

Regular Meeting of Council Agenda March 2, 2026

Regular Meeting of the City of Castlegar Council held in Council Chambers at the Community Forum, 445 13th Avenue, Castlegar, B.C., and via Zoom live meeting, commencing at **3:00 p.m.** for **Committee of the Whole Meeting**, immediately followed by a **Closed Council Meeting** and reconvening at **7:00 p.m.** for **Regular Council Meeting**.

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1 CALL TO ORDER (3:00 P.M.)

2 ADOPTION OF AGENDA

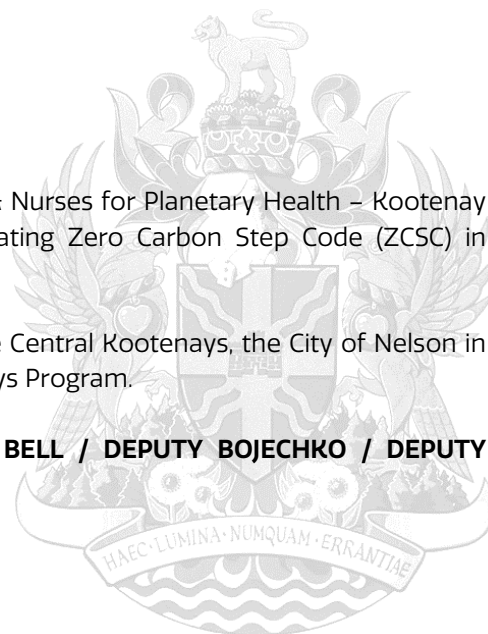
3 RESOLUTION TO RESOLVE INTO COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

4 DELEGATION:

- (a) Laura Sacks and Dr. Amy Rudkoski on behalf of Doctors & Nurses for Planetary Health – Kootenay Boundary, and West Kootenay Climate Hub re: Accelerating Zero Carbon Step Code (ZCSC) in Castlegar: future proofing new homes and buildings.
- (b) Theo Harvey and Carmen Procter on behalf of HomeSave Central Kootenays, the City of Nelson in Partnership with the RDCK re: HomeSave Central Kootenays Program.

5 COMMUNITY WELLNESS, SAFETY & DEVELOPMENT (CHAIR BELL / DEPUTY BOJECHKO / DEPUTY HEATON-SHERSTOBIFF):

- (a) **COUNCIL COMMITTEE LIAISON VERBAL UPDATE**
- (b) **FIRE DEPARTMENT VERBAL UPDATE**
- (c) **RCMP DETACHMENT VERBAL UPDATE**
- (d) **WEST KOOTENAY REGIONAL AIRPORT VERBAL UPDATE**
- (e) **COMMUNITY WELLNESS, SAFETY AND DEVELOPMENT VERBAL UPDATE.**



(f) **2026 FCM Local Leadership for Climate Adaptation Program (Report No. 26-19)**

Report from the Director of Community Safety & Development to seek Council's endorsement of an application to the 2026 intake of the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) Local Leadership for Climate Adaptation Program.

RECOMMENDATION: Council consider and resolve:

THAT Council endorse an application to the 2026 intake of the Federation of Canadian Municipalities Local Leadership for Climate Adaptation Program for up to \$70,000 in support of a Climate Risk Assessment and Prioritized Adaptation Plan.

(g) **2026 UBCM Local Government Development Approvals Program (Report No. 26-18)**

Report from the Planner – Policy to seek Council's endorsement of an application to the 2026 intake of the Union of British Columbia Municipalities (UBCM) Local Development Approvals Program (LGDAP).

RECOMMENDATION: Council consider and resolve:

THAT Council endorse an application to the 2026 intake of the UBCM Local Government Development Approvals Program for up to \$200,000 in support of an Infill Housing Program,

AND FURTHER;

THAT Council approve City staff managing the grant funding on the City of Castlegar's behalf.

6 CULTURAL & CIVIC PRIDE (CHAIR HEATON-SHERSTOBITOFF / DEPUTY BOGLE / DEPUTY MACLEOD):

(a) **COUNCIL COMMITTEE LIAISON VERBAL UPDATE**

7 FINANCE AND CORPORATE SERVICES (CHAIR BOGLE / DEPUTY FALSTEAD):

(a) **FINANCE AND CORPORATE SERVICES COMMUNITY LIAISON VERBAL UPDATE**

(b) **South Sewage Treatment Plant North Train Renewal Project Loan Authorization Bylaw 1451 (Report No. 26-20)**

Report from the Director of Finance & Technology to seek Council consideration of the required readings of the South Sewage Treatment Plant North Train Renewal Project Loan Authorization Bylaw 1451.

RECOMMENDATION: Council consider and resolve:

THAT Council consider the required readings of the South Sewage Treatment Plant North Train Renewal Project Loan Authorization Bylaw 1451, authorizing the City to borrow \$6,939,000 to fund the North Train Renewal Project.

(c) **CORPORATE SERVICES DEPARTMENT VERBAL UPDATE**



(d) **Good Neighbour Bylaw 1449 (Report No. 26-13)**

Report from the Manager of Legislative Services to seek Council consideration of the required readings of Good Neighbour Bylaw 1449.

RECOMMENDATION: Council consider and resolve:

THAT Council consider the required readings of the Good Neighbour Bylaw 1449.

(e) **FINANCE DEPARTMENT VERBAL UPDATE.**

8 MUNICIPAL SERVICES (CHAIR MACLEOD / DEPUTY BELL):

(a) **MUNICIPAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT VERBAL UPDATE.**

(b) **Update on Proposed Disc Golf Course in Kinnaird Park (Report No. 26-21)**

Report from the Manager of Engineering & Infrastructure to provide council with an update on the progress of the proposed disc golf course project in Kinnaird Park.

RECOMMENDATION: Council consider and resolve:

THAT Council receive Report 26-21 for information advising that the Kootenay Rockies Disc Golf Society has elected to withdraw from pursuing a disc golf course in Kinnaird Park.

(c) **Reduced Traffic Speed Limit Pilot – 5th Avenue (Report 26-22)**

Report from the Manager of Engineering & Infrastructure to seek Council authorization to proceed with baseline data collection and initiate a reduced traffic speed limit pilot program on 5th Avenue.

RECOMMENDATION: Council consider and resolve:

THAT Council direct staff to continue with baseline data collection and initiate a reduced traffic speed limit pilot program on 5th Avenue.

9 QUESTION PERIOD:

10 RESOLUTION TO RISE FROM COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE:

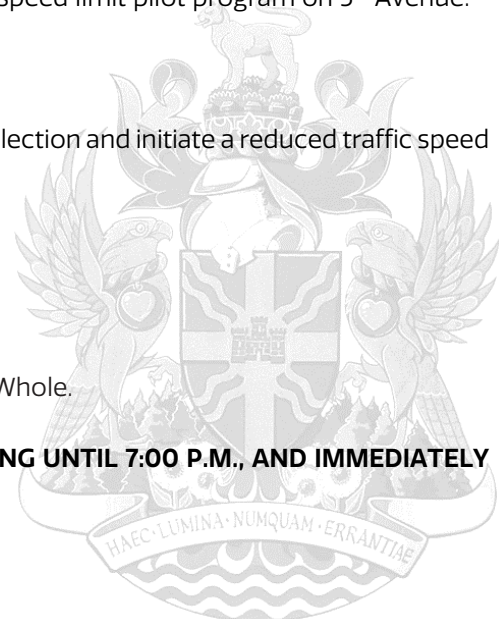
Council consider and resolve to rise from the Committee of the Whole.

11 RESOLUTION TO EXCLUDE PUBLIC, RECESS THE PUBLIC MEETING UNTIL 7:00 P.M., AND IMMEDIATELY CONVENE INTO CLOSED SESSION:

RESOLUTION:

THAT pursuant to Section 90 of the *Community Charter*, the public be excluded from this portion of the meeting as the subject matter being considered relates to the following:

- ***Community Charter Section 90(1)(E)***
The acquisition, disposition or expropriation of land or improvements, if the council considers that disclosure could reasonably be expected to harm the interests of the municipality.



- **Community Charter Section 90(1)(L)**
Discussions with municipal officers and employees respecting municipal objectives, measures and progress reports for the purposes of preparing an annual report under section 98 [annual municipal report].
- **Community Charter Section 90(1)(C)**
Labour relations or other employee relations.
- **Community Charter Section 90(2)(B)**
The consideration of information received and held in confidence relating to negotiations between the municipality and a provincial government or the federal government or both, or between a provincial government or the federal government or both and a third party.

AND FURTHER;

THAT the public portion of the meeting be recessed until 7:00 p.m.,

AND FURTHER;

THAT Council immediately resolve into the closed portion of their meeting.

12 RECONVENE (7:00 P.M.) MAYOR TO RECONVENE AT THE REGULAR MEETING AT 7:00 P.M.

13 DELEGATION: Nil

14 COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES FOR APPROVAL:

RESOLUTION: THAT the following Minutes be adopted:

- (a) Regular Meeting Minutes – February 17, 2026

15 RESOLUTION TO ADOPT COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE RECOMMENDATIONS:

- (a) Recommendations from the February 2, 2026, Committee of the Whole meeting to be considered for adoption (Motions to be considered individually). Full discussions, and reports on these recommendations can be viewed on the City's website during the February 2, 2026, Committee of the Whole Meeting.
1. THAT Council approve Development Variance Permit 26-01 for the construction of a fence by varying the City of Castlegar Zoning Bylaw No. 1428, 2024 as follows:
 - a. 4.2.1 a) i) Maximum Height of a Fence or Screening – Front Yard: from 1.2 m to 1.82 m for the proposed fence;

in accordance with the terms and conditions of draft permit DVP 26-01.
- (b) Recommendations from the February 17, 2026, Committee of the Whole meeting to be considered for adoption (Motions to be considered individually). Full discussions, and reports on these recommendations can be viewed on the City's website during the February 17, 2026, Committee of the Whole Meeting.
1. THAT the following items considered and received for information at the February 17, 2026 Committee of the Whole meeting, be adopted:
 - Building Permit Report – January 2026

- Business Licence Report – January 2026

2. THAT Nicole Brown be appointed Chief Election Officer for the 2026 Local Government Election with power to appoint other election officials as required for the administration and conduct of the 2026 Local Government Election,

AND FURTHER;

THAT Nikki Zimmerman be appointed Deputy Chief Election Officer for the 2026 Local Government Election.

3. THAT the 2026 Election officials shall be compensated as follows:

a) Chief Election Officer	\$1,900 per election
b) Deputy Chief Election Officer	\$1,450 per election
c) Presiding Election Official	\$500 per voting day
d) Poll Clerk	\$325 per voting day

AND FURTHER;

THAT the City provide meals for all election staff in attendance at the voting place.

4. THAT the Chief Election Officer and Deputy Chief Election Officer be compensated an additional \$300 each should they be required to manage the Regional District of Central Kootenay assent vote for Castlegar voters.
5. THAT Council appoint Dan Rye, Jo-Ann Bursey, and Stuart Ady to a Council Remuneration Committee to conduct an independent review of stipends, indemnities, expense allowances, per diems and travel expenses paid to members of Council,

AND FURTHER;

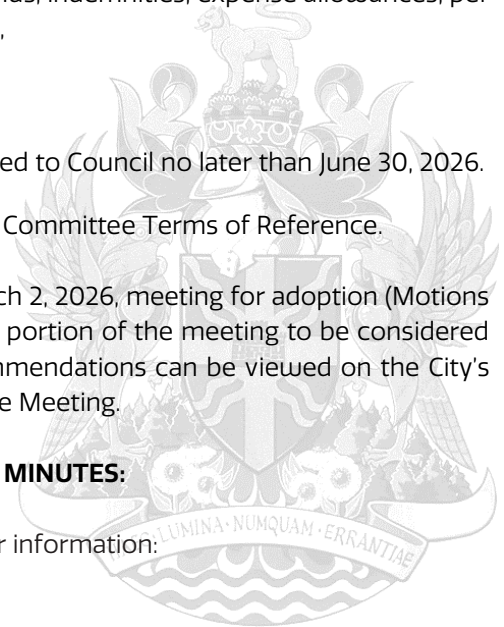
THAT a report with their recommendations be presented to Council no later than June 30, 2026.

6. THAT Council adopt the Council Remuneration Review Committee Terms of Reference.
- (c) Committee of the Whole recommendations from the March 2, 2026, meeting for adoption (Motions to be brought forward from the Committee of the Whole portion of the meeting to be considered individually). Full discussions, and reports on these recommendations can be viewed on the City's website during the March 2, 2026, Committee of the Whole Meeting.

16 REGIONAL DISTRICT OF CENTRAL KOOTENAY (RDCK) MEETING MINUTES:

RECOMMENDATION: THAT the following minutes be received for information:

- (a) Regular Board Meeting Minutes – December 11, 2025
- (b) Regular Board Meeting Minutes – January 22, 2026
- (c) Special Board Meeting Minutes – January 23, 2026



17 CORRESPONDENCE:

- (a) Queena Wong on behalf of BC Epilepsy Society and The Centre for Epilepsy & Seizure Education re: request to illuminate the Kinnaird Overpass in purple on March 26, 2026, in recognition of Epilepsy Awareness.
- (b) Nelson ANKORS request for letter of support of their 2026 ReDi Grant Application.
- (c) Jarrod Beck request for a letter to Minister Mike Farnworth et al to ban LED headlights.
- (d) Kim Haakstad on behalf of a coalition of forest sector organizations re: request for endorsement of Forestry is a Solution initiative.

18 REPORTS OTHER:

- (a) **Recreation Commission Member Verbal Update**

19 MAYOR'S REPORT:

20 NEW & UNFINISHED BUSINESS: Nil

21 BYLAWS FOR CONSIDERATION:

- (a) **Good Neighbour Bylaw No. 1449 – First, Second and Third Readings (Report No. 26-13)**

A Bylaw to regulate, prohibit, and impose requirements in relation to public space, noise, nuisance, health and safety, and to enhance the well-being of the community.

RECOMMENDATION: Council consider and resolve:

THAT Good Neighbour Bylaw No. 1449 be read a first, second and third time.

- (b) **South Sewage Treatment Plant North Train Renewal Project Loan Authorization Bylaw 1451 – First, Second and Third Readings (Report No. 26-20)**

A Bylaw to authorize the borrowing of funds for the South Sewage Treatment Plant North Train Renewal Project.

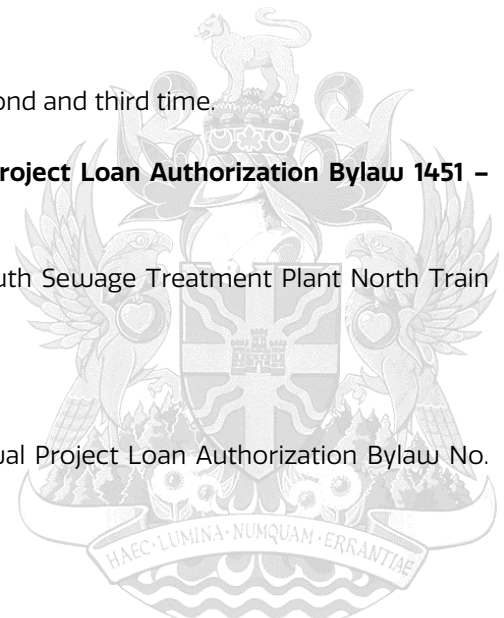
RECOMMENDATION: Council consider and resolve:

THAT South Sewage Treatment Plant North Train Renewal Project Loan Authorization Bylaw No. 1451 be read a first, second and third time.

22 NEXT MEETING(S):

March 3, 2026, at 5:00 p.m. for a Special Open Budget Meeting., held in Council Chambers at the Community Forum, 445 13th Avenue, Castlegar, B.C. and via Zoom live meeting.

March 5, 2026, at 5:00 p.m. for a Special Open Budget Meeting., held in Council Chambers at the Community Forum, 445 13th Avenue, Castlegar, B.C. and via Zoom live meeting.



March 23, 2026, at 3:00 p.m. for Committee of the Whole Meeting followed by the Regular Council Meeting at 7:00 p.m., held in Council Chambers at the Community Forum, 445 13th Avenue, Castlegar, B.C. and via Zoom live meeting.

23 NOTICE OF MOTION: Nil

24 QUESTION PERIOD:

25 ADJOURNMENT:

26 2023-2027 STRATEGIC PLAN INFORMATION PAGE



PROCEDURES:

1. Anyone wishing to appear before Council as a delegation shall file with the Director of Corporate Services a written request (this form) clearly outlining:
 - a) the subject matter and/or proposals to be presented, and
 - b) the names of the spokesperson(s) / contact person(s).
2. Depending on your topic, your request may be referred to a relevant City Department.
3. The above-mentioned written request, supporting documentation, and a copy of the presentation must be received by the Manager of Corporate Services **no later than 4:00 p.m. on the Tuesday** immediately preceding the meeting at which the delegation is to be heard.
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APPLICATION TO APPEAR AS A DELEGATION BEFORE COUNCIL

Please submit to: castlegar@castlegar.ca

To: Director of Corporate Services, City of Castlegar
460 Columbia Avenue
Castlegar, BC V1N 1G7

We hereby ask to be placed on the agenda as a Delegation for the Regular Meeting of Council to be held:

March 2, 2026
(1st Choice Date)

March 23, 2026
(2nd Choice Date)

Name of Spokesperson(s): Theo Harvey and Carmen Procter

Phone: [REDACTED] Email: [REDACTED]

Contact Person(s): Theo Harvey

Phone: [REDACTED] Email: [REDACTED]

On Behalf of: HomeSave Central Kootenays, the City of Nelson in partnership with RDCK
(Organization, Business, Self, etc.)

Subject to be presented: *(a copy of the presentation must be received electronically by the Manager of Corporate Services no later than 4:00 p.m. on the Tuesday immediately preceding the meeting at which the delegation is to be heard):*

A pre-launch briefing for City Council on the updated and enhanced HomeSave Central Kootenays (formerly known as REEP the Regional Energy Efficiency Program). The program offers Castlegar residents access to free retrofit support, rebate guidance, additional exclusive bonus rebates and financing offer.

Purpose of delegation:

- Information only
 Requesting action by Council
 Requesting a letter of support
 Other _____

Theo Harvey
Signature of Applicant

February 6, 2026
Date

NOTE: All information provided in this application, as well as any additional pages submitted, may be included in the agenda package, which is published in print and online format and is part of the permanent public record.



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REPORT TO COUNCIL

MEETING DATE: March 2, 2026 **REPORT NO.:** 26-19

SUBMITTED BY: Director of Community Safety & Development **FILE NO.:** 7130-20

SUBJECT: 2026 FCM Local Leadership for Climate Adaptation Program

RECOMMENDATION:

THAT Council endorse an application to the 2026 intake of the Federation of Canadian Municipalities Local Leadership for Climate Adaptation Program for up to \$70,000 in support of a Climate Risk Assessment and Prioritized Adaptation Plan.

PURPOSE:

To seek Council's endorsement of an application to the 2026 intake of the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) Local Leadership for Climate Adaptation Program for up to \$70,000 in support of a Climate Risk Assessment and Prioritized Adaptation Plan.

This report is for consideration at the March 2, 2026, Committee of the Whole Meeting and adoption at the March 23, 2026, Regular Council Meeting.

SUMMARY/BACKGROUND:

Staff is proposing to partner with McAllister and Craig along with a cohort of other local governments in Alberta and British Columbia to propose and deliver a project under the *FCM Climate Ready Plans and Processes Program*. The project is intended to engage communities of various sizes and attributes across several key regions that include the Southern Interior and Southern Vancouver Island region of British Columbia and the Rocky Mountain region of Alberta.

The intent of the project is to undertake a data-driven risk assessment and prioritized climate adaptation plan that aligns with the requirements under the *Emergency and Disaster Management Act*. Municipalities are required to meet these objectives by the end of 2028, though this date has been continually pushed back, due to the regulatory framework not yet being available.

Deliverables include:

- A geo-referenced and GIS based hazard, risk and vulnerability assessment tool which will allow the City to monitor risk over time; and
- A prioritized climate adaptation plan that consolidates the data and includes community risk profiles, existing planning direction, and identifies infrastructure protection needs.

The project includes no capital contribution from municipal partners as full project funding will be sourced by FCM. McAllister and Craig will manage the funding application and reporting

on behalf of participating municipalities. In-kind contributions of staff time will be required over the 18-month project duration for a total of 200 hours distributed amongst participating departments that will assist with data verification and provide for local context. If funding is successful, project initiation is anticipated to begin in early 2027 and carry over into 2028.

Partnering in this co-hort of municipalities has several advantages, as it increases the strength of the funding proposal, reduces the capital costs and staff time required to deliver the project independently, and creates the conditions to access further FCM Green Municipal Funds for future projects.

This approach has been successfully implemented throughout various communities in Central and Eastern Canada under the same FCM program stream.

Attachment 1: Project Summary

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Council could choose not to move forward with McAllister and Craig and pursue funding independently. This would require more staff time and resources than participating in a co-hort of municipalities and may not be as competitive.
2. Council could choose to not support the application to FCM and use the funds already allocated from General Reserves to undertake the project. This is not recommended, as these costs could be offset if the funding proposal to FCM is successful.

IMPLICATIONS:

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| (1) Social | This project will be required to integrate social vulnerability to help inform community risk profiles. The outcomes of this project will help inform the City's Emergency Response Plan. |
| (2) Environmental | Environmental risks such as steep slopes, wildfire risk, and flood hazard will be integrated into reporting. |
| (3) Personnel | McAllister and Craig will prepare and submit application for the funding. Participating municipalities will be required to contribute up to 200 hours of in-kind staff time toward project deliverables over an 18-month period. |
| (4) Financial | The 2026-2030 Draft Financial Plan has allocated \$150,000 in 2027 and an additional \$50,000 in 2028 toward this work out of the Climate Action Reserve. If the funding proposal is successful, these capital contributions will no longer be required or can be re-allocated toward other initiatives. |

POLICY IMPLICATIONS:

This initiative is in alignment with Council's 2023-2027 Strategic Plan Principle 1: Governance and Service Excellence Goal of *Responsible Stewardship* and Principle 3: Quality of Life Goal of *Prioritization of Public Safety*.

IMPLEMENTATION:

If the funding request is successful, the project will be initiated January 2027. Project leads on behalf of the City will include the Director of Community Safety & Development and the City's Climate Readiness Coordinator.

COMMUNICATION:

This initiative will be highlighted in Council Highlights and if funding is successful will be announced as part of FCM's media highlights.

Respectfully submitted,

Approved by



Meeri Durand, MCIP RPP
Director of Community Safety &
Development



Chris Barlow, A.Sc.T.
Chief Administrative Officer

FEDERATION OF CANADIAN MUNICIPALITIES

LOCAL LEADERSHIP FOR CLIMATE ADAPTATION PROGRAM:

PROPOSAL OUTLINE



TOMORROW'S RESILIENCE, TODAY.™

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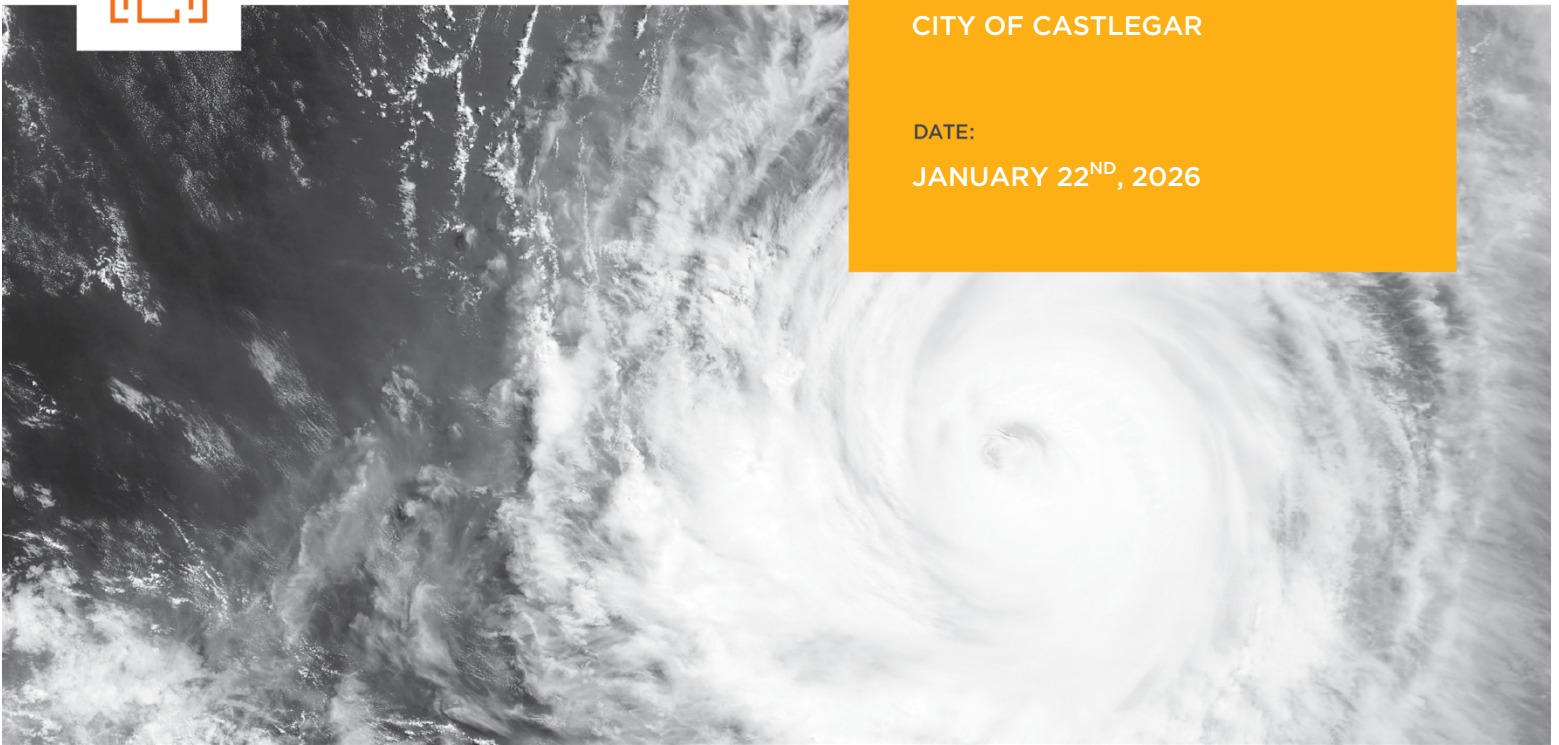
MEERI DURAND
DIRECTOR OF COMMUNITY
SAFETY & DEVELOPMENT

ORGANIZATION:

CITY OF CASTLEGAR

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DISASTER MANAGEMENT

PREPARED FOR:**Meeri Durand**

Director of Community Safety &
Development

ORGANIZATION:**City of Castlegar****SUBJECT:**

Local level climate adaptation proposal to accelerate community climate resilience for the City of Castlegar.

Dear Meeri,

It was a pleasure to speak with you earlier this week. We discussed a potential project to support comprehensive climate resilience in the City of Castlegar, and you requested a short summary of what that work could look like. We've prepared the following summary and will look forward to continuing the conversation.

For approximately 25 diverse communities in British Columbia and Alberta, McAllister & Craig will deliver a regionally relevant project for your municipality that puts best-in-class, locally generated climate adaptation information and intuitive resilience planning tools directly in the hands of you and your team. While the focus of the work is on climate adaptation, our risk assessments address all hazards and vulnerabilities and align with the provincial government's requirements for municipal risk assessment. We strongly believe in delivering integrated solutions that enable collaboration across municipal programs to reduce risk.

The project requires no capital contribution from municipal partners; it is in-kind only, with full project funding sourced through the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM). We estimate the in-kind effort will work out to about 25 days of time distributed between several staff over the maximum eighteen months of implementation. There are no carry-on cost commitments at the conclusion of the project, and my team understands that we need to make it a light touch and not be part of the pile-on that municipalities often must address.

At the end of the project, the municipality will have a world class, geo-referenced data set describing demographic vulnerabilities, cultural heritage values, natural and human-induced hazards, critical infrastructure, emergency preparedness and response system strength and more. This information will be integrated into a visualized Hazard, Risk, and Vulnerability

Assessment tool called Canopy within our Resilience Engine SaaS; it will allow you to explore how the municipality's risk might alter over time based on climate change, shifts in community demographics, improvements to fire response, mitigation works, etc. A professional risk assessment should be useful for municipal planners, climate specialists, public works, emergency managers, etc., and we will deliver exactly that. Importantly, there is no transfer of data ownership related to this work; we will add to the municipality's data repository, not compromise it. You'll have the ability to provide confidential, secure access to others within the municipality and to external partners so that they can see your risks and support analytics, with the ability to rescind access with the click of a button.

From provincial capitals to small rural towns, McAllister & Craig has already achieved funding for over a dozen municipalities that are now working together as the largest FCM funded collaboration group in the country. We have a 100% success rate in funding approval for these projects, with a significant benefit that project completion unlocks large-scale resilient infrastructure funding through FCMs Adaptation in Action program.

We expect the proposal intake window to open early in the second calendar quarter of 2026, or potentially early in the second quarter. As the intake windows are typically very short, we want to ensure our partner municipalities are engaged and prepared before the window opens. As we do for all our municipal partners, McAllister & Craig would prepare the application package, review and refine it with you, and support you through the streamlined proposal submission process. On behalf of the other communities engaging in this collaboration group, and on behalf of my team, we would look forward to your participation.

McAllister & Craig is an international consulting firm that builds tomorrow's resilience, today. Our team has worked here at home and all over the world to build local resilience and emergency management capacity. We have developed climate change adaptation programming for global humanitarian organizations and led region-wide business continuity programs across the Caribbean. We have worked successfully in the Canadian context to support large-scale, comprehensive municipal public safety risk assessments and guide critical infrastructure emergency response planning. We've assisted the Canadian Coast Guard with developmental understanding of asset protection through a climate adaptation lens and established a national emergency management capability data standard for Public Safety Canada. As the National Chair for the United Nations private sector disaster resilience network in Canada, my firm advocates strongly domestically and internationally for public-private collaboration to build a resilient future for Canadian communities. We will apply our team's

significant experience with the World Bank, the United Nations, over forty national, sub-national and municipal governments, as well as disaster relief partners, and private sector organizations to ensure a high-quality, durable outcome for you via this proposed project.

We look forward to exploring a collaboration with the City of Castlegar for the benefit of your community as we build **Tomorrow's Resilience Today®**.

Sincerely,



Adam McAllister | CEO



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TITLE:**CLIMATE RISK ASSESSMENT AND PRIORITIZED ADAPTATION PLAN FOR THE CITY OF CASTLEGAR****PROJECT DURATION**

18 MONTHS (LATE 2026 LAUNCH)

**IDENTIFIED PARTNERS**MEERI DURAND
DIRECTOR OF COMMUNITY SAFETY & DEVELOPMENT
CITY OF CASTLEGAR, BCADAM McALLISTER, CEO
McALLISTER & CRAIG**TARGET REGION****PROPOSED COST**

70,000.00

CAD

*Fully funded;
no capital req'd**SUMMARY DESCRIPTION**

McAllister & Craig will deliver a fully funded, comprehensive, data-driven risk assessment that is dynamic, visual, and aligned with government legislation. The municipality will be provided the complete data sets comprising the risk assessment and will collaborate with other municipalities working with M&C to explore risk reduction opportunities.

Using the risk assessment, a prioritized climate adaptation plan will be created that reflects community risk perception, existing planning direction, and infrastructure protection needs. Project completion will unlock access to the infrastructure climate resilience fund managed by the Federation of Canadian Municipalities.

OUTPUTS

- Fully attributed, geo-referenced risk data.
- World-leading comprehensive, visual risk assessment aligned with legislation.
- Prioritized climate adaptation plan that consolidates data and previous planning.

OUTCOMES

Effective, defensible, risk-informed community development and service delivery that enables the municipality to protect infrastructure, secure the economy, and save lives.



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REPORT TO COUNCIL

MEETING DATE: March 2, 2026 **REPORT NO.:** 26-18
SUBMITTED BY: Planner - Policy **FILE NO.:** 6700-20
SUBJECT: 2026 UBCM Local Government Development Approvals Program

RECOMMENDATION:

THAT Council endorse an application to the 2026 intake of the UBCM Local Government Development Approvals Program for up to \$200,000 in support of an Infill Housing Program,

AND FURTHER;

THAT Council approve City staff managing the grant funding on the City of Castlegar's behalf.

PURPOSE:

To seek Council's endorsement of an application to the 2026 intake of the Union of British Columbia Municipalities (UBCM) Local Government Development Approvals Program (LGDAP) for up to \$200,000 to support the City's Infill Housing Program.

This report is for consideration at the March 2, 2026, Committee of the Whole Meeting and adoption at the March 2, 2026, Regular Council Meeting to meet application deadlines.

SUMMARY/BACKGROUND:

In 2024, the City secured UBCM LGDAP funding for the Accessory Dwelling Unit (ADU) Program. The program was delivered in the summer of 2025 through a targeted social media campaign and received a mention at the 2025 UBCM Convention. The ADU Program resulted in the following key achievements:

- comprehensive "housing resources" and "accessory dwellings" pages on the City's website
- easy to use homeowner brochures and guides
- updated building permit application materials
- incremental staffing in building services to support program objectives

Infill Housing Program

For 2026, staff propose to build on the success of the ADU Program by promoting a broader range of infill housing types and undertaking initiatives that streamline development approvals. These efforts aim to simplify the process for builders and better support the City's broader housing objectives.

The Housing Needs Report identifies a need for more diverse housing options. As of 2025, construction activity has provided 193 of the 708 units required. While there is interest from the community, uptake has not yet extended to the full range of options supported by the City's Community Plan and Zoning Bylaw.

Through the Infill Housing Program, the City aims to kickstart uptake of the full range of options enabled—including ADUs, rowhouses, duplexes, and other small-scale multi-unit forms—by leveraging senior government programs and funding, and by building regional partnerships with neighbouring municipalities and local industry.

CMHC Local Partner Program

The Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation (CMHC) launched a Housing Design Catalogue that includes standardized housing designs, user and materials guides, and site planning examples. These free plans are available for general use but must be adapted to suit regional climate requirements and the unique characteristics of each development site. Becoming a local partner of the Housing Design Catalogue involves four steps. These are:

- selecting designs (at minimum 1 ADU, 1 townhouse, 1 fourplex)
- ensuring bylaws and policies pose no barriers
- promoting selected designs
- creating a fast-track process for permit approvals and tracking permit issuances

The City has already met several prerequisites for becoming a local partner. Remaining requirements include a review of bylaws and policies, ensuring the regional applicability of selected designs, and updating website content to meet CMHC standards. CMHC encourages collaboration with neighbouring local governments and industry, though it is not a requirement. Industry has already expressed interest, creating an opportunity to expand the City's Infill Housing Program to include both standardized designs and modern methods of construction. The City has yet to reach out to other local governments to determine the level of interest in partnering regionally.

Castlegar would be the first community of its size to become a local partner in BC and would benefit from CMHC marketing activities associated with their Housing Design Catalogue.

UBCM Local Government Approvals Program

The UBCM LGDAP fund supports the construction of homes through the implementation of best practices and innovative approaches to development approvals. The 2026 intake has been expanded to include the use of modern construction methods and implementation of standardized designs.

Eligible costs and activities include (as taken from the program guide):

- Activities that enable local governments to make use of modern methods of construction and standardized designs
- Activities that support improvement of the local government development approval process and that meet the intent of the program
- Facilitating collaboration or coordination with external partners
- Consultant costs
- Public information costs

Staff are proposing that the following activities be funded through this application:

- Ensuring a selection of standardized designs are building permit ready for the Castlegar climatic region. This will require contracted services with a local architect or designer and an energy advisor.
- Creation of a robust communication campaign to promote and market the program through social media, brochures, guides and updated application packages consistent with ADU Program materials.

Additional required activities not included in this funding request are as follows:

- Review and amendment of related bylaws and policies to support the use of modern methods of construction and standardized designs in alignment with project objectives.
- Implementation of streamlined approvals and/or incentives for development proposals that incorporate use of standardized designs and modern methods of construction.
- Engaging neighbouring local governments to identify joint initiatives that strengthen program effectiveness and generate region-wide benefits.
- Facilitating collaboration and capacity building in modern methods of construction with local and regional providers.

Applying to UBCM requires a resolution from Council supporting the proposed activities and willingness to provide overall grant management. The 2026 intake closes March 13, 2026. It is anticipated that communities will be notified of their application status by the end of June 2026.

This project will replace Phase 2 of the Accessory Dwelling Program which will be deferred to a later date. Amendments to the Draft 2026–2030 Financial Plan and work plan will be necessary.

Attachment 1: CMHC Local Partner Program

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Council could choose not to support an application to the UBCM LGDAP program or revise the application amount. If not pursued, the City would lose the opportunity to partner with CMHC.
2. Council could choose not to support an application to the UBCM LGDAP program and use the \$15,000 allocated toward Phase 2 of the Accessory Dwelling Program to meet project objectives. This may result in a narrower scope of work that is unable to meet all program objectives.

IMPLICATIONS:

- (1) Social** Supporting builders to create diverse infill housing will help the City meet housing targets.
- (2) Environmental** Supporting the growth of infill housing will increase the proximity of homes near essential services, providing opportunities for alternative transportation options.

(3) Personnel Preparation of an application will take 10 hours of staff time and ongoing overall grant management will take approximately 20 hours in both Development and Financial Services.

(4) Financial The Draft 2026–2030 Financial Plan will require amendment to reflect the final scope of the Infill Housing Program, which is dependent on the outcome of the grant application.

POLICY IMPLICATIONS:

The Infill Housing Program is consistent with the City’s Housing Strategy and will help meet housing targets identified in the City’s Housing Needs Report.

The Infill Housing Program is aligned with the principles of ensuring “*A Future with Affordable Homes for All*” and “*Governance & Service Excellence*”, as described in the City’s 2023-2027 Strategic Plan.

IMPLEMENTATION:

Implementation will be through the City’s Development Services Division as part of day-to-day operations. Portions of program delivery will require the support of qualified professionals under contracted services.

COMMUNICATION:

If the funding application is successful, staff will notify Council and communicate to the broader community through Council Highlights.

Respectfully submitted,

Approved by



Sarah Martin
Planner - Policy



Chris Barlow, A.Sc.T.
Chief Administrative Officer

Become a Local Partner for the Housing Design Catalogue

In 4 Steps



Housing, Infrastructure
and Communities Canada

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et Collectivités Canada

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4 Steps



STEP 1: Select which Catalogue designs to promote (CMHC strongly recommends at least 1 Accessory Dwelling Unit (ADU), 1 rowhouse/ townhouse, and 1 fourplex).



STEP 2: Review zoning and land use regulations to remove barriers to “as-of-right” development of selected Catalogue designs.



STEP 3: Promote selected designs with builders, homeowners and the public.



STEP 4: Create a fast-track process for permit approvals and start tracking building permits using the Catalogue and other standardized designs.

Step 1: Select Designs

- ✓ Review Catalogue designs for your Province/Region.
- ✓ Select which designs to promote and fast-track in your community. CMHC strongly recommends *at least*:
 - 1 Accessory Dwelling Unit
 - 1 Rowhouse or Townhouse
 - 1 Fourplex

Step 2: Zoning and Land Use Review

- ✓ Review zoning and land use regulations: what areas of your community currently allow the housing types included in the Catalogue? Where could permissions be expanded (e.g. three storey building heights, increased density on corner lots)?
- ✓ Ensure zoning regulations enable the development of selected home designs in existing neighbourhoods.
- ✓ Increase flexibility and remove restrictions that limit viability of standardized designs, for example: *housing definitions (definition of a rowhouse or fourplex), lot coverage, frontage requirements, landscape requirements, setbacks, floor area permissions, building heights, etc.*
- ✓ Consider reduced or flexible parking requirements for standardized designs.

Step 3: Promotion

- ✓ Link to the Housing Design Catalogue website from your municipal website.
 - ✓ Communicate to the public and developer community using various channels.
- CMHC will publish a list of catalogue-friendly communities/local partners and link back to municipal websites.***

Step 4: Fast Track Process

- ✓ Expedite, delegate or remove the requirement for development permits, site controls and variance processes (where applicable).
- ✓ Exempt or simplify aesthetic requirements such as form and character/architectural and landscaping requirements.
- ✓ Provide local guidance on site considerations including sample layouts for servicing, parking and access scenarios. *CMHC will publish regional Site Plan Examples to provide a starting point for local guidance.*
- ✓ Provide guidance on the scope of end-user customization allowed under a fast-track process.
 - Create a checklist to help users prepare a complete building permit application.
- ✓ Track uptake of standardized designs and report back to CMHC on a quarterly basis.



Going Further to Support Uptake

Beyond the four steps listed above, local partners can take additional actions to promote Catalogue designs, if desired:

- Develop customized local guidance documents for fully “pre-approved” designs, such as detailed site, landscape and grading plans for common lot conditions, to help streamline the development review process.
- Provide incentives to increase uptake of selected designs, such as:
 - Reducing or waiving development application and building permit fees
 - Reducing or waiving development charges (e.g. for 4th unit in a four-unit building, where first 3 units are currently exempt)
 - Reducing or waiving some or all off-site works and frontage improvements
 - Implementing grant programs to support homes built using standardized designs

CASTLEGAR

REPORT TO COUNCIL

MEETING DATE: March 2, 2026 **REPORT NO.:** 26-20
SUBMITTED BY: Director of Finance & Technology **FILE NO.:** 3900-20
SUBJECT: South Sewage Treatment Plant North Train Renewal Project Loan Authorization Bylaw 1451

RECOMMENDATION:

THAT Council consider the required readings of the South Sewage Treatment Plant North Train Renewal Project Loan Authorization Bylaw 1451, authorizing the City to borrow \$6,939,000 to fund the North Train Renewal Project.

PURPOSE:

That Council consider the required readings of the South Sewage Treatment Plant North Train Renewal Project Loan Authorization Bylaw 1451, authorizing the City to borrow \$6,939,000 to fund the North Train Renewal Project.

This report is for consideration at the March 2, 2026, Committee of the Whole Meeting, first three readings of the Bylaw at the March 2, 2026, Regular Meeting, and adoption of the recommendation at a future Council meeting after receiving approval from the Inspector of Municipalities.

SUMMARY/BACKGROUND:

South Sewage Treatment Plant North Train Renewal Project Background

The South Sewage Treatment Plant was built approximately 50 years ago with just one treatment path (“train”), now referred to as the North Train. The SSTP was expanded between 2004 and 2006 to create a parallel treatment path, the South Train, to double the plant’s capacity and provide redundancy in the event of an upset condition or mechanical failure. In 2016, a retrofit project was completed to add nitrogen removal to the South Train, however upgrades to the North Train were postponed due to cost constraints. Since that time, the South Train has been adequately meeting the City’s treatment needs while the North Train has remained out of service. More stringent environmental regulations, the regulatory requirement for redundancy and a growing population in Castlegar has prompted the need to bring the North Train back into service.

Project Loan Authorization

The estimated total value of the North Train Renewal project including design and construction is \$6,871,000 including a 15% contingency. Due to a low Sewer Capital Reserve balance, the City requires the full amount of \$6,871,000 to be funded through borrowing. The purpose of Bylaw 1451 is to provide this funding through long-term borrowing from the Municipal Finance Authority (MFA) as outlined in the 2025-2029 Financial Plan. Staff recommends that borrowing be increased to \$6,939,000 to factor 1% withheld by MFA as security against loan default. The

1% is held in trust by the MFA in its Debt Reserve Fund and will be refunded, with interest, at loan expiry.

Loan Application

The Ministry of Housing and Municipal Affairs reviews loan applications to ensure compliance with the established borrowing guidelines. The items considered during the review process include the City's revenue and existing debt servicing. Borrowing requires elector approval if it is:

- a loan guarantee or are of a capital nature; and
- and the loan amount does not fit into the approval free liability zone; and
- the agreement is for more than five years; or
- the agreement could be for more than five years if an extension were exercised.

The approval-free liability zone (assent free zone) is ten percent of controllable and sustainable municipal revenue. BC municipalities' financial liabilities (e.g. under leases, partnering, and long-term debt agreements) are subject to liability servicing limits.

The recommended borrowing fits into the approval-free liability zone, therefore the borrowing will not require elector approval.

ALTERNATIVES:

Council could choose not to approve the requested borrowing. Staff do not recommend this as improvements to the South Sewage Treatment Plant are important to maintain operability of the plant as the City grows and to meet permitting requirements. There are insufficient funds within the Sewer Reserve to fund the project.

IMPLICATIONS:

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| (1) Social | The recommended borrowing brings upgrades to Castlegar's South Sewage Treatment Plant, which improves capacity for treatment as Castlegar continues to grow. |
| (2) Environmental | The recommended borrowing brings upgrades to the South Sewage Treatment Plant ensuring the City remains in compliance with operating permit conditions and environmental regulations. |
| (3) Personnel | Approximately 20 hours of staff time is required to execute the documents required to obtain the above financing. |
| (4) Financial | <p>The MFA assumes an interest rate of 3.83%, as per MFA's January 2026 interest rate on the Long-Term Borrowing Program.</p> <p>The cost of the borrowing would result in projected annual debt servicing of \$559,847 with repayment coming from the Sewer Reserve. After ten years, the relending rate will be reset at the current market rate for a period to be determined at that time (likely five years) for a total loan period of 20 years. The Bylaw indicates a maximum borrowing term of 30 years. The actual term will be</p> |

established by Council at the time when long term borrowing is initiated.

POLICY IMPLICATIONS:

Section 179 of the *Community Charter* provides that Council may by a loan authorization bylaw adopted with the approval of the inspector, incur a liability by borrowing for any purpose of a capital nature.

This supports the Council 2023-2027 Strategic Plan Principles of:

- Governance & Service Excellence and the goals of Fiscal Stewardship and Asset Management Planning.

IMPLEMENTATION:

- After the first three readings of Bylaw 1451, the Bylaw will be submitted to the Ministry for Inspector Approval, pursuant to section 179(1) of the *Community Charter*.
- After an estimated 6 weeks for inspector approval, staff will seek adoption of Bylaw 1451.
- 30-day quashing period
- Send adopted Bylaw and Corporate Officers Certificate to the Ministry for Inspector approval of Bylaw and Certificate of Approval.
- Receipt of Certificate of Approval.
- Report seeking a Municipal Security Issuing Resolution (MSIR) from Council authorizing the amount of the borrowing up to the amount set out in the Bylaw.
- The resolution and the Certificate of Approval are then forwarded to the Regional District of Central Kootenay for inclusion in their security issuing bylaw.
- To fund the South Sewage Treatment Plant North Train Renewal Project until long-term borrowing is complete, staff will return to Council to recommend Temporary Borrowing under Bylaw 1451.

COMMUNICATION:

N/A

Respectfully submitted,



Steffan Klassen, CPA, CA
Director of Finance and Technology

Approved by



Chris Barlow, ASCT
Chief Administrative Officer

South Sewage Treatment Plant North Train Renewal Project Loan Authorization Bylaw 1451

A Bylaw to authorize the borrowing of funds for the South Sewage Treatment Plant North Train Renewal Project

WHEREAS; Section 179 of the *Community Charter* states Council may, by a loan authorization bylaw adopted with the approval of the inspector, incur a liability by borrowing.

WHEREAS it is deemed expedient and in the public interest to complete the South Sewage Treatment Plant North Train Renewal Project.

AND WHEREAS the estimated cost of the South Sewage Treatment Plant North Train Renewal Project, including expenses, incidental thereto, is \$6,939,000 net of taxes in Canadian dollars, of which a maximum sum of six million, nine hundred and thirty-nine thousand, (\$6,939,000) in Canadian dollars is to be borrowed by this Bylaw.

NOW THEREFORE the Council of the City of Castlegar, in open meeting assembled, enacts as follows:

1. The Council is hereby empowered and authorized to undertake and carry out or cause to be carried out the construction and implementation of South Sewage Treatment Plant North Train Renewal Project to facilitate the proper operation of municipal wastewater treatment and in accordance with the general file in the municipal office and to do all things necessary in connection therewith and without limiting the generality of the foregoing:
 - a. To borrow upon the credit of the Municipality, a sum of six million, nine hundred and thirty-nine thousand (\$6,871,000) in Canadian dollars.
2. The maximum term for which debentures may be issued to secure the debt created by this Bylaw is 30 years.
3. The Bylaw may be cited as "South Sewage Treatment Plant North Train Renewal Project Loan Authorization Bylaw 1451".

READ A FIRST TIME this day of MONTH, YEAR.

READ A SECOND TIME this day of MONTH, YEAR.

READ A THIRD TIME this day of MONTH, YEAR .

Received the approval of the Inspector of Municipalities this day of YEAR.

ADOPTED this day of MONTH, YEAR.

Mayor

Director of Corporate Services

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REPORT TO COUNCIL

MEETING DATE: March 2, 2026 **REPORT NO.:** 26-13
SUBMITTED BY: Manager of Legislative Services **FILE NO.:** 3900-20
SUBJECT: Good Neighbour Bylaw 1449

RECOMMENDATION:

THAT Council consider the required readings of the Good Neighbour Bylaw 1449.

PURPOSE:

A report seeking the required readings of Good Neighbour Bylaw 1449.

This report is for consideration at the March 2, 2026, Committee of the Whole Meeting, three readings at the March 2, 2026, Regular Meeting, and adoption at the March 23, 2026, Regular Meeting.

SUMMARY/BACKGROUND:

In 2025, staff determined it would be beneficial to review and update City of Castlegar Noise Control Bylaw 622 and Property Maintenance Bylaw 1120, as both had not been reviewed in over 14 years. Some areas of the Bylaws are vague and open to broad interpretation which has caused concerns or frustration for residents and staff in their ability to enforce.

Staff conducted a review of comparable municipal bylaws and examined best practices related to noise, nuisance, and property maintenance regulations. The review found that many municipalities in British Columbia have implemented Good Neighbour Bylaws to support neighbourhood harmony by consolidating consistent standards for property maintenance, noise control, and nuisance management into a single bylaw. These bylaws help promote community responsibility by encouraging residents to maintain their properties and be mindful of the impacts their activities may have on neighbours and the broader community.

The attached draft City of Castlegar Good Neighbour Bylaw consolidates the regulations and intent of Bylaws 622 and 1120 into one. The benefits of a modernized Good Neighbours Bylaw include:

- Simplifies interpretation and expectations for residents and staff.
- Updates outdated language and closes any regulatory gaps.
- Provides tools for staff to respond consistently and fairly to concerns.

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Council could choose to not adopt the new Good Neighbours Bylaw and keep the existing Maintenance of Property 1120 and Noise Bylaw 622. Staff does not recommend this as both Bylaws are outdated and staff feel they are not best meeting the needs of the City and community.

2. Council could direct staff to revise the proposed Bylaw and bring back to Council. Staff could support this if the revisions are in alignment with all applicable legislation.

IMPLICATIONS:**(1) Social**

This Bylaw helps set clear expectations on noise, property maintenance and respectful behaviour in the community. It can reduce conflict between neighbours, protect residents' well-being, and supports a sense of fairness and shared responsibility.

(2) Environmental

This Bylaw can assist in reducing noise pollution, improve environmental quality, can reduce stress on both humans and animals, and helps in the prevention of attracting wildlife.

(3) Personnel

Approximately 20 hours of combined staff time was spent researching and drafting this Bylaw and report.

It is anticipated that this Bylaw will provide a small reduction in Bylaw Compliance and Enforcement staff time as it sets clear guidance and regulation and will require less interpretation and explanation time.

(4) Financial

There are no additional costs associated with adopting this Bylaw.

POLICY IMPLICATIONS:

This supports Council's 2023-2027 Strategic Plan Principles of:

- Governance & Service Excellences: Goal 3 - Efficient and Effective Services.
- Quality of Life: Goal 4 – Safety.

IMPLEMENTATION:

If adopted, staff will take the required steps to repeal Bylaw 622 and 1120. The new Bylaw will be uploaded to the website and shared with all staff who may be impacted by the changes.

COMMUNICATION:

If adopted, the new Bylaw will be promoted in the Council Highlights and will be provided to residents as needed.

Respectfully submitted,

Nicole Brown

Nicole Brown,
Manager of Legislative Services

Approved by

Chris Barlow

Chris Barlow, A.Sc.T.
Chief Administrative Officer



Good Neighbour Bylaw

Bylaw 1449

Effective Upon Adoption

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Good Neighbour Bylaw

Bylaw 1449

A Bylaw to regulate, prohibit, and impose requirements in relation to public space, noise, nuisance, health and safety, and to enhance the well-being of the community.

WHEREAS Section 8 of the *Community Charter* provides municipalities with fundamental powers to regulate, prohibit, and impose requirements in relation to public spaces, health and safety of persons and property, and the protection and enhancement of the well-being of the community, and other matters;

AND WHEREAS Section 64 of the *Community Charter* provides municipalities with fundamental powers to exercise authority in respect to nuisances, unsanitary conditions, and other offensive activities;

AND WHEREAS under Section 17 of the *Community Charter*, Council directs that if a person subject to a requirement fails to take the required action the municipality may fulfill the requirement at the expense of the person and recover the costs incurred from that person as a debt;

AND WHEREAS the Council of the City of Castlegar desires to protect the quality of life for its citizens, and endeavors to promote civic responsibility, and further, strive to encourage good relationships between neighbours;

AND WHEREAS Council of the City of Castlegar has deemed it desirable to pass a bylaw regulating, prohibiting, and imposing requirements in relation to public space, noise, nuisance, health and safety, and to enhance the well-being of the community;

NOW THEREFORE the Council of the City of Castlegar, in open meeting assembled enacts as follows:

PART 1 – INTERPRETATION

- 1.1 This Bylaw may be cited as the "*City of Castlegar Good Neighbour Bylaw 1449, 2026.*"
- 1.2 Words or phrases defined in the British Columbia *Community Charter, Interpretation Act, Motor Vehicle Act* or *Local Government Act* or any successor legislation, shall have the same meaning when used in this Bylaw unless otherwise defined in this Bylaw.
- 1.3 The headings contained in this Bylaw are for convenience only and are not to be construed as defining or in any way limiting the scope or the intent of the provisions of this Bylaw.
- 1.4 If any provision or part of this Bylaw is declared by any court of competent jurisdiction to be illegal or inoperative, in whole or in part, or inoperative in particular circumstances, the illegal or inoperative portion shall be severed from the Bylaw and the balance of the Bylaw, or its application in any circumstances, shall not be affected and shall continue to be in full force and effect.

PART 2- DEFINITIONS

Accumulation means a collection, either built-up, gathered, scattered, amassed, or piled and "accumulate" shall have a corresponding meaning.

Authorized Representative means the person designated by the City for purposes of administering and enforcing this Bylaw and includes the City's Bylaw Enforcement Officer.

Bylaw Enforcement Officer means the person duly appointed or authorized by the Chief Administrative Officer for the purpose of enforcing the City's bylaws, including this Bylaw, and includes any Peace Officer.

Chief Administrative Officer means that person appointed by Council and any person delegated to assist in carrying out their duties under this Bylaw.

City means the City of Castlegar or the area within the municipal boundaries as the context may require.

Corporate Officer means that person appointed by Council and any person delegated to assist in carrying out their duties under this Bylaw.

Commercial Vehicle means trucks, tractors, or trailers, or any combination of them, that have a registered gross vehicle weight exceeding 4,500 kilograms; or buses with a seating capacity of more than 10 person.

Council means the Council of the City of Castlegar.

Graffiti means writing or pictures scratched, painted or drawn by any means on a City-owned space such as a wall, fence, building, or structure of any kind, or sidewalk or road, but does not include public art, murals etc. that may be approved by resolution of Council from time to time.

Hazardous objects or material includes, without limiting the generality of that term, anything that causes a health or safety risk, broken glass, hypodermic needles, other objects or materials with sharp edges or capable of breaking or skin, and any other hazardous material.

Motor Vehicle means a vehicle, not run on rails, that is designed to be self-propelled or propelled by electric power obtained from overhead trolley wire pursuant to the British Columbia *Motor Vehicle Act*.

Municipal Ticket Information Bylaw means the City of Castlegar Municipal Ticket Information Bylaw as amended from time to time, and including any successor thereto.

Noxious Weed means any weed designated by regulation to be a Noxious Weed pursuant to the British Columbia *Weed Control Act*.

Nuisance, without limiting its general meaning, includes anything that substantially and unreasonably interferes with, or disturbs a person's use and enjoyment of that person's real property, or the surrounding neighbourhood, or a street, park, or public space.

Nuisance Abatement Fees include, but are not limited to the following, costs and expenses incurred while by or on behalf of the City while responding to a nuisance service call for the purpose of abating nuisance conduct, activity or condition, and include but are not limited to:

- a) the cost of police and City staff salaries, including benefits, pro-rated to the time spent by those individuals in responding to a nuisance service call and abating that conduct;
- b) the cost of using police, fire and City equipment and vehicles;
- c) the administration costs incurred by the City in responding to a nuisance service call and abating a nuisance; and
- d) the cost of repairs to damaged City equipment, vehicles or property.

Occupant or Occupier, when used with reference to real property, has the same meaning as under the *Community Charter*.

Owner, when used with reference to real property, has the same meaning as under the *Community Charter*.

Park means, in addition to its general meaning, any property or area of land used or designated as a park by the City, and includes property owned or held by, or leased or granted to the City for that purpose, and includes lands to be used as a park by reason of a restrictive covenant or covenant on title or similar instrument, and also includes any lands designated as a park by a sign posted by the City.

Person means a natural person, a company, corporation, partnership, firm, association, society, or party and the personal or other legal representatives of a person to whom the context can apply according to law.

Property, and **Premises**, and **Real Property** all mean, unless context requires otherwise, lands, any buildings or structures or improvements on the lands, and any individual premises located on the lands.

Public Place means any place typically open or accessible to public, or to which members of the public are entitled or permitted to have access without payment, and includes without limitation any highway, park or campground, civic building, areas around civic buildings, transit shelter or bus stop, parking lots and any lands or property owned by the City, the Province of British Columbia, or the Government of Canada, and any improvement on those lands.

Real Property means land, with or without improvements so affixed to the land as to make them in fact and in law a part of the real property, and includes, as the context requires, individual premises located on the real property.

Unightly means property having any one or more of the following characteristics:

- a) the accumulation of filth, discarded materials, rubbish or graffiti;
- b) fences characterized by holes, breaks, rot, crumbling, cracking, leaning, peeling or rusting;

- c) landscaping that is dead or characterized by uncontrolled growth;
- d) grass of a height in excess of 30 centimetres;
- e) wrecked or dilapidated vehicles, parked or stored outside buildings on property, or inside a building but visible from a property line;
- f) deteriorated lumber or building supplies, old materials, unused furniture or furniture parts, appliances, cabinets, fixtures, abandoned, broken or neglected equipment, or the scattered remains of items stored outside buildings on residential property visible from a property line;
- g) construction material stored outside a building or inside a building but visible from a property line except where there is an active building permit for construction to be carried out on the property;
- h) upon which there is one or more unsightly building.

Unsightly building means any building or structure that has:

- a) broken window or windows;
- b) exterior damage to the brickwork, cladding, siding or shingles visible from an adjacent roadway;
- c) rot or other deterioration in its construction materials;
- d) includes a building or structure that has been boarded up for a continuous period of over forty-five (45) days within a consecutive sixty (60) day period.

Wrecked vehicle means motor vehicle as defined in the *Motor Vehicle Act* that is:

- a) not licensed for the current year; or
- b) not capable of being moved by its own motive power; or
- c) reduced to parts, frames, or bodies of a motor vehicle, unless such vehicle or parts thereof are situated in or enclosed by a building.

PART 3 – GENERAL REGULATIONS

- 3.1 No person shall obstruct or interfere with a Bylaw Enforcement Officer in the exercise of their duties.
- 3.2 The City, including its Bylaw Enforcement Officers, and others acting on behalf of the City, shall have the right to enter upon the Property of any Owner or Occupant at all reasonable times and in a reasonable manner for the purposes of inspecting Property and declaring whether the Property is unsightly or otherwise not in compliance with the provisions of this Bylaw.
- 3.3. No failure to enforce this Bylaw, nor any error, omission or other neglect in relation to any permit issued under this bylaw, shall be interpreted as giving rise to any cause of action in favour of any Person, or any duty of care owed to any Person by the City.

PART 4 – PARKS AND PUBLIC SPACES

- 4.1 This Part does not apply to any:
 - a) highway designated as an arterial highway under the *Transportation Act*, [SBC 2004], or

- b) lands owned by the Province, Crown, School District as a park or open space, and not leased to the City.
- 4.2 Unless done by an employee or agent of the City in the performance of their duties, or if authorized by the City, no person shall in any park or other public place:
- a) cut, destroy, damage, climb, break, remove or injure any tree, sapling, shrub, plant, turf, or flower;
 - b) plant any tree, sapling, shrub, plant, turf, or flower;
 - c) damage, destroy, break, remove, or deface any wall, fence, sign, traffic control device or signal, or other structure;
 - d) paint, write, place, or cause there to be any unauthorized writing or graffiti placed on any wall, fence or other structure;
 - e) foul or pollute any fountain, beach, pool, spray park, pond, stream or other body of water;
 - f) use or operate any device in such a manner as to disturb the enjoyment of a park by other person;
 - g) deposit, leave, discard or place litter, personal belongings, or debris of any kind, except within designated recycling or refuse receptacles;
 - h) deposit or leave any hazardous objects or hazardous material, except in a receptacle authorized for those items;
 - i) cause or permit any animal to roam at large, create a nuisance, or injure another animal or individual;
 - j) carry on any activity of a hazardous or unsafe nature which may cause injury, harm, or damage to a person, structure, animal, or other thing in a public place;
 - k) engage in any related activity which causes a disturbance or nuisance;
 - l) urinate or defecate or vomit in a public place, except in a washroom facility provided by, or on behalf, of the City for that purpose, or if doing so was inevitable or unavoidable and the person had no reasonable opportunity to avoid doing so;
 - m) make or cause to be made any excessive noise, vibration, odour, illumination, or any other thing that is liable to create a nuisance or otherwise disturb the peace, rest, enjoyment, comfort, or convenience of individuals or the public;
 - n) use or permit the use of equipment to amplify music, announcements or performances, unless authorized by a permit issued by the City; or
 - o) cause, permit, or engage in any activity that is prohibited by a sign posted by the City;

PART 5 – NOISE REGULATIONS

General Prohibitions

- 5.1 No Person shall make, cause to be made, permit, or continue to be made any nuisance noise or sound within the City that disturbs or tends to disturb the peace, rest, enjoyment, comfort, or convenience of the neighbourhood, the public, or of any person within the neighbourhood or vicinity.
- 5.2 No Owner or Occupier of property shall cause, allow, or permit that property to be used in a manner so that nuisance noise or sound occurs on or is emitted from that property

which disturbs or tends to disturb the peace, rest, enjoyment, comfort, or convenience of the neighbourhood, the public, or of any person within the neighbourhood or vicinity.

Specific Prohibitions

- 5.3 Without limiting the generality of Sections 5.1 and 5.2:
- a) unless authorized by the City no Person shall play, cause, permit, or allow the operation of any radio, television, computer, speaker, stereophonic equipment, amplifier, voice amplification equipment or similar equipment on or in any private property, or in any public place, in such a manner that the sound or noise generated from that equipment disturbs or tends to substantially or unreasonably disturb the peace, rest, enjoyment, comfort, or convenience of the neighbourhood, the public, or of any person within the premises, neighbourhood, or vicinity;
 - b) no Person shall own, keep, harbor or permit any animal or bird to cry, bark, or howl continuously for a period of more than 15 minutes, or sporadically for a period of more than 60 minutes consecutively, in a manner which disturbs or tends to unreasonably disturb the peace, rest, enjoyment, comfort, or convenience of the neighbourhood, the public, or of any person within the premises, neighbourhood or vicinity;
 - c) no Person shall operate a motor vehicle which, by its operation, engine, muffler, stereophonic system, or otherwise, substantially or unreasonably disturbs or tends to disturb the peace, rest, enjoyment, comfort, or convenience of the neighbourhood, the public, or of any person within the neighbourhood or vicinity;
 - d) no Person shall, idle or leave continuous running of the engine of an unattended motor vehicle or bus for more than 15 minutes at the same location, except where the truck or bus is located within a garage or depot intended to be used for the long-term parking of that vehicle;
 - e) no Person shall, on any day before 7:00 a.m. or after 9:00 p.m. operate any motorized landscaping or lawn-grooming equipment, including leaf-blowers, lawnmowers, riding mowers, chainsaws, or string trimmers;
 - f) no Person shall, on any day before 7:00 a.m. or after 9:00 p.m. undertake any construction, alteration, repair, demolition, or excavation of any building or property, or operate any machinery for that purpose, except that a person may undertake construction or repair work provided that activity does not cause noise or sound which disturb or tends to disturb the peace, rest, enjoyment, comfort, or convenience of the neighbourhood, the public, or of any person within the neighbourhood or vicinity;

General Exceptions

- 5.4 The provisions of this Part do not apply to:
- a) any noise generated by the City, including its civic and maintenance operations, highway maintenance operations, waste removal operations, snow removal operations, and any police, fire, ambulance, bylaw, or other emergency services, operating within the City, or their agents, if that noise is generated within the furtherance of their duties;
 - b) snow removal undertaken by a person or business in immediate response to a accumulation of snow;

- c) noise or sound arising from a trade, business, or industry which is lawfully carried out in an area zoned for that activity provided that the level and nature of the noise generated does not exceed the level and nature customary or generally accepted in that trade, business or industry using equipment that is in good working order and used in accordance with generally accepted or customary standards;
- d) the operation of household equipment such as a pool or hot tub pump motors, vacuum cleaners, air conditioning units, and exhaust fans, provided the level and nature of the sound generated by that equipment does not exceed the level customary for similar equipment in good working order and used in accordance with generally accepted or customary standards;
- e) church or place of worship bells;
- f) participating in a lawfully authorized parade or assembly;
- g) noise that is reasonably necessary to be generated by any Person in relation to any emergency situation, provided that the Person generating the noise has the onus of demonstrating that an emergency situation exists and that the noise is reasonably necessary as a result.

Permits

- 5.5 If a person wishes to generate sound or noise which would contravene this part of the bylaw, or to engage in an activity that would contravene this part, that person may apply in writing to the City of Castlegar Corporate Officer, and paying any potential prescribed fee, for consideration of authorization to generate the sound or noise, or to engage in the activity that would generate the sound or noise, that would otherwise contravene this Part of the bylaw, and any such application must specify:
- a) the name of the applicant;
 - b) the expected nature and duration of the sound or noise expected, and of the activity that would generate the sound or noise;
 - c) why the sound or noise is expected to contravene this Part of the bylaw;
 - d) why it is impossible or impracticable to comply with this Part of the bylaw;
 - e) any measures the applicant has taken or will take to mitigate or reduce noise;
 - f) the degree to which the sound or noise is expected to disturb the peace, enjoyment, comfort, or convenience of individuals, the neighbourhood, and the public; and
 - g) the conditions, durations, and other terms sought or proposed by the applicant.
- 5.6 The City, when considering an application submitted under this bylaw may decline the application, grant the application in accordance with this Part, or request more information from the applicant prior to granting or declining an application, but any decision to grant, decline, or request more information must be made in writing stating the decision and, if not granted, the reasons for it and any further information that may be required.
- 5.7 The City when considering an application submitted to the City under this Bylaw may give written approval to generate the sound or noise, or to carry out the activity that would generate the sound or noise, and may:
- a) designate specific hours, times, days, or dates on which the noise, sound, or other activity permitted, or is prohibited, or both;

- b) specify stipulated duration of time the noise or sound may be generated, or on which the activity generating the noise or sound may be undertaken;
- c) specify maximum permitted decibel limits for any such noise or sound or activity, which decibel limits may vary by time, date, or other circumstance;
- d) specify the expiry date of the permit, which must not be greater than one year from the date of issuance;
- e) specify the location at which the sound or noise or associated activity may occur, or will be prohibited from occurring; and
- f) impose any other condition reasonably necessary to ensure the anticipated noise or sound or activity does not unduly disturb the peace, rest, enjoyment, comfort, or convenience of individuals, the neighbourhood, or the public.

5.8 A permit issued under this Part may be revoked by the City if any information in support of the permit application was untrue or inaccurate, or if the applicant fails to comply with any term or condition of the permit, or if the permit was granted in error. Any such revocation must be made in writing and delivered to the address specified by the applicant on the permit application.

PART 6 – PROPERTY MAINTENANCE

Private Property

- 6.1 No Owner or Occupier of Real Property shall cause, suffer or permit:
- a) the property to become or remain Unsightly;
 - b) water to accumulate on or around the property;
 - c) filth, discarded noxious, or offensive materials, or rubbish to collect or accumulate on or around the property, or to overflow from or to accumulate around any waste receptacle or other similar container on the property;
 - d) dead landscaping, vegetation, weeds, wild grasses, or similar unattended and characterized by uncontrolled growth to occur, accumulate, or remain on the property;
 - e) the infestation of the property by rodents, termites, or other destructive insects or animals;
 - f) the accumulation or storage of demolition waste, construction waste, or trade waste on any property;
 - g) the accumulation or untidy storage of building materials on a site, unless those materials cannot be seen from a highway or public place or adjacent private property, whether or not the City has issued a valid or subsisting building permit in respect of the property;
 - h) graffiti to be placed or to remain on the property, including any fence, tree, or structure on the property;
 - i) any derelict vehicle to be placed, parked, or stored on the property, unless contained within a fully enclosed and lawful building or structure;
 - j) a structure on the property to become a derelict structure, or to otherwise fall into a state of decay or disrepair;
 - k) items left for free to others to remain out for pick up for more than 48 hours;
 - l) the property to depart from the standards set out in this bylaw.

Private and Public Property

- 6.2 No person shall:
- a) place graffiti on private property, signs, buildings, structures or any kind, including fences or streets on or adjacent to any public property;
 - b) deposit or throw any filth, discarded materials, or rubbish, including garbage, bottles, broken glass, or any similar item, in any open place upon private or public property;
 - c) abandon a vehicle on or in any highway, street, sidewalk, alley, or public right of way; or,
 - d) discard or leave out free or for sale items on highway or public places;
 - e) undertake any activity on any highway, public place, or private property in the City that creates or causes dust or effluent that tends to disturb the peace, rest, enjoyment, comfort, or convenience of persons in the neighbourhood.

Sidewalk and Boulevard Maintenance

- 6.3 Every Owner or Occupier of Real Property adjacent to a boulevard or lane shall:
- a) maintain the safety and remove obstructions from the sidewalk and boulevard adjacent to their property;
 - b) remove accumulations of leaves, hazardous objects or material, filth, discarded materials, or rubbish, and any similar materials that obstruct a draining facility immediately adjacent to the owner's property;
 - c) where directed by the City, cut, trim or remove any tree, fence, hedge or other item that obstructs or could reasonably be expected to obstruct the vision or safety of all pedestrians, cyclists, or vehicles using streets or sidewalks adjacent to the property.
- 6.4 No Person shall deposit any snow, ice, leaves, hazardous objects or material, filth, discarded materials, or rubbish, or any similar materials or objects onto any road, highway, sidewalk or City property.
- 6.5 Without limiting the generality of other sections of this Part, every Owner or Occupier of property zoned for a commercial or industrial use under the Zoning Bylaw, and every Owner or Occupier of property which is used for a commercial or industrial purpose, whether or not zoned for that purpose, must each day:
- a) remove all snow, ice, slush, rubbish, and similar accumulations from any sidewalk or footpath on or adjacent to the property;
 - b) remove snow, ice, and similar rubbish from roofs adjacent to any sidewalk or footpath on or adjacent to the property;
 - c) sweep and otherwise remove all accumulations of leaves, hazardous objects or material, filth, discarded materials, or rubbish, and any similar materials from any sidewalk or footpath on or adjacent to the property, otherwise the sidewalks and footpaths in front of, on, or adjacent to the property;

Grass

- 6.6 No Owner or Occupier of Real Property shall allow grass or weeds on their Real Property to exceed a height of 30 centimetres.

- 6.7 Section 6.6 shall also apply to vacant lots and the grass on any boulevard that lies directly between the boundary of a Real Property and an adjacent highway, road or lane.
- 6.8 Section 6.6 shall not apply to:
- a) parks and natural areas under the direction and control of the City;
 - b) areas under the direction and control of the City including Boulevards adjacent to major roadways, areas subject to naturalization efforts, and areas adjacent to sound attenuation berms.

Exceptions (Property Maintenance)

- 6.9 If a parcel of property is zoned and lawfully used for industrial or commercial use, and the business conducted on that property requires or ordinarily entails the accumulation of discarded materials, or rubbish, then the accumulation of those materials on that property shall not be considered to be unsightly if done in furtherance of that lawful industrial or commercial use, approved by the City, and screened or enclosed in such a way that they are not visible from the outside of the property.

Property Maintenance Enforcement

- 6.10 Authorized Representative of the City may, by notice in writing sent by registered mail, posted on the property, or delivered in person, order the owner or occupier of real property, at their expense and within thirty (30) days of the mailing or posting of the Order, to:
- a) remove any accumulation of filth, discarded materials, rubbish, or other noxious, offensive, or unwholesome matter described in the Order from the property;
 - b) remove any graffiti described in the Order from any wall, fence, or other structure on the property;
 - c) clear any brush, noxious weeds, or other growths described in the order from the property; or,
 - d) take any other measures described in the Order to remedy unsightliness on the property.
- 6.11 Upon any failure by the owner or occupier of real property to comply with any part of this Bylaw, and after the owner or occupier of the property has been given an opportunity to be heard by Council in respect of such failure, the City may by its own forces or those of a contractor:
- a) at a reasonable time, in a reasonable manner, enter the Property and perform the steps necessary to abate the non-compliance or fulfill the requirements of the Compliance Order at the expense of Owner;
 - b) invoice the Owner for any work done or services performed in respect of the subject property to fulfill the requirements of the Compliance Order, in accordance with the *Local Government Act* and/or *Community Charter*; and
 - c) if the costs of doing so remain unpaid by December 31 of the year in which the requirement was fulfilled, treat the costs of doing so as unpaid property taxes owing

against the property for which the work was performed, to be collected in the same manner as unpaid property taxes owing against the property.

PART 7 – NUISANCE ABATEMENT AND COMPLIANCE ORDERS

Nuisance Abatement

- 7.1 No person shall cause or permit a Nuisance to occur on any Property.
- 7.2 No Owner or Occupier of Property shall cause or permit that Property to become or to cause a Nuisance, or to be used in a manner that causes a Nuisance.
- 7.3 Every Owner or Occupier of Property which is, causes, or is used in a manner which causes a Nuisance, shall abate the Nuisance or the activity or thing that causes or creates the Nuisance.

Compliance Orders

- 7.4 If a Bylaw Enforcement Officer determines that an Owner or Occupier of Property has failed to comply with any obligation or requirement under this bylaw, the Bylaw Enforcement Officer may issue that person a Compliance Order requiring that person to comply with the obligations or requirements of this bylaw.
- 7.5 Service of a Compliance Order is deemed to take effect the earlier of:
- when personal service is effective,
 - when the notice is posted on the property,
 - the registered mail being delivered, accepted, or refused.
- 7.6 Any person who is issued and served with a Compliance Order must remedy the non-compliance and otherwise fulfill the requirements of the Compliance Order within the date and time specified in the Compliance Order.
- 7.7 If a person issued and served with a Compliance Order fails to remedy the non-compliance or otherwise fulfill the requirements of the Compliance Order by the date and time specified by the Compliance Order, the City may issue fines in accordance with the Municipal Ticketing Bylaw and all applicable Bylaws and legislation.
- 7.8 If the non-compliance or other issue that is the subject of a Compliance Order arises again or resumes within 30 days after the requirements of the Compliance Order were performed:
- the Compliance Order is deemed not to have been complied with;
 - the new or resumed non-compliance shall be deemed to be a continuation of the non-compliance giving rise to the Compliance Order; and
 - the City may enforce the Compliance Order, including by performing the requirements of the Compliance Order and recovering the cost of doing so.

Repeat Nuisance Service Calls

- 7.9 If a Bylaw Enforcement Officer, or other City official, is reasonably required to respond to or attend a property for:
- a) more than one nuisance service call within a twenty-four (24) hour period in relation to a nuisance on that property; or
 - b) more than three nuisance service calls within a twelve (12) month period in relation to a nuisance on that property;
- the Owner of that property shall be liable to pay an Excessive Nuisance Abatement Fee to the City in accordance with the amounts prescribed the Municipal Ticketing Bylaw or other applicable Bylaws and legislation, for each additional nuisance service call responded to at the same Real Property within the twelve (12) month period following the date of the notice.
- 7.10 Before imposing an Excessive Nuisance Abatement Fee, the City must first provide written notice to the Owner of the Real Property;
- a) describing the civic address and legal description of the property that is the subject of repeated nuisance service calls;
 - b) describing in reasonable detail the nature of the nuisances that gave rise to the service calls in relation to the property; and
 - c) advising the Owner that an Excessive Nuisance Abatement Fee will be imposed for each additional service call to the same property in relation to a nuisance, and that the imposition of such fees is in addition to the City's right to seek other legal remedies or actions for abatement of the nuisance.
- 7.11 If there is a further attendance on a property in relation to a nuisance, and that attendance is within one year of a written notice being served on the Owner of that property in accordance with this Part, the costs of responding to that service call including but not limited to the attendance, are Excessive Nuisance Abatement Fees.
- 7.12 Without limiting other rights and remedies available to the City, the City may issue an invoice to the Owner for Excessive Nuisance Abatement Fees and treat those amounts as a debt owing to the City by the Owner.

Reconsideration

- 7.13 In accordance with the *Community Charter*, any Person affected may request reconsideration by Council.
- 7.14 A Person may request that Council reconsider:
- a) the issuance or terms of a Compliance Order;
 - b) a demand for payment of Excessive Nuisance Abatement Fees; or
 - c) a demand for payment of Repeat Nuisance Service Call Fees;
 - d) by submitting a written request for reconsideration to the City's Corporate Officer in accordance with this Bylaw.
- 7.15.1 All requests for reconsideration must:

- a) be submitted in writing to the Corporate Officer within:
- b) ten (10) days of the Compliance Order being served in accordance with section 10.6 of this bylaw; or
- c) ten (10) days of the demand for payment of Excessive Nuisance Abatement Fees or the demand for payment of Repeat Nuisance Service Call Fees is issued by the City.
- d) and include a description of the grounds upon which the request for Council reconsideration is made.

7.16 Upon receipt of a compliant written request for reconsideration, the Corporate Officer shall schedule the time, date, and place for Council to hear the matter.

7.17 Upon reconsidering the issuance or terms of a Compliance Order or a demand for payment of Excessive Nuisance Abatement Fees or Excess Nuisance Service Call Fees issued under this bylaw, Council may confirm, set aside, or alter the order or demand, as it may deem appropriate in the circumstances.

PART 8– ENFORCEMENT AND PENALTIES

8.1 The provisions of this bylaw may be enforced by a Bylaw Enforcement Officer, Peace Officer, or any other person designated or appointed by Council to enforce this bylaw.

8.2 Every Person who violates any provision of this bylaw, or who permits any act or thing to be done in contravention of this bylaw, or who fails to do any act or thing required by this bylaw, is guilty of an offence under this bylaw and:

- a) shall be liable to a fine set out in the Municipal Ticket Information Bylaw;
- b) any combination of the above.

8.3 Any fine or penalty or remedy imposed under this bylaw shall be in addition to and not a substitute for any other penalty or remedy imposed pursuant to any other applicable enactment.

8.4 Each day an offence against this bylaw continues or exists shall be deemed to be a separate and distinct offence.

PART 9 – REPEAL

Property Maintenance Bylaw 1120 and all amendments to are hereby repealed.
Noise Control Bylaw 622 and all amendments to are hereby repealed.

READ A FIRST TIME this day of

READ A SECOND TIME this day of

READ A THIRD TIME this day of

ADOPTED this day of

Mayor

Director of Corporate Services

**Consolidated to
September 8, 2009**

CITY OF CASTLEGAR

BYLAW 622

A bylaw to provide for the regulation and prohibition of certain noises and sounds.

WHEREAS Section 932(c) of the Municipal Act, R.S.B.C. 1979, c. 290 provides Council with the authority, by bylaw, to regulate or prohibit the making or causing of certain noises or sounds within the City;

AND WHEREAS the Council of the City of Castlegar deems it necessary and desirable to regulate or prohibit noises or sounds which disturb the quiet, peace, rest, enjoyment, comfort or convenience of neighbourhoods, persons in the vicinity or the public;

NOW THEREFORE the Council of the City of Castlegar, in open meeting assembled, enacts as follows:

1. This Bylaw may be cited for all purposes as "Noise Control Bylaw 622".
2. In this Bylaw:
 - (a) "Bylaw Enforcement Officer" means a person designated as such by Council; and
 - (b) "City" means the City of Castlegar.
 - (c) "Weekday" means a day that is not a holiday.
3. No person shall make or cause, or permit to be made or caused, in or on a highway or elsewhere in the City; any noise or sound which disturbs or tends to disturb the quiet, peace, rest, enjoyment, comfort or convenience of a person in the vicinity.
4. No owner or occupier of real property shall allow such real property to be used so that a noise or sound which originates from that property disturbs or tends to disturb the quiet, peace, rest, enjoyment, comfort or convenience of a person in the vicinity.
5. No person shall own, keep or harbor any animal or bird which, by its calls, cries, barks or other noise whatsoever disturbs or tends to disturb the quiet, peace, rest, enjoyment, comfort or convenience of a person in the vicinity.

6. The provisions of this Bylaw do not apply to:
 - (a) police, fire or other emergency vehicles proceeding upon an emergency;
 - (b) emergency excavation, construction or repair of bridges, streets, highways, lands or public utilities;
 - (c) snow removal or highway cleaning operations;
 - (d) the operation of City or Ministry of Transportation & Highways maintenance, construction or repair equipment;
 - (e) operation of a public transportation system;
 - (f) operation of a public address system required under a building or fire code;
 - (g) repairs to property of an emergency nature;
 - (h) the use of bells or chimes for the announcing of church services;
 - (i) a lawnmower or power gardening equipment operated between 7:00 a.m. and 9:00 p.m. on any day;
 - (j) activities related to excavation,, or the construction, renovation, repair, demolition, cleaning or maintenance of any building or structure between the hours of 7.:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. on any weekday; and
 - (k) an event, activity or use approved for exemption by resolution of Council.
(Bylaw 1111)
7. Officers, employees, and agents of the City of Castlegar may enter on any property at all reasonable times for the purpose of ascertaining whether the requirements and regulations of the Bylaw are being observed. *(Bylaw 686)*
8. Any person who contravenes any provision of this Bylaw is liable upon summary conviction to a fine not exceeding two thousand dollars (\$2,000.00) and the costs of the prosecution of each offence, and every day during which there is an infraction of this Bylaw shall constitute a separate offence.

9. City of Castlegar Noise Bylaw 315 is hereby repealed.

READ A FIRST TIME on the 18th day of August, 1992.

READ A SECOND TIME on the 18th day of August, 1992.

READ A THIRD TIME AND PASSED on the 15th day of September , 1992.

RECONSIDERED, AND ADOPTED on the 6th. day of October , 1992.

Audrey Moore
Mayor

Gary Williams
Acting Clerk

List of Amending Bylaws: Bylaw 686 Bylaw 1111

Note to Users

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City of Castlegar

Bylaw 1120

A bylaw to regulate the maintenance of private property and adjoining public places.

The Council of the City of Castlegar, in open meeting assembled, enacts as follows:

PART ONE: INTERPRETATION

Definitions

1. In this Bylaw:

- (a) “Authorized Representative” means the person appointed by the Council for the purposes of administering and enforcing this Bylaw, and includes the City’s Bylaw Enforcement Officer;
- (b) “City” means the Corporation of the City of Castlegar;
- (c) “Council” means the Council of the City;
- (d) “Noxious Weeds” include weeds designated as such under the Weed Control Regulation pursuant to the *Weed Control Act*; and;
- (e) “Order” means an order issued pursuant to section 14 of this Bylaw.
- (f) “Unightly” describes property having any one or more of the following characteristics:
 - (i) the accumulation of filth, discarded materials, rubbish or graffiti;
 - (ii) fences characterized by holes, breaks, rot, crumbling, cracking, leaning, peeling or rusting;
 - (iii) landscaping that is dead or characterized by uncontrolled growth;
 - (iv) the grass is of a height in excess of 20 centimetres;
 - (v) wrecked vehicles, parked or stored outside buildings on property, or inside a building but visible from a property line;

- (vi) deteriorated lumber, old newspapers, unused furniture or furniture parts, stoves, sinks, cabinets, household appliances and fixtures, abandoned, broken or neglected equipment, or the scattered remains of items stored outside buildings on residential property, or inside a building but visible from a property line;
- (vii) construction material stored outside a building or inside a building but visible from a property line except where there is an active building permit for construction to be carried out on the property;

or

(viii) upon which there is one or more unsightly building.” **(Bylaw 1158)**

(g) “Unsightly building” includes any building or structure that has:

- (i) a broken window or windows;
- (ii) peeling or worn paint such that the original surface or underlying coat of paint is visible;
- (iii) exterior damage to the brickwork, cladding, siding or shingles visible from an adjacent roadway;
- (iv) rot or other deterioration in its construction materials;

and includes a building or structure that has been boarded up for a period of two months or more.” **(Bylaw 1158)**

(h) “wrecked vehicle”: A motor vehicle as defined in the Motor Vehicle Act that:

- (i) is not licensed for the current year; or
- (ii) is not capable of being moved by its own motive power; or
- (iii) is reduced to parts, frames, or bodies of a motor vehicle unless such vehicle or parts thereof are situated in and enclosed by a building.” **(Bylaw 1158)**

PART TWO: MAINTENANCE OF PRIVATE PROPERTY

Unightly Premises

2. No owner or occupier of real property shall allow his property to become or remain unsightly.
3. Every owner or occupier of real property must remove, or cause to be removed, from the property any unsightly accumulations of filth, discarded materials, rubbish, or graffiti.

Accumulations of Offensive Growths

4. Every owner or occupier of real property must clear the property of any brush, noxious weeds, or other growths.

Inspect Infestations

5. Every owner or occupier of real property must prevent, or cause to be prevented, the infestation of the property by caterpillars or other noxious or destructive insects.
6. Every owner or occupier of real property must clear, or cause to be cleared, from the property any infestations by caterpillars and other noxious or destructive insects.

Accumulations of Unwholesome Matter

7. No person shall cause or permit water, rubbish, or noxious, offensive, or unwholesome matter to collect or accumulate around his premises.

PART THREE: MAINTENANCE OF PUBLIC PROPERTY

Littering

8. No person shall deposit or throw bottles, broken glass or other rubbish on any highway, park and landscaped area adjacent to any public building, or other open space.

Graffiti

9. No person shall place graffiti on any wall, fence, structure or elsewhere on or adjacent to a public place.

Sidewalk and Boulevard Maintenance

10. Every owner or occupier of real property shall keep any sidewalk adjoining the property clear of any sweeping, ashes, mud, dirt, or refuse from the property.
11. Every owner or occupier of real property shall maintain any boulevard adjoining the property in a safe and tidy condition including without limitation, by mowing any grass, and trimming and trees or shrubs, located on the boulevard.

Accumulations of Snow and Ice

12. Every owner or occupier of real property shall remove all accumulations of snow and ice from all footpaths and sidewalks on and adjoining the property by no later than 7:00 p.m. on the day on which the snow began to fall and on each subsequent day on which the snow continues to fall.
13. Notwithstanding section 11 of this Bylaw, where the accumulation of snow and ice on a footpath, sidewalk, or roof creates a hazardous condition, the owner or occupier of the real property on which the footpath, sidewalk, or roof is located, or is adjoined by, shall immediately remove the accumulation of snow and ice.

PART FOUR: ENFORCEMENT

Direct Enforcement

14. The Authorized Representative may, by notice in writing sent by registered mail, posted on the property or delivered in person, order the owner or occupier of real property, at his expense and within fourteen days of the mailing or posting of the Order, to: **(Bylaw 1158)**
 - (a) remove any accumulation of filth, discarded materials, rubbish, or other noxious, offensive, or unwholesome matter described in the Order from the property;
 - (b) remove any graffiti described in the Order from any wall, fence, or other structure on the property;
 - (c) clear any brush, noxious weeds, or other growths described in the order from the property; or,
 - (d) take any other measures described in the Order to remedy unsightliness on the property.

15. Upon any failure by the owner or occupier of real property to comply with an Order under section 14 of this Bylaw, and after the owner or occupier of the property having been given an opportunity to be heard by Council in respect of such failure, the City may, by its own forces or those of a contractor, enter on the property and carry out the work described in the Order at the expense of the owner or occupier and, whether the Order was directed at the owner or the occupier, recover the costs in the same manner and with the same remedies as ordinary taxes on land and improvements under the *Community Charter*.
(Bylaw 1158)

Inspection

16. The authorized Representative may enter on any real property at any reasonable time to ascertain whether the requirements of this Bylaw, or any order issued pursuant to this Bylaw, are being observed.
17. No person shall obstruct or interfere with the Authorized Representative in the exercise of the powers under this Bylaw.

Offensive

18. Every person who violates any provisions of this Bylaw, or who permits any act or thing to be done in violation of any provision of this Bylaw, is guilty of an offence against this Bylaw, which is punishable upon summary conviction by a fine of up to \$5,000.00.
19. Each day that a violation of any provision of this Bylaw continues to exist is a separate offence against this Bylaw.

PART FIVE: MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS

Repeal

20. Unsightly Premises Bylaw 554 is hereby repealed.

Short Title

21. This Bylaw may be cited as “The City of Castlegar Property Maintenance Bylaw No. 1120, 2010”.
22. This Bylaw shall take effect upon the adoption by the affirmative vote of a majority of Council present at the meeting at which the vote is taken.

READ a first time this 15th day of February, 2010.

READ a second time this 15th day of February, 2010.

READ a third time this 15th day of February, 2010.

ADOPTED this 1st day of March, 2010.

The Corporate Seal of the
The Corporation of the City of Castlegar
was affixed in the presence of:

Lawrence Chernoff, Mayor

Carolyn Rempel
Director of Corporate Services

List of Amending Bylaws

Bylaw 1158 May 22, 2012

Note to Users

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CASTLEGAR

REPORT TO COUNCIL

MEETING DATE: March 2, 2026 **REPORT NO.:** 26-21

SUBMITTED BY: Manager of Engineering & Infrastructure **FILE NO.:** 5330-20

SUBJECT: Update on Proposed Disc Golf Course in Kinnaird Park

RECOMMENDATION:

THAT Council receive Report 26-21 for information advising that the Kootenay Rockies Disc Golf Society has elected to withdraw from pursuing a disc golf course in Kinnaird Park.

PURPOSE:

Report to provide Council with an update on the progress of the proposed disc golf course project in Kinnaird Park and to advise Council that the Kootenay Rockies Disc Golf Society has elected to withdraw from pursuing the project at this location.

This report is for consideration at the March 2, 2026 Committee of the Whole Meeting, and for receipt at the March 23, 2026 Regular Council Meeting.

SUMMARY/BACKGROUND:

At the June 23, 2025, Regular Council Meeting, Council approved the Kootenay Rockies Disc Golf Society (KRDGS) to proceed with community engagement for a proposed disc golf course in Kinnaird Park. On August 26, 2025, the KRDGS hosted an Open House to engage with the community on the proposed disc golf course. Approximately 40 people attended the event, and feedback was captured by the KRDGS. On September 15, 2025, the KRDGS provided an update to Council through a delegation and conveyed the details of the event, including the level of attendance and feedback received. At that time, Council endorsed the project to move forward and directed staff to work with the KRDGS to undertake the internal process to construct up to an 18-hole disc golf course at Kinnaird Park and report back to Council at a future meeting.

As a further next step in the process, City staff requested that the KRDGS retain a qualified environmental professional to complete a Species at Risk (SAR) assessment of the proposed project area. The purpose of this assessment was to identify any potential presence of species or habitats protected under provincial or federal legislation, and to determine whether any mitigation measures would be required prior to development.

The SAR assessment identified several species of concern with potential to be present within the study area. The qualified professional provided a series of recommended mitigation measures to reduce the risk of potential impacts to identified flora and fauna. These recommendations included environmental protection measures, potential timing restrictions on works, and additional monitoring requirements.

Following review and discussion of the SAR findings and recommended mitigation steps, the KRDGS determined that implementing the required measures represented an undertaking of greater scope, cost, and uncertainty than the group was prepared to assume. As a result, the KRDGS has advised City staff that they will no longer pursue the development of a disc golf course at Kinnaird Park and will instead explore alternate locations within the region.

ALTERNATIVES:

N/A

IMPLICATIONS:**(1) Social**

The decision to withdraw from the Kinnaird Park location means that no changes to current park use will occur at this time. Future potential projects will go through a similar process.

The KRDGS remains interested in establishing a disc golf course elsewhere in the region/community, which may present future recreational opportunities.

(2) Environmental

The SAR assessment provides useful reference environmental information for future park planning considerations.

(3) Personnel

No further staff time is required for this project at the Kinnaird Park location.

(4) Financial

There are no financial implications for the City arising from the KRDGS decision to discontinue the project at this site. All costs associated with the SAR assessment were borne by the user group.

POLICY IMPLICATIONS:

The referral process followed for this project supports Council's 2023-2027 Strategic Plan through:

Principle 1 – Governance & Service Excellence

- Goal 1 – Transparent Decision Making;
- Goal 2 – Responsible Stewards;

Principal 3 – Quality of Life

- Goal 1 – Decision Making;
- Goal 3 – Support Community Groups

IMPLEMENTATION:

No further action is required. Should the KRDGS identify an alternate potential location on City-owned land in the future, staff will report back to Council with relevant information and recommendations.

COMMUNICATION:

A summary of this update will be included in Council Highlights following the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,



Ryan Niddery, AScT
Manager of Engineering & Infrastructure

Approved by



Chris Barlow, AScT
Chief Administrative Officer

CASTLEGAR

REPORT TO COUNCIL

MEETING DATE: March 2, 2026 **REPORT NO.:** 26-22

SUBMITTED BY: Manager of Engineering & Infrastructure **FILE NO.:** 5330-20

SUBJECT: Reduced Traffic Speed Limit Pilot – 5th Avenue

RECOMMENDATION:

THAT Council direct staff to continue with baseline data collection and initiate a reduced traffic speed limit pilot program on 5th Avenue.

PURPOSE:

In response to community concerns about traffic speeds, Council has requested that Staff investigate the potential of undertaking a pilot project to lower the speed limit on 5th Avenue South to explore if Council should consider a City wide speed reduction in residential areas to improve safety for residents, pedestrians, and cyclists.

This report is for consideration at the March 2, 2026 Committee of the Whole Meeting, and for adoption at the March 23, 2026 Regular Council Meeting.

SUMMARY/BACKGROUND:

According to the City's road classification system, 5th Avenue South is a collector route channeling traffic from 1st - 4th Avenues, and 34th through 24th Streets toward Highway 22. The corridor is long and straight, with narrow lanes, no formal shoulders, and limited pedestrian facilities. Although posted at 50 km/h, community feedback indicates that vehicles frequently travel above this speed, resulting in resident concerns about safety.

City staff retained the services of a Professional Transportation Engineer to review the route and it was noted that while the road geometry through this roadway typically suggests slower speeds to drivers, the corridor's visual characteristics and through-traffic function may contribute to higher operating speeds. It is also recognized that even when drivers are adhering to the posted limit, the roadway environment may feel unsafe for pedestrians and cyclists given the limited facilities through this corridor.

Recommended Steps:

To advance the initiative, Staff recommend the following phased approach:

1. Baseline Data Collection:
 - Deploy speed reader equipment to establish current operating speeds, traffic volumes, and patterns.
 - Data collection should have an adequate sample size – recommended 4-6 week periods for each data collection point.

2. Pilot Implementation:

- Subject to results of data collection and Council direction, introduce a reduced speed zone of 40 km/h with signage installed at corridor gateways and key locations.
- Coordination with RCMP for an initial enforcement blitz to reinforce awareness once new speed zones have been established.

3. Monitoring and Evaluation:

- Collect follow-up speed data 4–8 weeks after implementation to determine effectiveness.
- Report to Council with findings and any recommendations for next steps.

Rationale for proposed 40 km/h pilot speed:

Staff are recommending that the pilot project evaluate a reduction to 40 km/h rather than 30 km/h based on observed outcomes from speed reduction initiatives undertaken in multiple British Columbia municipalities.

Over the past several years, communities such as Vancouver, Victoria, Surrey, Kamloops, and Kelowna have implemented neighbourhood or corridor speed reduction pilots intended to improve safety outcomes without immediately introducing significant physical traffic-calming infrastructure. Findings from these programs consistently indicate that driver behaviour responds more favourably to moderate speed reductions where roadway geometry remains unchanged.

Data demonstrates that when posted speeds are reduced from 50 km/h to 40 km/h, average operating speeds typically decline by a measurable margin, and a meaningful proportion of drivers voluntarily comply with the new limit. In contrast, reductions directly to 30 km/h on corridors lacking physical speed control measures such as traffic humps, curb extensions, or narrowing treatments, often result in lower compliance rates.

A 40 km/h pilot therefore represents a practical and evidence-based intermediate step, promoting safer conditions for the surrounding community and for drivers traveling through the corridor by encouraging speeds that are more consistent with roadway function and user interaction.

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Council may choose not to proceed with the pilot project at this time. This would defer evaluation of potential speed reduction measures and maintain current conditions on 5th Avenue.
2. Council may direct Staff to proceed directly with permanent installation of speed reduction measures. This approach is not recommended without first collecting baseline and pilot data to ensure necessity and effectiveness.

IMPLICATIONS:

(1) Social

The proposed initiative supports community safety and livability by addressing resident concerns about vehicle speeds in a residential environment.

- (2) Environmental** Lower vehicle speeds generally result in reduced noise, less tire and brake wear, and improved safety for non-motorized users. Slower traffic may also contribute to marginal reductions in fuel consumption and greenhouse gas emissions due to smoother, more consistent driving behaviour.
- (3) Personnel** The estimated staff time to oversee the pilot initiative is as follows:
- Manager of Engineering and Infrastructure: 10 hours
 - Other staff: 20 hours
- (4) Financial** Costs associated with the pilot project are estimated to be approx. \$1,200 based on the anticipated replacement of 4 speed signs. This cost can be accommodated within the existing transportation operating budget. Any advanced traffic calming measures (e.g., permanent speed reader signs, additional signage, speed bumps, pavement markings, etc.) would require future Council approval and capital funding.

POLICY IMPLICATIONS:

This project supports Council's 2023-2027 Strategic Plan Principle 1: Governance and Service Excellence through Goal 1 – Decision Making; and Principal 3: Quality of Life through Goal 4 – Safety

IMPLEMENTATION:

If Council endorses proceeding, staff will:

- Continue baseline speed data collection;
- Develop a signage and implementation plan; and
- Report back to Council with findings and any recommendations for next steps.

COMMUNICATION:

If approved, Staff will notify residents of 5th Avenue who have communicated their concerns in advance of data collection and pilot implementation and will include this in the Council Highlights.

Respectfully submitted,



Ryan Niddery, ASCT
Manager of Engineering & Infrastructure

Approved by



Chris Barlow, ASCT
Chief Administrative Officer

Regular Meeting Minutes of Council February 17, 2026

Regular Meeting Minutes of the City of Castlegar Council held by Zoom live meeting and available to the public for live streaming in Council Chambers at the Community Forum, 445 13th Avenue, Castlegar, B.C., commenced at 3:00 p.m. for Committee of the Whole, immediately followed by a Closed Meeting of Council and reconvened at 7:00 p.m. for Regular Council proceedings.

Members Present Mayor Maria McFaddin
Councillor Darcy Bell
Councillor Brian Bogle
Councillor Sandy Bojechko
Councillor Shirley Falstead
Councillor Sue Heaton-Sherstobitoff
Councillor Cheryl MacLeod

Absent Nil

Staff Present Bree Seabrook, Director of Corporate Services
Steffan Klassen, Director of Finance & Technology
Alex Hadfield, Manager of Human Resources
Nicole Brown, Manager of Legislative Services
Jennifer Chamberlain, Executive Assistant
Danny Clarke, Airport Manager
Meeri Durand, Director of Community Safety & Development
Ryan Niddery, Manager of Engineering and Infrastructure
Peter Maria, Sea to Sky
Monty Taylor, RCMP Sergeant

Other Public and Media

1 CALL TO ORDER: Mayor McFaddin called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m.

2 ADOPTION OF AGENDA:

R028-26 Moved and seconded, and
RESOLVED:

THAT the agenda for the Regular Council Meeting of February 17, 2026 be adopted.

CARRIED.

3 RESOLUTION TO RESOLVE INTO COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE:

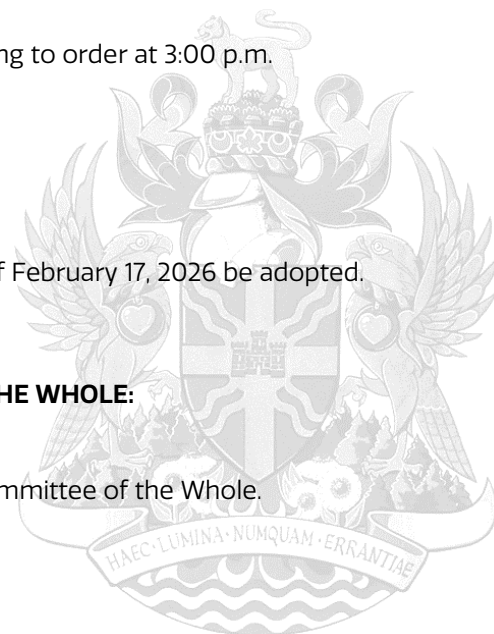
R029-26 Moved and seconded, and
RESOLVED: THAT Council now resolve itself into Committee of the Whole.

CARRIED.

4 DELEGATION:

Tom Dool on behalf of the Regional District of Central Kootenay, and Daynika White on behalf of BC Transit presented to Council regarding proposed transit service changes for Castlegar. Highlights of the discussion include:

- #32 Columbia rail crossing at 32nd stop being reviewed due to safety concerns of parking too close to the rail tracks.
- History of the #98 Columbia Connector – Blueberry Highway stop and past solutions required to cut costs and timing.
- Bus currently stops there nine times a day, generally has 3-4 riders a day.



- Looking at options: reverse routing this requires moving a number of stops and shelters.
- Proposed solution is to provide an extended #32 to Blueberry three times a day and the #98 continuing straight from Trail to Castlegar.
- Rerouting the #32 will make it easier for Blueberry riders, address safety concerns, and potentially enhance services to other Southend riders. The cost would be approximately \$9,500 annually, that is worked into the contingency budget.
- Council inquired if there was a way to incorporate Grandview into this new route.

5 COMMUNITY WELLNESS, SAFETY & DEVELOPMENT (Councillor Bell, Chair)

(a) COUNCIL COMMITTEE LIAISON VERBAL UPDATE

- Doukhobor Discovery Centre Director is moving on to a new position. Council wishes him the best.

(b) FIRE DEPARTMENT VERBAL UPDATE

- Sam Lattanzio covering for the Fire Chief while he is away.

(c) RCMP DETACHMENT VERBAL UPDATE

- Currently have 15 of 17 officers. Two members are transferring, expecting two transfers to Castlegar in recent months.
- Victim services worker from Castlegar is providing assistance in Tumbler Ridge.

(d) WEST KOOTENAY REGIONAL AIRPORT VERBAL UPDATE

- Six cancellations with bus operations this month.

(e) COMMUNITY SAFETY AND DEVELOPMENT VERBAL UPDATE.

- Update on business licence renewals and new permits.

(f) Building Permit and Business Licence Reports – January 2026

COW017-26

RECOMMENDATION: Council consider and resolve to receive for information:

- Building Permit Report – January 2026
- Business Licence Report – January 2026

CARRIED.

6 CULTURAL & CIVIC PRIDE (Councillor Heaton-Sherstobitoff, Chair)

(a) COUNCIL COMMITTEE LIAISON VERBAL UPDATE

- Castlegar and District Foundation Board Meeting. They are working on a community project, more details soon.
- Update of the Castlegar Together Committee meetings.

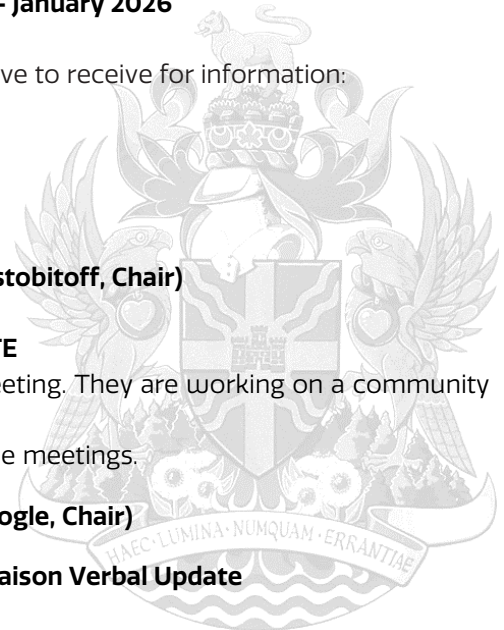
7 FINANCE AND CORPORATE SERVICES (Councillor Bogle, Chair)

(a) Finance and Corporate Services Community Liaison Verbal Update

- Nil

(b) Corporate Services Verbal Update

- Working on revitalizing the Adopt-a-Road program.
- Update on some of the BC Winter Games events happening in Castlegar.
- Flood Plain Mapping Open House and Engagement Session happening in March, more information can be found on the City's website.



(c) **2026 Local Government Election Appointments and Compensation (Report No. 26-11)**

Report from the Manager of Legislative Services to seek Council appointment of a Chief Election Officer and Deputy Chief Election Officer for the purpose of conducting the 2026 Local Government Election and to establish the compensation to be paid to election staff.

COW018-26

Moved, and
RECOMMENDED:

THAT Nicole Brown be appointed Chief Election Officer for the 2026 Local Government Election with power to appoint other election officials as required for the administration and conduct of the 2026 Local Government Election,

AND FURTHER;

THAT Nikki Zimmerman be appointed Deputy Chief Election Officer for the 2026 Local Government Election.

CARRIED.

COW019-26

Moved, and
RECOMMENDED:

THAT the 2026 Election officials shall be compensated as follows:

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|----------------------------------|----------------------|
| a) Chief Election Officer | \$1,900 per election |
| b) Deputy Chief Election Officer | \$1,450 per election |
| c) Presiding Election Official | \$500 per voting day |
| d) Poll Clerk | \$325 per voting day |

AND FURTHER;

THAT the City provide meals for all election staff in attendance at the voting place.

CARRIED.

COW020-26

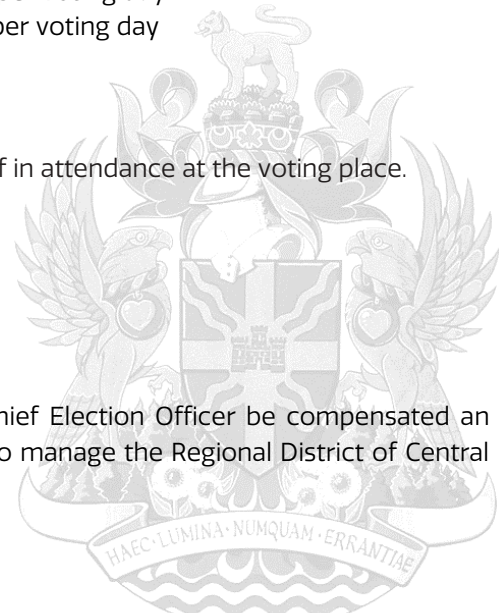
Moved, and
RECOMMENDED:

THAT the Chief Election Officer and Deputy Chief Election Officer be compensated an additional \$300 each should they be required to manage the Regional District of Central Kootenay assent vote for Castlegar voters.

CARRIED.

(d) **Council Remuneration Review Committee Appointments (Report No. 26-12)**

Report from the Manager of Legislative Services to seek Council appointment of a Council Remuneration Committee to conduct a review of remuneration paid to Mayor and Councillors, and to adopt the Council Remuneration Review Committee Terms of Reference.



COW021-26

Moved, and
RECOMMENDED:

THAT Council appoint Dan Rye, Jo-Ann Bursley, and Stuart Ady to a Council Remuneration Review Committee to conduct an independent review of stipends, indemnities, expense allowances, per diems and travel expenses paid to members of Council,

AND FURTHER;

THAT a report with their recommendations be presented to Council no later than June 30, 2026.

CARRIED.

COW022-26

Moved, and
RECOMMENDED:

THAT Council adopt the Council Remuneration Review Committee Terms of Reference.

CARRIED.

(e) **Finance Department Verbal Update**

- Working on finalizing the budget for distribution to Council prior to the budget meetings.

(f) **Early Spend Approval for Projects Included in the Draft 2026-2030 Financial Plan (Report No. 26-15)**

Report from the Director of Finance & Technology to seek Council's early spend approval for the Regional Airport Study and Electronic Time Tracking in the Draft 2026-2030 Financial Plan.

COW023-26

Moved, and
RECOMMENDED:

THAT Council provide early spend approval in the amount of \$25,000 for the Regional Airport Study project in the 2026 Budget,

AND FURTHER;

THAT the Regional Airport Study project be incorporated into the 2026-2030 Financial Plan accordingly.

CARRIED.

COW024-26

Moved, and
RECOMMENDED:

THAT Council provide early spend approval in the amount of \$9,000 for the Electronic Time Tracking, Including Leave Request and Training Tracking project,

AND FURTHER;



THAT the Electronic Time Tracking Including Leave Request and Training Tracking project be incorporated into the 2026-2030 Financial Plan accordingly.

CARRIED.

(g) **West Kootenay Regional Airport Air Terminal Building Expansion and Groundside Improvements Loan Authorization Bylaw 1450 (Report No. 26-17)**

Report from the Director of Finance & Technology to seek Council consideration of the first three readings of the West Kootenay Regional Airport Air Terminal Building Expansion and Groundside Improvements Loan Authorization Bylaw 1450.

COW025-26

Moved, and
RECOMMENDED:

THAT Council consider the required readings of the West Kootenay Regional Airport Air Terminal Building Expansion and Groundside Improvements Loan Authorization Bylaw 1450, authorizing the City to borrow \$5,000,000 to fund the Air Terminal Building Expansion and Groundside Improvements project.

CARRIED.

8 MUNICIPAL SERVICES (Councillor MacLeod, Chair)

(a) **Municipal Services Department Verbal Update**

- Eremenko demolition update.

9 QUESTION PERIOD:

- Nil

10 RESOLUTION TO RISE FROM COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE:

R030-26

Moved and seconded, and
RESOLVED: THAT Council rise from Committee of the Whole.

CARRIED.

11 RESOLUTION TO RECESS THE PUBLIC MEETING UNTIL 7:00 P.M.

R031-26

Moved and seconded, and
RESOLVED:

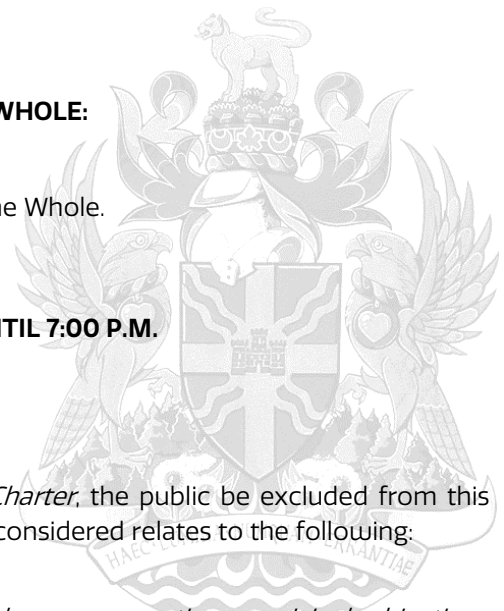
THAT pursuant to Section 90 of the *Community Charter*, the public be excluded from this portion of the meeting as the subject matter being considered relates to the following:

- ***Community Charter Section 90(1)(L)***
Discussions with municipal officers and employees respecting municipal objectives, measures and progress reports for the purposes of preparing an annual report under section 98 [annual municipal report].

AND FURTHER;

THAT the public portion of the meeting be recessed until 7:00 p.m.,

AND FURTHER;



THAT Council immediately resolve into the closed portion of their meeting.

CARRIED.

The meeting recessed at 4:03 p.m.

12 RECONVENE: Mayor McFaddin reconvened the meeting at 7:00 p.m.

Members Present	Mayor Maria McFaddin Councillor Darcy Bell Councillor Brian Bogle Councillor Sandy Bojechko Councillor Shirley Falstead Councillor Sue Heaton-Sherstobitoff Councillor Cheryl MacLeod
Absent	Nil
Staff Present	Bree Seabrook, Director of Corporate Services Steffan Klassen, Director of Finance & Technology Chris Hallam, Director of Municipal Services Nicole Brown, Manager of Legislative Services Jennifer Chamberlain, Executive Assistant Meeri Durand, Director of Community Safety and Development Peter Maria, Sea to Sky Ryan Niddery, Manager of Engineering and Infrastructure
Other	Public and Media

The Mayor and Council opened the meeting by offering their condolences to the community of Tumbler Ridge.

13 DELEGATION: Nil

14 COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES FOR APPROVAL:

R032-26 Moved and seconded, and
RESOLVED:

THAT the following Minutes be adopted as presented:

- Regular Meeting Minutes – February 2, 2026

CARRIED.

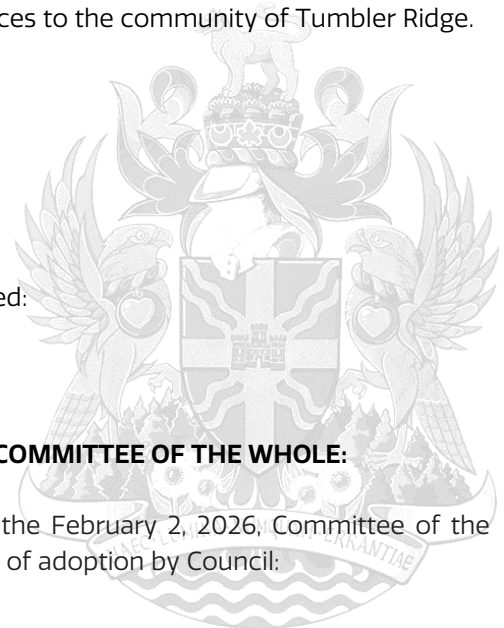
15 RESOLUTION TO ADOPT RECOMMENDATIONS OF COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE:

The following resolutions were recommended at the February 2, 2026, Committee of the Whole Meeting and are presented for consideration of adoption by Council:

R033-26 Moved and seconded, and
RESOLVED:

THAT Council receive for information the City of Castlegar's 2026-2028 Organizational Plan and 2026-2028 Action Plan.

CARRIED.



R034-26

Moved and seconded, and
RESOLVED:

THAT Council direct staff to include the Castlegar & District Heritage Society's 2026 request of \$63,046 annual contributions for 2026-2028, plus a one-time contribution of \$5,000 for refurbishment projects in the 2026-2030 Financial Plan,

AND FURTHER;

THAT the annual funding increase for 2026-2028 be phased in over 3 years using the Host Agreement Reserve with contributions of \$21,471 in 2026, \$8,235 in 2027 and \$0 in 2028,

AND FURTHER;

THAT the one time \$5,000 contribution for refurbishment projects be funded from the Host Agreement Reserve.

CARRIED.

R035-26

Moved and seconded, and
RESOLVED:

THAT Council direct staff to include the Castlegar & District Public Library's 2026 request of \$366,293 in the 2026-2030 Financial Plan to be funded from taxation. The \$17,443 incremental increase will be funded by property tax increase in 2026.

CARRIED.

R036-26

Moved and seconded, and
RESOLVED:

THAT Council direct staff to increase the contribution to the Castlegar Festival Society for 2026 to \$24,000 in the 2026-2030 Financial Plan with a one-time incremental increase of \$6,000 to come from the Host Agreement Reserve.

CARRIED.

The following resolutions were recommended at the February 17, 2026, Committee of the Whole Meeting and are presented for consideration of adoption by Council:

R037-26

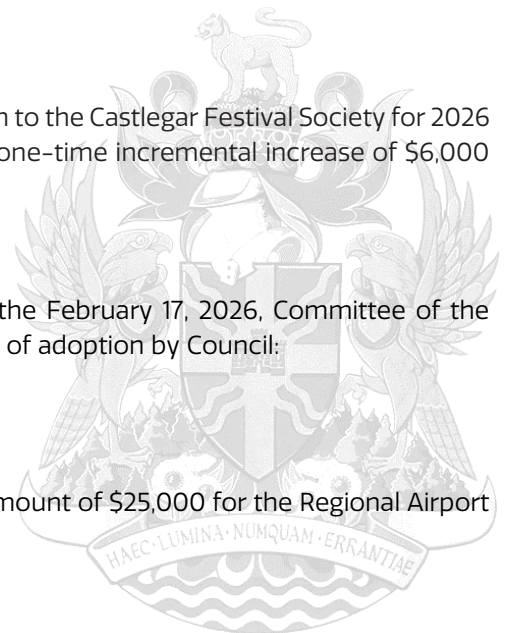
Moved and seconded, and
RESOLVED:

THAT Council provide early spend approval in the amount of \$25,000 for the Regional Airport Study project in the 2026 Budget,

AND FURTHER;

THAT the Regional Airport Study project be incorporated into the 2026-2030 Financial Plan accordingly.

CARRIED.



R038-26 Moved and seconded, and
RESOLVED:

THAT Council provide early spend approval in the amount of \$9,000 for the Electronic Time Tracking, Including Leave Request and Training Tracking project,

AND FURTHER;

THAT the Electronic Time Tracking Including Leave Request and Training Tracking project be incorporated into the 2026-2030 Financial Plan accordingly.

CARRIED.

16 REGIONAL DISTRICT OF CENTRAL KOOTENAY (RDCK) MEETING MINUTES: Nil

17 CORRESPONDENCE:

R039-26 Moved and seconded, and
RESOLVED:

THAT Council approve the request from Ariana Ranjbar on behalf of Lupus Canada to change the Kinnaird Overpass lights to purple on May 10, 2026, in recognition of World Lupus Day.

CARRIED.

18 REPORTS OTHER:

(a) **Recreation Commission Member Verbal Update**

- The next meeting is scheduled for 2:00 p.m. on March 3, 2026

19 MAYOR'S REPORT: Nil

20 NEW & UNFINISHED BUSINESS: Nil

21 BYLAWS FOR CONSIDERATION:

West Kootenay Regional Airport Air Terminal Building Expansion and Groundside Improvements Loan Authorization Bylaw No. 1450 – First, Second, and Third Readings – (Report No. 26-17)

A Bylaw to authorize the borrowing of funds for the West Kootenay Regional Airport Air Terminal Building Expansion and Groundside Improvements.

R040-26 Moved and seconded, and
RESOLVED:

THAT West Kootenay Regional Airport Air Terminal Building Expansion and Groundside Improvements Loan Authorization Bylaw No. 1450 be read a first, second, and third time.

CARRIED.

22 NEXT MEETING(S):

March 2, 2026 at 3:00 p.m. for Committee of the Whole Meeting followed by the Regular Council Meeting at 7:00 p.m. via Zoom live meeting and available to the public for live streaming in Council Chambers at the Community Forum, 445 13th Avenue, Castlegar, B.C.



23 NOTICE OF MOTION: Nil

24 QUESTION PERIOD:

Jarrold Beck asked the Council to write letters to the Ministry of Transportation and ICBC requesting them to address LED headlights and the safety risks they may cause.

25 ADJOURNMENT:

R041-26

Moved and seconded, and
RESOLVED: THAT the Regular meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED.

The Regular Meeting was adjourned at 7:12 p.m.

CERTIFIED CORRECT:

Bree Seabrook
Director of Corporate Services

Maria McFaddin
Mayor





Regional District of Central Kootenay

REGULAR BOARD MEETING

Open Meeting Minutes

The **twelfth** meeting of the Board of the Regional District of Central Kootenay in 2025 was held on Thursday, December 11, 2025 at 9:00 a.m. through a hybrid meeting model.

Quorum was maintained throughout the meeting.

ELECTED OFFICIALS

PRESENT

Chair A. Watson	Electoral Area D	In-Person
Director G. Jackman	Electoral Area A	In-Person
Director R. Tierney	Electoral Area B	In-Person
Director K. Vandenberghe	Electoral Area C	In-Person
Director C. Graham	Electoral Area E	In-Person
Director T. Newell	Electoral Area F	In-Person
Director H. Cunningham	Electoral Area G	In-Person
Director W. Popoff	Electoral Area H	
Director A. Davidoff	Electoral Area I	
Director H. Hanegraaf	Electoral Area J	In-Person
Director T. Weatherhead	Electoral Area K	In-Person
Director M. McFaddin	City of Castlegar	In-Person
Director A. DeBoon	Town of Creston	
Director S. Hewat	Village of Kaslo	In-Person
Director A. McLaren-Caux	Village of Naksup	In-Person
Director K. Page	City of Nelson	In-Person
Director J. Fyke	Village of New Denver	
Director D. Lockwood	Village of Salmo	In-Person
Director L. Main	Village of Silverton	In-Person
Director J. Lunn	Village of Slocan	In-Person

ELECTED OFFICIALS

ABSENT

Director L. Casley	Village of New Denver
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STAFF PRESENT

S. Horn	Chief Administrative Officer
M. Morrison	Corporate Officer
A. Lund	Deput Corporate Officer
Y. Malloff	General Manager of Finance, Information Technology and Economic Development
J. Chirico	General Manager of Community Services
S. Sudan	General Manager of Community Sustainability and Development Services
U. Wolf	General Manager of Environmental Services
D. Séguin	Manager of Community Sustainability
A. Wilson	Resource Recovery Manager
H. Smith	Manager of Finance
C. Stanley	Regional Manager – Operations and Assent Management
T. Davison	Regional Manager – Recreation and Client Services
R. Ricalton	Facility Manager
C. Hogan	Project Manager
P. Marshall Smith	Sustainability and Resilience Supervisor

A. Leffelaar
S. Singla
D. Elliott

Climate Action Assistant
Senior Energy Specialist
Communications Coordinator

1. ZOOM REMOTE MEETING INFO

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Meeting Time:

9:00 PDT

Join by Video:

<https://rdck-bc-ca.zoom.us/j/95573345491?pwd=k4eCLxEF2ggHCiAbpTcQis1tMHnt5b.1>

Join by Phone:

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*9 to raise or lower your hand

Meeting ID: 955 7334 5491

Meeting Password: 142530

In-Person Location:

Nelson Office - Boardroom

202 Lakeside Drive, Nelson BC

2. CALL TO ORDER & WELCOME

2.1 Traditional Lands Acknowledgement Statement

We acknowledge and respect the Indigenous peoples within whose traditional lands we are meeting today.

2.2 Adoption of the Agenda

Moved and seconded,

And Resolved:

605/25

The agenda for the December 11, 2025 Regular Open Board meeting be adopted with the inclusion of Item 4.2.4 Village of Nakusp: Appointments and with the addition of the addendum before circulation.

Carried

2.3 Adoption of the Minutes

Moved and seconded,

And Resolved:

606/25

The minutes from the November 13, 2025 Regular Open Board meeting be adopted as circulated.

Carried

2.4 Delegation

2.4.1 Kootenay and Boundary Farm Advisors

Sarah Hirschfeld, Farm Advisor & Program Coordinator

**PRESENT
DIRECTOR**

Director Davidoff joined the meeting at 9:08 a.m.

Sarah Hirschfeld gave a presentation to the Board regarding the Kootenay Boundary Farmers Advisors (KBFA) (located in the RDCK, RDKB and RDEK) and their support to local producers providing free resources and information. She discussed the different options for helping farmers, such as connecting with an advisor, booking farm visits or attending events.

Ms. Hirschfeld thanked the RDCK for their funding support to local agriculture and the program. The successes of the program have been based on the support from the stakeholders.

Ms. Hirschfeld provided an overview of the program's 1-on-1s, the farm visits, field days, webinars and communications that were offered during 2025. She discussed KBFA's collaboration with many different organizations and Kootenay Soil Building Network. She identified the importance of the organizations working together and sharing information.

Ms. Hirschfeld answered the Board's questions.

Chair Watson thanked Ms. Hirschfeld for her presentation at 9:21 a.m.

2.5 Introductions

CAO Horn introduced the following staff:

- Monique St. Louis, Grants Coordinator, replacing Ashley Grant; and
- Savanna Blais, Human Resources Administration Assistant, replacing Monique St. Louis.

3. BUSINESS ARISING OUT OF THE MINUTES

3.1 Kootenay Food Council: Regional Food and Farm Coordination - 2025 Results and 2026 Funding Request

Board Meeting - November 13, 2025

RES 578/25 Refer to the December 11, 2025 Board meeting

Staff requests this item be referred to the January 22, 2026 Board meeting.

Moved and seconded,
And Resolved:

607/25

The following recommendation **BE REFERRED** to the January 22, 2026 Board meeting:

That the Board approve the RDCK extending the Service Agreement with the Kootenay Food Council for the delivery of regional food systems coordination, communication, and network development to a maximum value of \$30,000 for the period April 2026 to March 2027; AND FURTHER, that this amount be included in the 2026-2030 Draft Financial Plan for Service 100 – General Administration.

Carried

3.2 2026-2030 Draft Financial Plan: Planning & Land Use (S104)

Board Meeting - November 13, 2025

Planning Service presentation referred to December 11, 2025 Board meeting.

NOTE: The Planning Service S104 will be presented at the December 10, 2025 Rural Affairs Committee meeting instead of the Board meeting.

4. COMMITTEES & COMMISSIONS

4.1 With Recommendations

4.1.1 Riondel Commission: minutes November 4, 2025

Moved and seconded,

And Resolved:

608/25

That the Board approve an amendment to the 2025 Financial Plan for Riondel Facilities Service S209 to INCREASE Account Contribution from Reserve by \$4,300, INCREASE Account Columbia Basin Trust Grants by \$6,400 and INCREASE Repairs and Maintenance by \$10,700 for concession repair and fibre installation.

Carried

4.1.2 Castlegar and District Recreation Commission: minutes November 4, 2025

Moved and seconded,
And Resolved:

609/25

That the Board send a letter of thanks to the Kellys, retiring Pass Creek Campground hosts, thanking them for their many years of service as Campground Hosts at the Pass Creek Campground.

Carried

4.1.3 Area A Economic Development Commission: minutes November 18, 2025

Moved and seconded,
And Resolved:

610/25

That the Board approve the payment of the following grant from the Area A - Economic Development Service S107 2025 budget:

Kootenay Lake Chamber of Commerce (Christmas Dinner Gala)	\$1,250
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Carried

4.1.4 Slokan Valley Services Committee: minutes November 18, 2025

Staff received a direction to write a report on including operational and maintenance funding grants for regionally significant facilities in the service area of the Village of New Denver and Silverton and Portion of Electoral Area H Recreational Program - S229.

Moved and seconded,
And Resolved:

611/25

That the Board direct staff to prepare an amendment to Sub-regional Services Committees Bylaw No. 2242, 2014 that includes the Chair of the Slokan Valley Services Committee rotate on a yearly basis among the members.

Carried

Moved and seconded,
And Resolved:

612/25

That the Board approve an amendment to the 2025 Financial Plan for Area H, New Denver, Silverton and Slokan Parks Service S203 Galena Trail Bridge Replacement Project (CAP1390) to Increase Grants Revenue by \$17,500, Increase Transfer from Reserves by \$16,672 and increase Capital Expenditure by \$34,172.

Carried

4.1.5 Regional Accessibility Advisory Committee: Discussion Notes November 20, 2025

Moved and seconded,
And Resolved:

613/25 That the Board send a letter of support on behalf of the Regional Accessibility Advisory Committee to the Town of Creston for their application to SPARC BC for the Millennium Park Accessible Washroom Upgrade Project.

Carried

4.1.6 Nelson and District Recreation Commission No. 5: minutes November 26, 2025

Staff received direction to outline in a letter Recreation Commission No. 5 support of the mural process.

Moved and seconded,
And Resolved:

614/25 That the Board approve the RDCK enter into a Municipal Service Agreement with the City of Nelson for Bylaw Services to a maximum value of \$24,850.35 plus GST for the period of December 1, 2025 – November 31, 2026, and that the Chair and Corporate Officer be authorized to sign the necessary documents.

Carried

4.1.7 Castlegar and District Recreation Commission: minutes December 2, 2025

Staff has received direction to include the operational expenses for Robson Community Park in the 2026 Financial Plan and to look into alternative sources of funding of funding to procure the services required to plan for the development of a new arena.

Moved and seconded,
And Resolved:

615/25 That the Board approve the RDCK enter into a lease agreement with the Robson Recreation Society to operate the planned Robson Community Park to a maximum value of \$10.00 plus GST per year for a period of five (5) years commencing on March 15, 2026, and that the Chair and Corporate Office be authorized to sign the necessary documents; AND FURTHER, that the costs be paid from S222 Arena (Castlegar Complex) – Castlegar and Areas I & J.

Carried

Moved and seconded,
And Resolved:

616/25 That the Board approve the RDCK enter into a five (5) year agreement with the Castlegar & District Senior Citizens Association of BC – Branch 46 for non-exclusive use of the Castlegar & District Community Complex's Senior's Lounge, commencing on January 1, 2026 and ending on December 31, 2030, and that the Board Chair and Corporate Officer be authorized to execute the agreement.

Carried

Moved and seconded,
And Resolved:

617/25 That the Board approve the RDCK extending the "Permission to Use" permit with Teck Metals Ltd. for road access into the Waterloo Eddy Regional Park for the period of three years ending December 31st, 2028, and that the Chair and Corporate Officer be authorized to sign the necessary documents.

Carried

Moved and seconded,
And Resolved:

618/25

That the Board include \$280,000 for capital expenditures in the draft 2026 financial plan for Recreation Facility – Castlegar and Areas I and J Service S222 to procure the services required to plan for the development of a new arena; AND FURTHER, that the \$280,000 be paid back from the new capital construction service should the project receive approval through public referendum and borrowing proceed.

Carried

Director Davidoff recorded opposed.

4.1.8 Creston Valley Services Committee: minutes December 4, 2025

Revision to the December 4, 2025, minutes regarding Item 7.2 Discussion Item: Creston Valley Transit Ridership in the last paragraph edit to read “Director Vandenberghe confirmed that there are bike carriers on the front of the buses in Creston Valley.”

4.1.9 Community Sustainable Living Advisory Committee: minutes December 9, 2025

Moved and seconded,
And Resolved:

619/25

That the \$25,000 in grants for Community Sustainable Living Advisory Committee S105 be removed from the draft 2026 Financial Plan.

Carried

Moved and seconded,
And Resolved:

620/25

That the Board authorize staff to allocate to a maximum of \$20,000 subject to final budget approval from the Local Government Climate Action Program grant Rural Mobility Community Advisory Committee Phase 2 Project: Regional Volunteer Driver Network;

AND FURTHER, that the grant funding be allocated to Development Services A108 draft 2026 -2030 Financial Plan.

Carried

Moved and seconded,
And Resolved:

621/25

That the Board authorize staff to allocate to a maximum of \$10,000 subject to final budget approval from the Local Government Climate Action Program grant for the Rural Mobility Community Advisory Committee Phase 2 Project – Kootenay Rideshare User Interface Improvements;

AND FURTHER, that the grant funding be allocated to Development Services A108 draft 2026-2030 Financial Plan.

Carried

Moved and seconded,
And Resolved:

622/25 That the Board is authorized to sign as a signatory of the Slokan Lake and River Partnership Terms of Reference.

Carried

4.1.10 Joint Resource Recovery Committee: minutes December 10, 2025

Moved and seconded,
And Resolved:

623/25 That the Resource Recovery Facilities Regulatory Bylaw No. 3065, 2025, be read a first, second and third time by content to repeal and replace Resource Recovery Facilities Regulatory Bylaw No. 2961, 2025.

Carried

Moved and seconded,
And Resolved:

624/25 That the Resource Recovery Facilities Regulatory Bylaw No. 3065, 2025, be ADOPTED and the Chair and Corporate Officer be authorized to sign the same.

Carried

Moved and seconded,
And Resolved:

625/25 That the Board direct staff to proceed with Construction Demolition Renovation Waste Multi-Material Diversion Pilot (CDRMP) at the Nakusp Resource Recovery Facility in early 2026 to determine the viability of diversion programs for glass and drywall waste if approved for a \$10,000 contribution from the City of Nelson's Low Carbon Homes Initiative fund;

AND FURTHER, that staff be authorized to enter into a funding contribution agreement with City of Nelson should the RDCK be awarded the grant, and the Chair and Corporate Officer be authorized to sign the necessary documents;

AND FURTHER, that the RDCK Board of Directors commit \$10,000 from the Local Government Climate Action Plan to offset the costs incurred from the CDRMP;

AND FURTHER that the grant funding be paid to and the costs paid from Service S188 Refuse Disposal (West Subregion).

Carried

Moved and seconded,
And Resolved:

626/25 That the Board approve the RDCK extend the Service Agreement with Environmental 360 Solutions Ltd. for the provision of the required services for the Household Hazardous Waste collection events to a maximum value of \$132,025 plus GST, subject to hazardous waste unit quantities and annual inflation, for the period December 1, 2025 to November 30, 2026, and that the Chair and Corporate Officer be authorized to sign the necessary documents;

AND FURTHER, that the costs be paid from Service S186 Refuse Disposal (East Subregion), Service S187 Refuse Disposal (Central Subregion), and Service S188 Refuse Disposal (West Subregion).

Carried

Moved and seconded,
And Resolved:

627/25

That the Board approve the RDCK extend the Goods and Services Agreement with Frazer Excavation Ltd. for Wood Waste Reduction Services to a maximum value of \$245,000 plus GST for a one-year period commencing September 1, 2025 and ending August 31, 2026, and that the Chair and Corporate Officer be authorized to sign the necessary documents;

AND FURTHER, that the costs be paid from Service S186 Refuse Disposal (East Subregion); Service S187 Refuse Disposal (Central Subregion) and Service S188 Refuse Disposal (West Subregion), based on volumes processed, from the applicable Contracted Services account.

Carried

Moved and seconded,
And Resolved:

628/25

That the Board approve an amendment to the 2025 Financial Plan for East Compost Allocation Service A119 to INCREASE Account CONTRACTED SERVICES by \$35,775 and INCREASE Account TRANSFER FROM OTHER SERVICE by \$35,775;

AND FURTHER That the Board approve an amendment to the 2025 Financial Plan for East Sub-Region Resource Recovery Service S186 to INCREASE Account TRANSFER TO OTHER SERVICE by \$35,775 and DECREASE Account CONTRIBUTION TO RESERVES by \$35,775.

Carried

4.2 Membership/Appointments

4.2.1 Commissions and Committees

Moved and seconded,
And Resolved:

629/25

That the Board appoint the individuals to the following RDCK Commissions and Committees:

Area A Economic Development Commission for a term to expire December 31, 2027:

Forrest Demman

Edgewood Water Service Community Advisory Committee for a term to expire December 31, 2028:

Floyd Webber

Bill Penner

Kurtis Hopp

Jennifer Irman

John Flintoff

Recreation Commission No. 6 - Area H, New Denver and Silverton for a term to expire December 31, 2027:

Katrina Sumrall (Community member)

Don Broughton (Alternate Community member)

Recreation Commission No. 9 - Electoral Area A for a term to expire December 31, 2027:

Bob Lively

**Recreation Commission No. 10 - Portion of Area E
(Procter/Harrop/Balfour/Queens Bay) for a term to expire December 31, 2027:**

Kim Palfenier
Dan Rye
Lenora Trenaman

**Regional Accessibility Advisory Committee for a term to expire December 31,
2027:**

Kaia Fitz-Earle
Tim Lengyell

Riondel Commission for a term to expire December 31, 2027:

Gerald Panio
Nils Anderson

**Riondel Water and Drainage Service Community Advisory Committee for a term
to expire December 31, 2028:**

Gerald Panio

**Rosebery Parklands and Trails Commission for a term to expire December 31,
2027:**

Rod Reitmeier (Area H)
Scott Kipkie (Area H)
Sarah Rouselle (Silverton Community member)
Don Broughton (Silverton Alternate Community member)

**Slocan Valley (Area H) Recreation and Parks Community Advisory Committee
for a term to expire December 31, 2027:**

Sharon Nazaroff
Stacey Throop
Sharon Myers
Phillip Chernenkoff
Craig Lawrence
Mandy Chutskoff

**South Slocan Water Service Community Advisory Committee for a term to
expire December 31, 2028:**

Peter Wood
Kathy Loxam
Gary Niminiken
Ian McGovern
George Mentz
Mandy Chutskoff

Sunshine Bay Regional Park - Area E for a term to expire December 31, 2026:

Ken Foot
Ruth Prosser
Elaine Beaulac
Lorie Dosenberger
Jennifer Dehnel
Rich Newton
Alexandria McCulloch

AND FURTHER, the Board send a letter to outgoing members thanking them for their service with the following:

Area E Advisory Planning and Heritage Commission:

Karyn Shaundell

Balfour Water Service Community Advisory Committee:

Bob Kinneer

Board of Variance

Sheila Hart

Nelson Public Library Board (Area F)

Anni Holtby

**Recreation Commission No. 10 - Portion of Area E
(Procter/Harrop/Balfour/Queens Bay):**

Erin Christopherson

Ellen Schmidt

Janet Scholz

Riondel Commission

Lynne Cranna

Riondel Water and Drainage Service Community Advisory Committee:

Lawrence Elgert

Sylvia Horwood

Carried

4.2.2 Village of Salmo: RDCK Director and Alternate Director

Moved and seconded,

And Resolved:

630/25

That the email from the Village of Salmo appointing Mayor Diana Lockwood as the RDCK Director and Councillor Payton McKellar as the RDCK Alternate Director for 2026 be ratified.

Carried

4.2.3 Village of Silverton: RDCK Director and Alternate Director

Moved and seconded,

And Resolved:

631/25

That the resolution from the Village of Silverton appointing Mayor Tanya Gordon as the RDCK Director and Councillor Leah Main as the RDCK Alternate Director for 2026 be ratified.

Carried

4.2.4 Village of Nakusp: Appointments

Moved and seconded,

And Resolved:

632/25

That the resolution and appointment list from the Village of Nakusp appointing Councillor Aidan McLaren-Caux as the RDCK Director and Mayor Tom Zeleznik as RDCK Alternate Director for the RDCK Board, West Resource Recovery Committee, Joint Resource Recovery Committee, All Recreation Committee for 2026 be ratified.

Carried

4.3 2026 Appointments: External Committees

External Committee Appointments in Good Standing:

- Castlegar and District Public Library Board
- Kootenay Food Council
- Creston Valley Public Library Board
- Creston Valley Tourism Society
- Columbia Basin Regional Advisory Committee
- Columbia River Treaty Local Governments Committee
- Economic Trust of the Southern Interior BC
- Federation of Canadian Municipalities
- Highway #3 Mayors and Chairs Coalition
- International Joint Commission's (IJC) Council of Governments Advisory Group for the International Elk-Kootenai/Y Watershed Water Pollution Study
- Kaslo and District Community Forest Society Board
- Nelson Kootenay Lake Tourism
- Regional Agriculture Liaison Services Steering Committee
- Southeastern BC Regional Connectivity Committee

4.3.1 Columbia Basin Trust

Nomination for Directors Hewat and McFaddin.

Each Director gave a two minute address.

Director McFaddin withdrew.

Moved and seconded,

And Resolved:

633/25

That the Board forward the following nomination to Columbia Basin Trust (CBT) to be considered for the RDCK representative position on the CBT Board of Directors for a term to expire December 31, 2027:

Director Suzan Hewat

Carried

4.3.2 Municipal Finance Authority

MFA Representative:

Nominations for Directors Hewat and Page.

Each Director addressed the Board.

Corporate Officer Morrison handed out the ballots.

Electronic vote was sent to CAO Horn and DCO Lund.

CO Morrison and CAO Horn left the room to count the votes.

CAO Horn declared Director Hewat the representative.

MFA Alternate Representative:

Nominations for Directors Newell and Page.

Each Director addressed the Board.

Corporate Officer Morrison handed out the ballots.

Electronic vote was sent to CAO Horn and DCO Lund.

CO Morrison and CAO Horn left the room to count the votes.

CAO Horn declared Director Newell the Alternate representative.

Moved and seconded,

And Resolved:

634/25

That the Board appoint the following Directors as representatives to the Municipal Finance Authority for a term to end February 28, 2027, with stipends and usual expenses to be paid from General Administration Service S100:

Director Hewat

Director Newell (Alternate)

Carried

4.3.3 Municipal Insurance Association of British Columbia (Voting Delegation - MIA AGM)

Nominations for Director Page for the MIA Representative.

Nominations for Director Tierney for the MIA Alternate Representative.

Moved and seconded,

And Resolved:

635/25

That the Board appoint the following Directors as the voting delegations for the Municipal Insurance Association of British Columbia for the 2026 Annual General Meeting:

Director Page

Director Tierney (Alternate)

Stuart Horn (CAO Alternate)

Carried

4.3.4 Nelson Public Library Board (Area F)

No appointment at this time.

4.3.5 Regional Invasive Species Working Group

Nominations for Directors Vandenberghe and Hewat.

Moved and seconded,

And Resolved:

636/25

That the Board appoint the following two (2) Directors to the Regional Invasive Species Working Group for a term to end December 31, 2026:

Director Vandenberghe

Director Hewat

Carried

4.3.6 Selkirk College Regional Innovation Chair for Rural Economic Development (RDI)

Nominations for Director McLaren-Caux.

Moved and seconded,

And Resolved:

637/25 That the Board hereby appoint the following Director to the Selkirk College Regional Innovation Chair in Rural Economic Development - Regional Advisory Committee for a term to end December, 2026, with stipend and expenses to be paid from the General Administration Service S100:
Director McLaren-Caux

Carried

4.3.7 Treaty Advisory Committee: Ktunaxa/Kinbasket

Nominations for Director DeBoon for Director.

Nominations for Director Vandenberghe for Alternate Director.

Moved and seconded,
And Resolved:

638/25 The Board appoints the following Directors to the Ktunaxa Treaty Advisory Committee with a term expiring December 31, 2026:

Director DeBoon
Director Vandenberghe (Alternate)

Carried

**RECESSED/
RECONVENED**

The meeting recessed the meeting at 10:30 a.m. for a break and reconvened at 10:43 a.m.

4.3.8 West Kootenay Transit Committee

Nominations for Directors Lockwood, Popoff for Directors.

Nominations for Director Hewat for Alternate Directors.

Moved and seconded,
And Resolved:

639/25 The Board appoints the following Directors to the West Kootenay Transit Committee (excluding Directors for Electoral Area B and C and the Town of Creston) with the term to end December 31, 2026, with stipends and usual expenses to be paid from the Transit-Kootenay Lake West S239:

Director M. McFaddin (Castlegar)
Director Lockwood
Director Popoff
Director Hewat (Alternate)

Carried

4.3.9 Collector: Assessment Rolls

Moved and seconded,
And Resolved:

640/25 The Board hereby appoints Yev Malloff, Chief Financial Officer, as Collector for 2026 for the purpose of preparing and amending, as necessary, the following assessment rolls:

Lucas Road Water Parcel Tax
Voykin Street Lighting Parcel Tax
South Slocan Water Parcel Tax
Duhamel Creek Water Parcel Tax

McDonald Creek Water Parcel Tax
Balfour Water Parcel Tax
Burton Water Parcel Tax
Edgewood Water Parcel Tax
Fauquier Water Parcel Tax
West Robson Water Parcel Tax
Woodland Heights Water Parcel Tax
Woodbury Water Parcel Tax
Grandview Heights Water Parcel Tax
Sanca Park Water Frontage Tax
Riondel Water Frontage Tax
Ymir Water Frontage Tax
Rosebery Water Parcel Tax
Local Conservation Fund Service Parcel Tax (Areas A, D, E, F, H)

Carried

4.3.10 Parcel Tax Roll Review Panels

4.3.10.1 East

Moved and seconded,
And Resolved:

641/25

That the Board appoint the following Directors to the 2026 Parcel Tax Roll Review Panel to sit in Creston, BC with stipends and usual expenses to be paid from the General Administration Service \$100:

Director Garry Jackman
Director Roger Tierney
Director Kelly Vandenberghe
Director Arnold DeBoon

Carried

4.3.10.2 West

Nominations for Newell, Hanegraaf, Hewat, Lockwood.

Moved and seconded,
And Resolved:

642/25

That the Board appoint the following Directors to the 2026 Parcel Tax Roll Review Panel to sit in Nelson, BC with stipends and usual expenses to be paid from the General Administration Service \$100:

Director Newell
Director Hanegraaf
Director Lockwood
Director Hewat

Carried

Moved and seconded,
And Resolved:

That the ballots from all the elections for the appointments to external committees be destroyed.

Carried

4.3.11 Election Officials

Moved and seconded,
And Resolved:

643/25

The Board appoint Tom Dool as Chief Election Officer and Angela Lund as Deputy Chief Election Officer for the year 2026.

Carried

5. 2026 CONFERENCES

5.1 Electoral Area Directors Forum: March 10-13, 2026

Moved and seconded,
And Resolved:

644/25

That the Board approves the following Directors as delegates to the 2026 Electoral Area Directors Forum held March 10-11, 2026 in Richmond, BC with stipends and expenses to be paid from the Rural Administration Service S101:

Director Garry Jackman
Director Roger Tierney
Director Kelly Vandenberghe
Director Aimee Watson
Director Cheryl Graham
Director Tom Newell
Director Hans Cunningham
Director Walter Popoff
Director Andy Davidoff
Director Henny Hanegraaf
Director Teresa Weatherhead

Carried

5.2 LGLA Forum: March 11-13, 2026

Moved and seconded,
And Resolved:

645/25

That the Board approves the following Directors as delegates to the 2026 Local Government Leadership Academy Forum in Richmond, BC from March 11-13, 2026 with stipends and expenses to be paid from the General Administration Service S100:

Director Garry Jackman
Director Roger Tierney
Director Kelly Vandenberghe
Director Aimee Watson
Director Cheryl Graham
Director Tom Newell
Director Hans Cunningham
Director Walter Popoff
Director Andy Davidoff
Director Henny Hanegraaf
Director Teresa Weatherhead
Director Maria McFaddin
Director Arnold DeBoon
Director Suzan Hewat
Director Aidan McLaren-Caux
Director Keith Page
Director Leonard Casley
Director Diana Lockwood

Director Tanya Gordon
Director Jessica Lunn

Carried

5.3 Association of Kootenay and Boundary Local Governments: April 17-19, 2025

Moved and seconded,
And Resolved:

646/25

That the Board approves the following Directors as delegates to the 2026 Association of Kootenay and Boundary Local Governments Convention from April 17-19, 2026 in Trail, BC with stipends and expenses to be paid from the Rural Administration Service S101:

Director Garry Jackman
Director Roger Tierney
Director Kelly Vandenberghe
Director Aimee Watson
Director Cheryl Graham
Director Tom Newell
Director Hans Cunningham
Director Walter Popoff
Director Andy Davidoff
Director Henny Hanegraaf
Director Teresa Weatherhead

Carried

Moved and seconded,
And Resolved:

647/25

That the Board authorizes the Chief Administrative Officer or the Corporate Officer to attend the 2026 Association of Kootenay and Boundary Local Governments Convention in Trail, BC from April 17-19, 2026 as a delegate with expenses to be paid from the Rural Administration Service S101.

Carried

5.4 Federation of Canadian Municipalities: June 4-7, 2026

Moved and seconded,
And Resolved:

648/25

That the Board approves the following Directors as delegates to the 2026 Federation of Canadian Municipalities Conference in Edmonton, Alberta from June 4-7, 2026 with stipends and expenses to be paid from the General Administration Service S100:

Director Garry Jackman
Director Roger Tierney
Director Kelly Vandenberghe
Director Aimee Watson
Director Cheryl Graham
Director Tom Newell
Director Hans Cunningham
Director Walter Popoff
Director Andy Davidoff
Director Henny Hanegraaf
Director Teresa Weatherhead
Director Maria McFaddin
Director Arnold DeBoon
Director Suzan Hewat
Director Aidan McLaren-Caux

Director Keith Page
Director Leonard Casley
Director Diana Lockwood
Director Tanya Gordon
Director Jessica Lunn

AND FURTHER, in event that a Director cannot attend the Alternate Director is not authorized to attend in their absence.

Carried

Moved and seconded,
And Resolved:

649/25

That the Board authorizes the Chief Administrative Officer to attend the 2026 Federation of Canadian Municipalities Conference in Edmonton, Alberta from June 4-7, 2026 as a delegate with expenses to be paid from the General Administration Service S100.

Carried

5.5 Union of BC Municipalities: September 14-18, 2026

Moved and seconded,
And Resolved:

650/25

That the Board approves the following Directors as delegates to the 2026 Union of BC Municipalities (UBCM) Conference in Victoria, BC from September 14-18, 2026 with stipends and expenses to be paid from the General Administration Service S100:

Director Garry Jackman
Director Roger Tierney
Director Kelly Vandenberghe
Director Aimee Watson
Director Cheryl Graham
Director Tom Newell
Director Hans Cunningham
Director Walter Popoff
Director Andy Davidoff
Director Henny Hanegraaf
Director Teresa Weatherhead
Director Maria McFaddin
Director Arnold DeBoon
Director Suzan Hewat
Director Aidan McLaren-Caux
Director Keith Page
Director Leonard Casley
Director Diana Lockwood
Director Tanya Gordon
Director Jessica Lunn

AND FURTHER, that in event that a Director cannot attend, that the Alternate Director be approved to attend.

Carried

Moved and seconded,
And Resolved:

651/25 That the Board authorizes the Chief Administrative Officer and the Corporate Officer to attend the Union of BC Municipalities convention in Victoria, BC from September 14-18, 2026 with expenses to be paid from the General Administration Service S100.

Carried

6. CORRESPONDENCE

6.1 The letter dated November 27, 2025 from Susan Chew, Salmo Valley Youth and Community Centre, seeking the RDCK's support the repair of the Salmo Valley Youth & Community Centre leaking roof.

Moved and seconded,
And Resolved:

652/25 That the Board approve an amendment to the 2025 Financial Plan for Salmo Youth and Community Centre - Salmo and Area G Service S218 to INCREASE Account Contribution from Reserve by \$30,000 and INCREASE Account Grants by \$30,000;

AND FURTHER That the Board approve the \$30,000 payment of a grant from the Salmo Youth and Community Centre - Salmo and Area G Service S218 to the Salmo Youth and Community Centre Society for repairs to the roof of the Salmo Youth and Community Centre.

Carried

6.2 The email dated December 3, 2025 from Esther Lapierre, The Caribou Recovery Team, providing local government (LG) with the Volume 3 TRACKS Provincial Caribou Recovery Program Newsletter and inviting LGs to participate in future discussions.

7. BYLAWS

7.1 Bylaw 3058: Salmo and Electoral Area G (Rec #7) Recreational Program Amendment

Moved and seconded,
And Resolved:

653/25 That Salmo and Electoral Area G (Rec #7) Recreational Program Amendment Bylaw No.3058, 2025 BE REPEALED.

Carried

7.2 Bylaw 3068: Salmo and Electoral Area G (Rec #7) Recreational Program Amendment

Moved and seconded,
And Resolved:

654/25 That the Salmo and Electoral Area G (Rec #7) Recreational Program Amendment Bylaw No.3068, 2025 be read a FIRST, SECOND, and THIRD time by content.

Carried

8. NEW BUSINESS

8.1 Community Services

8.1.1 Award: Nelson and District Community Complex (NDCC) and Creston and District Community Complex (CDCC) Ammonia (NH3) Refrigeration Upgrade
The Board Report from Carolyn Hogan, Project Manager, seeking Board award the Nelson and District Community Complex (NDCC) and Creston and District Community Complex (CDCC) Ammonia (NH3) Refrigeration Upgrade project(s), has been received.

Moved and seconded,
And Resolved:

655/25

That the Board award the Nelson and District Community Complex (NDCC) and Creston and District Community Complex (CDCC) Ammonia (NH3) Refrigeration Upgrade project(s) to Yeti Refrigeration Ltd. and that the Chair and Corporate Officer be authorized to sign the necessary documents to a maximum value of \$2,376,810.00 + GST;

AND FURTHER, that the costs for the project be paid from Service S226 Recreation Facility – Nelson and Areas F and Defined E, \$1,287,138.00, and from Service S224 Recreation Facility – Creston and Areas B,C and Defined Area A, \$1,089,672;

AND FURTHER that the draft 2026 financial plan for Service S226 Recreation Facility – Nelson and Areas F and Defined E, includes \$1,450,000, and the draft 2026 financial plan for Service S224 Recreation Facility – Creston and Areas B,C and Defined Area A , includes \$1,120,000 for this project.

Carried

8.2 Development and Community Sustainability

8.2.1 For Information: Local Government Climate Action Program: Summary of 2026 Funding Requests

The Board Report from Paris Marshall Smith, Sustainability and Resilience Supervisor, providing the Board with an over of the Local Government Climate Action Program funds, has been received for information.

8.2.2 Local Government Climate Action Program Funding Allocation: NDCC Recommissioning and Controls Assessment

The Board Report from Sayena Singla, Senior Energy Specialist, seeking Board approval to allocate from the Local Government Climate Action Program grant to undertake the Nelson and District Community Complex Recommissioning (RCx) Report and Direct Digital Controls (DDC) Review Project, has been received.

Moved and seconded,
And Resolved:

656/25

That the Board authorize staff to allocate \$15,000 from the Local Government Climate Action Program grant to undertake the Nelson and District Community Complex Recommissioning (RCx) Report and Direct Digital Controls (DDC) Review Project; AND FURTHER, that the project be included in the draft 2026 Financial Plan.

Carried

8.2.3 Local Government Climate Action Program Funding Allocation: Programmable Thermostats at Resource Recovery Facilities

The Board Report from Sayena Singla, Senior Energy Specialist, seeking Board approval to allocate from the Local Government Climate Action Program grant to purchase and install programmable thermostats at Resource Recovery facilities, has been received.

Moved and seconded,
And Resolved:

657/25

That the Board authorize staff to allocate \$20,000 from the Local Government Climate Action Program grant to purchase and install programmable thermostats at Resource Recovery facilities; AND FURTHER, that the project be included in the draft 2026 Financial Plan.

Carried

8.2.4 Real Estate Foundation Funding: Goat River Watershed Water Sustainability Plan – Phases 3 & 4 Engagement

The Board Report from Paris Marshall Smith, Sustainability and Resilience Supervisor, seeking Board approval to apply for Real Estate Foundation of BC (REFBC) Grant to support Phases 3 & 4 of the Goat River Watershed Water Sustainability Planning, has been received.

Moved and seconded,
And Resolved:

658/25

That the recommendation **BE REFERRED** to the Creston Valley Services Committee meeting on January 8, 2026:

That the Board authorize staff to apply for the Real Estate Foundation of BC (REFBC) grant to support Phases 3 & 4 of the Goat River Watershed Water Sustainability Planning;

AND FURTHER, that if successful the grant funding be allocated to Community Sustainable Living Service S105;

AND FURTHER, that if successful, the Chair and Corporate Officer be authorized to sign all necessary documents.

Carried

8.3 Environmental Services**8.3.1 West Robson Water Service: Water Main Replacement Project**

The Board Report from Alex Divlakovski, Water Operations Manager, seeking Board approval to amend the 2025 financial plan for the West Robson Water Main Project for Water Utility-Area J (West Robson), has been received.

Moved and seconded,
And Resolved:

659/25

That the Board approve \$423,000 of Capital Expenditures and \$12,000 of Transfer to Project Management to be funded by \$435,000 of Transfer from Reserves in 2026 for the West Robson Water Main Project for Water Utility-Area J (West Robson) - S256; AND FURTHER that the project be included in the draft 2026 Financial Plan for S256.

Carried

8.4 Administration & Finance**8.4.1 Service Agreement: UNIT4 ERP Software**

The Board Report from Yev Malloff, General Manager of Finance, IT and Procurement, seeking Board approval to enter into an Software Service Agreement for Cloud Base ERP Software, has been received.

Moved and seconded,
And Resolved:

660/25

That the Board approve the RDCK enter into a Software Services Agreement with Unit4 Business Software Corporation for Cloud Based ERP Software to a maximum value of \$140,000 per year plus GST for the five year period 2026 to 2030, and that the Chair and Corporate Officer be authorized to sign the necessary documents; AND FURTHER, that the costs be paid from General Administration Service S100.

Carried**8.4.2 2026 RDCK Meeting Calendar**

The Board request staff look at the December workshop and January budget meeting.

Moved and seconded,

And Resolved:

661/25

That the Board approve the 2026 RDCK meeting calendar; AND FURTHER, that staff be directed to schedule budget meetings and RDCK Committee and Commission meetings as necessary.

Carried**ORDER OF THE AGENDA CHANGED**

The Order of Business was changed to address public time and LTSAs, with consideration of Item 12 Public Time and Item 13 Presentation of Long Term Service Awards.

12 PUBLIC TIME

Members of the public asked questions regarding:

- Dangerous and Aggressive Dog Control process in Electoral Area H and community engagement; and
- Cannabis in British Columbia: Results from the 2025 BC Cannabis Use Survey.

13 PRESENTATION OF LONG-TERM SERVICE AWARDS

Chair Watson on behalf of the Board recognized and thanked the following staff members for their long service to the RDCK:

NAME	POSITION	DEPARTMENT	YRS SERVICE
Stuart Durning	Facility Manager - Creston	Community Services	30
Bill Kootnikoff	Site Operator	Resource Recovery	25
Sheila Kootnikoff	Landfill Attendant	Resource Recovery	25
Tom Dool	Research Analyst	Corporate Admin	20
Cody Peck	Utilities Technician	Environmental Services	20
Rob Chernenko	Operations Supervisor - NDCC	Community Services	20
Sangita Sudan	GM Development Services and Community Sustainability	Development Services & Community Sustainability	15
Allan Richardson	Water Operations Supervisor	Environmental Services	15
Gordon Jameson	Site Operator	Environmental Services	15
Chris Lehnert	Senior Systems Administrator	IT	15
Darryl Zol	Financial Analyst	Finance	15
Ryan Ricalton	Facility Manager - NDCC	Community Services	10
Jay Colley	Water Services Supervisor	Water Services	10
Jesse Wetter	Lifeguard Supervisor	Community Services	10
Paula Hudson Lunn	Accounts Receivable Clerk	Finance	10
Connie Saari-Heckley	Human Resources Manager	Human Resources	10
Jeff Phillips	Regional Parks Operations Lead	Community Services	10
Lisa Dear	Recreation Services Supervisor/ Local Programmer	Community Services	10
Lynn Anderson	Waste Attendant	Resource Recovery	5
Corey Scott	Planner	Development Services	5

Abby Beaudry	Environmental Services Admin Assistant	Environmental Services	5
Craig Stanley	Regional Manager - Facilities	Community Services	5
Nadine Trottier	Recycling and Waste Educator	Resource Recovery	5
Glenn Wright	Accounts Payable	Finance	5
Pam Malekow	Waste Attendant	Resource Recovery	5
Karin Jorgenson	Waste Attendant	Resource Recovery	5
Taylor Menzies	Recycling and Waste Educator	Resource Recovery	5
Steve McCrea	Facility Maintenance Technician	Community Services	5
Mike Dagleish	Head Custodian	Community Services	5
Dan Elliot	Communications Coordinator	Corporate Admin	5
Justin Niminikin	Operations Supervisor	Community Services	5

Chair Watson recognized Leah Main as RDCK Director for the Village of Silverton and her serving her community for three election terms.

Director Davidoff recognized former Fire Chief Greg Patterson and his 35 years of service to the Tarrys Volunteer Fire Department.

RECESS/ The meeting recessed at 12:04 p.m. for lunch and reconvened at 1:30 p.m.
RECONVENED

ORDER OF THE AGENDA With Items 8.5 Fire and Emergency Services considered at this time.
RESUMED

8.5 Fire and Emergency Services

8.5.1 Emergency and Disaster Management Act (EDMA) Indigenous Engagement Project: Letter to Indigenous Governing Bodies

The Board Report from Tanya Pauls, Emergency Program Coordinator, seeking Board authority to sign the Introduction letter to initiate the Indigenous Engagement Requirements, has been received.

Moved and seconded,
And Resolved:

662/25

That the Board authorize the Chair to sign the Introduction letter to initiate the Indigenous Engagement Requirements, subject to input from the Executive Committee; AND FURTHER that the Board direct Staff to send this letter Introducing the Regional District of Central Kootenay intent to engage each Indigenous Governing Body within the region on the project development.

Carried

8.6 Grants

8.6.1 Discretionary

Moved and seconded,
And Resolved:

663/25

Discretionary grants out of the funds available for the following Electoral Areas/Member Municipalities be approved as designated:

AREA A

Creston Valley Chamber of
Commerce

Creston Valley Christmas
Hampers Project

\$1,000

South Kootenay Lake Art Connect Society	Fundraising to Keep Harrison's a Community Arts Venue	\$4,700
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AREA B

Canyon Community Assos	2025 Spud Night	\$1,000
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Creston Valley Youth Soccer Association - Creston FC	Creston FC Appreciation Dinner	\$500
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Sanders Environmental Services - Grizzly Bear Solutions	Creston Valley Grizzly Coexistence Solutions	\$2,000
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AREA C

Creston Valley Chamber of Commerce	Christmas Hampers	\$1,000
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AREA E

West Kootenay Back Country Wilderness Watch Society	Roads Cleanup Receipts	137.90
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AREA F

Nelson Italian-Canadian Society	Bocce Courts	\$1,500
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AREA G

Salmo Valley Curling and Rink Association	Exterior Building Upgrade	\$4,075
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Ymir Community Association	Ymir Historical Mural	\$5,000
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AREA H

Slocan Park Hall Society	Website Design and Build	\$600
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AREA K

Arrow Lakes ATV Club	Rodd Creek/Mountain Meadow Project 2025	\$4,500
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Carried**8.6.2 Community Development****8.6.2.1 Community Development: December Grants**

Moved and seconded,
And Resolved:

Community Development grants out of the funds available for the following Electoral Areas/Member Municipalities be approved as designated:

AREA D

Lardeau Valley Community Club	Maintenance @ LVCC 2025	\$3,000
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Regional District of Central Kootenay-Service S221	2025 Community Grants	\$11,471
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AREA E

Balfour Senior Citizens Association #120	Seniors Recycling Project	\$1,800
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Blewett Community Society	Morning Mountain Skating Rink	\$4,300
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RDCK Rec 10 S279	2025 Rec 10	\$9,000
<u>AREA F</u>		
Blewett Community Society	Morning Mountain Skating Rink	\$4,300
Ridgewood Improvement District	Water Treatment Engineering Study	\$8,000
<u>AREA G</u>		
Salmo Ski Club	Computer and Server Upgrades	\$5,000
Salmo Valley Youth & Community Centre	Community Art Space Development	\$5,000
<u>AREA H</u>		
Slocan Lake Arts Council	Community Arts	\$4,000
<u>AREA J</u>		
Castlegar & District Chamber of Commerce	Business Excellence Awards 2025	\$500
Deer Park and Area Communications Society	Ongoing Communication	\$4,186.36
Kootenay Gallery of Art, History and Science Society	Gallery Grant Writer/Fundraiser	\$50,000
Robson Community Memorial Church	Upgrade parking lot	\$5,000
<u>AREA K</u>		
Arrow Lakes Ridge Riders	Club Website	\$1,100
Edgewood Community Club Society	Director's and Liability Insurance	\$2,075
Fauquier Community Club	Induction Stove	\$2,163.35
Nakusp Curling Club	Shelving and Grippers	\$1,000
Protecting Animal Life Society	PALS Animal Rescue Programs	\$1,000
<u>NAKUSP</u>		
Village of Nakusp	Nakusp Sports Complex Kitchen Upgrades	\$20,000
<u>SALMO</u>		
Salmo Valley Youth & Community Centre	Light Retrofit	\$1,000
The Corporation of the Village of Salmo	Fire Engine Repairs	\$10,000
The Corporation of the Village of Salmo	Furnace Repairs	\$4,600
The Corporation of the Village of Salmo	Plow Truck Repairs	\$5,000
		Carried

8.6.2.2 **Community Development: November (RES 592/25) Amendment**
Moved and seconded,

And Resolved:

665/25

That Resolution 592/25, being the allocation of Community Development funds, be amended by changing:

AREA D

Ainsworth Fire Prevention Society - Community Fire Prevention
\$43,000

TO

AREA D

Ainsworth Fire Prevention Society - Community Fire Prevention
\$3,000

Carried

8.6.3 2025 Financial Service Grant

Moved and seconded,
And Resolved:

666/25

That the Board authorize the release of funding for the following Financial Services Grant:

- City of Castlegar - Economic Development S298 - City of Castlegar
Economic Development Service \$116,000
- Castlegar Community Services Society – RCMP Victim Services S163 –
Emergency Planning Areas I & J \$15,790
- Town of Creston - Emergency Program Coordinator S157 - Emergency
Planning-Creston and Areas A, B and C \$76,500
- Town of Creston - RCMP Victim Services S157 - Emergency Planning-
Creston and Areas A, B and C \$32,134

Carried

8.6.4 Recreation Commission No. 4 - Nakusp and Area K

Moved and seconded,
And Resolved:

667/25

That the Board approve the payment of the following grants from the Recreation Commission No. 4 - Nakusp and Area K Service S228 2025 Budget:

Arrow Lakes Gymnastics Club \$4,503

Carried

8.7 Chair/CAO Reports

Chair Watson attended the Kootenay Border Control meeting and there is a presentation available regarding Corra Linn Dam.

CAO Horn will be announcing the successful candidate for the position of General Manager of Community Services and the RDCK is at level 1 regarding the atmospheric river that is taking place in BC.

9. RURAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

Moved and seconded,
And Resolved:

- 668/25 That Electoral Area 'G' Land Use Amendment Bylaw No. 3059, 2025 being a bylaw to amend Electoral Area 'G' Land Use Bylaw No. 2452, 2018 is hereby given FIRST and SECOND reading by content and referred to a public hearing.

Carried

Moved and seconded,
And Resolved:

- 669/25 That in accordance with Regional District of Central Kootenay Planning Procedures and Fees Bylaw No. 2457, 2015, Electoral Area 'G' Director Hans Cunningham is hereby delegated the authority to chair the Public Hearing on behalf of the Regional District Board.

Carried

Moved and seconded,
And Resolved:

- 670/25 That the Board SUPPORT application A2508B for the purposes of a Non-Farm Use in the ALR proposed by Cassidy Tilling for the property located at 1132 27TH Avenue, Erickson, Electoral Area 'B' and legally described as PARCEL B (REFERENCE PLAN 36491I) LOT 4 DISTRICT LOT 812 KOOTENAY DISTRICT PLAN 730B (PID: 011-958-065); And that the Board directs Staff to ADVANCE the subject application to the Agricultural Land Commission for consideration.

Carried

Moved and seconded,
And Resolved:

- 671/25 That the Board direct staff to initiate a Sub-Regional Official Community Plan update for areas F, H, J, and K and staff to initiate the Area D Community Planning; and these projects be the top priority for the planning department workplan.

Carried

Moved and seconded,
And Resolved:

- 672/25 That the Board direct staff take no further action to initiate a Housing Development and Costing Study.

Carried

Moved and seconded,
And Resolved:

- 673/25 That the Board approve the RDCK enter into a Lease Agreement with Ellen Kelly for the lease of the Balfour Water Service Building for the period on one year starting January 15, 2026 and ending January 14, 2027, and that the Chair and Corporate Officer be authorized to sign the necessary documents.

Carried

10. DIRECTORS' MOTIONS

10.1 Director Watson: Bill M216 - 2025 Professional Reliance Act

The item is in response to the UBCM and MIA report.

Moved and seconded,
And Resolved:

674/25 That the Board send a letter of concern/opposition to the Ministry of Housing and Municipal Affairs regarding Bill M216 - 2025 Professional Reliance Act.

Carried

10.2 Director Davidoff: Proposed New Fees under the Environmental Management Act

No recommendation.

10.3 Director Hewat: Workshop Expenses and Stipends

Moved and seconded,
And Resolved:

675/25 That the Board approve the Directors' stipend and expenses for the Directors Input Organizational Review Workshop held on Friday, November 14, 2025; and that it be paid from General Administration Service S100.

Carried

Moved and seconded,
And Resolved:

676/25 That the Board approve the Directors' stipend and expenses for the Regional and Local Community Needs Project - Board Workshop held on Tuesday, December 9, 2025; and that it be paid from General Administration Service S100

Defeated

10.4 Director Main: Withdraw from Community Sustainable Living Service

Moved and seconded,
And Resolved:

677/25 That the Board direct staff to prepare an amendment for Community Sustainable Living Service Establishment Bylaw No. 2135, 2010 to remove Village of Silverton from the service, and the bylaw be brought to the December 2027 Board meeting to meet the 24 month notice for withdrawal.

Carried

11. CONSENT AGENDA

11.1 For Information: Committees & Commissions

Committee/Commission Reports for information have been received as follows:

11.1.1 Rural Mobility Community Advisory Committee

11.1.1.1 Discussion Notes: April 29, 2025

11.1.1.2 Discussion Notes: June 17, 2025

11.1.1.3 Discussion Notes: October 28, 2025

11.1.2 Rosebery Parklands and Trails Commission: minutes November 6, 2025

11.1.3 Sunshine Bay Regional Park Commission: minutes November 13, 2025

Staff received the appointment for the Sunshine Bay Regional Park Commission and is addressed in Item 4.2.1 Commissions and Committees.

11.1.4 Recreation Commission No. 7 - Salmo and Area G: minutes November 17, 2025

11.1.5 West Transit Service Committee: minutes November 19, 2025

11.1.6 Area A Advisory Planning and Heritage Commission: minutes November 24, 2025

Staff received direction regarding the Development Permit application.

11.1.7 Local Conservation Fund Committee: minutes November 24, 2025

11.1.8 Central Resource Recovery Committee: minutes November 25, 2025

11.1.9 Area G Advisory Planning and Heritage Commission: minutes November 26, 2025

Staff received directions regarding the Bylaw Amendment applications.

11.1.10 Nelson, Salmo, E, F and G Regional Parks Commission: minutes November 26, 2025

11.1.11 Creston Valley Agricultural Advisory Commission

11.1.11.1 Minutes: November 20, 2025

Staff received direction regarding the Agricultural Land Reserve Referral.

11.1.11.2 Minutes: November 27, 2025

Staff received direction regarding the Agricultural Land Reserve Referral.

11.1.12 West Resource Recovery Committee: minutes November 27, 2025

11.1.13 North Kootenay Lake Committee: minutes December 1, 2025

11.2 For Information: Communication

11.2.1 The letter dated November 19, 2025 from Honourable Lana Popham, Ministry of Agriculture and Food, thanking the RDCK for meeting during the 2025 UBCM Convention.

11.2.2 The letter dated November 26, 2025 from Honourable Nina Krieger, Ministry of Public Safety and Solicitor General, thanking the RDCK for meeting during the 2025 UBCM Convention.

11.2.3 The letter dated November 26, 2025 from Councillor Cori Ramsay, UBCM President, informing the RDCK the UBCM Executive Committee endorsed endorse NR106 Balanced Approach to Building Code Update.

11.2.4 The letter dated December 1, 2025 from Honourable Jennifer Whiteside, Ministry of Labour, thanking the RDCK for meeting during the 2025 UBCM Convention.

11.3 For Information: Accounts Payable

The Accounts Payable Summary for November 2025 in the amount of \$4,474,244 has been received for information.

Staff answered the Board's questions.

11.4 For Information: Directors' Reports

11.4.1 Director Jackman: CBRAC/RCC/IJC

11.4.2 Director Vandenberghe: Letter of Support - Fields Forward REDIP Application

11.4.3 Director Graham: Letter to British Columbia Utilities Commission

11.4.4 Director Newell: Letter of Support - Duhamel Watershed Society**11.4.5 Director Hewat****11.4.5.1 Director's Report: CBT/FCM/Activities****11.4.5.2 Municipal Finance Authority of BC (MFA) Quarterly Newsletter****11.4.5.3 Federation of Canadian Municipalities: Board of Directors Meeting****11.4.6 Director McLaren-Caux: November - December Activities****14. CLOSED****14.1 Meeting Closed to the Public**

The Open meeting will be adjourned after In Camera without reconvening back into the open session unless there is business that needs to be addressed.

Moved and seconded,
And Resolved:

678/25

In the opinion of the Board - and in accordance with Section 90 of the *Community Charter* - the public interest so requires that persons other than DIRECTORS, ALTERNATE DIRECTORS, DELEGATIONS AND STAFF be excluded from the meeting; AND FURTHER, in accordance with Section 90 of the *Community Charter*, the meeting is to be closed on the bases identified in the following subsections:

(e) the acquisition, disposition or expropriation of land or improvements, if the council considers that disclosure could reasonably be expected to harm the interests of the municipality;

(g) litigation or potential litigation affecting the municipality;

(i) the receipt of advice that is subject to solicitor-client privilege, including communications necessary for that purpose;

(n) the consideration of whether a council meeting should be closed under a provision of this subsection or subsection (2);

Carried**14.2 Recess of Open Meeting**

Moved and seconded,
And Resolved:

679/25

The Open meeting be recessed at 2:02 p.m. in order to conduct the Closed Board meeting and reconvened at 2:20 p.m.

Carried**15. MATTERS ARISING FROM CLOSED MEETING**

Moved and seconded,
And Resolved:

680/25
IC96/25

That the Board approve the RDCK entering the Assignment of a Contract of Purchase and Sale with BC Parks Foundation for the purchase of land that is legally described as Lot A Plan ÉPP54287 District Lot 812 Kootenay Land District, PID 029-706-947, and that the Chair and Chief Administrative Officer be authorized to sign the necessary documents; AND FURTHER, that the costs be paid from Regional Parks-Creston and Areas B and C Service S201.

Carried

Moved and seconded,
And Resolved:

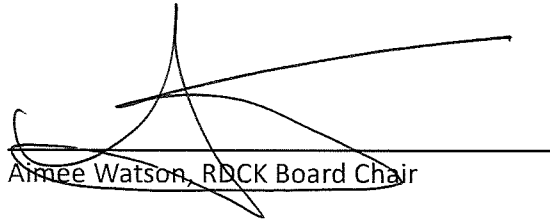
681/25 IC97/25 That the Board approve the RDCK enter into a Contribution Agreement with BC Parks Foundation for a contribution to the purchase of the Mynott property for a park in the Creston and Areas B and C Regional Park Service to a maximum value of \$200,000, and that the Chair and Corporate Officer be authorized to sign the necessary documents.

Carried

16. ADJOURNMENT
Moved and seconded,
And Resolved:

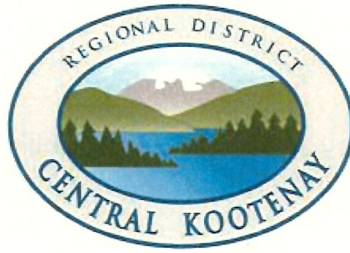
682/25 That the meeting adjourn at 2:20 p.m.

Carried



Aimee Watson, RDCK Board Chair

Angela Lund, Deputy Corporate Officer



Regional District of Central Kootenay

REGULAR BOARD MEETING

Open Meeting Minutes

The **first** meeting of the Board of the Regional District of Central Kootenay in 2026 was held on Thursday, January 22, 2026 at 9:00 a.m. through a hybrid meeting model.

Quorum was maintained throughout the meeting.

ELECTED OFFICIALS

PRESENT

Chair A. Watson	Electoral Area D	In-Person
Director G. Jackman	Electoral Area A	In-Person
Director R. Tierney	Electoral Area B	In-Person
Director K. Vandenberghe	Electoral Area C	In-Person
Director C. Graham	Electoral Area E	In-Person
Director T. Newell	Electoral Area F	In-Person
Director H. Cunningham	Electoral Area G	In-Person
Director W. Popoff	Electoral Area H	In-Person
Director A. Davidoff	Electoral Area I	
Director H. Hanegraaf	Electoral Area J	In-Person
Director T. Weatherhead	Electoral Area K	In-Person
Director B. Bogle	City of Castlegar	In-Person
Director A. DeBoon	Town of Creston	In-Person
Director S. Hewat	Village of Kaslo	In-Person
Director A. McLaren-Caux	Village of Nakusp	In-Person
Director K. Page	City of Nelson	In-Person
Director L. Casley	Village of New Denver	
Director P. McKellar	Village of Salmo	In-Person
Director T. Gordon	Village of Silverton	
Director J. Lunn	Village of Slocan	In-Person

ELECTED OFFICIALS

ABSENT

Director M. McFaddin	City of Castlegar
Director D. Lockwood	Village of Salmo

STAFF PRESENT

S. Horn	Chief Administrative Officer
M. Morrison	Corporate Officer/Manager of Corporate Administration
J. Chirico	General Manager of Community Services
U. Wolf	General Manager of Environmental Services
Y. Malloff	General Manager of Finance, Information Technology and Procurement
E. Stout	Building and Bylaw Manager
M. West	GIS Manager
G. Hume	Regional Deputy Fire Chief
N. Wight	Planning Manager
S. Singla	Senior Energy Specialist
T. Davison	Regional Manager – Recreation & Client Services
C. Feeney	Corporate Administrative Assistant
D. Elliott	Communications Coordinator

1. ZOOM REMOTE MEETING INFO

To promote openness, transparency and provide accessibility to the public we provide the ability to attend all RDCK meetings in-person or remote (hybrid model).

Meeting Time:

9:00 PDT

Join by Video:

<https://rdck-bc-ca.zoom.us/j/95573345491?pwd=k4eCLxEF2ggHCiAbpTcQis1tMHnt5b.1>

Join by Phone:

855 703 8985 Canada Toll-free

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*9 to raise or lower your hand

Meeting ID: 955 7334 5491

Meeting Password: 142530

In-Person Location:

Nelson Office - Boardroom

202 Lakeside Drive, Nelson BC

2. CALL TO ORDER & WELCOME

2.1 Traditional Lands Acknowledgement Statement

We acknowledge and respect the Indigenous peoples within whose traditional lands we are meeting today.

2.2 Adoption of the Agenda

Moved and seconded,

And Resolved:

01/26

The agenda for the January 22, 2026 Regular Open Board meeting be adopted with the following amendments:

- removal of Item 4.1.1 Recreation Commission No. 5 - Nelson & District Recreation: minutes November 26, 2025;
- removal of Item 7.1.2 Memorandum of Understanding - City of Nelson and RDCK - HomeSave
- removal of Item 7.1.3 Application for FortisBC Complimentary Funding - HomeSave
- inclusion of; Directors Remuneration Select Committee minutes: December 8, 2025
- inclusion of; Ymir Water Commission of Management: minutes December 12, 2025 and
- with the addition of the addendum before circulation.

Carried

2.3 Adoption of the Minutes

Moved and seconded,

And Resolved:

02/26

The minutes from the December 11, 2025 Regular Open Board meeting be adopted as circulated.

Carried

2.4 Introductions

CAO Horn will introduce Trisha Davison, General Manager of Community Services, replacing Joe Chirico who is retiring March 2026.

2.5 Delegation

2.5.1 Central Kootenay Invasive Species Society

Laurie Carr, Executive Director of Central Kootenay Invasive Species Society (CKISS), presented to the Board on the key highlights in 2025 of the RDCK Invasive Species Strategy Implementation. She provided an overview of the Poison Hemlock Eradication Plan, noting it is a high-priority invasive species and highly toxic to humans and livestock, with primary infestations in the Creston Valley and Yaqaan Nukiy lands near trails, schools, CP Rail lands, and agricultural areas, particularly along Dodd's Creek.

Laurie advised the current project concludes in June 2026 and that alternative funding is being explored to support ongoing management. She also outlined CKISS's limited use of glyphosate as a targeted spot treatment in specific circumstances, emphasizing prevention, early detection, and rapid response as key strategies to reduce herbicide use.

Laurie highlighted the work of the Regional Invasive Species Working Group, including a resolution advanced to the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) for funding support and a proposed "Good Neighbour Program" to the Ministry of Transportation and Transit.

Laurie concluded by thanking the RDCK for its continued funding and highlighted its importance in supporting the delivery of invasive species programs.

Laurie answered the Boards questions.

Chair Watson thanked Laurie for her presentation.

DIRECTOR PRESENT: Director Lunn joined the meeting at 9:12 a.m.

3. BUSINESS ARISING OUT OF THE MINUTES

3.1 Regional Invasive Species Strategy: Improving Regional Organizational Capacity - 2025 Results and 2026 Funding Request Board Meeting - November 13, 2025

RES 577/25 - refer to the January 22, 2026 Board meeting

The Board Report from Paris Marshall Smith, Sustainability and Resilience Supervisor, seeking Board approval to extend the agreement with Central Kootenay Invasive Species Society, has been received.

Moved and seconded,
And Resolved:

03/26

That the Board approve the RDCK extending the agreement with Central Kootenay Invasive Species Society (CKISS) to continue implementing the Regional Invasive Species Strategy to a maximum value of \$15,000 for the period of April 2026 to March 2027; AND FURTHER, that this amount be included in the 2026 Draft Financial Plan for Service 100 – General Administration.

Carried

3.2 Kootenay Food Council: Regional Food and Farm Coordination - 2025 Results and 2026 Funding Request

Board Meeting - November 13, 2025

RES 578/25 - refer to the December 11, 2025 Board Meeting

Board Meeting - December 11, 2025**RES 607/25 - refer to January 22, 2026 Board Meeting**

The Board Report from Paris Marshall Smith, Sustainability and Resilience Supervisor, seeking Board approval to extend the Service Agreement with Kootenay Food Council, has been received.

Moved and seconded,
And Resolved:

04/26

That the Board approve the RDCK extending the Service Agreement with the Kootenay Food Council for the delivery of regional food systems coordination, communication, and network development to a maximum value of \$30,000 for the period April 2026 to March 2027.

AND FURTHER, that this amount be included in the 2026-2030 Draft Financial Plan for Service 100 – General Administration.

Carried

3.3 The letter from Andrea Wilkey, Community Futures Central Kootenay, seeking funding support for the West Kootenay Rural Community Immigration Pilot project in 2026.

Board Meeting - November 13, 2025**RES 597/25 - refer to the January 22, 2026 Board Meeting**

NOTE: The Rural Community Immigration Pilot Stats have been added to the addenda.

Moved and seconded,
And Resolved:

05/26

That the Board approve funds in the amount of \$40,000 to the community futures on behalf of the West Kootenay Rural Community Immigration Pilot project for 2026 to be paid from General Administration Service S100.

Carried

Directors Vandenberghe, Watson, Popoff, Davidoff, Hanegraaf, Bogle, Casley, McKellar and Gordon recorded opposed.

4. COMMITTEES & COMMISSIONS**4.1 With Recommendations**

4.1.1 Recreation Commission No. 5 - Nelson & District Recreation: minutes November 26, 2025

Item removed.

4.1.2 Creston Valley Services Committee: minutes January 8, 2026

Staff has received direction to compile information on different funding sources for the Real Estate Foundation Funding.

Moved and seconded,
And Resolved:

06/26

That the Board authorize staff to apply for the Real Estate Foundation of BC (REFBC) grant in the amount of \$200,000 in support of funding portions of Phases 3 & 4 of the Goat River Watershed Water Sustainability Planning; AND FURTHER, that if successful the grant funding be allocated to Community Sustainable Living Service S105; AND FURTHER, that if successful, the Chair and Corporate Officer be authorized to sign all necessary documents.

Carried

Moved and seconded,
And Resolved:

07/26

That the Board approve the RDCK enter into a three-year agreement with Valley Community Services for non-exclusive use of the lower floor of the Rotacrest Hall, at a cost of \$10/year funded through Service S224 Recreation Facility – Creston and Areas B, C and Area A to deliver therapeutic activation programming for seniors, commencing on February 1, 2026 and ending on January 31, 2029 and that the Board Chair and Corporate Officer be authorized to execute the agreement.

Carried

4.1.3 Joint Resource Recovery Committee: minutes January 21, 2026

Moved and seconded,
And Resolved:

08/26

That the Board direct staff to implement adjustments to operating hours at Kaslo Transfer Station and Recycling Depot in April as per the Resource Recovery Facilities Operational Hours Review Committee Report dated January 21, 2026.

Carried

Moved and seconded,
And Resolved:

09/26

That the Board direct staff to implement adjustments to operating hours at Balfour Transfer Station and Recycling Depot in April 2026 as per the Resource Recovery Facilities Operational Hours Review Committee Report dated January 21, 2026.

Carried

Moved and seconded,
And Resolved:

10/26

That the Board direct staff to implement adjustments to operating hours at Lakeside Recycling Depot in April 2026 as per the Resource Recovery Facilities Operational Hours Review Committee Report dated January 21, 2026.

Carried

Moved and seconded,
And Resolved:

11/26

That the following motion **BE REFERRED** to the next Central Resource Recovery Committee meeting:

That the Board direct staff to plan the permanent closure of Ymir Transfer Station and Satellite Recycling Depot in April 2026 as per the Resource Recovery Facilities Operational Hours Review Committee Report dated January 21, 2026.

Carried

Moved and seconded,
And Resolved:

- 12/26 That the Board direct staff to implement adjustments to operating hours at Central (Salmo) Transfer Station in April 2026 as per the Resource Recovery Facilities Operational Hours Review Committee Report dated January 21, 2026.
- Carried**
- Moved and seconded,
And Resolved:
- 13/26 That the Board direct staff to implement adjustments to operating hours at Boswell and Crawford Bay Transfer Stations in April 2026 as per the Resource Recovery Facilities Operational Hours Review Committee Report dated January 21, 2026.
- Carried**
- Moved and seconded,
And Resolved:
- 14/26 That the Board approve the RDCK release funds to the Town of Creston for design of the Septage Receiving Facility to be constructed at the Town of Creston Wastewater Treatment Plant to a maximum value of \$116,059, and that the Chair and Corporate Officer be authorized to sign the necessary documents; AND FURTHER, that the costs be paid from Service S186 Refuse Disposal - East Subregion.
- Carried**
- 4.2 Membership/Appointments**
- 4.2.1 Commissions and Committees**
- Moved and seconded,
And Resolved:
- 15/26 That the Board appoint the individuals to the following RDCK Commissions and Committees:
- Area H South Parks and Recreation Community Advisory Committee for a term to expire December 31, 2027:**
- Cathy Niminiken
- Carried**
- 5. CORRESPONDENCE**
- 5.1 The letter dated December 8, 2025 from Jenny Kwan, Member of Parliament for Vancouver East seeking the RDCK's letter of support for Bill C-233, the No More Loopholes Act.**
- Moved and seconded,
And Resolved:
- 16/26 That the following Item 5.2 from the January 22, 2026 Board meeting BE REFERRED to the January 28, 2026 Nelson, Salmo, Area E, F, G Regional Parks Commission meeting:
- 5.2 The letter dated December 18, 2025 from Kevin Cormack, Nelson City Manager, seeking the RDCK's support from Service S202 for a priority renewal project at Lakeside Park.**

Moved and seconded,
And Resolved:

17/26

That the following Item 5.3 from the January 22, 2026 Board meeting BE REFERRED to the January 28, 2026 Nelson, Salmo, Area E, F, G Regional Parks Commission meeting:

5.3 The letter dated December 18, 2025 from Kevin Cormack, Nelson City Manager, requesting from the RDCK for equitable funding for Nelson Regional Parks from Service S202.

5.4 The letter dated November 25, 2025 from Saara Itkonen, Creston Library Director seeking the RDCK's letter of support for grant funding through Columbia Basin Trust (CBT).

Moved and seconded,
And Resolved:

18/26

That the Board send a letter of support to Creston Valley Public Library for grant funding through Columbia Basin Trust for accessibility upgrades.

Carried

5.5 The letter dated January 12, 2026 from Jayme Jones, Faculty Researcher - Selkirk College inviting the RDCK to partner with Selkirk College on project: Stories to Solutions: A Collaborative Regional Response to Rural Homelessness.

6. BYLAWS

6.1 Bylaw 2665: Sanca Park Water Supply and Distribution System Service Establishment
Moved and seconded,
And Resolved:

19/26

That the Sanca Park Water Supply and Distribution System Service Establishment Bylaw No. 2665, 2019 be ADOPTED and the Chair and Corporate Officer be authorized to sign the same.

Carried

6.2 Bylaw 3009: Regional District of Central Kootenay Dangerous and Aggressive Dog Regulatory

The Board Report from Sangita Sudan, General Manager of Development and Community Sustainability, seeking Board approval for third reading of Bylaw No. 3009, has been received.

Moved and seconded,
And Resolved:

20/26

That the Regional District of Central Kootenay Dangerous and Aggressive Dog Regulatory Bylaw No. 3009, 2025 be read a THIRD time as amended.

Carried

6.3 Bylaw 3066: Electoral Area H Dangerous and Aggressive Dogs Service Establishment

That the Board Report from Tom Dool, Research Analyst, seeking Board approval for third reading and assent vote for Bylaw No. 3066, has been received.

Moved and seconded,
And Resolved:

21/26 That Electoral Area H Dangerous and Aggressive Dog Control Service Establishment Bylaw No. 3066, 2025 be read a THIRD time by content.

Carried

Moved and seconded,
And Resolved:

22/26 That participating area approval for Electoral Area H Dangerous and Aggressive Dog Control Service Establishment Bylaw No. 3066, 2025 be undertaken by Assent Voting.

Carried

Moved and seconded,
And Resolved:

23/26 That the Board appoint Tom Dool as Chief Elections Officer and Angela Lund as Deputy Chief Election Officer for the Electoral Area H Dangerous and Aggressive Dog Control Service Establishment Bylaw No. 3066, 2025 assent vote.

Carried

Moved and seconded,
And Resolved:

24/26 That the Board approve the following question in relation to the Electoral Area H Dangerous and Aggressive Dog Control Service Establishment Bylaw No. 3066, 2025 assent vote:

Electoral Area H Dangerous and Aggressive Dog Control Service Establishment Bylaw No. 3066, 2025 will allow the Regional District to establish a service for the regulation of Dangerous and Aggressive Dogs in Electoral Area H and to establish a maximum annual allowable requisition not to exceed the greater of \$ 109,741 or the amount resulting from a rate of \$0.077/\$1,000 applied to the actual net taxable value of land and improvements in the service area.

Are you in favour of the Regional District adopting Electoral Area H Dangerous and Aggressive Dog Control Service Establishment Bylaw No. 3066, 2025? Yes or No

Carried

6.4 Bylaw 3057: Salmo and Electoral Area G Swimming Pool Financial Aid Local Service Area Amendment

Moved and seconded,
And Resolved:

25/26 That the Salmo and Electoral Area G Swimming Pool Financial Aid Local Service Area Amendment Bylaw No. 3057,2025 be ADOPTED and the Chair and Corporate Officer be authorized to sign the same.

Carried

6.5 Bylaw 3061: Castlegar and Area Indoor Aquatic Centre Local Service Area Establishment Amendment

Moved and seconded,
And Resolved:

26/26 That the Castlegar and Area Indoor Aquatic Centre Local Service Area Establishment Amendment Bylaw No. 3061, 2025 be ADOPTED and the Chair and Corporate Officer be authorized to sign the same.

Carried

Director Davidoff recorded opposed.

6.6 Bylaw 3062: Castlegar and District Regional Facilities, Recreation, Parks and Leisure Service Establishment Amendment

Moved and seconded,
And Resolved:

27/26 That the Castlegar and District Regional Facilities, Recreation, Parks and Leisure Service Establishment Amendment Bylaw No. 3062, 2025 be ADOPTED and the Chair and Corporate Officer be authorized to sign the same.

Carried

Director Davidoff recorded opposed.

6.7 Bylaw 3070: Regional District of Central Kootenay Bylaw Enforcement Notice and Dispute Adjudication System Amendment

NOTE: This bylaw amendment is a minor change to update a Bylaw number cited in Schedule A, Appendix 17 to properly reference the new Resource Recovery Facility Regulatory Bylaw No. 3065, which came into effect January 01, 2026. This will allow Resource Recovery Staff to issue tickets in response to specific bylaw violations committed at Resource Recovery Sites.

Moved and seconded,
And Resolved:

28/26 That the Regional District of Central Kootenay Bylaw Enforcement Notice and Dispute Adjudication System Amendment Bylaw No. 3070, 2025 be read a FIRST, SECOND, and THIRD time by content.

Carried

Moved and seconded,
And Resolved:

29/26 That the Regional District of Central Kootenay Bylaw Enforcement Notice and Dispute Adjudication System Amendment Bylaw No. 3070, 2025 be ADOPTED and the Chair and Corporate Officer be authorized to sign the same.

Carried

6.8 Bylaw 3071: Temporary Borrowing 2026

Moved and seconded,
And Resolved:

30/26 That the Temporary Borrowing 2026 Bylaw No. 3071, 2026 be read a FIRST, SECOND, and THIRD time by content.

Carried

Moved and seconded,
And Resolved:

31/26

That the Temporary Borrowing Bylaw No. 3071, 2026 be ADOPTED and the Chair and Corporate Officer be authorized to sign the same.

Carried

RECESS/ The meeting recessed at 10:25 a.m. for a break and reconvened at
RECONVENE 10:40 a.m.

7. NEW BUSINESS

7.1 Development and Community Sustainability

7.1.1 For Information: HomeSave

The Board Report and Presentation from Sayena Singla, Senior Energy Specialist, re: HomeSave (formerly known as Regional Energy Efficiency Program - REEP has been received for information.

Theo Harvey, Energy Programs Lead, City of Nelson, provided an overview of the HomeSave program (formerly the Regional Energy Efficiency Program (REEP)), including its current offerings and upcoming initiatives. The program aims to increase awareness and help residents reduce energy use and costs by supporting home energy retrofits.

HomeSave guides RDCK homeowners throughout the retrofit process, from initial planning to project completion, beginning with matching residents to available incentives and rebates.

In addition to rebates, HomeSave offers retrofit financing options; however, financing is not required to participate in the program. Theo also explained the program's funding through the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) and highlighted supporting agreements with Nelson & District Credit Union, FortisBC, Natural Resources Canada, and ClearResult Canada.

Theo answered the Board's questions.

7.1.2 Memorandum of Understanding - City of Nelson and RDCK - HomeSave

Item removed.

7.1.3 Application for FortisBC Complimentary Funding - HomeSave

Item removed.

7.1.4 Kootenay Food Council: Kootenay Food Procurement Network Funding Request

The Board Report from Paris Marshall Smith, Sustainability & Resilience Supervisor, seek Board approval to enter into an agreement with Kootenay Food Council for the Kootenay Food Procurement Network Project, has been received.

Moved and seconded,
And Resolved:

32/26

That the Board direct staff to enter into agreement with Kootenay Food Council for the Kootenay Food Procurement Network project for a total of \$20,000 for the period April 2026 to March 2027;

AND FURTHER, that this amount be include in the 2026-2030 Draft Financial Plan for S100 - General Administration.

Carried

Director Graham and Vandenberghe recorded opposed.

7.2 Environmental Services

7.2.1 Arrow Creek Water Treatment Plant - Pre-Treatment Upgrades

The Board Report from Jeannine Bradley, Project Manager, re: Arrow Creek Water Treatment Plant - Pre-Treatment Upgrades, has been received.

Moved and seconded,
And Resolved:

33/26

That the Board award the Arrow Creek Water Treatment Plant – Pre-Treatment Upgrades Consulting Services project to CIMA+ and that the Chair and Corporate Officer be authorized to sign the necessary documents to a maximum value of \$119,568.00; AND FURTHER, that the cost be included in the 2026 Financial Plan for Service S251 Water Utility – Area B (Arrow Creek).

Carried

7.3 Administration & Finance

7.3.1 RDCK Accessibility Plan

The draft Regional District of Central Kootenay (RDCK) Accessibility Plan, has been received.

The Regional Accessibility Advisory Committee endorses the RDCK Accessibility Plan, see discussion notes 2.1.

Moved and seconded,
And Resolved:

34/26

That the Board adopt the Regional District of Central Kootenay Accessibility Plan dated December 2, 2025.

Carried

Moved and seconded,
And Resolved:

35/26

That Staff be directed to apply to SPARC- BC's Local Community Accessibility Grant program for up to \$25,000 to support staff training opportunities identified in the RDCK's Accessibility Plan.

Carried

7.3.2 For Information: 2025 Quarterly Report (Q4)

The 2025 RDCK Quarterly Report (Q4) from Mike Morrison, Corporate Officer, has been received for information.

NOTE: The Quarterly Reports include a built in table of contents (also may be called Bookmarks or Document Outline) that appears in a side panel. This allows you to quickly jump to different sections of the document instead of scrolling. The table of contents can be accessed by clicking the outline or bookmarks icon in your PDF viewer or browser.

ORDER OF AGENDA CHANGED

The Order of Business was changed to address public time, with Item Item 11. Public Time considered at this time.

11. PUBLIC TIME

The Chair called for questions from the public and members of the media at 11:45 a.m.

A member of the public had questions around dog licensing, ticketing and tracking.

**ORDER OF AGENDA
RESUMED**

Item 7.4.1 UBCM Regional Grant Application: 2026 Next Generation 911 Funding was considered at this time.

7.4 Fire Services

7.4.1 UBCM Regional Grant Application: 2026 Next Generation 911 Funding

The Board Report from Dan Seguin, Acting General Manager of Fire & Emergency Management Services, seeking Board approval to apply for UBCM Next Generation 911 grant from UBCM, has been received.

Moved and seconded,
And Resolved:

36/26

That the Board authorize staff to apply for the 2026 Next Generation 911 grant from UBCM to support the implementation of NG911;

AND FURTHER, that if successful, the Board approve the inclusion of the funding in the 2026 year of the 2026-2030 Financial Plan from Regional Fire Service – A107 in the amount of up to \$100,000, and that staff undertake current proposed activities and provide overall grant management.

Carried

**RECESS/
RECONVENE**

The meeting recessed at 12:00 p.m. for lunch and reconvened at 1:00 p.m.

7.5 Grants

7.5.1 Discretionary

7.5.1.1 Discretionary Grants

NOTE: Slocan Park Community Hall Society has been added in Area H.

Moved and seconded,
And Resolved:

37/26

Discretionary grants out of the funds available for the following Electoral Areas/Member Municipalities be approved as designated:

AREA A

South Kootenay Lake Community Service Society	Imperfect Art for Wellness	\$630
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AREA B

The Creston Valley Horse Association	CVHA Improvements at Canyon Park	\$2,500
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AREA D

Regional District of Central Kootenay	Valley Voice 2025 Advertisement	\$73.50
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AREA E

WH2O Racers Society	Shredders (Nancy Green) Ski Festival	\$1,000
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AREA F

Polka Dot Dragon Arts Society	Polka Dot Dragon Lantern Festival	\$1,000
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Nelson Nordic Ski Club	East Busk Trail Enhancement Project	\$2,000
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AREA H

Treehugger Retreats and Events Society	Winter Carnival 2026	\$500
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Slocan Park Community Hall Society	The Winter Warm Up	\$1,000
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AREA I

Glade Community Hall	Pie Bingo Fundraiser - Glade Hall Ladies Cooking Group	\$400
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Stanley Humphries Secondary School	Graduation 2026 Scholarship/Bursary Program - email to confirm that this should be 2026	\$6,500
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AREA J

Stanley Humphries Secondary School	Graduation 2026 Scholarship/Bursary Program	\$3,000
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7.5.1.2 Discretionary Grant Amendment RES 591/25
Moved and seconded,
And Resolved:

38/26

That Resolution 591/25, being the allocation of Discretionary Grant funds, be amended by changing:

AREA F

Friends of Falls Creek Society Watershed Fundraising Event
\$1,000

to

AREA F

Falls Creek Watershed Protection Society Watershed Fundraising
Event \$1,000

Carried

7.5.2 Community Development

NOTE: Salmo & District Chamber of Commerce was added to Area G.

Moved and seconded,
And Resolved:

39/26

Community Development grants out of the funds available for the following Electoral Areas/Member Municipalities be approved as designated:

AREA A

East Shore Trail and Bike Association	Winter Trail Maintenance and Storm Clean Up	\$2,500
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South Kootenay Lake Community Service Society	PAL/CORE Courses for Youth - East Shore Youth Network	\$1,800
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AREA B

Erickson Community Association	Erickson Community Association	\$2,500
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AREA D

Kaslo and Area Senior Citizens Society	Continued Support for Kaslo and Area Senior Citizens	\$4,500
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Regional District of Central Kootenay	Service 184 Mosquito Control (Meadow Creek) Area D	\$20,000
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West Kootenay Back Country Wilderness Watch Society	Rossitter Creek FSR & Cody Caves FSR	\$422.93
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AREA E

Nelson Nordic Ski Club	East Busk Trail Enhancement Project	\$2,000
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Nelson Public Library	2026 Library Services for Area E Residents	\$20,000
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West Kootenay Watershed Collaborative Society	Making Waves: World Water Day Symposium	\$500
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AREA F

West Kootenay Regional Arts Council	Kootenay Studio Arts Feasibility Study	\$1,000
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AREA G

Salmo Valley Youth & Community Centre Society	Gymnasium Roof Replacement	\$5,000
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Salmo and District Chamber of Commerce	Douglas Fir Beetle Mitigation	\$5,000
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AREA H

Krestova Improvement District	Infrastructure Planning Grant - Krestova Improvement District Source Well	\$10,000
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AREA I

Mount Sentinel Secondary School	Greg Patterson Bursary - Raisa Nazaroff	\$250
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AREA J

Castlegar & District Hospital Foundation	Light Up 2026	\$2,500
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Robson Raspberry Improvement District	Asset Study Report	\$13,800
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AREA K

Arrow and Slocan Lakes Community Services	Rural Medical Transportation Program	\$25,000
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Arrow Lakes Cross Country Ski Club	Updating Signage at Wensley Trails	\$1,000
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Bayview Residents Association	Fire Caddy Support	\$2,300
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Burton and Edgewood Elementary Schools	Skiing at Summit: BES and EES	\$4,016.25
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Burton Community Association	McCormack Park Rejuvenation	\$40,000
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Burton Community Association	Community Spring/Fall debris clean-up project	\$4,999.99
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Burton Volunteer Fire Brigade Society	BVFDS Holiday Funding	\$1,000
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Burton Volunteer Fire Brigade Society	Operational Funding	\$15,610
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The Edgewood Volunteer Fire Department Society	Firefighters Valentines Gala	\$1,500
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KASLO

Kaslo Community Services Society	House Next Door	\$10,000
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SALMO

Regional District of Central Kootenay	Recreation Commission #7- Fitness Centre Opening	\$1,200
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The Corporation of the Village of Salmo	Dump Truck Repair	\$3,000
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The Corporation of the Village of Salmo	Loader Repair	\$7,000
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SLOCAN

Village of Slocan	WEGCSS Xmas Hamper Program	\$2,000
Village of Slocan	Winter Carnival Toilet	\$950

7.6 Chair/CAO Reports

The Chair and CAO will provide a verbal report to the Board.

Chair Watson provided a brief overview of the Executive Committee’s meeting with MLA Brittany Anderson. Discussion topics included three advocacy letters related to Resource Recovery, ferry operations, and Bill 216. The Executive Committee suggested the creation of a rural advisory committee with diverse representation to support a better understanding of rural needs. It was also noted that MLA Anderson has been invited to attend a future Board meeting and will do so when her schedule permits.

CAO Horn had no items.

8. RURAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

Moved and seconded,
And Resolved:

40/26 That the Corporate Officer of the Regional District of Central Kootenay be directed to file a Notice with the Land Title and Survey Authority of British Columbia, stating that a resolution has been made under Section 57 of the Community Charter by the Regional District Board relating to land at 4049 36th St, Canyon, BC, Electoral Area B, legally described as LOT 9, PLAN NEP1420, DISTRICT LOT 812, KOOTENAY LAND DISTRICT PID 012-159-107; AND FURTHER, if an active Building permit or Building application is In place, that it be cancelled; and finally, that information respecting the resolution may be inspected at the office of the Regional District of Central Kootenay on normal working days during regular office hours.

Carried

Moved and seconded,
And Resolved:

41/26 That the Board APPROVE the issuance of Development Variance Permit V2508F to Judine and Wendell Maki for the property located at 6102 Wills Road, Sproule Creek and legally described as LOT A, DISTRICT LOT 5574, KOOTENAY DISTRICT PLAN NEP69101 (PID: 025-049-780) to vary Section 1101(10) and 1101(11) of RDCK Zoning Bylaw No. 1675, 2004 in order to allow a 1,738 m2 horse riding arena and a 2,138 m2 maximum cumulative gross floor area of all accessory buildings or structures on the subject property.

Carried

Moved and seconded,
And Resolved:

42/26 That the Board NOT APPROVE the issuance of a Site-Specific Exemption to RDCK Floodplain Management Bylaw No. 2080, 2009, for the existing unlawfully constructed development on LOT B DISTRICT LOT 4877 KOOTENAY DISTRICT PLAN EPP30385, as described in the Staff Report “Site Specific Floodplain Exemption F2501HN”, dated January 5, 2026.

Carried

Moved and seconded,
And Resolved:

43/26 That Electoral Area 'G' Land Use Amendment Bylaw No. 3054, 2025 being a bylaw to amend the Electoral Area 'G' Land Use Bylaw No. 2452, 2018 is hereby given FIRST and SECOND and THIRD READING by content;

And that the consideration of adoption BE WITHHELD for Regional District of Central Kootenay Zoning Amendment Bylaw No. 3054, 2025 until the following item has been obtained:

- Approval from the Ministry of Transportation and Transit pursuant to Section 52(3)(a) of the Transportation Act (Controlled Access).

Carried

Moved and seconded,
And Resolved:

44/26 That the Community Works Fund application submitted by the RDCK for the RDCK-Fire Hall Structural Upgrades in the total amount of \$76,450 be approved and that funds be disbursed from Community Works Funds:

Electoral Area B in the amount of \$14,487.50
Electoral Area G in the amount of \$27,862.50
Electoral Area J in the amount of \$34,100.00

Carried

9. DIRECTORS' MOTIONS

No Items.

10. CONSENT AGENDA

10.1 For Information: Committees & Commissions

Committee/Commission Reports for information have been received as follows:

**10.1.1 Fauquier Water Service Community Advisory Committee: Discussion Notes
November 21, 2025**

**10.1.2 Burton Water Service Community Advisory Committee: Discussion Notes
November 21, 2025**

**10.1.3 Riondel Water & Drainage Service Community Advisory Committee: Discussion
Notes November 26, 2025**

**10.1.4 Nelson, Salmo, E, F and G Regional Parks Commission: minutes November 26,
2025**

Staff confirmed their 2026 meeting dates.

**10.1.5 Lister Water Service Community Advisory Committee: Discussion Notes
November 28, 2025**

**10.1.6 Arrow Creek Water Treatment & Supply Commission: minutes November 28,
2025**

Staff received direction to include a written report on operational, maintenance and capital project updates going forward, to meet with the Town of Creston to discuss budgets and to provide an update on Arrow Creek Water Treatment and Supply Commission Establishment Bylaw No. 2871, 2023 for the next meeting.

**10.1.7 Woodbury Village Water Service Community Advisory Committee: Discussion
Notes December 1, 2025**

10.1.8 Riondel Commission: minutes December 2, 2025

**10.1.9 Balfour Water Service Community Advisory Committee: Discussion Notes
December 4, 2025**

**10.1.10 Grandview Water Service Community Advisory Committee: Discussion Notes
December 4, 2025**

**10.1.11 Erickson Water Service Community Advisory Committee: Discussion Notes
December 5, 2025**

10.1.12 East Resource Recovery Committee: minutes December 8, 2025

**10.1.13 Woodland Heights Water Service Community Advisory Committee:
Discussion Notes December 8, 2025**

10.1.14 Directors Remuneration Select Committee: minutes December 8, 2025
Staff received direction to investigate the number of special meetings in this term that needed a Board recommendation to pay stipend, cost to purchase cellphones for Directors, insurance coverage for Directors and information on stipend when an Alternate Director attends a meeting on behalf of a Director.

**10.1.15 Sanca Water Service Community Advisory Committee: Discussion Notes
December 12, 2025**

10.1.16 Ymir Water Commission of Management: minutes December 12, 2025

**10.1.17 Edgewood Water Service Community Advisory Committee: Discussion Notes
December 15, 2025**

**10.1.18 Regional Accessibility Advisory Committee: Discussion Notes December 15,
2025**

**10.1.19 South Slocan Water Services Community Advisory Committee: Discussion
Notes December 16, 2025**

10.1.20 Area I Advisory Planning Commission: minutes January 5, 2026
Staff received direction to refer Development Variance Application to the next Area I APHC meeting and to support the two bylaw amendment applications and then Thrums cemetery.

10.1.21 Castlegar & District Recreation Commission: minutes January 6, 2026

10.2 For Information: Communication

**10.2.1 The letter dated December 8, 2025 from Joanne Siderius of Kokanee Creek
Nature Centre, thanking the RDCK for their grant funding.**

**10.2.2 The letter dated December 9, 2025 from Mayor Sue McKortoff, Town of
Osoyoos regarding their concerns with the proposed Professional Reliance Act
(Bill M216).**

**10.2.3 The letter dated December 12, 2025 from Mayor Doug O'Brien, regarding their
opposition to the Professional Reliance Act (Bill M216).**

**10.2.4 The letter dated December 15, 2025 from Mayor John Bolt, City of Greenwood,
regarding their concerns with the Professional Reliance Act (Bill M216).**

10.2.5 The letter dated December 18, 2025 from Mayor Ron Paull, City of Quesnel, regarding their letter of support for the funding request to Norther Development Initiative Trust to conduct a study to save the Prince George to North Vancouver railroad.

10.3 For Information: Accounts Payable

The Accounts Payable Summary for December 2025 in the amount of \$4,230,579 has been received for information.

10.4 For Information: Directors' Reports

Each Director gave a brief summary of the work they have been doing within their communities.

10.4.1 Director Graham

10.4.1.1 Director Report: Area E East Director's Recreation Survey

10.4.1.2 Letter of Support: Kootenay Career Development Society

10.4.1.3 Letter of Support: Nelson Nordic Ski Club

10.4.2 Director Lunn: FCM/UBCM

10.4.3 Director McLaren-Caux: December 1, 2025 to January 12, 2026 Activities

12. CLOSED

12.1 Meeting Closed to the Public

The Open meeting will be adjourned after In Camera without reconvening back into the open session unless there is business that needs to be addressed.

Moved and seconded,
And Resolved:

45/26

In the opinion of the Board - and in accordance with Section 90 of the *Community Charter* - the public interest so requires that persons other than DIRECTORS, ALTERNATE DIRECTORS, DELEGATIONS AND STAFF be excluded from the meeting; AND FURTHER, in accordance with Section 90 of the *Community Charter*, the meeting is to be closed on the bases identified in the following subsections:

(g) litigation or potential litigation affecting the municipality;
(k) negotiations and related discussions respecting the proposed provision of a municipal service that are at their preliminary stages and that, in the view of the council, could reasonably be expected to harm the interests of the municipality if they were held in public;

Carried

12.2 Recess of Open Meeting

Moved and seconded,
And Resolved:

46/26

The Open meeting be recessed at 1:51 p.m. in order to conduct the Closed Board meeting and reconvened at 2:53 p.m.

Carried

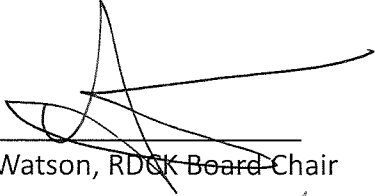
13. MATTERS ARISING FROM CLOSED MEETING

No items.

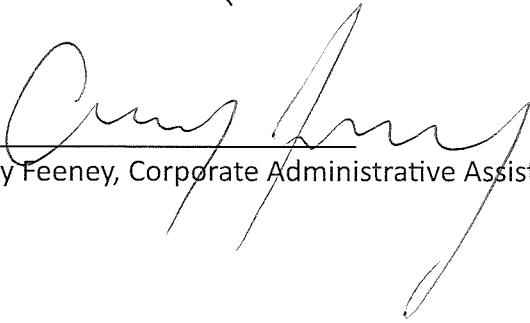
14. ADJOURNMENT

Moved and seconded,
And Resolved:

47/26 That the meeting adjourn at 2:53 p.m.

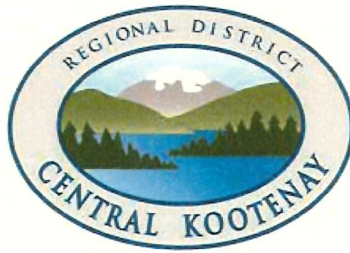


Aimee Watson, RDC Board Chair



Cary Feeney, Corporate Administrative Assistant

Carried



Regional District of Central Kootenay

SPECIAL BOARD MEETING

Open Meeting Minutes

The **first** Special (Budget) meeting of the Board of the Regional District of Central Kootenay in 2025 was held on Friday January 23, 2026 at 9:00 a.m. through a hybrid meeting model.

Quorum was maintained throughout the meeting.

ELECTED OFFICIALS

PRESENT

Chair A. Watson	Electoral Area D	In-Person
Director G. Jackman	Electoral Area A	In-Person
Director R. Tierney	Electoral Area B	In-Person
Director K. Vandenberghe	Electoral Area C	In-Person
Director C. Graham	Electoral Area E	In-Person
Director T. Newell	Electoral Area F	In-Person
Director H. Cunningham	Electoral Area G	In-Person
Director W. Popoff	Electoral Area H	In-Person
Director A. Davidoff	Electoral Area I	
Director H. Hanegraaf	Electoral Area J	In-Person
Director T. Weatherhead	Electoral Area K	In-Person
Director M. McFaddin	City of Castlegar	In-Person
Director A. DeBoon	Town of Creston	In-Person
Director S. Hewat	Village of Kaslo	In-Person
Director A. McLaren-Caux	Village of Nakusp	In-Person
Director K. Page	City of Nelson	In-Person
Director L. Casley	Village of New Denver	
Director D. Lockwood	Village of Salmo	
Director T. Gordon	Village of Silverton	
Director J. Lunn	Village of Slocan	

STAFF PRESENT

S. Horn	Chief Administrative Officer
M. Morrison	Corporate Officer/Manager of Corporate Administration
J. Chirico	General Manager of Community Services
U. Wolf	General Manager of Environmental Services
Y. Malloff	General Manager of Finance, Information Technology and Procurement
S. Sudan	General Manager of Community Sustainability and Development Services
C. Saari-Heckley	Human Resources Manager
A. Evenson	Senior Project Manager
N. Wight	Planning Manager
H. Smith	Finance Manager
D. Lau	Information Technology Manager
M. Friesen	Financial Analyst and Team Supervisor
C. Gaynor	Parks Manager
D. Elliott	Communications Coordinator
C. Feeney	Corporate Administrative Assistant

1. ZOOM REMOTE MEETING INFO

To promote openness, transparency and provide accessibility to the public we provide the ability to attend all RDCK meetings in-person or remote (hybrid model).

Meeting Time:

9:00 PDT

Join by Video:

<https://rdck-bc-ca.zoom.us/j/95573345491?pwd=k4eCLxEF2ggHCiAbpTcQis1tMHnt5b.1>

Join by Phone:

855 703 8985 Canada Toll-free

*6 to unmute or mute

*9 to raise or lower your hand

Meeting ID: 955 7334 5491

Meeting Password: 142530

In-Person Location:

Nelson Office - Boardroom

202 Lakeside Drive, Nelson BC

2. CALL TO ORDER & WELCOME

2.1 Traditional Lands Acknowledgement Statement

We acknowledge and respect the Indigenous peoples within whose traditional lands we are meeting today.

2.2 Adoption of the Agenda

Moved and seconded,
And Resolved:

48/26

The agenda for the January 23, 2026 Special Open Board meeting be adopted as circulated with the following amendments:

- Inclusion of; Item 3.9 AKLBG Local Government Business Software Working Group
- With the addition of the addendum before circulation.

Carried

3. NEW BUSINESS

3.1 RDCK Budget 101

CFO Malloff provided an overview of the RDCK services.

3.2 2025 Summary

Item removed.

3.3 2026 Assessment and Taxation Summaries

CFO Malloff discussed the following regarding the 2025 Assessments:

- How annual property taxes are calculated;
- Annual Assessment Change – 1 year vs 10 year average
- Assessment and Taxation Summary

3.4 2026 Overall Outlook

NOTE: An updated Draft Financial Plan was added to the addenda.

CFO Malloff provided a 2026 overall outlook and discussed the following:

- Projected average tax increase of 8.7% for RDCK homeowners in 2026;
- \$49.9M total tax requisitions for 2026 in the current draft plan are in line with the 49.8M total requisitions forecasted for 2026 in the 2025-2029 Financial Plan;
- CPI Increases on staff salaries and Director stipends – 2.5%. Union positions have a 3.4% wage increase in 2026 as per the collective agreement;
- Decreasing Interest rates are reducing Interest charges on short term loans, but also reducing investment income;
- Political Climate / Foreign Trade including Tariffs & Counter Tariffs;
- Fluctuating Canadian Dollar; and
- Artificial Intelligence

DIRECTOR ABSENT: Director Davidoff left the meeting at 9:57 a.m.

DIRECTOR PRESENT: Director Davidoff joined the meeting at 10:15 a.m.

DIRECTOR ABSENT: Director Casley left the meeting at 10:15 a.m.

3.5 Main Changes from Fall 2025 Budget Presentations

CFO Malloff provided an overview of the main changes from the Fall 2025 Board Budget Presentations and discussed the following:

- General Administration Service S100 - 0.7% overall decrease spread over several accounts. The requisition amount will increase by \$34K for rental of the Creston Education Centre that is not in the current draft as well as other items approved at the January Board meeting;
- Rural Administration Service S101 - Addition of \$75K Transfer to A103 Utility Services for support of non RDCK water systems. This increase will be reduced by \$37K by removing the duplication in account 59500;
- GIS Service S102 - \$18K additional wages for coop student and \$19K reduction in project fees from other services in 2026. Prior Year Surplus estimate of \$46K will reduce requisition in next revision;
- Building Service S103 - Reduction in wages and vehicles costs. \$275K Prior Year Surplus from 2025 is now shown as a 100% Contribution to Reserves for Stabilization and increased alignment with revenue recognition standards;
- Planning Service S104 - Reduction in Contracted Services and Salaries and;
- Emergency Management Service A101 – No change.

DIRECTOR PRESENT: Director Casley joined the meeting at 10:27 a.m.

3.6 Regional Fire Service A107

CFO Malloff provided an overview of the newly resurrected allocation service to track costs that were previously in Service S101 and discussed:

- 5 Projects make up the A107 Budget in 2026
- 35 services pay into the A107 Budget
- 32.3% increase Fire Service Fee is split between the 16 RDCK Fire Departments;
- Budget increases primarily due to reallocated General Admin and IT fees that were previously account for in S101, increased salaries and benefits from CPI and new Duty Office standby rates, Regional Fire Chief related expenses and GIS services needed in 2026.

DIRECTOR ABSENT: Director Lunn left the meeting at 10:34 a.m.

**RECESS/
RECONVENE** The meeting recessed at 10:34 a.m. for a break and reconvened at 10:46 a.m.

3.7 911 Emergency Communications Service S156

CFO Malloff provided an overview of 911 Emergency Communications Service S156 and discussed the following:

- S156 taxation increases due to rising costs and declining external revenue;
- Expenditure increases due to higher contracted service costs for Emergency Communications 911 dispatch and Fraser Fort George Fire Dispatch
- GIS services to support ongoing integration of Next Generation 911 and;
- Four initial capital projects for 2026 to maintain regional dispatch infrastructure.

DIRECTOR PRESENT: Director Lunn joined the meeting at 11:04 a.m.

3.8 Asset Management Service A122

The Board Report from AJ Evenson, Senior Project Manager and Amardheer Sidu, Asset Management Coordinator, re: RDCK Asset Management Q4 Update has been received.

AJ Evenson, Senior Project Manager, provided an update on the implementation of asset management in the RDCK and discussed the following:

- Completed activities for 2025; 3 year asset management development plan & statistics Canada reporting;
- 2026 activities; recruit for vacant Asset Management Coordinator position, procure and complete phase 1 Facility & Building condition assessments and procure and begin implementation of Asset Investment Planning (AIP) Software;
- 2026-2030 Budget for A122 and;
- Allocation to services.

3.9 AKBLG Local Government Business Software Working Group

Moved and seconded,

And resolved:

49/26

WHEREAS local governments across British Columbia rely on mission-critical business software to deliver core services, yet many existing systems are costly, fragmented, difficult to integrate, and create long-term vendor lock-in that limits flexibility, transparency, and local control and;

WHEREAS local governments share substantially similar operational responsibilities and service delivery needs, creating an opportunity to collaboratively strengthen digital infrastructure that better supports resident with modern, efficient, and accountable public services;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Association of Kootenay and Boundary Local Governments request the Union of British Columbia Municipalities, in partnership with the Ministry of Citizens' Services, establish a Local Government Business Software Working Group to assess shared operational software needs, develop common structured data models and application programming interfaces that support interoperable and transferable digital systems, and report back with recommendations and potential pilot projects to strengthen modern, locally controlled service delivery.

Carried

4. PUBLIC TIME

The Chair called for questions from the public and members of the media at 11:45 a.m.

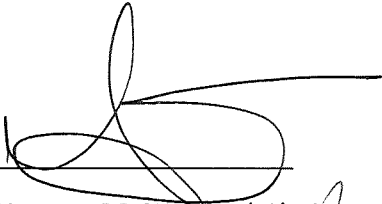
No questions from the public or media.

5. ADJOURNMENT

Moved and seconded,
And Resolved:

50/26 That the meeting adjourn at 11:50 a.m.

Carried



Aimee Watson, RDCK Board Chair



Carly Feeney, Corporate Administrative Assistant

You don't often get email from [REDACTED] [Learn why this is important](#)

Dear friends from Castelgar,

I'm reaching out on behalf of the BC Epilepsy Society and The Centre for Epilepsy & Seizure Education.

We would love for Castelgar to join the Purple Lights Campaign by illuminating your building in purple on March 26, 2026. This annual event, known as Purple Day, raises critical awareness for the 50,000+ people living with epilepsy in British Columbia.

Our goal is to ensure those affected by epilepsy know they aren't alone and where to find support.

Can we count on you to go purple this year?

Sincerely,

Queena Wong
Admin Support Coordinator
BC Epilepsy Society

Telephone: [REDACTED]

Website: www.bcepilepsy.com

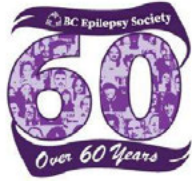
Would you like to stay up-to-date on our programs and services? Sign up for our newsletter [here](#), or follow our social media below:

Instagram: [BCEpilepsySociety](#)

Facebook: [BC Epilepsy Society](#)

Twitter: [BCEpilepsy](#)

LinkedIn: [BC-Epilepsy-Society](#)



THE CENTRE FOR
EPILEPSY & SEIZURE EDUCATION
IN BRITISH COLUMBIA

Dear friends,

January 2026

Did you know that epilepsy affects 1% of the population worldwide? In British Columbia, over 50,000 people live with epilepsy.

We're reaching out today to ask you to illuminate your facility lights in purple on March 26, 2026, in honour of Purple Day—an annual event that raises awareness about epilepsy and epilepsy-related issues worldwide. Purple Day was initiated in 2008 by Cassidy Megan, a young Canadian girl with epilepsy, to dispel myths and misconceptions surrounding epilepsy and to promote a better understanding of the condition.

Both our organizations - The BC Epilepsy Society and The Centre for Epilepsy & Seizure Education - are aligned in support of the Purple Lights Campaign, which involves illuminating landmarks and public spaces across British Columbia with purple lights to raise awareness for epilepsy.

Our joint goal is to spread awareness of epilepsy in the community and to ensure that those personally affected by epilepsy know where they can find support and services.

Please consider lighting up your facility on March 26, 2025, and sharing our organizations' information so we can reach more people and make a greater impact together.

Warm regards,

Deirdre Syms

Deirdre Syms
Executive Director
The BC Epilepsy Society

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Christine Petkau

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February 2026

Dear Regional District Staff Member,

I am writing to **support ANKORS bid for a Redi Grant to support the communities of Nelson, Castlegar, the Slocan Valley and wider rural area.** The ANKORS regional organization is uniquely positioned to provide social services and low-barrier healthcare services out of the Drop-In Site (Nelson Cares), and in the wider community of Nelson, Castlegar, and the Slocan Valley.

The project title is the **Peer Health and Wellness Outreach Project** beginning in May 2026. ANKORS will help to staff the Nelson Drop-In Site (Nelson Cares), and the communities of Nelson, Castlegar, and the Slocan Valley with a **Peer Health Navigator Outreach Worker or Peer Health NOW worker.**

This worker will **provide Supportive Outreach Services or SOS services for our communities.** They will work together with health care partners, including Nelson Cares staff, nurses, doctors, mental health and substance use staff, Ministry of Social Development and Poverty Reduction staff, emergency responders and others to care for people who are in need.

This Peer Health NOW worker will provide low-barrier healthcare services including referrals to local supports like detox, the OAT clinic, and treatment for substance use.

This social work, in turn, will contribute to better social stabilization for the entire population of Nelson, Castlegar and the Slocan Valley and wider rural area. More vulnerable people will be supported to access services, to find housing and social supports, and this will reduce visible homelessness and reduce some social issues of concern.

After many years of partnering with ANKORS, I am confident that their team will provide the services as intended to benefit the health and wellness of local vulnerable individuals. We all need to come together to meet this issue and ANKORS is a valuable part of that work.

Thank you,
Signature
Name
Position
Organization

From: Jarrod Beck <[REDACTED]>
Sent: February 24, 2026 7:45 AM
To: Mayor <mayor@castlegar.ca>; Jennifer Chamberlain <jchamberlain@castlegar.ca>
Cc: michellejaciubek <[REDACTED]>
Subject: Ban Blinding LED Headlights

Dear Mayor and Council,

I am writing, on your request, to ask the City of Castlegar to write a detailed formal letter demanding an all out ban on blinding LED headlights and reflective signage on our highways and roads. This is a serious public safety concern and has damaging and often fatal effects on all of us who drive on our roads. The City of Vancouver and many other regions, districts, municipalities, and even countries are making worldwide efforts to end the use and manufacturing of LED lights.

It doesn't take too many clicks of the mouse to find the mass of people and Districts opposed to, and fighting against, these dangerous lights.

With a few more clicks of your mouse, you will find that the damage and harm that LED and blue lights cause to human health are astounding. Bright blue light puts the mind and body in an agitated uncomfortable state; not what we need while driving. Red and amber lighting is much more calming and beneficial to our overall health and well-being.

Anyhow, I will let your staff do the groundwork on this issue, as this is a no-brainer for everyone. I would like the letter addressed to Mike Farnworth, the BC Minister of Transportation and Transit; Nina Krieger, the BC Minister of Public Safety; RoadSafetyBC@gov.bc.ca; Premier David Eby, Steven MacKinnon, the Federal Minister of Transport, and the Head of Safety at ICBC.

Thank you for your time and attention to this matter,

Jarrod Beck
Castlegar Resident

February 26, 2026



Re: Request for Official Endorsement of “Forestry is a Solution”

Dear Mayor McFaddin,

On behalf of a coalition of forest sector organizations, I am requesting that the City of Castlegar endorse the **Forestry is a Solution** initiative by way of council motion, demonstrating community support for forestry across British Columbia.

Launched on January 20, 2026, at the BC Natural Resources Forum in Prince George, this province-wide initiative is led by a broad coalition of community leaders, workers, and industry advocates. Our goal is to demonstrate the deep public support for British Columbia’s forest sector and ensure it remains a strategic asset for the future of our province.

Why This Matters to Our Community

For many communities across British Columbia, forestry is more than an industry—it is a cornerstone of your economic resilience. However, the sector currently faces significant headwinds from global competition, challenging operating conditions, and damaging U.S. trade actions. We believe that by working together, we can show the provincial government that forestry provides the solutions for BC’s most urgent challenges, including:

- **Building affordable housing** by providing renewable, low-carbon materials.
- **Reducing wildfire risks** through active, professional forest management in our backyards.
- **Supporting family-sustaining jobs** for skilled workers in the bush, at the mills, and in the office.
- **Contributing revenues and services** that fund our local schools, hospitals, and public services.
- **Storing carbon** in every beam and board, helping cut building emissions.



Request for Action

The **Forestry is a Solution** initiative outlines four key priorities for immediate government action to strengthen the sector:

1. **Speed up access to economic wood** by expediting permits and approvals for greater predictability.
2. **Improve competitiveness and cost certainty** by reducing administrative and regulatory burdens.
3. **Fix BC Timber Sales** to ensure a reliable and competitive supply of logs for mills and secondary manufacturing.
4. **Support First Nations partnerships** with the capacity and tools to expedite referrals and increase revenue sharing.

Request to Council

We respectfully request that Council consider a motion to:

1. **Officially endorse** the “Forestry is a Solution” campaign.
2. **Encourage community members** to visit forestryisasolution.com to sign the petition and send a letter to their MLA, the Minister of Forests, the Premier, and the Official Opposition Forests Critic.
3. **Support staff** to share information about Forestry is a Solution through your community’s official communication channels.

Our collective goal is to reach **5,000** signatures to demonstrate support for the government to take these practical steps. When our forests and forest sector thrive, our communities remain strong.

Thank you for your leadership and for your continued support of the workers and families who depend on BC forestry. We would be pleased to provide a brief presentation to Council on this initiative at your earliest convenience.



Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Kim Haakstad".

Kim Haakstad

President & CEO, BC Council of Forest Industries

On behalf of coalition partners:

- BC Council of Forest Industries (COFI)
- Truck Loggers Association (TLA)
- Alliance of Resource Communities (ARC)
- ResourceWorks
- Interior Logging Association (ILA)
- Interior Forest Labour Relations Association (IFLRA)
- BC Pulp and Paper Coalition
- Private Forest Landowners Association (PFLA)
- Woodlots BC
- Council on Northern Interior Forest Employment Relations (Conifer)
- North West Loggers Association
- Independent Lumber Manufacturer's Association (ILMA)

Enclosed

- Forestry is a Solution Platform

Forestry is a solution for BC, for Canada.

- + Supports people.
- + Strengthens communities.
- + Builds economic resilience.

British Columbia's forest sector can help protect jobs, strengthen communities, and build a stronger BC and Canada. At a time of global uncertainty and damaging U.S. duties and tariffs we need a made-in-BC solution.

BC has the forests, the workers, and the expertise. Let's work together for BC.

Take Action > Learn More >



Take Action:
Support a made-in-BC economic solution

Do you support BC forestry? Take one or all of these steps:

Step 1: Sign the petition

Sign [this petition](#) and stand with neighbours and friends to support BC forestry.

Sign Petition

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Step 2: Send the letter

Politicians need to hear from you. Send [this letter](#) to your MLA and the BC Government.


Send Letter


Travis Joern (joern@cofi.org) is signed in


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Step 3: Share the campaign

Let's bring BC together on this issue. Share with your networks!

Share on: 

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The Problems

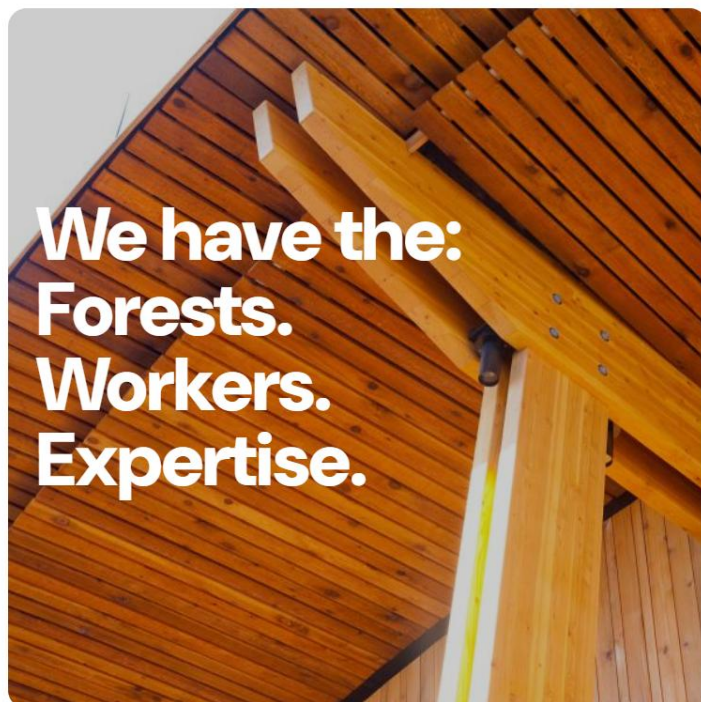
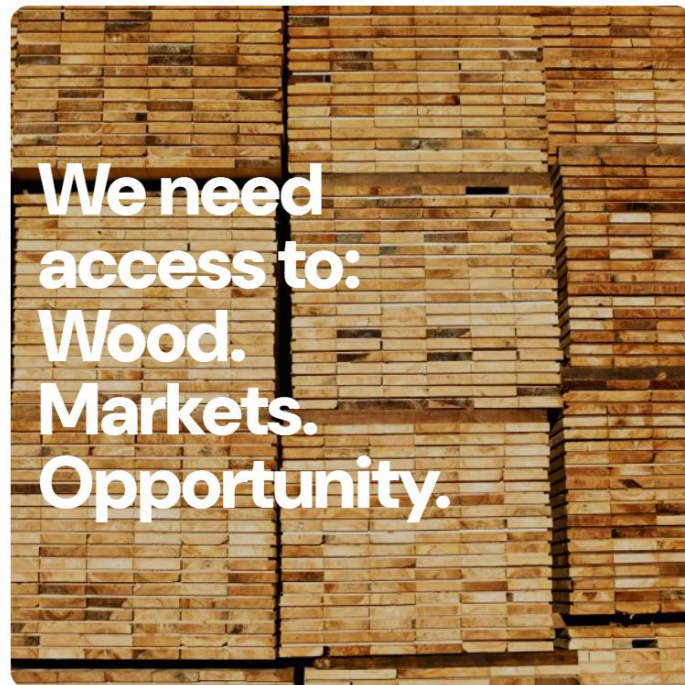
British Columbia's forest sector is operating in a difficult global environment:

- Global competition is increasing
- Conditions in BC limit the full potential
- U.S. trade actions hurt Canadian wood producers

Yet despite these headwinds, forestry remains one of BC's greatest economic opportunities.

This is a moment to focus on homegrown solutions that create value here in British Columbia.

Take Action >



The Opportunity

British Columbia has the timber to support a healthy and sustainable forest sector. Ready to harvest and fire-damaged timber is available – and demand for Canadian wood remains strong. The opportunity is clear:

Get wood moving efficiently through the value chain from the forest to the mill to your home

This will:

- Keep people working
- Offset economic damage from U.S. trade actions
- Create more value and increase secondary manufacturing jobs
- Strengthen economic security

This is about using harvest ready timber better and faster.

Take Action >

Let's work together for BC

What needs to happen:

1. Speed up access to economic wood

Expedite permits and approvals so timber reaches mills in a predictable and timely way.

2. Improve competitiveness and cost certainty

Address administrative and regulatory burdens affecting harvesting and manufacturing.

3. Make BC Timber Sales work as intended

Deliver a reliable, competitive supply of logs to support mills and workers.

4. Support First Nations partnerships

Support First Nations with the capacity and tools to expedite referrals and increase revenue sharing.

Take Action >

Why Forestry matters right now

Forestry is a solution. When it can reach its full potential, forestry is a strategic asset for British Columbians. BC's forest sector:

- ✓ Supports tens of thousands of good, family-sustaining jobs
- ✓ Keeps rural, First Nations, and urban communities economically strong
- ✓ Supplies Canadian wood for housing and infrastructure
- ✓ Stores carbon in every beam and board, helping cut building emissions
- ✓ Generates public revenue for essential services
- ✓ Reduces wildfire risk through active forest management

A Broad Coalition of Support:

This is about working together to ensure forestry continues to contribute to BC's future. Support for forestry solutions spans British Columbia, including:

- Forestry workers and their families
- First Nations governments and entrepreneurs
- Local businesses and contractors
- Industry organizations
- Residents who care about economic stability and community resilience



Take Action >



Good Neighbour Bylaw

Bylaw 1449

Effective Upon Adoption

CASTLEGAR

Good Neighbour Bylaw

Bylaw 1449

A Bylaw to regulate, prohibit, and impose requirements in relation to public space, noise, nuisance, health and safety, and to enhance the well-being of the community.

WHEREAS Section 8 of the *Community Charter* provides municipalities with fundamental powers to regulate, prohibit, and impose requirements in relation to public spaces, health and safety of persons and property, and the protection and enhancement of the well-being of the community, and other matters;

AND WHEREAS Section 64 of the *Community Charter* provides municipalities with fundamental powers to exercise authority in respect to nuisances, unsanitary conditions, and other offensive activities;

AND WHEREAS under Section 17 of the *Community Charter*, Council directs that if a person subject to a requirement fails to take the required action the municipality may fulfill the requirement at the expense of the person and recover the costs incurred from that person as a debt;

AND WHEREAS the Council of the City of Castlegar desires to protect the quality of life for its citizens, and endeavors to promote civic responsibility, and further, strive to encourage good relationships between neighbours;

AND WHEREAS Council of the City of Castlegar has deemed it desirable to pass a bylaw regulating, prohibiting, and imposing requirements in relation to public space, noise, nuisance, health and safety, and to enhance the well-being of the community;

NOW THEREFORE the Council of the City of Castlegar, in open meeting assembled enacts as follows:

PART 1 – INTERPRETATION

- 1.1 This Bylaw may be cited as the "*City of Castlegar Good Neighbour Bylaw 1449, 2026.*"
- 1.2 Words or phrases defined in the British Columbia *Community Charter, Interpretation Act, Motor Vehicle Act* or *Local Government Act* or any successor legislation, shall have the same meaning when used in this Bylaw unless otherwise defined in this Bylaw.
- 1.3 The headings contained in this Bylaw are for convenience only and are not to be construed as defining or in any way limiting the scope or the intent of the provisions of this Bylaw.
- 1.4 If any provision or part of this Bylaw is declared by any court of competent jurisdiction to be illegal or inoperative, in whole or in part, or inoperative in particular circumstances, the illegal or inoperative portion shall be severed from the Bylaw and the balance of the Bylaw, or its application in any circumstances, shall not be affected and shall continue to be in full force and effect.

PART 2- DEFINITIONS

Accumulation means a collection, either built-up, gathered, scattered, amassed, or piled and "accumulate" shall have a corresponding meaning.

Authorized Representative means the person designated by the City for purposes of administering and enforcing this Bylaw and includes the City's Bylaw Enforcement Officer.

Bylaw Enforcement Officer means the person duly appointed or authorized by the Chief Administrative Officer for the purpose of enforcing the City's bylaws, including this Bylaw, and includes any Peace Officer.

Chief Administrative Officer means that person appointed by Council and any person delegated to assist in carrying out their duties under this Bylaw.

City means the City of Castlegar or the area within the municipal boundaries as the context may require.

Corporate Officer means that person appointed by Council and any person delegated to assist in carrying out their duties under this Bylaw.

Commercial Vehicle means trucks, tractors, or trailers, or any combination of them, that have a registered gross vehicle weight exceeding 4,500 kilograms; or buses with a seating capacity of more than 10 person.

Council means the Council of the City of Castlegar.

Graffiti means writing or pictures scratched, painted or drawn by any means on a City-owned space such as a wall, fence, building, or structure of any kind, or sidewalk or road, but does not include public art, murals etc. that may be approved by resolution of Council from time to time.

Hazardous objects or material includes, without limiting the generality of that term, anything that causes a health or safety risk, broken glass, hypodermic needles, other objects or materials with sharp edges or capable of breaking or skin, and any other hazardous material.

Motor Vehicle means a vehicle, not run on rails, that is designed to be self-propelled or propelled by electric power obtained from overhead trolley wire pursuant to the British Columbia *Motor Vehicle Act*.

Municipal Ticket Information Bylaw means the City of Castlegar Municipal Ticket Information Bylaw as amended from time to time, and including any successor thereto.

Noxious Weed means any weed designated by regulation to be a Noxious Weed pursuant to the British Columbia *Weed Control Act*.

Nuisance, without limiting its general meaning, includes anything that substantially and unreasonably interferes with, or disturbs a person's use and enjoyment of that person's real property, or the surrounding neighbourhood, or a street, park, or public space.

Nuisance Abatement Fees include, but are not limited to the following, costs and expenses incurred while by or on behalf of the City while responding to a nuisance service call for the purpose of abating nuisance conduct, activity or condition, and include but are not limited to:

- a) the cost of police and City staff salaries, including benefits, pro-rated to the time spent by those individuals in responding to a nuisance service call and abating that conduct;
- b) the cost of using police, fire and City equipment and vehicles;
- c) the administration costs incurred by the City in responding to a nuisance service call and abating a nuisance; and
- d) the cost of repairs to damaged City equipment, vehicles or property.

Occupant or Occupier, when used with reference to real property, has the same meaning as under the *Community Charter*.

Owner, when used with reference to real property, has the same meaning as under the *Community Charter*.

Park means, in addition to its general meaning, any property or area of land used or designated as a park by the City, and includes property owned or held by, or leased or granted to the City for that purpose, and includes lands to be used as a park by reason of a restrictive covenant or covenant on title or similar instrument, and also includes any lands designated as a park by a sign posted by the City.

Person means a natural person, a company, corporation, partnership, firm, association, society, or party and the personal or other legal representatives of a person to whom the context can apply according to law.

Property, and **Premises**, and **Real Property** all mean, unless context requires otherwise, lands, any buildings or structures or improvements on the lands, and any individual premises located on the lands.

Public Place means any place typically open or accessible to public, or to which members of the public are entitled or permitted to have access without payment, and includes without limitation any highway, park or campground, civic building, areas around civic buildings, transit shelter or bus stop, parking lots and any lands or property owned by the City, the Province of British Columbia, or the Government of Canada, and any improvement on those lands.

Real Property means land, with or without improvements so affixed to the land as to make them in fact and in law a part of the real property, and includes, as the context requires, individual premises located on the real property.

Unightly means property having any one or more of the following characteristics:

- a) the accumulation of filth, discarded materials, rubbish or graffiti;
- b) fences characterized by holes, breaks, rot, crumbling, cracking, leaning, peeling or rusting;

- c) landscaping that is dead or characterized by uncontrolled growth;
- d) grass of a height in excess of 30 centimetres;
- e) wrecked or dilapidated vehicles, parked or stored outside buildings on property, or inside a building but visible from a property line;
- f) deteriorated lumber or building supplies, old materials, unused furniture or furniture parts, appliances, cabinets, fixtures, abandoned, broken or neglected equipment, or the scattered remains of items stored outside buildings on residential property visible from a property line;
- g) construction material stored outside a building or inside a building but visible from a property line except where there is an active building permit for construction to be carried out on the property;
- h) upon which there is one or more unsightly building.

Unsightly building means any building or structure that has:

- a) broken window or windows;
- b) exterior damage to the brickwork, cladding, siding or shingles visible from an adjacent roadway;
- c) rot or other deterioration in its construction materials;
- d) includes a building or structure that has been boarded up for a continuous period of over forty-five (45) days within a consecutive sixty (60) day period.

Wrecked vehicle means motor vehicle as defined in the *Motor Vehicle Act* that is:

- a) not licensed for the current year; or
- b) not capable of being moved by its own motive power; or
- c) reduced to parts, frames, or bodies of a motor vehicle, unless such vehicle or parts thereof are situated in or enclosed by a building.

PART 3 – GENERAL REGULATIONS

- 3.1 No person shall obstruct or interfere with a Bylaw Enforcement Officer in the exercise of their duties.
- 3.2 The City, including its Bylaw Enforcement Officers, and others acting on behalf of the City, shall have the right to enter upon the Property of any Owner or Occupant at all reasonable times and in a reasonable manner for the purposes of inspecting Property and declaring whether the Property is unsightly or otherwise not in compliance with the provisions of this Bylaw.
- 3.3. No failure to enforce this Bylaw, nor any error, omission or other neglect in relation to any permit issued under this bylaw, shall be interpreted as giving rise to any cause of action in favour of any Person, or any duty of care owed to any Person by the City.

PART 4 – PARKS AND PUBLIC SPACES

- 4.1 This Part does not apply to any:
 - a) highway designated as an arterial highway under the *Transportation Act*, [SBC 2004], or

- b) lands owned by the Province, Crown, School District as a park or open space, and not leased to the City.
- 4.2 Unless done by an employee or agent of the City in the performance of their duties, or if authorized by the City, no person shall in any park or other public place:
- a) cut, destroy, damage, climb, break, remove or injure any tree, sapling, shrub, plant, turf, or flower;
 - b) plant any tree, sapling, shrub, plant, turf, or flower;
 - c) damage, destroy, break, remove, or deface any wall, fence, sign, traffic control device or signal, or other structure;
 - d) paint, write, place, or cause there to be any unauthorized writing or graffiti placed on any wall, fence or other structure;
 - e) foul or pollute any fountain, beach, pool, spray park, pond, stream or other body of water;
 - f) use or operate any device in such a manner as to disturb the enjoyment of a park by other person;
 - g) deposit, leave, discard or place litter, personal belongings, or debris of any kind, except within designated recycling or refuse receptacles;
 - h) deposit or leave any hazardous objects or hazardous material, except in a receptacle authorized for those items;
 - i) cause or permit any animal to roam at large, create a nuisance, or injure another animal or individual;
 - j) carry on any activity of a hazardous or unsafe nature which may cause injury, harm, or damage to a person, structure, animal, or other thing in a public place;
 - k) engage in any related activity which causes a disturbance or nuisance;
 - l) urinate or defecate or vomit in a public place, except in a washroom facility provided by, or on behalf, of the City for that purpose, or if doing so was inevitable or unavoidable and the person had no reasonable opportunity to avoid doing so;
 - m) make or cause to be made any excessive noise, vibration, odour, illumination, or any other thing that is liable to create a nuisance or otherwise disturb the peace, rest, enjoyment, comfort, or convenience of individuals or the public;
 - n) use or permit the use of equipment to amplify music, announcements or performances, unless authorized by a permit issued by the City; or
 - o) cause, permit, or engage in any activity that is prohibited by a sign posted by the City;

PART 5 – NOISE REGULATIONS

General Prohibitions

- 5.1 No Person shall make, cause to be made, permit, or continue to be made any nuisance noise or sound within the City that disturbs or tends to disturb the peace, rest, enjoyment, comfort, or convenience of the neighbourhood, the public, or of any person within the neighbourhood or vicinity.
- 5.2 No Owner or Occupier of property shall cause, allow, or permit that property to be used in a manner so that nuisance noise or sound occurs on or is emitted from that property

which disturbs or tends to disturb the peace, rest, enjoyment, comfort, or convenience of the neighbourhood, the public, or of any person within the neighbourhood or vicinity.

Specific Prohibitions

- 5.3 Without limiting the generality of Sections 5.1 and 5.2:
- a) unless authorized by the City no Person shall play, cause, permit, or allow the operation of any radio, television, computer, speaker, stereophonic equipment, amplifier, voice amplification equipment or similar equipment on or in any private property, or in any public place, in such a manner that the sound or noise generated from that equipment disturbs or tends to substantially or unreasonably disturb the peace, rest, enjoyment, comfort, or convenience of the neighbourhood, the public, or of any person within the premises, neighbourhood, or vicinity;
 - b) no Person shall own, keep, harbor or permit any animal or bird to cry, bark, or howl continuously for a period of more than 15 minutes, or sporadically for a period of more than 60 minutes consecutively, in a manner which disturbs or tends to unreasonably disturb the peace, rest, enjoyment, comfort, or convenience of the neighbourhood, the public, or of any person within the premises, neighbourhood or vicinity;
 - c) no Person shall operate a motor vehicle which, by its operation, engine, muffler, stereophonic system, or otherwise, substantially or unreasonably disturbs or tends to disturb the peace, rest, enjoyment, comfort, or convenience of the neighbourhood, the public, or of any person within the neighbourhood or vicinity;
 - d) no Person shall, idle or leave continuous running of the engine of an unattended motor vehicle or bus for more than 15 minutes at the same location, except where the truck or bus is located within a garage or depot intended to be used for the long-term parking of that vehicle;
 - e) no Person shall, on any day before 7:00 a.m. or after 9:00 p.m. operate any motorized landscaping or lawn-grooming equipment, including leaf-blowers, lawnmowers, riding mowers, chainsaws, or string trimmers;
 - f) no Person shall, on any day before 7:00 a.m. or after 9:00 p.m. undertake any construction, alteration, repair, demolition, or excavation of any building or property, or operate any machinery for that purpose, except that a person may undertake construction or repair work provided that activity does not cause noise or sound which disturb or tends to disturb the peace, rest, enjoyment, comfort, or convenience of the neighbourhood, the public, or of any person within the neighbourhood or vicinity;

General Exceptions

- 5.4 The provisions of this Part do not apply to:
- a) any noise generated by the City, including its civic and maintenance operations, highway maintenance operations, waste removal operations, snow removal operations, and any police, fire, ambulance, bylaw, or other emergency services, operating within the City, or their agents, if that noise is generated within the furtherance of their duties;
 - b) snow removal undertaken by a person or business in immediate response to a accumulation of snow;

- c) noise or sound arising from a trade, business, or industry which is lawfully carried out in an area zoned for that activity provided that the level and nature of the noise generated does not exceed the level and nature customary or generally accepted in that trade, business or industry using equipment that is in good working order and used in accordance with generally accepted or customary standards;
- d) the operation of household equipment such as a pool or hot tub pump motors, vacuum cleaners, air conditioning units, and exhaust fans, provided the level and nature of the sound generated by that equipment does not exceed the level customary for similar equipment in good working order and used in accordance with generally accepted or customary standards;
- e) church or place of worship bells;
- f) participating in a lawfully authorized parade or assembly;
- g) noise that is reasonably necessary to be generated by any Person in relation to any emergency situation, provided that the Person generating the noise has the onus of demonstrating that an emergency situation exists and that the noise is reasonably necessary as a result.

Permits

- 5.5 If a person wishes to generate sound or noise which would contravene this part of the bylaw, or to engage in an activity that would contravene this part, that person may apply in writing to the City of Castlegar Corporate Officer, and paying any potential prescribed fee, for consideration of authorization to generate the sound or noise, or to engage in the activity that would generate the sound or noise, that would otherwise contravene this Part of the bylaw, and any such application must specify:
- a) the name of the applicant;
 - b) the expected nature and duration of the sound or noise expected, and of the activity that would generate the sound or noise;
 - c) why the sound or noise is expected to contravene this Part of the bylaw;
 - d) why it is impossible or impracticable to comply with this Part of the bylaw;
 - e) any measures the applicant has taken or will take to mitigate or reduce noise;
 - f) the degree to which the sound or noise is expected to disturb the peace, enjoyment, comfort, or convenience of individuals, the neighbourhood, and the public; and
 - g) the conditions, durations, and other terms sought or proposed by the applicant.
- 5.6 The City, when considering an application submitted under this bylaw may decline the application, grant the application in accordance with this Part, or request more information from the applicant prior to granting or declining an application, but any decision to grant, decline, or request more information must be made in writing stating the decision and, if not granted, the reasons for it and any further information that may be required.
- 5.7 The City when considering an application submitted to the City under this Bylaw may give written approval to generate the sound or noise, or to carry out the activity that would generate the sound or noise, and may:
- a) designate specific hours, times, days, or dates on which the noise, sound, or other activity permitted, or is prohibited, or both;

- b) specify stipulated duration of time the noise or sound may be generated, or on which the activity generating the noise or sound may be undertaken;
- c) specify maximum permitted decibel limits for any such noise or sound or activity, which decibel limits may vary by time, date, or other circumstance;
- d) specify the expiry date of the permit, which must not be greater than one year from the date of issuance;
- e) specify the location at which the sound or noise or associated activity may occur, or will be prohibited from occurring; and
- f) impose any other condition reasonably necessary to ensure the anticipated noise or sound or activity does not unduly disturb the peace, rest, enjoyment, comfort, or convenience of individuals, the neighbourhood, or the public.

5.8 A permit issued under this Part may be revoked by the City if any information in support of the permit application was untrue or inaccurate, or if the applicant fails to comply with any term or condition of the permit, or if the permit was granted in error. Any such revocation must be made in writing and delivered to the address specified by the applicant on the permit application.

PART 6 – PROPERTY MAINTENANCE

Private Property

- 6.1 No Owner or Occupier of Real Property shall cause, suffer or permit:
- a) the property to become or remain Unsightly;
 - b) water to accumulate on or around the property;
 - c) filth, discarded noxious, or offensive materials, or rubbish to collect or accumulate on or around the property, or to overflow from or to accumulate around any waste receptacle or other similar container on the property;
 - d) dead landscaping, vegetation, weeds, wild grasses, or similar unattended and characterized by uncontrolled growth to occur, accumulate, or remain on the property;
 - e) the infestation of the property by rodents, termites, or other destructive insects or animals;
 - f) the accumulation or storage of demolition waste, construction waste, or trade waste on any property;
 - g) the accumulation or untidy storage of building materials on a site, unless those materials cannot be seen from a highway or public place or adjacent private property, whether or not the City has issued a valid or subsisting building permit in respect of the property;
 - h) graffiti to be placed or to remain on the property, including any fence, tree, or structure on the property;
 - i) any derelict vehicle to be placed, parked, or stored on the property, unless contained within a fully enclosed and lawful building or structure;
 - j) a structure on the property to become a derelict structure, or to otherwise fall into a state of decay or disrepair;
 - k) items left for free to others to remain out for pick up for more than 48 hours;
 - l) the property to depart from the standards set out in this bylaw.

Private and Public Property

- 6.2 No person shall:
- a) place graffiti on private property, signs, buildings, structures or any kind, including fences or streets on or adjacent to any public property;
 - b) deposit or throw any filth, discarded materials, or rubbish, including garbage, bottles, broken glass, or any similar item, in any open place upon private or public property;
 - c) abandon a vehicle on or in any highway, street, sidewalk, alley, or public right of way; or,
 - d) discard or leave out free or for sale items on highway or public places;
 - e) undertake any activity on any highway, public place, or private property in the City that creates or causes dust or effluent that tends to disturb the peace, rest, enjoyment, comfort, or convenience of persons in the neighbourhood.

Sidewalk and Boulevard Maintenance

- 6.3 Every Owner or Occupier of Real Property adjacent to a boulevard or lane shall:
- a) maintain the safety and remove obstructions from the sidewalk and boulevard adjacent to their property;
 - b) remove accumulations of leaves, hazardous objects or material, filth, discarded materials, or rubbish, and any similar materials that obstruct a draining facility immediately adjacent to the owner's property;
 - c) where directed by the City, cut, trim or remove any tree, fence, hedge or other item that obstructs or could reasonably be expected to obstruct the vision or safety of all pedestrians, cyclists, or vehicles using streets or sidewalks adjacent to the property.
- 6.4 No Person shall deposit any snow, ice, leaves, hazardous objects or material, filth, discarded materials, or rubbish, or any similar materials or objects onto any road, highway, sidewalk or City property.
- 6.5 Without limiting the generality of other sections of this Part, every Owner or Occupier of property zoned for a commercial or industrial use under the Zoning Bylaw, and every Owner or Occupier of property which is used for a commercial or industrial purpose, whether or not zoned for that purpose, must each day:
- a) remove all snow, ice, slush, rubbish, and similar accumulations from any sidewalk or footpath on or adjacent to the property;
 - b) remove snow, ice, and similar rubbish from roofs adjacent to any sidewalk or footpath on or adjacent to the property;
 - c) sweep and otherwise remove all accumulations of leaves, hazardous objects or material, filth, discarded materials, or rubbish, and any similar materials from any sidewalk or footpath on or adjacent to the property, otherwise the sidewalks and footpaths in front of, on, or adjacent to the property;

Grass

- 6.6 No Owner or Occupier of Real Property shall allow grass or weeds on their Real Property to exceed a height of 30 centimetres.

- 6.7 Section 6.6 shall also apply to vacant lots and the grass on any boulevard that lies directly between the boundary of a Real Property and an adjacent highway, road or lane.
- 6.8 Section 6.6 shall not apply to:
- a) parks and natural areas under the direction and control of the City;
 - b) areas under the direction and control of the City including Boulevards adjacent to major roadways, areas subject to naturalization efforts, and areas adjacent to sound attenuation berms.

Exceptions (Property Maintenance)

- 6.9 If a parcel of property is zoned and lawfully used for industrial or commercial use, and the business conducted on that property requires or ordinarily entails the accumulation of discarded materials, or rubbish, then the accumulation of those materials on that property shall not be considered to be unsightly if done in furtherance of that lawful industrial or commercial use, approved by the City, and screened or enclosed in such a way that they are not visible from the outside of the property.

Property Maintenance Enforcement

- 6.10 Authorized Representative of the City may, by notice in writing sent by registered mail, posted on the property, or delivered in person, order the owner or occupier of real property, at their expense and within thirty (30) days of the mailing or posting of the Order, to:
- a) remove any accumulation of filth, discarded materials, rubbish, or other noxious, offensive, or unwholesome matter described in the Order from the property;
 - b) remove any graffiti described in the Order from any wall, fence, or other structure on the property;
 - c) clear any brush, noxious weeds, or other growths described in the order from the property; or,
 - d) take any other measures described in the Order to remedy unsightliness on the property.
- 6.11 Upon any failure by the owner or occupier of real property to comply with any part of this Bylaw, and after the owner or occupier of the property has been given an opportunity to be heard by Council in respect of such failure, the City may by its own forces or those of a contractor:
- a) at a reasonable time, in a reasonable manner, enter the Property and perform the steps necessary to abate the non-compliance or fulfill the requirements of the Compliance Order at the expense of Owner;
 - b) invoice the Owner for any work done or services performed in respect of the subject property to fulfill the requirements of the Compliance Order, in accordance with the *Local Government Act* and/or *Community Charter*; and
 - c) if the costs of doing so remain unpaid by December 31 of the year in which the requirement was fulfilled, treat the costs of doing so as unpaid property taxes owing

against the property for which the work was performed, to be collected in the same manner as unpaid property taxes owing against the property.

PART 7 – NUISANCE ABATEMENT AND COMPLIANCE ORDERS

Nuisance Abatement

- 7.1 No person shall cause or permit a Nuisance to occur on any Property.
- 7.2 No Owner or Occupier of Property shall cause or permit that Property to become or to cause a Nuisance, or to be used in a manner that causes a Nuisance.
- 7.3 Every Owner or Occupier of Property which is, causes, or is used in a manner which causes a Nuisance, shall abate the Nuisance or the activity or thing that causes or creates the Nuisance.

Compliance Orders

- 7.4 If a Bylaw Enforcement Officer determines that an Owner or Occupier of Property has failed to comply with any obligation or requirement under this bylaw, the Bylaw Enforcement Officer may issue that person a Compliance Order requiring that person to comply with the obligations or requirements of this bylaw.
- 7.5 Service of a Compliance Order is deemed to take effect the earlier of:
- when personal service is effective,
 - when the notice is posted on the property,
 - the registered mail being delivered, accepted, or refused.
- 7.6 Any person who is issued and served with a Compliance Order must remedy the non-compliance and otherwise fulfill the requirements of the Compliance Order within the date and time specified in the Compliance Order.
- 7.7 If a person issued and served with a Compliance Order fails to remedy the non-compliance or otherwise fulfill the requirements of the Compliance Order by the date and time specified by the Compliance Order, the City may issue fines in accordance with the Municipal Ticketing Bylaw and all applicable Bylaws and legislation.
- 7.8 If the non-compliance or other issue that is the subject of a Compliance Order arises again or resumes within 30 days after the requirements of the Compliance Order were performed:
- the Compliance Order is deemed not to have been complied with;
 - the new or resumed non-compliance shall be deemed to be a continuation of the non-compliance giving rise to the Compliance Order; and
 - the City may enforce the Compliance Order, including by performing the requirements of the Compliance Order and recovering the cost of doing so.

Repeat Nuisance Service Calls

- 7.9 If a Bylaw Enforcement Officer, or other City official, is reasonably required to respond to or attend a property for:
- a) more than one nuisance service call within a twenty-four (24) hour period in relation to a nuisance on that property; or
 - b) more than three nuisance service calls within a twelve (12) month period in relation to a nuisance on that property;
- the Owner of that property shall be liable to pay an Excessive Nuisance Abatement Fee to the City in accordance with the amounts prescribed the Municipal Ticketing Bylaw or other applicable Bylaws and legislation, for each additional nuisance service call responded to at the same Real Property within the twelve (12) month period following the date of the notice.
- 7.10 Before imposing an Excessive Nuisance Abatement Fee, the City must first provide written notice to the Owner of the Real Property;
- a) describing the civic address and legal description of the property that is the subject of repeated nuisance service calls;
 - b) describing in reasonable detail the nature of the nuisances that gave rise to the service calls in relation to the property; and
 - c) advising the Owner that an Excessive Nuisance Abatement Fee will be imposed for each additional service call to the same property in relation to a nuisance, and that the imposition of such fees is in addition to the City's right to seek other legal remedies or actions for abatement of the nuisance.
- 7.11 If there is a further attendance on a property in relation to a nuisance, and that attendance is within one year of a written notice being served on the Owner of that property in accordance with this Part, the costs of responding to that service call including but not limited to the attendance, are Excessive Nuisance Abatement Fees.
- 7.12 Without limiting other rights and remedies available to the City, the City may issue an invoice to the Owner for Excessive Nuisance Abatement Fees and treat those amounts as a debt owing to the City by the Owner.

Reconsideration

- 7.13 In accordance with the *Community Charter*, any Person affected may request reconsideration by Council.
- 7.14 A Person may request that Council reconsider:
- a) the issuance or terms of a Compliance Order;
 - b) a demand for payment of Excessive Nuisance Abatement Fees; or
 - c) a demand for payment of Repeat Nuisance Service Call Fees;
 - d) by submitting a written request for reconsideration to the City's Corporate Officer in accordance with this Bylaw.
- 7.15.1 All requests for reconsideration must:

- a) be submitted in writing to the Corporate Officer within:
- b) ten (10) days of the Compliance Order being served in accordance with section 10.6 of this bylaw; or
- c) ten (10) days of the demand for payment of Excessive Nuisance Abatement Fees or the demand for payment of Repeat Nuisance Service Call Fees is issued by the City.
- d) and include a description of the grounds upon which the request for Council reconsideration is made.

7.16 Upon receipt of a compliant written request for reconsideration, the Corporate Officer shall schedule the time, date, and place for Council to hear the matter.

7.17 Upon reconsidering the issuance or terms of a Compliance Order or a demand for payment of Excessive Nuisance Abatement Fees or Excess Nuisance Service Call Fees issued under this bylaw, Council may confirm, set aside, or alter the order or demand, as it may deem appropriate in the circumstances.

PART 8– ENFORCEMENT AND PENALTIES

8.1 The provisions of this bylaw may be enforced by a Bylaw Enforcement Officer, Peace Officer, or any other person designated or appointed by Council to enforce this bylaw.

8.2 Every Person who violates any provision of this bylaw, or who permits any act or thing to be done in contravention of this bylaw, or who fails to do any act or thing required by this bylaw, is guilty of an offence under this bylaw and:

- a) shall be liable to a fine set out in the Municipal Ticket Information Bylaw;
- b) any combination of the above.

8.3 Any fine or penalty or remedy imposed under this bylaw shall be in addition to and not a substitute for any other penalty or remedy imposed pursuant to any other applicable enactment.

8.4 Each day an offence against this bylaw continues or exists shall be deemed to be a separate and distinct offence.

PART 9 – REPEAL

Property Maintenance Bylaw 1120 and all amendments to are hereby repealed.
Noise Control Bylaw 622 and all amendments to are hereby repealed.

READ A FIRST TIME this day of

READ A SECOND TIME this day of

READ A THIRD TIME this day of

ADOPTED this day of

Mayor

Director of Corporate Services

South Sewage Treatment Plant North Train Renewal Project Loan Authorization Bylaw 1451

A Bylaw to authorize the borrowing of funds for the South Sewage Treatment Plant North Train Renewal Project

WHEREAS; Section 179 of the *Community Charter* states Council may, by a loan authorization bylaw adopted with the approval of the inspector, incur a liability by borrowing.

WHEREAS it is deemed expedient and in the public interest to complete the South Sewage Treatment Plant North Train Renewal Project.

AND WHEREAS the estimated cost of the South Sewage Treatment Plant North Train Renewal Project, including expenses, incidental thereto, is \$6,939,000 net of taxes in Canadian dollars, of which a maximum sum of six million, nine hundred and thirty-nine thousand, (\$6,939,000) in Canadian dollars is to be borrowed by this Bylaw.

NOW THEREFORE the Council of the City of Castlegar, in open meeting assembled, enacts as follows:

1. The Council is hereby empowered and authorized to undertake and carry out or cause to be carried out the construction and implementation of South Sewage Treatment Plant North Train Renewal Project to facilitate the proper operation of municipal wastewater treatment and in accordance with the general file in the municipal office and to do all things necessary in connection therewith and without limiting the generality of the foregoing:
 - a. To borrow upon the credit of the Municipality, a sum of six million, nine hundred and thirty-nine thousand (\$6,871,000) in Canadian dollars.
2. The maximum term for which debentures may be issued to secure the debt created by this Bylaw is 30 years.
3. The Bylaw may be cited as "South Sewage Treatment Plant North Train Renewal Project Loan Authorization Bylaw 1451".

READ A FIRST TIME this day of MONTH, YEAR.

READ A SECOND TIME this day of MONTH, YEAR.

READ A THIRD TIME this day of MONTH, YEAR .

Received the approval of the Inspector of Municipalities this day of YEAR.

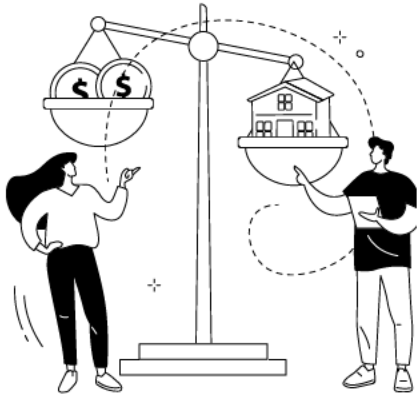
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Mayor

Director of Corporate Services

Our Principles

These principles shape both short and long-term planning and decision making and they help set the direction the City of Castlegar takes during a Council's four-year term.



1 GOVERNANCE & SERVICE EXCELLENCE



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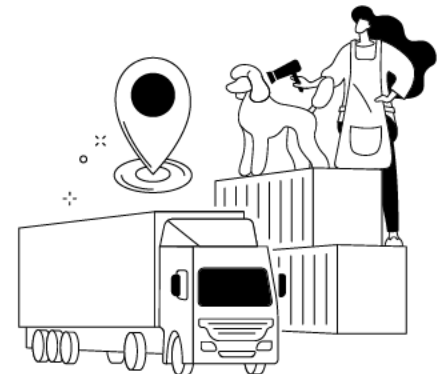
3 QUALITY OF LIFE



4 WEST KOOTENAY REGIONAL AIRPORT EXCELLENCE



5 ACCESS TO HEALTHCARE



6 A PROSPEROUS CITY