

Board Highlights

30 July 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, August 27, 2025** at 1:00 p.m. in the Trail boardroom and online via Teams videoconferencing.

Boundary Animal Control Service Review

The following participants requested their withdrawal from the above service: Electoral Area C/Christina Lake, Electoral Area D/Rural Grand Forks, City of Grand Forks, City of Greenwood. Staff will develop service establishment (conversion) bylaws for animal control in Electoral Areas C and D.

City of Rossland Outdoor Pool Boiler Replacement Project

The Community Works Fund application submitted by the City of Rossland and the allocation of Community Works Fund funding for $30,000.00 from Electoral Area B/Lower Columbia-Old Glory for the costs associated with the replacement of the Rossland outdoor pool boiler were denied.

Columbia and Western Rail Trail

Given the economic, social, cultural, and historical importance of the Columbia and Western Rail Trail, the Board will send a letter to the Province of BC urging it to reverse its decision to designate the Columbia and Western Rail Trail as a non-status rail grade and to work with user groups and other ministries, both Federal and provincial, to identify, mitigate and proactively manage safety concerns.

Wildfire Hazard Reduction

Director Wiese lauded the RDKB's FireSmart program but pointed out that unmaintained/unmowed fields pose a wildfire threat. She asked the Board to consider developing a regulatory bylaw that would see property owners maintain their lands. The CAO said that staff would investigate the possibility and report back to the Board at a future meeting.

Liquor and Cannabis Regulation Branch's Engagement on Cannabis

Staff will inform the Liquor and Cannabis Regulation Branch that it supports the sale of cannabis at events.

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Civilian Protection and Global Humanitarian Concerns

The Board passed the following resolution:

Whereas conflicts around the world are causing unacceptable civilian suffering, including in Gaza, Ukraine, Sudan and many other regions;

Therefore, be it resolved that the Regional District of Kootenay Boundary express concern for all innocent lives lost in conflict and urge the Government of Canada to support peace efforts and humanitarian aid wherever civilians are at risk, via letters to our three Members of Parliament.

RDKB receives Asset Management Grant

The RDKB has received a $25,000 grant from the Asset Management Planning program.

Grants-in-Aid

The following grants-in-aid were approved:

Area A:

Rally in the Beaver Valley – Trail Fair Society: $500

Kootenay South Metis Society – new food trailer: $5,000

Beavery Valley Nitehawks Junior Hockey Club – fundraising events and uniforms: $3,000

Rossland Senior Warriors – Hosting 2026 Coy Cup Tournament: $5,000

Area B/Lower Columbia-Old Glory:

Rally in the Beaver Valley – Trail Fair Society: $500

Rossland Light Opera Players – production costs: $1,000

Kootenay South Metis Society – new food trailer: $5,000

Area C/Christina Lake:

Grand Forks Rotary Club – Scan for Life Committee: $1,000

Area D/Rural Grand Forks:

Grand Forks Rotary Club – Scan for Life Committee: $1,000

Area E/West Boundary:

Grand Forks Rotary Club – Scan for Life Committee: $1,000

Boundary Country Regional Chamber of Commerce – business promotion in Area E: $6,000

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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