

Board Highlights

March 2025

A general overview of discussion items & major decisions from the Regional District of Kootenay Boundary (RDKB) Board of Directors' meeting held on Wednesday, March 12, 2025.

The next board meeting will be held on **Wednesday, March 26, 2025** in Grand Forks at 1:00 p.m. and online via Teams.

March 12

Cooperative Community Wildfire Response (CCWR)

RDKB staff will be setting up a meeting with BC Wildfire to further discuss the program.

Delegation

Kootenay Columbia Agri-forum & Regional Childcare Project Updates

Leandri Kleinhans, Manager of the Creston Valley-Kootenay Lake Economic Action Partnership, provided updates on the Kootenay Columbia Agri-Forum (March 20-21) and the Regional Childcare Project. She acknowledged the Board's financial support for the forum and discussed the ongoing need for childcare funding. While the initial grant application faced challenges, REDIP funding was secured. To ensure full regional service, an additional $15,000 is requested, with RDCK and RDEK already contributing. The Board will review the request and follow up.

2025-2029 Five-Year Financial Plan

The Board of Directors reviewed the approved consolidated 2025-2029 Five Year Financial Plan on March 12, 2025; The bylaw to adopt a Financial Plan for the Years 2025 to 2029 will be brought to the March 26, 2025 meeting.

Lower Columbia Watershed Security and Protection Committee

As the manager for the existing Watershed Service, Donna Dean (RDKB's Manager of Planning and Development) will provide an overview for the feasibility and establishment of a Lower Columbia Watershed Service at a future meeting.

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BC Parks

The Board of Directors will urge the Province to keep Beaver Creek Provincial Park open year-round and Champion Lakes Provincial Park open from May 15 to October 30 each year.

Area B Recreation Grant

Kootenay Columbia Trails Society - storm clean up: $15,000

Grants-in-Aid

The following grants-in-aid were approved:

Area A

Trail Horseman's Society – horse pen enhancements: $1,300

Area B/Lower Columbia-Old Glory:

Trail Horseman's Society – horse pen enhancements: $1,300

Area E/West Boundary:

Trails to the Boundary – tech support for west Boundary Connect: $3,000

Kettle River Food Share Society – Director's/Officers' Insurance: $2,306

Anarchist Mountain Fire Dept. – Structure Fire 6265 Sidley Mountain Road: $1,056.82

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