



# BOARD HIGHLIGHTS

## Highlights of the RDCK Board Meeting December 13, 2018 REGIONAL DISTRICT OF CENTRAL KOOTENAY NELSON, BC

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### SERVICE LEVELS FOR RECYCLE BC TRANSFER

All Resource Recovery sub-regions in RDCK have committed to working towards the transfer of recycling to Recycle BC in spring 2019. The Board directed staff to pursue and negotiate the necessary contracts and agreements with service and infrastructure providers to establish Recycle BC depots in spring 2019. Most depots will see a change in hours of acceptance of recyclables. Depots will be established and operated in the following locations:

- East Sub-region: Riondel, Crawford Bay, Boswell, Yahk, the Creston landfill and Arrow Mountain Car Wash at 512 Helen Street.
- West Sub-region: Edgewood, Burton, Nakusp, New Denver, Silverton, Slocan, Winlaw, Crescent Valley and Ootischenia.
- Central Sub-region: Marblehead, Kaslo, Balfour, Nelson (Lakeside), Nelson (Grohman), Ymir, Kokanee Marina and Salmo.

The Collection Agreement between the RDCK and Recycle BC, along with the proposed collection schedules and conditions, will be brought to the Board for final authorization and signature.

### WATERSHED GOVERNANCE INITIATIVE

The Board received a report with background material on the Regional Watershed Governance Initiative, which will investigate the potential role of the RDCK in protecting consumptive water sources by considering what entity would best serve the needs of the communities, agencies, and overarching interests involved. The Board directed staff to seek funding to launch and coordinate a scoping study to better understand the potential watershed governance roles and responsibilities of the RDCK; with areas for the study to be determined by the Community Sustainable Living Advisory Committee at the January committee meeting.

### WOOD STOVE EXCHANGE PROGRAM

In an attempt to contribute to local air quality improvement efforts, the RDCK coordinated a regional wood stove exchange program in 2009. The RDCK proposes to continue this program in 2019. The program will include advertising through social media, face-to-face community engagement at public events, printed ads and educational materials, and the issuance of rebate incentives for the replacement of non-EPA certified heating appliances. The Board directed staff to enter into an agreement with the BC Lung Association for the 2019 Provincial Wood Stove Exchange Program grant to help deliver the program. The program is now receiving applications for 2019 funding.

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## INVESTING IN CANADA INFRASTRUCTURE PROGRAM GRANT APPLICATIONS

- The Board expressed its support for the **Creston & District Community Complex Creston Room Ramp/Dressing Room Ramp**, and directed staff to submit a grant funding application for the project through the Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program – Community, Culture, and Recreation Program for an amount up to \$430,000. The Board also committed to its share of \$115,000 of the project from Recreation Facilities – Creston, B, C and Defined A Service S224 reserve fund.
- The **Rosebery Parklands and Trails Commission** will submit a grant funding application for the **Wooden Bridge Replacement and Cable Care Relocation** through the Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program – Community, Culture and Recreation Program for the January 23, 2019 intake.
- Staff will submit a grant funding application for the **Woodbury Water Quality Upgrades project** through the Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program – Rural and Northern Communities Program. This application would provide 100% grant funding for this project. The Woodbury Water Service has been under a long-term Water Quality Advisory and is currently under a Boil Water Notice. The upgrades project will include the replacement of the existing UV disinfection system with media filtration and new UV disinfection units.
- Staff will submit an application for the January 2019 intake to the Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program – Rural and Northern Communities Stream for up to \$785,000 for the **Riondel Fibre Project**. The project involves the construction of fibre-optic infrastructure to interconnect several community assets, a network point-of-presence (POP) to act as the connection point for all other assets constructed under the project, and wireless communication(s) towers with the goal of establishing/improving delivery of broadband in the community.

## CONTRIBUTION AGREEMENT: CDCC – CRESTON ROOM UPGRADE

The RDCK will enter into a Contribution Agreement with Columbia Basin Trust for the Creston & District Community Complex Creston Room Upgrade. This project will enhance the usability of the Creston Room for arts and culture purposes.

## FIRESMART PROGRAM

The Board approved the hiring of up to seven Wildfire Mitigation Specialists for the 2019 season, with \$40,000 funded from the 2019 Financial Plan for S101 Rural Administration. The Board also directed that staff apply to the UBCM Community Resiliency Investment Program for the December 7, 2018 intake for one \$100,000 grant, and additionally either administer three further \$10,000 grants of behalf of or receive contributions from, each of the Villages of Kaslo, Salmo and Nakusp, and a \$25,000 grant on behalf of the Town of Creston.

## FOREST ENHANCEMENT SOCIETY OF BC APPLICATION

Staff will apply to the Forest Enhancement Society of British Columbia (FESBC) for their November 2018 intake to fund operational fuel treatments in Selous Creek, Queens Bay, Kaslo, Howser and Glacier and to fund prescriptions in Kaslo, Woodbury and Redfish. If successful, staff will start the request for proposal process, with work to begin in the spring of 2019.

## 2018 STRUCTURAL PROTECTION UNIT REVENUE SUMMARY

The Board received a report providing a summary of the revenue generated for the deployment of the RDCK's Type 2 Structural Protection Units (SPUs) to other agencies—such as the BC Wildfire Service and the Office of the Fire Commissioner to assist with fighting wildfires. The revenue generated in 2018

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totalled approximately \$430,000. The Board approved these funds to be used to purchase equipment and upgrades to the program, and training and support in anticipation of 2019 deployments. A portion of the remainder will be transferred to the emergency management program to cover staff time spent on the SPU program in the EOC during business hours, and the remaining funds will go into reserve.

### **OUTGOING DIRECTORS APPRECIATION**

The Board expressed their appreciation for outgoing directors, and thanked each of them for their dedication and commitment to serving their communities:

Electoral Area C – Larry Binks  
 City of Castlegar – Lawrence Chernoff  
 Village of Nakusp – Karen Hamling  
 Village of New Denver – Ann Bunka  
 Village of Salmo – Stephen White  
 City of Nelson – Deb Kozak (unable to attend)

### **DISCRETIONARY GRANTS**

#### **AREA A**

Creston Valley Arts Council	\$400
Many Bays Community Band	\$200

#### **AREA B**

Prince Charles Secondary School	\$1,000
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#### **AREA C**

Creston Curling Club	\$600
Creston Ministerial Christmas Hamper Program	\$1,000
Prince Charles Secondary School	\$800

#### **AREA D**

Regional District of Central Kootenay (Pennywise Xmas Ads)	\$73.83
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#### **AREA F**

Columbia Basin Watershed Network Society	\$350
Nelson Curling Center (Cash Spiel)	\$1,000
NatureKids Nelson	\$800

#### **AREA H**

Lucerne Elementary Secondary School Parent Advisory Council	\$1,000
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#### **AREA I**

Castlegar & District Minor Hockey Association	\$500
Tarrys Fire Department Ladies Auxiliary	\$500
Tarrys Fire Department Social Club	\$500

#### **AREA J**

Castlegar & District Minor Hockey Association	\$500
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#### **SLOCAN**

The Corporation of the Village of Slocan	\$200
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## **COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT GRANTS**

### **AREA D**

Kaslo Community Forest Society	\$500
Grizzly Bear Solutions	\$5,000
North Kootenay Lake Community Services Society	\$1,000

### **AREA F**

Nelson & District Women's Center	\$3,900
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### **AREA G**

Ymir Community Association	\$2,000
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### **AREA H**

Union of Spiritual Communities of Christ	\$2,500
WE Graham Community Service Society	\$2,000

### **AREA I**

Castlegar & District Hospital Foundation	\$1,000
Community Harvest Food Bank	\$500
Brilliant Cultural Centre	\$2,500

### **AREA J**

Castlegar & District Hospital Foundation	\$3,000
Castlegar Hospice Society	\$1,000
Community Harvest Food Bank	\$1,500
Union of Spiritual Communities of Christ	\$2,500

### **AREA K**

Edgewood Elementary School Parent Advisory Committee	\$2,400
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### **KASLO**

Village of Kaslo	\$1,700
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### **SALMO**

Corporation of the Village of Salmo	\$9,000
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### **SLOCAN**

The Corporation of the Village of Slocan	\$300
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