



WATER SERVICES COMMITTEE Open Meeting **MINUTES**

A Water Services Committee meeting was held on Wednesday, February 12 at 9:00 a.m. PST / 10:00 a.m. MST through a hybrid meeting model.

Quorum was maintained throughout the meeting.

ELECTED OFFICIALS PRESENT:	Director G. Jackman	Area A	
	Director R. Tierney	Area B	
	Director K. Vandenberghe	Area C	
	Director A. Watson	Area D	
	Director C. Graham	Area E	
	Director T. Newell	Area F (2025 Committee Chair)	In-Person
	Director H. Cunningham	Area G	In-Person
	Director W. Popoff	Area H	In-Person
	Director H. Hanegraaf	Area J	
	Director T. Weatherhead	Area K	
	Councillor D. Dumas	Town of Creston	
STAFF PRESENT:	U. Wolf	GM – Environmental Services	In-Person
	C. Gainham	Utility Services Manager	In-Person
	A. Divlakovski	Water Operations Manager	In-Person
	E. Clark	Meeting Coordinator	In-Person

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 a.m. PST / 10:00 a.m. MST

Join by Video:

<https://rdck-bcca.zoom.us/j/94251587997?pwd=lcttqVxsmjwxAZTmptO2CWLt27wCl.1>

Meeting ID: 942 5158 7997

Passcode: 285704

Dial by your location

- 833 955 1088 Canada Toll-free

In-Person Location: RDCK Board Room, 202 Lakeside Drive, Nelson, BC

2. CALL TO ORDER & WELCOME

General Manager Wolf assumed the chair and called the meeting to order at 9:02 a.m. PST.

3. ELECTION OF 2025 COMMITTEE CHAIR

3.1 Call for Nominations (3 Times)

General Manager Wolf called for nominations a first time.

Director Popoff nominated Director Newell.

General Manager Wolf called for nominations a second and third time.

3.2 Opportunity for Candidates to Address the Committee

No address.

3.3 Vote by Secret Ballot

No vote.

3.4 Declaration of Elected or Acclaimed Chair

General Manager Wolf declared Director Newell as acclaimed chair of the Water Services Committee.

3.5 Destroy Ballots

No ballots.

4. CHAIRS ADDRESS

Chair Newell thanked the Committee for the opportunity to be Chair for another year.

5. COMMENCEMENT OF REGULAR MEETING

The Water Service Committee Chair assumes the chair.

5.1 Traditional Lands Acknowledgement Statement

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

5.2 Adoption of the Agenda

Moved and seconded,
And resolved that:

The Agenda for the February 12, 2025 Water Services Committee meeting be adopted as circulated, with the addition of the following:

Item 10. s.– Service S252: Water Utility-Area K (Burton)

Carried

5.3 Receipt of Minutes

The December 4, 2024 Water Services Committee minutes, have been received.

6. CRESTON ALTERNATIVE WATER SUPPLY STUDY PROJECT UPDATE

Chris Gainham, Utility Services Manager provided a verbal update on the Creston Alternative Water Supply Study Project.

Below is a summary of the report:

- *A Stakeholder Information Session was held at the Creston and District Community Complex on November 7th 2024.*
- *The Information Session included presentation boards illustrating a map of water licences and points of diversion (for both groundwater and surface water points) in the Creston Valley and a board illustrating calculated ultimate irrigation demands, proposed infrastructure, including intake from the Kootenay River, reservoir storage and transmission main routing for a proposed separate agricultural/irrigation water system.*
- *RDCK Staff and Associated Engineering Consultants delivered a presentation that included a project background and study approach to attendees (attendees included agricultural producers, elected officials and provincial staff) and fielded questions from the group.*
- *Since this meeting we have modified the infrastructure routing options based on supplied information from stakeholders regarding routing conflicts and opportunities.*
- *The funding for the project consists of \$25,000 funded by the Community Development Fund and a \$75,000 project grant through the Agricultural Water Infrastructure Program, which is funded by the Government of BC through the Ministry of Agriculture and Food and delivered by the Investment Agriculture Foundation (IAF) of BC.*
- *The IAF grant had a requirement to be fully spent by December 31, 2024. Staff requested and were granted a 3-month extension to the IAF deadline: the new project deadline is March 31, 2025*
- *The IAF grants are proposed to be delivered in three stages. The current stage that this project is funded from is referred to as Stream 3 - Assessments, Engineering Studies or Plans. Successful applicants completing Stream 3, may be eligible to apply for additional funding from the next funding Streams 1 and 2, and the intent is to apply to these funding opportunities and leverage these later streams to advance the design development for an agricultural water supply in the Creston Valley.*
- *Once submitted to staff, the final report from Associated Engineering and recommendations will be presented to the Water Services Committee and the Arrow Creek Water Treatment & Supply Commission*

7. PROVINCIAL METERING PILOT PROJECT

The Committee Report from Alexandra Divlakovski, Water Operations Manager outlining the purpose of the Provincial Water Meter Pilot Project and providing an opportunity to review the application submitted for the grant funding associated with the project, has been received for information.

8. WATER OPERATIONS AND CAPITAL PROJECT UPDATE

The Committee Report from Alexandra Divlakovski, Water Operations Manager, providing an update and highlighting the larger maintenance and capital projects completed to date in 2024/2025, has been received for information.

9. WATER QUALITY REPORT

The Committee Report from Nathalie Nick, Environmental Coordinator – Utilities, summarizing the water advisories issued from September 1, 2024 to December 21, 2024 for water systems operated by the RDCK, has been received for information.

RECESS/ The meeting recessed at 9:53 a.m. for a break and reconvened at 10:03 a.m. PST.
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10. 2025-2029 FINANCIAL PLANS

The following DRAFT 2025-2029 Financial Plans have been received:

- a. Service S251: Water Utility-Area B (Arrow Creek)
- b. Service S255: Water Utility-Area E (Balfour)
- c. Service S248: Water Utility-Area F (Duhamel)
- d. Service S253: Water Utility-Area K (Edgewood)
- e. Service S250: Water Utility-Area B & C (Erickson)
- f. Service S254: Water Utility-Area K (Fauquier)
- g. Service S258: Water Utility-Area E (Grandview)
- h. Service S243: Water Utility-Area B (Lister)
- i. Service S247: Water Utility-Area J (Lucas Road)
- j. Service S246: Water Utility-Area D (MacDonald Creek)
- k. Service S165: Drainage-Area A (Riondel)
- l. Service S241: Water Utility-Area A (Riondel)
- m. Service S260: Water Utility-Area H (Rosebery)
- n. Service S242: Water Utility-Area A (Sanca Park)
- o. Service S245: Water Utility-Area H (South Slocan)
- p. Service S257: Water Utility-Area F (Woodland Heights)
- q. Service S256: Water Utility-Area J (West Robson)
- r. Service S244: Water Utility-Area G (Ymir)
- s. Service S252: Water Utility-Area K (Burton)

11. WATER SERVICE COMMUNITY ADVISORY COMMITTEES

The following Water Service Community Advisory Committee Discussion Notes have been received:

- 11.1 Grandview Properties Water Service Community Advisory Committee: Discussion Notes, January 20, 2025
- 11.2 Erickson Properties Water Service Community Advisory Committee: Discussion Notes, January 22, 2025
- 11.3 Balfour Properties Water Service Community Advisory Committee: Discussion Notes, January 17, 2025
- 11.4 Woodbury Village Properties Water Service Community Advisory Committee: Discussion Notes, January 27, 2025
- 11.5 Edgewood Properties Water Service Community Advisory Committee: Discussion Notes, January 22, 2025
- 11.6 Woodland Heights Properties Water Service Community Advisory Committee: Discussion Notes, February 3, 2025
- 11.7 Riondel Water & Drainage Service Community Advisory Committee: Discussion Notes, February 3, 2025

12. PUBLIC TIME

The Chair called for questions from the public and members of the media at 10:28 a.m. PST.

Questions from a member of the public regarding blanket easements for water lines on private property and relating to a fire hydrant in South Slocan, were answered by staff.

13. ADJOURNMENT

Moved and Seconded,
And Resolved:

The February 12, 2025 Water Services Committee meeting adjourned at 10:40 a.m. PST.

Carried

CERTIFIED CORRECT

Approved by

Director T. Newell
Water Services Committee Chair
February 18, 2025

BOARD RECOMMENDATIONS AS ADOPTED AT THE FEBRUARY 12, 2025 WATER SERVICES COMMITTEE MEETING

No recommendations.