



# Board Highlights

July 15, 2021

## OCP and zoning bylaw amendment for 570 Johnstone Rd. referred to a public hearing

After completing public consultation of the official community plan (OCP) and zoning bylaw amendment for 570 Johnstone Road in Electoral Area 'F', the Board has given first and second reading of the bylaw and referred it to a public hearing, chaired by Electoral Area 'F' Director Tom Newell.

The property is currently zoned as institutional by the RDCK, which allows for uses such as education facilities, community halls, churches, hospitals and cemeteries. The applicant seeks to change the OCP to industrial and the zoning designation to a new industrial high tech zone in order to enable office space for their engineering team and parts and assembly related to electronics.

The public hearing is expected to be held in September.

## Board supports new BC Transit initiatives

Based on the recommendation from the West Kootenay Transit Committee, the Board will write a letter on behalf of the RDCK to BC Transit recommending the City of Nelson as a participant in the Battery Electric Bus Pilot Program. Battery Electric Buses are a part of BC Transit's low carbon fleet program and the next step in the program is the deployment of 10 electric buses in 2022.

The Board also approved fare free transit on the following service days: Earth Day (March 22), Go by bike week (May/June), Seniors Day (October 1) and Election Days (local, provincial and federal).

## Resource Recovery Plan to be submitted to the BC Minister of Environment

Following a month of public consultation, the Board directed staff to finalize the Resource Recovery Plan and submit it to the BC Minister of Environment, without further amendments.

The Resource Recovery Plan is a roadmap for how the RDCK can reduce waste sent to landfill, address the climate emergency, and ensure that we have a sustainable waste management system that meets our needs for years to come. For more information on the plan, go to [www.rdck.ca/rrp](http://www.rdck.ca/rrp)

## Board approves Creston Valley Fire Services Project Charter

The Board approved the Creston Valley Fire Service Project Charter, which involves moving the management of the Canyon-Lister Fire Department (CLFD) from the RDCK to the Creston Fire Department (CFD). This will put three RDCK fire stations in the Creston valley (Canyon Lister, Creston and Wynndel-Lakeview) under the responsibility of the Town of Creston through contract with the RDCK. The CLFD has a long standing relationship working with the CFD.

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The benefits of the project include overall operational effectiveness of fire and emergency service delivery that will enhance the approach and better ensure that all residents within the Creston Valley have access to a well resourced fire and emergency response. As well, improved and standardized training will be used across all three service areas and these three departments will operate under a common approach, utilizing common response protocols.

## Discretionary Grant

### AREA B

Creston Golf Club – Volunteer Thank You and Summer Youth Tournament \$1,500

### AREA F

Taghum Community Society – Creative Spaces Bursaries \$905

### AREA H

Deborah Paynton – Tipping Fees \$35

### AREA K

Inonoaklin Valley Reading Centre – School Library Books and Magazines \$1,200

### SLOCAN

WE Graham Community Services Society – Good Bank Garden Tools and Supplies \$483.50

## Community Development Grant

### AREA B

Kitchener Valley Recreation Fire Protection Society – Community Hall Chairs \$750

### AREA D

Kaslo Community Acupuncture Society – Promotional Video \$750  
 Schroeder Point Subdivision Society – First Responder Equipment \$2,000  
 Central Kootenay Food Policy Council – Pre-project Planning and Development \$1,500  
 Periwinkle Children’s Centre – Daycare Building Addition \$10,000

### AREA E

Balfour Recreation Commission – Solar System Operation and Maintenance \$4,050  
 Central Kootenay Food Policy Council – Pre-project Planning and Development \$1,500

### AREA F

Community Futures Central Kootenay – Cannabis ED Council Coordinator \$1,500  
 Friends of Kootenay Lake Stewardship Society – Salmon Spawning Research Project \$2,000

### AREA G

Community Futures Central Kootenay – Cannabis ED Council Coordinator \$2,500  
 Ymir Community Association – Ymir Park and Campground \$5,000

#### AREA H

Hills Emergency Services Society – Drop Tank Purchase \$1,900

#### AREA I

Castlegar & District Recreation Complex – Family Day Skate and Swim \$750

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Robson Fire Department – High Visibility Dress Jackets \$4,600

#### AREA K

Central Kootenay Food Policy Council – Pre-project Planning and Development \$4,500

Nakusp Elementary School PAC – Summer Swim Lessons \$1,000

Nakusp Elementary School – Downhill Skiing Program \$10,000

#### SLOCAN

Village of Slocan – Sand at Beach Volleyball Court \$450

Village of Slocan – Valhalla Wilderness Gift Baskets \$200

### **Community Works Fund**

#### AREA E

Balfour Recreation Commission – Balfour Community Park & Playing Fields Upgrade \$34,460

#### AREA F

Balfour Recreation Commission – Balfour Community Park & Playing Fields Upgrade \$25,000