

# Climate Action Plan

## Open House feedback

### Notes:

- *While some notes may seem to be more relevant to a different heading, they are categorized according to the boards where residents posted the notes.*
- *The 'General' category is for comments that weren't attached to the other boards.*
- *Staff started offering opportunities to provide feedback on Dialogue Circle notes in early October.*
- *Some comments may have been intermixed between Slocan Park, Salmo and Hills as the team's initial plan was to record comments by topic. The team later opted to record them by topic and location.*

## Proctor – October 25, 2023

Approximately 15 attendees

### Community resilience looks like

- This means individuals collaborating with each other to ensure group survival. Truth is that which survives.

### Floods and geohazards

- Define how high risk areas are identified and, once identified, let nearby residents know about those findings

### Water supply

- Advocacy to province about increasing connection between water department and community
- How does the xeriscape tree canopy work with being FireSmart?

### Wildfire

- Have Fire Smart advisers visit communities for long enough to talk to multiple home owners. Publicize these visits beforehand.
- Work with BC timber supply to create strategic landscape level fuel breaks, rather than just cutblocks
- Train and hire people to clean up understory of forests at people interface points. We need to create jobs! So make sense of both.

### Transportation and mobility

- Bike lanes integrated with highways would be good
- Yes extend bus service to Proctor at least a few times daily
- Smaller more energy-efficient buses

- Consider transit to connect Proctor to Nelson bus route
  - Train route?
- I suspect there is even more pollution from wildfire smoke than from transportation fuel in this area
- More frequent bus service to rural areas would mean more people use it!
- Rideshare programs for rural communities

### **Buildings**

- Will this lead to more onerous building permits when renovating and/or building?
- Passmore has seniors' housing. What is being done to promote similar programs in other rural communities?
- When and how will we be informed about the available rebates and resources?

### **Resource recovery**

- Wood waste for energy generation

### **Food and agriculture**

- What about support for farming practices that sequester carbon (ie. no till) or improve biodiversity (ie. leaving some habitat)

### **Energy**

- Most people can't afford electric vehicles. Are lithium batteries sustainable?
- Wood waste for energy generation

## **Appledale – October 24, 2023**

Approximately 40 attendees

### **General**

- Are you? (In response to 'We are listening' poster)
- Language around reduce versus net zero goals. Clarify the graph. Actions don't meet targets of 2030 to 2050.
- Transport second paragraph says can't afford EV so you get to walk
- More nature mimicking instead of destruction, nature has all the answers, we're destroying it faster before having the answers.
- Instead of keeping the planet vibrant and people alive, the Climate Action Plan will kill the planet and all its inhabitants
- We need to listen to how the First Nation people took care of the land, waters, and forests. They listened to the beavers and learned how not to take, take, take more than they need. In short, how to share the wealth of the land watch and learn!
- The Slokan has voted down land use planning time and again.
- I see no more control and global agendas.

- Does the RDCK carry the vote of its community members or just decide amongst themselves?
- Why does RDCK believe that climate change is part of their responsibility as a local government?  
It's not
- Ground up efforts not top down government control.
- Why does the RDCK need this plan? They could just implement projects on their own merit. No plan needed.
- Could it be because they're chasing grant money?
- Plan language feels condescending
- Clarity that plan covers next four years.
- All people want freedom. Tell the corporation's to quit selling poison. There are better solutions being squashed.
- Where are the feasibility studies to show this all works? And the effect it will have on climate?
- Referendum.
- This format (sticky notes) is not public consultation/dialogue.
- RAPP provincial site report poacher or polluter?
- It's not a guidance plan when the RDCK has powers of zoning and bylaws re: what we can and cannot do on our land.
- Let's do a referendum on individual projects not all at once.
- CO2 is required for life to flourish. Whole CAP is based on falsehoods.
- So there is RDCK, there is provincial and federal, but who is really driving this machine?
- This is a farce consultation.
- No one trusts you
- When a decision is made – is that it? No longer optional?
- Started with a discussion about Slokan Park Hall
- Whose mandate/sources, why the same dates as UN climate mandate? Explain/disclaim
- Vote on the product
- Simpler structure – too big to understand
- Phase it
- Package different actions together
- Scale over a few years
- Answer what happens with the next crisis, how are we protected
- Take out language – crisis, control, culture
- Civic engagement / education needed
- What to emphasize – sustainability community , grow our own food, connect to each other
- Slow this down to understand
- Explain part that are beyond/in control/jurisdiction
- Write in plain language
- Do a section at a time
- Who makes the distinction of defining new buildings & how are we interpreting to benefit rural residents?
- BC Wildfire Service to meet with RDCK or residents to organise response
- Town halls on volunteer firefighting
- How do we influence the provincial/federal
- We all care
- Define what money that comes with climate action engagement

- Be specific about commitment to ev's and woodstoves
- Ministry of forest letter to well licensees
  - Provide accurate information about well and registration information
- Provide information about drought – there is no water crisis
- No wish lists
- Be very clear about process
- Clarify of Board of role
- Get a feasibility study, one at a time
- Fit in our box

### **Community resilience looks like**

- Open discussion with town hall meetings and a referendum
- Transparency, cooperation with each other (like villages used to do before they got divided, brainwashed and corrupted). One for all, all for one – fostering those mentalities!
- Not electrification equals reliance not resilience
- Only the poor are punished by electrification and the higher cost of energy
- Relying on our friends and neighbors and helping one another – sharing
- SV40
- Multiple energy sources, ground up governance

### **Land use and planning**

- I don't want anyone telling me how many trees or bushes I can have on my rural property.
- A suggested action on page 39 of the workbook to offset carbon pollution from staff traveling to work is to plant trees. Yep, I'm sure those few trees will make a big difference in the Kootenays.

### **Floods and geohazards**

- Can the plan
- Will RDCK use floods as excuse to enter property? (under new emergency act)
- Getting rid of trees will increase floods and mudslides!
- Most floods are caused by natural means or over logging

### **Water supply**

- Can the plant
- Water is a human right to grow gardens and is important to life of each one
- Equals water meters (response to demand side management action)
- End clear cut logging change to selection logging that doesn't highgrade. This protects relative old growth and ending deforestation style logging will also protect overhead canopy for hydrology. It also protects the actual forest for its potential bounty of foods, medicines, dyes, fibers and latex. This change boosts freshwater reserves for the whole continent.
- Don't send our water to the states
- See how much water rates increase (in response to RDCK utility rates summary printout) Wow. Extra Wow (in response to 2022 change in water rates/change in water rates and taxes)
- Water is a human right until it's metered

### **Wildfire**

- Most wildfires are Crown land and the provincial government is responsible.

- SIFCO only works on one side of the valley. What about the west side where I live?
- Train the locals to fight the fires.
- Cutting down those trees will cause more fires because that one kilometer will dry out even faster.
- Can the plan
- Provincial cutbacks equal fire storms you cannot use a thimble to put out a bonfire
- The only thing constant with the climate is change. This is normal!
  - Yes.
- Your plan to cut down all the trees up to one kilometer around at-risk communities is insane.

### **Transportation and mobility**

- Will not use electric vehicle want to use my vehicle
- improved public transit. Province will match dollar for dollar.
- Staff is now quick to say that EVs will not be imposed in Kootenays. Provincial Act says otherwise. Now what?
- Provincial Act says “On or after January 1, 2040, a person must not make a consumer sale of a light-duty motor vehicle that is not a zero emission vehicle.’ Yet staff tells us that EVs will never be forced in this region. This is conflicting information.
- Why is public transport not a priority but you're two years ahead with building codes?
- What are emissions of electric vehicles versus gas cars over lifetime?
- More public transit options and times to support usage
- So upgrading sidewalks and bike lanes?

### **Buildings**

- People need more support to make these home upgrades. How will the RDCK support this?
- New building codes by 2030: No gas. EV chargers installed.
- Why is RDCK accelerating the step code?
- RDCK tells us that retrofitting homes will not be mandatory. Province says otherwise. Conflict!
- It takes so f-ing long to get a building permit. No gas, heat pump (electric). Freeze when the power goes out?

### **Leadership and operations**

- Dissolve the entire RDCK/provincial/national political process – totalitarian top-down governance has to go! Viva real democracy.
- The people rule!
- Taxes paid for this ‘guidance document.’ How much has it cost so far?
- The duty of a board of directors is to make policy not to adopt wish lists
- The “Plan” is an outline (wish list) – it is not policy. Why is the board wasting its time and resources?

### **Resource recovery**

- I must object to the color slicky glossy printing used! So wasteful, hey?
- How about as a climate action, we charge all of this back to the multinationals: Blackrock/Vanguard. They create the waste and sell it to us!
- How would residents bring yard waste to a wood chipper?
- Reduce what we recycle by limiting packaging in the first place.

- I second this!
- What is long range plan for dead lithium batteries? This must be considered.
- Let's have a no waste policy! Everything can be turned into something.
- Can we please make the recycling stations more accessible for people who work during the week 9-5. More hours outside this.
- I live rurally. No thanks. I compost take my own to recycling or garbage. No taxing.
- There is more pollution creating a battery for an electric vehicle.

### **Food and agriculture**

- Support farmers
- Tax breaks for farmers.
- Farmers already know what to grow, how to grow it, how to manage water, waste and land.
- Stop the use of all Round-up. (Glyphosate)
  - Yes!
- No restrictions on farm animals or gardening
- Subsidize a shift to regenerative agriculture because we need to rebuild and nourish our topsoil here anyway. Then penalize petro-chem use because it poisons, denudes our topsoil and waterways and acidifies the ocean
  - Yes!

### **Energy**

- Electrification does not equal resilience. It will cause reliance.
- No 5-G. Solar emits radiation and only works on the west side of the valley.
- When power goes down, having a wood or gas stove is essential.
- Is all about using more electricity? Where's it all going to come from? Site C?
- We need greater public transit options to cut back on rural commuting greenhouse gases!
- Energy. Is this transition really green? If so are the supplies that are being used to transition really green (Planet wise) ie. cobalt mines. New mines opening up in Canada North to supply this
- Are rolling blackouts our future? (Ask Fortis if CAP feasible).
- More rebates to offset costs of efficient home upgrades!
- How much damage to the earth will making batteries take?
- Carbon and co2 are the basis of biological life on Earth
- GHG emissions of RDCK rural residents, six T/capita or 1/3 of national average.
- What is the RDCK's goal for greenhouse gas reduction?
- How much will all this cost? And does this guarantee that it will make global temperature lower?

## **Burton – October 23, 2023**

Approximately 35 attendees

### **General**

- Rural areas different concerns than rural

- Better data – quantitative analysis of actions
- Directors need to have a platform to disseminate information
- Need transparency – director votes, how the plan will affect residents (in point form)
- Trust lost – Arrow Lake, Columbia River Treaty – sensitive

#### **Comments on Dialogue Circle notes**

- The plan must have defined terms
- Total transparency
- Teach people to be more self sufficient

#### **Community resilience looks like**

- Hydrogen fuel – infinitely renewable and environmentally friendly

#### **Land use and planning**

- When does “proposed actions” become bylaw? Why would you propose but not have a plan of action to move forward?
- Gardens for communities. Grow food locally. Farms, small animals, preserve food.
- Add bike routes/sidewalks to subdivision process

#### **Floods and geohazards**

- The Plan is done and online at [Burtonbc.ca](http://Burtonbc.ca)
- Burton’s fire chief is working on a community emergency action plan. I assume it works with these guidelines.

#### **Water supply**

- Why an extra generator at Mica?
- How do we influence water levels?
- Slow the flow at Arrow Lakes. [Burtonbc on Facebook](#)
- Advocate for more funding to protect and maintain clean drinking water
- Support for programs or local initiatives for water security are needed to improve community resilience
- WaterSmart conservation efforts needed to support residents to conservation eg. creeks getting dry

#### **Wildfire**

- Put fires out within 24 hours. Don’t study them until they are totally out of control.
- Teach residents how to use sprinkler systems for their house, water pump to get water from the lake
- Get water bomber like the Mars CL415 not crop dusters! and use them
- More CO2 and other gases released by forest fires than from anything else this year!
- Qualifying residents to firefight and make training available \$100
  - Yes!

#### **Transportation and mobility**

- We need a bus/transit to the Nakusp hot springs
- I would ride my daily commute from Arrow Park to Nakusp if there was a separated bike route

- Build safe separated pathway for walking and cycling
- Regular, frequent bus service
- Active transportation starting with kids through education and encouraging at schools. Bike routes to schools.
- Show us that in this region our use of vehicles isn't offset by all the trees leaving us carbon neutral...
- Carpooling, busing, organize a convenient way for people to share rides, run errands for each other. It is a mentality shift.
- Communication about the electric school bus initiative would be welcome

### **Buildings**

- What would it cost a family to retrofit their house?
- Encourage people to use less "stuff" to reduce power consumption. Phantom loads, unplug electrical appliances, turn off lights, etc

### **Leadership and operations**

- Is this a good use of taxpayer dollars?

### **Resource recovery**

- Seriously consider incineration – #wastetoenergy – Look at Sweden or even Burnaby!
- I second incineration. There are better options. We can be an example of an RD that thinks forward. Power our communities with our waste.
- Support safe composting at home – wildlife protection

### **Food and agriculture**

- Burton/Nakusp needs special consideration because of lot sizes for siting
- End ALR so best use of land can be achieved. ½ of land in ALR is not farmland
- Put in place a food sovereignty act like the state of Maine
- Glad to see action relating to water security. This is important.

### **Energy**

- Gas station could not provide gas during power outage
- 50% heating requirement doesn't support resilience
- What cost would these upgrades be to the average family home?
- Grants for heat pumps doubled the price of them! Grants for cars does the same. Heat pump grants should be for all heat pump purchases – No restriction on number as where used! If you get a heat pump or electric vehicle your electric rate should go down to base rate

## **Nelson/ North Shore – October 17, 2023**

Approximately 50 attendees



## General

- What a gift to our entire community! Thank you.
- Stop logging commercially
- Re-write the plan
- Carbon credits/rebates for individual's actions (green)
- This plan is a no-brainer. Please don't listen to the climate deniers.
- CO2 is not a pollutant!
- I hope my kids' kids won't be paying off debt for generations.
  - I hope my kids' kids have a planet to live on.
- Keep food and resources local
- How does geo-engineering affect the climate?
- First Nations' consultations?
- Info on RDCK org structure and jurisdiction
- These are all very good ideas. I think it is important to educate the public and leave the choices, as much as possible, up to the individuals who own the property. Building regulations may be more problematic.
- Hold workshops for staff and residents of best practices. (Local and provincial) Provide sound information.
- Promote education of 5 Rs in partnership with School District 8. Kootenay Lake.
- Valves on water pipes
- Bio fuels. Methane from compost. Hydrogen from natural gas.
- Open more dams

## Community resilience looks like

- Self-sufficiency
- Love
- Compassion
- Food stability
- Asking elders
- Neighbourhood meetings re: climate preparedness – collaborate!
- Strengthen neighbor connections through the NSG small grants program (sponsored by Osprey Foundation)
- Resident – RDCK board – Elected officials directors – Nelson – Council 8-10 – CAO. Staff – hired/paid
- Community members need to be energy and climate literate in order to understand why we need to transition our energy and lifestyles. It is important to work on educating residents.
  - Exactly. Educated residents. But by who? If only by RDCK, then that is educated compliance. Ask people their experience, like how much has your property tax increased, etc. Interview the people.

## Land use and planning

- Work with FLNR on follow old growth strategy
- Subdivision/strata definitions need to be upgraded! Esp. with respect to water sourcing and effluent disposal
- Stop logging old growth forests on crown or private land

- Watershed use and logging. Use of best practices and not minimum standard requirements. (Consider private land logging “standards” the same way!)
- Less CO2, less plants and trees. They thrive on it!
- More protections for watersheds and fish habitat
- Carbon is plant food. We have lowest in history Co2 levels. Decreasing CO2 decreases our forests
- Regulate private land logging!
- Regulate all logging
- Why is consumption exempt from this plan
- No bike paths. Too much construction.
- No stacking people in condos
- Save farmland
- Stop clearcutting on private land
- Promote carbon sequestration! We have too much CO2 now
- More frequent buses
- Stop big money destroying private land green spaces. Properties are being purchased and stripped of their forest and re-sold as residential land (property in Blewett being stripped)
- Better regulation of logging practices on private land. No large clear cuts or damage to watersheds.
- Regulate private land logging
- More frequent buses
- Regulate logging on private land
- Thank you
- We are carbon based life forms. We exhale carbon dioxide. All life on earth depends on carbon dioxide.
- Private land logging should have the same environmental planning requirements as Crown land logging.
  - Yes! Yes!
  - Checkmark

### **Floods and geohazards**

- Stop deforestations and forest degradation
  - I completely agree!
- Do wildfire mitigation
- Stop logging. Save the area.
- Don't encroach on people's privacy. Few places are flood zones.
- 100 years of infrastructure on roads gone in one rain storm. Test the soil.
- Work with federal government to follow old growth strategy or sue them for bad forestry practice. Suzanne Simard for president.
- Excessive logging needs to be regulated. No more large clear cuts.
- Are there existing education and outreach programs? How to effectively reach people or educate RDCK on climate and all issues is so important!
- Need to consider reducing building permits in flood-prone areas
- Enforce limits on floodplain building – improve land use bylaws
- Limit building on floodplains

## **Water supply**

- Pump lake water for gardens and wildfire needs
- All water use should be metered
- We do all need to be very mindful of our water use. We're having drought. Water conservation, meters, whatever!
- Clean potable water for all. Metering promotes conservation. Support education on ways to reduce consumption.
- Are you not an arm extension of the province?
- What if the province legislates private well metering?
- Save the watersheds now before they're gone
- North shore water utility is an issue. No fire hydrants useable in some areas.
- Power plays?
- No meters for municipal residents either. Support abundant backyard bio-dynamic gardens and food growers!
- No meters for municipal residents

## **Wildfire**

- To save planet, a local solution is to stop commercial logging immediately!
- Lobby BC gov for more money for mitigation of forest fires
- What about geo-engineering?
- Chemtrails are directly linked to worse fires
- Support residential FireSmart ambassador program to help people make FireSmart change
- Nelson has a good Firesmart plan. RDCK please get on with it because we're all connected!
- 100 years of neglect led us to the position we are in. Better mitigation
- What are the real causes
- Promote and become involved in new plan announced this summer by BC govt and BC Emer. to assist citizens to fight local fires when feasible, not just leave the area
- Firesmart program is great – fully support it, rural Nelson resident
- Fire mitigation through herbivore management. Explore the use of goats, cattle, sheep in high risk areas and stop hunting of herbivores. Government grants to support goat and herbivore businesses.
- When implementing fire hazard risk reduction plans, incentivize the use of low impact machinery. The current Feller-bunber system causes significant damage to the sails and remnant trees. Machinery used in European selective cut systems should be used instead. This equipment exists here!
- I would like to see neighbourhoods equipped with roof sprinklers – similar to the home composting system
- RCMP have charged people for 2023 wildfires
- Stop arson stop wildfires
- Fire is our biggest threat. Mitigation strategies should receive the lion's share of your budget.

## **Transportation and mobility**

- Yes! Safer cycling infrastructure please. Increase regional bus options.
- Is anyone concerned with the child labour used to mine the lithium for these EV batteries.
- What happens when the grid goes down?
- Yes! to "improved public transit system"

- How will the EV batteries be recycled? What is the environmental impact?
- More and better public transportation is great! Keep on considering the needs of people with disabilities.
- I wish we had much better public transportation (buses) between towns and cities in the Province. Can the RDCK help with this?
- Spending money to set up a large composter and have curbside pickup or drop off.
- More buses. More park and ride places. Close Baker Street in summer.
- Electric buses and RDCK trucks
- Include climate impact of lithium batteries (cars, bikes, comps and landfill)
- I would like to bike ride in town but don't feel safe jostling with cars. We need real bike lanes to be safer.
- Transition for rural areas – gas vehicle to – hybrid, plug-in hybrid then EV eventually
- Promote Active Transportation connection between communities and off highway – Nelson-Castlegar corridor – Slocan to New Denver – Work with MOTI to provide safe passage for cycling along highways. These are the most viable links.
- For short distances active transportation can be the alternative to autos. Promote safe access routes for pedestrians and cyclists
- Have stations with free bike air
- RDCK wants bike sharing. How will that work in winter?
- Fleets for RDCK would leave no power for residents
- EVs are funding child slavery
- Lithium won't last past 2030
- Use used buses with biofuels
- Single point power source is bound to fail
- Mining in open-pits depleted earth for EV batteries
- What happens if we create rolling blackouts in winter?
- Yes. Please electrify both ferries. Incentives for public and private building to create (reasonable rate) EV chargers. Hotels/motels too.
- RDCK vehicles should be EV

### **Buildings**

- Support jobs for young people who want to make a difference – ie the Climate Action Corps (insulating, retrofitting)
- Need to update some current regs re size and location of fire resistant outbuildings as well as main res.
- Owners should be allowed to build their own house
- Use more hay or straw bales for building local materials
- How will solar power work with no sun?
- We don't have the climate to rely on solar.
- No step code
- Rebates are a temp solution and backup/delayed
- Energy assessment very expensive – elderly on pensions can't afford
- Affordable options
- On all new buildings: higher energy efficient building codes; EV plug ins; no LNG
- When designing the construction actions, consider the resources being used for the project. The sustainability, environmental impact, longevity, etc. of the resource being used in in the

construction of the building. Example: stick frame houses use lumber from all over the world packaged in 2x4s and only last around 100 years. There are better options using local.

- We live in a climate that has freezing temperatures. What happens when the power goes out?
- Limit mansion sizes. Tax the rich.
- The energy/rebate system is good but fragmented. City staff are overwhelmed with the details and huge diversity in red tape. Also the rebate contractors do not divulge all info on requirements, which leaves homeowner with nasty unexpected costs
- Simple. Keep it simple
- Efficiency is key. Strick building codes needed.
- How will your planning affect those who earn less, are self employed and not receiving government funded pay cheques with annual COLA wage increases.
- We need to get away from LNG. Electrification with incentives for solar power (net metering).

### **Leadership and operations**

- Use theory U
- Develop an urban forester position. Nelson has significant forest within urban areas and suburban. These trees provide numerous services that help fight climate change and its effects. These important pieces need to be properly looked after to ensure the continue their service.
- Do footprint analysis for decision making
- How much will this cost?
- Use language more people can understand. Please.
- Trickle down legislation passes the buck back to RDCK
- The myths will become facts! What happens then?
- We support the RDCK leadership and action on the Climate Plan, rural Nelson resident
- Carbon isn't the problem. Industrial complexes are. Military, logging, medical, shipping. Keep local. Don't pollute.
- All RDCK staff and leaders to get extensive and ongoing professional development for Climate Action Education "drawdown' approaches etc.
- Groupthink is well documented in contributing to disasters. Your plan lacks written promotion of diversity of thought.

### **Resource recovery**

- Ban grocery carry bags. Add an area at the depots for public taking. (Wood, windows, doors)
- 1. Partner with business to collect their own logoed water/litter and dispose. 2. Partner with schools to keep grounds clear of litter. 3. Install bear proof containers.
- Partner with local restaurants and grocers to take their foods still safe for consumption to the struggling good food bank which supports lots of Nelson's community, especially with sky rocketing food costs
- Wildfire fuel mitigation year round
- Harmonize and integrate RDCK and Nelson recycling programs
- Waste management must consider wildlife issues ie: bears, rats, ravens, skunks... Clear up! Prob create others!

### **Food and agriculture**

- Partnerships with local schools, SD8, SD93, Waldorf, indep
- What about geo-engineering?

- Please don't restrict nitrogen fertilizers
- Coupons all year 'round 'trade' program
- Don't take prime farmland for residential housing
- Storage, all parts of supply chains of local food is needed
- If the global supply chain goes down, large scale farms will shut down – No NPK fertilizers. Backyard gardens save the day!
- Neonicotinoids (pesticides) glyphosate (biocide) GMOs – all be killers. See: bugpocalypse
- Food independence
- How can we deal with big corporations/stores that import everything?
- Support excess fruit picking operations for food banks, ect and reduce wildlife attractants
  - This! More fruit picking on urban trees
- Food security built around local farmers is key to our success as a community. Do not create roadblocks or cost increasing measures, plans, bylaws for our local farmers.
- Support and incentives for CSA boxes (Community Supported Agriculture)

## Energy

- Science principle – Science is it valid? Is it reliable?
- Ban use of gas heat on restaurant patios
- Solar could be a problem in the winter when sunlight is diminished. More incentives to replace old wood stoves with low CO2 emission stoves
- What type of energy education or climate literacy learning can RDCK provide?
- I'd like info on how to put solar panels on my house and help with that
- It's a transition. We have heat pumps, a gas stove and hope to buy a hybrid vehicle in the future
- Lead by example. Ensure all RDCK buildings and community halls: are energy efficient, include local solar power generation, proper bike racks and trails to access via active trans, transit accessible.
- Can RDCK work with other RD and Teck, the biggest emitter in the Kootenays? Thanks
- How can we save and reduce. What is the underlying worldview that drives many to consume and use a lot of energy?
- Share stories of residents who live simple and inspiring both rural and urban.
- Host tours of sustainable homes – low energy, water use, gardens!
- Low interest loans for residential solar panels. Promote geo thermal.
- Please tell CBT to return to funding environmental education.
- Support solar hot water
- Let's emphasize how much we will benefit and enjoy a low-carbon future! Cleaner, healthier, better smelling too!
- Slave labour produces solar panels and EV batteries
- Fortis BC said they don't have the power to meet demand if we switch to single point power dependency. They know if we remove NG we will have problems. Why are we going to risk that?
- Canada can be self sufficient. Let's get more Canadian produced energy!
- Will we import energy to meet demands?
- RDCK building lead the way with solar energy. Get off of LNG.
- EVs and solar are the future

# Taghum – October 16, 2023

Approximately 50 attendees

## General

- New title: care for our planet
- Concern for surveillance and 5G
- New title: making the Koots self-sustainable
- IPCC uses computer models and flawed data. Has been proven there is no climate crisis. Climate change is normal.
- Mail and in person versus online. What are emissions associated with computers?
- Consensus not polarization
- Referendum
- Lots of taxes! Lots of staff! And zero benefits to community! Need less control. Leave rural alone. Stop over-reaching your jobs! Reduce expenses! Enough taxes! People are hurting! Stop making up projects just to stay employed!
  - One person wrote I agree.
  - One person added check marks to these sticky notes.
- Wifi, 5G, LED and smart tech equal proven dangerous to human/animal health
- Where is my debate/question time?
- This is not a proper form of consultation. It's not even a very good show and tell. RDCK can do better!
- Who or what initiated the CAP? There's not an emergency. We're doing the best we can.
- In next iteration prioritize actions according to cost and impact and get on with it. Good work so far!
  - Totally agree
- Thank you RDCK for focusing on climate crisis!
- How much are these open houses costing?
- This format is not public consultation!
- Government has never effectively solved any problems ever! They create the problem. They predict reaction. They offer ineffective solutions.
- Have lost all trust in government decisions during the covid years. Thank you for listening though. Not convinced the climate agenda and narrative is in the interest of Canadians.
- Why does the RDCK believe that climate change is part of their responsibility as a local government? It's not. End of discussion. We pay carbon tax already.
- Covid undermined science – as it was politicized false claims on science in policy. Similarly science/scientists don't set targets (ie. 2030 – 50% and 2050 – 100%). Politicians set targets (ie. limit warming by 1.5. Scientists make recommendations. (They didn't say this means safety.)
- New title: Community Resiliency Plan!
- Care of the planet: Clean air/water. Affordable life homes/energy. Food systems. Each other. Non-dualistic/divisive language.
- Plan is not UN. It is RDCK. Local action base global vision.
- Plan feels fast, forced, fearful.

### **Comments on Dialogue Circle notes**

- Misplaced effort here in rural areas (small population). Us addressing impacts from highly populated areas around the world
- Thank you RDCK for collecting all viewpoints to create a plan to protect residents in a time of climate change

### **Community resilience looks like**

- Self sufficiency
- Diversity: not all eggs in one basket. Electricity, gas, wood, oil and solar. No wind.
- A food sovereignty act
- Options = resilience. No options (electricity only) = dependence.
- Local food. Love farmers!
- More safe separated mobility options
- Community coming together – block parties!
- Maintaining agency/ sovereignty to make decisions based on local matters, situations and issues

### **Land use and planning**

- Concerns Provincial decisions on logging that impact me as a resident
- A climate action plan will leverage more funds. Prov govt and federal govt in addition in addition to grants – won't be taxed
- This sticky note process also costs \$
- How is this CAP funded? (Don't say grants. That also comes out of our taxes)
- Good to see all these myths addressed!
- Got a permit?
- Everyone deserves safe, clean, affordable housing. Reduce zoning and tax barriers for creative housing solutions.
- A referendum is needed
- Referendums cost money. We have a participatory process now – lots of options for everyone to express opinions
- If RDCK has voted on some of the actions what is stopping the rest from being approved?
- Stacking houses on useable farmland!

### **Floods and geohazards**

- Ground up efforts not top down government control
- Neighbourhood EP is the group up effort needed – with government support
- Concern about logging
- Stop logging!
- Will the RDCK use floods as an excuse to enter personal property to survey? Will my grandchildren pay for today's bad decisions? Why do Atco and Kalesnikoff have more rights to logging than residents? What happens when all the trees are gone? Why doesn't RDCK have rights to watersheds?

### **Water supply**

- Water use. MOT should require developers to prove additional building does not impact current well levels. "Proof of non-interference"



- Experiencing severe drop in water levels in well. Not enough recharge. Or is it a lack of oversight in approving other wells in area? (Bonnington)
- BC government officials should not be interfering with BC farmers. They grow our food!
  - Yes
- Why is the waste plant dumping raw sewage into Kootenay Lake? Who's accountable? Why are RDCK watersheds being sold out to loggers?
- Are you reimbursing private land owners for well costs?
- Water metering is a good thing. All of Europe has it! It really helps with conservation.
- Stop logging!

### **Wildfire**

- Most fires are from arson this year! Not climate change!
  - Let's have a factual response. I'm sure this comment is off.
  - I disagree. Fires are more vigorous and intense requiring more resources to put out. Most fires this summer were not arson.
  - I disagree too! Show us the evidence!
- The fires are not climate change. Poor forestry practice several testimonials re: not putting fires out ASAP. They are letting them burn.
- Forestry is provincial responsibility, not RDCK. There should be more info available on RDCK website re: Fire Smart and fire emergencies or easier to locate.
- Read Fire Weather by John Vallian. Fires are from climate crisis!
- Wildfires not necessarily caused by climate change!
- Are you thinking about evacuation planning in a wildfire where there are few road options available?
- What about stopping all the chemtrails?
  - Haha
  - One can only hope this is a joke
- Chemtrail proof! [Map.geoengineeringmonitor.org](http://map.geoengineeringmonitor.org); <https://weathermod.org>; <http://weathermodification.com>; Freedom of information on Canadian weather modification: <https://amandavollmer.substack.com/p/the-canadian-weather-modification>; [www.geoengineeringwatch.org](http://www.geoengineeringwatch.org); <https://aviationtravelwriter.com/2017/09/16/operations-indigo-skyfold-phase-2>. Peer reviewed study of chemtrails and wildfires! <http://www.nuclearplanet.com/cawf2.pdf>; [https://www.researchgate.net/publications/328044445\\_California\\_wildfires\\_role\\_of\\_undisclosed\\_atmospheric\\_manipulation\\_and\\_geoengineering](https://www.researchgate.net/publications/328044445_California_wildfires_role_of_undisclosed_atmospheric_manipulation_and_geoengineering); [https://stillnessinthestorm.com/2020/07/chemtrails\\_the\\_root\\_cause\\_of\\_the\\_california\\_wildfires](https://stillnessinthestorm.com/2020/07/chemtrails_the_root_cause_of_the_california_wildfires)
- [www.globalskywatch.com/whistleblowers/kristen-meghan/](http://www.globalskywatch.com/whistleblowers/kristen-meghan/)
- Fact. The RCMP have more closed files in 2023 for arson than any other year. Look into it! I have file numbers.

### **Transportation and mobility**

- Develop communal transportation modes: car share, electric bike share, ride share, hourly buses
- What are emissions of an EV vs gas car (lifetime)
- Stop wasting resources on climate change. We're not causing it – we're setting an example and others should learn from how we live here in the RDCK! Life's hard enough. RDCK doesn't need

to make it harder. There're only 60,000 residents who live here who mostly live an agrarian lifestyle by growing our own food, chickens or know others who do.

- Has the RDCK identified the energy needed to electrify everything by 2030/2050? (See page 9 CAP)
- We budget for roads for cars but not for bikes
- These initiatives sound great!
- I don't see improved public transport (bus, train) on the actions list
- Where are the feasibility studies to show how this all works and exactly what effect it will have on the climate?
- BC Provincial act says that from 2040 on it will be illegal for anyone to sell a non-EV vehicle.
- Even Tom Dool said the ferry and the bus fleet cannot switch to electric until 2030-32
- People don't want or don't have the time to wait for buses! One can't take a bus, go to school and have a job. It's not possible.
- How will elderly navigate this in winter?
- If people outside of Selkirk wanted or could use a bus they would.
- EV batteries are child slavery!
- How will you force people to use city transport or car/bike share
- I would love to be able to safely bike from Beasley to Nelson
- Why is public transport not a priority but you're 2 years ahead with building codes?
- How much \$ will it cost to "develop Regional Active Transportation Plan"? Has a feasibility study been done?
- What is a "tax-payer based transit service"? (page 5 of workbook)? More taxes?
- SO much conflicting info. RDCK staff says EVs will never be imposed. Province says otherwise.
  - Who to believe?
- Raise parking rates. Decrease parking spots. Close Baker Street to cars. Shopping shuttle bus.
  - Great way to harm the businesses!

### **Buildings**

- Why is RDCK accelerating the step code? Two years sooner than Provincial demands. Have our backs! New building codes: no gas after 2030; EV chargers on all new builds, +
- Retrofitting homes. You tell us: will not be mandatory. Province says otherwise. We can expect insurance companies to demand it.
- CO2 has been proven to not be the problem. It's required for all life to exist and flourish! This whole plan is based on falsehoods! Although the addition of CO2 has a slight warming effect it has a diminishing effect as you add more. NASA states this fact!
- "Pilot project on new corp building or major reno" What is the budget for this pilot project?
- Accelerating the Step Code would be a \$\$ punishment to RDCK residents. Why would it even be suggested?
- Who does step code benefit?
- You say renos won't be regulated but to get rebates soon one will have to use a RDCK licensed contractor. How much more will that cost? Time/\$

### **Leadership and operations**

- Is there research being done from all perspectives? The 'mainstream climate change' narrative is lacking!
- So you're saying that these 'guidance documents' were free? That taxes did not pay for them?

- Effective lobbying of other provincial and federal agencies whose policies effect our climate – more responsive to all environments – not just urban
- Good job putting this all together over the last 4 years or so!
- Accountability, transparency, honesty will only be shown by actions
- I like that by developing a ‘formal’ plan, RDCK is eligible for funding toward adaptation projects
- I appreciate RDCK leadership in developing this plan. We need this to preserve our precious world.
- What is the specific goal of GHG reduction? (Kootenays are already bringing down the National average)
- There is too much bureaucracy. How can things be streamlined and productive?
- Why does a guidance document need to be voted on? Just consider it an ongoing referral situation
- A heartfelt thanks to RDCK!
- How much will this cost and does that guarantee the global temperature will lower? Who is accountable if it fails?
- A suggested ‘action’ to offset carbon pollution from staff travelling is to plant trees. Page 39 workbook. I’m sure those few trees will make a big difference in the Kootenays.
  - How much will those trees cost?

#### **Resource recovery**

- 5-Rs do not really apply here! Organics?
- Make decisions that make sense in the long term not the short term (compost facility in Salmo?)
- Has RDCK considered home composting food recyclers as City of Nelson is piloting?
- Should’ve offered composting years ago. City of Castlegar has been doing it for years. Ask them how.
- Encourage backyard composting or taking to a compost facility. No pickup service. Too much \$.
- Reduce what we recycle by limiting packaging in the first place.
- Food composting would be fantastic!
- Where is the feasibility study for the pilot project re mobile wood chipping? How much will this pilot project cost?
- Why is there no plan to collect methane and reuse it? What about hydro-carbons or bio-fuels?
- Is there talk for using FireSmart clearing to give affordable wood to residents at cost of clearing? ie. gas and labour

#### **Food and agriculture**

- Leave farmers alone! They know best what to grow, how to grow it, how to manage water, waste and land.
- Tax breaks for farmers
- Agree to limit pesticide use while supporting farmers to transition to regenerative farming practices. Support smaller farms and get rid of Big Agriculture.
- Local food supply support sounds great
- Yes supporting food growers is a priority and making land use decisions that support, encourage to make it easier
- Stop the use of all Round-Up
- There is no water shortage. Quit giving to the US.
- Keep the incentive to keep the food supply local.

- Do not limit nitrogen fertilizers. Nitrogen is 78% of the atmosphere
- Keep discrimination out of it! It is racist to be “anti-racist.” All people deserve rebates for farming!
- Work towards W Koot as 100% self-reliant! Grow farmers!

### Energy

- Yes! All in favour.
- Explain scopes of emissions
- 100% REP claims 6 tons/person. Can avg = 14? (See carbon pollution page 5)
- A lot of problems with electricity use and availability in general. CO2 as a problem is still under review
- This is a complete waste of time/resources and tax \$ should not be used to buy electric cars for the RDCK.
- Although CO2 has risen slightly over the last 50 years, the planet is actually experiencing some of the lowest concentrations of CO2 ever. CO2 is a building block for all life on earth!
- What about stopping 5G
- GHG emissions of RDCK rural residents: 6T/capita or 1/3 of national average. We are already doing good.
- Reductions of 25% is only the start. Think of 50%
- Solar and wind infrastructure use huge amounts of oil based products and heavy metals and other pollutants. Are they really more efficient? They only last 10-20 years and are then not recyclable
- Carbon and carbon dioxide are the basis of life on earth
- Waste plant dumps sewage into Kootenay lake. Now! Why isn't this fixed before CAP. When will we build more dams? Are we seriously going to do this with solar? Look at the weather; where is the sun? Single point energy source will fail. Fortis even confirmed this! Are rolling blackouts our future? Like Cali and what about winter?
- 1 source of energy (electricity) is not resilience. It is dependency and leaves us vulnerable!

## Robson – October 11, 2023

Approximately 15 attendees

### General

- I for one, as a 14 year old rugby player, do not like the thought of a 15-minute town. I want to be able to travel with my team and support the sport. I feel like that is a control thing. I don't want to be a trapped rabbit.

### Community resilience looks like

- How do we monitor? Eg. water systems
- Distinguish private/small/RDCK – government versus area water systems
- What can we do/ what can we not do? Eg. Home renovations, water metering, ag land

- Growing our own food
- Simple, affordable shelter
- Ag knowledge/experience from long-time settlers
- Keep it simple. Don't interfere. Build accountability. How to trust the process?
- Templates for non-potable water (rain or river/lake) for firefighting and irrigation and for greywater system
- Orchard revitalization and collect up genetic material – old

### **Land use and planning**

- Glyphosate use, habitat loss, washouts: negative impacts from forestry practices

### **Water supply**

- Water prevents illness spread. Hygiene fundamental health necessity. A priority.
- Pumping untreated H2O for agriculture, lawns, fire suppression, etc.
- Work with Robson/Raspberry irrigation district to improve a poorly operating system

### **Wildfire**

- Thank you for the great FireSmart program!
- Wildfires need to be responded to more effectively.
  - I agree!

### **Transportation and mobility**

- Electric tram connecting communities
- RDCK is saying EVs won't be forced on us. But the Province says otherwise! Province says: "On or after Jan. 1, 2040, a person must not make a consumer sale of a light-duty motor vehicle that is not a zero-emission vehicle." Yet RDCK is saying that EVs will not be forced on residents. This is conflicting info.

### **Buildings**

- I like my house the way it is.

### **Leadership and operations**

- Re: 'no new taxation' myth: This is the biggest "non-answer" ever. 1. Did this "guidance document" fall from the sky, free for the picking? 2. Will nothing be done as a result of this guidance? How much has been spent so far on this "guidance document"? Or is the staff on a volunteer basis? How is all of this funded? (Grants are made up of our tax money too).
- LCA of emissions and impacts
- Ground up efforts. Not top-down government control. Sticky notes is a poor method of communication. We need a referendum.

### **Resource recovery**

- What do you have planned for EV batteries? Needs to be considered

### **Food and agriculture**

- Leave the farmers alone. They know what to grow, how to manage land and water.

- I agree with the sticky note above this one. They know how to farm their lands (without help). What if they don't want help? Have you asked them about it?
- Support wild scaping as an alternative to lawns
- Save 'old' knowledge from previous generations on agriculture: Portuguese, Italian, Doukhobor, etc.
- Revitalization of old Doukhobor orchards
- Save genetic material from old orchards
- Support a food and livestock and farm centered fall fair in Pass Creek Park. The motor races and fun fair has taken over.

### **Energy**

- Province has banned gas stoves after 2030. This conflicts with what RDCK is telling us. More conflicts between the Province and RDCK. Wood-burning stoves. Gas stoves are to be banned by the Province yet RDCK is telling us not to worry about that. They will always be allowed. Which is it?

## **Nakusp Open House Tuesday, October 10**

Approximately 45 attendees

### **General**

- We need a Town Hall format so everyone can hear concerns and how they are answered!
- This all takes money. Who is financing??
- Thank you for engaging residents and consulting us on the Climate Action Plan... better late than never. The opportunity to share perspectives toward decision-making is much appreciated!
- Your out breath = 35,000-50,000 ppm CO2. You are the carbon they want to eliminate.
- Posters are hard to read in colour. They should be black and white. Posters should be closer together so people with mobility issues can get to them to more easily.

### **Comments on Dialogue Circle notes**

- Please simplify. Too much detail.
- Town Hall meetings! Face the questions and answer them.
- Town Hall meetings needed! Sticky notes can be ignored!!
- Don't ignore those with no internet. Internet is not a free service.
- Who are the stakeholders? Not the public
  - Agree → Who?
- What are you actually going to do so community can evaluate

### **Community resilience looks like**

- Stop WEF, WHO plans (World Economic Forum, World Health Organization)

### **Land use and planning**

- What is equitable? Rural communities have different needs than cities.
- Plan for rural impacts of remote work opportunities (co-working spaces) – Also reduces transportation GHGs
- What is a multi-modal option? No cars
- CO2 is plant food not a pollutant!
- 15 minute cities? No rural residences

### **Floods and geohazards**

- Maintain current assets
- Do not allow water from driveways to flow into the street. Divert onto lawns.
- Make sure flood risk is included in asset planning and replacement
- Make absolute sure village infrastructure is in place ie. drains are clear

### **Water supply**

- Please push for rainwater collection – give them away
- Support for strong water conservation and support local water and watershed protection
- Protecting watersheds from disturbance is very important
- H2O meters for any houses on regional water systems. (How can you improve what you don't measure)
- Incentive conservation. Yes. Rain meter?
- Water meters? Starts cheap then...
- What is equity in water consumption?

### **Wildfire**

- No easy solution. Outlaw plantation/ model reforestation
- Enhance promotion of community FireSmart initiatives versus personal
- Mandate the use of fire proactively to reduce fuels over the whole landscape. (Rather than rely on suppression, as has been the case for decades!)
- FireSmart program is great for the homeowner but what if your neighbour's property is a fire hazard??
- Destroying leafy trees in cut blocks encourages fires
- Spraying to kill and dry out leaf trees and grasses (which retain moisture)
- Advocate to province for localized support and resources for fire suppression (ie. get under control before it is out of hand)
- CO2 is plant food! Not a pollutant!! Wake up please.
- Involve locals in fighting fires
- Let the loggers put out fires while they are small. They know the bush, trees and the roads to get there. Non-locals tend to get lost. Don't monitor fires until they are big. Start fighting them sooner. Water bombers work well out here.
- Wildfires have actually decreased. Most fires are human started not climate.
- Note: fire in monoculture forest
- Get rid of climate portion of CAP. Deal with fires while they're small. Involve locals in fighting fires. Loggers can fight fires. Fight fires 24/7 when they're active. Free firefighting training for loggers. Over-regulation already. People don't want any more regulation. Fires can cause landslides. Don't have rules that interfere with us looking after ourselves. Don't put all your eggs

in one basket – EVs and regular cars. Building code – EV chargers required in new builds. Not enough power in BC for EVs. Would take twice the energy.

### **Transportation and mobility**

- What, no cars?
- What are we transitioning transportation to? EVs?
- Added focus on low-carbon options in rural areas where active transportation not as viable with distance travelled
- In general, it seems to me that in the future, and even now, we citizens need to choose to travel less when it isn't strictly necessary! (need versus want)
- Have regular bus transportation to out-of-town medical clinics, shopping days, summer trips for family visits. Use electric buses.
- Including Revy
- Support more car-sharing opportunities in rural areas
- Kootenay Car Share
- Global impact of EVs is massive – mining all the elements creates human rights and enviro impacts in other countries
- High speed train in valley

### **Buildings**

- How do you have zero emission housing that is affordable
- Encourage the use of hemp in home builds
- Hemp in houses! Fire resistant
- We need more houses. People pay \$2,000/month for rent
- Tax assessments for non-compliance
- Tax credits for retrofits
- Give people the freedom to decide how they can heat their homes
- Incentivize contractors to support small retrofit projects
- Low carbon and climate resilient homes
- Smart efficient appliances are always on
- Support energy efficiency in rental properties

### **Leadership and operations**

- What is trip-avoidance? No more out-of-town trips?
- Trip-avoidance policy?
- CO2 is plant food not a pollutant!
- Carbon budget – use more than your allotment and pay the tax
- Absolutely in favour of climate being supported in RDCK policies! Consideration of climate effects and CO2 reduction and fossil fuel divestment – all good ideas!
- Why budget carbon? Trees need carbon to grow as do gardens

### **Resource recovery**

- Cobalt and lithium mining for EV batteries cause huge environmental damage
- Repair Cafes are a great idea!
- 2050 reduce carbon emissions by 100%. EV logging trucks?
- Please check out Denmark's waste management. They burn their garbage including plastic



- Start with using less packaging. Start with manufacturers.
- Have “free” dump days or community clean ups to support/help with removal of large items
- Enhance what can be recycled at transfer stations
- Local more “bear-proof” composting bins (similar to New Denver)
- Support ability to repurpose/reuse items at dumps (ie. trash to treasure station)
- Increase pick up recycling at Nakusp (dump) (gets full)
- Yes! Make soil from leaves!
- Mobile chipping sounds great!
- Research Glen Gro product City of Kelowna
- Mulch use and facility needed in Nakusp – lack of soil
- Current mulch pile in dump not allowed to us. Do like in Salmo in Nakusp

### **Food and agriculture**

- We need CO2 to grow food! Wake up!
- Support local food production and processing for “gardeners” as well as farmers
- Support home gardens and gardeners by offering advice and help with the village’s rat problem
- Use of nitrogen fat probably will be banned in farming yet it is being used in forestry to stimulate growth
- Leave the farmers alone! Food production is necessary
- Decreasing food production will improve food sustainability? How?

### **Energy**

- EV public transportation. Not private vehicles supported with tax dollars
- Why not create energy independent RDCK with our own hydro projects?
- Solar for heating in winter is not viable
- EV logging trucks?
- Induction stove tops keep “cutting out” thus one cannot can or process food. Bad idea!
- Identify opportunities for community solar or run-of-river plants (apply to BC Hydro call for power)
- Advocate for grid resilience/ improvement to support more renewables
- The infrastructure does not exist at this time to make solar viable
- Solar panels covered in snow don’t work very well
- If the grid cannot support our usage now, how will it support more EVs and heat pumps?
- Solar in winter? Doesn’t work
- How viable is solar when the clouds more in, in the winter?
- Solar panels have to be replaced in 25 years = pollution lots!
- Not one solar panel recycling facility in Canada
- EVs need greater grid support

## **Castlegar Open House Wednesday, October 4**

Approximately 25 attendees

RDCK Draft Climate Action Plan – Open House feedback

### **Community resilience looks like**

- A healthy, sustainable community for all
- Disasters happen. A resilient community has people and organizations connected to one another and with a shared sense of love of place. We work together, avoid polarization, and are prepared to help one another when we need to.

### **Land use and planning**

- A referendum is needed
- How will all this be funded? (If you answer “through grants” that is also our tax money)
- Transportation! We need both improvements to existing and infrastructure like rail
- Multi-modal transportation infrastructure and options are important to me! Let’s connect the region and increase mobility
- Let’s utilize ALR land to its full potential and support local farmers
- Think of the flood plain 30 years from now
- More community garden opportunities. Perhaps those with acreages would be willing to share space or community hall’s grounds could be used

### **Floods and geohazards**

- Love prioritizing riparian ecosystem protection, restoration and conservation through outreach and education. Please keep supporting Friends of Kootenay Lake Society and Kootenay Conservation Society!! Please keep recognizing and protecting sensitive riparian ecosystems. Wetlands matter!
- Replant riparian areas – put log jams back
- Use electric outboards and reduce oil in water
- New Actions looks good

### **Water supply**

- Chemtrails → polluted water. Let’s discuss
- Please share causes of unsafe water – thanks!!
- Bring back Water Smart!! Measure and publish water consumption levels. Let’s preserve this precious resource.
- Community water systems should not compromise needs of ecosystems (fish, wildlife, riparian, etc.) to maintain cheap water supply. Perhaps review technologies like grey water systems for toilet flushing. Rain water collection systems → perhaps incentivize?
- Keep educating and incentivizing water conservation. Help us do better together!
- A referendum is needed
- Priority for H2O for food over lawns

### **Wildfire**

- Continue supporting FireSmart and educating locals about fuel reduction techniques. Lead by example in regional Wildland Urban Interface areas
- Recognize and utilize Traditional Ecological Knowledge and Indigenous practices
- In helping prepare the agricultural sector through FireSmart-ing, please consider the role of invasive species on rangelands and ALR
- Wildfires in Canada emitted 2 billion tonnes CO<sub>2</sub> in 2023. Annual industry emissions (all sectors) are 0.8 billion tonnes CO<sub>2</sub>. Recognizing wildfires as GHG sources and that our

forests have become carbon sources is essential. Protecting communities goes hand in hand with reducing forest CO2 release. 95% of all Canadians live within 200 km north of the US border. In this area we need to respond to wildfires more effectively.

- It seems like wildfires is one of the main concerns in this area. So...
  - Stop the clear cutting
  - Fund more water bombers?
- Changes to government protocols? We've heard in Kelowna the protocol was to wait 48 hours to figure out whose jurisdiction it was to act. Fire was well out of control by then. Would appreciate this element being included.
- Listen to fire scientists. Too often they are ignored and we keep doing what we've always done

### **Transportation and mobility**

- Bike lanes in communities, incentivize e-bikes for low-income households, and RDCK "Uber" —have comminute care-shares/rides
- Re: Electric vehicles
  - What is the long range plan to deal with batteries once they die?
  - And how lithium is mined? (child labour)
- Electric vehicles – and the \$20,000 cost for a new battery
- Car share in all communities, more bike paths between communities, and better public transport
- Bike racks on bus that fit all bikes
- Increasing equitable transportation options is important to me. Improve routes/schedules/options for seniors, persons with disabilities and people attending medical appointments
- EV's/most bussing ideas don't work if living in rural areas
- Would love to see employer bus-pass programs and incentivization
- You (RDCK) will either be forced into backing the province, or you can stand with us who want the freedom to choose
- Rails – transit system
- More frequent smaller busses equal more ridership
- Excellent ideas! Community planning to consider public transportation is important
- Rapid Nelson/Castlegar/Trail rail link would be great – reducing highway traffic
- Love the idea of using/supporting community halls as transportation nodes. Great inter-regional connection!
- Staff has said that EV's will not be forced on this region. But the provincial act says otherwise. Then what? The provincial acts says "on or after Jan. 1, 2040, a person must not make a consumer sale of a light-duty motor vehicle that is not a zero-emission vehicle. Yet your (RDCK) staff has been saying that EV's will not be forced on residents. This is conflicting info.

### **Buildings**

- Find ways to build simpler structures
- Smaller homes and bigger gardens
- Concern of barriers to building (regulatory barriers)
- Costs of construction – septic systems

- Affordable housing is needed by everyone
- Alternative servicing methods needed
- Retrofitting homes – You say to us: will not be mandatory. But if mandatory with the province, we can expect insurance companies to demand it.
- Aircrete
- Retrofit assistance and education. Many contractors are unfamiliar.
- Incentives for geo-thermal new construction and retrofits
- Don't reinvent the wheel. Let's explore passive buildings, retrofitting incentives, innovative materials (eg. mass timber), etc.
- Sangita's explanation of "asset management" makes no sense
- Has the RDCK committed to "accelerated" step code? I.e. 2030 instead of 2032. Why?
- Why has the RDCK moved retrofitting up by two years?
- Combat planned obsolescence of products/materials
- Building codes after 2030 – gas is banned (provincial, not RDCK. How is RDCK going to handle this?)
- New building codes
  - No gas installed after 2030
  - EV charging on all new builds

#### **Leadership and operations**

- Let's build regional climate action expertise by hiring students, recent grads and highly qualified professionals from local post-secondary institutions!
- I'd like to see specific goals for GHG reduction. (See i.e. the solid waste per capita reduction target)
- I like the "in-house expertise" idea. Hopefully we can afford the salaries.
- Yes, lead by example through a regional Asset Management Plan. Consider climate projects and impacts such as those published by the Basin Climate Source!
- Ground-up efforts not top-down government control
- More tax breaks for farmers
- How much money has been spent since the 2018/19 declaration of a climate imperative?
- This appears to be a total contradiction (This comment was in response to the RDCK's clarification that the Climate Action Plan does not introduce any taxation on residents)

#### **Resource recovery**

- The organics diversion program has dramatically reduced my household waste. Thank you.
- Yes to supporting and growing the local circular economy. Promote and educate local businesses!
- We love the yard waste collection area at the Castlegar Complex. Please continue this service!
- We need less government
- I love the new system in Castlegar. Thanks.
- Mine the dumps. There's lots of metal in there
- Mobile chipper to reduce forest fuel? What is happening with those chips? Incinerated in a CHP Plant will release CO<sub>2</sub>, in this case biogenic. Do you consider this as GHG? If so, the chipper will not help. Newly permitted power plants should either pay carbon tax on bio fuels or capture CO<sub>2</sub> in the study using amino or inorganic salts

- What happens to our recycling once it is collected?
  - This (seconded by another participant)

### **Food and agriculture**

- Please include how chemtrails are negatively affecting our environment – temps and precipitation (and other weather ‘control’ technologies being used without full transparency)
- What are the taxes, regulations and penalties (if we do not comply) to your “Climate Change resilient” agriculture?
- Keep supporting local food production and distribution. Incentives, grants and support programs (like the young Agrarians!)
- Small scale solar powered hydroponic systems for lettuce, tomato, herbs. Local production i.e. on patios or balconies. The water stored in such systems can help to decrease temperature in cities through the high heat capacity (day peak heat reduction)
- 100% support for a regional food network. Let’s ‘grow’ together!
- Let’s responsibly steward our water resources. A big ‘yes’ to improved irrigation and water storage infrastructure
- Love the consideration of changing temperature and precipitation levels. Consider the data from the Basin Climate Source. Biological control is an awesome practice for invasive species management.
- Leave the farmers alone. They know best what to grow, how to grow it, how to manage water, waste, land.
- Highlight Kaslo Food Hub
- Promote local/regional food security. Increase opportunities for young and BIPOC farmers!
- Initiate programs promoting more organic farming and education
- Support local farmers. More funding for local farms.
- Be sure to have regulations that are appropriate to small operations. Too often factory farm regs are put on small producers.
- Aim for zero chemicals in farming. Organic agriculture is more sustainable.

### **Energy**

- Can private homes get help with solar panels?
- Incentivize alternative energy infrastructure (eg. geo-thermal and ground source heat pumps) Educations awareness on innovative solutions
- Much conflicting info re: wood-burning and gas stoves. How the RDCK will still allow versus what the province is saying. What to believe?
- Hydrogen! Yes!
- EVs are not practical for mountainous regions, especially in winter
- Free-energy sources
- Please keep promoting, encouraging and educating on renewable energy and offer incentives/grants for increased local uptake!
- Electrification equals dependence. Electrification does not equal resilience.
- Canada’s citizen per capita GHG emission is very high. A 25% reduction is less than adequate. I assume we need to achieve 80% reduction!
- Do you consider biogenic CO2 to be a GHG? See wood stove “carbon intense fuel”

- RDCK rural residents = 6 tonnes/capita = 1/3-1/4 of the national average. We/RDCK are good! No need to reduce.
  - Yes! So why are we here? We're doing our part already. (Seconded by another participant)

## Kaslo Open House Tuesday, October 3

Approximately 30 attendees

### General

- Town Hall format preferred

### Community resilience looks like

- Being prepared for natural and man-made disasters
- Less government regulations. I.e. Building permits taking 5-6 months to approve
- Make housing affordable especially for families
- Food, housing and energy security
- Equity language segregates/ singles out specific groups
- Do away with rhetoric and language that seems patronizing

### Land use and planning

- Buses could provide transport to town if campsite is distant
- Consider long-term planning scenarios for growth of tourism and other growth (choice community for e-offices and retirement). Include accommodations for service industry employees such as yurt parks, van parks, cabins, etc. Suitable with power, water, sewer (possibly like a campground but less expensive)

### Floods and geohazards

- Limit development of land in high-risk areas. Use for some forms of recreation, grazing – little or no built infrastructure

### Water supply

- Protecting water (lakes, rivers, watersheds) has positive effects on all the climate issues. Should be the first priority.
- Regulate toxic chemicals for food production. DDT is one example.
- If you meter water use, how are home owners on public water systems going to afford being self-sufficient and growing gardens or/and keeping small livestock?
- Look at how chemical wildfire mitigation is affecting the water systems
- Encourage small scale gardens and cardboard so land does not dry out. Encourage worms
- Stop spraying poisons to control weeds

## **Wildfire**

- Consider water sources for fighting wildfire. Identify zones without water and consider how to respond in these areas. Proactive water storage.
- We can't keep building homes in un-defensible forest areas. Or don't use public funds to protect them.

## **Transportation and mobility**

- Expand rural health care facilities to reduce need to travel for that
- Recommending electric vehicles is disregarding the health of the rest of the planet to avoid fuel being burned locally. Electric vehicles are not sustainable, are very bad for the environment due to what is required to construct/manufacture them, and can involve child labour in other countries. Recommending these as "what you can do" is honestly short-sighted and does not show an awareness of their environmental impact, which is worse than fuel cars. What would be the source of electricity to power the Kootenay Lake Ferry? Dams? Also terrible for the environment and ecosystem.
- The transportation section does not ring true for Area D. Difficult and dangerous hills for bicycling make it impractical for most people to travel for work, appointments or shopping more than a few kilometers – think Argenta to Kaslo. Electric bikes are not a total panacea as winter weather makes all biking dangerous. Recreation is fine but I see mountain bikes being hauled around by ½ ton trucks to trail heads. Only a few people pedal up highway to start a trail.
- Propane vehicles
- What about going back to utilizing propane-converting vehicles
- Transport by bus to Trail from Kaslo doesn't work. Takes too long and difficult to fit in with appointments

## **Buildings**

- Looking at building codes to safely remove impediments to innovative alternative housing solutions

## **Resource recovery**

- Consider the feasibility of community-scale composting facilities to relieve problems of animal proofing home composting

## **Food and agriculture**

- Great ideas! Yay!
- Columbia Basin Trust is doing a great job of food security
- "Work on solutions that decrease garden production" ??? What does this mean?!!! More food is a step toward self-sufficiency, which is what communities benefit from. Too much fruit? We don't have too much fruit if residents are still buying fruits that are locally available, at grocery stores, where they have been grown abroad. Too many apples? No, we just need to empower people to utilize them. That is where we need creative solutions. Support programs like 'bear aware's' Electric Fencing Fund
  - (Note: This point is in response to a Dialogue Circle note that is taking about reducing garden production to minimize animal attractants)

- Increase garden production and mitigate/protect wildlife (bear) through education, community harvest of fruit trees/bear fencing
- Support agriculture and home based gardens. Thanks.

## Brilliant – September 18, 2023

Approximately 60 attendees

### General

- Why is the government collecting a carbon tax (which should be called carbon penalty)? This penalty/tax goes into general revenue and it's not used specifically to reduce carbon. The Kootenays have an abundant number of trees and plants that absorb the co2. What is the impact in the future if co2 levels go below what trees/plants require?
- Butterfly 2016 task staff to educate
- Andy Davidoff stated that 40% of RDCK budget is for recreation. I was, as were many others, unable to use recreational facilities during the pandemic. I paid taxes for those facilities but was excluded.
- Stop this plan
- Scrap the plan.
- If you are actually listening, then respond to these comments.
- You must get rid of the Climate Action Plan as it is different than weather. You cannot control the weather. Therefore separate the specific issues. Will there be more infrastructure to meet the electrical demands if everything goes electric? Will there be more dams on the Kootenay and Columbia Rivers. What about nuclear sub plants?
- We do not need more government (local, provincial, federal) people need to be free and encouraged to build community without interference coercion or incentives from the government.
- In the RDCK rural folks are leading by example and have a smaller co2 footprint than city dwellers. They should be learning from us.
- Make this plan serve the community and residents' needs. A resilient plan needs to satisfy the strongest critics. A plan must acknowledge the dissenting opinions from the perspectives of scientists.
- Climate change is an urgent reality for all of us. We cannot just sit back and hope to survive without making concrete plans on how that survival will take place. You can't just say stop the plan. You have to tell the reps what options make sense for you, your family and understand that these options may not work for everyone and may not be a good way to mitigate the damage of drought, wildfire and the other damage our changing climate is creating.
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- Circular Economy. Initiative welcome. Construction materials.
- Embodied energy. Beam siware. Does not include transport which is a key flow.
- Building codes – use ‘do not comply’ for homeowners to choose to use materials or methods that may not comply to the code.
- Glass float glass only manufactured 200 plus majority China, India. 50 plants US domestic only. Need to advocate for more domestic manufacturing capacity.
- Diverse opinion on science.
- What are we trying to achieve?
- Options preferred vs. mandated

#### **What does a resilient community look like to you?**

- Roads that community members can recreate on safely and effectively.
- Compromise
- Be clear about what we are not doing.
- Neighbors that know and care about one another.
- Why focus on mitigation example active and low carbon transportation when already doing such a good job. Six tonnes per capita versus national average. We are already low carbon.
- Look at things that are really important – wildfire, water.
- Neighbors helping neighbors, diverse homes and solutions for diverse people, not government mandated

#### **Land planning**

- Keeping our resources here would be much more green than this proposal. This is systematic.
- Land purchased and owned by sovereign citizens should not be dictated to more rules, more oversight, more money.
- Inevitably costs increase for everyone. There is land set aside for things that are not “green” we give companies the right to mine and give it away, not give sell, to places much less environmentally conscious
- Bike paths to allow safe transport for those who can't use cars.
- We need public transit that will connect our communities
- Stop encroaching
- Increase protections of riparian green space and water bodies.
- Reduce all the building permitting hurdles owners and builders need to go through. This would increase building and add secondary dwellings for rentals and help this housing crisis
- Relax

#### **Buildings**

- We aim for 2030 and we'll likely make it in 2032. This is urgent 2023 to 2032. Will we make it?
- Improved social housing programs for rural residents.
- People should be able to build their homes on private property to the standard they can afford for shelter and comfort without interference by building inspectors. (Better than living in a tent.)
- Why indeed?
- Why is the RDCK planning to go to net zero two years earlier than the BC deadline of 2032?

- Awesome. Let's really incentivize retrofits and make more attainable for homeowners to be energy and h2o efficient.
- Reduce the red tape for building. Do not increase it. We need more housing. Give incentives for more energy efficient homes. Don't regulate them! The cost and hoops owner builders need to go through is ridiculous. Simplify, simplify, simplify!
- Will taxpayers receive money back for the energy saved with the retrofit of RDCK building?
- Heat pumps are fairly new technology. What's the average lifespan? Will the district help owners replace in six years?
- Implement zero carbon step code and higher energy efficiency step codes for new buildings. Healthier and cheaper in the long run.
- Broader financial incentives for a wide range of efficiency upgrades.
- Many building code requirements should be recommended not mandated if they do not affect safety.
- Buildings are so airtight we need to install ERUS. This is a unit that uses electricity to bring fresh air into buildings using electricity. How green is that? Another example of Idiocracy being pushed
- Incentives for local affordable materials. Wood stone, straw, hemp, earth. Eliminate all regulations for political objectives (step code, Net Zero etc.) Energy efficiency targets must include embodied carbon. – RDCK housing action plan, changes to regulations and legislation our key strategy. Yes.
- Canadian premium sand plans float glass facility in Manitoba but only for solar panels. Today there is not a single float glass manufacturing facility in Canada. Why is the federal government subsidizing lithium battery plants to the tune of billions when all glass used in construction in Canada is imported (mostly from China)?

## Transport

- EVs contain lithium. It is unethically sourced, environmentally unsound. Furthermore, our infrastructure cannot support them. Why the push?
- How do we know our movements and freedom to move about the country will not be restricted by what is being proposed here? An effort needs to be made to reassure the public will not be “locked down” or restricted.
- RDCK should be protecting us from WEF/UN mandates not implementing them.
- Safe bridge crossings for walking and cycling (Shore Acres bridge)
- Electric bus carrying students to Nakusp was recently stranded with no power. No electric transit vehicles!
  - Diesel was used to charge the bus!
- A bike path from Castlegar to Nelson would be great!
- Let's make it safe to ride bikes along highway (rural areas) and help with financial incentives to purchase e-bikes.
- Support increased transit, interconnecting with rural nodes, improve transit reliability.
- Better public transit and implement 10-year plan on schedule
- On-demand transit for lesser served routes and Sunday and evening service.
- Coordinate with different government agencies to really address transportation issues – make transportation reliable, accessible and wide reaching
- A bike path from Nelson – Trail through Castlegar.

- Thank goodness electric vehicles aren't available for private ownership and hopefully never will be.
- Electric vehicles create much more environmental degradation than higher carbon options. This is scientifically proven, and we must do all it takes to comprehend this/educate ourselves and stop believing that more is less and that in our efforts to outsmart nature we are outsmarting ourselves.
- Improve multi-modal travel between rural nodes and community centers.
- Electric vehicles make sense – following the lead of large corporations who understand fossil fuel is unhealthy
- Who is pushing financial RDCK agendas?

### **Floods and geohazards**

- Stop building in floodplains
- Be proactive. Use ministry resources before floods!
- Plan smart – leave riparian areas alone for wildlife to live. Let's learn more about this. Workshops.
- Quit building in known flood zones, proper drainage under roads in known watersheds. Floods happen. Always have always will. What is next try to stop the rain?
- Why is it that pulp mills, saw mills and alike are allowed to pollute? Where fines are less than being responsible.

### **Leadership and operations**

- We in Canada are a nation of non polluters compared to the world. 1% of co2 emissions. Yet we do business with China? Protect sovereignty.
- These are all very reasonable, especially investment strategies. Money Talks.
- Shouldn't the RDCK be representing us the citizens and not the grant providers?
- The RDCK staff we pay need to open their minds to the science and get off this run away train of lunacy. Why are we paying for this ride down the carbon rabbit hole?
- What grants will the RDCK not be eligible for if the CAP is not approved?
- Stop the WEF controls
- If adding to the polarization (as you are) stop. Find a way to bring people together.

### **Food and Agriculture**

- Support and encourage all aspects of agriculture food security initiatives
- In a drought situation, water for crop needs protection. Can we count on people to conserve? I'm not sure.
- More co2, bigger plants!
- Cut red tape and regulations that interfere with farmers. Set local food production targets that increase our food security.
- X control
- Let's explore h2o harvesting – at individual and neighborhood level. Adapt to less h2o on farms and businesses.
- Encourage cisterns for farmers to capture water during wet season
- Less RDCK control
  - Checkmark
  - Checkmark

- Let farmer farm!
- Water is life – without there is nothing! Help farmers stay productive in drought and dry season.

### **Water**

- A friend was asked to conserve water as he has a well on his property. He called the Ministry and asked for data/reports showing local aquifer conditions. None provided. Where is the transparency? Provide full transparency and historical data to earn the trust of water users!
- Why is government stepping in to fix systems and local water boards that have been working quite well without government interference?
- We have ample water. Quit giving it away. This seems like a way to tax a free resource? Tax air next?
- Stop infringing on community individual rights.
- Have you seen Columbia River levels/Arrow Res lately? Let's address water/hydro changes
- When we live near two of the largest rivers in the country, every resident and farmer should have access to all the clean water they need! No metering.
- What about next generation – do they have right to access water too? Don't overuse
- Our land our wells not government control.
- Water is a human right and it's a right of all creatures. No one gets to hoard. Water is life and we have wasted it up to now.
- Private land, private wells. The government should stay out of private lives.

### **Energy**

- How much impact will move to electric vehicles have? Or reduction in woodstoves? Let's focus on more meaningful things that are important to locals!
- Heat pumps are not as efficient as advertised, expensive to repair and maintain.
- Support incentive programs to improve uptake on rural houses.
- Will low income marginalized residents have the option to opt out without financial consequences?
- Local resilience centers for backup power and clean air and cooling centers and backup comms with renewable and battery
- I installed a heat pump in my rental. According to my tenant, electric bills are much higher than what I paid with a wood stove.
- If co2 is an issue, why doesn't bc stop coal export? Individual co2 production is not the problem.
- Trees breathe co2, more co2, bigger trees. We do not have infrastructure for this aggressive transition.
- We've been encouraged by Fortis BC to reduce our power during peak times (hot/cold) right now but somehow the RDCK think that there's enough power for E-bikes and E-cars in the near future. The RDCK should be influencing the provincial and federal government in that fact. Not us citizens in switching modes of transportation that are less reliable and more expensive.
- Efficiency equals more control boards, more repairs, less reliability. Heat pumps are less reliable and only more efficient at temperatures that are mild. These efficient systems take more oil products and co2 to produce for only marginal energy savings and efficiency. None of any of this is logical or practical.
- Stove technology keeps getting better, more efficient. I love burning less wood. Give money incentives for good stoves.

- Is industry going to haul things on bikes? Industry is the biggest climate impactor. Why is it always a bottom up approach?
- What is the rush to get away from anything that keeps people independent? Wood stoves – independence. Gas can be stored – independence. Electricity can be shut off with a switch.
- These are all doable if we have the will to create a cleaner environment
- If the grid is already encountering stability issues, why are we pushing more unnecessary load onto it?
- Unclear – wood stoves backup or primary

### **Resource recovery**

- Those pushing these policies, including the RDCK, apparently seem to ignore our biggest trading partners such as China are producing much more waste. Why so aggressive with policies such as these? We do not have the infrastructure or resources to do this. There's very little reason for this. If you make this process more painful than it already is, people will start dumping in places they should not. Smaller bins and more complicated process is going to cause this. As with all these policies, they will have an opposite effect.
- I very much support composting and recycling!
  - Check mark
- Why is carbon a pollutant when organic material decomposes in the forest naturally and contributes carbon causing pollution?
- I think the more we return resources to the earth and not bombard it with manufactured junk, the better
- Subsidized programs based on people's ability to pay.
- Humans are carbon.
- Yes, garbage needs to be curbed. But again, gas and diesel are better alternatives than electric. Please do your research on our behalf and for future generations!
- Who will pay?
- Recycled building materials and components should be encouraged.
- Resource recovery at smaller scale? Support farmers to do this also

### **Wildfire**

- Stop government arson.
- Thank you to all the BC wildfire and local fire service for doing what others will/can not.
- Wildfire mitigation and prevention should be a higher priority than any focus on co2 prevention. One wildfire likely eclipses all co2 production in the homes
- Any fire smart suggestions or policies should not impose anything mandatory through loans process
- No more glysohate spraying deciduous trees have water in their leaves
- Coordinate/establish network of folks who can house livestock and families when they are evacuated or burned down. Help plan ahead before fires come. This is always a scramble for communities when crisis hits
- Stop chemtrails spraying it's a fire accelerant.
- Fire breaks around communities. Allow anyone with equipment to fight fires (loggers, anyone in forestry or mining)
- Prescribed fires and fuel treatments at interface and strategic landscape level. See what Indigenous did.

- Stop pacifying us with minor assistance and start looking at the bigger picture coming down the pipe from the WEF World Economic Forum and how to protect our communities.
- Firemen were not allowed to fight fires. Paid to spend days on the beach
- Fire Smart money increase to \$2,500 to act as a real incentive and get people to act
- Leave cattle/livestock on farm. Don't harass farmers.
- Don't mix cattle/cows with bulls. Need emergency support that contain them separate if evacuating.

## Yahk Open House – September 12

Approximately 15 attendees

### Community resilience looks like

- Support local production by easing regulations
- Everyone is self-sufficient.
- People can help each other where others cannot
  - Yes
- Problem with the word climate. Human causation needs to be proven. Climate promotion is religion. Data is taken from science but science is a religion.
- Home insurance (fire) being “out of the fire area” is \$21,000/year. We were told we couldn't install a pond on our property to work together with the local fire authorities
- Arthur Robinson founder and president of the Oregon Institute of Science and Medicine (OISM) told a press conference on May 19, 2008 that in regards to climate change “no such consensus or settled science exists.” Before the Industrial Revolution there was approximately 1000 ppm CO2 in atmosphere. Today it sits at around 420 ppm but “they” insist that climate change is real.

### Leadership and operations

- Do you intend on re-addressing Yahk area into the Official Community Plan. Note: Yahk area specifically opted out of Area B's OCP.

### Food and agriculture

- Creston Food Action Coalition – avian and poultry processing infrastructure?
- Clarification – whether RDCK intends to meter/monitor private water system (agriculture)

## Crawford Bay – September 11, 2023

Approximately 100 attendees

### General

- Thank you.
- Q&A Please.
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- Policy changes without referendum will be ignored.
- We have a stage. Someone please respect our intelligence and go up to answer questions.
- General
- Protect watersheds, good forest management, incentives!
- Where does the RDCK get its direction from? Increasing levels of bureaucracy just mean higher taxes! Enough already.
- Why aren't the same environmental policies being applied to the forestry, mining and other corporation/industries? Start there.
- Just look at Kokanee Glacier
- Transit (bus) from Riondel to Creston.
- Regular subsidized bus along East Shore
  - check mark
  - check mark
  - check mark
- I don't want any bylaws imposed. We don't need them so far.

- Stop! Clear cutting private land. Landowners should have permits
  - Check mark
  - Check mark
  - Check mark
  - Check mark
- End to clear cutting, fire mitigation, support for alternative energy, protection of lake and watersheds
  - check mark
- Wildfire barrier around communities ie. shaded fuel breaks
  - check mark
  - check mark
- I didn't come here for a q&a and I appreciate the space being held to read and reply on the info provided.
- Where's the community q&a?
- Really?
- We need no plan!
- Paris and Gary, thank you for what you do.
- Where's the community q&a?
- We need a q&a time for our community.
- We want a q&a meeting before anything is presented to the board so that you have as much information as possible.
- Thank you for all your work.
- BC is a fire generated ecosystem.
- Hello, I read the book "The right to be cold," which helped to make me somewhat aware of how hard the people in the North have been working to let us in the south of Canada know how climate change is affecting them. So I want to say thank you to all of those working so hard to solve this climate (dare I say) catastrophe? I don't know the plan well enough to comment any further just to say – Thank you. PS. I had my question answered tonight by Shari.

### **Community resilience looks like**

- Busses, wildfire and water protection, help with buildings.
- Blocking heinous logging practices on private land, ie. Kokanee Springs. What can RDCK do to influence better private logging practices? And why aren't we having a live conversation at this meeting?
- It looks like less government and more community
- Being self-sufficient
- Helping neighbors
- Looking after yourself so you can safely help others
- Access to tools and resources and knowledge
- Great thanks

### **Land use and planning**

- Land use policies mean more unnecessary taxation and control. Enough.
- I'm very concerned about clear cut logging on private land! Landowners should need a permit to log their land.
- Yes! Stop raping our forests.



- Allow local water needs to be drawn from Kootenay lake for agriculture. A good example is the Riondel golf course.
- Great to connect with the districts and learn from each other. What is working and what are some of the challenges?
- Where's the community q&a?
- Land use planning is vital to protect areas and reduce public costs.
- Improved transportation on the East Shore
  - check mark
- Stop allowing corporations to direct policy and planning. Government needs to represent the people and not big businesses.
- Ask the First Nations 10,000 years. Don't act like we are perfect. How do you know? Development means destruction. (Comment on 'there is no climate emergency hand out')

### **Floods and geohazards**

- How do we have better oversight of private land logging?
- Stop the clear cutting of private land. Landowners should buy permit
  - Check mark
  - Check mark
- Nothing here explained anything about how you will stop flooding and landslides.
- Clear cut logging exasperates flooding
  - Check mark
  - Check mark
- Mapping of high risk areas is great.
- Where's the community q&a?
- Stop allowing companies to buy properties and log without restrictions. Stop crown logging.
- Who decides who is "qualified" and who decides where is high risk? The people who live in the areas know better than anyone so instead of deciding ask.
- How to control clear cut above watersheds.
- These should be community run, not regionally run. Provide guidance, not mandate

### **Water supply**

- Work with federal and provincial governments to prevent clear cut logging in watersheds. Stop huge industrial and commercial users from abusing our water sources. Stop worrying so much about individuals and families who operate their own water systems.
- Stop! The clear cutting of private land. Owners should be required to get a permit!
- Clear cut logging exacerbates pollution and flooding
  - check mark
- Don't log our watersheds
  - Check mark
- Amazing! We need to protect drinking water and agricultural supplies.
- Keep Kootenay lake levels at present elevation – salmon eggs
- We need to ask the original people that lived here and ask them where we should go from here.
- Where's the community q&a?
- Are people still dumping sewage in the lake?
- BC government sells our water to corporations, but people cannot water gardens? If water is a concern why does the government of BC sell our water to Nestle? This is not about people.

- How can we help you to strengthen your voice for us?

### **Wildfire**

- Provide Info and Resources for landowners to manage vulnerability and risk.
  - Check mark
- Address logging practices, especially the lack of restrictions on private land logging,
- Work at a federal and provincial level to stop clear cuts, glyphosate spraying, and replanting mono crops. Stop incentivizing taxpayers with money earned from the very source of the bigger problem.
- Arson started fires should be categorized differently.
- Log a buffer perimeter around communities. May need to be 500 plus meters.
- Proper forest management and stopping spraying would help
- Train residents how to protect their homes during fire season when firefighters cannot
- Logging practices in BC contribute to wildfire including spraying of chemicals that dry the forest
- Super important to support farmers! Also Community Wildfire Resiliency Plans are an excellent organization.
- Where's the community q&a?
- Then why did they stop the flow of resources to do that?
- The real climate change problem is weather manipulation. So stop it

### **Transportation and mobility**

- Time and motion study Kootenay Lake ferry
- Carshare on East Shore?
- Bus from Riondel to ferry to Creston
  - Check mark
  - Check mark
- Advocate for energy and economic studies on the ferry. Queensbay 1/3 Balfour
  - Check mark
- We are expected to purchase expensive EVs. Meanwhile, transport trucks will continue driving diesel engines. Jets will continue transporting the rich, and Canada will continue producing and shipping oil to China.
- What is the planned electric ferry's schedule?
- Bus please along the shore
  - Check mark
- Safer biking conditions.
  - Check mark
- Bike path Riondel to Crawford Bay to Gray Creek (but winter)
- I would love to use my car less. Could we see a rural carshare here? Also better routes to trails that don't require a vehicle.
- Making energy more expensive will cause starvation of the poor
- Where's the "community" QA?
  - Here now
- EVs are not a good environmental choice. Batteries are worse than gas vehicles. Look up mining and recycle options.
- Can't walk while there's bears out there.

## **Buildings**

- What about big corporations and factories that dump millions of tons of pollution? Tax them, not us.
  - Checkmark
  - Check mark
- Who's going to pay for the “upgrades”? Where does the money come from? They aren't affordable.
- We do not need bureaucrats telling us how much insulation is required on our own homes. Stop wasting tax dollars on incentivizing electrification and other rebates/subsidies.
- What about a teepee
- Not in favor of more building codes. This is making it impossible for the average person to build a home.
- The marginal improvements in efficiency, are they economically justified? This is the difference of living in a house or possibly being homeless.
- Too many regulations, red tape already give money to improve housing upgrades.
- Maybe more info about grants and financial support from government regarding environmental improvements for residents.
- Solar panels are extremely flammable.
- Where's the community q&a?
- More help with Retrofit please.
- Why is carbon CO2 the issue? Why are we not looking at corporations who are continuing to poison the earth?
- Why is it all on the shoulders of the individual and not big businesses?

## **Leadership and operations**

- Great (comment pointed to asset management bullet)
- Leadership is the political courage to do the right thing!
- Where's the community q&a?
  - Right here now
- I love the idea of building in-house expertise calling on and developing local experience.
- Who out outside of the RDCK is asking for this? Is this really what our tax dollars pay for?
- Who wrote these plans? Someone in Victoria, Quebec, another country? These plans do not consider our climate, residents or ideals.
- Will the RDCK commit to buying nothing manufactured in China or India?
- Why is carbon the focus? Where's the data to support reducing co2 as being helpful to climate change?
- Leadership and walking your talk is really important. Setting an example. Put it up front please.

## **Resource recovery**

- Consider centralized facilities to sort garbage and recycling rather than requiring babysitters at each transfer station. Look into San Francisco's program.
- Stop! The clear cutting of private land. Owners should require a permit.
- What happens to recycled items? Do they really get recycled? Great idea, but does it really work?
- I already compost or feed animals with our organic waste.
- Have a reuse/share station at the dump

- Logging practices and clear cutting and poisoning the forests. Encourage compost.
- where's the community q&a?
- household level composting is greater than regional level composting.
- Add vermi-compost to naturally turn food and lawn clippings to beautiful compost. This compost will help improve soil as a bonus.
- Fabulous! Mobile chipping program would be great. Would the mulch created be used by residents?

### **Food and agriculture**

- Home Food Storage incentives
- Grow your own food!
- Where's the community q&a?
- 100 mile diet
- These new actions are such good ideas. Woow
- No land use or zoning here.
- Yay KBFA and Food Policy Council! Great ways to get support for local producers and to influence feds and province direction
- Any programs to support local food production. Great.
- Community Supported Agriculture
- Water catchment programs

### **Energy**

- Electric everything sounds great. But where will all this electricity come from?
- Who will buy my new EV battery when it's done/dies?
- Provide guidance on types of systems along with safe implementation. Do not dictate what we should be doing. Who provides RDCK with these directives?
- Heat pumps break – can be hard to get parts.
- Largest energy saving is the Kootenay Lake ferry. Relocate terminal
- Dams kill salmon
- Windmills kill birds.
  - So do cats
  - So do windows
- I have lots of questions. Not sure where to start.
- Solar kills kids.
- Canada continues to ship coal to China to burn for electricity (\$7.7 billion in 2021.) Yet expects its citizens to stop burning wood? Pollution is not localized. (Follow the money.)
- Incentivize installation upgrades and backup power systems.
  - Check mark
- We are uniquely situated for community level micro hydro geothermal projects.
  - Check mark
- 100% renewable 100% safe nuclear
- Where is the community q&a
- What does 100% renewable mean? All the solutions EV, solar are not that.
- Where does RDCK get its mandate? Does RDCK need deliverables in order to get federal and provincial funding?
- Wood stove equals no strain on the electrical grid – ridiculous solution.

- Wood stoves will not be backup for many people in the region.
- Eliminate fees and permits required for solar power.
- Are we still going to use child labor to mine for all the batteries required?

## Lardeau – September 8, 2023

Approximately 30 attendees

### General

- Look at house as a system. Wood stoves as backup. Rebates through RDCK, Clean BC, BC Hydro, including an income qualified program.
- One solution zero emission vehicles. Multimodal transportation plan. Grid resiliency community plans needed.
- Food security of interest
- LGCAP grant monies should not be used to dictate behavior or impose regulation
- Climate Action Plan. What does it look like boots on the ground?
- Confusing lingo makes people defensive
- License plate required at RDCK facilities. Volumes based. Used for punitive measures.
- Concern over caps on waste/surveillance/penalties
- Overarching philosophy and regional plans like OCPs.
- The Climate Action Plan doesn't protect human beings as a part of nature. We don't pollute nature, but industry does. I do not want my kids to live in a future that this plan proposes. I do not consent to this plan.
  - I also do not consent to this plan.

### Community resilience looks like

- I think a huge gap in the communication that is happening is the awareness around how vastly different the behaviours/culture in the various communities within the RDCK is. Creston is so different than the Lardeau Valley, which is different than Nelson, which is different than Winlaw. Yet we're all RDCK. I really appreciate the way Aimee pays attention to what the culture of the Lardeau Valley is.

### Land use and planning

- The most vulnerable cannot afford to give anymore. Housing is barely affordable or available.
- Don't take away right to grow local food
- We need to use existing buildings. Not AirBnB but affordable housing
- We need jobs in Area D.
- Stop planning to make us eat bugs!
- No limits to quantity and type of animals. Cows are climate change activists!

### Water supply

- Be clear about water metering plans. Can't meter private water systems.

- Educate about water conservation
- Humanity must come back to a common dom. Protect domestic water systems. No chlorine. Water for food, not lawns.
- Target forestry and their practices, not us.
  - Yes!

### **Wildfire**

- What’s missing on the wildfire panel! The large wildfires we’re seeing are putting out a huge amount of carbon emissions. Equivalent to how many cars on the road? A lot. Currently, Sept. 8 in North Kootenay Lake there are still 13 fires burning. The average size is 580 hectares. 7 of these are in parks. BC Parks has an agreement with BC Wildfire to “let natural processes prevail” where human values aren’t threatened. It’s called Modified Response, which in effect means to watch it only, let them burn. The BC Parks management policy was penned 33 years ago and is out of date; it doesn’t take climate change into account. The amount of wildfire spread and emissions is partially avoidable. While cool, meandering fires can be good for the forest, lightning strikes or other fire starts allowed to spread early in hot, dry summer conditions are spreading indeed. Where possible, these should be controlled early. Policy needs to change. Because these fires are burning mainly in the backcountry, it’s out of sight/mind for most people. BC Wildfire will respond to fires that are in the public view, unless we speak up.
- I agree with most of this. Fire is very important; also releases huge amounts of carbon and can be too hot and scorch the earth making regeneration slower.
- Advocate for better forest management. Address the real problems: mismanagement, arson, poor maintenance of forest/ power lines, not climate change
- Chemtrails, weather modification technology are a major factor in the intensity of fires. Is this being addresses in the plan?

### **Transportation and mobility**

- Transit better to Meadow Creek. 8 and 12 to Kaslo 3 times a week. Buses with bike racks and cargo racks on the back (trailer)
- Spider web transportation. Consistent, reliable, trackable including cargo space
- Carbon is a building block of all live trees need carbon

### **Buildings**

- Pace financing for RDCK ([paceab.ca](http://paceab.ca) and [paceca.ca](http://paceca.ca))

### **Leadership and operations**

- Rec sports leagues at Meadow Creek

### **Resource recovery**

- Kaslo organic composting

### **Food and agriculture**

- Write a newsletter with practical info and solutions
- RDCK cannot change the climatic conditions. You have to do a research. I am not going to consent to this plan
- Food storage in Meadow Creek.

## **Energy**

- How many dams need to be built to support this?
- How does the local economy benefit? Gas stations closed. Loss of work.
- And support child/slave labour to keep your electric car running
- Electrification is not the solution for everything.
- LG CAP definition in writing to Aimee. Look at Leares as example

# **Balfour – September 7, 2023**

Approximately 75 attendees

## **General**

- We need free speech

## **Community resilience looks like**

- Secure bike parking to get on the bus to town
- Open voting on life changing ideas
- More reliable buses on more routes!
- Community gardens! Canning parties!
- Block parties to clean up flammables and brush! Provide free dumpsters!
- 1. Educate population on dangers/challenges facing us. I.e. – Effects of increasing temperatures means more extremes (hot and cold). Effects include forest health issues (dying trees, insect outbreaks, susceptibility to wind throw, etc.) Unhealthy forests are a greater fire risk. — Changing precipitation patterns: more rain, less snow. What does it mean? Summer water shortages, faster melt of smaller snowpack, fall mudslides resulting from rain on snow events, etc. 2. Armed with factual knowledge, we can make wise decisions to increase community resilience. Some examples: Removing deadfall near communities to reduce fire risk; Building water-storage infrastructure and eliminating current wasteful uses ie. golf courses; Compassion and understanding for all our neighbours. Helping each other out. Sharing resources.

## **Land use and planning**

- Work with school districts and PRT to plant trees on school property or local gardens
- More fire mitigation. Buffer zones?
- Add to ALR
- Great idea to learn from best practices of other Regional Districts
- Balfour needs planning and zoning areas of commercial, residential, ALR, etc.
- Fire mitigation. Interface along regional districts
- Keep what ALR we have. No deviation
- Great the ALR is protected. BC Land Matching program sounds good.

### **Water supply**

- Oh, this is a good idea
- What is a “culture of water conservation”? Should it not be protect/ defend water sources to ensure future water supply
- IHA has boil water advisories on our consumptive waters. Can RDCK monitor quality and quantity?
- Help me (educate me) on ways to harvest and store H2O on my small acreage
- Why do the ALR properties have to pay so much for water
- Why do ALR properties pay so much for water?
- Why are we taking urinals out of government washrooms?
- More watershed protection. No more old-growth cutting
- We need less regulations not more
- Would be great to have funding for drip irrigation
  - Me too

### **Wildfire**

- Does RDCK have an emergency plan in case of fire – ie. free water to water the house?
- How can we prepare for a fire if we can't afford to water!
- FireSmarting is something neighbourhoods can do together. We can learn from this past summer and property loss.
- We do this. Would like more info.

### **Transportation and mobility**

- Regular buses to Balfour, Nelson, Kaslo
- Won't work for people who live out of town
- On demand door-to-door public transit
- Not enough energy to go all electric. Huge environmental impact/ heavy metals
- Why isn't all my carbon tax money going to climate actions
- CO2 is not the problem. We need CO2 for life to exist
- EV may not be energy wise. Too much waste. Lithium!

### **Buildings**

- Our heat pump made a huge difference, especially keeping home cool in summer. Minor change in electrical bill. Benefits outweigh the small increase.
- Love heat pumps
- Heat pump installed this spring. Got the rebate. Runs great.
- Not in favour of heat pumps. High electricity bills. More use of electricity.
- We need less regulations, not more

### **Resource recovery**

- More reusing allowed from the dump
- Not interested in garbage pick up – easy to drop off
- Would like the composter program for my waste (food cyclers as city incentive)
- Not sure about this. Explain please.
- What's been done about production of harmful materials?
- Make it possible to collect used vegetable oil to be used in diesel engines (like tractors)



- Safe and proper collection of used oil from mechanics and vehicle repairs

#### **Food and agriculture**

- What government buildings could be converted to green roofs?
- Would be great to have some funding for drip irrigation and tool library

#### **Energy**

- It has to stay your choice. No regulation.
- Local small energy generation
- Totally disagree with reducing CO2. CO2 levels are not near high enough. Check geologic history
- Support for IPPs to localize capacity
- CO2 is necessary for life. Reducing hydrocarbons is not the answer
- Choice – be clear about woodstove exchange program.
- Explore nuclear small systems
- Look at snow water for IPP
- Non-polluting wood burning heating
- Why is this not included?

## **New Denver Open House — September 6, 2023**

Approximately 30 attendees

#### **General**

- Lower dump fees. High dump fees equal increase in back country dumping illegally.
- Building code is cumbersome. Zero increased costs. Plus BP fees too high

#### **Community resilience looks like**

- Knowing your neighbours and having a clear plan as to who needs who should we be met with a disaster (ie. fire). Being able to recover and reconnect.
- Food security and community gardens
- Becoming as self-sufficient as possible
- RDCK has huge potential to generate clean green smaller hydroelectricity. Every effort to support this should be encouraged.
- Resiliency: knowing we are equipped and capable to take care of ourselves and our neighbours to the extent possible. What does this look like?
  - Local/regional food security
  - Adequate fire protection and response for interface areas
  - Secure water supplies that are safe to drink and won't be destroyed by fire
- Thank you for coming to New Denver!

### **Land use and planning**

- Speed bumps between New Denver and Silverton. Make it beautiful and slow. 50 km. The trail is the highway.
- 100% disagree. Taxing people does not solve the issue.
- New Denver – Silverton trail
  - One person added a check mark to this comment
  - Another person said Excellent!
- Do not allow other communities to influence planning in our community. Respect our differences and uniqueness.
- Taxing us for a conservation fund is wrong and probably illegal. Choosing which environmental organizations to support should be the citizens' choice.
- Leverage 'locally' projects through "Local Conservation Fund"

### **Floods and geohazards**

- Log jams like the infamous one near Revelstoke
- Community experts need to be utilized in preparing their communities for flooding. Red tape needs to be reduced to be proactive.
- Talking to Highways?
- Since the 2020 flood high waters zero effort from all levels of government have been addressed where obvious repair to prevent future damage can be done. The areas in our community have been brought to the attention of all levels of government and now in 2023 zero communications or resolutions. Enough talk. More action.

### **Water supply**

- Simon Hergott "Stolen Waters"
- How to protect our lake?? It is still clean but we need to take action to limit boat size, and do everything we can to protect it.
- Typically groundwater is less susceptible to extreme weather events as well as drought. Support groundwater supplies, including as a backup to surface sources.
- Funding for rainwater management (better sprinklers, timers, etc. for garden) similar to Bear Smart Fence getting 50% back
- Water... Educate on water conservation for residents
- Forestry practices endanger our water flow. True.
- Zincton will endanger our local water supply.
- "A lens of equity" – Enforced: How? By whom? When? Where?
- Use water to create green electricity whenever possible. This does not preclude other uses. It better utilizes a fundamental resource.
- Put water issues under RDCK local control
  - Yes!
- Research grey water technology and revisit raw water capture and use
- Water cisterns for rain collection
  - Supported by two other participants with a checkmark and a +1 added to the sticky note

## **Wildfire**

- Work with Youth Network Job Creation programs. Build local teams, possibly youth, who can help homeowners do the work to fire smart. It is great to have it assessed but many need local help to do the work.
- Work with private land owners adjacent to villages to 'sifco' their property
- Don't overlook the local experts who have the best knowledge of how to protect their communities before and during fires
- Work with qualified local firefighters and people with equipment. Coordinate efforts with provincial wildfire service.
- Include and listen to the public and ask (encourage) the public to get involved. Create clean teams in high risk areas. Work with the public who work in these areas especially forestry works, firefighters or other relevant areas of those who have the direct experience.

## **Transportation and mobility**

- Find a way to use school bus as a transport for community as well as students
- Revisit the public transit system to include more routes in the rural areas and ensure reliability
- Make it easier for those who want to bike to a bus (bike lockers at bus stops or more space on bus for bikes)
- Collaboration of other NGOs to address public transport within the region
- All trails receiving public funding should be multi-use and benefit everyone, not just special interest groups
- I ride an e-bike but I can't afford an electric car and none are rural road suitable
- Stop being pawns of foreign oil companies
- The EV backlash is Big Oil misinformation. Do your homework
- Get rid of dirty diesel
- Support EV car share program that isn't just Nelson
- The RDCK may not have the choice but to mandate ZEVs (zero emission vehicles). Provincial, Federal, the UN?
- Zero emission vehicles (ZEVs) are not eco-friendly nor sustainable environmentally. Can diesel really be replaced by "low carbon fuels?"
- New Denver to Silverton and Trail
  - Two people supported this comment by adding +1 marks on the sticky note.
  - Ditto to New Denver, Silverton, Trail

## **Buildings**

- Encourage property owners to harvest logs and use the lumber for building
- Before demolishing an old building, put out to tender for those who want to reuse materials for other projects
- New builds – Ok. They'll be more pricey. Existing homes – whose going to pay?
- Encourage the building of tiny homes and make it easier to do so e.g. building permits
- Make tiny homes easy
- How will people pay for upgrades: Loans? Taxes? Will there be choice?
- Tax-shifting

- Make it easier for people to maintain and restore heritage buildings. Provide tax breaks and incentives.
- Support business retrofits
- Put size limits on new houses (single family)
- You are taking direction from the IPCC. The IPCC is the UN, not elected by the people you represent.
- Thanks for clarifying

### **Leadership and operations**

- If RDCK staff have a pension fund, if not done already, divest from fossil fuel industries and re-direct to renewables and ecologically-viable industries
- All without question or debate
  - That's exactly what's happening here today
- RDCK staff to lead by example first
  - Great idea
- Listen more. There are many very knowledgeable people within the RDCK. Question elected directors who act autocratically.
- Require that an internal cost of carbon e.g. \$300/tonne be included in all financial and budgeting decisions
- All policy will have to "support climate action." Really? C'mon.
- Explicitly factor carbon emissions into budgeting and decision making
- Contract bids include carbon emission estimates

### **Resource recovery**

- Continue to work with our current compost programs and make it reach more of the community
- Community compost station and soil building for community gardens – from food waste and organic matter
- Ah, but how about some accountability/better regulations re: the first and second biggest contributors?
- Recycle program for construction demolition – wood, etc. Keep out of landfill.
- Support existing composting program here to expand
- How about cleaning up the banks of Slocan River from decades of settlers using it as their private dump
- Better access and funding for local compost/yard waste programs

### **Food and agriculture**

- Support community farming initiatives. (Accessing Crown land etc. eg. community gardens)
  - One person added a check mark to this sticky
- 100% support
- "Climate resilient crops" – are we talking GMO? Monsanto?
- Video: "Stolen Waters – Waging war on water rights and food security" by Simon Hergott. Your food supply is currently being harmed.
- Do not support or invite "industrial" or intensive agriculture. Do support community farms owned by individuals, families or co-ops who practice agro-ecology and sustainable food production

## Energy

- Micro hydro under 1 MW in New Denver
- 15 minute city, then what... 5 minute rural area?
- Explore micro nuclear power
  - One person marked an X on the sticky
- Help businesses get off gas generator for power outages
- Encourage reducing “needs”
- Not a woodstove as a backup heat source but use an efficient woodstove
- Encourage micro hydro and medium hydro. Lessen our energy demands through education.
- Improve electrical grid
- Enough with encourage... mandate clean efficient wood stoves
- 100% support!
- Encourage sustainable small hydro for communities and businesses and individuals. We could become leaders
- If carbon offsets are to be used, support local green producers first before buying outside of RDCK
- Increase vegetation management alongside power lines to prevent wildfires
- Research sodium batteries being used in China

# Wynndel – September 5, 2023

Approximately 75 attendees

## General

- Looks good
- Concerns with climate resistant crops when genetically modified seeds are allowed on market without any requirements for labelling
- How can the RDCK encourage better forestry practices that will decrease flood risk for its residents?
- RDCK can lead this with their own buildings
- More pathways to support walkers, bikers, etc. Link the surrounding areas around towns.
- More buses!
- Better public transit, yes please! Bike/walking paths?
- No referendum. Too expensive. Talk it out. Contribute to plan.
- If you want war, try charging for well water. Are you trying to get people killed. Some of these wells cost someone \$200,000. Try charging for the water.
- Is this a democracy? Let’s have a vote!
- NICCDIES. Fed gov’t site. Retrofit houses and buildings – cost \$40-50,000. Non-compliance they confiscate your home!
- Yaah
- B.S.

- Share your thoughts on improvements
- Referendum please. Let the people speak!
- You use the word “control” a lot in this documents and this word is a lightning rod
- Let us as Canadians vote
- What do you want to see?
- Keep out!
- Free speech. No WEF
- Tell us what you appreciate
- This is a democracy supposedly. Our point of democracy are by, for and of the people.
- No WEF!
- Thanks for these meetings. Now listen.
- No UN. No WHO. Paper ballot. Let us decide.
- For God’s sake hear what the people want. Listen.
- Keep up the good work. We appreciate the efforts to secure a more habitable future!
- Let us as Canadians vote.
- We need to have a vote.
- Is this a democracy? Let’s have a vote
- Referendum yes or no paper ballots
- Leave us alone!
- How can we take a “systems perspective” to help us reduce costs for residents? Increase efficiency
- Referendum yes or no paper ballots
- Vote not dictatorship. Let us vote!
- Is this a democracy? Let’s have a vote!
- We need a referendum please
- If the vote is no, then what? Stick heads back in sand
- Let us as Canadians vote
- A referendum is necessary
  - Yes it is
  - Yes, we must have a referendum
- Yes to what? No to what? There’s no freedom if we’re not prepared.
- Subsidize “fireproof” insulation. Use less energy. Get great fire protection.
  - Great idea
- Organize a community plan for wildfire evacuation! Burning gas/ station/ mill, ferry traffic, kids away from home – Yikes!
  - Wyndell tanks, railway. What are we going to do?
- Tally the amount of water we have. Limit growth to the amount of water. Share with the fish. Keep the Kootenay Cool.
- What about GHGs?
  - Methane like gas thrown on a bonfire
  - Carbon – like charcoal. Burn for 300 years too hot!
  - Cool the planet – ban natural gas. Switch to electric heat pumps. They provide cooling too. Whew! Cooling
- Fire Smart - integrate with energy efficiency. Have a rating system-tie with insurance providers.
- EV – grid overload. More thought to this. Extraction. Waste implications. Grid resilience ie. EV tractors.

- Ideas: produce in Canada. Change throwaway society. Make internal combustion better/ more efficient
- Common sense approach. Backups in case of outages with myriad of sources

### **Community resilience looks like**

- Kindergarten?
- We vote no to all this
- Building trust through dialogue
- Show me the money, not my taxes
- Taking care of each other in emergency situations. Advocating for a Kootenay-wide bus system. Having a community evacuation plan.
- Referendum Yes or No. Paper ballots!
  - Yes!
- Referendum! No top-down decisions
- Leave us alone!
- Reducing methane and carbon emissions to cool our Kootenay home. Switch to electric heat pumps from natural gas asap. Use the rebates – my girlfriend qualified for a \$9,500 rebate – You can too!
- Referendum! Yes or No. Paper ballots.
- Working together to make our valley/ community more aware of and prepared for the effects of climate change: Drought; Extreme weather; Fires; Soil degradation. Supporting those who will suffer: Anxiety; Food shortages and economic decline; Housing shortage.
- Our gov has been letting our forest burn. How much carbon did that put out and we are paying taxes on it. Whoever made this decision should be tarred and feathered and run out of my country at least my province.
- ‘Less bureaucracy more collaboration’

### **Land use and planning**

- Why can't we vote? We have no say!
- The longer we wait, the more cost!
- Why can't we vote?
- People's choice! Referendum
- Yes to referendum. Know the truth
- What is bad about the plan?
- We need a referendum
- Good plan: water, waste, energy
- Go to Gov of Canada website. Elected officials need to educate themselves. Not a conspiracy. National climate change action plan enviro-social-governance control!
- Preserve ALR
- Referendum. Yes or no. Paper ballots.
- Vote on what?
- Low income housing in Wyndell? No
- Let us as Canadians vote
- Is this a democracy? Let's have a vote!
- Quick fixes have failed
- Are we taking a '7 generations' approach to land use planning?

- Encourage Ag education at college, etc
- Yes to referendum
- Don't infringe on private property! Leave us alone!
- Yes to land-use planning. Long game! Is okay!
- No to low income housing
- Many actions scheduled to be implemented by 2023-2024. What's the rush?
- We need to be very careful with road building and soil disturbances to avoid creating land slide potential. Culverts installation is tricky – starting new stream flow is dangerous.
- Bike lanes along the highway or railroad please. I like the plan. We can all contribute to it.
- Farmers take notice. Your land will be taken to put more trees on. You will be moved to high rises!

### **Floods and geohazards**

- Why can't we vote?
- Stop clearcutting everything
- And then what? We'll be magically saved? Referendum yes
- Referendum. Yes or no. Paper ballots.
- Give us a vote by paper ballot
- If this is a democracy? Let's have a paper vote.
- Vote on what? To be prepared for disaster
- Why can't we vote? We have no say
- In support of plan! The longer we wait the more expensive
- And the less safe we'll be. Wanna burn?
- DPA is helpful to inform folks about risks in floodplains
- Do we understand the impacts of clearcutting on floods and slides?
- Let us as Canadians vote
- Good Climate Action Plan
- Reduce logging
- We need a vote for this. Please give us a referendum
- How are you working with local diking districts to enhance/ repair/ maintain their infrastructure?

### **Water supply**

- Legalizing Humanure composting so we stop flushing with drinking water
- Are we monitoring how much water new infrastructure is using?
- Let us as Canadians vote
- Don't sell our water to the US
- Let us vote!
- Everyone has a responsibility on using water
- There should be quotes on how many trees can be planted
- More control
- Good climate plan
- Referendum Yes or No Paper ballots
- Forced control of freedom
- How do we promote rainwater catchment? Grants?



- Cisterns needed!
- Let's have a paper vote on this topic
- We need a referendum please
- Vote for what then?
- What about the water spilling 24/7 on Duck Creek Road!
- Yes! Protect our water!
- Appreciating the events RDCK has organized eg. Erickson H2O meeting
- Hot to direct more H2O to veggies and carefully monitor the amount for cherries
- How are you supporting diking districts who have their own water systems build sustainable systems for clean water?
- Yeah the insurance industry loves it – not!
- Water is too precious to see it run down the streets and water lawns
- The evaporation of trees brings water to the land. Preserve the forest floor to retain moisture.
- Climate change is forced control of freedom big business caused

### **Wildfire**

- Vote on what? To be FireSmart?
- Yes to referendum
- Let us as Canadians vote
- Referendum Yes or No Paper ballots
- Helpful to assist ag sector for wildfire emergency
- And then what?
- Like the plan
- Loss of freedom is having your home burn down, your community and your works and your farm and your animals. Cool the planet! Stop natural gas
- Can sprinkler systems be part of the subsidy program to protect our homes>
  - Yes
  - Check mark
  - Check mark
- Can we build/plant green fireguard borders around communities? Might create jobs!
  - Check mark
  - Check mark
- Yes to referendum
- Reach out to private land owners of interface areas to financially incentivize selective logging/thinning of forest
- Let's have a paper vote please
- We need better forestry fire control. Get RDCK equipped to control fires with big fire bombers
- We need a vote. We need a referendum
- Why can't we vote?
- I am not for this
- Who doesn't want citizens/residents to be prepared for and protected from wildfires?
- RDCK emergency notification system – good
- Stop leaving fires burn! Take action!
- Good plan
- If you say no... what do you say yes to?

- If Canada had fires like this year every year, Canada's 3.2 million km of forest will be entirely burned by 2047! No more NG

### **Transportation and mobility**

- Let us as Canadians vote
- Transportation: battery recycling? Who, where, how? Where will extra power come from? (Assume more charging stations needed) pg. 7 workbook. Electrification of Kootenay Lake Ferry? Who pays? Pg 8 workbook
- Ban gas fueled vehicles – natural and propane. Buy electric. \$20,000 to replace battery every 10 years
- First step toward forcing electric vehicles!
- Make sure bike lanes on the sides of all new and re-paved roads compulsory – as in Oregon and many parts of Europe
- Yes to referendum
- I am assuming this is voluntary?
- And what if the voters say no?
- Please give us a referendum
- Is there talk of share programs? EV truck sharing? E-bike sharing?
- I am not for this. We need a vote
- Public transport! Safe paths for bikes!
- What does anyone lose?
  - Our kids lose a future if we don't act now
  - Agreed
- Please make safe biking and walking paths so people will feel safe to use them
- And electric trains!
- Why can't we vote?
- Good plan. Let's do it
- Transportation: What will people do in winter? (Not practical for us.)
- I am really looking forward to an electric bus service connecting to all of the Kootenay. I would like to bicycle along the highway but it is too scary – bike paths please up the lake
- Not all scientists agree that there is a climate crisis
- Referendum. Yes or no. Paper ballots.
- Yes to referendum
- Good plan. More safe cycling trails on roads
- Let's have a paper vote

### **Buildings**

- Too much CO2 evaporates soil moisture from gardens and forests. Some is good. Too much dries the earth.
- My code insulated home is so warm I hardly need to heat it. The passive solar when the sun shines at -29 degrees C is so warm!
- Let us as Canadians vote
- What CO2 problem
- If this is a democracy, let's have a vote
- Yes to referendum. Know the truth.
- Vote on what?

- What about integrating solar/geothermal in new communities?
- Will lead to forced home renovations
  - Completely voluntary
- Referendum Yes or No paper ballots
- Sounds good!
- RDCK is making it impossible by new building codes the continue adding
- More control by gov
- Let us vote! We have no say!
- Love it! Great point about co-benefits. That is a key to success.
- Incentive ect. energy source production at the home and neighbourhood level
- United Nations own our Mayors and Council
- Leave us alone to live our lives!

### **Leadership and operations**

- You're in the forefront of gov't responsibility. Keep up the good work.
- Leadership and ops: Our local contribution to climate emissions is not uncontrollable by our own action plan. Scrap this high level rhetoric.
- Leave us alone!
- More collaboration with Indigenous leadership
  - Check mark
- Leadership needs an environmental lens on each decision they make.
  - Check mark
- Battery electric yard maintenance tools
  - Check mark
- We need a referendum
- Referendum – yes or no – paper ballots
- Let us as Canadians vote
- Let the people vote
- Good climate plan
- Leadership and ops: Can we opt out? Go to referendum. Develop local action plan for our geography and needs
- We need a vote. Is this a democracy or what?
- Please lead but don't control
- Will this call for more government employees?
- Let us vote!
- Regarding internal carbon budgeting tool – is there a tool that a homeowner could use?
- Develop plain language text for policy documents
- Thank you RDCK for letting us create this plan. I hope everyone contributes instead of being angry and frustrated.
- We need Ktunaxa here to contribute – have a meeting for them

### **Resource recovery**

- Yes to referendum
  - Check mark
  - Check mark
- Freedom to burn!

- Young have no idea the freedom they are losing
- Referendum. Yes or no. Paper ballots.
  - Check mark
  - Check mark
- Hurry up. Should have been done years ago!
- Free compost acceptance at dump.
  - Or at my house
- Let us as Canadians vote
- Assumption: CO2 is a pollutant. Is this true? Planet is greening due to more CO2 in atmosphere
- No more garbage in ditches
- Can we use the landfill to generate energy?
  - Creston captures methane to process the brewery waste!
- Good plan!
- Important to divert more waste
- Why can't we vote?
- Compost for sale to residents from our landfill please? Cheap?
- Resource recovery: divert significant amount of organic waste to where? Bokashi/ Foodcycler? Who educates and pays? Pg 11 workbook
  - Nelson gives away free composters!
- Please give us a referendum. We need a vote
- No to referendum. Talk it out. Contribute to the plan.
- Free dump fees
  - Check mark
- Dump costs high = people dump in nature
- Trash pickup should be weekly so we don't attract rats or skunks (in Creston)
- We need to access chipped branches and yard waste for garden mulch. Highway thinning chipped are fertile mulch. 10 stars!
- We need to recycle more building materials to keep them out of the trash. When I was poor I built my home out of salvaged 2x4s, 2x6s and plywood and drywall doors and windows.

### **Food and agriculture**

- We need locally made cisterns to buy to store rain. Tally the water in our system. Limit our use to it. Save some for fish.
- Let's have a paper vote please!
- Young women give up your makeup! Hair dryers. Only three sets of clothing purchase per year! Travelers – only 1 out of country trip every 3 years. Happy holiday! Travel restricted
- This whole plan will greatly reduce local farming
- Water storage options are important
- Good local food is the best!
- Is our agriculture built to make money, make food and/or increase native biodiversity?
- Why can't we vote?
- Let us as Canadians vote.
- Yes to referendum
- Canada is no longer free. We have no say.
- Good plan! Support farmers. Buy local!
  - Check mark

- And then what?
- Referendum Yes or No Paper Ballots
  - Check mark
- We need food security
  - Check mark
- Less gov
- We need a vote. We need a referendum
  - Check mark
- Let us do our own vote by the people
- What is small-scale farming 1-2 acres, 100-200 acres, 200-2,000 acres? The most efficient is larger farms.
- Efficient at what? Soil conservation. Nutrition?
- Hopefully this is true! It isn't for some interior BC farmers!

## Energy

- What are rural people supposed to do to get to work?
- Retrofit. Throw out your gas furnace, gas fireplace, gas stove, replace with electric!
  - Check mark
- Happy to see more focus on renewable energy installations
  - Check mark
- Referendum yes or no. Paper ballots.
  - Yes/no on what?
  - Check mark
- Let's have a paper vote! Please!
- Let's have a paper vote!
- Solar is good! Need incentives. Voluntary!
- Heat pumps are inefficient in winter months. Expensive install. Grid cannot handle everything electric.
- Yes to behavioral shifts
- Retrofit residents cost \$40-50,000 non-compliance they take your home
- Why can't we vote?
- Young people are losing their freedom. Very sad!
- What about local energy harvesting?
- Please give us a referendum we need a vote
- Improved resilience to energy disruptions
- How will you build upon fed and prov programs and/or pressure other levels of gov't for incentive programs that works for rural residents?
- Let us as Canadians vote
  - Vote on what?
- How does this reduce GHG?
- What are the projects with the biggest long-term financial benefit in our region?
- If you have any discernment, research for yourself: 15-minute cities; the truth about lithium batteries Canadian gov website; weather manipulations agreement between Canada and US
- Could the massive oil and gas subsidies be better used for geothermal developments?
- Pathway Alliance. 6 members own 95% of oil sands. 70% foreign owners. Your taxes increase. \$7 trillion of fossil fuel subsidies last year. \$13 million every min from government to industry

worldwide. 80% of carbon in a barrel emissions not counted in reports of 95% of emissions. Canada's fossil fuel: 70% foreign ownership mostly US. 14 shareholders strangle Canadian regulations.

- Will hot water on demand systems be banned as well? How can the poor afford new tech?
- RDCK assets should reflect this shift! CDCC, fire halls, etc.
- Methane. Deforestation. Human-caused climate change is taking away our freedom! Wildfires and floods and heat domes and landslides, drought cook the planet. Sad for our children.

## Salmo – August 30, 2023

Approximately 100 attendees

### General

- Why can we not have a referendum?
  - Too expensive and not collaborative
- What is meant by resilience? Sustainable?
- Compost is goal. Programs to garden!
- Who decided the requirement and why? I do not agree.
- RDCK rural CO2 is 6T per person. The provincial average is 18T. We are 1/3 the average. Why are we even having this discussion? We are good!
- Fall of the Cabal. YouTube Fourhorseman
- 1. Mail to all addresses (workbook). 2. Presentation. Facilitator (3<sup>rd</sup> party). Time limit (each person 2-3 minute response). Potential for more sessions.
- Future meetings have a delegation of a few people to represent the public.
- We asked for town halls

### Land use and planning

- Agreed! It would be nice to promote the development of rail beds to be more usable as alternate transportation options
- Do not over-reach and/or interfere with private property rights.
- Great that ALR being protected
  - Check mark
- Claus Schwab Head of WEF (World Economic Forum) says “You will own nothing and you will be happy.” He influences the United Nations of which Canada is a member. How will this plan protect our citizens?
- When are the town halls?
- Park land increases tourism
- What about ALR?
- What does the RDCK mean by growth?
- Make sure land grabs and deportation are not possible

## **Floods and geohazards**

- Better collaboration with forestry. Protect watershed.
- No more evacuation orders
- 5-10 meter clear fire breaks on all properties bordering on forests/Crown lands
- We need a town hall not posters and Post-It notes
- Emergency response – climate adaptation – resiliency hubs
- Resilience Hub Manual
- Deb. Community Resilience Hub
- USDN.org Urban Sustainability Directors network
- No clear cut logging
- Outlaw clear cut logging near watersheds
  - Check mark
  - Check mark
  - Check mark
- Stop clear cutting for God's sake!
- Private land logging must be controlled
- Why are you allowing logging in unstable biozones. eg. Whitewater area and above Nelson. Just a matter of time.
- We depend on these services for a safe community
- Clear cuts and logging should only be permitted with community discussion and approval!
- More sustainable logging practice in public and private lands. No old growth logging or in watersheds.
  - Check mark
  - Check mark
  - Check mark
  - Check mark
  - Check mark
  - Check mark
  - Check mark

## **Water supply**

- How is water metering fair? Family of 4 versus family of 1
- We know about geoengineering and are skeptic of the weather patterns
- With metering we are more responsible for our consumption
- Does this mean metering? (Support demand side management)
- B.S.
- Implement metering of all water (RDCK) systems by 2030. What is this?
- An awareness of individual water consumption would be great!
- If you are worried about our water and a water shortage then why are you letting them log anywhere near our watersheds. It's a no brainer.
  - Check mark
- Not keen on metering if it leads to smart meters and taxation.
- Who decides what the quotas would be?
- Do not charge for water. Just another control strategy.
- Great Water Smart program. Learned a lot from it in the past.
- How about alternatives to grass?

- Check mark
- Planting trees has helped with water... so much.
- Not in favour of metering water, who's to say how much one can use. More gov't control, no thanks.
- Control population and water meters won't be needed. Ergo less water usage.

### **Wildfire**

- Stop geoengineering! Spraying aluminum and barium that acts as an accelerant to fuel the severity of wildfires!
  - I agree
- Post-Its do not replace town halls
- Face faces. FireSmart has failed! Create fire breaks.
- Had FireSmart done. Very happy.
- FireSmart is a great program. Lots of valuable information.
- Encourage and support fuel mitigation on private land. Go beyond FireSmart.
- I think this is so important.
- Is the government at war with the people and responsible for starting these fires?
- Why aren't we creating more fire breaks?
- Stop geoengineering!
- Limit aluminum barium stradium fire accelerant. Stop spraying
- Better forest management practices and biodiversity
- Work to train and integrate rural property owners (if they want) into firefighting efforts
  - Check mark
- Help people be useful during evacuation orders.
- Facilitate fuel mitigation on larger acreages.
- We want town hall meetings!
- Create more hiking trails meanwhile creating fire breaks
- Wildfires happen naturally (if not arson). Fires actually are healthy to ecology. Protect residential areas.

### **Transportation and mobility**

- 'Maybe' RDCK will not mandate EVs but the province will. What are the RDCK plans for supporting residents in this?
- Electric cars are not the answer. Let's keep looking for a better answer.
- Yes – Yes better service for rural communities
- Why isn't the West Kootenays fully equipped with buses. Public transit. It will be used. It is very needed.
- Not perfect but lower lifecycle emissions than gas vehicle.
- Yes to supporting a healthy, active lifestyle
- What is a low carbon fuel?
- Will personal vehicle travel be restricted? How?
- Imagine an overhead hispeed mono-rail over the rail beds underneath covered multiuse trails
- EV vehicles = lithium mines... cobalt! = environmental disaster – worse than oil
- My granddaughters could use the service to get to work when they graduate
- What is low-carbon transportation?



- I love cycling/walking trails. Develop them but not at the expense of our motorized transportation.
- No more funded transit. No grants. Private rideshare on-demand
- Electric cars are a joke! Ask the fire department about electric batteries. Fires! Free energy tech exists but has been hidden from public
- ? I'm not sure. Be clearer (example)
- I drive an EV. Very suited to Kootenay life. Lower operating costs.
- Have you investigated the possibility of a grid large enough and financially affordable to handle running electric vehicles in the community
- What is green economy?
- Collaboration with BC Transit for improved rural public transportation
- Has EV been considered in winter conditions? Power outages, etc.
- EV vehicles = no good
- Tax the people, businesses using highway 6 as a throughway and increase buses

### **Buildings**

- No Step Code. Just say no!
- Please look up who Claus Schwab is. He is the head of the World Economic Forum. He says "you will own nothing and you will be happy"
- Post-Its do not replace conversation
- Adding lime to fiber products now increases structural strength
- In science class I was taught carbon was good. Tree and plant food.
- Sustainable housing: hempcrete; cob; strawbale; etc. Less regulations. More acceptance to different material.
- Who will pay to retrofit homes to meet latest building standards?
- Related regulations to ease natural construction ie. hempcrete
  - Yes!
- Q2 is vital for life – too much will kill you. Too much CO2 upsets natural balance.
- My hempcrete and clay house with radiant floor (heat pump) costs \$150/month to heat.
- No plastic or off-gassing products which impacts indoor air quality.
- Prioritize passive systems over mechanical ones, just like it used to be.
- Natural construction is very fire resistant
- Increase building science training for builders
- Great – new builds to higher standard. Contractors on board.
- Not interested in mandatory retrofitting.
- Carbon is not pollution! CO2 feeds our plants and food.
  - Yes!
- Installing a heat pump system has made a huge difference – in costs savings, less emissions from burning wood. We not are comfortable during the extreme heats of summer.

### **Leadership and operations**

- CO2 is safe up to 10,000 ppm. At 400+ ppm what is the problem?
  - As a climate scientist do a search
  - OSHA
  - Check mark

- Who initiated the 15 min concept. Ans: Adolf Hitler. Never again be in a ghetto!
- When was this plan and costs approved by the board?
- Climate change is natural. 5000ppm CO2 is safe and good for us and plants. GHG effect is minimal as CO2 increases.
  - Check mark
- Great suggestions for how RDCK can improve their own operations and be an example to other individuals and organizations
  - Check mark
- Post-Its do not replace town halls
- Women in leadership roles will save the planet
- I love Trudeau
- Get rid of Schaub Trudeau and the rest for a start
  - Yes
- Equity is not equal. You steal from the 'haves' and give to the 'have-nots.'
  - Check mark
- Let's make a covenant and subvert these subverting directors (of dictatorship)
- Newsflash! Climate changes! There is no emergency!
- Congratulations on bold leadership and applying a climate lens to policies and operations with accountability. We need to adapt to our changing climate and ensure equity for all citizens.
- Would prefer a proper town hall meeting (after 6 pm)
- Move faster!
- Good leadership structure
- Does climate action include Gov't of Canada geoengineering and weather modification and military operations?
- Does RDCK inclusion and diversity include non-discrimination towards those that won't wear a mask or get vaccinated?

#### **Resource recovery**

- Great ideas. I like the "what you can do" suggestions
- Thank you RDCK yard clean up!
- Some local recycling would be good – jobs
- Great idea (mobile chipping program options)
- Circular economy projects
- These posters are not a conversation
- Use wood for community projects and chip the rest
- Yes to composting. Please include grey water management.
- Allow safe scavenging at landfills
- Carbon is not a problem. But I do like recycling.
  - Agreed
- Great idea!

#### **Food and agriculture**

- Support for small farms
  - Check mark
- Excellent! We are in a great location for local food production.

- No! This is not equitable! This is racist against me. Anyone should be able to apply and receive this grant.
  - Check mark
- I do not agree with this. Anyone who wishes to be part of this program should be included regardless of skin colour.
- CCRT is mandating % of Canadian content. How about a higher % of local produce in stores
- What about ALR?
- Promote permaculture over conventional and organic
- Grow your own food. Don't buy electric cars.
- No chemical trails
- Posters do not constitute engagement
- Permaculture
- Agree
- The welfare of humanity has always been the alibi of tyrants
- Where and how will proposed compost be distributed/sold?
- Stop importing fresh food
- What farming is considered sustainable?
- What are low carbon foods?
- How do they plan on reducing cost of food for families to eat without having to decide if family eats or bills get paid?
- What about giving more incentives to people to grow more home gardens and more incentives to small farms
- I do not support GMO foods. Nor terra farming. What are the seeds farmers will be allowed to plant? Monsanto?
- What bylaws will be updated and specifically will this affect residents, pertaining to land use/ farming/ gardens etc. This tells us nothing yet.
- What does this mean? (explore further partnerships with water stewardship groups in the region to support efficient water use in agriculture and food production)
- How about inclusive and non-racist funds available to all farmers and businesses, regardless of race/skin colour!
- ? (Continue to advocate for small-scale livestock farming)
- Ban GMO. Organic only.
- I support local food security

### Energy

- If we stop burning wood etc, how will we afford to heat our homes?
- Wood heat can be done cleanly and sustainably
- Hydrogen is clean fuel with water as a byproduct
- Wanting everyone to change to electric cars... What about the fire hazard of the batteries, what happens when charge runs out in the middle of nowhere... these can be controlled by other parties, kill switches. Why not use water fueled cars? Was invented long ago.
- How are the grids going to be able to support all of these electrically charged vehicles?
- White LEDs are blue with phosphorus to create "white." Over exposure can be harmful to our eyes.
- "Renewable" energy depends on fossil fuels ie: wind turbines. Solar is unreliable and the mining for batteries is devastating.

- Agreed
- Solid electrolyte battery with no lithium is safe from fire
- Electric cars sustainable??? Hardly
- You are assuming we don't already do this? (Conserve energy use)
- We can't dismiss tech that is in early stages
- Some of the actions work better in higher density areas
- Electricity generates heat. More electricity equals more heat.
- Why isn't there more support for upgrading wood stoves and heating systems.
- Electric cars are not the answer. Let's keep looking for a better answer.
- A local, rural perspective is important
- Supporting ZEV is also supporting child labour and pollution
- What happened to simplicity? Less is more
- Why are we not all running geothermal heating systems in the west Koots. Why must they be so unaffordable.
- EV vehicles = lithium mines... cobalt! = environmental disaster – worse than oil
- Free energy technology exists but has been hidden from the public. Eg. can run cars on water.
- Agreed
- Renewables aren't very renewable. Solar batteries have more enviro impact. Mining lithium not good.
- Agreed
- A gradual process indeed.
  - Yes

## Creston – August 29, 2023

Approximately 200 attendees

### What does resilience look like to you?

- What is the definition of resilience? Relying solely on electricity? That is the antipathy of resilience. Putting all eggs in one basket is not resilience. Having multiple and reliable sources of energy is resilience. Electrification is punishment to the poor. Only cheap energy will raise margins income Canada. Electric energy is expensive and will come more costly.
- Not clear cutting watersheds.
- Community gardens! Grow your own food. Share
- Yes non-gmo seeds. Eliminate Monsanto
  - agree!
- Taking good care of ourselves and each other. Make medicines
- Small scale farming
  - agree!
- Decrease government overreach
- Lots of space indoor and outdoor for community gatherings
- No more geoengineering, weather modification ruling our land, air and water

- More transparency from government and their program
- No more engineering! Spraying aluminium and barium that is an accelerant in terms of how severe the wildfires are!! (chem trails)
- Good paying jobs, so we are not depending on government programs (welfare)
- Support neighbours in time of trouble
- No led lights - 5G - control - surveillance
- Respect traditional cultural views and lifestyles
- Personal, individual sovereignty
- Residents working together as a team to meet the community needs in good times and in bad. Ensuring there are enough resources for future generations by conserving what we have
- Quote by CS Lewis: "Of all tyrannies...they do so with the approval of their own conscience"

### **Wildfire**

- Thank you for this plan that the public developed
- Control burns vs logging, thinking jobs
- No to the Plan
- Too much propaganda, referendum no to plan, lets vote
- Hire a crew to fire smart homes at property owners request
- Why is this the only action, what about fuel mitigation
- Why did wildfire services light fires amidst 70 km per hour wind forecast and not alert residents
- Be prepared, phone tree, get out plan and a plan B, evacuation times 15 minutes
- Referendum paper vote
- Greatly needed (stuck next to action - help ag sector)
- Put fires out when they start. Arrest the arsonists
- We do need to fire smart our community and personal property. The work is physical and our older citizens need free help
- Referendum paper vote
- Education for property owners? Community support
  - check mark
- Can we clean and utilize fallen temples to create fire barriers
  - check mark
- Referendum paper vote
- 200 goats clear 1 acre of under bush per day!
- Keep forest soil moist chip wood to leave as much
- No to plan
- Is there an evacuation plan for Creston if a fire comes near?
- Is there any way to stop logging on private property like Wynndel, this open more land that dries and becomes more kindle
- Water available within 3km of town boundary to fire control

### **Floods & Geohazards**

- No to plan, let people vote referendum
- Referendum paper vote
- Referendum paper vote
- Referendum paper vote
- No to plan

- No we need a referendum
- So important to develop this plan 100% support
- Please implement actions post-haste
- Why not consider connecting this to land use planning, providing parks in key riparian areas can help
- Yes please, habitat protection vital to aid biodiversity (in response to first action re outreach and education)
- Stop cutting down the trees , this causes erosion and land slides
- Helping those who live in flood prone (& other risk areas) areas to move or mitigate the risks would be awesome
- Qualified professional are rare. Education system paradigm shift
- Systems thinking curriculum in public schools
- Is this a geoengineering impact?
  - Are you aware of government environmental geoengineering
  - No
- RDCK staff are payed people. Not elected representatives of the areas involved, listen to the residents
- Funny I distinctly remember voting for my representative
- Great (in response to NEPP program)

### **Leadership & Operations**

- No this is just a control plan
- Where's the plan for when the e-cars blow up? Depot? Special training?
- We need more climate education in diagram and lay person speech
- How about keep it simple. Have RDCK staff in each town deliver programs to cut down on fuel used to transport stuff from Nelson here. I asked staff for examples and was told about a project between Nelson and Castlegar. That doesn't help area B, C and Town of Creston.
- Referendum paper vote
- Referendum paper vote
- What role does the federal government climate modification treat and program affect the climate
- No referendum – waste of money
- Look into summer jobs for youth to become more involved with environment
- There are great actions, keep up the good work and go even further
- Are we looking at opposing views? How the data is perceived is important, perspective.
- Any and all experts hired are vetted. No conflict of interest or they are null and void input
- Take your climate leadership actively to the people. Don't depend on them reading!
- Community and cultural connectedness means quality local jobs. RDCK needs staff in Creston, rather than travelling from Nelson
- Cities hire experts that are supposed to know all aspects of CCH but get paid wages
- Referendum paper vote
- How is climate change related to racism?
- Community engagement and collaboration – great goals! Let's try it! RDCK provides the template
- Beyond the scope of anything but good will implementation

## Transportation & Mobility

- Reduce air travel
- Canada needs a national public train – high-speed Europe & Japan
  - check marks
  - check mark
- No to the plan
- Lessen air traffic into and through the RDCK
- Much needed (in response to actions)
- What is proof of climate change
- Look at Kelowna
- Winter times woes with electric vehicles
- What are the specific plans for Area B, C Town of Creston
- What trails are proposed? What plans?
- Be specific, there is nothing to comment on
- Check mark for last two Transportation actions
- Do we include pesticides and geoengineering into our collective pollution?
- If you want us to walk more, put sidewalks throughout our town – along highway & northwest boulevard
- In rural areas electric vehicles are overpriced dangerous, just one example
- We really do need a Kootenay wide bussing service that connects to wider providers
- We used to be able to take the train to Nelson (and even do a full university degree there) – is it possible to bring passengers trains back?
- Love the work on developing active transportation paths
  - check mark
- I appreciate contributing and cresting this plan – thanks
- Leadership in electric vehicles for local businesses plan?
- Need safe bike and walking trails to connect communities in our valley
  - check mark
- We need a bus system that ties the Columbia basin together
- Referendum paper vote
- Interesting that anyone would oppose the encouragement of people being able to bike to work/play safely & efficiently – who wouldn't want that? Thanks RDCK
- Against charter of right of Canadians!
- Re `what you can do` statement of buying an EV – make it more relative eg. For those who can afford it, buy an EV
- Do you know environmental impact to mine metals for EVs?

## Resource Recovery

- Referendum paper vote
- Referendum paper vote
- This is made up info
  - By who?
- Support reduce & reuse at waste management stations we need to divert waste from landfill
- Humans are made up of carbon, is this a genocidal plan?
  - No!
  - This is a joke right? Ha ha, hope so!

- Green burial!
- Chipping and composting
- Year round access to compost
- Really enjoying the improvement made to our waste collection. The recycling and the compost pick up
- Would like to see an area at the landfill where usable items can be picked up
- We could really use wood chips in our garden
- Will we be able to get compost from the landfill
- Carbon tax according to ... will help with pollution ☺
- I support 100%, sooner the better
- Recovering and reuse materials is wise
- What happened to free stores?
- To reduce plastic waste look into pro-block. Repurpose plastic to use and building material.
- Allow people to drop off garden waste, lawn clippings for free all year
- Should have a drop off all year for electronics etc...
- Incentivization to reduce, reuse, recycle. Tipping fees mean people are dumping their waste in the bush
- I like the plan
- Create a repurpose section of the landfill for people to reuse and repair
- Heat waste capture such as what heats the Creston complex is local and affordable and conserves energy
- Have hazardous waste days more often please
- No to plan - referendum

### **Building**

- Yes to plan – be organized to be safe
- Referendum yes or no paper ballots
- No to plan
- Referendum paper vote
- I request a referendum
- Greater opportunities for lowering all ecological footprint policy making
  - Check mark
- Upgrading our homes has reduces our heating bill – the code works
- We need more housing this will slow things down and make things more expensive
- To allow people on lower incomes to access retrofits please consider pace financing opportunities
- No to plans votes by people
- Referendum paper vote
- No to plan
- Referendum paper vote
- Agree (next to Buildings action)
- Referendum paper vote
- Need more focus on addressing waste and contaminated material from existing builds. Make it easy to clean up
- There is an incredible amount of waste from new builds and retrofits, look to incentivization and repurposing of materials



- Repurposing usable materials would be great. Currently upgrades are out of many people's budget
- No!
  - What's your alternative?
- Passive solar saves money and heats house in January without any heat
- Build for the future we need
- Provide standard building design modest and efficient. Will easy access (modest cost)
- Referendum paper vote
- You need to listen to people, Referendum paper vote
- Referendum paper vote
- I'd love to update our home but can't afford to. Doing the best to reduce our use anyways
- Promote very reasonably priced tiny house villages communities

### Land Use & Planning

- No to plan
- Land plans create safety and security – know where you live
- Referendum paper vote, paper ballots only
- What special initiatives are planning for Area B & C and Town of Creston, we need Parks too
- Looking forward to better biking infrastructure and denser housing, keeping farmland for farming
- Referendum paper vote
- Support higher density homes for those want it
- Yes to planning prevent slides
- Tax benefits to land owners who maintain healthy forest cover
- Referendum paper vote
- Intervention on land use an absolute necessity
- No control but people be free to choose
- Support biking and walking co-use standards for rural roads
  - Yes please!
- Referendum paper vote
- What's your alternative?

### Energy

- No referendum needed – discussion is critical
- No to plan
- Referendum paper vote
- New geothermal tech?
- No to plans vote by people
- No to plan
- We do not have the electricity for this and people do not have the money
- Referendum paper vote
- Hard to do if we live in rural areas and can't afford it on pension
- Using non-recyclable energy wind/solar not the answer
- We cannot afford this
- PACE financing for retrofits

- Referendum paper vote
- Why is renewable energy consider clean? Are the components clean? Reusable?
- Much needed for the future
- No
- Are we utilizing our current electrical grid& Do we purchase electricity from the USA? Is it clean?
- Switch natural gas to electric heat pumps – love it!
- These carbon stats are bogus from the get go, speak truth
- Referendum paper vote
- Take our heads out of the sand! Lower emissions
- Heat waster capture conserves energy eliminates the need for natural gas local affordable low maintenance
- Fortis states that they do not have the infrastructure to meet the electricity needs again not planned out by this agenda
- We do need more electricity to do this but it does need to drive need to be done
- Need support for alternative supplies and regional stability
- Bikes need safer routes
- Biking trails to connect our communities
- You increase the cost of energy, the poor get poorer and use higher carbon fuels
- They`ll burn dung if needed
- When we increase the status of living for the poor, they take care of the environment. When so, let`s put our energies into helpful the poor and the environment will get better without your interference
- Referendum paper vote

### **Water Supply**

- Referendum paper vote
- How much water does the brewery use?
- Very good plan – thank you!
- No to plan
- Proof the climate change first
- Ignore climate change at your peril
- Referendum paper vote
- World wide support, we need to wake up
- Yes to conserve, limit water, intensive development
- Where is the date
- Regional co-ordination of potable water supplies – drinking water for all
- We have lots of water here, infrastructure poor
- Need to plan our infrastructure for future needs
- Affordability is of outmost importance. We need to take care of the poor
- Is water safe with continued herbicide and pesticide use?
- Referendum paper vote
- Demand side management does not address poor management of system by RDCK
- Thank you – grade 3 child concerned
- Will you fine people who do not want to follow climate action plan

- Thank you!
- Thank you for reducing; this is a concern for this area! Doing my part and reducing use
- No meters until new pipes
- Adopt BC watershed security and fund strategy
- Referendum paper vote
- Should be metered
- Stop aquifers from being taken from underground by industry
- How are you planning to prevent over-drilling the aquifer?
- Who helps those of us who can't afford?
- Maybe HARP & cloud seeding can assist the weather patterns
- HARP & DEW
- Is this from geoengineering?
- Referendum paper vote

### **Food & Agriculture**

- Referendum paper vote
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- Great! But ... none address access to land and land cost, a huge barrier for new farmers
- Overwhelming support worldwide
- Support farmers with newest technology and scientific knowledge
- Farmers know what they are doing. Leave them alone.
- Climate change?
- More emphasis on food rather than dessert ie. cherries
- Referendum paper vote
- Farming has been a multigenerational in Creston, it is the drought caused by the government causing the problem
- River water agriculture, potable water for homes!
- Cash crops have to be limited water consumption eg. Cherry orchards
- We are all stewards of the land here
- We need dialogue not indoctrination
  - Yes!!!
- Who decided `efficient water use`
- Does nitrogen or carbon reduction have negative or positive effects?
- Agriculture water for Alicia Siding source – Kootenay River
- Limit orchard expansions
- Vegetables over export cherries
- `Reward` home gardens – encourage self-sufficiency vegetables!
- Referendum paper vote
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- No to plan
- We see the effects of over growing and yields already, education is key. Thanks for the workshops that have been and will be.
- Referendum paper vote
- Where is the data
- Referendum paper vote

- We need fewer small farm regulations, downsize the government regulations

## Hills – August 28, 2023

Approximately 30 attendees

### General

- No nuke power plants. No SMSR.

### Land use and planning

- Carbon is not the problem. Water evaporation is the problem because increased heat from the sun.
- Thanks to the RDCK for management of trails and paths and for their improvements

### Floods and geohazards

- This plan is a huge virtue signal for a non-problem. We already sit at 1/3 the natural average for carbon.
- Too much control over our personal lifestyles. Why does the government feel this is ok?

### Water supply

- Enforce water licenses
- Geo weather engineering by chemtrails is polluting our air, water and soil

### Wildfire

- Japan, Fukushima
- The funds given for FireSmart work is really appreciated and furthers the work.
- Advocate for better planting mix to Ministry of Forests (more deciduous mix)
- More Sifco work on fire reduction risk please

### Transportation and mobility

- Bus to and from Revelstoke to Slocan valley
- More buses

### Buildings

- What about seasonal housing? Agri worker. High energy efficiency not needed. Low standards are okay!! Low cost.
- Too many regulations. Too costly.

### Leadership and operations

- Decisions by the residents only, not directors or politicians. Land and house and rent is way too high because of them – you.

- Better, clearer communications of initiatives needed

#### **Resource recovery**

- Acceptable greywater systems. Urine diverting toilets. Urine is clean! Pathogen free.
- Okay
- Recycling centers are excellent and so well used. If they could be open more that would be helpful.

#### **Food and agriculture**

- Great ALR will be protected
- Support for bee keepers

#### **Energy**

- Solar and wind mills on mountain tops
- Water power – pump it to the top and let it flow down
- No nuclear plants
- Many people have developed combustion and transmission which greatly reduce fuel use. They were murdered.
- RDCK collaborate with utilities to work together for distributed generation. BC Hydro doesn't see benefits – net metering is BC US mandate
- No "SNR"s
- Carbon is not the problem unless it causes pollution which it does in extraction on vehicles

## **Slocan Park – August 24, 2023**

Approximately 150 attendees

#### **General**

- We asked for town halls
  - Agree!
- When are the town halls?
- The earth and community action plan
- Consultation is a 2-way conversation, not 1-way. Directors were going to push this through without consulting us. We, together, managed to stop them! (Together meaning the community)
- How does the cost of implementing a guidance plan not end up as a regulatory plan \$1,000,000.00 you say comes from many sources. It is all taxpayer money.
- There is no climate emergency. Man-made climate change is false science and is propaganda for the greatest loss of prosperity and the greatest income redistribution scam ever in history. Stop the scam. Can the plan.
- 1960s – Planet is freezing, we're all going to die. 1970s – Peak oil, we're running out of oil, we're all going to die. 1980s – Acid rain, crops are dying, we're all going to die. 1990s – Hole in the

ozone, we're all going to die. 2000s – Global warming, we're all going to die. 2010s – Climate change, we're all going to die. 2020s – Global boiling, we're all going to die. This is all just a continuous fear campaign. If you are afraid, you are being controlled!

- We do not want any more: bureaucracy, taxes, regulations, bureaucrats. We want less. We do not want or need a climate action plan. Climate changes. There is nothing we can do to stop climate change. It is vanity to think we can.

### **Land use and planning**

- Where does the money come from to amend the current parks which are fine the way they are?
- Exactly
- What about ALR

### **Floods and geohazards**

- No clear cut logging

### **Water supply**

- I appreciate efforts to conserve water. Thank you.
- Details of Water Governance Initiative?
- Our planet is a closed loop system. Where could the water go?
- Stay out of and away from my well
- And when we have done all of this, then what?
- Water is sacred. Water is life. No water meters. No registering of wells!

### **Wildfire**

- Save our trees to provide us with oxygen
- Grow more deciduous trees and don't allow spraying of glyphosate after logging
- No chopping down trees in a 1 km range as stated in your webinar
- No DEW (Directed Energy Weapons) in our forests
- Wildfires have decreased in last 30 years. This year is an anomaly.
- Have a cooling/gathering station in case of wildfire. Maybe schools?
- Improve the Emergency Operations Centre at the RDCK. No EOC staff taking holidays during an emergency. Residents need an escort to take care of animals and gardens. Arrange it! Have the emergency number available with a live person.
- Train local people for fast action to fight fires instead of having to wait for out-of-towners

### **Transportation and mobility**

- EV vehicles = lithium mines. cobalt mines. Worse than oil sands
- EVs are more polluting than gas vehicles. Plus they don't operate properly in cold climates.
- I love the idea of electrification of Kootenay Lake ferry!
- I do not consent to any of this B.S.
- There isn't the electricity grid to support this and it would take decades to build and cost 10s of billions.
- How about you pay the Slocan Valley bus driver the same wage as everyone else so that service is not interrupted many times a week!

- Bike locker near main bus stops to make them easier to get to. Bikes need to be secure and sheltered from weather.
- EVs have a much larger ecological footprint than gasoline cars!
- Transportation and mobility: work toward a taxpayer-based transit service – 2030. Develop policies/bylaws to support active transportation transition. WTF

### **Buildings**

- Energy step code really. We can't afford to build now!
- What do we do with perfectly good windows and doors?
- Enviro friendly building as pilot built by local tradespeople
- Will owners of older homes in RDCK area H be forced to meet new building code? Re: insulation, heating, etc
- How does this make any sense
- New BC Step will only increase cost of housing. Why not RDCK focus on affordability

### **Leadership and operations**

- Please reconsider your plans
- Ridiculous! Do more research on supposed energy alternatives to fossil fuels. You will find they are not viable. Also research the carbon cycle. Carbon is needed for plant growth. CO2 is actually low right now.
- How about an environmentally friendly pilot using local trades people?
- "Leaders: need to locals who understand the local situation
- We want transparent discussions
- "Asset management" must not be used to control and limit farmers' production
- Why do the RDCK tax payers have to foot the bill for the Board to be "leaders" in climate? What about being leaders in keeping our taxes down?

### **Resource recovery**

- I like the 'explore chipping options' idea. Seems really useful
- Where does the RDCK take the recycling to? Do we keep recycling local?
- Compost humanure instead of waste going in sewage – water

### **Food and agriculture**

- Bullet 6 training should be for equal opportunity
- Will compact diesel tractors be outlawed/banned from owners of small tracts of ALR land?
- What about giving incentives to people to grow more home gardens and more incentives to small farm
- Bullet 6: what are low-barrier funds?
- As a Canadian, this statement makes me feel left out
- Bullet 7: what would be the regulatory changes?
- The colour of a person's skin should not be considered in helping support new farmers.
- The climate still supports traditional crops in this area. What are "climate resilient" crops? No GMO here. No patented crops here.
- Do not limit what farmers can produce or require them to "register" their animals

## Energy

- This is a lie. (What can you do)
- We are suffering from a shortage of CO2
- Rural folks are doing this already. E-conservation
- Average means that big city residents are using 2-3x what the residents here use
- Release the suppressed patents for free energy!
- Energy: Engage in efforts to improve grid resilience. Your word. Let BC Hydro and Fortis do their job! Don't you have enough to do?