

RDKB BOARD HIGHLIGHTS

June 8, 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 Wednesday, June 24, 2026 at 1:00 p.m. in the Grand Forks Board room or online via Teams videoconferencing.

Delegation: TECK Metals Ltd.

Gabe Bouliane, Emergency Services Captain, and Andrew Borsato, Emergency Management Lead, talked about Teck Trail's commitment to safety. They listed the six hazardous substances at Teck Trail Operations and noted that those products must adhere to strict safety controls. The production and health effects of those substances as well as how they are stored and monitored was explained. Teck models environmental scenarios to better prepare for prevention and preparedness. The company has training, procedures and protocols in place. They participate in joint emergency response exercises with the RDKB and other community partners.

Teck Trail has a 24/7 onsite fire department that is trained to the highest standard. Further, the plant has an emergency control centre and is part of the Trail Emergency Management Team. Teck and the RDKB also share a mutual aid agreement. The delegates explained the public notification system, both pre- and post-emergency. Teck employs a mass notification system.

They concluded their presentation by elaborating on what residents will be instructed to do during an environmental emergency (shelter-in-place).

Emergency Response and Industrial Producers

Manager Stephens, Manager of Emergency Programs, shared a presentation called "Response to Industrial Producers" such as Teck. He explained that the RDKB emergency operations centre will be activated after the duty officer receives notification from a producer. He went over the subsequent processes and steps. He pointed out that Teck cannot issue a state of local emergency or an evacuation order – that is the purview of the RDKB. RDKB uses Voyent Alert for our emergency communications. The BC Alerting System can also be used, although this requires provincial approval.

Bylaws

Reserve Bylaw No. 1940 was read a second time. The bylaw will establish reserve funds for individual services in order to support:
a) long-term financial sustainability;
b) lifecycle asset management;
c) taxation and user fee stabilization;
d) emergency preparedness;
e) prudent financial administration; and
f) equitable service-specific financial management.

Area B Recreation Grants

- Kootenay Columbia Trails Society - compact excavator rental: $5,000
- Rivervale Recreation - installation of flag pole: $2,450

Grants-in-Aid

The following grants-in-aid were approved:

Area A

- West Kootenay Marksmena - safety and accessiblity upgrades: $500

Area C/Christina Lake:

- Christina Lake Waterfront Property Owners Society - promotional items for fundraising: $1,909
- Christina Gateway CDA - Welcome Centre 15 Year Celebration: $2,000

Areas E/West Boundary:

- Big White Mountain Community Development Association - support a community stakeholder meeting: $4,430.20
- Kettle River Museum - documenting photographs and accessioning artificacts: $5,000

Community Works Funding Allocations

Two Community Works Fund applications for Electoral Area were approved:

- Beaver Valley Golf and Recreation Society - maintenance shop upgrades, gazebo and patio addition: $51,000
- Beaver Valley Curling Club - replacement of siding with smart siding: $26,360.84

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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