

RDKB BOARD HIGHLIGHTS

March 25, 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 15, 2026 at 1:00 p.m. in the Trail Board room or online via Teams videoconferencing.

Cannabis Retail Store Licence - Big White

The Board recommended issuance of a Cannabis Retail Store licence for Mountain Dogs (1551135 BC Ltd.) located at 47-5350 Big White Road.

Provincial Downloading

The Board will send the following resolution to the Province of BC, local MLAs, MPs, the Union of British Columbia Municipalities and the Association of Kootenay Boundary Local Governments:

WHEREAS the Provincial and Federal Governments are seeking to reduce their expenditures; and

WHEREAS local governments have already experienced significant downloading of responsibilities and services from senior levels of government; and

WHEREAS local governments are legislatively required to maintain balanced budgets and are not permitted to operate in deficit;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Regional District of Kootenay Boundary strongly objects to and will not support any further downloading of responsibilities, services, or costs from the Provincial or Federal Governments without full, stable, and sustainable funding; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Regional District of Kootenay Boundary calls on the Provincial and Federal Governments to respect the fiscal limitations of local governments and to cease the practice of transferring responsibilities without the necessary financial resources

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Change of Meeting Dates

The following meeting dates were changed:

·the May 14 Solid Waste Management Plan Steering Committee meeting was rescheduled for 1 pm on May 21
·the June 9 Board of Directors and Strategic Working Group meetings were rescheduled for June 8 (Trail)
·the July 29 Board of Directors meeting was rescheduled for July 22 (Trail)

New Appointment to Public and Technical Advisory Committee

The Board appointed the snpink'tn (Penticton) Indian Band to the Committee.

Five-Year Financial Plan Adopted

The Board adopted Bylaw 1934, 2026, the 2026-2030 Five-Year Financial Plan. The RDKB thanks all those residents who provided feedback during our budget consultation process. We value your input!

Area B Recreation Grants

The following grants were approved:

- Grand Forks ATV Society - brochure printing costs - $5,000
- Kootenay Rockies Disc Golf - $3,000
- Oasis Recreation Society - furnace - $4,021.00
- Rivervale Oasis Society - flags - $746.54

Grants-in-Aid

The following grants-in-aid were approved:

Area A

- Fruitvale's Incredible Farmers Market – support hosting its annual Easter Market - $1000
- Montrose Recreation Commission – 70th Anniversary Montrose Family Fun Day - $1600
- 531 City of Trial Air Cadets – plan a celebration that honors cadets, alumni, volunteers & community partners - $1500

Area B/Lower Columbia-Old Glory

- 531 City of Trial Air Cadets – plan a celebration that honors cadets, alumni, volunteers & community partners - $1500
- Golden City Railway Modellers Society – expansion of original layout - $5000
- Kootenay Columbia Secondary School – to assist a student in any post-secondary endeavors or skill training - $1500

Area C/Christina Lake

- Crazy Legs Dancers Society – assist with venue and operations costs - $500
- Special Olympics Grand Forks – to assist with essential operational costs - $1500
- Christina Gateway Community Development Association – publication ad - $262.50
- Boundary Community Ventures Association – conference attendance for staff & Directors - $5,000

Grants-in-Aid (Continued)

The following grants-in-aid were approved:

Area E/West Boundary:

- Boundary Central Secondary School Theatre – sound equipment - $1841.50
- Kettle River Food Share Society – Directors/Officer and Commercial Liability Insurance - $2382
- Phoenix Cross Country Ski Society – grooming compactor bar - $2000
- Rock Creek and Boundary Fair Association – to replace the unsafe structure at the fairgrounds - $20,500
- Rock Creek Community Medical Society – to purchase a new washer and dryer - $1500

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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