

Board Highlights

March 2025

A general overview of discussion items & major decisions from the Regional District of Kootenay Boundary (RDKB) Board of Directors meeting. The next board meeting will take place virtually on **April 9, 2025** at 1.00 p.m. via Teams.

March 26

RDKB Interim Housing Needs Report

The Board of Directors endorsed the Interim Housing Needs Report.

Application for Local Community Accessibility Grant Program

The Board of Directors supported an application to the Local Community Accessibility Grant Program (SPARC) for $25,000 to enable the RDKB to remove several barriers to accessibility and inclusivity at various regional district facilities, as identified in its Accessibility Plan.

GMF Funding Application for GHG Reduction and Resiliency Pathways Study

The Board of Directors approved an application for the Green Municipal Fund Community Building Retrofit Greenhouse Gas Reduction Pathway Feasibility Study & Grant.

Board Approves 2025-2029 Five-Year Financial Plan

The Board adopted its 2025-2029 Five-Year Financial Plan bylaw. Per legislation, regional districts must adopt these bylaws by March 31st of each year. The approved 2025 budget totals $94,892,575 for all 74 services, with $33,903,335 (approximately 36%) funded through tax requisitions. The 2025 tax requisition of $33,903,335 represents an overall tax increase of $4,021,025 or 13% compared to the 2024 tax requisition. Tax requisition increases vary among RDKB participants, with the City of Trail experiencing the highest overall percentage increase (~33%), while the Village of Montrose sees the lowest (~0%).

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Grants-in-Aid:

The following grants-in-aid were approved:

Electoral Area A

Fruitvale's Farmers Market – musicians at Fruitvale Easter Market: $1,000

Beaver Valley Golf & Recreation Society – men's and ladies' night for two years: $1,300

Electoral Area B/Lower Columbia - Old Glory

Visions for Small Schools Society – two-day climbing trip: $1,300

Electoral Area C/Christina Lake

Boundary Helping Hands Feline Rescue Society – transportation of felines: $1,500

Christina Lake Community Association – concession upgrades at the ballpark: $3,018

Christina Lake Arts and Artisans Society – mushroom festival: $15,000

Christina Gateway Community Development Association – ad in Boundary Country Visitor Guide: $262.50

Electoral Area E/West Boundary

Boundary Helping Hands Feline Rescue Society – transportation of felines: $1,500

Grand Forks Farmers Market – coupons for those in need: $2,000

Trails to the Boundary – Emergency Preparedness Fair: $1,800

These highlights exclude confidential information such as business negotiations, personnel issues and legal matters. For full meeting agendas/minutes visit rdkb.civicweb.net. For a list of upcoming board meetings, visit rdkb.com.

For the Teams meeting link, other information or to provide feedback, please contact Anitra Winje, our Corporate Officer at 250-368-0225 or corporate@rdkb.com.