



Board Highlights

October 21, 2021

Moment of Silence for John Beerbower

The Board acknowledged the passing of John Beerbower with a moment of silence. The Electoral Area E Alternate Director was heavily involved in local matters as a dedicated and committed member of the community. The RDCK Board offers their condolences to his partner Coby and daughter Laurel.

Board supports expansion of local bus service

The Board will send a letter to Mountain Man Mike's Bus Service in support of its service expansion plan to streamline service from Vancouver through the Okanagan, Kootenays and on to Calgary. Public support for expansion is required by the Passenger Transportation Board. Mountain Man Mike's Bus Service has filled the void left when Greyhound Canada eliminated all domestic routes in Western Canada three years ago. Currently Mountain Man Mike's offer transportation between Kaslo and Vancouver and Kaslo and Calgary with stops in between.

Proposed amendments for 570 Johnstone Road do not pass

The Board approved no further action be taken in regard to the proposed amendments to Electoral Area 'F' Official Community Plan (OCP) Bylaw and the RDCK Zoning Amendment Bylaw for 570 Johnstone Road. Formerly the North Shore Elementary School, the property was recently purchased by Valid Manufacturing with the intention of changing the OCP and zoning from institutional to a proposed new industrial high tech zone.

No further action means the owner of the property cannot reapply for the same bylaw amendment or make an amendment to the application for six months.

Community opposition to the proposed amendments was significant. At a public hearing in late September, 56 people attended, including the applicant. The majority of the verbal submissions (53 of 56 submissions) were opposed to the application for the proposed amendments. Public concerns included future use of the property, safety concerns on Johnstone Road, water capacity, noise and light pollution, rural character and public use of property.

Galena Trail Cable Car restoration contract

The Board awarded the Galena Trail Cable Car Restoration to Wildland Recreation Solutions to a maximum value of \$177,870. The Galena Trail, popular with hikers and bike riders, is a 13 km trail running from Rosebery to Three Forks. The cable car runs across Carpenter Creek, allowing for easy crossing to continue along the trail. The cable car's anchor system was damaged during spring freshet in 2020 and has been closed ever since. The project completion is set for mid-July 2022.

For more information

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Discretionary Grant

AREA A

Crawford Bay Elementary/Secondary School – Bussing Student Trips	\$4,200
East Shore Trail and Bike Association – Liability Insurance Renewal	\$1,730
Helping Hands – Volunteer Appreciation Luncheon	\$150

AREA B

Fields Forward Society – Ministry of Agriculture Visit	\$1,500
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AREA E

Blewett Conservation Society – Hiring Coordinator/Administrator	\$2,000
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AREA F

Blewett Conservation Society – Hiring Coordinator/Administrator	\$1,000
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Community Development Grant

AREA D

Johnsons Landing Community Association – FireSmart and Tool Library Projects	\$4,750
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AREA E

Blewett Conservation Society – Hiring Coordinator/Administrator	\$4,200
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AREA H

Slocan Valley Historical Society – Japanese Canadian Fishing Vessel Shelter	\$2,500
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AREA J

Deer Park Recreation Society – Operating Expenses	\$15,000
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AREA K

Indian Residential Survivors Society – Supporting Survivors and Families – Various Programs	\$4,000
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Town of Creston – SKLCCS Reconnect Conference	\$500
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Community Works Fund

AREA E

Sunshine Estates Water Utility Society – Power Generator Upgrade Project	\$15,200
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