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RDCK seeks electoral approval to increase taxation limit for Recreation Commission No. 10

Nelson, BC: The Regional District of Central Kootenay (RDCK) will seek approval of the electors within a portion of Electoral Area E for a new bylaw to increase the annual requisition limit to provide recreational programming to Recreation Commission No. 10 – Area E Service Area (Balfour, Harrop and Procter). Approval will be sought through the Alternative Approval Process (AAP).

Recreation Commission No. 10 currently has direct taxation of only \$1,000 per year, with remaining funding coming from Community Development Grants from Area E. Community Development Grants are not intended to be the primary source of funding for services like Recreation Commission No. 10. Other recreation services at the RDCK are funded through taxation, which allows for greater transparency and long-term sustainability of the service. Other examples of regular taxation funding the recreation service include Recreation Commission 4 and Recreation Commission 9.

“The Recreation Commission has made it possible for the community to access recreation and training programs that our residents and their families value,” said Ramona Faust, RDCK Director of Electoral Area E. “Bringing Rec. 10 funding in line with how other recreation services are funded across the RDCK will allow the Commission to deliver recreation programming in a sustainable way for years to come.”

Current Community Development Grant funding enables local organizations to provide recreation programming and supports recreation facilities. In 2022, a Community Development Grant of \$30,916.40 is allocated as per the 2022 Financial Plan. So far in 2022, organizations awarded grants have included the Columbia Basin Alliance for Literacy, Balfour Recreation Commission, and Kootenay Lake Family Network.

If the new bylaw is approved, the maximum level of taxation that may be requisitioned annually for this service will not exceed the greater of \$62,264 or \$0.0757/\$1,000 of the assessed value of land and improvements per year. This will allow the service to be funded in accordance with the RDCK 2022-2026 Financial Plan. In 2023, the \$37,289 requisition amount will be \$0.044 per \$1,000 assessed residential property, or \$22.11 on a \$500,000 residence.

Under Section 86 of the *Community Charter*, eligible electors within the service area who are opposed to the new bylaw may petition against the adoption by signing an Electoral Response Form. At least 10% of electors

must petition against the proposal prior to 4:30pm on August 1, 2022. Electors who support the proposal should not sign the form.

For more information, including the Electoral Response Form, service area map, and more information about the process, please visit www.rdck.ca/rec10.

Incorporated in 1965, the Regional District of Central Kootenay (RDCK) is a local government that serves 60,000 residents in 11 electoral areas and nine member municipalities. The RDCK provides more than 160 services, including community facilities, fire protection and emergency services, grants, planning and land use, regional parks, resource recovery and handling, transit, water services and much more. For more information about the RDCK, visit www.rdck.ca.

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