

RDKB BOARD HIGHLIGHTS

April 15, 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, April 29, 2026 at 1:00 p.m. in the Grand Forks Board Room or online via Teams videoconferencing.

Support for Municipal & Regional District Tax Renewal

After hearing a delegation from Tourism Rossland, the RDKB Board will send a letter in support of its application to renew the Municipal & Regional District Tax. The The 3% tax is paid by purchasers of tourist accommodations. The revenue generated by the tax supports tourism marketing efforts in our region.

Boundary Economic Develoment Bylaw Adopted

The Board adopted "Regional District of Kootenay Boundary Economic Development (Electoral Area D/Rural Grand Forks) Bylaw No. 1924, 2026." The bylaw removes the City of Grand Forks from the service.

Boundary Integrated Watershed Service Grants

The Board approved the following grants to come out of the Boundary Integrated Watershed Service:

- Boundary Mushroom Festival ($5,365.00)
- Boundary Woodlot Association ($5000.00)
- Christina Lake Stewardship Society ($6,115.00)
- Okanagan Nation Alliance – Amphibians ($8,000.00)
- School District 51 – Perley Elementary ($2,520.00)

Area B Recreation Grant

The Board approved the following Area B Recreation grant:

- Rivervale Recreation - flagpole and freight - $3187.02

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Regional District of Kootenay Boundary

Grants-in-Aid

Area A:

-Beaver Valley Blooming Society – purchase an additional 6 self-watering raised water beds - $5000
-Columbia Seniors Wellness Society – funding for charging infrastructure - $5000
-Diverse Family Roots – to support families with members with diverse abilities/disabilities - $1000

Area B/Lower Columbia-Old Glory:

-Arts Revelstoke – to create a plinth for a statue - $2500
-BC Old Time Fiddlers – support for camping expedition - $700
-Lower Columbia Community Health Centre – develop and implement outreach strategies - $3000

Area C/Christina Lake:

-Christina Lake Stewardship Society - purchase two Microsoft Surface Pro Laptops - $3800

Area D/Rural Grand Forks:

-Big Effort Foundation – support swim lessons for neuro divergent kids - $1000
-Boundary Fibre Artists – 2 new wheels to support workshops - $500
-Boundary Historical Society – replace fence at Phoenix Pioneer Cemetery - $3000
-Boundary Motorcycle Club – full site and track overhaul - $1500
-Boundary Pipe Band Society – purchase kilts for the band - $1500
-Boundary Woodworkers Guild – replace thickness planer (aged out) - $1500
-Boundary Youth Baseball – reduce fees & purchase equipment - $500
-Boundary Youth Soccer Association – equipment purchase and storage - $500
-Boundary Invasive Species Society – applicator's course, remote sensing project - $4000
-Crazy Legs Dancers Society – hosting of Freakers Ball - $500
-Discover GF/Chamber – Brandon Kootenoff Halloween - $500
-Perley Elementary School – 3 bikes for student loaners – $600
-Wooden Ball Studios – Forks Film Festival – $1000
-Grand Forks Ultimate – hosting zone 1 BC Games tryouts - $1000
-Grand Forks & District Fall Fair Society – operational support of GF Fall Fair - $2500
-Grand Forks Art Gallery – support of educational programming - $2500
-Grand Forks Community Trails Society – purchase electric chain saw - $1000
-Grand Forks Curling Club – electrical work to support commercial dishwasher - $1000
-Grand Forks Farmers Market – advertising, entertainment - $3000
-Grand Forks International – Concession equipment purchase - $1500
-Grand Forks Piranhas Swim Club – cost controls, coaching costs - $500
-Hanneke's Place Community Garden – creation and maintenance of garden beds - $1000
-Grand Forks Community Christmas Dinner – food & supplies - $500
-Kettle River Cycling Association – trail maintenance - $2000
-Kettle Valley Food Coop – harvest festival entertainment - $1500
-Kootenay Valley Basketball Camp – program support, facility costs, insurance - $500
-Novali Dancers Society – support cabaret dance show - $500
-Phoenix Cross Country Ski Society – equipment purchase - $3000
-River Valley Community Church – firewood for people in need - $1500
-Sion Cemetery Society – upgrade of sunken headstones - $3000
-Special Olympics Grand Forks – operational support - $500

Grants-in-Aid (Continued)

Area E/West Boundary:

-Parkview Manor Tenants Committee – upgrades to common room, television and sound system – $6246.40

-The Nature Trust of British Columbia – for the fee simple securement of 321 acres of native grasslands - $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.