



July 31, 2024

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, August 28, 2024** at 1:00 p.m. in the RDKB's Trail Board Room and via Teams.

RDKB Receives FireSmart Grant

The RDKB has received a grant from the UBCM for the Wildfire Prevention and FireSmart Education Program in the amount of $905,228.72. This grant will enable the RDKB to continue doing its great work across the Kootenay Boundary to mitigate the risk of wildfires.

Columbia Pollution Control Centre Upgrade Project

The Board of Directors approved an amendment to the RDKB's five-year financial plan to account for the increase to the budget for the Columbia Pollution Control Centre Wastewater upgrade project, which will see the implementation of secondary treatment for the City of Trail, City of Rossland and Village of Warfield, and the communities of Rivervale and Oasis. The Board adopted a loan authorization bylaw to borrow up to $30 million over the next 30 years to pay for its portion of the project, along with associated operational costs. The RDKB received grants from senior levels of government which will help fund the project: the Government of Canada will pay $25.2 million and the Province will contribute $21 million. As the RDKB will not receive the loan until 2025, the Board also adopted a temporary loan bylaw which will enable the District to borrow up to $30 million to cover costs incurred this fall and winter.

Support for KC Recycling's Funding Application

KC Recycling requested a letter from the RDKB Board supporting its application for a Manufacturing Jobs Fund grant to enable the company to expand. The company recycles batteries. The nearest facilities are in Missassauga, Los Angeles and Minnesota.

Beaverdell Fire Service Requisition to Increase

The RDKB Board adopted a bylaw to amend the annual requisition limit for the Beaverdell Fire Service. The current taxation limit and budget do not support sufficient revenues to meet the long-term goals in training, development and equipment replacement. In 2025 a primary department goal will be the funding to support the part-time hire of a training officer position.

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Grants-in-Aid

The following grants-in-aid were approved:

Area A:

- Rally in the Beaver Valley – donation to Trail Fair Society (WINS): $500
- Beaver Valley Skating Club – West Kootenay Invitational: $1,000
- Beaver Valley May Days – remaining costs of May Days 2024: $2,700
- 39 Combat Engineer Association – 75th Anniversary: $1,000

Area B/Lower Columbia-Old Glory:

- Rally in the Beaver Valley – donation to Trail Fair Society (WINS): $500

Area C/Christina Lake:

- 39 Combat Engineer Association – 75th Anniversary: $1,000
- Christina Lake Community Association – 4 black out blinds: $3,449.88

Area E/West Boundary:

- The Village of Midway Canada Day – costs of event: $2,500

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.