

# RDKB BOARD HIGHLIGHTS

**November 26, 2025**

**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, December 10, 2025 at 4:00 p.m. in the Trail Board room or online via Teams videoconferencing.

## Delegation:

### Kootenay & Boundary Farm Advisors
### Re: update on extension services and impact provided by the KBFA program to support local farmers

Sarah Hirschfeld reported on the progress of the organization's projects and thanked the RDKB for it support. Farm Advisors is a free extension service that helps guide and support farmers. The organization directly engaged with growers over 175 times in 2025. Questions asked include water issues, virtual fencing for grazing, greenhouses, elk, invasive weeds, soil sampling, grants and farm status/succession. Field days, webinars and educational events are offered. Farm Advisors has 60 videos on its YouTube channel. Collaboration is important to the program.

### LCRB Referral-Patron Participation Entertainment Endorsement –Mooney Supply Inc. (Cantina Del Centro)

Support was provided by the Board of Directors and the Big White Advisory Planning Commission (APC) . The Regional District solicited the views of residents - two letters of support and one letter not in support was received by the RDKB direct.  It is anticipated that the proposal will not negatively affect the Big White community.

## LCRB Referral-Patron Participation Entertainment Endorsement -Heighten Management Inc. (Fourth Ace Bar & Smokehouse) Electoral Area E (Big White)

The Board of Directors rejected the endorsement for the following reasons:

Location & Noise Concerns:

- The establishment is in close proximity to residential units, where amplified music and DJ events have the potential to increase noise and disturbance. Recent noise violations have already been documented by the strata.
- Community Impact:
- The business is currently using common strata property without formal approval, contrary to orderly development. Anticipated noise and vibration impacts on neighbouring residents outweigh any broader community benefit.

Resident Feedback:

- Public input was gathered through onsite signage and mailouts to owners/residents within 100m. The Board considered six letters of support and twenty letters of opposition received ahead of the decision.

## Short-term financing approvals

The Board of Directors authorized up to $325,000 be borrowed to purchase a Wildland Fire Engine for the Big White Fire service; up to $250,000 be borrowed to complete the Repeater Site Upgrade Project for the Emergency Communication System service; and up to $795,200 be borrowed to construct a pedestrian bridge over Christina Creek for the Electoral Area C/Christina Lake Regional Parks and Trails service. All loans are to be repaid within five years.

## Grants-in-Aid

### The following grants-in-aid were approved:

### Area C/Christina Lake:

- Boundary Museum and Archives – cover costs to heating/cooling system: $3000

### Areas D/Rural Grand Forks:

- Grand Forks and District Fall Fair Society – running electrical to the Public Learning Garden: $1,500
- 1st Grand Forks Scouts – purchase of a Beaver Buggy, Kub Kar racetrack with timer: $1000
- Boundary Horse Association – to replace one complete set of spectator bleachers and repairs to the second set: $3000
- Browns Creek Hall Society – paint and repair the walls: $1500
- Community Christmas Food Hamper – help families, couples and singles in need at Christmas: $3500
- Grand Forks Concert Band Association – assist with the rental cost for rehearsal and performance venues: $500
- Grand Forks Rotary Club – purchase of fireworks: $900
- Phoenix Nordic – refurbish the Dacha at Marshal Lake: $5000
- Grand Forks RC Club – track area development: $500

### Area E/West Boundary:

- Kettle River Food Share Society – coordination and related costs: $7800

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,
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