

Board Highlights

January 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 be held on **Wednesday, January 29, 2025** at 1:00 p.m. in the RDKB's Grand Forks meeting room and via Teams.

January 15

Delegation: Boundary Community Ventures Association Project Update & 2024 Annual Report

The Boundary Food Hub is finalizing its website and will soon issue a Request for Proposals for building construction. Partners are collaborating on the Grow and Connect distribution platform, and surveys have informed business planning. The building will include rental space to cover operating costs, facilities for commercial food processing investment, and storage for food and reefer trailers. The Hub supports local producers by connecting them with markets, retailers, restaurants, and institutions and will host a workshop to help farmers' market vendors upscale. Plans also include exploring a meat industry model, addressing food security and recovery, and enhancing community resiliency during emergencies.

Request to Apply for Grant (UBCM Community Resiliency Investment FireSmart)

The RDKB Board approved staff to submit an application for the UBCM 2025 CRI FireSmart Community Funding & Supports grant.

Regional Parks and Trails Services – Area B/Lower Columbia-Old Glory

The RDKB Board approved staff to proceed with Phases 1 and 2 of the Genelle Community Park Plan.

Forestry Referral – Notice of Harvest - ATCO Wood Products, Electoral Areas A & B

RDKB staff reports regarding the notice of harvest on portions of unsurveyed Crown Land in Electoral Area A, and the proposed harvest of a variety of trees from 18 cut blocks on portions of unsurveyed Crown Land in Electoral Area B, will be forwarded to ATCO Wood Products for consideration. They include a copy of the Electoral Area B Advisory Planning Commission minutes, staff comments and the recommendations of the Electoral Area A Advisory Planning Commission.

Replacement of Electric Vehicle

The RDKB Board approved staff to pursue a two-year lease option of a Hyundai Ionic5 AWD.

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Grants-in-Aid

The following grants-in-aid were approved:

Area A:

Fruitvale Elementary School – School Winter Fest: $2,000

Area B/Lower Columbia-Old Glory:

Little Oasis Benefit Society – Equine Assisted Learning for Heartwood Middle School: $2,625

Area C/Christina Lake:

Christina Gateway Community Development Association – Xmas gifts: $600

Grand Forks Secondary School Wolves Ultimate – travel costs: $2,500

Boundary Disc Sports - travel costs: $2,500

Christina Lake Waterfront Property Owners Society – signage: $750

Christina Gateway Community Development Association – Donation in the name of Doug

Shannon to CL Stewardship Society: $500

Area E/West Boundary:

Rock Creek Community Medical Society – annual community social event: $300

Parkview Manor Operating – colour printer: $2,000

Kettle River Food Share – match Christmas donations: $968.90

Bylaws Adopted:

Bylaw 1877: Electoral Area C/Christina Lake Official Community Plan Amendment

Bylaw 1878: Area C Zoning Amendment

Bylaw Repealed:

Bylaw 1899: Repeal Christina Lake Motorboat Noise

Picture Credit: Big White Ski Resort **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 provide feedback, please contact Anitra Winje, our Corporate Officer at 250-368-0225 or corporate@rdkb.com**