



REGIONAL DISTRICT OF CENTRAL KOOTENAY

AREA A ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION OPEN MEETING MINUTES

1:00 p.m. PST

2:00 p.m. MST

Tuesday, January 28, 2025

Location: Hybrid Model – In-person and Remote

WEBEX 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.

Join by Video:

<https://rdck-bc-ca.zoom.us/j/92632670829?pwd=VkcPYOv0WnMTDNowScaJt12nFYz8zN.1>

Join by Phone:

+1-778-907-2071 Canada Toll (Vancouver)

Meeting Number (access code): 930 7990 2753

Meeting Password: 881036

In-Person Location: Kokanee Springs Resort – lower level of the 1st Lodge building at the rear of the building, 16083 Woolgar Road, Crawford Bay, BC

COMMISSION MEMBERS PRESENT

Director G. Jackman	Area A
Commissioner G. MacMahon	Kootenay Bay
Commissioner G. Medhurst	Crawford Bay – Chair
Commissioner P. Cullinane	Boswell
Commissioner T. Toole	Crawford Bay/Boswell

COMMISSION MEMBERS ABSENT

Commissioner R. Bertram	Crawford Bay/Gray Creek
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STAFF PRESENT

R. Baril	Meeting Coordinator
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5 out of 6 voting Commission/Committee members were present – quorum was met.

1. CALL TO ORDER

Director Jackman called the meeting to order at 2:13 p.m.

**2. ELECTION OF THE AREA A ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION (EDC) CHAIR
CALL FOR NOMINATION (3 times)**

Director Jackman announced nomination submitted for Commissioner Medhurst.

Director Jackman called for nominations for the first time.

Director Jackman called for nominations for the second and third time.

No further nominations.

DECLARATION OF ELECTED OR ACCLAIMED CHAIR

Commissioner Medhurst was declared Chair of the Area A Economic Development Commission for 2025 by acclamation.

3. COMMENCEMENT OF THE AREA A EDC MEETING

4. TRADITIONAL LANDS ACKNOWLEDGEMENT STATEMENT

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

5. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Moved and seconded,
and resolved:

The agenda for the January 28, 2025 Area A Economic Development Commission meeting, be adopted as circulated.

Carried

6. RECEIPT OF MINUTES

The December 13, 2024 Area A Economic Development Commission minutes, have been received.

7. NEW BUSINESS

7.1 Kootenay Lake Ferry Strike

With the start of the tourist season approaching, a discussion for the Kootenay Lake Ferry Strike was brought forward by Chair Medhurst. The Commissioners are concerned that the ongoing ferry strike could have a serious impact on the economy and discussed organizing a targeted survey to give the Commission a better picture of the potential impact on economy.

7.2 Economic Development – Area A Service S107 Draft Budget Discussion

The Commission had a discussion regarding the budget for S107 Economic Development – Area A.

8. OLD BUSINESS

8.1 Kootenay Lake Geothermal Funding Request

Job posting was finalized for two Selkirk College student hires for the Kootenay Lake Geothermal Project. Commissioner MacMahon is exploring the idea of Accelerating

Community Energy Transformation (ACET) backstopping the geothermal permit acquisition. ACET has already put the Kootenay Lake Geothermal Project on their radar. At this time the Kootenay Lake Geothermal Project will be applying to have one geothermal permit.

Drone survey was postponed in Riondel, to be planned before the end of February 2025.

Open houses for the Kootenay Lake Geothermal Project in Crawford Bay February 11th and Riondel February 25th.

Commissioner MacMahon answered the Commission questions.

8. PUBLIC TIME

The Chair called for questions from the public at 3:07 p.m.

No questions from the public.

9. NEXT MEETING

The next Area A Economic Development Commission meeting is scheduled for March 11, 2025 at 2:00 p.m. PDT.

10. ADJOURNMENT

Moved and seconded,
and resolved:

The Area A Economic Development Commission meeting be adjourned at 3:09 p.m.

Carried

Digitally approved by

Chair Gina Medhurst