160.00
Kim, Jeanne DBA: Injeanneous Projects & Consulting	1	$	1,329.30
Klines Motors Ltd.	3	$	5,036.85
Kokanee Chalets	1	$	2,100.00
Kokanee Fire & Safety Ltd.	1	$	293.13
Kokanee Ford Sales Ltd.	1	$	370.25
Kone Inc	1	$	6,406.31
Kootenay Ground Maintenance Ltd.	2	$	1,360.00
Kootenay Industrial Supply Ltd	13	$	1,871.06
Kootenay Property Care Ltd.	1	$	2,544.90
Kootenay Technical Surveys Ltd.	1	$	551.25
Kootenay Valley Water & Spas	4	$	129.35
Korn Ferry Hay Group Ltd.	1	$	14,280.00
Korpack Cement Products Co. Ltd.	2	$	2,925.65
Landmark Equipment	1	$	7,280.00
Lesperance Mendes	2	$	271.04
Lifesaving Society (Burnaby)	6	$	2,317.55
Linde Canada Inc.	1	$	82.12
Lineal Engineering Ltd.	2	$	5,075.18
Little h Design Works	1	$	5,622.75
Local Government Management Association of BC	1	$	2,490.18

All Other Vendors	Number of Payments		Value
	1,124	$	3,732,732
Lordco Parts Ltd	17	$	1,172.20
M.J Fabrication & Maintenance Welding	1	$	315.00
MacLeod Nine Consultants Ltd.	1	$	1,444.28
Main Jet Motorsports Inc	3	$	533.39
Marchant´s School Sport Limited	1	$	83.31
Martech Electrical Systems Ltd	2	$	2,243.12
Martech Motor Winding Ltd	4	$	4,034.63
Mayday Electric Ltd	1	$	1,374.57
Metercor Inc.	1	$	19,133.69
Micah´s Plumbing & Heating Ltd.	3	$	5,908.29
Mid Town Motors	2	$	408.13
Milestone Equipment Contracting Inc.	2	$	125,474.71
Minister of Finance	3	$	8,005.30
Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure	1	$	73.68
Mitchell Supply Ltd	3	$	773.00
Moe Nadeau Consulting	1	$	3,410.40
Mount Sentinel Secondary School	1	$	800.00
Municipal Insurance Association Of BC	5	$	385,761.11
MW Millwork Ltd	1	$	1,196.31
Nakusp, Village Of	1	$	367.50
Nanaimo, City of	14	$	5,569.73
Napa Auto Parts (Nelson)	1	$	68.19
Navigata Communications Ltd. dba ThinkTel	1	$	21.17
Nederman Canada Ltd	1	$	660.80
Nelson Building Centre Ltd	57	$	6,867.64
Nelson Christian School Society	1	$	3,150.00
Nelson Farmers Supply Ltd	21	$	3,415.91
Nelson Ford Sales (2003) Inc.	1	$	252.27
Nelson Hydro	4	$	1,867.43
Nelson Toyota	5	$	1,386.29
Nelson, City Of	6	$	42,897.50
Network Innovations Inc.	1	$	224.00
Nexgen Municipal Inc.	2	$	4,629.48
North Shore Water Utility Nelson Ltd.	1	$	462.00
Northtown Rental & Sales	4	$	340.43
Nurndy-Forfire Emergency Graphics Ltd.	2	$	1,173.16
Oey, Stephanie	1	$	520.00
Okanagan Office Systems	11	$	8,358.06
Orion Fire Distribution Ltd.	1	$	708.68
Orkin Canada Corporation	4	$	2,327.55
Oso Negro	1	$	92.40
Overland West Freight Lines Ltd	2	$	3,096.33
Owen´s Drilling Ltd.	1	$	35,580.30
P.R.C. Cab Co. Ltd. DBA: Glacier Cab Company	1	$	125.10
Pacific Sprinklers dba: DIG Garden Centre	2	$	282.25
Passmore Laboratory Ltd	5	$	1,320.00
Pelmar Engineering Ltd.	2	$	727.91
Penticton Indian Band	1	$	500.00
Pereversoff Automotive Repair	1	$	1,929.25
Pipeology Home Solutions	1	$	475.65
Plaza Laundromat	1	$	168.45
Polar Engineering Ltd.	2	$	2,472.27
Power Paving	1	$	13,755.00
Prepare4 Rescue Inc	1	$	14,101.50
Prestige Lakeside Resort	6	$	2,242.50
Profire Emergency Equipment Inc	1	$	3,039.85
Purolator Inc	4	$	491.62
Pyramid Building Supplies	6	$	958.58
Radwell International Canada Automation ULC	1	$	623.56
RC Strategies Inc.	1	$	2,205.00
Regional District of Central Okanagan	1	$	112,125.00
Rideau Recognition Solutions Inc	1	$	2,056.01
Riteway Holdings Ltd. dba Tremlock Properties Ltd	2	$	4,798.50
Riverside Farm	6	$	8,904.21
Roadpost Inc. T46274	2	$	267.45
Roblee Trucking	1	$	1,428.00
Rocky Mountain Agencies	3	$	13,160.96
Rocky Mountain Phoenix	4	$	14,716.31
Salmo Valley Youth & Community Centre	3	$	1,256.67
Samurai Hardwood Flooring	1	$	9,476.31
School District#8 (Kootenay Lake)	1	$	978.00
Selkirk Security Services Ltd	2	$	991.80
SFJ Inc.	1	$	2,944.90
Shaw Buisness A division of Shaw Telecom G.P.	2	$	1,858.33
Shaw Cable	19	$	3,691.58
Shoreside Electric Ltd. dba: Shoreline Electric	1	$	492.75
Silvectric Electric Ltd	1	$	205.80
Silverton Building Supplies Ltd	5	$	496.72
Simply Clean Kootenay	2	$	3,070.20
Sk Electronics Ltd	13	$	18,090.75
Skyway Hardware	2	$	122.05
Slocan Park Community Hall Society	1	$	740.80
Slocan Valley Home Hardware	1	$	25.74
Slocan, Village Of	1	$	198,000.00
Smith, Chelsey	1	$	308.84
Smokey Creek Salvage	2	$	2,820.71
SOS 4 Kids Inc	1	$	52.50
SOS Emergency Response Technologies	1	$	1,783.18
Speedpro Signs	4	$	4,331.65
Speedpro Signs (Trail)	2	$	633.36
Sperling Hansen Associates Inc	3	$	21,033.33
SRK Consulting (Canada) Inc.	2	$	29,803.41
Stafford Welding	4	$	2,887.50
Stand Architecture Inc.	2	$	1,842.75
Sterling Backcheck Canada Corp.	1	$	1,552.95

All Other Vendors	Number of Payments		Value
	1,124	$	3,732,732
Stokes International	1	$	208.43
Strong Data Inc.	1	$	1,008.00
Suncor Energy Products Partnership	1	$	629.43
Sundry Vendor	44	$	35,269.87
Sutco Contracting Ltd	3	$	4,478.25
T´NT Work & Rescue	1	$	364.51
Taghum Shell (1997)	15	$	1,868.92
Technical Safety BC	4	$	1,880.60
Telus Communications Inc	20	$	11,178.75
Telus Communications Inc. Mascon by Telus	3	$	235.20
Telus Mobility	1	$	8,760.67
Tenaquip Industrial Distribution	3	$	555.20
The Adventure Hotel	2	$	243.54
the marc boutin architectural collaborative inc.	4	$	5,811.75
Thiele, Dustin	3	$	934.50
ThinkTel	1	$	224.97
Thor Mechanical Ltd.	2	$	401.96
Thurber Engineering Ltd.	1	$	1,053.94
Tip-it Waste Solutions Kootenay	5	$	8,572.28
Trane Canada ULC	1	$	938.18
Tratech Mechanical Ltd	2	$	8,625.55
Trowelex Equipment Rentals And Sales	6	$	1,767.91
Troy Life & Fire Safety Ltd	2	$	2,814.00
Tsunami Solutions Ltd. dba: SafetyLine	1	$	1,469.11
Tu-Dor Lock & Safe Ltd	7	$	417.54
Twin Rivers Controls Ltd	2	$	2,419.47
Uline Canada Corporation	3	$	2,974.98
Ultra XPress Printing Inc.	1	$	3,049.00
United Rentals Of Canada	1	$	2,339.37
Univar Canada Ltd	1	$	4,411.22
Valhalla Hydrovac Ltd.	10	$	390,199.63
Valkyr Machinery Services	1	$	2,629.06
Valley Voice Ltd	1	$	2,391.44
Valor Painting	2	$	8,354.69
Van Houtte Coffee Services ULC	4	$	1,233.50
Van Kam Freightways Ltd	1	$	251.32
Veolia Water Technologies & Solutions Canada GP	4	$	1,142.40
W3 Heavy Duty	2	$	1,478.40
Wasp Manufacturing Ltd.	1	$	4,752.94
Waste Management	15	$	40,306.83
Wells Fargo Equipment	2	$	2,605.20
Wesco Distribution-Canada Inc	1	$	3.70
West Creston Community Hall Society	1	$	175.00
Western Water Associates Ltd.	1	$	5,901.08
WEX Canada Ltd.	1	$	4,687.42
WFR Wholesale Fire & Rescue Ltd	6	$	4,760.70
Wishbone Industries Ltd.	1	$	2,169.13
Wolseley Waterworks Branch	4	$	5,213.08
Wood Wyant Inc	9	$	9,264.42
Xplore Inc.	1	$	129.36
Yahk-Kingsgate Recreation Society	2	$	2,942.60
Yellow Pages Group	2	$	6.30
Yeti Refrigeration Inc.	2	$	138,719.40
Young Anderson Barristers & Solicitors	1	$	8,401.12
Zarikoff Developments Inc.	3	$	104,953.73
Zayden Creighton dba: Creightons Cuttings	2	$	354.00
Zone West Enterprises Ltd	3	$	1,481.76

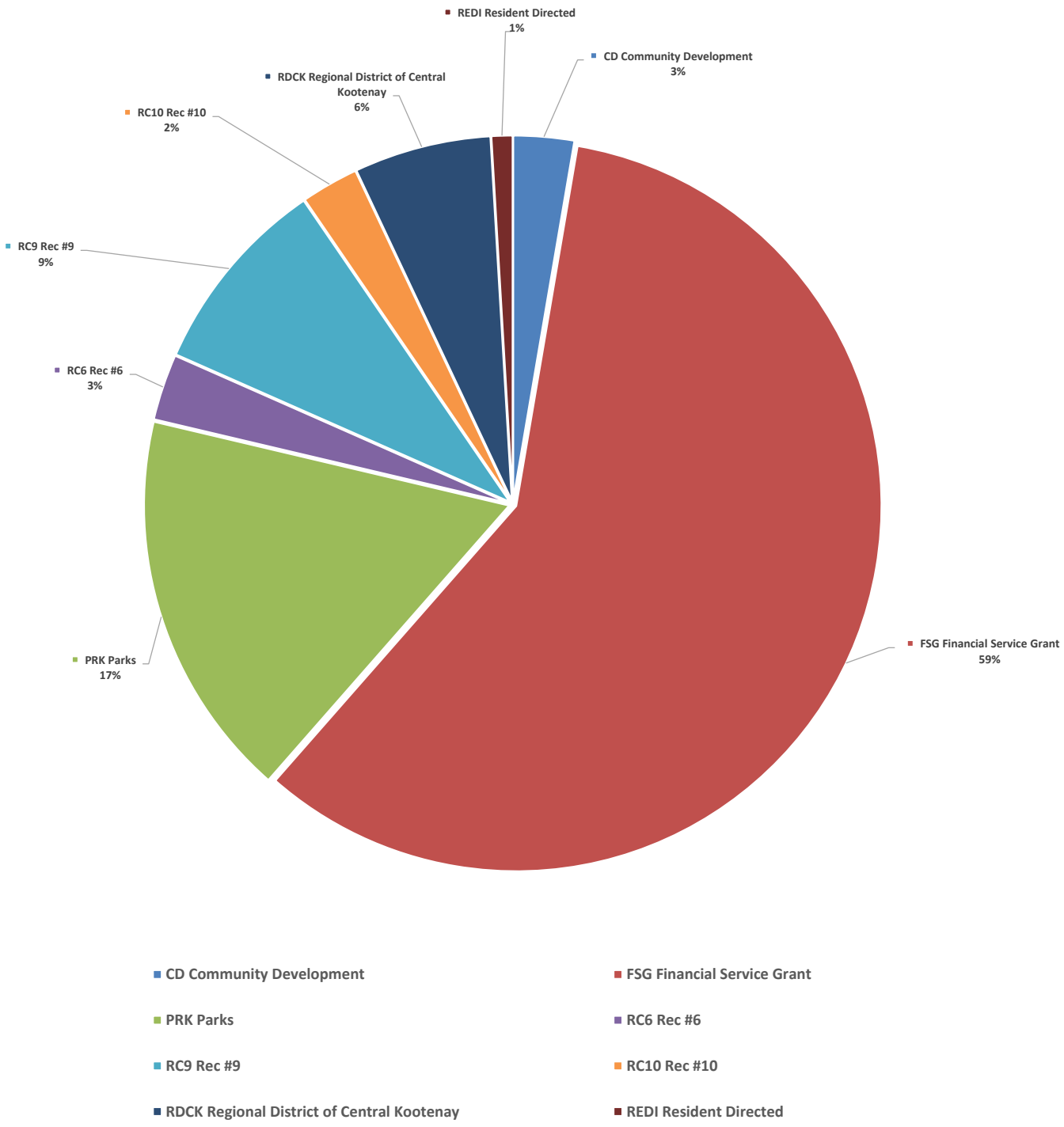
Sundry Payments for October 2026 Breakdown by Description of Payment

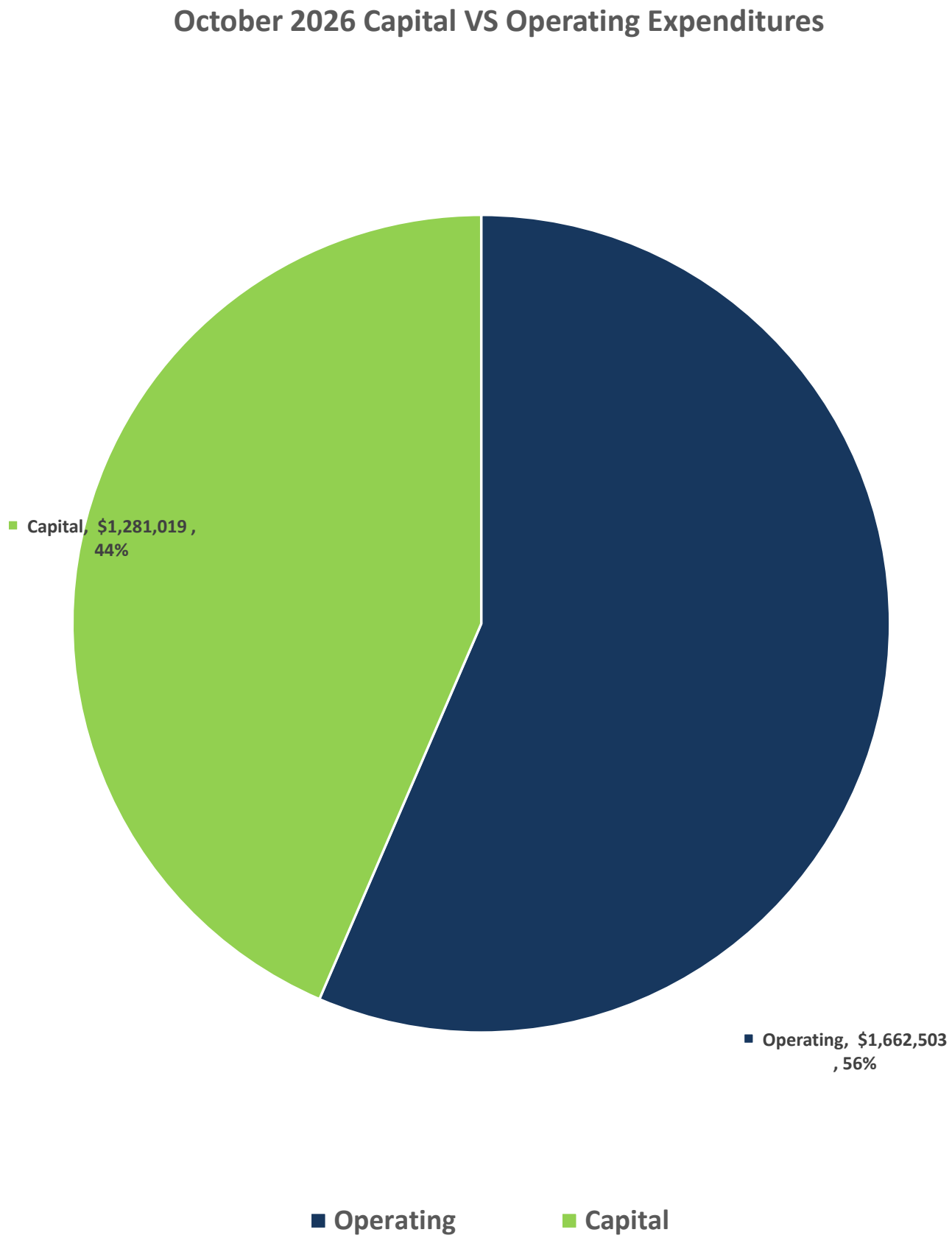
Sundry	Description of Payment		Value
		$	35,270
Sundry Vendor	COM-Staff Fitness Education Day-Oct 2026	$	1,391.25
Sundry Vendor	NDCC-Sauna Heater-Nov 2025	$	4,214.00
Sundry Vendor	TAR F-Sewing Services	$	85.00
Sundry Vendor	PAS F-Cleaning Services	$	150.00
Sundry Vendor	CDRD/NDCC-Pottery Camp-July/Aug 2026	$	2,780.00
Sundry Vendor	CDCC-Photography Camp-Aug 2026	$	600.00
Sundry Vendor	ROB F-Repair Skid Unit	$	2,499.91
Sundry Vendor	RCM-Landscaping	$	303.75
Sundry Vendor	NDCC-Rec Refund Request	$	79.19
Sundry Vendor	ENV-Organics Rebate Program	$	400.00
Sundry Vendor	NDCC-Rec Refund Request	$	325.22
Sundry Vendor	RDCK-Refund on Meter Install From 2020 that would nc	$	3,336.14
Sundry Vendor	ENV-Organics Rebate Program	$	175.00
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Sundry Vendor	FIR-FireSmart Rebate Program-2026	$	459.00
Sundry Vendor	NDCC-Rec Refund Request	$	37.80
Sundry Vendor	CDCC-Rec Refund Request	$	81.64
Sundry Vendor	CDRD-Rec Refund Request	$	300.00
Sundry Vendor	CDRD-Rec Refund Request	$	90.30
Sundry Vendor	CDCC-Rec Refund Request	$	60.00
Sundry Vendor	CDRD-Rec Refund Request	$	88.20
Sundry Vendor	CDCC-Refund Overcharge Amount on Contract #FA-15	$	81.64
Sundry Vendor	CDCC-Refund Cancelled Membership	$	333.03
Sundry Vendor	RDCK-Reimburse Addressing Application Fee-ADD018	$	75.00
Sundry Vendor	CDRD-Rec Refund Request	$	300.00
Sundry Vendor	RDCK-Release of Security Deposit Plus Interest-DP240	$	1,149.19
Sundry Vendor	NDCC-Rec Refund Request	$	27.09
Sundry Vendor	FIR-FireSmart Rebate Program-2026	$	894.75
Sundry Vendor	FIR-FireSmart Rebate Program-2026	$	4,368.10
Sundry Vendor	FIR-FireSmart Rebate Program-2026	$	3,227.23
Sundry Vendor	FIR-FireSmart Rebate Program-2026	$	3,267.17
Sundry Vendor	CDRD-Rec Refund Request	$	191.65
Sundry Vendor	ENV-Organics Rebate Program	$	400.00
Sundry Vendor	CDCC-Rec Refund Request	$	333.03
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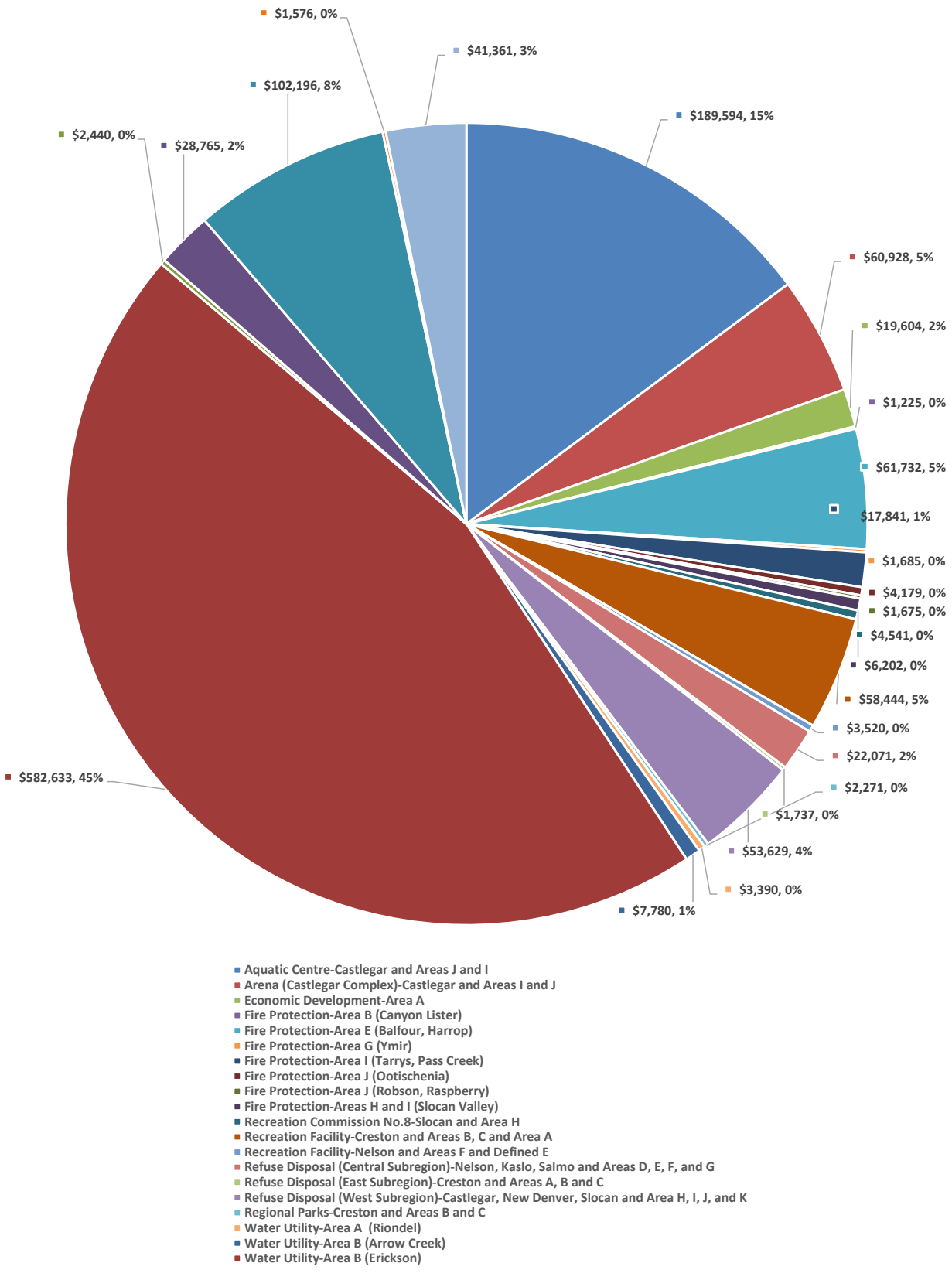
Accounts Payable for October 2026 Breakdown by Type of Payment

Discretionary, Community Development, and Other Grants	Number of Payments		
	46	$	232,142
All Saints Anglican Cemetery	1	$	3,500.00
Argenta Community Association	1	$	12,450.00
Balfour Recreation Commission	1	$	1,000.00
Balfour Senior Citizens Association Branch #120	1	$	910.00
Boswell & District Farmers Institute	2	$	3,055.00
Boswell Memorial Hall Society	1	$	1,378.00
Castlegar & District Community Services Society (CDCSS)	1	$	15,790.00
Columbia Basin Alliance for Literacy	1	$	1,000.00
Crawford Bay & District Hall & Parks Association	2	$	44,667.00
Deer Park Recreation Society	1	$	791.20
East Shore Trail & Bike Association	1	$	2,161.00
Eastshore Circle of Friends Society	1	$	568.00
Edgewood Community Club	2	$	1,178.00
Gray Creek Cemetery	1	$	1,500.00
Inonoaklin Recreation Commission	1	$	2,134.00
Kaslo & District Chamber of Commerce	1	$	450.00
Lardeau Valley Opportunity Links Society	1	$	6,800.00
Lister Community Cemetery	1	$	3,500.00
Many Bays Community Band	1	$	818.00
Nakusp Ski Club Association	2	$	21,518.00
Nelson Cycling Club	2	$	40,866.50
New Denver Hospice Society	1	$	600.00
Parent Advisory Committee, Crawford Bay School	1	$	2,799.00
Queens Bay Residents Association	1	$	1,000.00
Redfish Elementary School PAC	1	$	1,000.00
Riondel & District Curling Club	1	$	1,665.00
Riondel Community Association	2	$	1,431.00
Royal Canadian Legion #74 Kaslo	1	$	5,000.00
Salmo Museum Society	1	$	21,457.00
Silverton Community Club	1	$	800.00
Slocan Lake Golf Club	1	$	1,860.00
South Kootaney Lake Community Connection	1	$	737.00
South Kootenay Lake Community Service Society	3	$	3,569.00
Union Of BC Municipalities	1	$	14,082.45
West Kootenay Amateur Radio Club	1	$	806.90
West Kootenay Family Wellness Society	1	$	1,000.00
Winlaw Hall Society	1	$	500.00
Ymir Arts & Museum Society	1	$	7,800.00

Grants by Type




October 2026 Capital VS Operating Expenditures
Capital, $1,281,019 , 44%
Operating, $1,662,503 , 56%
Operating
Capital


$1,576, 0%
$41,361, 3%
$102,196, 8%
$189,594, 15%
$2,440, 0%
$28,765, 2%
$60,928, 5%
$19,604, 2%
$1,225, 0%
$61,732, 5%
$17,841, 1%
$1,685, 0%
$4,179, 0%
$1,675, 0%
$4,541, 0%
$6,202, 0%
$58,444, 5%
$3,520, 0%
$22,071, 2%
$2,271, 0%
$1,737, 0%
$53,629, 4%
$3,390, 0%
$7,780, 1%
$582,633, 45%
Aquatic Centre-Castlegar and Areas J and I
Arena (Castlegar Complex)-Castlegar and Areas I and J
Economic Development-Area A
Fire Protection-Area B (Canyon Lister)
Fire Protection-Area E (Balfour, Harrop)
Fire Protection-Area G (Ymir)
Fire Protection-Area I (Tarrys, Pass Creek)
Fire Protection-Area J (Ootischenia)
Fire Protection-Area J (Robson, Raspberry)
Fire Protection-Areas H and I (Slocan Valley)
Recreation Commission No.8-Slocan and Area H
Recreation Facility-Creston and Areas B, C and Area A
Recreation Facility-Nelson and Areas F and Defined E
Refuse Disposal (Central Subregion)-Nelson, Kaslo, Salmo and Areas D, E, F, and G
Refuse Disposal (East Subregion)-Creston and Areas A, B and C
Refuse Disposal (West Subregion)-Castlegar, New Denver, Slocan and Area H, I, J, and K
Regional Parks-Creston and Areas B and C
Water Utility-Area A (Riondel)
Water Utility-Area B (Arrow Creek)
Water Utility-Area B (Erickson)

Garry Jackman
Director of Electoral Area A – Wynndel/
East Shore Kootenay Lake

09 November 2026

Agriculture Water Program (Stream 2)

Dear Funding Committee,

RE: Letter of Support for the Lower Wynndel Waterworks Project

As Director for RDCK Electoral Area A – Wynndel/East Shore Kootenay Lake I fully support the proposal by the Wynndel Irrigation District (WID) for the Lower Wynndel Waterworks Project. For many years WID has worked to bring year-round water service to agricultural properties inside the district, including grants for the program that covers Phase 1: 14 agricultural properties (about 187 hectares), fully engineered and permitted by Interior Health.

This project will strength local food security and significantly boost local economic development. By expanding access to value-added food production, it enables farmers and entrepreneurs to diversify their products, increase profitability, and strengthen the local food economy. I strongly encourage full support for this initiative and look forward to the positive impact it will have on food security, economic resilience, and sustainability in Area A, the Creston Valley and beyond.

Each of these incremental extensions of water service across the lower Wynndel area not only enhance the potential for agriculture to thrive but provides enhanced fire protection of many of the properties as the expansion provides new hydrants at some of these properties and/or improved access to shuttle water to properties requiring protection through the joint use of fire apparatus owned by both the Regional District (Wynndel/Lakeview Fire Service) and the Town of Creston.

If you have any questions or require further information, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,
Originally signed by

Garry Jackman
RDCK Director Area A – Wynndel/East Shore Kootenay Lake
cc: Angela Lund – RDCK Deputy Corporate Officer

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Teresa Weatherhead
Director of Electoral Area K

File No. 20266

November 5, 2026

Columbia Basin Trust
Small Water System Readiness Program
83 Nelson Ave N,
Nakusp, BC V0G 1R1

To Whom it may concern,

RE: Dog Creek Water System Power and Remote Monitoring

As the Regional District of Central Kootenay Rural Director for Area K (Arrow Lakes), I am pleased to support the Dog Creek Water User Community in their application to the Small Water System Readiness Program in their need to provide continual and safe water supply during power outages and monitor their system during adverse environmental events or emergencies.

Resident volunteers of Bayview have successfully and jointly committed to management of their Dog Creek Water system since 1999 and in compliance with Provincial IHA safe drinking water standard requirements with water treatment since 2018, delivering potable water to 18 Licensed hook-ups which at times serve up to 72 residents. The impressive level of care and expertise applied to this water system is an ongoing responsibility of the Water Manager and other volunteers who fully understand residents' safety and needs can continually be met throughout the years ahead.

Monitoring of pressurized filtration and disinfection is crucial to ensure continual safety function and flow is uninterrupted and as our wildland interface communities experience ever-increasing environmental events and wildfire emergencies, the indefinite, prolonged local power outages cause sudden system failures that require reliable back-up power.

I hope you will find the Dog Creek Water User Community group an excellent recipient for your granting stream.

Sincerely,
Originally signed by

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