

Board Highlights

January 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, which will focus on budgets, will be held virtually on **Wednesday, February 7, 2024** at 1:00 p.m. via Teams.

January 24

Presentations at the Request of the Board:

Boundary Community Ventures Association (Food Recovery)

Sixty-seven percent of grocery stores in the Boundary are involved in food recovery. Over 50 volunteers, some of whom have disabilities, are involved in the program. Food is distributed through Food Recovery Partners to an estimated 3,000 Boundary residents. The majority of foodstuff received is produce. Unusable organic matter is being diverted from the landfill, which reduces greenhouse gases.

Delegation from Community Futures Central Kootenay:

West Kootenay Rural & Northern Immigration Pilot (RNIP) Request for Support

The continuation of the RNIP, which is successfully filling a labour shortage in our region, depends on funding. The RDKB will provide it with $19,725.00 over the next three years - $4,000 in 2024, $12,725 in 2025 and $3,000 in 2026. Funds will come from the economic development services.

Liquor and Cannabis Regulation Branch (LCRB) Referral – Krahn Adventure Enterprises Inc.

The Board supported the change of Hours of Liquor Service application for Cascade Par 3 Golf Course at Christina Lake. It is likely to bring added entertainment options to Christina Lake during the summer season.

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Special Event Permit Request for Local Significance – AltiTunes, Big White

The Board supported the request to designate the 2024 "AltiTunes" event at Big White Ski Resort, as municipally significant.

LCRB Referral – Globe Café and Tapas Bar. Electoral Area E/West Boundary (Big White)

The Board supported the Patron Participation Entertainment Endorsement application for the Globe Café and Tapas Bar. The changes to the Food Primary License will bring added entertainment options to Big White.

Crown Grant Referral – Big White Ski Resort.

The referral from the Ministry of Tourism, Arts, Culture and Sport concerns a new Crown grant for Big White Ski Resort to acquire approximately 84ha of land for development of the Ridge Base Neighbourhood. The RDKB report, which includes staff comments and recommendations, will be sent to the Big White Advisory Planning Commission for consideration.

Grants-in-Aid

The following grants-in-aid were approved:

Area A:

Beaver Valley Manor Society – parking lot project: $5,000

Area C/Christina Lake:

Big Effort Foundation – anchors: $5,000

Area D/Rural Grand Forks:

Boundary Country Regional Chamber of Commerce – Ambassador Program: $5,000

Area E/West Boundary:

Trails to the Boundary Society – emergency preparedness event: $1,800

Village of Midway – Midway Fire and Rescue: $5,000

Granby Wilderness Society – a Stinger tool: $1,500