

Board Highlights

February 2025

A general overview of discussion items & major decisions from the Regional District of Kootenay Boundary (RDKB) Board of Directors meeting held on **Wednesday, February 12, 2025.** The next board meeting will be held in person on **Wednesday, February 26, 2025** at 1p.m. in Trail and online via Teams.

February 12

Delegation

Kootenay Conservation Program, Re: Local Conservation Fund Service, Spokesperson: Kendal Benesh, Local Conservation Fund Manager

Ms Benesh introduced the concept of a Local Conservation Fund, a dedicated funding mechanism for conservation projects used by some local governments.

The Kootenay Conservation Program (KCP), a network of 85 organizations, supports conservation efforts on private lands and provides expertise. Funds for the program would be raised through parcel or property taxes (e.g., $15–$20 per parcel, determined by local government) and distributed to eligible non-profits and First Nations through a review process involving technical experts and elected officials.

KCP would assist with fund administration for a 9% fee. If RDKB is interested, KCP would conduct public polling, with final approval requiring elector assent.

Grow and Connect: Kootenay Boundary Distribution Pilot Re: South Kootenay Agricultural Strategy & Boundary Area Agriculture and Food Plan

The RDKB Board approved funding of $20,000 for the Grow and Connect Kootenay Boundary Distribution Pilot program, with $10,000 to come from the East End Economic Development Service and $10,000 to come from the Boundary Economic Development Service.

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Emergency Preparedness Service: Grant Funding

The RDKB will receive $230,000 from the Columbia Basin Trust to undertake projects that will enhance the service but are not core-funded responsibilities of the RDKB.

Sustainability of the Village of Warfield

The Warfield Municipal Sustainability Committee will hold a Town Hall Meeting at the Warfield Community Hall on Monday, February 24, 2025. Residents may attend at either 10am or 7pm.

Asset Management

Municipal directors be tasked with asking their councils if their municipalities would support being part of a regionalized asset management service.

Community Works Fund (Gas Tax) Application: Grand Forks Skatepark Committee

The RDKB Board approved the allocation of Community Works Fund (Gas Tax) funding for $30,000 from Electoral Area D/Rural Grand Forks for the costs associated with the Revitalization Project - Phase 2.

Grants-in-Aid
The following grants-in-aid were approved:

Electoral Area A

Beaver Valley May Days Society – costs of celebration: $5,000
JL Crowe Secondary School – fallen firefighter scholarship: $1,500
Trail and District Chamber of Commerce – Village of Fruitvale Business After Business: $500

Electoral Area B/Lower Columbia-Old Glory:

JL Crowe Secondary School – two scholarships: $4,000
West Kootenay Smoke n Steel Auto Club – storage trailer: $2,600

Electoral Area C/Christina Lake

Christina Lake Stewardship Society – Lake Clean Up Day: $2,000
Grand Forks Trap Club – bathroom construction: $2,000

Area E/Big White

BC Snowboard Association – 2025 FIS Para Snowboard World Championships: $5,000

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.

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