Board Highlights
June 16, 2022

Recreation Commission No. 10 Alternative Approval Process

The Board directed staff to proceed with obtaining approval of the electors within a portion of Electoral Area E for the repeal and replacement of *Portion of Electoral Area E Recreational Program Bylaw*. The new bylaw would increase the annual requisition limit to provide recreational programming to the Recreation Commission No. 10 – Area E Service Area (Balfour, Harrop and Proctor). The goal is to provide sustainable funding for local recreation services. Approval is to be obtained through the Alternative Approval Process (AAP). The Board obtains approval if fewer than 10% of eligible electors in the area covered by the AAP submit elector response forms in opposition of the particular matter. For more information go to www.rdck.ca/rec10.

The proposed increased to the maximum annual allowable requisition will allow the service to be funded in accordance with the Regional District 2022-26 Financial Plan.

Year	Requisition Amount	Residential Rate per $1000	Taxation on a $500,000 residence
2023	$37,289	$0.044	$22.11
2024	$38,235	$0.045	$22.68
2025	$39190	$0.046	$23.74

Creston Valley fire services agreement

The Board approved the RDCK and the Town of Creston enter a Fire Service Agreement, to transfer operation of the Canyon-Lister Fire Department to Creston Fire Rescue, including the leasing of the fire hall and apparatus. This agreement improves the overall operational effectiveness of fire and emergency service delivery within the Creston Valley, ensuring all residents have access to a well-resourced fire and emergency response. In conjunction, the Board adopted the Creston Valley Fire Service Regulation Bylaw which is a framework for the provision of fire protection services, within defined portions of Electoral Areas A, B and C, provided by the Creston Municipal Fire Department. Creston Fire Rescue will now become responsible to provide fire protection services in the Canyon-Lister service area.

Software upgrade for Resource Recovery facilities

New software, including license plate scanners for each scaled facility, a dedicated cloud server and mobile devices to utilize data app and features will be implemented at RDCK resource recovery facilities. The RDCK will

enter a licensing agreement with Strong Data Automation to provide new software for resource recovery facilities. With more accurate and complete tracking capabilities, the new software will help staff make better, informed decisions, but most importantly improve the overall user experience with faster, more efficient processing.

Strategic Priorities Fund applications

The RDCK will proceed with four applications for the Union of BC Municipalities Strategic Priorities Funding. The program supports infrastructure and capacity building projects that are either large in scale, regional in impact or innovative, and align with the program objectives of productivity and economic growth and strong cities and communities. The three capital project applications from the RDCK are: Erickson Universal Water Metering, to conserve water and lower customer rates, linear Infrastructure upgrades to RDCK water systems, such as water main replacements, and upgrades to the Castlegar and District Community Complex area, including arena floor replacement. The RDCK will also submit a fourth application under the capacity building stream for our climate action plan.

West Kootenay Regional Airport

In recognition of the importance of the West Kootenay Regional Airport, the Board is providing a letter of support to the City of Castlegar's application to the Union of BC Municipalities Strategic Priorities Funding, for airport upgrades. The funding would go to critical upgrades to improve the facility and passenger experience, including a navigational performance solution to reduce the number of cancellations and expanding the terminal for the arrival of larger aircraft. This would include the expansion of the terminal building, vehicle entrance and parking.

Grohman Dock Feasibility Study

The RDCK planning department provided information from a feasibility study completed for the Grohman Creek Docking Society for docking facilities accessible by road year-round. The Grohman Creek neighbourhood, located on the north side of the West Arm of Kootenay Lake in Electoral Area F, is looking for more accessible facilities on the Nelson side of the Lake. Four potential sites were identified for further discussion: Lakeside Drive, Jorgenson Road, Second Street and Sproat Drive. All four sites present challenges that limit their feasibility, but will now be presented to the Docking Society. The estimated cost for a dock and parking facility is $1,730,000.

Wildfire development permit area project

Staff will work with Urban Systems, a consulting firm focused on building safe and sustainable communities, to craft a template of guidelines for electoral areas to mitigate and protect their communities from wildfire. The establishment of a wildfire development permit area in wildfire interface areas is considered a high priority by the RDCK's Community Wildfire Protection Plans. The project seeks to utilize the local government's regulatory authority to require new development to be designed in such a way that minimizes the risks associated with wildfire and builds natural hazard and climate change resilience within the RDCK. The project will include a public engagement strategy to build awareness, complement other FireSmart public education initiatives and encourage the public to provide their feedback.

Community Sustainable Living Advisory Committee

The Community Sustainable Living Advisory Committee (CSLAC) has been given direction to investigate options for two new projects. The first, a study for the Duck Creek area above Wynndel looking at the cumulative impacts of activity in the watershed. The second, to explore options for energy storage in rural areas as an option to increase power reliability and facilitate a transition to a lower carbon future. The investigations are the second step of a project evaluation process created by CSLAC that requires staff to prepare a report detailing the proposed project's workplan, funding model, budget and how it supports sustainable communities.

Director's Reports

RDCK Directors provide monthly reports explaining what they have been working on. Click here to read the June reports in the Board minutes (agenda item 3.4, pg.187).

Discretionary Grants

AREA A
Many Bays Community Band – With a Little Help from My Friends – Free Concert $200
South Kootenay Lake ArtConnect Society – Gather in Gratitude Festival $1,640

AREA B
Canyon Community Association – Canada Day 2022 $999

AREA F
Nelson and District Chamber of Commerce – Canada Day Regional Celebration $1,000
Nelson Public Library – 2022 Library Operational Funding $3,764

AREA H
Corinne Funk – Tipping Fees $225
Nelson Public Library – 2022 Library Operational Funding $2,678
Cops for Kids Foundation – Cops for Kids $1,500

AREA I
Pass Creek Community Hall – 2022 Operational Costs $2,000

AREA J
RDCK – Sponsorship of Food and Farm Guide $325.50

Community Development Grants

AREA A
South Kootenay Lake Community Service Society – Kootenay Lake Geothermal Project $5,000

AREA C
West Creston Community Hall Society – Bursary $2,000

AREA D
Lardeau Fire Prevention Association – Structural Sprinkler Protection Project $5,000

AREA E
Nelson and District Chamber of Commerce – Canada Day Regional Celebration $1,000

AREA F
Capitol Theatre Restoration Society – Equipment Acquisition $2,400
North Shore Hall – North Shore Hall Audio System $18,918.15

AREA G
Salmo & Area Supportive Housing – Parking Lot Paving $4,000

AREA I
Tarry and District Community Hall Society – 2022 Operational Costs $2,000
Union of Spiritual Communities of Christ – BCC Covid Related Revenue Losses $4,000

AREA J
Cops for Kids – Cops for Kids Charitable Bike Ride $2,000

AREA K
Village of Nakusp – Emergency Services Building Storage Bays $30,000

VILLAGE OF SALMO
Salmo Ski Club – Ski Hill Lodge Retrofit $7,000
Village of Salmo – Tennis/Basketball/Pickleball Court Upgrades $21,000
Village of Salmo – Salmo Pool Upgrades $17,000

Community Works Fund

AREA E
Balfour Recreation Commission – Balfour Community Hall Facility Access Upgrade $11,000

AREA G
Ymir Fire Hall Infrastructure Upgrade Project $81,200
Ymir Water System Control & Supervisory Control and Date Acquisition Upgrade Project $60,000

AREA I
Castlegar & District Community Complex Seniors Centre Roof Top Unit Upgrade Project $25,000

AREA J
Castlegar & District Community Complex Seniors Centre Roof Top Unit Upgrade Project $25,000