

RDKB BOARD HIGHLIGHTS

August 26, 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, September 9, 2026 at 1:00 p.m. in the Trail Board Room or online via Teams videoconferencing.

Delegation: Imagine Kootenay

Imagine Kootenay presented its proposal for a regional economic development website supporting business succession, workforce and population attraction, and regional competitiveness. The organization requested $20,000 per year for three years to develop the initiative. The Board denied the request.

Delegation: The Phoenix Foundation of the Boundary Communities

The Phoenix Foundation provided an update on its 2027 Vital Signs – Boundary Project, which will provide current data to support community planning, policy development, grant applications and advocacy. The Board approved sending a letter of support for the project.

Board Authorizes Borrowing for Three Wildland Fire Engines

The Regional District of Kootenay Boundary Board of Directors authorized up to $462,300 be borrowed from the Municipal Finance Authority, for the purpose of purchasing three wildland fire engines for the Kootenay Boundary Regional Fire Rescue service and that the loan be repaid within five (5) years, with no rights of renewal.

Area A Zoning Amendment Bylaw Adopted

The Board adopted the Area A Zoning Amendment Bylaw, which states that: "No parcel may be used for a Data Warehouse and/or Data Centre." Data Warehouse and/or Data Centre is defined as "a building that is used for electronic storage and processing of electronic information. For clarity, this includes AI Data Centres and Crypto-currency mining operations."

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Historic Building to be Added to Heritage Designation Bylaw

The Board gave two readings to Heritage Designation Amendment Bylaw No. 1939, which would add the Alpine Inn Shed in Christina Lake to the bylaw. The bylaw will now head to a public hearing, the date and time of which are yet to be determined.

Board Adopts Single-Egress Stairwells Policy

The Board adopted a Single-Egress Stairwells Policy which will apply to limited-size multi-story residential buildings (up to six stories, 18 m in height, and with specific occupancy limits) in the Regional District. Single-egress stairwell designs do not align with the Regional District's firefighting capabilities and cannot be safely supported in practice. As such, these designs shall not be permitted within the Regional District, until such a time that RDKB fire services' capacity meets the standards outlined in the policy's procedure statement.

Area B Recreation Grant

- Trail Wildlife Association - replace roof on the TWA Clubhouse: $5,000
- West Kootenay Marksmen - new range: $5,000

Board Enters into Welcome Centre Agreement

The Board entered into an agreement with the Christina Gateway Community Development Association to be the stewards and operators of the Welcome Centre in Christina Lake for a 10-year term.

Board Supports Liquor License Application at Big White

The Board supported a liquor license appilcation for the Big White Market Deli at 5375 Big White Road.

Grants-in-Aid

Area A:

- Fruitvale Elementary School – double-sided outdoor communication board - $3500

Area B/Lower Columbia-Old Glory:

- 3B Farms Inc – raise funds for community event - $1000
- VISAC Gallery - expand and sustain youth programs - $1000

Area C/Christina Lake:

- BC Rural Centre – support the planning and development of the Keeping It Rural Conference - $10,000
- Boundary Community Ventures Assn – professional development, training - $10, 000
- Christina Gateway Community Development Assn – Christina Lake Wayfinding - $17, 500
- Christina Lake Community Development Assn – redevelopment and integration of CL digital presence - $12,500
- Christina Lake Terry Fox Run – pancake breakfast, signage, shirts - $500
- Scouts Canada – 1st Grand Forks Scouts – Pine Derby track, scouting events - $1500
- Christina Gateway Community Development Assn – keeping it rural conference support - $10,000
- Christina Lake Stewardship Society – shoreline restoration at CL Nature Park - $4800
- Trails to the Boundary Society – boundary heritage website - $2000

Areas E/West Boundary:

- Boundary District Curling Club – replace back emergency exit - $45,000
- Greenwood Rec Assn – wood bat tournament costs - $1000
- Rock Creek Community Medical Society – natural gas generator - $32,785.15

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.