

RDKB BOARD HIGHLIGHTS

May 27, 2026

A general overview of discussion items and decision from the Regional District of Kootenay Boundary (RDKB) Board of Directors meeting. The next meeting will be held on Monday, June 8, 2026 at 1:00 p.m. in the Trail Board room or online via Teams videoconferencing.

Delegation:
Jim Pattison Centre for Health Systems Learning + Innovation

Betty Brown, Innovation Liaison – Government and Community, introduced the Centre, a unique social enterprise co-created by Interior Health and the KGH Foundation. The Centre supports rural, remote and Indigenous communities by testing innovative healthcare solutions, providing project guidance, and helping bring new ideas to life. The Board was encouraged to help identify local innovators and entrepreneurs developing solutions to improve healthcare.

Education & Advocacy Committee Highlights

- Approved requests for ministerial meetings at UBCM on Columbia & Western Rail Trail maintenance, Community Works Funding, rest stop washrooms, and provincial downloading.
- Endorsed a UBCM resolution calling for provincial regulation and community engagement regarding the
- energy and water use of AI data centres.
- Directed staff to advocate against planned reductions to the Northern & Rural Homeowner Grant program.
- Requested discussions with the Ministry of Transportation and Transit regarding the Waneta Crossing/Low-Level Corridor and future capital priorities.
- Requested discussions with the Ministry of Environment and Parks about extending BC Parks operating seasons.
- Directed staff to express concerns to local MLAs and MPs about data centres' water consumption and the need for provincial oversight.
- Directed staff to advocate for the continuation of Local Government Climate Action Program funding.

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Unhoused Encampment in Area A (Seven Mill Dam vicinity)

- The Board received an update on ongoing concerns related to the unhoused encampment near Seven Mile Dam in Electoral Area A, including three recent fire-related fatalities, wildfire risk, and proximity to critical infrastructure.
- Directed staff to develop a strategy and process to address the encampment.
- Directed staff to send letters to the Province, local MLAs, the Premier, and the Ministry of Transportation and Transit advocating for action on the Seven Mile Dam encampment and other unhoused encampments located on provincial rights-of-way.

Approved Zoning Amendment Bylaws

- 1916: Area A Zoning Amendment Bylaw
- 1917 & 1930: Area B Zoning Amendment Bylaws

Grants-in-Aid

The following grants-in-aid were approved:

Area A

- Beaver Valley Citizen of Year Committee – award presentation, seniors tea, and the food bank volunteers - $200
- Trail Pipe Band – replacement of old, worn out, mismatched sporrans - $1458.80

Area B/Lower Columbia - Old Glory:

- Trail Pipe Band – replacement of old, worn out, mismatched sporrans - $1458.80

Area C/Christina Lake:

- Christina Lake Boat Access Society – ten-yard roll-off bin rental - $500
- Christina Gateway Community Development Association – Keeping it Rural conference keynote sponsorship 2026 - $10,000

Areas E/West Boundary:

- Beaverdell Community Club Recreation – Keeping it Rural conference expenses - $2509.68
- Grand Forks Border Bruins Hockey Club – additional funding for the hockey and skating youth program - $2500

These highlights exclude confidential information such as business negotiations, personnel issues and legal matters. For full meeting agenda minutes visit rdkb.civicweb.net. For a list of upcoming Board meetings, visit rdkb.com. For other information or to request the Teams board meeting links , please contact Anitra Winje, our Corporate Officer at 250-368-0225 or corporate@rdkb.com.

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