



Board Highlights

August 20, 2020

RDCK Partners With Fortis BC

The Board approve the RDCK enter into a Contribution Agreement with FortisBC for Built Better funding which will provide funding for BC Energy Step Code and high performance building training for builders and building officials within the RDCK.

BC Energy Step Code is an optional compliance path in the BC Building Code that local governments may use, if they wish to incentivize or require a level of energy efficiency in new construction that goes above and beyond the requirements of the BC Building Code.

The FortisBC Built Better funding aligns with the RDCK's [Regional Energy Efficiency Program \(REEP\)](#). REEP is designed to deliver a consistent regional campaign on energy efficiency opportunities in new construction and existing homes.

Community Services Amenity Donation Program

The Board adopt the Community Services Amenity Donation Program which will allow staff to provide a sustainable donation program policy for bench and picnic tables at RDCK owned and operated parks, trails and community recreation facilities. This program will replace the Memorial Park Bench Program.

There has been increased interest from individuals to donate an amenity such as a bench or picnic table. The new policy ensures the donation actually covers the costs and clarifies the responsibilities of the RDCK in the context of the asset life cycle. The cost includes amenity purchase, installation, and maintenance for a period of 10 years, plus a commemorative plaque.

The program will go into effect September 30, 2020 and will be accessible through an online application form.

Noise Control Bylaws

The Board has amended the Regional District of Central Kootenay Noise Bylaw, a bylaw to prohibit or regulate noise levels within defined areas of the RDCK, to include the entirety of Electoral Area I.

Recreation COVID-19 Update

Under the guidance of the Provincial Health Officer and local government recreation services, the RDCK Community Services staff has been working hard to safely reopen portions of its facilities for a limited variety of programming. Fitness Centres in Castlegar, Creston and Nelson opened on July 27. Users must pre-register for a designated time slot and abide by the RDCK COVID-19 safety plan. Ice rinks in Castlegar, Creston and Nelson have been targeted to open on September 14, while the goal is to reopen indoor swimming pools in early October.

For more information

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All RDCK regional parks, including campgrounds, are open and have seen a spike in usage. The majority of parks across the RDCK have seen an increase of 50% usage in 2020.

Regional Housing Needs Assessment Project

In partnership with each of the eleven rural electoral areas and eight member municipalities, the RDCK has been undertaking a Regional Housing Needs Assessment Project to describe current and anticipated housing needs in our communities by collecting data and analyzing trends. Originally initiated in December 2019, the project is scheduled to be completed by September 30, 2020.

Under the Local Government Statutes Amendment Act, 2018, it is required that local government develop a housing needs report every five years. This includes key areas of local need, such as affordable housing, rental housing, special needs housing, seniors housing, family housing and shelters and housing for people at risk of homelessness.

[Click here](#) to view the most recent draft of the report.

Senior Energy Specialist Position

The Board approve the RDCK entering into a funding agreement with FortisBC to provide funding for the Senior Energy Specialist position.

Focused on climate action and low carbon resilience, the role of the Senior Energy Specialist will identify areas in the RDCK where FortisBC's programs and services can assist in achieving the RDCK objectives, increase corporate and community participation in FortisBC's programs, and strategically advance the development of policies and programs that move the RDCK and its community toward a low carbon energy future.

DISCRETIONARY GRANT

AREA A

South Kootenay Lake Community Services Society (SKLCSS)	\$2,530
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AREA B

Creston Golf Club	\$2,000
Horse Association Central Kootenay	\$500

AREA C

West Creston Fire Protection Society	\$8,000
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AREA D

RDCK (Food and Farm Guide)	\$245
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AREA F

TELUS Ambassadors West Kootenay	\$250
Taghum Community Society	\$1,000

AREA G

Ymir Community Association	\$5,000
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AREA I

Tarrys Community Hall Society	\$1,600
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SLOCAN

Village of Slocan \$175

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT GRANT

AREA A

Crawford Bay District Hall Parks Association \$10,000
Kootenay Lake Chamber of Commerce \$4,800

AREA B

Castlegar Sculpture Walk \$3,360
Creston Valley Public Art Connection \$2,000

AREA D

Ainsworth Fire Prevention Society \$2,000
Ainsworth Recreation Association \$3,500
Kaslo & District Public Library Association \$2,805.82

AREA H

Elk Root Conservation Farm Society \$6,000
Columbia Basin Environmental Education Network \$800

AREA I

Brilliant Cemetery \$1,837.50
Glade Recreation Commission Society (Community Activities) \$500
Pass Creek Neighbourhood Association \$500
Shoreacres Neighbourhood Association \$250

AREA K

Arrow Slocan Lakes Community Services \$2,000

SALMO

Royal Canadian Legion Branch 217 \$1,000

COMMUNITY WORKS GRANT

AREA K

School District 10 (Arrow Lakes Community Climbing Wall Final Phase) \$19,046