

Board Highlights

27 August 2025

A general overview of discussion items & major decisions from the Regional District of Kootenay Boundary (RDKB) Board of Directors meeting.

The next board meeting will be held on **Wednesday, September 17, 2025** at 1:00 p.m. in the Grand Forks boardroom and online via Teams videoconferencing.

FireSmart Grant

UBCM has awarded the RDKB $1,185,962.21 in FireSmart Community Grant funding.

Solid Waste Management Plan Update - Process/Contract Award/Initiation

Staff will begin the process of updating the solid waste management plan for the entire regional district, including the Village of Midway, the City of Greenwood, the City of Grand Forks, the City of Rossland, the Village of Warfield, the City of Trail, the Village of Montrose and the Village of Fruitvale. Consultants Sperling Hansen Associates Inc. will complete the review, update and renew it.

Kootenay Boundary Regional Fire Rescue Procurement of Wildland Fire Engines

RDKB's Board of Directors supported the capital procurement for three Wildland Fire Engines. The move was opposed by Directors Grieve and Marino.

Contract Extension - Idabel Lake Garbage/Recycling Bin Maintenance Work

The Idabel Lake Waste Transfer Facility Maintenance Contract will continue to be fulfilled by Philip Petit until August 31, 2028.

Union of BC Municipalities Strategic Priorities Fund/RDKB Proposed Grant Projects

Staff will prepare and submit three applications to the Union of BC Municipalities for the Christina Lake Fire Hall Expansion Project; the Grand Forks Aquatic Centre Energy Efficiency & Accessibility Improvements Project through the Capital Infrastructure Stream; and the RDKB Critical Infrastructure Resiliency Assessment Project through the Capacity Building Stream.

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1907: Building Inspection Amendment

The Building Amendment Bylaw No. 1907, 2025 was adopted. The bylaw removes references to tiny homes on wheels, as those are now considered to be recreational vehicles regulated under the *Motor Vehicle Act*. The bylaw also exempts small freestanding detached decks and accessible platforms from the Building Bylaw to give greater flexibility to owners of recreational vehicles.

Columbia Basin Trust Board of Directors

Betty Anne Marino's appointment as the RDKB's representative to the Columbia Basin Trust Board of Directors has been extended for an additional term (January 1, 2026 to December 31, 2028).

Grants-in-Aid

The following grants-in-aid were approved:

Area A:

Trail United Church – Beaver Valley Christmas Hamper Program: $3,000

Kootenay South Metis Society – new food trailer: $5,000

Area E/West Boundary:

Big White Mountain Community Development Association – Big White Annual Community Event: $2,000

Village of Midway - Midway Community Garden: $2,000

Rock Creek & Boundary Fair Association – restock of supplies for the AED: $1,050

Bridesville Community Club – accessibility ramp for the community hall: $25,850

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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