


**A general overview of** discussion items & major decisions from the Regional District of Kootenay Boundary (RDKB) Board of Directors' meeting held on Wednesday, February 26, 2025.

The next board meeting will be held on **Wednesday**, **March 12, 2025** at 1:00 pm online via Teams.

### Five-Year Financial Plan Approved in Principle

The Board of Directors approved the RDKB's 2025-2029 Five-Year Financial Plan in principle. The Plan includes budgets for the 74 services we deliver. The Board will adopt the Plan by way of bylaw at its March 12, 2025 meeting. Residents are encouraged to attend their Town Hall meetings. If yours has passed, please visit our Join the Conversation page on the RDKB website to learn more.

### RDKB to Manage its Assets

The Board allocated $150,000 from its General Government Service (001) to hire a contractor to undertake asset management for the RDKB.

### Big White asks for Help

Michael Ballingall, Senior VP of Big White Ski Resort told the Board that Big White is the second-most popular ski resort in BC. They expect up to 700,000 visitors this year. The hill employs over 1,500 people. Mr. Ballingall asked the RDKB to consider collaborating with the resort on programs and initiatives. He lamented the lack of a police presence at Big White; however, policing is not in the RDKB's jurisdiction. He noted that the community needs a place to gather and he also requested the the regional district consider sponsoring transit on the hill. He also asked that the RDKB promote the resort.

### New Grand Forks Administration Building ?

The RDKB hired Urban Arts Architecture to work with the regional district to identify ways to meet the needs of the elected officials, staff and the public at our administration building in Grand Forks, located at 2140 Central Ave. The old facility is at maximum capacity and will not be able to effectively serve our needs in the coming years. The architects provided three space concepts for the Board to consider. The Board directed staff to explore alternative sites in Grand Forks on which to construct a larger building. The Board is also interested in potential partnerships with other agencies, societies and community groups for co-location, community spaces, and/or housing.

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## Support for Christina Lake Pub

The Board of Directors supported a liquor license application for the Long Shot Pub in Christina Lake. The proprietors spoke to the Board about their plans for the pub. The RDKB received 45 letters of support from neighbours and area residents.

## Lower Columbia Watershed Security and Protection Board

The Board passed the following motion:

Whereas water is key to our survival and needs our protection, and whereas the Fruitvale and District Water Service has already expressed interest in the creation of a Lower Columbia Watershed Security and Protection Board;

And Whereas other directors from the Lower Columbia have been invited to participate in this initiative;

Therefore Be it Resolved that staff be directed to include in the 2025 Service 001 workplan and feasibility budget the investigation into the establishment of a Lower Columbia Watershed Security and Protection Board; and further, that feasibility funds be assigned to this project from the current budget; and finally, further that the Kettle River Watershed Committee be invited to present at the next East End Services Committee.

## Grants

**The following grants-in-aid were approved:**

### Area A:

Corporation of the Village of Montrose - Montrose Family Fun Day: **$1,500**
Trail Wildfire Association - Columbia River Cleanup: **$1,000**

### Area B:

Trail Wildfire Association - Columbia River Cleanup: **$1,000**
Kootenay Columbia Secondary School - scholarship: **$1,500**

### Area C:

Grand Forks Farmers Market – nutrition coupon program: **$2,500**
Nelson and District Hospice Society – West Kootenay Boundary Caregiver Support: **$1,666.67**

### Area E:

Nelson and District Hospice Society – West Kootenay Boundary Caregiver Support: **$1,666.67**

*These highlights exclude confidential information such as business negotiations, personnel issues and legal matters. For full meeting agendas/minutes visit rdkb.civicweb.net. For a list of upcoming board meetings, visit rdkb.com.*

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