

Board Highlights

May 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 virtually on **June 12, 2024** at 1:00 p.m. via Teams.

May 29

Delegation

Osoyoos Indian Band, Mercer Celgar, Forest Enhancement Society BC
Re: Fibre Recovery Partnership

The Forest Enhancement Society (FESBC) aims to reduce the risk of wildfire around communities and utilizes fibre that would be burned. The Okanagan Indian Band (OIB), with assistance from FESBC, has managed the incremental costs of delivering fibre to Mercer Celgar when it is too expensive for contractors to do so. The OIB has assisted fibre removal from over 50 logging sites (equivalent to 2,400 logging trucks of fibre). This reduces carbon emissions (equivalent to removing 11,000 mid-sizes vehicles off the roads for one year). It also enables the OIB to properly manage their lands. This project has seen over $1.6 million go back to local contractors.

BC Climate Solutions Council

Freya Phillips, RDKB's Senior Energy Specialist, has been appointed to the BC Climate Solutions Council.

Boundary Services Committee: Keeping invasive mussels out of our local waters

The RDKB's Board will send a letter to the Provincial and Federal Government representatives responsible for the monitoring, prevention, and response to invasive mussels in British Columbia requesting that all efforts be made and properly funded to prevent the entry of these mussels into our local waters.

Local Government Awareness

19 Christina Lake elementary students visited the Trail office during Local Government Awareness Week and, due to its success, other schools will be encouraged to participate in the annual event.

Big White Transfer Station

The three year contract for services associated with its Operation and Maintenance has been awarded to Seldom Silent Environmental Ltd (July 1, 2024 to June 30, 2027)

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Record Ridge – Proposed Mine, Electoral Area B/Lower Columbia-Old Glory

The proposed Record Ridge Industrial Mineral Mine by West High Yield Resources will be designated as a reviewable project under Section 11 of the Environmental Assessment Act (2018). On request from Wildsight Environmental for an environmental assessment, RDKB's staff report dated May 29, 2024 will be forwarded to the BC Environmental Assessment Office.

Grants-in-Aid

The following grants-in-aid were approved:

Electoral Area A

Trail and District Chamber of Commerce – Economic Development Initiative: $1,750

Beaver Valley Thriving Communities Society – Free Winter Event 2025: $2,000

Trail and District Chamber of Commerce – Kootenay Healthy Living Fair and Kootenay Coffee Fest: $1,500

Electoral Area B/Lower Columbia - Old Glory

Trail and District Chamber of Commerce – Economic Development Initiative: $1,750

Lofty Goal Project – Rossland Emerging Artist Residency: $2,000

Trail and District Chamber of Commerce – Kootenay Healthy Living Fair and Kootenay Coffee Fest: $2,250

Electoral Area C/Christina Lake

Christina Lake Ladies Golf Club – Annual Ladies Open: $500

Christina Lake Boat Access Society – dump day: $400

Electoral Area E/West Boundary

Kettle Valley Golf Club – computer and peripherals: $1,347.33

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. To provide feedback, to request a Teams link for a future meeting or for any other information, please contact Anitra Winje, our Corporate Officer at 250-368-0225 or corporate@rdkb.com

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