

Highlights of the RDCK Board Meeting January 17, 2019 REGIONAL DISTRICT OF CENTRAL KOOTENAY NELSON, BC

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CASTLEGAR & DISTRICT COMMUNITY COMPLEX – ICIP GRANT APPLICATION

The Board approved that an application be made to the Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program (ICIP) - Community, Culture and Recreation Infrastructure for the enhancement of the Castlegar and District Community Complex. The enhancements would include:

- Social Space;
- Walking Circuit/Running track;
- Fitness/Wellness Expansion (above Leisure Pool); and
- Aquatics upgrade

The ICIP application will be for 73.3% of the total amount of \$19,377,696.00 with the RDCK portion to come from Service S222 and Service S227 reserves (\$1 million) and short term borrowing (\$5 million). The Board also directed staff to prepare amending bylaws for Bylaw No. 1221 (S227) and Bylaw No. 1909 (S222) to increase the maximum requisition limits by 25%.

CANNABIS ACT – LAND USE AMENDMENTS

At today's meeting, the Board gave Second and Third Reading to amendments to land-use bylaws with respect to the implementation of the *Cannabis Act*, and the bylaws were adopted. The RDCK Board first considered land use amendments for the implementation of the Cannabis Act on June 21st, 2018 and engaged with the public, industry and other stakeholders throughout the summer and fall of 2018. These amendments were brought to Public Hearing on December 6th, 2018.

EXTENDING SERVICE BOUNDARIES

The Board approved a boundary extension to the Wynndel-Lakeview Fire Service Area, which will provide 24 properties with fire protection. The Board received a petition that satisfied requirements for assent from the community. Bylaw No. 2655, 2019, which amends the Wynndel/Lakeview Fire Protection Local Service Area Establishment Bylaw No. 965, 1993, received First, Second and Third reading.

AREA I CHILD CARE FEASIBILITY STUDY

The Board approved the RDCK entering into a Contribution Agreement with Columbia Basin Trust for Area I Child Care Support Service Phase Two Feasibility Study, commencing December 31, 2018.

KOOTENAY LAKE LOCAL CONSERVATION FUND (KLLCF) FUNDING RECOMMENDATIONS

A number of 2019 projects—as recommended by the Technical Review Committee under the Kootenay Lake Local Conservation Fund (KLLCF)—received board approval for funding. Nine projects will receive a total of \$176,295.34. KLLCF funding provides grants to support Kootenay Lake area conservation efforts to ensure broader goals of protecting the watershed and water quality for future generations. The 2019 funded projects are:

- Next Creek (Property Acquisition), Nature Conservancy of Canada \$93,000
 - Grizzly Bear Coexistence Solutions, Friends of the Lardeau River \$12,000
 - Fish/Bear Lake Western Toad Ecology and Hwy 31A Mortality Mitigation Study, Valhalla Wilderness Society \$8,000
 - Wildflowers for Pollinators: A citizen-Science Meadowscaping Initiative, Kootenay Native Plant Society - \$11,696
 - North Kootenay Lake Water Monitoring Project, Kootenay Centre for Forestry Alternatives -\$20,000
 - Kootenay Lake Kokanee Salmon Spawning Habitat Research and Restoration Project, Friends of Kootenay Lake Stewardship Society - \$10,000
 - Evaluating Bat Boxes as a Mitigation for White-Nose Syndrome, Wildlife Conservation Society Canada - \$10,000
 - Crawford Creek Regional Park Mapping, Eastshore Freshwater Habitat Society \$5,850
 - Western Painted Turtle Conservation, BC Conservation Foundation \$5,749.34

EVACUATION ROUTE PLANNING

Staff were directed to apply to the 2018 Union of BC Municipalities (UBCM) Community Emergency Preparedness Fund (CEPF) Evacuation Route Planning funding stream for \$25,000 to develop evacuation route plans for six communities within the RDCK.

JANUARY 18, 2019 – SPECIAL BUDGET MEETING

The RDCK is in discussions regarding the 2019 budget. The Board approved the hiring of four District Fire Chiefs who will have various responsibilities, including emergency management, support to our fire halls, and rural fire inspections. The new Fire Safety Act that will be released this year will require Regional Districts to conduct fire inspections of all publicly used buildings in rural areas.

DISCRETIONARY GRANTS

AREA B Creston Valley Shrine Club	\$1,000
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AREA E Nelson Community Food Centre Nelson Hydro Kootenay Kiltie Pipe Band Society	\$500 \$300 \$300
AREA F Okanagan Nation Alliance RDCK (Brooksie Bash)	\$500 \$3 2 6.89

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Kootenay Kiltie Pipe Band Society	\$300
AREA G Salmo Community Resource Society Salmo Elementary Parent Advisory Committee Kootenay Kiltie Pipe Band Society	\$2,000 \$1,500 \$300
AREA H Kootenay Kiltie Pipe Band Society	\$300
AREA I Okanagan Nation Alliance Kootenay Kiltie Pipe Band Society	\$500 \$300
AREA J Okanagan Nation Alliance	\$1,000
NEW DENVER Okanagan Nation Alliance	\$625
SALMO Okanagan Nation Alliance	\$500
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT GRANTS AREA A	
East Shore Trail and Bike Association	\$4,714
AREA B Creston Valley Public Art Connection	\$5,000
AREA E Kutenai Art Therapy Institute	\$1,000
AREA F Kutenai Art Therapy Institute	\$1,000
AREA H Slocan District Chamber of Commerce	\$1,000
AREA K Arrow Park Community Association Burton Volunteer Fire Department Fauquier Community Club Nakusp and Area Community Forest	\$3,500 \$1,554 \$3,500 \$1,861.33
KASLO JV Humphries Secondary School (Outdoor Education Program)	\$1,000

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MUNICIPALITIES: Cities: Castlegar, Nelson Town: Creston Villages: Kaslo, Nakusp, New Denver, Salmo, Silverton and Slocan