

Board Highlights

8 October 2025

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, October 29, 2025** at 1:00 p.m. in the Trail boardroom and online via Teams videoconferencing.

Delegation

Community Futures Central Kootenay - Rural Community Immigration Pilot & Funding Request

Community Futures representatives provided an update on the Pilot, which helped fill 174 jobs across 74 employers, with 90% of newcomers remaining in the region. A new Pilot aims to continue addressing workforce shortages, and Community Futures Central Kootenay requested $40,000 in funding support from the RDKB.

Recycling of Mattresses

The Board expressed disappointment with the Province's response to its concerns on mattress recycling. The RDKB's original letter will be included in a joint submission from The Regional District of Okanagan Similkameen, and RDKB staff will draft a follow-up response to the Province.

Reconsideration of Liquor and Cannabis Regulation Branch Referral – Heighten Management Inc. (Big White)

The Board reviewed a staff report regarding a Patron Participation Entertainment Endorsement for the Fourth Ace Bar & Smokehouse in Big White and directed staff to conduct public consultation by hand-delivering notices within 100m of the property and posting a development notification sign.

Union of BC Municipalities Strategic Priorities Fund/Grants being applied for

The Board will support the three applications to the Union of BC Municipalities for the Christina Lake Fire Hall Expansion Project; the Grand Forks Aquatic Centre Energy Efficiency & Accessibility Improvements Project through the Capital Infrastructure Stream; and the RDKB Critical Infrastructure Resiliency Assessment Project through the Capacity Building Stream.

202 – 843 Rossland Avenue, Trail, BC V1R 4S8 | **T:** 250.368.9148 | **T/F:** 1.800.355.7352 | **rdkb.com**

Regional District of Kootenay Boundary

UBCM 2025 Grant Opportunity: Equipment & Training Grant

The Board approved the application for the UBCM 2025 Community Emergency Preparedness Fund Volunteer & Composite Fire Departments Equipment & Training grant application and directed staff to apply for the grant.

Board Remuneration Review

The Board approved the increased stipends for Municipal Directors ($1269/month) and Board Chair ($2,672/month), and directed staff to bring an amended remuneration bylaw to a future meeting. Staff will investigate the possibility of raising the meeting amount as well as providing directors with a health and wellness stipend - it will be brought to a future meeting for discussion.

Grants-in-Aid

The following grants-in-aid were approved:

Area A:

Beaver Valley X-Country Ski Club – repairs: $4,000

Village of Fruitvale – Remembrance Day program: $1,000

Village of Fruitvale – supplies for annual Candy Cane Lane event: $2,000

Area B/Lower Columbia-Old Glory:

Twin Rivers Community Choir – offset the purchase of new risers: $1,500

Lower Columbia Community Health Center Network Society – memorial bench: $2,500

Trail and District Chamber of Commerce – costs to host Red Thursday: $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.

Picture Credit: Peter Kalasz and Tina Bryan Photography