



Board Highlights

May 16, 2024

Resident Directed (ReDi) grant funding

The Board approved the 2024 Columbia Basin Trust Resident Directed (ReDi) grant funding. A total of \$1,447,575.31 in funding will be allocated to 290 different project proposals. 22 community input meetings were held across the RDCK during the month of April. This was an opportunity for each community to provide feedback on the proposals. Results from the community engagement were considered at each Area's adjudication committee meeting. [Click here](#) for a complete list of all the recipients of ReDi funding. The programs support local projects that provide additional value to Basin communities, and that benefit the broad community and public good.

Memorandum of Understanding - Castlegar and District Economic Development Partnership

The Board authorized a memorandum of understanding between the RDCK (Electoral Areas I and J) and the City of Castlegar for the Castlegar and District Economic Development Partnership. The purpose of the partnership is to establish a sustainable partnership and funding model that uses a collaborative, strategic approach to generate long term capacity, thus ensuring the current and future economic well being of the community in the City of Castlegar and RDCK Areas I and J.

Community Futures Central Kootenay and the Castlegar and District Chamber of Commerce will provide economic development administration and coordination services on behalf of the partners, including - managing program finances, develop advisory and partners committees, business community liaison, grant writing support, and leverage funding. The terms of the agreement will see the Memorandum of Understanding in place until December 31, 2026.

Parkland Dedication Policy

The Board adopted the new Parkland Dedication Policy, effective January 1, 2025. The revised policy addresses inconsistencies between the old policy (originally adopted in 2010) and the Local Government Act (LGA), as well as addressing community parkland needs in the RDCK.

The LGA requires local governments to take land to be dedicated as parkland at the time of subdivision, or cash-in-lieu of parkland where authorized to do so. This section of the LGA is intended to ensure that developers bear the costs of providing parkland opposed to local taxpayers in the future.

Parkland dedication is required for subdivisions that create three or more new lots that are smaller than 2 hectares. Generally, 5% of the land proposed for subdivision must be dedicated as parkland. When it comes to a payment of cash-in-lieu of parkland, the BC Assessment assessed value will be used as a baseline.

For more information

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Audited Financial Statements

The Board approved the 2023 audited financial statements by BDO Canada. Audited financial statements provide a consolidated and independently verified overview of a local government’s financial activities over the course of the previous fiscal year and its financial position at the end of that year. [Click here to view the 2023 audited financial statements.](#)

911 Service Agreement Renewal

The Board approved the renewal of the 911 Service Agreement with the Regional District of Fraser-Fort George (RDFFG) for fire/rescue dispatching services for a term ending December 31, 2028. The dispatching services by RDFFG are an integral component of every emergency response made by RDCK Regional Fire Services, while also enhancing safety through precise and effective communications. The RDCK has been using the RDFFG’s services since 2018.

Dog Control Services

The Board directed staff to review current dog control service levels, evaluate the opportunities for a standardized service level across RDCK rural areas, and evaluate options for dog control service to be provided by the RDCK bylaw enforcement team. Currently, dog control services are contracted out, however an integrated enforcement approach could prove to be more cost efficient. Additionally, staff are directed to draft a “responsible dog owner’s bylaw” for Board consideration, and draft an establishment bylaw to deliver dog control service to all rural areas in the RDCK. As part of the process staff will consult with municipalities on interest in the service.

Director’s Reports

RDCK Directors provide monthly reports outlining what they have been working on. [Click here](#) to read the May reports in the Board minutes.

RDCK Quarterly Report

For the latest RDCK Quarterly Report, which details the current projects and initiatives of the RDCK, please [follow the link.](#)

To view a recording of this month’s meeting, [click here.](#)

Discretionary Grants

AREA B

Rick Clark Memorial Society – Rick Clark Memorial Tournament	\$500
Kitchener Valley Recreation and Fire Protection Society – Emergency Response Supplies	\$500

AREA E

Navy League of Canada – Nelson Branch – Challenge Coin	\$200
Roots to Sky Forest School Society – Outdoor Adventures	\$387

AREA F

Navy League of Canada – Nelson Branch – Challenge Coin \$300

AREA I

Glade Community Hall – Glade ladies cooking group lapsha fund raiser \$250

AREA J

Navy League of Canada – Nelson Branch – Challenge Coin \$300

Community Development Grants

AREA A

Lower Kootenay Band Pow Wow Committee – Pow Wow \$500

AREA B

Creston Valley Food Action Coalition Society – Farmer Market Park Signage \$1,000

Lower Kootenay Band Pow Wow Committee – Pow Wow \$500

Yahk Allied Horse Club – Equestrian Facility \$2,000

AREA C

Lower Kootenay Band Pow Wow Committee – Pow Wow \$500

Trails for Creston Valley Society – Ka Papa Trail Enhancements \$2,000

AREA D

Kaslo Jazz Etc Society – Festival Shuttle Operations \$5,000

Argenta Community Association – ACA Hall and Grounds Special Expenses \$4,000

Jewett Elementary PAC – Jewett Hot Lunch Program \$1,200

AREA E

RDCK – NAEDP Funding 2024 \$20,000

Balfour Senior Citizens Association Branch #120 – Seniors Chair Yoga \$845

Nelson Reflections Artistic Swimming – BC Summer Games \$1,500

Redfish Elementary School – GaGa Ball Courts (x2) \$1,000

West Shores Leisure Advancement Society – Lake Access Safety Improvement Erindale Road \$975

Balfour Recreation Commission – Ping Pong Table \$1,000

Balfour Recreation Commission – Balfour Daze \$1,000

AREA F

Nelson & District Art Council – NDAC Programming \$2,500

Balfour Recreation Commission – Ping Pong Table \$1,000

West Kootenay Amateur Radio Society – Slocan Ridge Repeater: VHF Antenna Replacement \$3,700

AREA H

Sandon Historical Society – Sandon Laundry Rehabilitation Planning Documents \$1,700

AREA I

Tarrys and District Hall Community Society – Back Jacks	\$2,000
Castlegar Nordic Ski Club – Improve access and trial quality at the ski club with a grooming facility	\$4,000

AREA J

SHSS Safe Grad – Graduation Day	\$1,000
Ootischenia Community Society – Ootischenia Community Park	\$30,000

AREA K

Lower Arrow Lakes Conservation Association – Whatshan Lake Kid’s Fish Derby	\$500
Burton Community Association – Burton Volunteer Fire – Secure Equipment Compound	\$6,789.08

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Creston Valley – Kootenay Lake Economic Action Partnership – Southern BC Agri-forum	\$2,453
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Community Works Fund

AREA B

Kitchener Valley Recreation & Fire Protection Society – Community Hall Electrical Update	\$12,000
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AREA J

Robson Raspberry Improvement District – Asset Management Study	\$51,000
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Recreation Commission No.6 – New Denver, Silverton & Area H

Summit Lake Nancy Green Club	\$645
Slocan Solutions Society – Capital Project	\$405
Slocan Solutions Society – Operational Project	\$353
Goat Mountain Kids Society	\$990
Slocan Disc Golf Association	\$557
Healthy Community Society	\$459
New Denver Hospice Society	\$451
North Slocan Trail Society	\$600
Slocan Arts Council	\$600
New Denver Quilt Guild	\$440

Recreation Commission No.9 – Area A

Gray Creek Hall	\$2,500
Boswell and District Farmers Institute	\$700
Crawford Bay School	\$1,350
Boswell Historical Society	\$900
Boswell Memorial Hall	\$4,274
East Shore Circle of Friends Society	\$392.50
Riondel Community Association	\$700